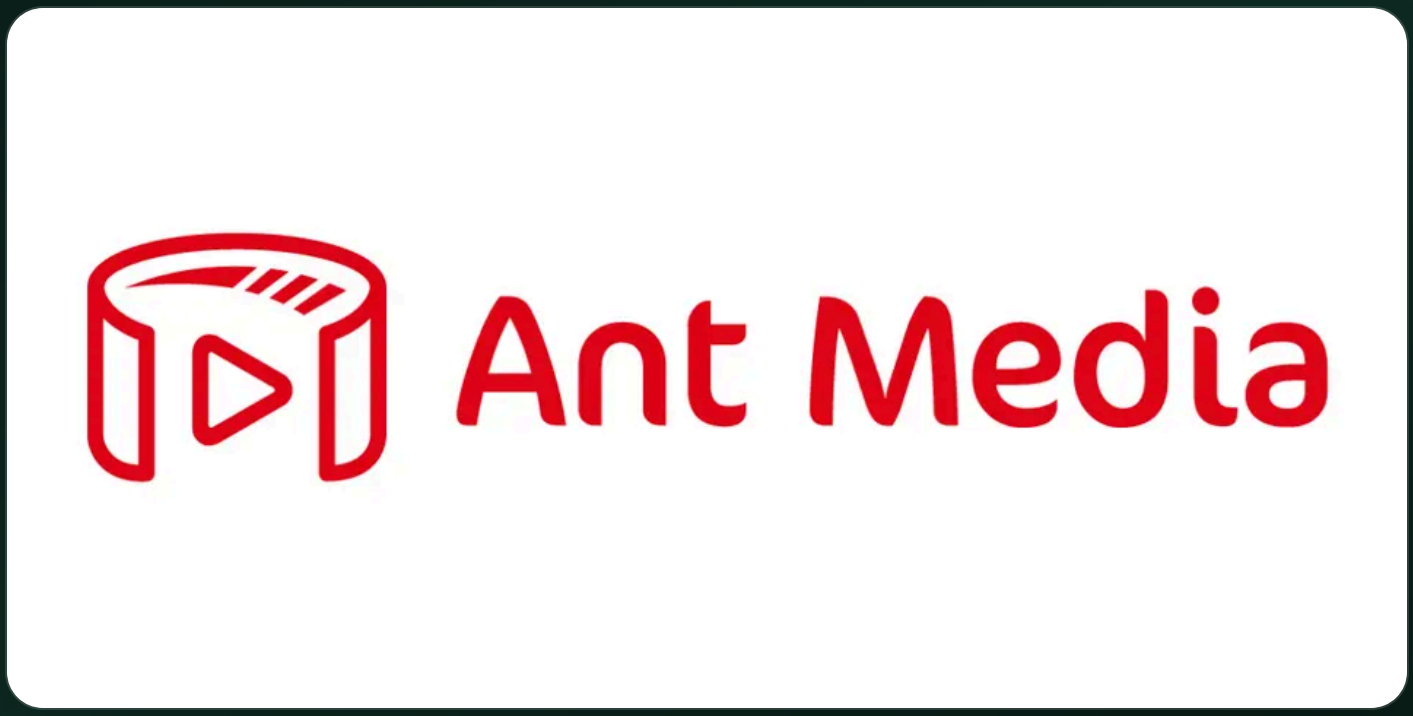
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Ant Media Server

The Insider's Guide

Low-latency WebRTC streaming server you run or rent by the hour



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among webinar and live streaming tools, read from Ant Media Server's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Ant Media Server's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Ant Media Server's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 9 of the 60 other webinar and live streaming tools we grade

Ant Media Server is streaming software that developers deploy on their own servers or a cloud marketplace to deliver live video over WebRTC, HLS and other protocols. It is infrastructure for building webinar, auction or camera-viewing apps, not a ready-made webinar product with registration pages.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Ant Media Server**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **It is server software with no registration or webinar rooms, and cloud costs come on top.**
>
> From our report card of Ant Media Server

1 **Best for low-latency WebRTC streaming you run yourself**

Ant Media Server is streaming server software for low-latency WebRTC, sold by the hour, month or as a one-time license.

2 **Paid plans start at $109 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $109 per instance / month, billed annually ($129 billed monthly).

3 **You can try it first**

14-day free trial, no credit card required

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **WebRTC and other protocols**

Lists WebRTC, LL-HLS/DASH, CMAF, HLS, RTMP, RTSP, SRT, WHIP/WHEP and Zixi, with about 300 ms latency claimed for WebRTC.

6 **Transcoding**

Adaptive-bitrate transcoding is included in every paid license listed on the pricing page.

7 **REST API and SDKs**

REST APIs plus SDKs for iOS, Android, Unity, React Native, Flutter and JavaScript for building your own viewer or publisher apps.

8 **A 1.8 GPA, above 9 of 60**

That is against the other webinar and live streaming tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

To replace Ant Media Server you would be making live video to hundreds of people at once. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Ant Media Server at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $109 per instance / month, billed annually ($129 billed monthly)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
14-day free trial, no credit card required

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Ant Media, Inc.

CATEGORY
Webinars & Live Streaming

OUR GRADE
1.8 GPA, weak

The report card

Best for low-latency WebRTC streaming you run yourself

Ant Media Server is streaming server software for low-latency WebRTC, sold by the hour, month or as a one-time license. It is server software with no registration or webinar rooms, and cloud costs come on top.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Ant Media Server** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	D	$109 per instance a month on annual billing, above the $99 dearer-quarter mark. Cloud compute and bandwidth are billed on top.
Free plan and trial	C	14-day trial with no card, and no free plan.
Features	C	WebRTC and other protocols, transcoding, REST API and SDKs. No registration pages, rooms or reminders out of the box.
Ease of use	D	You deploy and configure a server yourself, which is developer work.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web and SDKs for Unity, React Native and Flutter, with AWS, Azure and Google Cloud.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Ant Media Server is for

- ✓ Fits if you have developers who will build their own streaming product
- ✓ Works for teams that want a license with no viewer cap

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you want a finished webinar tool, as there are no rooms or reminders
- ✗ Pricey if you run it all month: $0.35 an hour is about $255 a month
- ✗ Watch out: cloud marketplace prices cover the license only, from $0.49 an hour on AWS
- ✗ Watch out: a Black Friday offer of 25% off runs until 27 November 2026
- ✗ Too heavy for non-developers, who must run the server

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers building a custom live or interactive video product
- ✓ Teams that want sub-second latency for auctions, classes or camera feeds
- ✓ Companies that need on-premises or offline streaming infrastructure

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It is server software: there are no registration pages, webinar rooms or email reminders out of the box.
- ⓘ Cloud marketplace prices cover the license only; compute, storage and bandwidth are billed by the cloud provider.
- ⓘ Marketplace listings start from $0.49/hr on AWS, $0.44/hr on Azure and $0.56/hr on Google, with a free trial of 5 to 7 days.
- ⓘ A Black Friday offer of 25% off the first month or first year runs until November 27, 2026.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$109

A month to start

Ant Media Server is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $109 per instance / month, billed annually ($129 billed monthly).

> **Cloud compute and bandwidth are billed on top.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FLEX

$0.35

per instance-hour, metered while the server runs

No signup fee or monthly commitment; idle running time is billed. Transcoding and SDKs included.

MONTHLY

$129

per instance / month, billed monthly

One Enterprise instance with standard support and updates. A 25% first-month promotion is running.

ANNUAL

$109

per instance / month, billed annually ($1,308)

One Enterprise instance with standard support and updates for the term.

PERPETUAL

$3,499

per instance, one-time

One-time license with year-one support and updates; support then $499 a year. Offline licensing available.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Volume and cluster licensing, architecture planning, SLA and managed services by agreement.

Trying it first

14-day free trial, no credit card required

Read from antmedia.io on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Black Friday: 25% off first term

Ant Media's site advertises 25% off the first month of the Monthly plan or the first year of an Annual plan, with the offer ending November 27, 2026.

Stated on antmedia.io

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Low-latency WebRTC streaming server you run or rent by the hour. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: self-hostable, public API, video calls, webinars.

> **WebRTC and other protocols, transcoding, REST API and SDKs.**

From our grade for features

WebRTC and other protocols

Lists WebRTC, LL-HLS/DASH, CMAF, HLS, RTMP, RTSP, SRT, WHIP/WHEP and Zixi, with about 300 ms latency claimed for WebRTC.

Transcoding

Adaptive-bitrate transcoding is included in every paid license listed on the pricing page.

REST API and SDKs

REST APIs plus SDKs for iOS, Android, Unity, React Native, Flutter and JavaScript for building your own viewer or publisher apps.

Flexible deployment

Runs on-premises, in a private or public cloud, or in air-gapped networks; cloud marketplace images exist for AWS, Azure and Google Cloud.

No viewer cap in the license

The FAQ says licensing sets no fixed limit on connections or concurrent viewers; capacity depends on your own infrastructure.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

AWS
Microsoft Azure
Google Cloud
Zixi
Unity
React Native
Flutter

Ant Media Server is made by Ant Media, Inc.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

9/60

Other webinar and live streaming tools it is graded above

Ant Media Server's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 9 of the 60 other webinar and live streaming tools we grade, and level with 16.

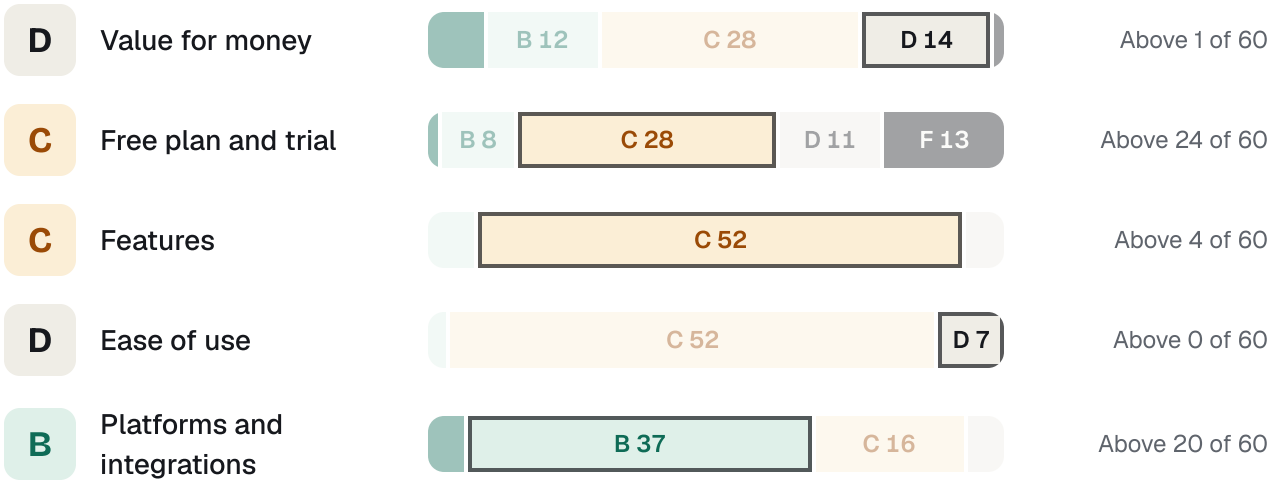
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 20 of 60) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $109 a month, against a middle price of $47 for the category: 36 of the 45 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 25 tools score higher and cost less.

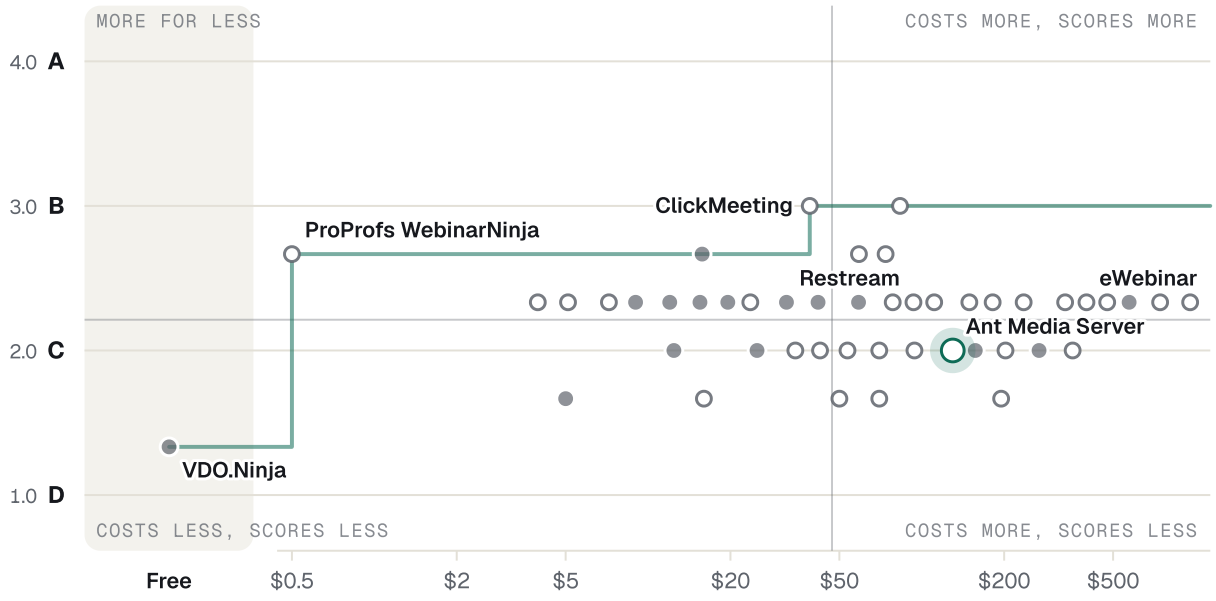
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 61 webinar and live streaming tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Ant Media Server's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 47 webinar and live streaming tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Ant Media Server is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace Ant Media Server you would be making live video to hundreds of people at once. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 35 of the 60 other webinar and live streaming tools grade higher. It costs $1,308 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ Live video to hundreds of people at once.
- ✕ Video calls.

- ✕ It plugs into other products, AWS, Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud among them, and has an API.

What this rests on. Ant Media Server's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Red5, Wowza, Flussonic, Nimble Streamer and Dacast

The 5 tools Ant Media Server is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Red5

Free trial · from $29.99/mo

Self-hosted ultra-low latency streaming server and SDKs.

Ant Media Server and Red5 compared in full

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Wowza

Free trial · from $195/mo

Streaming server software you run yourself, plus a cloud platform.

- Ant Media Server also covers video calls and webinars.

Ant Media Server and Wowza compared in full

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Flussonic

Paid

Streaming media server for IPTV, CCTV and corporate video.

- Only Ant Media Server lists a web app.
- Only Flussonic lists a Linux app.

Ant Media Server and Flussonic compared in full

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Nimble Streamer

Free trial · from $70/mo

Software media server for live and VOD streaming, billed per server.

- Only Nimble Streamer lists a Linux app.
- Ant Media Server also covers video calls.
- Nimble Streamer also covers transcription.

Ant Media Server and Nimble Streamer compared in full

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Dacast

Free trial · from $39/mo

Live streaming and video hosting with bandwidth-based plans.

- Ant Media Server is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Ant Media Server also covers video calls.
- Dacast also covers reports and multistreaming.

Ant Media Server and Dacast compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Ant Media Server free?

No, Ant Media Server is a paid product, but you can try it first. 14-day free trial, no credit card required.

How much does Ant Media Server cost?

Ant Media Server lists 5 plans. Flex: $0.35 per instance-hour, metered while the server runs.

What platforms does Ant Media Server work on?

Ant Media Server is available on Web.

Does Ant Media Server offer any discounts?

Ant Media Server publicly lists the following: Black Friday: 25% off first term.

Does Ant Media Server have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Ant Media Server is listed for Web.

Does Ant Media Server have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Ant Media Server is listed for Web.

Is Ant Media Server open source?

Ant Media Server is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Can Ant Media Server be self-hosted?

Yes. Ant Media Server's own site says it can be run on a server of your own.

Does Ant Media Server have an API?

Yes. Ant Media Server offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does Ant Media Server integrate with?

Ant Media Server's listing names AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, Zixi, Unity, React Native and Flutter.

Who makes Ant Media Server?

Ant Media Server is made by Ant Media, Inc.

What are the alternatives to Ant Media Server?

The closest alternatives to Ant Media Server in our directory are Red5, Wowza, Flussonic, Nimble Streamer and Dacast.

How does Ant Media Server compare with other webinar and live streaming tools?

Ant Media Server's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 9 of the 60 other webinar and live streaming tools we grade, and level with 16.

Is Ant Media Server good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Ant Media Server D for value for money. Its paid plans start at $109 a month, against a middle price of $47 for the category: 36 of the 45 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Ant Media Server?

To replace Ant Media Server you would be making live video to hundreds of people at once.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Ant Media Server's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Ant Media Server's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Ant Media, Inc. Prices change, so check antmedia.io before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Ant Media Server, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

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How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Webinars & Live Streaming Insider's Guide

Every one of the 61 webinar and live streaming tools we grade, compared

PRISM Live Studio Insider's Guide

Free streaming app for desktop and mobile with a paid Plus tier

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Lightstream Insider's Guide

Browser-based live streaming studio, built for console streamers

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ClickMeeting Insider's Guide

Webinars and online meetings with paid events and automation

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