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Avidemux

The Insider's Guide

Free open-source editor for simple video cutting and encoding



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among screen recording and video tools, read from Avidemux's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Avidemux's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Avidemux'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 120 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade

Avidemux is a free video editor meant for simple cutting, filtering and encoding jobs. Repeated work can be automated with projects, a job queue and scripting. It runs on Linux, BSD, macOS and Windows and is released under the GNU GPL.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about Avidemux**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **No store rating on record, but it is a program you install and start using with nothing to set up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for simple video cutting and re-encoding**

Avidemux is a free video cutter and encoder for Windows, Mac and Linux.

2 **It is free**

Avidemux has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Windows, macOS and Linux.

4 **Cutting**

Designed for simple cutting of video, the main task the project describes.

5 **Filtering**

Applies video filters as part of its filtering tasks.

6 **Encoding**

Re-encodes video, which the project lists alongside cutting and filtering as its core jobs.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 120 of 133**

That is against the other screen recording and video tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

Avidemux is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

Avidemux at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Avidemux project	CATEGORY Screen Recording & Video
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for simple video cutting and re-encoding

Avidemux is a free video cutter and encoder for Windows, Mac and Linux. It is built for simple edits only, with no multitrack timeline, and the site's latest news item is a September 2022 release.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Avidemux	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free and open-source, with no paid tier anywhere.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no paid tier to buy into.
Features	C	It cuts, filters and encodes fully, but that is a smaller job: no multitrack timeline or effects.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record, but it is a program you install and start using with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows, Mac and Linux, but a program for computers only.
Grade point average		Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

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 Avidemux is for

- ✓ Fits if you only need to trim or re-encode a file
- ✓ Works for people who want a free tool on any desktop system

Who it is not for

- ✗ Too light for real editing, as it has no multitrack timeline or effects
- ✗ Watch out: the site's latest news item is release 2.8.1 from September 2022
- ✗ Watch out: the site is sparse, with documentation on a separate wiki and forum
- ✗ Skip it if you want a phone or web version, as it runs on computers only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Quick cuts and format conversions without a full editor
- ✓ Users who want free software with no account
- ✓ Batch jobs that can be scripted or queued

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The project site lists its latest news item as release 2.8.1 from September 2022.
- ⓘ It is built for simple edits, not multitrack timelines or effects work.
- ⓘ The vendor site is sparse; documentation sits on a separate wiki and forum.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Avidemux is free to use.

> **Free and open-source, with no paid tier anywhere.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

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Free to download and use under the GNU GPL.

Read from avidemux.sourceforge.net on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

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

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Places it runs: macOS, Windows and Linux

Free open-source editor for simple video cutting and encoding. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, video editing.

> **It cuts, filters and encodes fully, but that is a smaller job: no multitrack timeline or effects.**
>
> From our grade for features

Cutting

Designed for simple cutting of video, the main task the project describes.

Filtering

Applies video filters as part of its filtering tasks.

Encoding

Re-encodes video, which the project lists alongside cutting and filtering as its core jobs.

Projects and job queue

Saves work as projects and runs jobs from a queue so repeated tasks can be automated.

Scripting

Has scripting capabilities for automating tasks.

Cross-platform

Available for Linux, BSD, Mac OS X and Windows.

Where it runs

macOS Windows Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Avidemux is made by Avidemux project.

Where it stands

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

120/133

Other screen recording and video tools it is graded above

Avidemux's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 120 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 8.

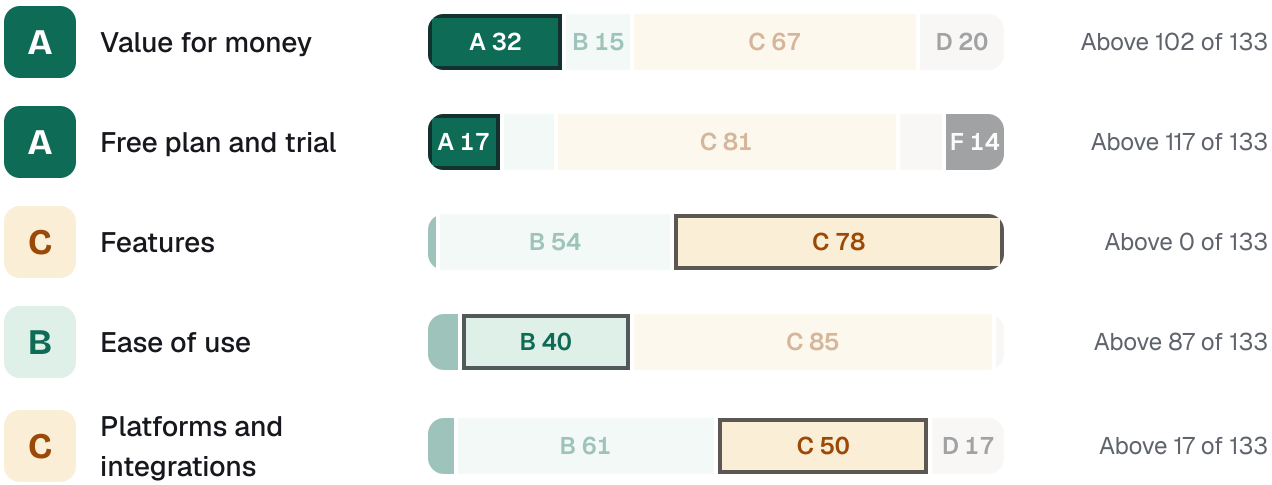
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 117 of 133) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Avidemux has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

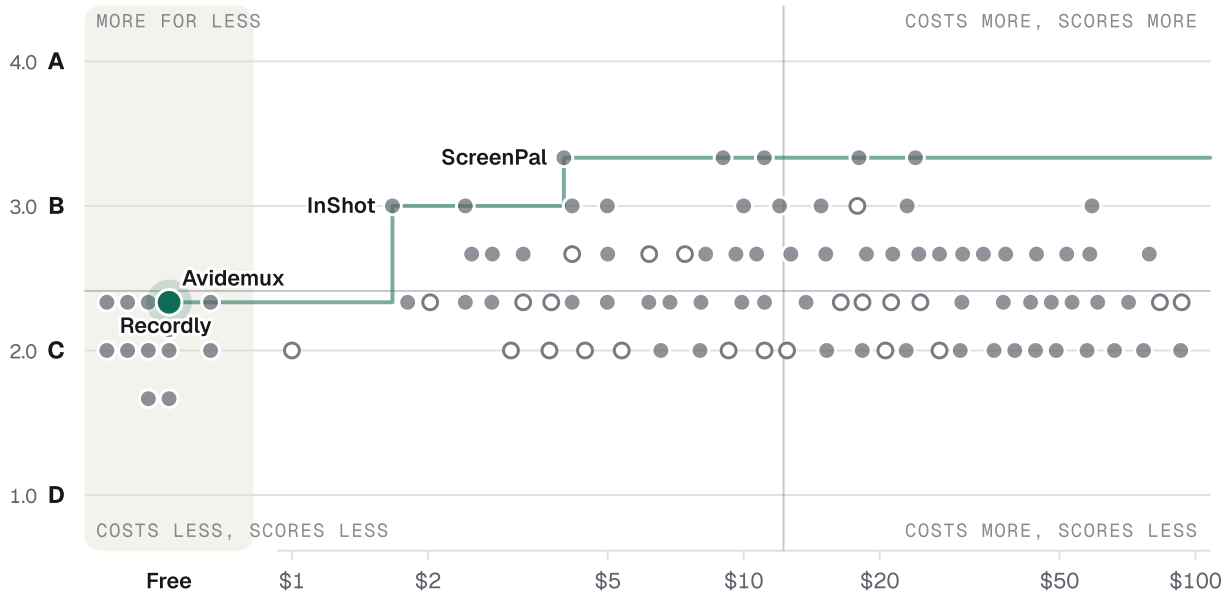
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Avidemux's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 102 screen recording and video tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Avidemux 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

Avidemux is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 120 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade.

What you could not

- ✕ A video editor.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Avidemux'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



HandBrake, Shotcut, Kdenlive, OpenShot and Flowblade

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



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HandBrake

Free

Free open-source video converter for Windows, Mac and Linux.

- HandBrake also covers file compression.

Avidemux and HandBrake compared in full



2.8 GPA

Shotcut

Free

Free open-source video editor for Windows, Mac and Linux.

- Shotcut also covers screen recording.

Avidemux and Shotcut compared in full



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Kdenlive

Free

Free, open-source non-linear video editor from the KDE community.

- Kdenlive also covers transcription.

Avidemux and Kdenlive compared in full



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OpenShot

Free

Free, open-source video editor for Linux, Mac and Windows.

- OpenShot also covers screen recording.

Avidemux and OpenShot compared in full

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Flowblade

Free

Free multitrack video editor for Linux.

- Only Avidemux lists Windows and macOS apps.

Avidemux and Flowblade 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 Avidemux free?

Yes. Avidemux is free to use.

How much does Avidemux cost?

Avidemux lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Avidemux work on?

Avidemux is available on Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Avidemux have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Avidemux is listed for Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Avidemux have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Avidemux is listed for Windows, macOS and Linux.

Is Avidemux open source?

Yes. Avidemux is open source, according to its own site.

Who makes Avidemux?

Avidemux is made by Avidemux project.

What are the alternatives to Avidemux?

The closest alternatives to Avidemux in our directory are HandBrake, Shotcut, Kdenlive, OpenShot and Flowblade.

How does Avidemux compare with other screen recording and video tools?

Avidemux's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 120 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 8.

Is Avidemux good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Avidemux A for value for money. Avidemux has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Avidemux?

Avidemux is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Avidemux'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 Avidemux'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 Avidemux project. Prices change, so check avidemux.sourceforge.net before you buy.

avidemux.sourceforge.net/

avidemux.org/admWiki/doku.php

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

7,721

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.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Avidemux, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/avidemux

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

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

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

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Screen Recording & Video Insider's Guide

Every one of the 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, compared

DaVinci Resolve Insider's Guide

Video editing, color, effects and audio post-production in one app

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Zencastr Insider's Guide

Free podcast recording, chat-based editing and hosting in one app

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Cap Insider's Guide

Open-source screen recorder with instant share links and an editor

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