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Beeftext

The Insider's Guide

Free open-source text substitution tool for Windows



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from Beeftext's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Beeftext's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Beeftext'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 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

Beeftext is a text substitution program for Windows. You define combos, each pairing a short keyword with a longer snippet, and typing the keyword in any application that supports copy and paste replaces it with the snippet. It is free and open source under the MIT license, and the site says it sends no typing data to any server.

> "
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> **It is free and open source, with an installer and a portable edition.**
>
> From our report card of Beeftext

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

1 **Best for text shortcuts on Windows**

Beeftext replaces short typed codes with longer text in most Windows apps.

2 **It is free**

Beeftext has no paid plan at all. Entirely free; the site says it contains no ads or malware.

3 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

4 **Combos**

Pair a keyword you rarely type with a longer snippet; typing the keyword swaps in the snippet.

5 **Works in most applications**

The site says it works in any application that supports copy and paste, and snippets can use any Unicode characters.

6 **Installer or portable edition**

Download a standard installer or a portable edition, with older releases and 32-bit versions linked separately.

7 **A 2.6 GPA, above 69 of 186**

That is against the other desktop utilities we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

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

Beeftext at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows
MADE BY Xavier Michelon	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for text shortcuts on Windows

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **Beeftext** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free for good, with no ads. A program anyone can download.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no paid tier and no feature held back.
Features	C	Text substitution in most apps. It does that job fully, but it is a smaller job.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. You write your own list of shortcuts before it helps.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only. No Mac, Linux or phone version.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 Beeftext is for

- ✓ Fits if you retype the same phrases on a Windows PC
- ✓ Works for people who want a free, portable text expander

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use a Mac or Linux, as it is Windows only
- ✗ Watch out: it reads every keystroke to work, so some will want to check the source
- ✗ Skip it if you want paid support, as none is listed
- ✗ Too light for fill-in forms or macros, as it does simple substitution

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who want free text snippets
- ✓ People who want to inspect the code before running it
- ✓ Anyone who needs emoji or signature shortcuts

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Windows only; there is no Mac, Linux or mobile version.
- ⓘ Because it watches all keystrokes to work, some users will want to read the source first.
- ⓘ The site points to GitHub for the project page and contact; it lists no paid support.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Beeftext is free to use.

> **Free outright, with no paid tier and no feature held back.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Installer and portable edition, both free, with the source code on GitHub.

The free plan

Entirely free; the site says it contains no ads or malware.

Read from beeftext.org 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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Place it runs: Windows

Free open-source text substitution tool for Windows. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, works offline, local-first, keyboard-first, text expansion.

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>
> **It does that job fully, but it is a smaller job.**
>
> From our grade for features

Combos

Pair a keyword you rarely type with a longer snippet; typing the keyword swaps in the snippet.

Works in most applications

The site says it works in any application that supports copy and paste, and snippets can use any Unicode characters.

Installer or portable edition

Download a standard installer or a portable edition, with older releases and 32-bit versions linked separately.

Privacy stance

It listens to keystrokes to work but stores none of them; the only network call is a daily update check that can be turned off.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Beeftext is made by Xavier Michelon.

Where it stands

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

69/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

Beeftext's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 46.

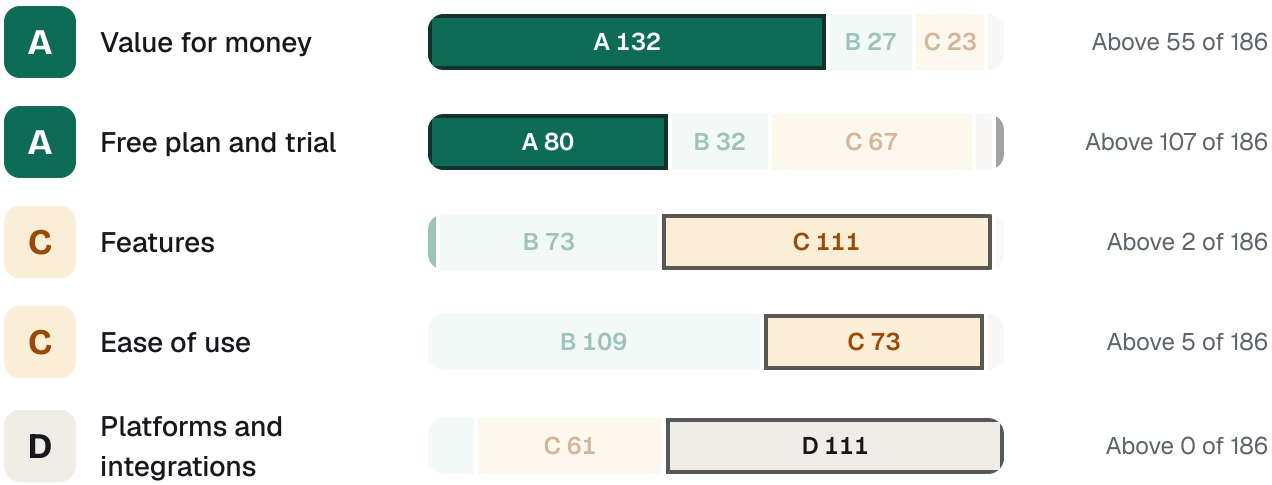
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 107 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Beeftext has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

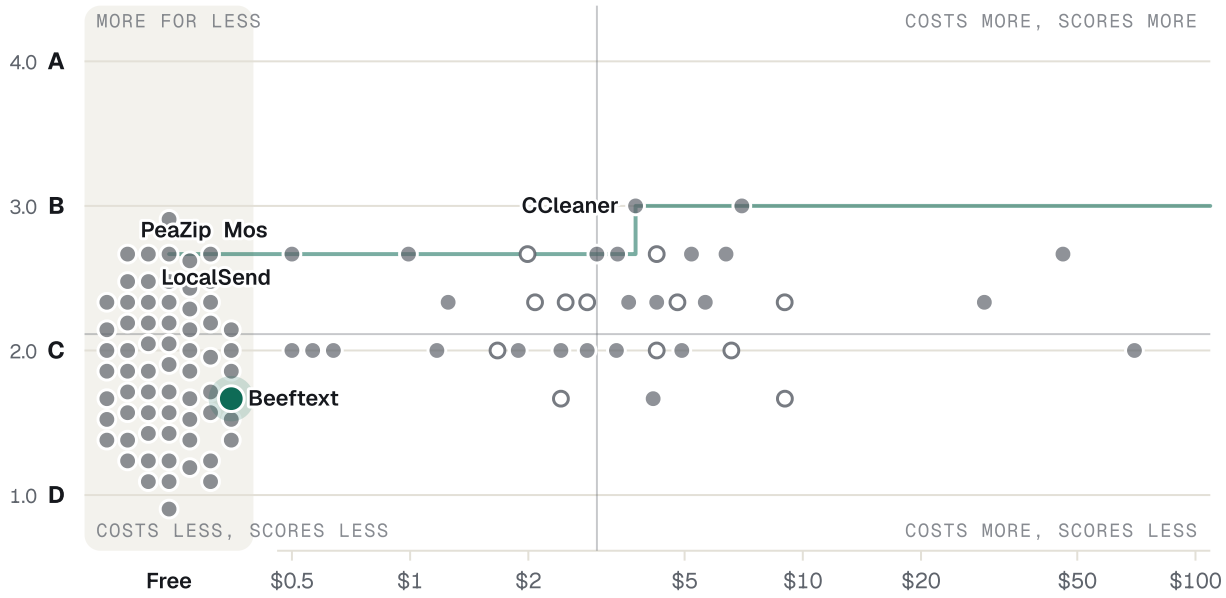
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. Beeftext's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Beeftext 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

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

What you could not

- ✕ Text expansion that works in every app.
- ✕ A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Beeftext'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



Espanso, AutoHotkey, TextExpander, PhraseExpress and aText

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

Espanso

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Free

Open-source text expander for Windows, macOS and Linux.

- Only Espanso lists macOS and Linux apps.

Beeftext and Espanso compared in full

AutoHotkey

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Free

Free, open-source scripting language for Windows automation.

- AutoHotkey also covers workflow automation and keyboard and mouse remapping.

Beeftext and AutoHotkey compared in full



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TextExpander

Free plan · from $5/mo

Text snippets that expand as you type, shared across a team.

- Only TextExpander lists macOS and iOS apps.
- Only TextExpander lists a browser extension.
- Beeftext is open source, according to its own site.

Beeftext and TextExpander compared in full



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PhraseExpress

Free plan

Text expander and template manager with on-premise sharing.

- Only PhraseExpress lists macOS and iOS apps.
- Beeftext is open source, according to its own site.
- PhraseExpress can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Beeftext and PhraseExpress compared in full

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aText

Free plan · from $4.99/yr

Low-cost text expander for macOS and Windows.

- Only aText lists a macOS app.
- Beeftext is open source, according to its own site.
- aText can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Beeftext and aText compared in full

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 Beeftext free?

Yes. Beeftext is free to use.

How much does Beeftext cost?

Beeftext lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Beeftext work on?

Beeftext is available on Windows.

Does Beeftext have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Beeftext is listed for Windows.

Does Beeftext have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Beeftext is listed for Windows.

Is Beeftext open source?

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

Does Beeftext work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

Who makes Beeftext?

Beeftext is made by Xavier Michelon.

What are the alternatives to Beeftext?

The closest alternatives to Beeftext in our directory are Espanso, AutoHotkey, TextExpander, PhraseExpress and aText.

How does Beeftext compare with other desktop utilities?

Beeftext's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 46.

Is Beeftext good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Beeftext?

Beeftext is free, so making your own would save you nothing. What you could not make: Text expansion that works in every app.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Beeftext'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 Beeftext'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 Xavier Michelon. Prices change, so check beeftext.org before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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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.

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

Beeftext, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/beeftext

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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Every one of the 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

Just Color Picker Insider's Guide

Free portable color picker and editor for Windows and macOS

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LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

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Mos Insider's Guide

Free Mac menu bar utility for smooth mouse wheel scrolling

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