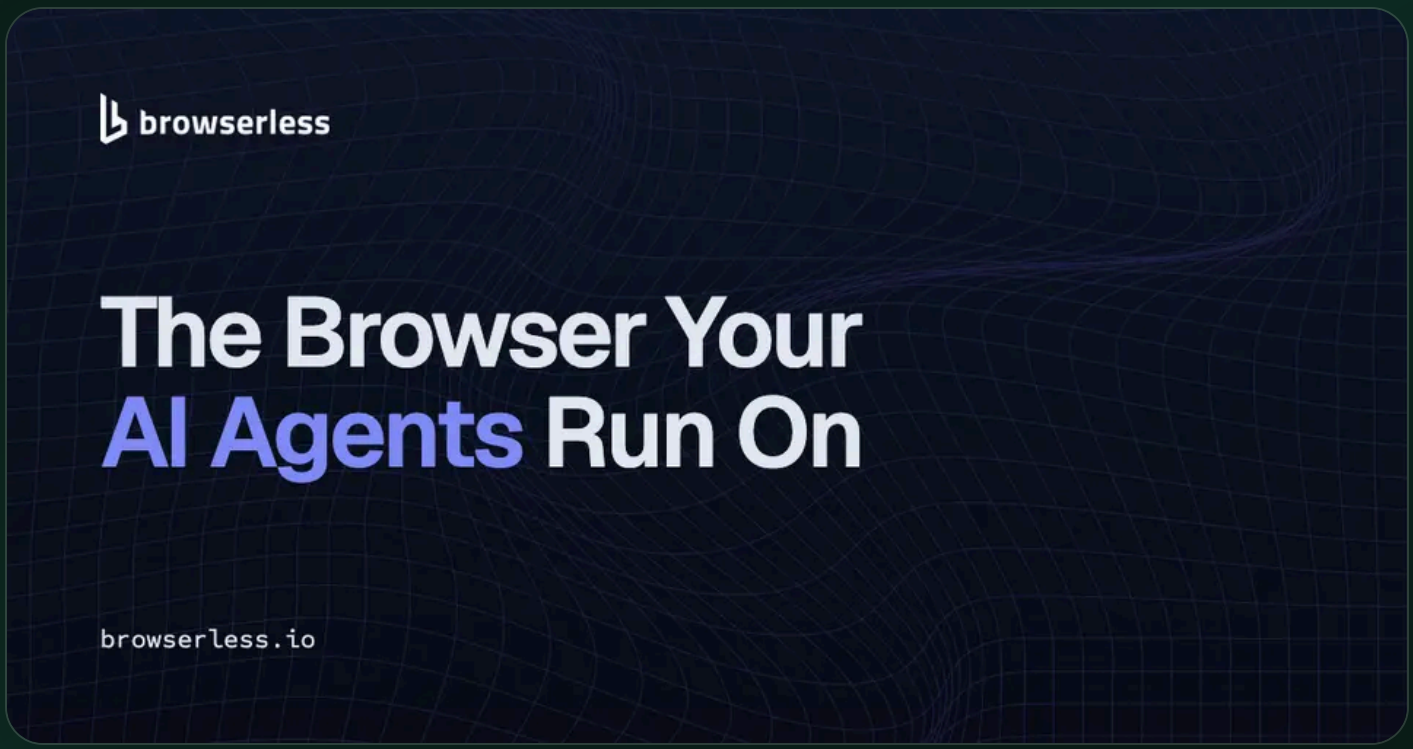
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Browserless

The Insider's Guide

Hosted headless browsers for scraping and automation



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among automation tools, read from Browserless's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Browserless's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Browserless's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

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

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GPA, above 21 of the 71 other automation tools we grade

Browserless runs headless browsers as a service, so scripts written for Playwright or Puppeteer can connect to a remote endpoint instead of managing their own Chrome. It also offers REST APIs for screenshots, PDFs and scraping, plus an MCP server. Plans are priced by usage units and concurrent browsers, and self-hosting is available.

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

> **You drive it with code through Playwright, Puppeteer or its own query language, so it needs programming.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for hosted headless browsers for developers**

You write the code yourself, and units are used up faster by long sessions, proxies and captchas.

2 **Paid plans start at $25 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $25 per month, billed annually.

3 There is a free plan

Free plan, no card required: 1k units a month, 2 concurrent browsers and a 2-minute maximum session.

4 It runs on Web

Web.

5 Hosted headless browsers

Remote Chrome, WebKit and Firefox sessions that connect to existing Playwright or Puppeteer scripts by changing the endpoint.

6 BrowserQL

A query language and editor for describing browser tasks, available on every plan including Free.

7 APIs for common jobs

REST endpoints for PDFs, screenshots and downloads, along with a search API and an MCP server for AI agents.

8 A 2.2 GPA, above 21 of 71

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

9 Keep it

To replace Browserless you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Browserless at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $25 per month, billed annually	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Browserless	CATEGORY Automation
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for hosted headless browsers for developers

Browserless runs headless Chrome for you, with a free plan and paid plans from $25 a month on annual billing. You write the code yourself, and units are used up faster by long sessions, proxies and captchas.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Browserless	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Prototyping is $25 a month on annual billing, between the cheaper quarter ($10) and the dearer quarter ($29) of automation tools.
Free plan and trial	C	A free plan with no card: 1k units a month, 2 concurrent browsers and 2-minute sessions. Bigger jobs will outgrow it.
Features	B	Hosted browsers, BrowserQL, session replays, proxies, captcha solving and a self-hosting option. Nothing in the listing shows a gap in the core work.
Ease of use	D	You drive it with code through Playwright, Puppeteer or its own query language, so it needs programming.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web service that works with Playwright and Puppeteer. No desktop or phone app.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

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 Browserless is for

- ✓ Fits if you write scrapers or tests and do not want to run browsers
- ✓ Works for jobs that fit 2-minute sessions on the free plan

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you do not write code, as there is no point-and-click builder
- ✗ Tight if you stay free: 1k units a month and 2-minute sessions
- ✗ Watch out: residential proxies cost 6 units per MB and each captcha 10 units
- ✗ Pricey if sessions run long, as a unit is only up to 30 seconds of browser time

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want to run Puppeteer or Playwright without hosting browsers
- ✓ Teams scraping or capturing pages at volume, with metered usage
- ✓ AI agent builders who need a real browser behind an API or MCP

Worth knowing

- ⓘ A unit is up to 30 seconds of browser time, and longer sessions use another unit per 30 seconds.
- ⓘ Residential proxies cost 6 units per MB, datacenter proxies 2 units per MB and each solved captcha 10 units.
- ⓘ Listed prices are the annual-billing view; monthly billing is offered but its prices were not readable.
- ⓘ The free plan has 1k units a month and 2-minute sessions, so larger jobs need a paid plan.

What it costs

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

$25

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Browserless has a free plan. Paid plans start at $25 per month, billed annually.

FREE

$0

1k units a month, 2 concurrent browsers, 2-minute sessions and BrowserQL. Includes captcha solving and Chrome extensions.

PROTOTYPING

$25

per month, billed annually

20k units a month, 10 concurrent browsers (+5 on annual billing), 15-minute sessions, overage at $0.0020 per unit.

STARTER

$140

per month, billed annually

180k units a month, 40 concurrent browsers (+10 on annual billing), 30-minute sessions, overage at $0.0017 per unit.

SCALE

$350

per month, billed annually

500k units a month, 100 concurrent browsers (+20 on annual billing), 60-minute sessions, overage at $0.0015 per unit.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Private deployments or licensed self-hosting, SSO, user roles, GPU infrastructure and a dedicated account manager.

The free plan

Free plan, no card required: 1k units a month, 2 concurrent browsers and a 2-minute maximum session.

Read from browserless.io on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Save 30% with annual billing

The pricing page says annual billing saves 30% and adds concurrency on the Prototyping, Starter and Scale plans.

Stated on browserless.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

Hosted headless browsers for scraping and automation. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, public API, workflow automation, screenshots.

> **Hosted browsers, BrowserQL, session replays, proxies, captcha solving and a self-hosting option.**
>
> From our grade for features

Hosted headless browsers

Remote Chrome, WebKit and Firefox sessions that connect to existing Playwright or Puppeteer scripts by changing the endpoint.

BrowserQL

A query language and editor for describing browser tasks, available on every plan including Free.

APIs for common jobs

REST endpoints for PDFs, screenshots and downloads, along with a search API and an MCP server for AI agents.

Sessions and replays

Session reconnects, persisted sessions, replays and log search, with retention that grows from 1 day on Free to 90 days on Scale.

Proxies and captcha solving

Residential and datacenter proxies and automatic captcha solving are metered in units; bring-your-own proxies start on Prototyping.

Self-hosting

Open-source and private Docker versions can be self-hosted, and Enterprise adds a commercial license with Kubernetes and GPU options.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Playwright

Puppeteer

Browserless is made by Browserless.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

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Other automation tools it is graded above

Browserless's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 21 of the 71 other automation tools we grade, and level with 18.

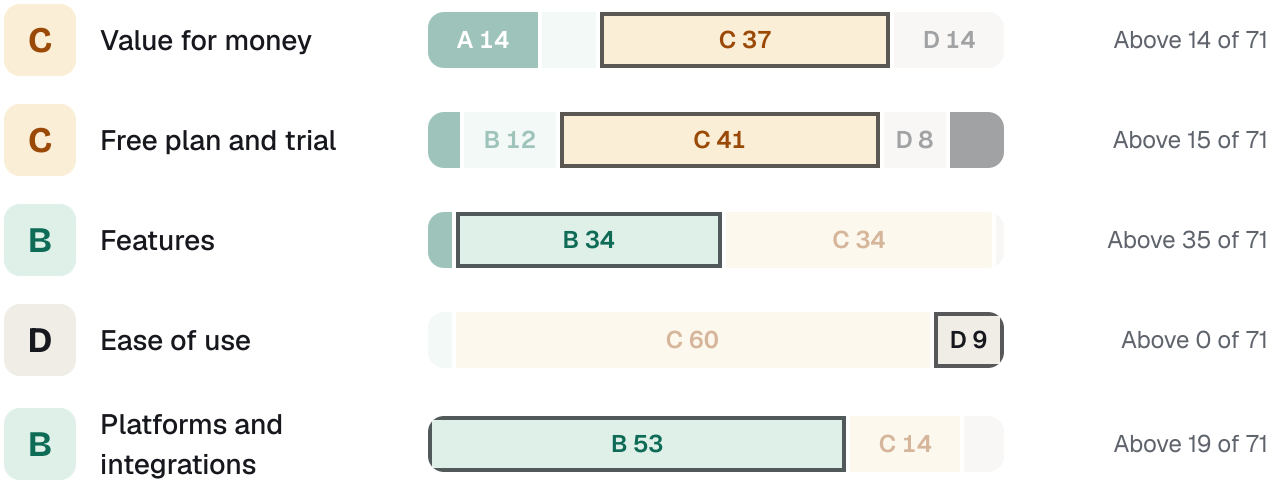
It stands best on features (B, above 35 of 71) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $25 a month, against a middle price of $19 for the category: 26 of the 38 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 13 tools score higher and cost less.

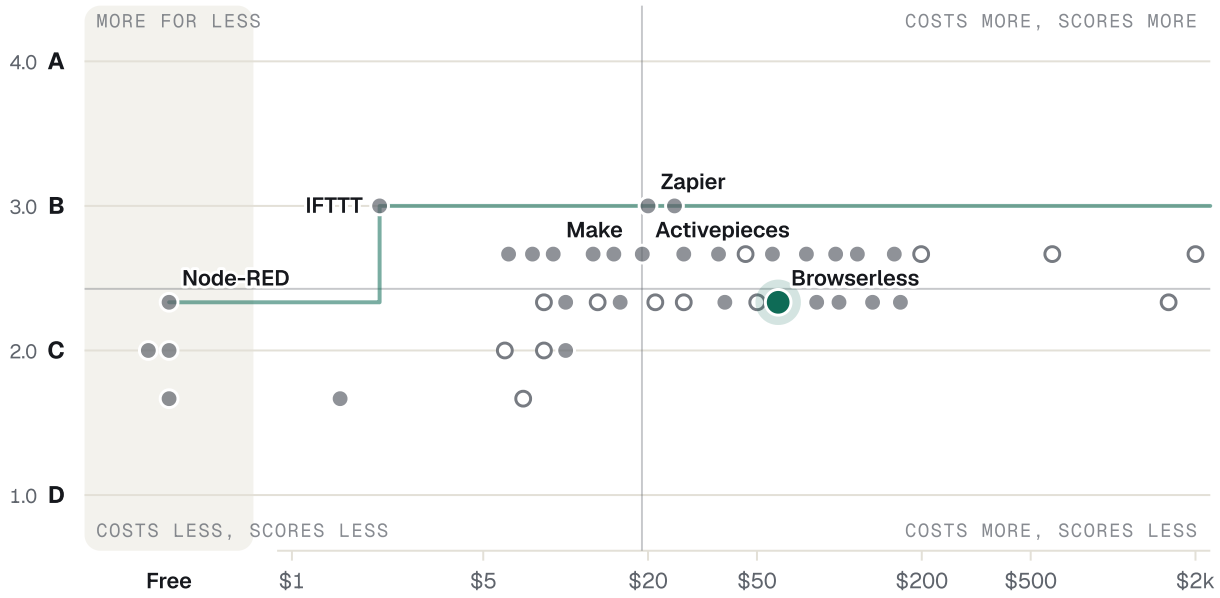
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 72 automation tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Browserless's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 43 automation tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Browserless 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 Browserless you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. 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: 32 of the 71 other automation tools grade higher. It costs $300 a year. Browserless is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could not

- ✕ Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.

- ✕ Capture tools hooked into the operating system.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Browserless'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



Axiom.ai, Browse AI, Skyvern, Ui.Vision and UiPath

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

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Axiom.ai

Free trial · from $15/mo

Browser automation and web scraping bots, built without code.

- Browserless has a free plan. Axiom.ai does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Browserless lists a web app.
- Only Axiom.ai lists macOS, Windows and Linux apps.

Browserless and Axiom.ai compared in full

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Browse AI

Free plan · from $19/mo

No-code web scraping and website change monitoring.

- Only Browse AI lists a browser extension.
- Browserless is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Browserless also covers screenshots.

Browserless and Browse AI compared in full



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Skyvern

Free plan · from $29/mo

Open-source AI agents that automate workflows in the browser.

- Browserless also covers screenshots.
- Skyvern also covers AI agents and no-code.

Browserless and Skyvern compared in full



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Ui.Vision

Free plan · from €11.90/mo

Open-source browser and desktop automation with computer vision.

- Only Browserless lists a web app.
- Only Ui.Vision lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Only Ui.Vision lists a browser extension.

Browserless and Ui.Vision compared in full



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UiPath

Free plan · from $25/mo

Enterprise platform for RPA, AI agents and process orchestration.

- Only UiPath lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Browserless is open source, according to its own site.
- Browserless also covers screenshots.

Browserless and UiPath 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 Browserless free?

Browserless has a free plan. Free plan, no card required: 1k units a month, 2 concurrent browsers and a 2-minute maximum session.

How much does Browserless cost?

Browserless lists 5 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does Browserless work on?

Browserless is available on Web.

Does Browserless offer any discounts?

Browserless publicly lists the following: Save 30% with annual billing.

Does Browserless have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Browserless is listed for Web.

Does Browserless have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Browserless is listed for Web.

Is Browserless open source?

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

Does Browserless have an API?

Yes. Browserless offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does Browserless integrate with?

Browserless's listing names Playwright and Puppeteer. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Browserless?

Browserless is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Browserless?

The closest alternatives to Browserless in our directory are Axiom.ai, Browse AI, Skyvern, Ui.Vision and UiPath.

How does Browserless compare with other automation tools?

Browserless's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 21 of the 71 other automation tools we grade, and level with 18.

Is Browserless good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Browserless C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $25 a month, against a middle price of $19 for the category: 26 of the 38 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Browserless?

To replace Browserless you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Browserless's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Browserless's own pages on 12 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 Browserless. Prices change, so check browserless.io before you buy.

browserless.io/pricing

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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

5,038

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**.

5,038	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Browserless, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/browserless

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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