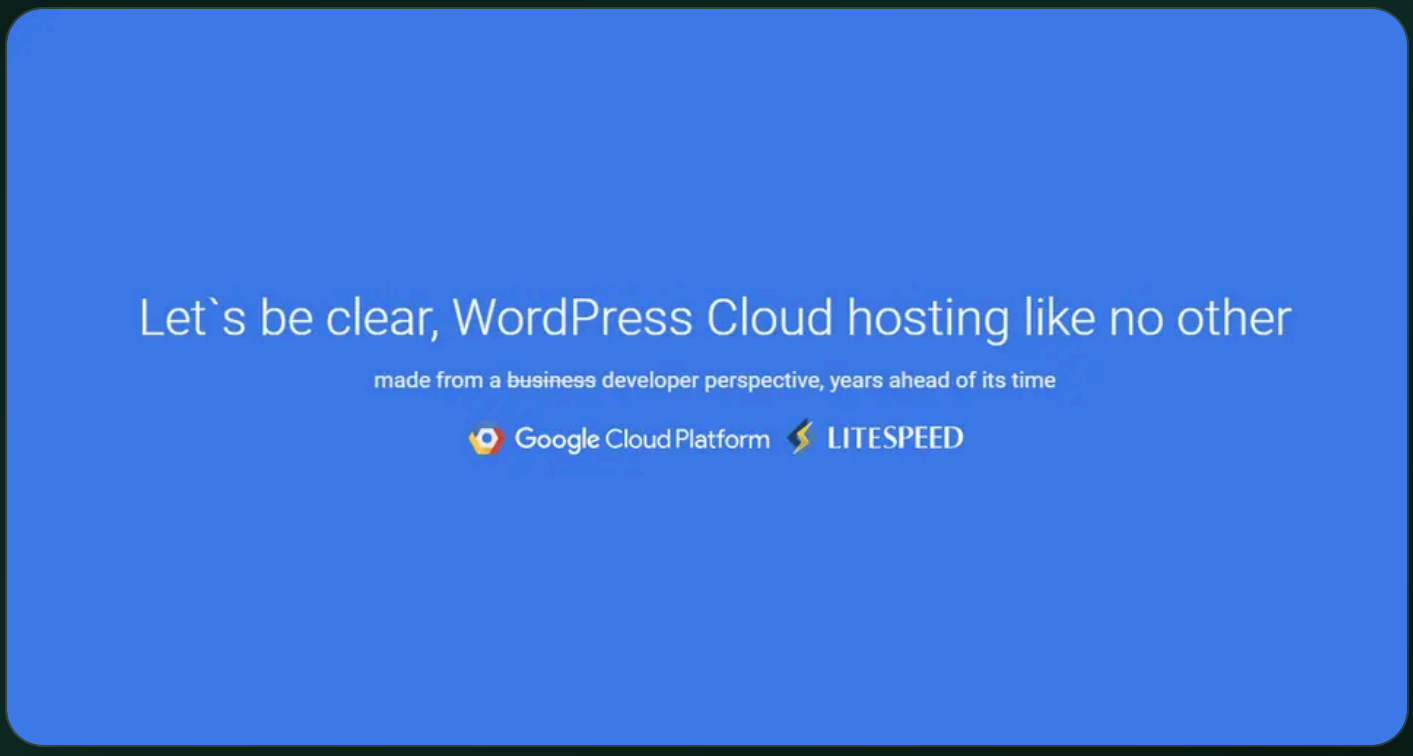
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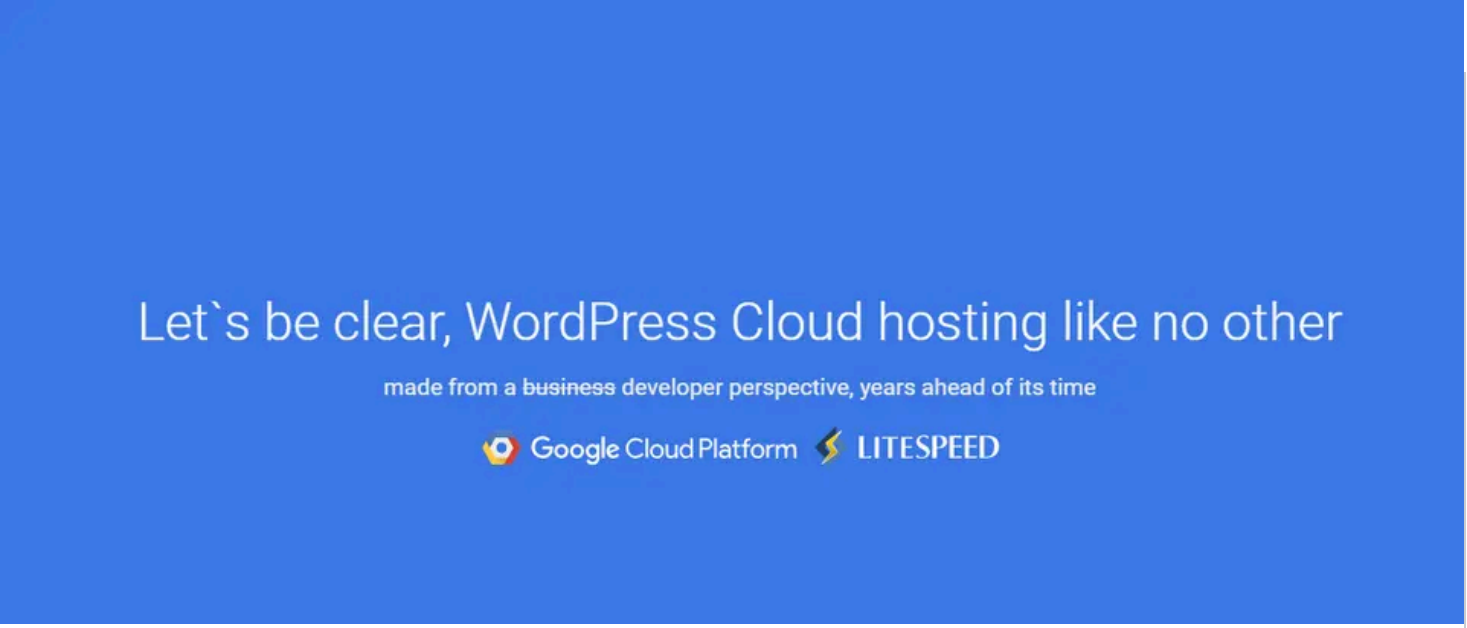
Pay-as-you-go WordPress cloud hosting on Google Cloud



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among web hosts, read from Closte's own pages.

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

ToolGPA put this guide together from Closte's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Closte'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 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

Closte hosts WordPress sites on Google Cloud with LiteSpeed caching. It has no fixed plans: CPU, memory, disk, bandwidth and CDN traffic are metered and billed as used, and the vendor says a typical small site costs about $5 a month. A WordPress site can be started free without a card.

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

> **The bill moves with traffic, it is for WordPress only, and it does not host mailboxes.**
>
> From our report card of Closte

1 **Best for pay-as-you-go WordPress hosting**

Closte hosts WordPress on Google Cloud and bills by metered usage.

2 **You can try it first**

Start free with no credit card; billing then follows metered usage

3 It runs on Web

Web.

4 WordPress on Google Cloud

Sites run on Google's network with Google Cloud CDN, DNS and HTTP/3, and LiteSpeed caching with managed OPcache and object cache.

5 Automated backups and security

Includes automated backups, malware detection, DDoS protection and a web application firewall.

6 Staging environments

Staging sites are full clones with CDN and backups, hidden from crawlers, and you can have several and push between them.

7 A 2.0 GPA, above 49 of 122

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

8 Keep it

To replace Closte you would be making servers kept running, patched and backed up for you. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Closte at a glance

PRICING
Free trial

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
Start free with no credit card; billing then follows metered usage

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Closte LLC

CATEGORY
Web Hosting

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for pay-as-you-go WordPress hosting

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Closte

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No base fee is stated: CPU, memory and CDN traffic are metered, so the bill is hard to predict.
Free plan and trial	C	You start with no card, and then pay as you go.
Features	C	WordPress on Google Cloud with backups, staging, WP-CLI and free migration, but WordPress only and no mailboxes.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and metered billing needs watching.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, built on Google Cloud CDN and LiteSpeed.

Grade point average Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

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 Closte is for

- ✓ Fits if you run WordPress sites with uneven traffic
- ✓ Works for developers who use WP-CLI and Composer

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want a fixed monthly bill, as CPU, memory and CDN traffic are metered
- ✕ Not for you if you host anything but WordPress
- ✕ Watch out: it does not host mailboxes, so you need a separate email service
- ✕ Watch out: a custom CDN hostname costs about $14.50 a month and DNS about $1 a month

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Small WordPress sites whose traffic varies from month to month
- ✓ Developers who want SSH, Git, WP-CLI and staging
- ✓ Agencies hosting many small sites on one account

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Bills vary with usage: CPU is $0.15 per 1000 HPI, memory $0.003 per 1000 MPI, and CDN traffic is billed per GB by region.
- ⓘ Closte only sends email for WordPress; it does not host mailboxes, so a separate mail service is needed.
- ⓘ A custom CDN hostname costs about $14.50 a month and DNS about $1 a month.
- ⓘ It is built for WordPress only.

What it costs

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

1
plan

Closte is a paid product with a free trial.

> **No base fee is stated: CPU, memory and CDN traffic are metered, so the bill is hard to predict.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

PAY AS YOU GO

$0

base fee not stated; billed on metered usage

No fixed plans. Disk is about $0.7 per GB a month, worldwide bandwidth $0.11 per GB and CDN from $0.08 per GB.

Trying it first

Start free with no credit card; billing then follows metered usage

Read from closte.com 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: Web

Pay-as-you-go WordPress cloud hosting on Google Cloud. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: malware protection, managed WordPress, page speed.

> **WordPress on Google Cloud with backups, staging, WP-CLI and free migration, but WordPress only and no mailboxes.**
>
> From our grade for features

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Developer tools

SSH and SFTP, Git and Composer, WP-CLI, custom PHP settings, a log viewer and web-based database tools.

Free migration

The vendor says migrations are free and handled by an experienced developer, with data centers on five continents.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Google Cloud CDN
LiteSpeed
WP-CLI
Composer

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PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

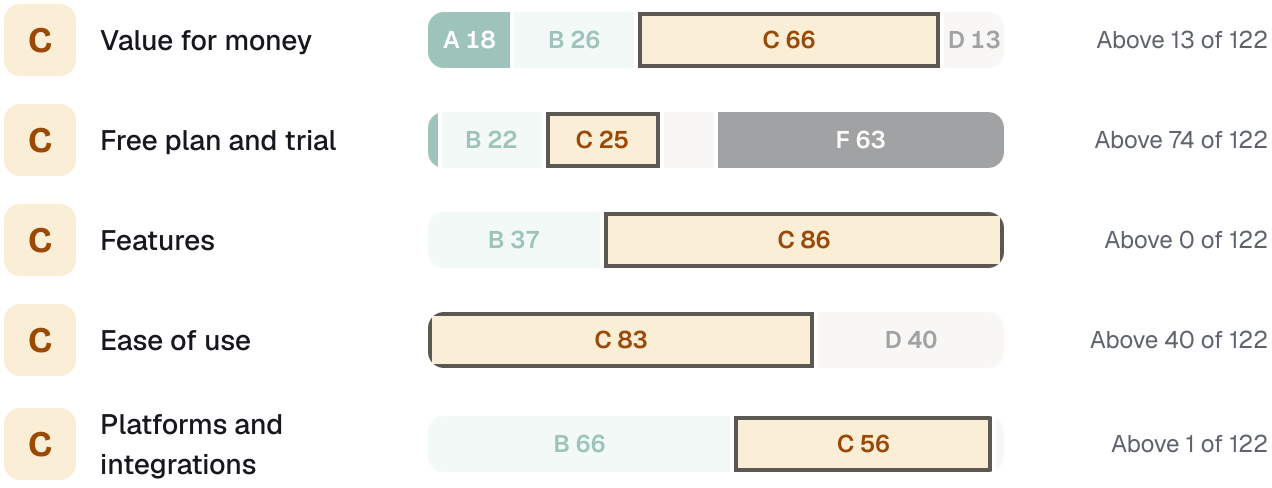
49/122

Other web hosts it is graded above

Closte's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 24.

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. Closte's own letter is outlined.



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 Closte you would be making servers kept running, patched and backed up for you. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

What you could not

- ✕ Servers kept running, patched and backed up for you.
- ✕ An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.
- ✕ Speed tests run from real browsers on a schedule.

What this rests on. Closte'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



Cloudways, Kinsta, WP Engine, Rocket.net and SiteGround

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

Cloudways

2.2 GPA

Free trial · from $11/mo

Managed cloud hosting on DigitalOcean, Vultr, Linode, AWS or Google.

- Closte also covers managed WordPress and page speed.

Closte and Cloudways compared in full

Kinsta

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Free trial · from $30/mo

Managed WordPress hosting priced by sites, visits or bandwidth.

- Closte also covers page speed.

Closte and Kinsta compared in full

WP Engine

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From $35/mo

Managed WordPress hosting sized by sites and monthly visits.

- Closte also covers malware protection and page speed.

Closte and WP Engine compared in full



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Rocket.net

From $25/mo

Managed WordPress hosting served through Cloudflare Enterprise.

- Closte also covers page speed.

Closte and Rocket.net compared in full



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SiteGround

From $14.99/mo

Shared and WordPress hosting on Google Cloud with its own Site Tools.

- Closte also covers page speed.

Closte and SiteGround 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 Closte free?

No, Closte is a paid product, but you can try it first. Start free with no credit card; billing then follows metered usage.

How much does Closte cost?

Closte lists one plan. Pay as you go: $0 base fee not stated; billed on metered usage.

What platforms does Closte work on?

Closte is available on Web.

Does Closte have an Android app?

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

Does Closte have an iPhone app?

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Is Closte open source?

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

What does Closte integrate with?

Closte's listing names Google Cloud CDN, LiteSpeed, WP-CLI and Composer.

Who makes Closte?

Closte is made by Closte LLC.

What are the alternatives to Closte?

The closest alternatives to Closte in our directory are Cloudways, Kinsta, WP Engine, Rocket.net and SiteGround.

How does Closte compare with other web hosts?

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Could I make my own version of Closte?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Closte'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 Closte'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 Closte LLC. Prices change, so check closte.com before you buy.

closte.com/pricing

closte.com/features

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**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Closte, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/closte

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

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

Scan for the live page

Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded web hosts after Closte, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Web Hosting Insider's Guide

Every one of the 123 web hosts we grade, compared

Cloudflare Pages Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for static sites and full-stack apps

2.8 GPA

GitHub Pages Insider's Guide

Static site hosting built into GitHub repositories

2.8 GPA

Netlify Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for sites and web apps, priced by monthly credits

2.8 GPA

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