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Codebook

The Insider’s Guide

Password manager from Zetetic, free for personal use



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among password managers, read from Codebook’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Codebook's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Codebook'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 38 of the 49 other password managers we grade

Codebook is a password manager for Android, iOS, macOS and Windows from Zetetic, the company behind the SQLCipher database encryption. The app is free for personal, non-commercial use, and an optional Codebook Cloud subscription adds automatic sync and secure sharing between devices and people.

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

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> **An installed app that you start using, with no store rating on record.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free personal vault with manual sync**

Codebook is a password app from Zetetic that is free for personal, non-commercial use, with manual sync through Dropbox, Google Drive or desktop Wi-Fi.

2 **Paid plans start at $5 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $5 per month (Codebook Cloud sync subscription).

3 There is a free plan

The Codebook app is free for personal, non-commercial use, with manual sync through Dropbox, Google Drive or desktop Wi-Fi.

4 It runs on 4 platforms

macOS, Windows, iOS and Android.

5 Flexible entries and fields

Data is organized into categories, entries and fields with labels you define; field labels control behavior, such as opening a URL or dialing a number.

6 Encrypted database

Data is stored with SQLCipher, using AES-256-CBC with HMAC-SHA512 and 256,000 rounds of PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA512 for key derivation, per the vendor.

7 Autofill and built-in authenticator

Fills logins through Password AutoFill on Android, iOS and macOS, and generates TOTP verification codes for sites that use 2-step verification.

8 A 3.0 GPA, above 38 of 49

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

9 Keep it

To replace Codebook you would be making a password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Codebook at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $5 per month (Codebook Cloud sync subscription)

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
Codebook Cloud is described as free to try; the page does not state the length

RUNS ON
macOS, Windows, iOS, Android

MADE BY
Zetetic, LLC

CATEGORY
Password Managers

OUR GRADE
3.0 GPA, very good

STORE RATING
4.8 on the App Store, 2,372 ratings

The report card

Best for a free personal vault with manual sync

Codebook is a password app from Zetetic that is free for personal, non-commercial use, with manual sync through Dropbox, Google Drive or desktop Wi-Fi. Automatic sync and sharing need Codebook Cloud from $5 a month, and there is no browser extension.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Codebook** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free for personal use, and a program anyone can download and run counts as free. Codebook Cloud starts at $5 a month, but you can skip it.
Free plan and trial	B	A person could live on the free app with manual sync. Business use needs a paid licence.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Features	C	Entries, an authenticator and password review. Automatic sync and sharing need Cloud, and there is no browser extension.
Ease of use	B	An installed app that you start using, with no store rating on record.
Platforms and integrations	B	Mac, Windows, iPhone and Android, with Dropbox and Google Drive sync. No native Linux app, and no browser extension.
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 Codebook is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a free password app for personal use
- ✓ Works for households that want shared entries through a family plan

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want automatic sync, as that needs Codebook Cloud from $5 a month
- ✗ Not for you if you use it at work, since the free app is non-commercial only
- ✗ Watch out: the Cloud price is only 'starting at $5' with no billing basis stated
- ✗ Too light for browsers, as there is no extension
- ✗ Skip it if you run Linux, where Windows version runs under Wine

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who want a free personal password manager with manual sync
- ✓ Households that want shared entries through a family plan
- ✓ Small businesses that need a licensed team password vault

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Automatic sync and secure sharing need a paid Codebook Cloud subscription; free sync is manual.
- ⓘ Business use requires a business license; the free app is for non-commercial use only.
- ⓘ The Codebook Cloud price is shown only as starting at $5 per month, with no billing basis stated.
- ⓘ There is no native Linux app; the Windows version runs under Wine, and there is no browser extension.

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What it costs

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

$5

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Codebook has a free plan. Paid plans start at $5 per month (Codebook Cloud sync subscription).

> **Free for personal use, and a program anyone can download and run counts as free.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

CODEBOOK

$0

The app on Android, iOS, macOS and Windows for personal use, with manual sync through Dropbox, Google Drive or Wi-Fi.

CODEBOOK CLOUD

$5

per month, billing basis not shown, starting price

Automatic sync and secure sharing. Zetetic also lists a family plan; its price is not shown on the pages read.

CODEBOOK FOR BUSINESS

$5

per user / month, billed annually

Business license covering Codebook Cloud for every user; sold through sales, with volume discounts.

The free plan

The Codebook app is free for personal, non-commercial use, with manual sync through Dropbox, Google Drive or desktop Wi-Fi.

Trying it first

Codebook Cloud is described as free to try; the page does not state the length

Read from zetetic.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, iOS and Android

Password manager from Zetetic, free for personal use. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: password manager, file sharing.

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Entries, an authenticator and password review.

From our grade for features

Flexible entries and fields

Data is organized into categories, entries and fields with labels you define; field labels control behavior, such as opening a URL or dialing a number.

Encrypted database

Data is stored with SQLCipher, using AES-256-CBC with HMAC-SHA512 and 256,000 rounds of PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA512 for key derivation, per the vendor.

Autofill and built-in authenticator

Fills logins through Password AutoFill on Android, iOS and macOS, and generates TOTP verification codes for sites that use 2-step verification.

Password review

Checks passwords against online breaches through HaveIBeenPwned and flags weak ones; a random password generator includes a DiceWare option.

Codebook Cloud sync and sharing

The subscription service syncs automatically in the background and shares entries with trusted contacts and Family Plan members.

Images and PDFs

Stores image and PDF files, such as scans of passports or insurance policies, alongside password entries.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · iOS · Android

What it works with

Dropbox · Google Drive · HaveIBeenPwned

Codebook is made by Zetetic, LLC.

Where it stands

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

38/49

Other password managers it is graded above

Codebook's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 38 of the 49 other password managers we grade, and level with 4.

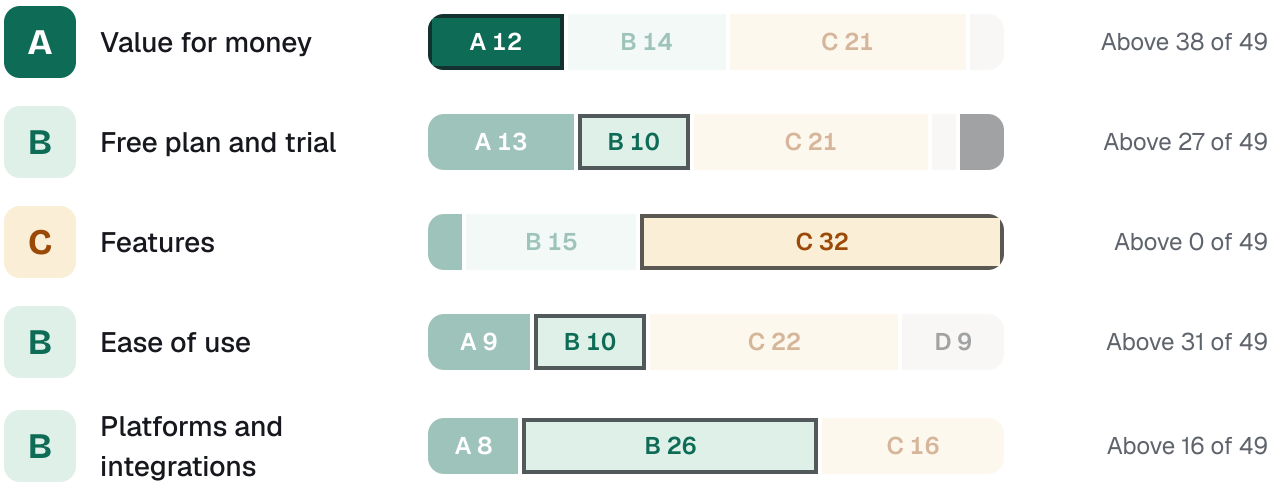
It stands best on value for money (A, above 38 of 49) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $5 a month, against a middle price of $2.50 for the category: 27 of the 29 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 13 tools score higher and cost less.

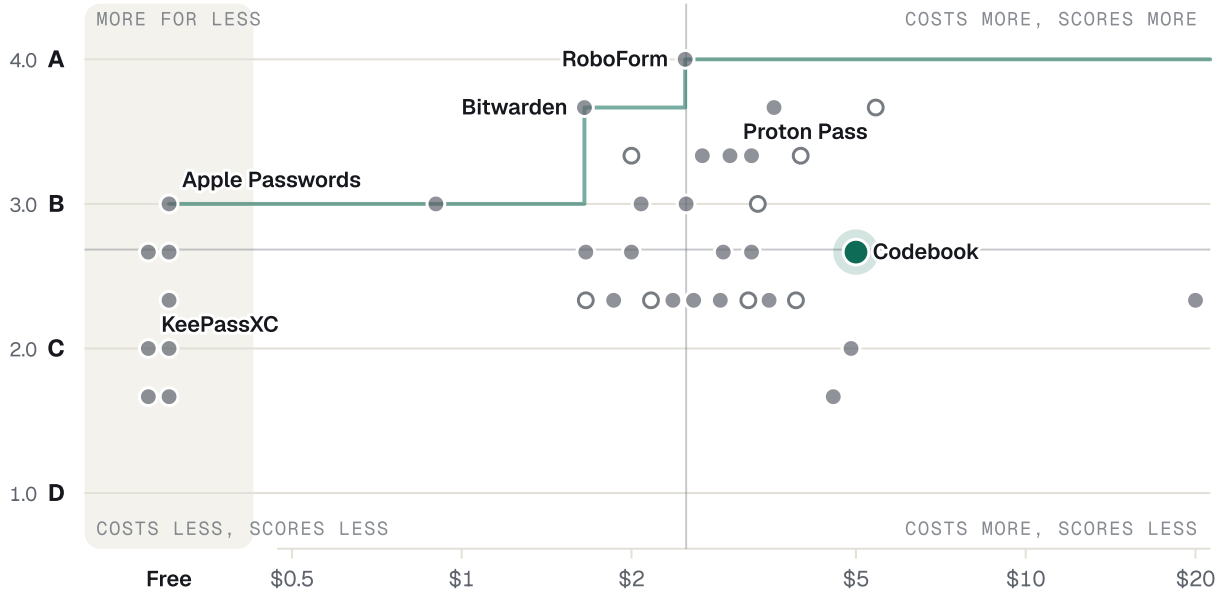
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 50 password managers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Codebook's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 38 password managers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Codebook 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 Codebook you would be making a password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 38 of the 49 other password managers we grade. It costs $60 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ A password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves.
- ✕ Storing and serving files for other people.

- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Codebook'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



KeePass, KeePassXC, Enpass, 1Password and Strongbox

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



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KeePass

Free

Free, open-source password manager for Windows with plugins.

- Only Codebook lists iOS and Android apps.
- Only KeePass lists a Linux app.
- KeePass is open source, according to its own site.

Codebook and KeePass compared in full



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KeePassXC

Free

Free, open-source offline password manager for desktop.

- Only Codebook lists iOS and Android apps.
- Only KeePassXC lists a Linux app.
- Only KeePassXC lists a browser extension.

Codebook and KeePassXC compared in full



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Enpass

Free plan · from $23.99/yr

Password manager that keeps vaults in your own cloud storage.

- Only Enpass lists a Linux app.
- Only Enpass lists a browser extension.
- Enpass can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Codebook and Enpass compared in full



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1Password

Free trial · from $3.99/mo

Password manager for individuals, families and businesses.

- Codebook has a free plan. 1Password does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only 1Password lists a Linux app.
- Only 1Password lists a browser extension.

Codebook and 1Password compared in full



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Strongbox

Free plan · from $2.99/mo

KeePass-compatible password manager for iPhone, iPad and Mac.

- Only Codebook lists Windows and Android apps.
- Only Strongbox lists a browser extension.
- Strongbox can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Codebook and Strongbox 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 Codebook free?

Codebook has a free plan. The Codebook app is free for personal, non-commercial use, with manual sync through Dropbox, Google Drive or desktop Wi-Fi.

How much does Codebook cost?

Codebook lists 3 plans. Codebook: $0.

What platforms does Codebook work on?

Codebook is available on macOS, Windows, iOS and Android.

How is Codebook rated?

Codebook's iPhone and iPad app averages 4.8 out of 5 from 2,372 ratings on the App Store in the United States, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Codebook have a Linux app?

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

Is Codebook open source?

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

What does Codebook integrate with?

Codebook's listing names Dropbox, Google Drive and HaveIBeenPwned. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Does Codebook have a free trial?

Yes. Codebook Cloud is described as free to try; the page does not state the length.

Who makes Codebook?

Codebook is made by Zetetic, LLC.

What are the alternatives to Codebook?

The closest alternatives to Codebook in our directory are KeePass, KeePassXC, Enpass, 1Password and Strongbox.

How does Codebook compare with other password managers?

Codebook's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 38 of the 49 other password managers we grade, and level with 4.

Is Codebook good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Codebook A for value for money. Its paid plans start at $5 a month, against a middle price of $2.50 for the category: 27 of the 29 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Codebook?

To replace Codebook you would be making a password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Codebook'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 Zetetic'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 Zetetic, LLC. Prices change, so check zetetic.net before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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

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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

Codebook, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/codebook

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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The best-graded password managers after Codebook, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Password Managers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 51 password managers we grade, compared

Bitwarden Insider's Guide

Open-source password manager with a free plan and self-hosting

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Apple Passwords Insider's Guide

Apple's free password and passkey app for iPhone, iPad and Mac

3.4 GPA

RoboForm Insider's Guide

Password manager and form filler with a single-device free plan

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