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ComfyUI

The Insider's Guide

Open-source node editor for image and video AI workflows, plus a cloud



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI image and video generators, read from ComfyUI's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from ComfyUI's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on ComfyUI'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 159 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade

ComfyUI is an open-source, node-based editor for building image, video and audio generation workflows step by step, from the model and prompt to each sampler setting. The desktop app runs free and offline on your own computer, while Comfy Cloud runs the same editor in a browser on rented GPUs for a monthly credit allowance. Comfy Agent can build workflows from a description, and the Comfy API turns a workflow into a production endpoint.

> **You wire up nodes and models yourself, and local use needs a GPU and some setup.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for node-based image and video workflows**

It has a steep learning curve, and the desktop app wants a capable GPU or an Apple Silicon Mac.

2 **Paid plans start at $16 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $16 per month, billed annually ($20 billed monthly) for Comfy Cloud.

3 There is a free plan

ComfyUI Desktop is free and open source to run on your own hardware with no feature limits. Comfy Cloud gives new users 5 free GPU runs and free Agent credits.

4 It runs on 4 platforms

Web, Windows, macOS and Linux.

5 Node-based workflows

Chain models, prompts, samplers and other steps into a visual graph that can be saved, shared and rerun, with control over each setting.

6 Open and partner models

Run open models such as Wan 2.2, Flux, LTX and Qwen Image Edit locally, or call partner models like Nano Banana Pro, Seedance 2.0 and GPT Image 2 with credits.

7 Community extensions

Install from more than 5,000 community extensions adding 60,000+ nodes, or write your own custom nodes.

8 A 3.0 GPA, above 159 of 168

That is against the other AI image and video generators we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 Keep it

To replace ComfyUI you would be making an image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

ComfyUI at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $16 per month, billed annually ($20 billed monthly) for Comfy Cloud

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web, macOS, Windows, Linux

MADE BY
Comfy Org, since 2023

CATEGORY
AI Image & Video Generators

OUR GRADE
3.0 GPA, very good

The report card

Best for node-based image and video workflows

ComfyUI is an open-source node editor for building image and video AI workflows, free to run on your own computer, with a paid cloud version from $16 a month. It has a steep learning curve, and the desktop app wants a capable GPU or an Apple Silicon Mac.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **ComfyUI** — Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	The desktop program is free and open source with no feature limits, which counts as free and substantial. Comfy Cloud starts at $16 a month billed yearly.
Free plan and trial	A	ComfyUI Desktop is free to run on your own hardware, offline after setup, with no cap. Cloud gives new users 5 free GPU runs.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Features	B	Node workflows, open and partner models, 5,000+ community extensions, a cloud, an agent and an API. Nothing in the core job is missing, though Team's shared workflows are still coming soon.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. You wire up nodes and models yourself, and local use needs a GPU and some setup.
Platforms and integrations	B	Windows, Mac and Linux desktop apps, a browser cloud, an API and links to Photoshop, Blender, Nuke, Houdini, Civitai and Hugging Face. No phone app is listed.
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 ComfyUI is for

- ✓ Fits if you want full control of every step of an image or video pipeline
- ✓ Works for people with a capable GPU who would rather not pay a subscription

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want to type a prompt and get a picture, as the node graph takes learning
- ✗ Tight if your computer is weak: Windows wants an NVIDIA or AMD GPU and the Mac app is Apple Silicon only
- ✗ Watch out: partner models like Nano Banana are paid in Comfy credits, even when you run locally
- ✗ Watch out: cloud runs stop at 30 minutes (1 hour on Pro), and your own models and LoRAs need Creator

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Artists and studios who want step-by-step control over open models
- ✓ Running image and video models offline on your own GPU
- ✓ Developers turning a tested workflow into an API

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The Windows desktop app recommends an NVIDIA or AMD GPU, and the Mac app supports Apple Silicon only.
- ⓘ Cloud runs stop at 30 minutes (1 hour on Pro), and importing your own models or LoRAs needs Creator or above.
- ⓘ Partner models such as Nano Banana are paid in Comfy credits, even when ComfyUI runs on your own machine.
- ⓘ On the Team plan, shared workflows, shared assets and projects are listed as coming soon.

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What it costs

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

$16

A month to start. There is a free plan too

ComfyUI has a free plan. Paid plans start at $16 per month, billed annually ($20 billed monthly) for Comfy Cloud.

> **The desktop program is free and open source with no feature limits, which counts as free and substantial.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

COMFYUI DESKTOP

$0

The full open-source engine on your own computer and GPU, offline after setup; partner models such as Nano Banana use paid credits.

STANDARD

$16

per month, billed annually ($20 billed monthly)

Comfy Cloud with 50,400 credits a year (about 4,560 five-second videos), 30-minute runs, 4 Agent sessions, 5 API builds and 2 deployments.

CREATOR

$28

per month, billed annually ($35 billed monthly)

88,800 credits a year, importing your own models and LoRAs, and 6 Agent sessions per workspace.

PRO

$80

per month, billed annually ($100 billed monthly)

253,200 credits a year, runs up to 1 hour, 8 Agent sessions, 10 API builds and 5 deployments of up to 10 workers.

TEAM

$630

per month, billed annually ($700 billed monthly)

1,772,400 credits a year in a shared pool, up to 50 members with roles, 16 Agent sessions and 20 API deployments.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

More members, higher Agent limits and custom features, arranged with sales.

The free plan

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Read from comfy.org on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Up to 20% off Comfy Cloud billed yearly

Yearly billing takes Standard from $20 to $16 a month, Creator from $35 to $28 and Pro from $100 to $80; Team saves 10%.

Stated on comfy.org

What it does

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

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Places it runs: Web, macOS, Windows and Linux

Open-source node editor for image and video AI workflows, plus a cloud. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, works offline, public API, AI agents, image generation, video generation.

> **Nothing in the core job is missing, though Team's shared workflows are still coming soon.**
>
> From our grade for features

Node-based workflows

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Open and partner models

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Community extensions

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Comfy Cloud

Run ComfyUI in a browser on 96GB RTX PRO 6000 GPUs with 900+ preinstalled models, paying only for active GPU time and queuing up to 100 workflows.

Comfy Agent

Describe the result you want and the agent plans, builds and runs the workflow on the canvas, charging its language-model use to your credits.

Comfy API

Deploy a workflow as a production API, with GPU time billed by the second, for example $3.49 an hour on an RTX PRO 6000.

Where it runs

Web · macOS · Windows · Linux

What it works with

Photoshop · Blender · Nuke · Houdini · Civitai · Hugging Face

ComfyUI is made by Comfy Org, and has been around since 2023.

Where it stands

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

159/168

Other AI image and video generators it is graded above

ComfyUI's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 159 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade, and level with 8.

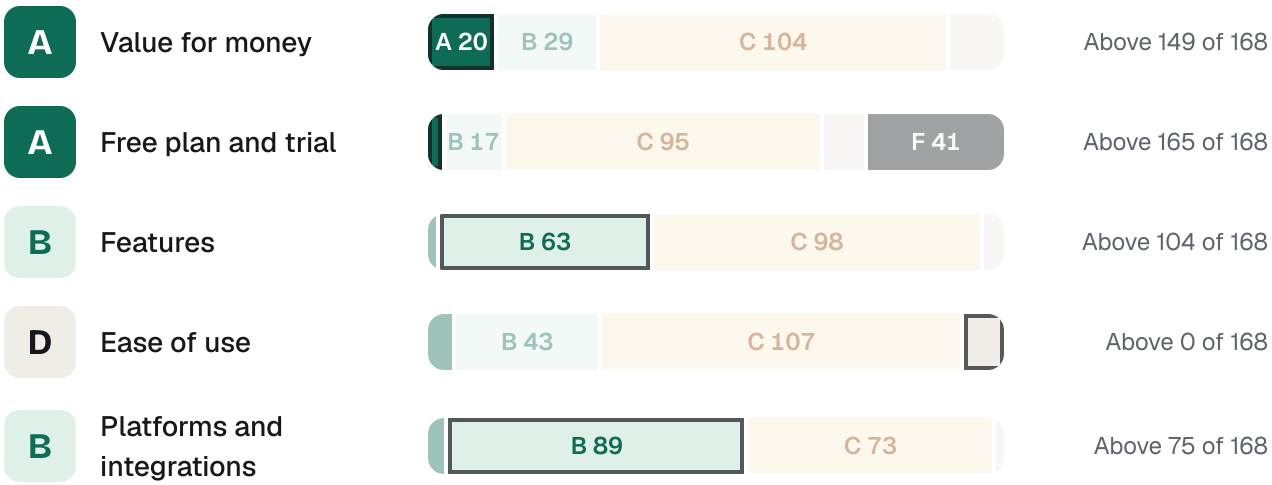
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 165 of 168) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $16 a month, against a middle price of $11.88 for the category: 85 of the 120 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 41 tools score higher and cost less.

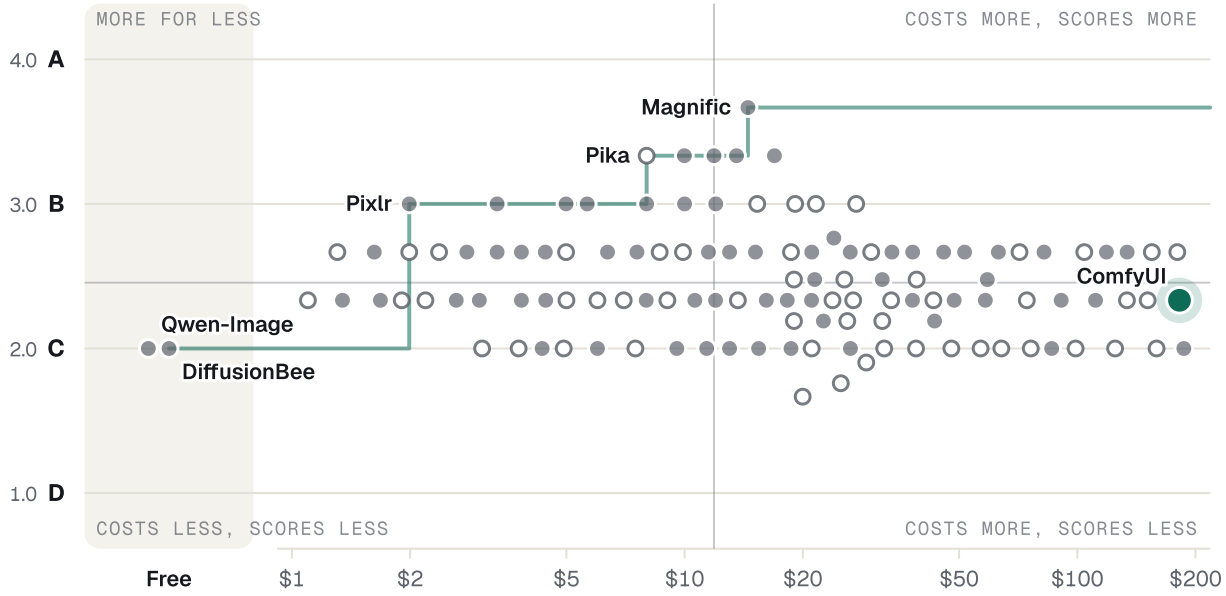
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 169 AI image and video generators we grade, cut by the letter each got. ComfyUI's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 123 AI image and video generators. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. ComfyUI 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 ComfyUI you would be making an image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make. 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 159 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade. It costs $192 a year. ComfyUI is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could not

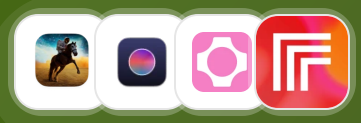
- An image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make.

- ✕ A video model, which you can rent by the second but not make.
- ✕ An AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ It plugs into other products, Photoshop, Blender and Nuke among them, and has an API.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. ComfyUI'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



Draw Things, DiffusionBee, fal and Replicate

The 4 tools ComfyUI is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.



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Draw Things

Free plan · from $8.99/mo

Image generation that runs on your own iPhone, iPad or Mac.

- Only ComfyUI lists a web app.
- Only ComfyUI lists Windows and Linux apps.
- Only Draw Things lists an iOS app.

ComfyUI and Draw Things compared in full



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DiffusionBee

Free

Free Stable Diffusion app that runs locally on a Mac.

- Only ComfyUI lists a web app.
- Only ComfyUI lists Windows and Linux apps.
- ComfyUI is open source, according to its own site.

ComfyUI and DiffusionBee compared in full



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fal

Paid

Developer platform and API for generative image and video models.

- ComfyUI has a free plan. fal does not.
- Only ComfyUI lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- ComfyUI is open source, according to its own site.

ComfyUI and fal compared in full



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Replicate

Paid

Cloud API for running open-source and hosted AI models.

- ComfyUI has a free plan. Replicate does not.
- Only ComfyUI lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- ComfyUI is open source, according to its own site.

ComfyUI and Replicate 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 ComfyUI free?

ComfyUI has a free plan. ComfyUI Desktop is free and open source to run on your own hardware with no feature limits.

How much does ComfyUI cost?

ComfyUI lists 6 plans. ComfyUI Desktop: $0.

What platforms does ComfyUI work on?

ComfyUI is available on Web, Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does ComfyUI offer any discounts?

ComfyUI publicly lists the following: Up to 20% off Comfy Cloud billed yearly.

Does ComfyUI have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. ComfyUI is listed for Web, Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does ComfyUI have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. ComfyUI is listed for Web, Windows, macOS and Linux.

Is ComfyUI open source?

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

Does ComfyUI 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.

Does ComfyUI have an API?

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

What does ComfyUI integrate with?

ComfyUI's listing names Photoshop, Blender, Nuke, Houdini, Civitai and Hugging Face.

Who makes ComfyUI?

ComfyUI is made by Comfy Org. It dates from 2023.

What are the alternatives to ComfyUI?

The closest alternatives to ComfyUI in our directory are Draw Things, DiffusionBee, fal and Replicate.

How does ComfyUI compare with other AI image and video generators?

ComfyUI's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 159 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade, and level with 8.

Is ComfyUI good value for money?

ToolGPA grades ComfyUI A for value for money. Its paid plans start at $16 a month, against a middle price of $11.88 for the category: 85 of the 120 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of ComfyUI?

To replace ComfyUI you would be making an image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from ComfyUI'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 ComfyUI'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 Comfy Org. Prices change, so check comfy.org before you buy.

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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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

ComfyUI, kept up to date

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

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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

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Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

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Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

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Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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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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Every one of the 169 AI image and video generators we grade, compared

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Adobe's image, video and audio generator, with partner models

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