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CommaFeed

The Insider's Guide

Self-hostable RSS reader inspired by Google Reader



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among read-later and bookmark apps, read from CommaFeed's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from CommaFeed's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on CommaFeed'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 52 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade

CommaFeed is an open-source feed reader you can run on your own server, or use on a free public instance run by the project. It offers four layouts, keyboard shortcuts for most actions and rules that mark articles read automatically. Fever and Google Reader APIs let native mobile apps connect to it.

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

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> **It has four layouts, keyboard shortcuts and rules that mark articles read for you.**
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> From our report card of CommaFeed

1 **Best for a free web RSS reader you can host yourself**

CommaFeed is an RSS reader that runs as a web app, either on the project's free public instance or on a server of your own.

2 **It is free**

CommaFeed has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Layouts and themes**

Four layouts, light and dark themes, and a responsive design that the README says works on mobile and desktop.

5 **Keyboard and rules**

Shortcuts for almost everything, plus user-defined rules that mark matching articles as read automatically.

6 **Native app support**

Fever and Google Reader APIs let outside mobile apps connect, and a REST API is available.

7 **A 2.6 GPA, above 21 of 52**

That is against the other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

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

CommaFeed at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY CommaFeed project	CATEGORY Read Later & Bookmarks
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a free web RSS reader you can host yourself

CommaFeed is an RSS reader that runs as a web app, either on the project's free public instance or on a server of your own. It has four layouts, keyboard shortcuts and rules that mark articles read for you. But there's no first-party phone app, the public instance has limits the README only points to, and it lives on donations.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD | **CommaFeed** | Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free on the public instance, with no ads or tracking, and free to self-host under Apache 2.0, so it undercuts the $2.50 that a cheap reading app starts at.
Free plan and trial	B	The public instance is free for good and one person could live on it, though the README says it comes with limits compared with self-hosting and doesn't list them itself.
Features	C	Four layouts, keyboard shortcuts, auto-read rules, OPML and a REST API. The gaps the listing shows: no mobile app of its own and a public instance with unnamed limits.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. You sign up on the public instance and add feeds, which is quick, but the self-hosted route means Docker or a JVM build.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only. Phones use the responsive site or a third-party app through the Fever or Google Reader APIs, and there is no desktop or phone app from the project.
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 CommaFeed is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a plain web reader and are happy to let a volunteer project host it
- ✓ Works for people who run their own server and read through a Fever-compatible phone app

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want an official iPhone or Android app, because there isn't one
- ✗ Tight if you rely on the public instance, since its limits aren't spelled out in the README and it's funded by donations
- ✗ Not for you if you want to follow newsletters or social accounts, as it reads feeds only
- ✗ Watch out: self-hosting means you run and update it yourself, on your own server

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Self-hosters who want a lightweight, Google Reader style web app
- ✓ People who want a free hosted reader without ads or tracking
- ✓ Users who read through a third-party mobile app via the Fever API

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The public instance has limits compared with self-hosting; the README points to a discussion thread that lists them.
- ⓘ The public instance is funded by donations, so continued availability depends on them.
- ⓘ There is no first-party mobile app; phones use the responsive web app or a Fever-compatible app.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

CommaFeed is free to use.

PUBLIC INSTANCE

$0

Free hosted instance with no ads or tracking, funded by donations, with a few limits compared with self-hosting.

SELF-HOSTED

$0

Apache 2.0 software you run yourself with Docker, a native package or a JVM build; you pay only for your own server.

Read from raw.githubusercontent.com on Nov 12, 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

Self-hostable RSS reader inspired by Google Reader. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, public API, keyboard-first, rSS reader.

> **Four layouts, keyboard shortcuts, auto-read rules, OPML and a REST API.**

From our grade for features

Layouts and themes

Four layouts, light and dark themes, and a responsive design that the README says works on mobile and desktop.

Keyboard and rules

Shortcuts for almost everything, plus user-defined rules that mark matching articles as read automatically.

Native app support

Fever and Google Reader APIs let outside mobile apps connect, and a REST API is available.

Import and export

Moves subscriptions in and out with OPML, and sends push notifications when new articles are published.

Customizable

Custom CSS and JavaScript change the look and behavior, and a separate browser extension is published for it.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

CommaFeed is made by CommaFeed project.

Where it stands

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

21/52

Other read-later and bookmark apps it is graded above

CommaFeed's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 21 of the 52 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, and level with 6.

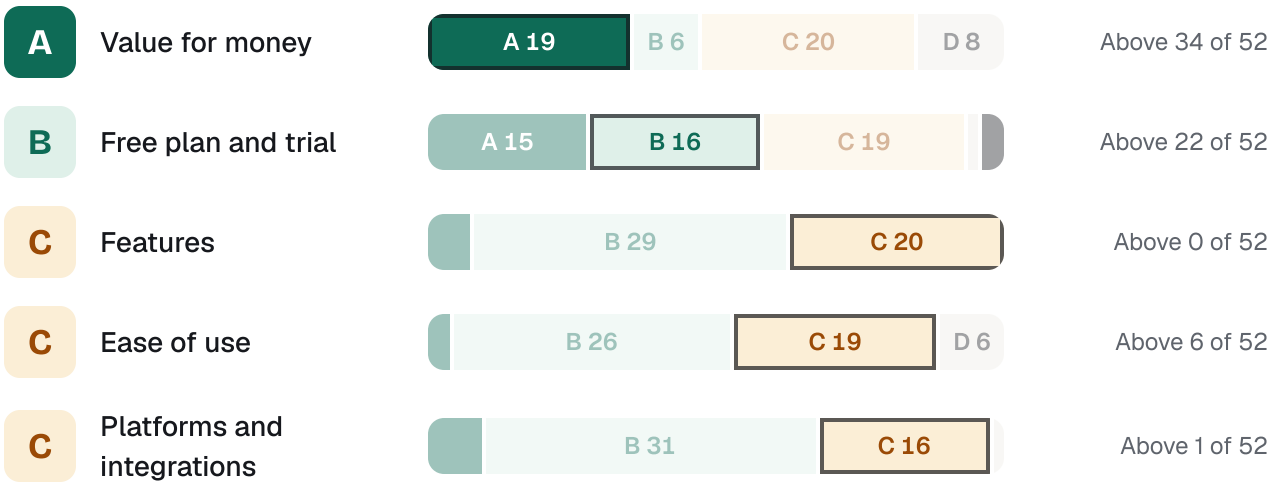
It stands best on value for money (A, above 34 of 52) and worst on features (C, above 0).

CommaFeed has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

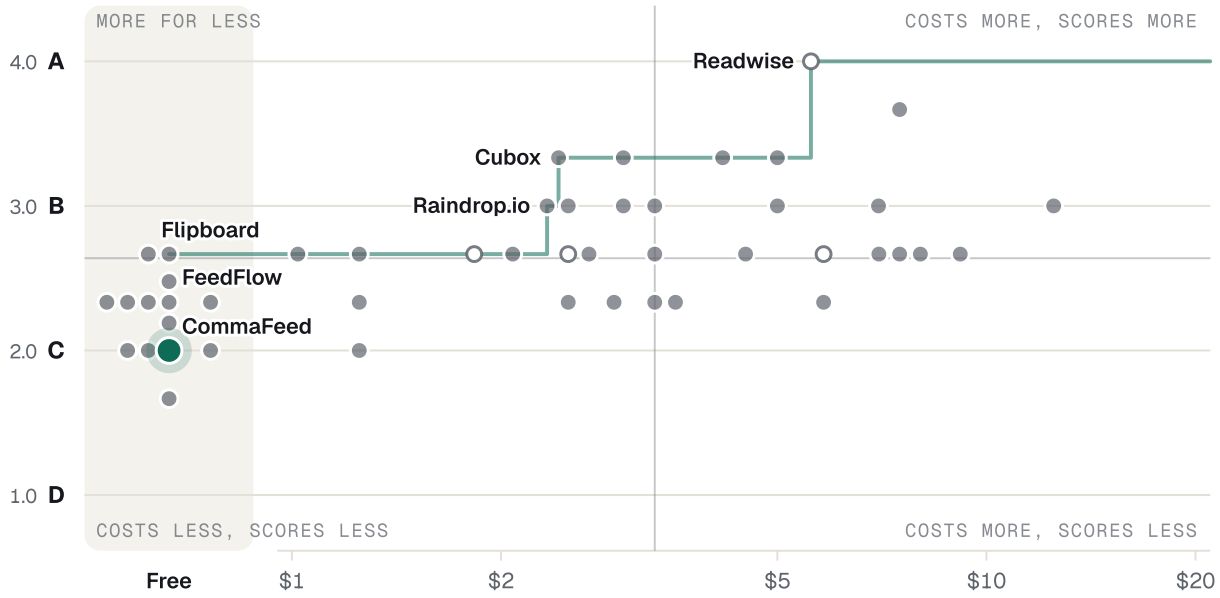
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 53 read-later and bookmark apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. CommaFeed's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 47 read-later and bookmark apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. CommaFeed 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

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

What you could make

- RSS reader: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- An API that other software can build on.

What this rests on. CommaFeed'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



Miniflux, FreshRSS, Tiny Tiny RSS, Feedbin and The Old Reader

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

Miniflux

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Free plan · from $15/yr

Minimalist open-source feed reader, self-hosted or hosted.

CommaFeed and Miniflux compared in full

FreshRSS

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Free

Free, self-hosted RSS and Atom feed aggregator.

CommaFeed and FreshRSS compared in full

Tiny Tiny RSS

2.8 GPA

Free

Free, self-hosted web feed reader with filters and plugins.

CommaFeed and Tiny Tiny RSS compared in full



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Feedbin

Free trial · from $7/mo

Paid RSS reader for feeds, newsletters, podcasts and YouTube.

- CommaFeed has a free plan. Feedbin does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Feedbin lists an iOS app.
- Only Feedbin lists a browser extension.

CommaFeed and Feedbin compared in full



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The Old Reader

Free plan

Web-based RSS reader with sharing among friends.

- CommaFeed is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

CommaFeed and The Old Reader compared in full

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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 CommaFeed free?

Yes. CommaFeed is free to use.

How much does CommaFeed cost?

CommaFeed lists 2 plans. Public instance: $0.

What platforms does CommaFeed work on?

CommaFeed is available on Web.

Does CommaFeed have an Android app?

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

Does CommaFeed have an iPhone app?

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

Is CommaFeed open source?

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

Does CommaFeed have an API?

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

Who makes CommaFeed?

CommaFeed is made by CommaFeed project.

What are the alternatives to CommaFeed?

The closest alternatives to CommaFeed in our directory are Miniflux, FreshRSS, Tiny Tiny RSS, Feedbin and The Old Reader.

How does CommaFeed compare with other read-later and bookmark apps?

CommaFeed's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 21 of the 52 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, and level with 6.

Is CommaFeed good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of CommaFeed?

CommaFeed is free, so making your own would save you nothing. What you could not make: An API that other software can build on.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from CommaFeed'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 CommaFeed'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 CommaFeed project. Prices change, so check commafeed.com 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

CommaFeed, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/commafeed

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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Read Later & Bookmarks Insider's Guide

Every one of the 53 read-later and bookmark apps we grade, compared

FeedFlow Insider's Guide

Free, open-source RSS reader for mobile and desktop

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Flipboard Insider's Guide

Free news aggregator built around topics and shared Magazines

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Miniflux Insider's Guide

Minimalist open-source feed reader, self-hosted or hosted

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