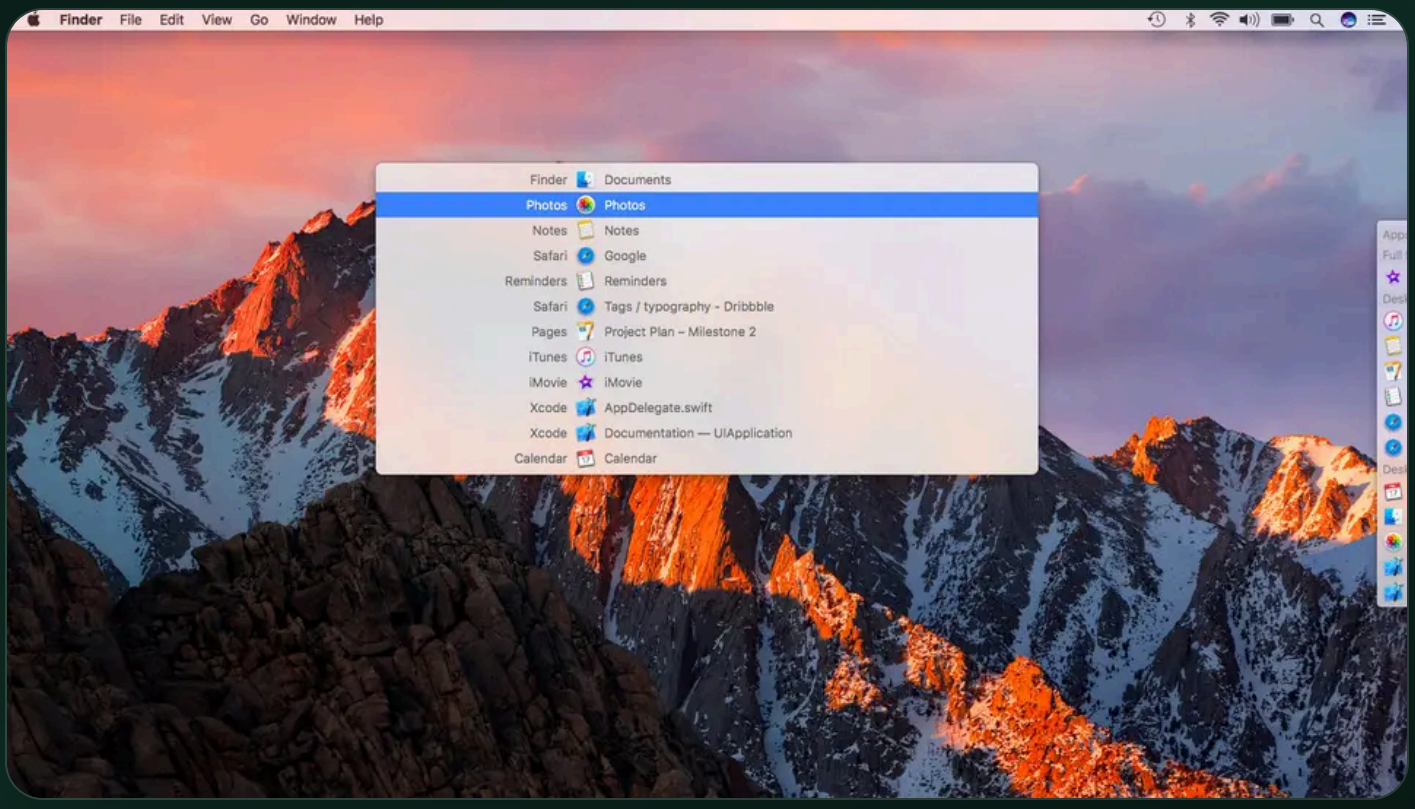
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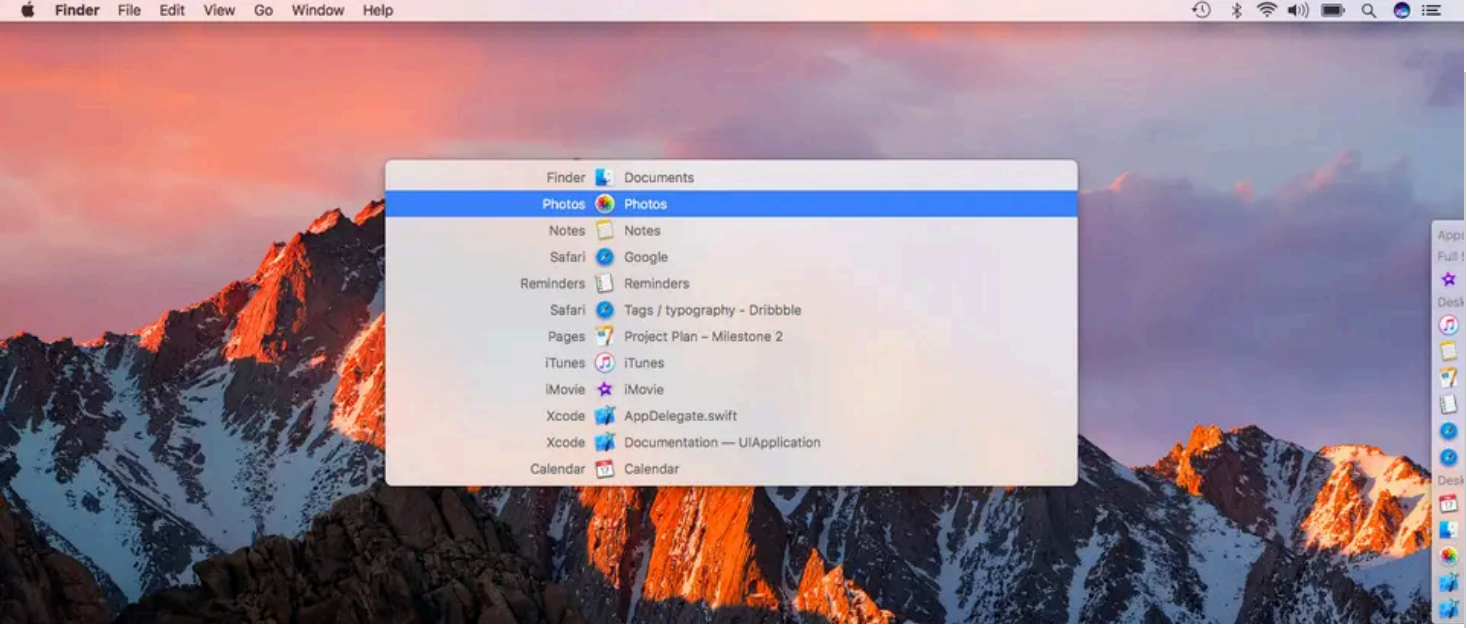
Mac window switcher with search, a sidebar and a better Command-Tab



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among window managers and launchers, read from Contexts's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Contexts's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Contexts'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 0 of the 28 other window managers and launchers we grade

Contexts replaces the Mac's app switcher with one that lists windows rather than apps. Windows can be reached by typing part of a name, through an alternative Command-Tab list, from an auto-hiding sidebar or with a trackpad gesture. It is a one-license Mac utility with a free trial.

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

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> **It doesn't resize or tile windows, and it's Mac only, so look elsewhere for window layouts.**
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> From our report card of Contexts

1 **Best for switching windows by typing**

Contexts is a window switcher for the Mac, where you press a key and type a few letters of a window's name.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $9.99 per license.

3 You can try it first

Free trial download; the license agreement allows a 21-day evaluation period.

4 It runs on macOS

macOS.

5 Search switching

Open a search window with a shortcut, type scattered characters from an app name or window title, and press Return to switch.

6 Fast Search

Hold a modifier key such as Fn, type one or two characters and release to bring the selected window forward.

7 Command-Tab replacement

Lists windows separately rather than apps, with Command-Backquote for the windows of the frontmost app.

8 A 2.0 GPA, above 0 of 28

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

9 Keep it

To replace Contexts you would be making control over other apps' windows. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Contexts at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $9.99 per license

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
Free trial download; the license agreement allows a 21-day evaluation period.

RUNS ON
macOS

MADE BY
Contexts

CATEGORY
Window Managers & Launchers

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for switching windows by typing

Contexts is a window switcher for the Mac, where you press a key and type a few letters of a window's name. It's $9.99 and has a trial. It doesn't resize or tile windows, and it's Mac only, so look elsewhere for window layouts.

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	$9.99 per license, below the $16 middle of one-time prices in this category. The page doesn't say whether major versions cost extra.
Free plan and trial	C	A free trial download, and the license agreement allows 21 days. No free plan.
Features	C	Search switching, a Command-Tab replacement, a sidebar and a trackpad gesture across displays and Spaces. It switches windows but doesn't arrange them.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. It's a Mac install, with a shortcut to set and a learning curve for the search.
Platforms and integrations	D	Mac only, on macOS Ventura, Sonoma and Sequoia.
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 Contexts is for

- ✓ Fits if you keep many windows open and want to jump by typing
- ✓ Works for Mac users with several displays and Spaces

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you want windows snapped to halves or tiles, because it doesn't resize
- ✗ Skip it if you're not on a Mac, as no other system is listed
- ✗ Watch out: the page doesn't say whether major versions are paid upgrades
- ✗ Watch out: only macOS Ventura, Sonoma and Sequoia are named

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac users who keep many windows open across Spaces
- ✓ People who would rather type a few letters than hunt for a window

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Mac only, and the page lists macOS Ventura, Sonoma and Sequoia.
- ⓘ Switches between windows; it does not resize or tile them.
- ⓘ The page names a license price but does not say whether major versions are paid upgrades.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$9.99

To start

Contexts is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $9.99 per license.

> **The page doesn't say whether major versions cost extra.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

LICENSE

$9.99

per license

One license for Contexts 3 on macOS Ventura, Sonoma and Sequoia.

Trying it first

Free trial download; the license agreement allows a 21-day evaluation period.

Read from contexts.co 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: macOS

Mac window switcher with search, a sidebar and a better Command-Tab. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: keyboard-first, window management.

> **Search switching, a Command-Tab replacement, a sidebar and a trackpad gesture across displays and Spaces.**
>
> From our grade for features

Search switching

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Fast Search

Hold a modifier key such as Fn, type one or two characters and release to bring the selected window forward.

Command-Tab replacement

Lists windows separately rather than apps, with Command-Backquote for the windows of the frontmost app.

Sidebar

An auto-hiding list of windows grouped by Space, with Dock-style count badges.

Trackpad gesture

Scroll down with two fingers from the top edge of the trackpad to pick a window, then lift to switch.

Multiple displays and Spaces

The search window can appear on every display at once, and lists can be filtered by Space.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

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Where it stands

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

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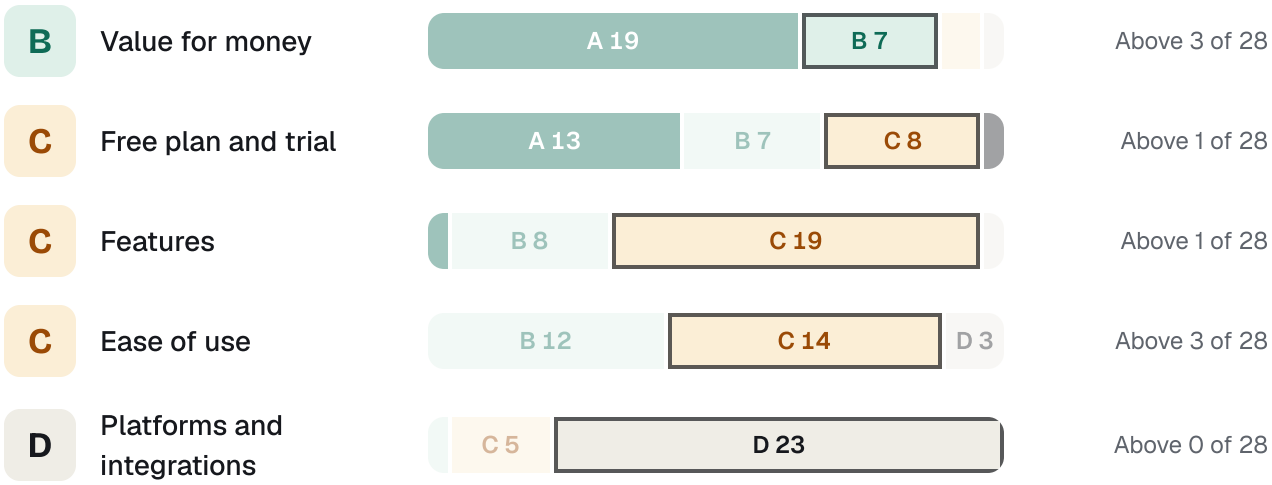
Other window managers and launchers it is graded above

Contexts's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 0 of the 28 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 3.

It stands best on value for money (B, above 3 of 28) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 29 window managers and launchers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Contexts'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 Contexts you would be making control over other apps' windows. 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: 25 of the 28 other window managers and launchers grade higher.

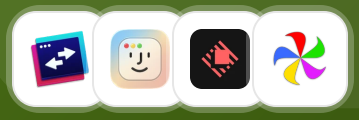
What you could not

- ✕ Control over other apps' windows.
- ✕ A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Contexts'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



AltTab, DockDoor, Raycast and Moom

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



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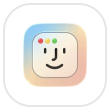
AltTab

Free plan · from $9.99 one-time

Windows-style window switcher for macOS, free and open source.

- AltTab has a free plan. Contexts does not, though it has a free trial.
- AltTab is open source, according to its own site.
- AltTab can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Contexts and AltTab compared in full



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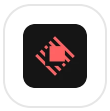
DockDoor

Free

Free Dock window previews and Alt-Tab switcher for macOS.

- DockDoor has a free plan. Contexts does not, though it has a free trial.
- DockDoor is open source, according to its own site.

Contexts and DockDoor compared in full



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Raycast

Free plan · from $96/yr

Keyboard launcher with extensions, clipboard history and AI.

- Raycast has a free plan. Contexts does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Raycast lists Windows and iOS apps.
- Only Raycast lists a browser extension.

Contexts and Raycast compared in full



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Moom

Free trial · from $15 one-time

Mac window manager with saved layouts, snapping and a palette.

- Moom can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Moom also covers menu bar app.

Contexts and Moom 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 Contexts free?

No, Contexts is a paid product, but you can try it first. Free trial download; the license agreement allows a 21-day evaluation period.

How much does Contexts cost?

Contexts lists one plan. License: $9.99 per license.

What platforms does Contexts work on?

Contexts is available on macOS.

Does Contexts have an Android app?

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

Does Contexts have an iPhone app?

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

Is Contexts open source?

Contexts is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

Who makes Contexts?

Contexts is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Contexts?

The closest alternatives to Contexts in our directory are AltTab, DockDoor, Raycast and Moom.

How does Contexts compare with other window managers and launchers?

Contexts's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 0 of the 28 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 3.

Could I make my own version of Contexts?

To replace Contexts you would be making control over other apps' windows.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Contexts'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 Contexts'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 Contexts. Prices change, so check contexts.co before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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tools graded

95
categories

739
price changes on record

579
apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Contexts, 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

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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

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Every one of the 29 window managers and launchers we grade, compared

Flow Launcher Insider's Guide

Free, open-source app launcher and file search for Windows

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Free Dock window previews and Alt-Tab switcher for macOS

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Free, open-source macOS window manager with a radial menu

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