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Copernic Desktop Search

The Insider’s Guide

Windows desktop search that indexes files, email and cloud drives



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from Copernic Desktop Search’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Copernic Desktop Search's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Copernic Desktop Search'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 4 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

Copernic Desktop & Cloud Search builds an index of files, email and cloud storage on a Windows PC so results appear quickly and can be searched offline. It is sold in Basic, Advanced and Elite editions on a yearly subscription, with a separate Business Server Search product for teams.

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

> **Outlook and Teams support sit above the cheapest tier, and the pricing page said its live prices were unavailable.**
>
> From our report card of Copernic Desktop Search

1 **Best for an index to search files, email and cloud drives on Windows**

Copernic builds an index of files, email and cloud storage on a Windows PC so results come back quickly and offline.

2 **Paid plans start at $2.42 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $28.99 per year, billed annually.

3 **You can try it first**

30-day trial.

4 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

5 **Index-based search**

Builds a keyword index of the PC so results appear quickly after the first indexing pass.

6 **Many file types**

The vendor says it covers hundreds of file extensions and 11 languages, including PDF, Office files, PST and e-books.

7 **Cloud drives**

Indexes Google Drive, Dropbox and OneDrive content.

8 **A 2.0 GPA, above 4 of 186**

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

9 **Keep it**

Nothing Copernic Desktop Search does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 5 things listed below take a company.

Copernic Desktop Search at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $28.99 per year, billed annually

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
30-day trial.

RUNS ON
Windows

MADE BY
Copernic, a division of N. Harris Computer Corporation

CATEGORY
Desktop Utilities

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for an index to search files, email and cloud drives on Windows

Copernic builds an index of files, email and cloud storage on a Windows PC so results come back quickly and offline. Outlook and Teams support sit above the cheapest tier, and the pricing page said its live prices were unavailable.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Copernic Desktop Search** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Basic is $28.99 a year, about $2.42 a month, the bottom of this category's cheaper quarter. Advanced is $44.99 and Elite $95.99.
Free plan and trial	C	A 30-day trial and no free plan. The listing does not say whether the trial needs a card.
Features	C	Index search, many file types, cloud drives, AI search and offline use. The gap in the listing: Outlook and Thunderbird sit on Advanced, and Teams, SharePoint, Gmail and OCR on Elite.
Ease of use	C	No store rating is on record. Search starts only after an index is built, and you pick which extensions to turn on.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only: Windows 10 and 11. Nothing for Mac or phones.
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 Copernic Desktop Search is for

- ✓ Fits if you keep years of files and email on a Windows PC and want one search box
- ✓ Works for people who need results offline

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you use a Mac, since it runs only on Windows 10 and 11
- ✕ Skip it if you need Outlook search on the cheapest tier, which sits on Advanced
- ✕ Pricey if you want Teams, SharePoint, Gmail and OCR: Elite is $95.99 a year
- ✕ Watch out: the pricing page showed a note that live prices were unavailable and figures were illustrative

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users with a large archive of files and email
- ✓ Small teams that want a server-based search
- ✓ People who want search to keep working offline

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Windows only; the vendor names Windows 10 and 11.
- ⓘ The pricing page showed a note that the live checkout price was unavailable and that the displayed figures were illustrative, so confirm at checkout.
- ⓘ Which extensions come with each edition determines what is searchable; Outlook and Teams support sit above Basic.
- ⓘ Prices are per user per year; the plan selector offers 1, 2 and 3 year terms.

What it costs

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

$2.42

A month to start, paid by the year

Copernic Desktop Search is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $28.99 per year, billed annually.

> **The listing does not say whether the trial needs a card.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

BASIC

$2.42

per month, billed annually ($28.99 per year, 1 user)

Desktop and cloud search; extensions listed for this plan include Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive and Microsoft Office.

ADVANCED

$3.75

per month, billed annually ($44.99 per year, 1 user)

Adds extensions such as Outlook, Thunderbird and an AI Connector.

ELITE

$8.00

per month, billed annually ($95.99 per year, 1 user)

Adds Teams, SharePoint, Gmail and OCR extensions.

BUSINESS SERVER SEARCH

$999

per year for 1 to 3 users

Server product with multi-tier permissions; 4 to 9 users is $1,699 a year, and 1,000 or more users is quoted on request.

Trying it first

30-day trial.

Read from copernic.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: Windows

Windows desktop search that indexes files, email and cloud drives. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, AI features, file management.

> **Index search, many file types, cloud drives, AI search and offline use.**

From our grade for features

Index-based search

Builds a keyword index of the PC so results appear quickly after the first indexing pass.

Many file types

The vendor says it covers hundreds of file extensions and 11 languages, including PDF, Office files, PST and e-books.

Cloud drives

Indexes Google Drive, Dropbox and OneDrive content.

AI search

Semantic search, summaries and translation powered by Google Gemini or OpenAI are listed as an AI feature.

Offline use

Searches desktop files and emails without an internet connection.

Business server edition

A server and client pair for company-wide search with permissions.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Google Drive
Dropbox
Microsoft OneDrive
Microsoft Outlook
Microsoft SharePoint
Microsoft Teams
Gmail
Mozilla Thunderbird

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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 desktop utilities it is graded above

Copernic Desktop Search's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 4 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 8.

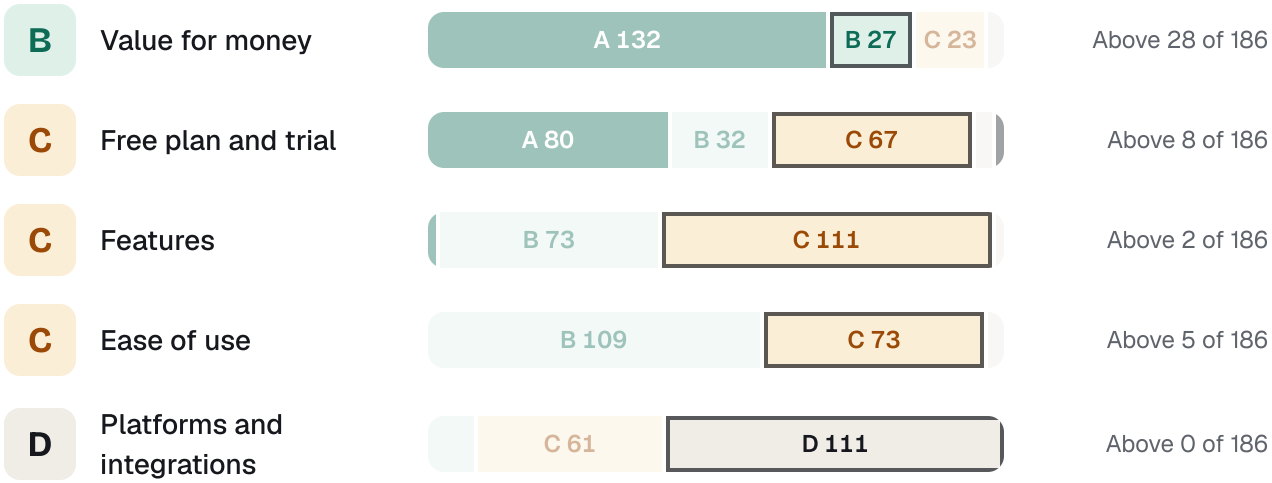
It stands best on value for money (B, above 28 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $2.42 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 11 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.7 out of 4. 57 tools score higher and cost less.

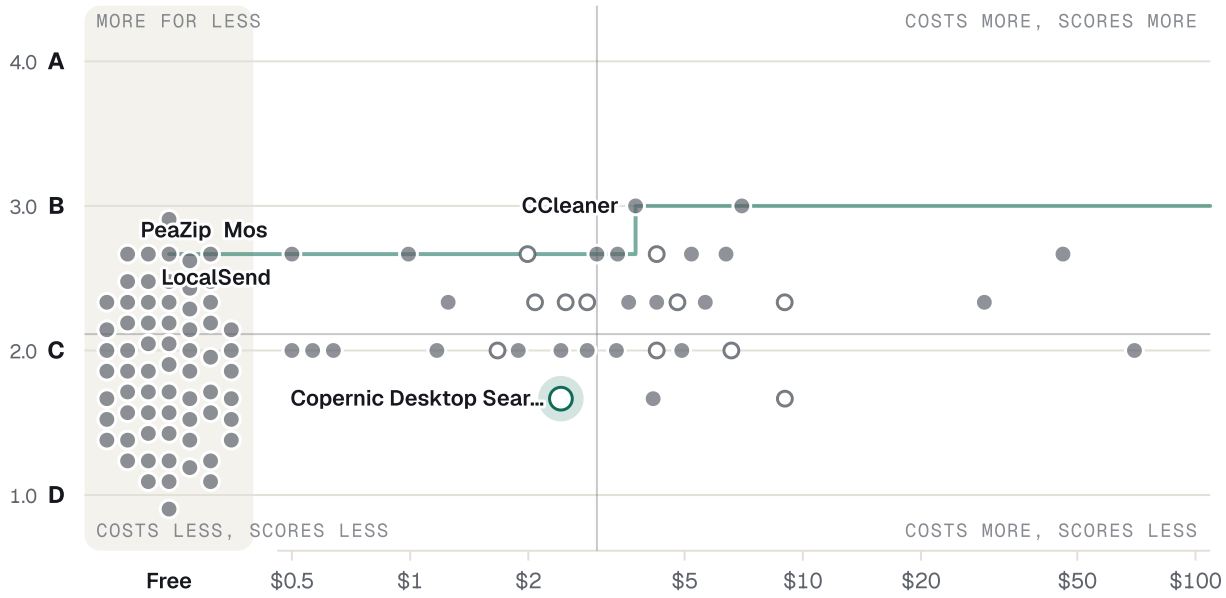
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. Copernic Desktop Search's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Copernic Desktop Search 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

Nothing Copernic Desktop Search does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 5 things listed below take a company.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 174 of the 186 other desktop utilities grade higher. It costs $28.99 a year.

What you could not

- A file manager working directly on your disk.
- A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.
- It plugs into other products, Google Drive, Dropbox and Microsoft OneDrive among them.

- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- ✕ What a company asks for before it lets staff use something: roles and permissions.

What this rests on. Copernic Desktop Search'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



Everything, Listary, Lookeen, X1 Search and dtSearch

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

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Everything

Free

Instant file and folder name search for Windows.

- Everything has a free plan. Copernic Desktop Search does not, though it has a free trial.

Copernic Desktop Search and Everything compared in full

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Listary

Free plan · from $19.95 one-time

File search and app launcher for Windows with Quick Switch.

- Listary has a free plan. Copernic Desktop Search does not, though it has a free trial.
- Listary can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Listary also covers launcher.

Copernic Desktop Search and Listary compared in full



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Lookeen

Free trial · from $9/mo

Windows desktop search for email, attachments and files.

Copernic Desktop Search and Lookeen compared in full



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X1 Search

Free trial · from $79/yr

Windows search across local files, email, chats and cloud storage.

Copernic Desktop Search and X1 Search compared in full



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dtSearch

Free trial · from $249

Windows full-text search for terabytes of documents and email.

- dtSearch can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Copernic Desktop Search and dtSearch 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 Copernic Desktop Search free?

No, Copernic Desktop Search is a paid product, but you can try it first.

How much does Copernic Desktop Search cost?

Copernic Desktop Search lists 4 plans. Basic: $2.42 per month, billed annually ($28.99 per year, 1 user).

What platforms does Copernic Desktop Search work on?

Copernic Desktop Search is available on Windows.

Does Copernic Desktop Search have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Copernic Desktop Search is listed for Windows.

Does Copernic Desktop Search have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Copernic Desktop Search is listed for Windows.

Is Copernic Desktop Search open source?

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

Does Copernic Desktop Search 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.

What does Copernic Desktop Search integrate with?

Copernic Desktop Search's listing names Google Drive, Dropbox, Microsoft OneDrive, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft SharePoint, Microsoft Teams, Gmail and Mozilla Thunderbird.

Who makes Copernic Desktop Search?

Copernic Desktop Search is made by Copernic, a division of N. Harris Computer Corporation.

What are the alternatives to Copernic Desktop Search?

The closest alternatives to Copernic Desktop Search in our directory are Everything, Listary, Lookeen, X1 Search and dtSearch.

How does Copernic Desktop Search compare with other desktop utilities?

Copernic Desktop Search's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 4 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 8.

Is Copernic Desktop Search good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Copernic Desktop Search B for value for money. Its paid plans start at $2.42 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 11 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Copernic Desktop Search?

Nothing Copernic Desktop Search does is plain enough to make in a weekend.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Copernic Desktop Search'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 Copernic, a division of N. Harris Computer Corporation'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 Copernic, a division of N. Harris Computer Corporation. Prices change, so check copernic.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Copernic Desktop Search, 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

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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