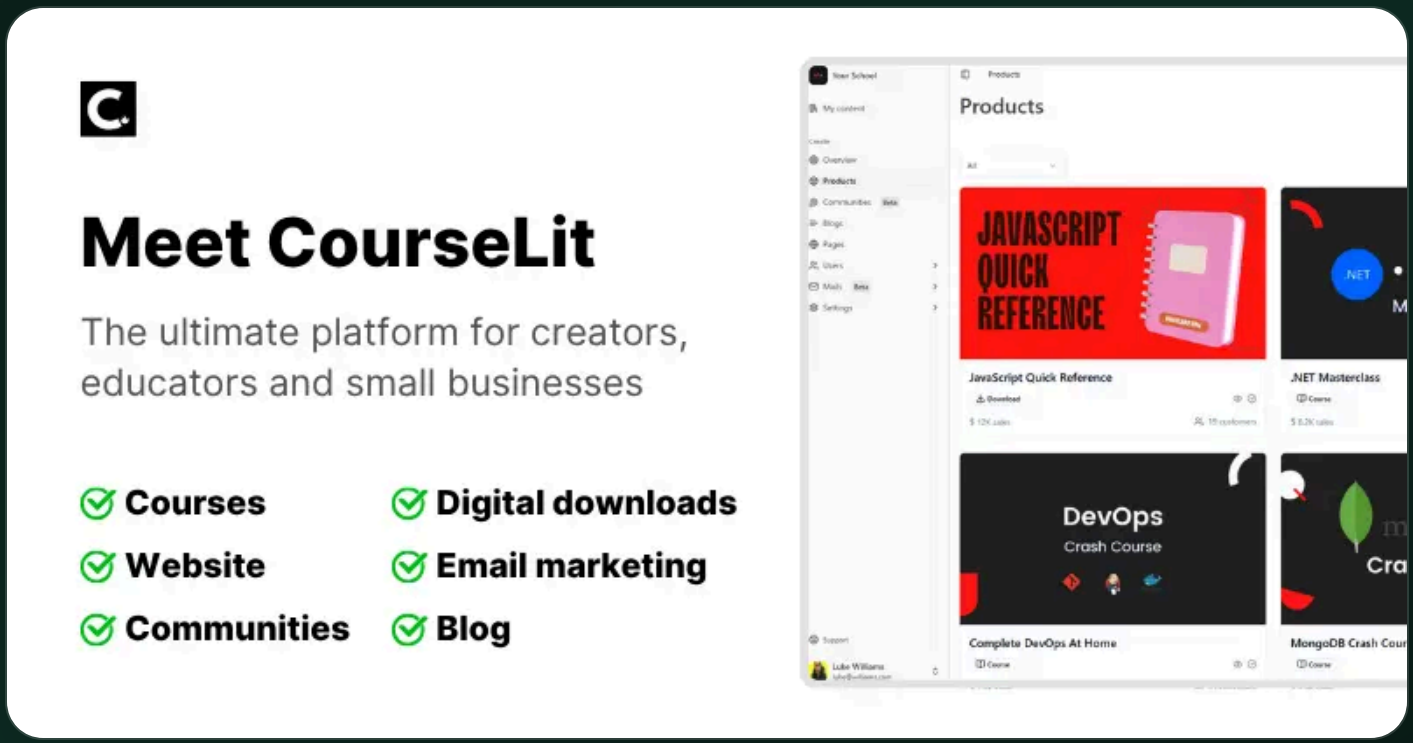
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CourseLit

The Insider's Guide

Open-source course, download and community platform



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among course and community platforms, read from CourseLit's own pages.

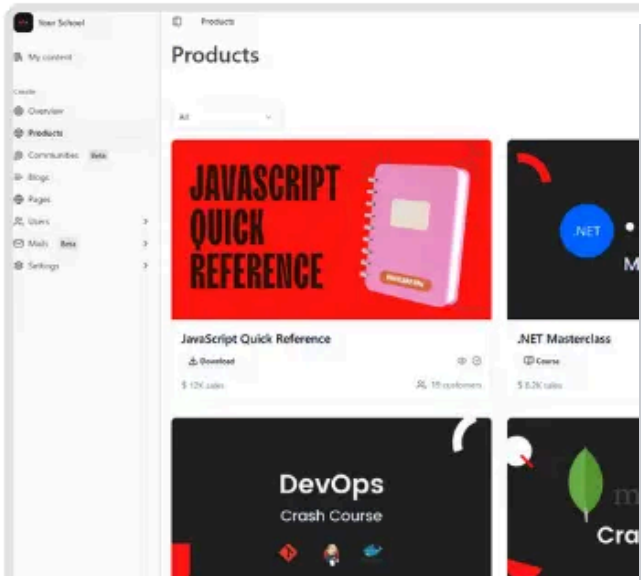
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Meet CourseLit

The ultimate platform for creators, educators and small businesses

- Courses
- Digital downloads
- Website
- Email marketing



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

ToolGPA put this guide together from CourseLit's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on CourseLit'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 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade

CourseLit is an open-source platform for selling courses, digital downloads and memberships, with a website builder, blog, email automations and communities (the last two in beta). You can host it yourself for free or use the cloud version, which has a 14-day trial and two paid plans.

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

> **The hosted plan needs you to build the school; self-hosting adds server work.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for open-source courses and a site**

Communities and email automations are labeled beta, and self-hosting gets no support.

2 **Paid plans start at $12 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $12 per month, billed yearly ($15 billed monthly).

3 **You can try it first**

14-day free trial of the hosted plans; the docs say no credit card is required.

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Courses and downloads**

Build courses with images, videos and files, offer them free or paid, and sell ebooks and other downloads from your own site.

6 **Website and blog**

A free website with a no-code page builder and an integrated blog for articles.

7 **Email automations**

Send marketing emails to your audience from inside the platform. The vendor marks this feature as beta.

8 **A 2.2 GPA, above 45 of 98**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace CourseLit you would be making newsletters sent to thousands of people that still reach the inbox. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

CourseLit at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $12 per month, billed yearly ($15 billed monthly)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
14-day free trial of the hosted plans; the docs say no credit card is required.

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
CodeLitDev Pvt Ltd

CATEGORY
Courses & Communities

OUR GRADE
2.2 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for open-source courses and a site

CourseLit is a course and site platform you can self-host free or use hosted from $12 a month billed yearly. Communities and email automations are labeled beta, and self-hosting gets no support.

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CourseLit

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Pro is $12 a month billed yearly ($15 monthly), about 60% of the cheapest quarter's $20. The free Self-Hosted plan needs your own server.
Free plan and trial	C	A 14-day trial of the hosted plans with no card, per the docs. The self-hosted version is free but you run it.
Features	C	Courses, downloads, a website and blog, email automations, communities, quizzes and payments. Communities and automations are beta.
Ease of use	C	The hosted plan needs you to build the school; self-hosting adds server work. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, with no integrations listed on the vendor pages.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

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 CourseLit is for

- ✓ Fits if you want an open-source course platform
- ✓ Works for developers happy to self-host

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you need finished features, as communities and email automations are beta
- ✗ Tight if you self-host, as there is no chat or email support and no automatic updates
- ✗ Watch out: self-hosting limits you to one school, and unlimited storage needs your own S3
- ✗ Watch out: single sign-on and API access are Enterprise cloud only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Solo creators who want a low flat price for courses, blog and website
- ✓ Developers or agencies who want to host the platform themselves
- ✓ Creators moving away from per-sale fees on larger course platforms

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Communities and email automations are labeled beta on the vendor's site.
- ⓘ The self-hosted plan has no chat or email support and no automatic updates or maintenance.
- ⓘ Self-hosting limits you to one school, and unlimited file storage needs your own S3-compatible storage.
- ⓘ Single sign-on and API access are only on the Enterprise cloud plan.

What it costs

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

$12
A month to start

CourseLit is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $12 per month, billed yearly ($15 billed monthly).

> **The free Self-Hosted plan needs your own server.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

SELF-HOSTED

$0

Run CourseLit on your own server: one school, unlimited products, no support or automatic updates.

PRO

$12

per month, billed yearly ($15 billed monthly)

Hosted by CourseLit: unlimited schools, products, communities, pages and file storage, with chat and email support.

ENTERPRISE

$20

per month, billed yearly ($25 billed monthly)

Everything in Pro, plus single sign-on, API access and premium support.

Trying it first

14-day free trial of the hosted plans; the docs say no credit card is required.

Read from courselit.app on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Lower monthly price on yearly billing

The pricing section shows Pro at $12 a month billed yearly instead of $15, and Enterprise at $20 instead of $25.

Stated on courselit.app

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

Open-source course, download and community platform. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, email campaigns, online courses, community, digital downloads.

> **Courses, downloads, a website and blog, email automations, communities, quizzes and payments.**
>
> From our grade for features

Courses and downloads

Build courses with images, videos and files, offer them free or paid, and sell ebooks and other downloads from your own site.

Website and blog

A free website with a no-code page builder and an integrated blog for articles.

Email automations

Send marketing emails to your audience from inside the platform. The vendor marks this feature as beta.

Communities

Free or paid communities where members share text, images and video. The vendor marks this feature as beta.

Graded quizzes and payments

Graded quizzes, payment gateway integration and custom domains are listed on every plan, including self-hosted.

Self-hosting

The source is open, and the docs say server costs run about $5 to $20 a month on AWS or DigitalOcean.

Where it runs

Web

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

45/98

Other course and community platforms it is graded above

CourseLit's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade, and level with 20.

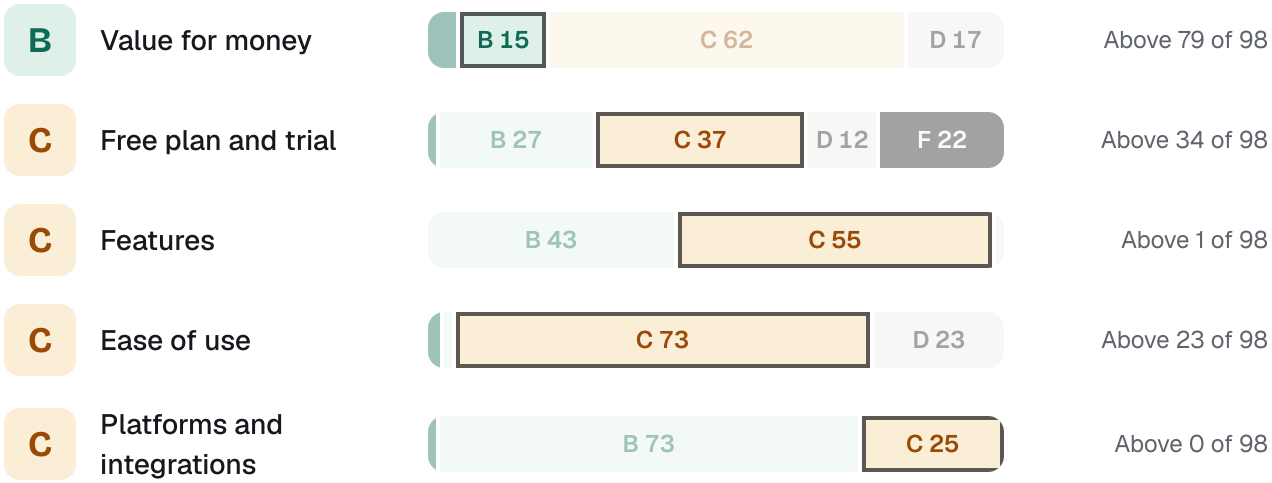
It stands best on value for money (B, above 79 of 98) and worst on platforms and integrations (C, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $12 a month, against a middle price of $36 for the category: 4 of the 65 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 8 tools score higher and cost less.

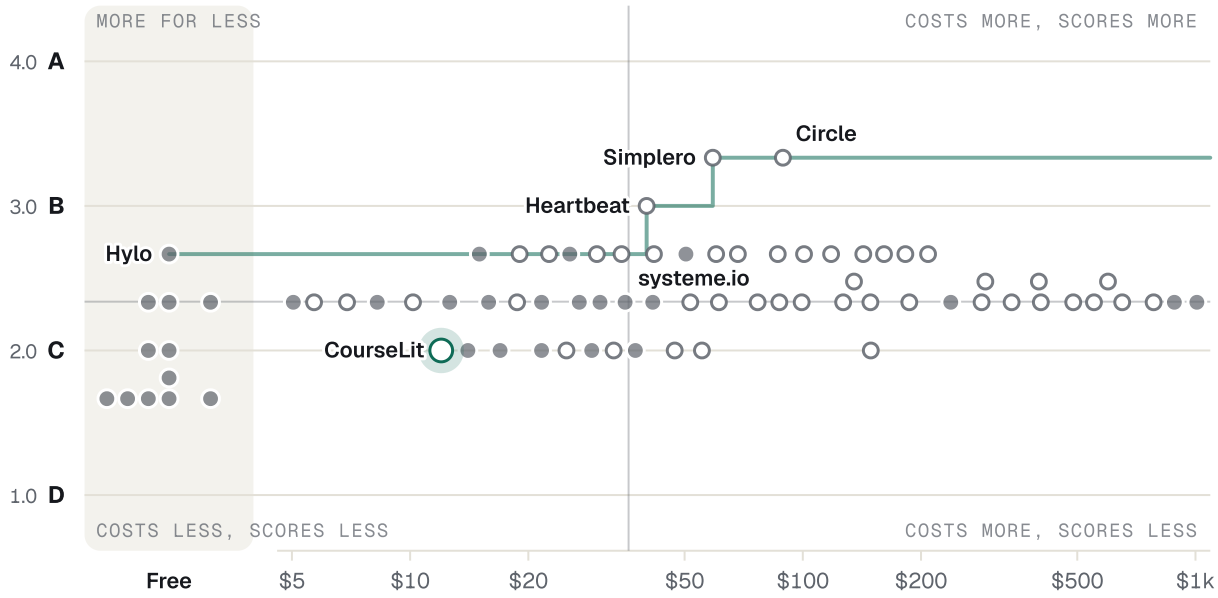
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 99 course and community platforms we grade, cut by the letter each got. CourseLit's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 78 course and community platforms. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. CourseLit 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 CourseLit you would be making newsletters sent to thousands of people that still reach the inbox. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $144 a year. CourseLit is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could make

- Online courses and digital downloads: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- × Newsletters sent to thousands of people that still reach the inbox.

	✕ A members' space with posts, chat and events that people keep coming back to.

What this rests on. CourseLit'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



Thinkific, Teachable, Podia, Coursify.me and FreshLearn

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

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Thinkific

Free trial · from $82/mo

Course, community and membership platform for experts and academies.

- CourseLit is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- CourseLit also covers email campaigns and digital downloads.
- Thinkific also covers invoicing.

CourseLit and Thinkific compared in full

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Teachable

Free trial · from $29/mo

Online course, coaching and membership platform with its own checkout.

- Only Teachable lists iOS and Android apps.
- CourseLit is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- CourseLit also covers community and digital downloads.

CourseLit and Teachable compared in full

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Podia

Free trial · from $42/mo

Website, store, courses, community and email for creators in one place.

- CourseLit is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- CourseLit also covers digital downloads.
- Podia also covers marketing automation.

CourseLit and Podia compared in full

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Coursify.me

Free plan · from $15/mo

Course hosting platform that charges no fee per sale.

- Coursify.me has a free plan. CourseLit does not, though it has a free trial.
- CourseLit is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- CourseLit also covers email campaigns and digital downloads.

CourseLit and Coursify.me compared in full

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FreshLearn

Free plan · from $35/mo

Course, coaching and community platform with zero sales fees.

- FreshLearn has a free plan. CourseLit does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only FreshLearn lists iOS and Android apps.
- CourseLit is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

CourseLit and FreshLearn compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

12

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 CourseLit free?

No, CourseLit is a paid product, but you can try it first. 14-day free trial of the hosted plans; the docs say no credit card is required.

How much does CourseLit cost?

CourseLit lists 3 plans. Self-Hosted: $0.

What platforms does CourseLit work on?

CourseLit is available on Web.

Does CourseLit offer any discounts?

CourseLit publicly lists the following: Lower monthly price on yearly billing.

Does CourseLit have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. CourseLit is listed for Web.

Does CourseLit have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. CourseLit is listed for Web.

Is CourseLit open source?

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

Who makes CourseLit?

CourseLit is made by CodeLitDev Pvt Ltd.

What are the alternatives to CourseLit?

The closest alternatives to CourseLit in our directory are Thinkific, Teachable, Podia, Coursify.me and FreshLearn.

How does CourseLit compare with other course and community platforms?

CourseLit's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade, and level with 20.

Is CourseLit good value for money?

ToolGPA grades CourseLit B for value for money. Its paid plans start at $12 a month, against a middle price of $36 for the category: 4 of the 65 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of CourseLit?

To replace CourseLit you would be making newsletters sent to thousands of people that still reach the inbox.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from CourseLit'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 CodeLitDev Pvt Ltd'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 CodeLitDev Pvt Ltd. Prices change, so check courselit.app 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

7,721

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**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

CourseLit, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/courselit

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

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded course and community platforms after CourseLit, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Courses & Communities Insider's Guide

Every one of the 99 course and community platforms we grade, compared

Hylo Insider's Guide

Free open-source platform for community groups and coordination

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Academy LMS Insider's Guide

WordPress LMS plugin with a free core and Pro licenses by site count

2.8 GPA

Circle Insider's Guide

Community platform with courses, events, payments and branded apps

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Choosing software? Every tool graded, every price dated.

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