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Dexpot

The Insider’s Guide

Virtual desktops for Windows with previews and per-window rules



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Dexpot's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Dexpot'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 7 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade

Dexpot adds virtual desktops to Windows, with a full-screen preview of all desktops, a desktop switching toolbar, a taskbar pager and hotkeys. It can give each desktop its own wallpaper and icons, and run rules that act on new windows. The current release, 1.6.14, dates from September 2014 and lists support only up to Windows 8.1.

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

> **It is a program to install, but the rules, Dexgrid and per-desktop settings take some setting up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for virtual desktops on older Windows**

Dexpot adds virtual desktops to Windows, with a full-screen preview, per-desktop wallpapers and rules for new windows.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at EUR 24.90 per computer, one-time.

3 There is a free plan

Free for private use only, per the download page.

4 It runs on Windows

Windows.

5 Full-screen preview

A live overview of all desktops where windows can be dragged between them or copied, tiled and closed.

6 Switching tools

A desktop manager toolbar, a taskbar pager, a Dexgrid row-and-column layout and hotkeys such as Alt+1 to Alt+4.

7 Per-desktop backgrounds and icons

Each desktop can have its own wallpaper, color and set of desktop icons, including different backgrounds per monitor.

8 A 2.2 GPA, above 7 of 48

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

Dexpot at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from EUR 24.90 per computer, one-time

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Windows

MADE BY
Dexpot GbR

CATEGORY
Window Managers & Launchers

OUR GRADE
2.2 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for virtual desktops on older Windows

Dexpot adds virtual desktops to Windows, with a full-screen preview, per-desktop wallpapers and rules for new windows. The current release dates from September 2014 and lists Windows only up to 8.1, so anyone on Windows 10 or 11 is on their own.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Dexpot	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Free for private use, and the one-time business license is EUR 24.90 per computer, about $27.50, which is above the category's $19 middle one-time price. Business use is not free.
Free plan and trial	B	Version 1.6 is free for private, non-commercial use with no stated cap, and one person could live on it. Companies have to buy a license.
Features	C	Preview of all desktops, a pager, per-desktop icons and wallpapers, window rules and a task switcher. It does the job, but it hasn't been updated since 2014.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. It is a program to install, but the rules, Dexgrid and per-desktop settings take some setting up.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only, and the download page lists XP through 8.1 rather than current versions.
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 Dexpot is for

- ✓ Fits if you run an older Windows version and want several desktops with their own wallpapers
- ✓ Works for private users who want a free desktop pager

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you are on Windows 10 or 11, because the download page doesn't list them and the vendor's 2016 news says compatibility problems are known
- ✗ Not for you if you use it at work, as the free version is for private use only and a license is EUR 24.90 per computer
- ✗ Watch out: the latest release is 1.6.14 from September 2014, so don't expect new features or fixes
- ✗ Skip it if you use macOS or Linux, since there is only a Windows version

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Splitting work across several virtual desktops on older Windows versions
- ✓ Private users who want a free tool
- ✓ Users who want per-desktop icons and wallpapers

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The current version is 1.6.14 from September 2014, and the download page lists Windows XP through 8.1; Windows 10 and 11 are not listed.
- ⓘ The vendor's newest news item, from February 2016, says Windows 10 compatibility problems are known and an update will follow.
- ⓘ The free edition is for private use only; business use needs a paid license.
- ⓘ Prices are shown in euros, with an approximate dollar conversion.

What it costs

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

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plans to choose from

Dexpot has a free plan. Paid plans start at EUR 24.90 per computer, one-time.

PRIVATE USE

$0

Dexpot 1.6 is free for private, non-commercial use.

SINGLE LICENSE

EUR 24.90

one-time, per computer (EU price includes VAT)

Pro license for one computer or client, with support and updates for the 1.6.x series. Packages of 5 or more cost less per copy.

The free plan

Free for private use only, per the download page.

Read from dexpot.de 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

Virtual desktops for Windows with previews and per-window rules. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: keyboard-first, window management.

> **Preview of all desktops, a pager, per-desktop icons and wallpapers, window rules and a task switcher.**
>
> From our grade for features

Full-screen preview

A live overview of all desktops where windows can be dragged between them or copied, tiled and closed.

Switching tools

A desktop manager toolbar, a taskbar pager, a Dexgrid row-and-column layout and hotkeys such as Alt+1 to Alt+4.

Per-desktop backgrounds and icons

Each desktop can have its own wallpaper, color and set of desktop icons, including different backgrounds per monitor.

Power rules

Rules act on newly created windows, with actions such as always on top, minimize to tray or a transparency value.

Application assignment

Binds an application to one desktop or to all desktops and can launch programs on a chosen desktop.

Task switcher

DexTab replaces Alt+Tab with a list of windows across all desktops.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Dexpot is made by Dexpot GbR.

Where it stands

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

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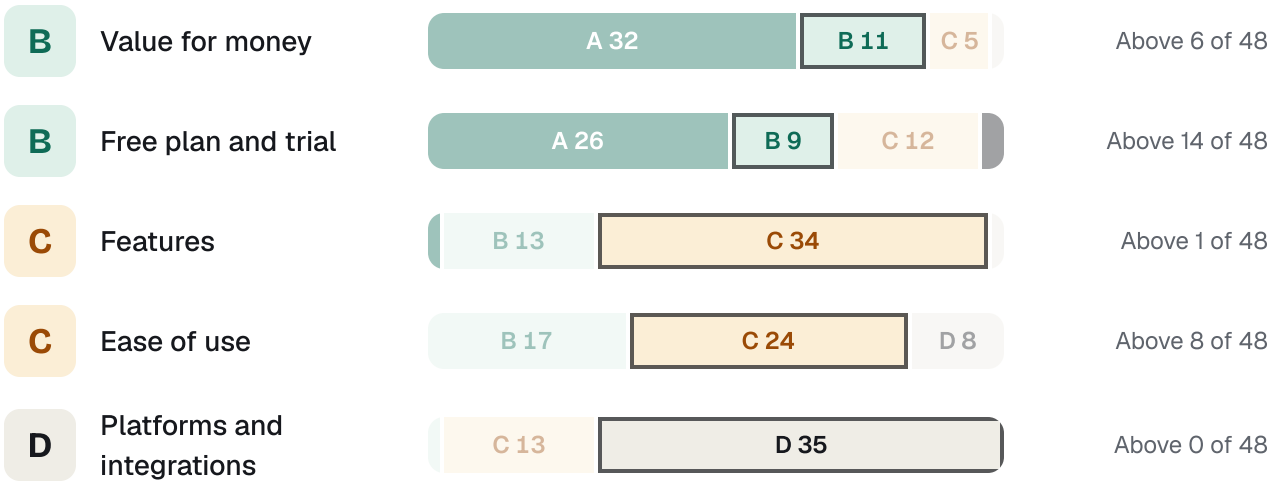
Other window managers and launchers it is graded above

Dexpot's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 7 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 3.

It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 14 of 48) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 49 window managers and launchers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Dexpot'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 Dexpot 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: 38 of the 48 other window managers and launchers grade higher.

What you could not

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

What this rests on. Dexpot'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



VirtuaWin, Actual Window Manager, WindowTop and MaxTo

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

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VirtuaWin

Free

Free, open-source virtual desktop manager for Windows.

- VirtuaWin is open source, according to its own site.

Dexpot and VirtuaWin compared in full

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Actual Window Manager

Free trial · from $59.95 one-time

Windows toolset for multi-monitor setups and virtual desktops.

- Dexpot has a free plan. Actual Window Manager does not, though it has a free trial.
- Actual Window Manager can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Actual Window Manager also covers display control.

Dexpot and Actual Window Manager compared in full



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WindowTop

Free plan · from $19 one-time

Windows utility for always-on-top, opacity and picture-in-picture.

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

Dexpot and WindowTop compared in full



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MaxTo

Free trial · from €19/yr

Custom screen zones with hotkey and drag snapping for Windows and Mac.

- Dexpot has a free plan. MaxTo does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only MaxTo lists a macOS app.
- MaxTo can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Dexpot and MaxTo 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 Dexpot free?

Dexpot has a free plan. Free for private use only, per the download page.

How much does Dexpot cost?

Dexpot lists 2 plans. Private use: $0.

What platforms does Dexpot work on?

Dexpot is available on Windows.

Does Dexpot have an Android app?

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

Does Dexpot have an iPhone app?

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

Is Dexpot open source?

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

Who makes Dexpot?

Dexpot is made by Dexpot GbR.

What are the alternatives to Dexpot?

The closest alternatives to Dexpot in our directory are VirtuaWin, Actual Window Manager, WindowTop and MaxTo.

How does Dexpot compare with other window managers and launchers?

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Could I make my own version of Dexpot?

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

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Dexpot'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 Dexpot'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 Dexpot GbR. Prices change, so check dexpot.de before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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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

Dexpot, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/dexpot

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

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Window Managers & Launchers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 49 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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Launchy Insider's Guide

Open-source keystroke launcher with plugins and skins

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Cerebro Insider's Guide

Free open-source Electron launcher for Windows, Mac and Linux

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