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Fan Control

The Insider’s Guide

Free fan curve controller for Windows PCs



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from Fan Control’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Fan Control's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Fan Control'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 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

Fan Control is a Windows program for setting fan curves across CPU, GPU and case fans from one place. It offers seven curve types, mixed curves that combine several temperature sensors, and a plug-in system. It is free to use and supported by donations.

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

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> **It is free, supported by donations, and the setup is on you.**
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> From our report card of Fan Control

1 **Best for setting fan curves on a Windows PC**

Fan Control sets fan curves for CPU, GPU and case fans from one place on Windows, with seven curve types and mixed curves.

2 **It is free**

Fan Control has no paid plan at all. Free to use; the maker accepts optional donations through PayPal and Stripe.

3 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

4 **Fan curves**

Seven curve types and multiple saved configurations, with temperature tray icons and assisted setup for new users.

5 **Mixed curves**

Combine any number of fan curves bound to different temperature sensors and apply a function such as maximum or average to drive a fan.

6 **Fine-grained parameters**

Set fan calibration, RPM avoid zones, response time, hysteresis, step up and step down, and control start and stop logic for 0 RPM operation where supported.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 116 of 186**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Fan Control at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows
MADE BY Rémi Mercier	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for setting fan curves on a Windows PC

Fan Control sets fan curves for CPU, GPU and case fans from one place on Windows, with seven curve types and mixed curves. It is free, supported by donations, and the setup is on you. Versions 237 and earlier shipped a driver that Windows Defender flagged.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Fan Control

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to use, with the full program and optional donations by PayPal and Stripe.
Free plan and trial	A	The full program is free with no cap or trial clock.
Features	B	Seven curve types, mixed curves, fine-grained parameters, plug-ins and wide hardware support. The listing names no gap in the core job.
Ease of use	C	No store rating is on record. Fan curves have to be set up per fan and tested, so there is some learning curve.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only, Windows 10 and 11 per the release page. No Mac, Linux or phone version.

Grade point average — Good, out of 4.0 **2.8**

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 Fan Control is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to tune fan noise against temperature on a Windows PC
- ✓ Works for people who want one curve fed by several sensors

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use a Mac or Linux machine, since it is Windows only
- ✗ Skip it if you want hands-off setup, as each fan needs a curve
- ✗ Watch out: versions 237 and earlier shipped a driver Windows Defender flagged as a trojan; V238 and later use PawnIO
- ✗ Watch out: hardware support requests are not handled on the release repository

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows builders who want to tune fan noise against temperature
- ✓ Controlling fans from several makers in one program
- ✓ Users who want a free tool with no paid tier

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Windows only; the maker's release page lists Windows 10 and Windows 11.
- ⓘ Versions 237 and earlier shipped a driver that Windows Defender flagged as a trojan; V238 and later ship a PawnIO build instead.
- ⓘ Hardware support requests are not handled on the release repository; new hardware needs a working .NET code sample.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Fan Control is free to use.

> **Free to use, with the full program and optional donations by PayPal and Stripe.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

The full program; donations are optional and fund continued development.

The free plan

Free to use; the maker accepts optional donations through PayPal and Stripe.

Read from getfancontrol.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

Free fan curve controller for Windows PCs. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: workflow automation, system monitor.

> **Seven curve types, mixed curves, fine-grained parameters, plug-ins and wide hardware support.**
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> From our grade for features

Fan curves

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Mixed curves

Combine any number of fan curves bound to different temperature sensors and apply a function such as maximum or average to drive a fan.

Fine-grained parameters

Set fan calibration, RPM avoid zones, response time, hysteresis, step up and step down, and control start and stop logic for 0 RPM operation where supported.

Wide hardware support

Covers CPU, GPU and case fans across a range of motherboards, GPUs and AIOs, built on the LibreHardwareMonitor backend.

Plug-ins

A .NET plug-in system lets third parties add temperature, speed or control sensors by dropping a DLL in the plugin folder.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

LibreHardwareMonitor

Fan Control is made by Rémi Mercier.

Where it stands

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

116/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

Fan Control's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 37.

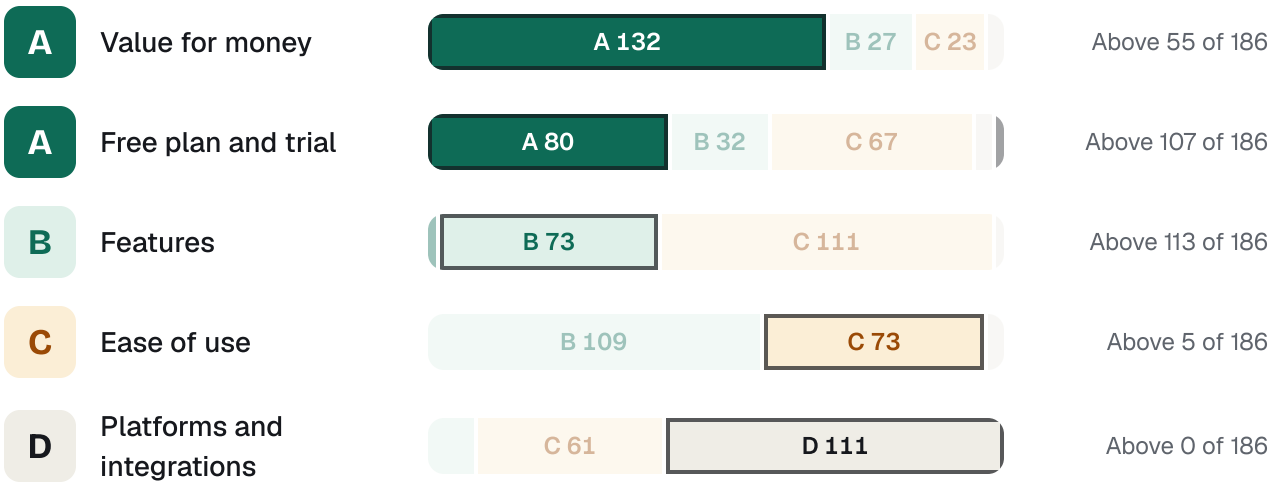
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 107 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Fan Control 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.

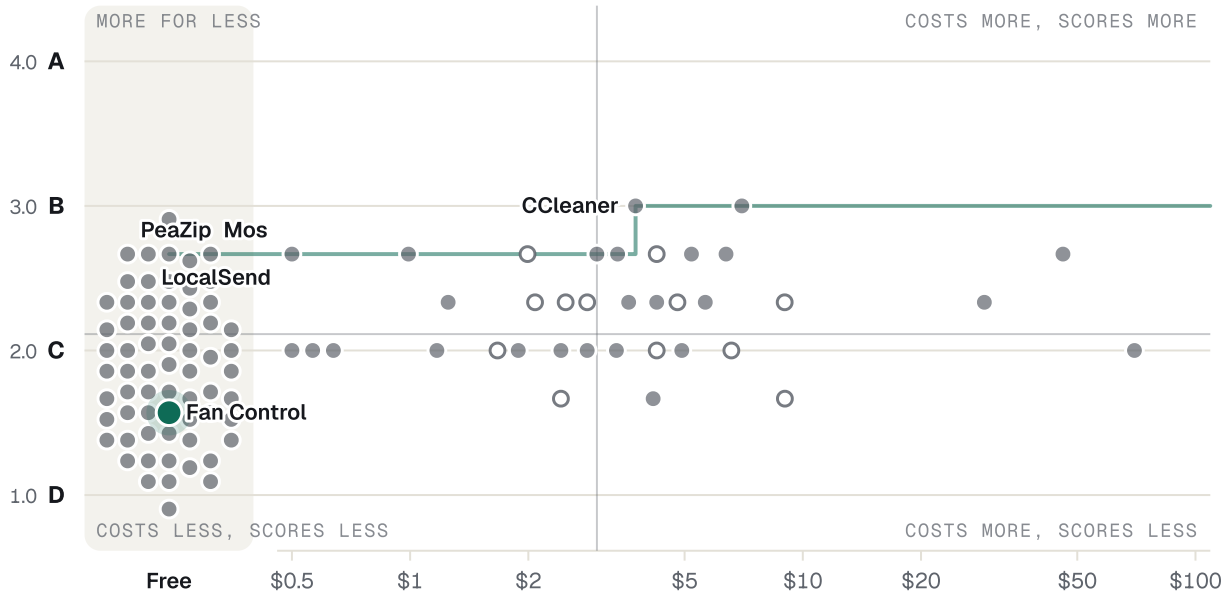
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. Fan Control'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. Fan Control 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

What you could not

- Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- Readings from inside the operating system.
- A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Fan Control'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



SpeedFan, HWiNFO, Core Temp, Macs Fan Control and TG Pro

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

SpeedFan

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Free

Free Windows monitor for temperatures, fan speeds and voltages.

Fan Control and SpeedFan compared in full

HWiNFO

3.0 GPA

Free

Windows hardware information and real-time sensor monitoring.

- Fan Control also covers workflow automation.
- HWiNFO also covers reports.

Fan Control and HWiNFO compared in full

Core Temp

2.8 GPA

Free plan · from $25

Per-core CPU temperature monitor for Windows PCs.

- Fan Control also covers workflow automation.
- Core Temp also covers reports.

Fan Control and Core Temp compared in full



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Macs Fan Control

Free plan · from $14.95 one-time

Free Mac fan monitor with custom speeds and presets in Pro.

- Only Macs Fan Control lists a macOS app.
- Macs Fan Control can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Fan Control also covers workflow automation.

Fan Control and Macs Fan Control compared in full



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TG Pro

Free trial · from $10 one-time

Mac temperature monitor with manual and automatic fan control.

- Fan Control has a free plan. TG Pro does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Fan Control lists a Windows app.
- Only TG Pro lists a macOS app.

Fan Control and TG Pro 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 Fan Control free?

Yes. Fan Control is free to use.

How much does Fan Control cost?

Fan Control lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Fan Control work on?

Fan Control is available on Windows.

Does Fan Control have an Android app?

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

Does Fan Control have an iPhone app?

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

Is Fan Control open source?

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

What does Fan Control integrate with?

Fan Control's listing names LibreHardwareMonitor. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Fan Control?

Fan Control is made by Rémi Mercier.

What are the alternatives to Fan Control?

The closest alternatives to Fan Control in our directory are SpeedFan, HWiNFO, Core Temp, Macs Fan Control and TG Pro.

How does Fan Control compare with other desktop utilities?

Fan Control's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 37.

Is Fan Control good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Fan Control A for value for money. Fan Control has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Fan Control?

Fan Control is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Fan Control'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 Rémi Mercier'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 Rémi Mercier. Prices change, so check getfancontrol.com before you buy.

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github.com/Rem0o/FanControl.Releases

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

Fan Control, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/fan-control

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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Every one of the 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

Just Color Picker Insider's Guide

Free portable color picker and editor for Windows and macOS

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LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

3.2 GPA

Mos Insider's Guide

Free Mac menu bar utility for smooth mouse wheel scrolling

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