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Foundation Software

The Insider's Guide

Construction accounting with job costing and payroll built in



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among accounting and invoicing tools, read from Foundation Software's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Foundation Software's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Foundation Software'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 12 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade

FOUNDATION is accounting software made for construction contractors. It bundles job costing, payroll, purchase orders and subcontracts, and accounts receivable, with add-on modules for time tracking, service dispatch, equipment and project management. A hosted, cloud-based edition is offered.

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about Foundation Software**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **But no prices are published, time tracking, dispatch and project management are paid extras, and it is no use outside construction.**
>
> From our report card of Foundation Software

1 **Best for construction job costing and payroll**

FOUNDATION is accounting software for construction contractors, with job costing, payroll, purchase orders, subcontracts and receivables.

2 **It runs on Web**

Web.

3 **Job costing**

Tracks dollars, hours and quantities for each job, with work-in-progress reports and alerts when a job is heading over budget.

4 **Construction payroll**

Multiple jobs, localities, rates and trades on one timecard, with certified payroll, prevailing wage and union rules covered.

5 **Purchase orders and subcontracts**

Built-in modules for purchase orders and subcontracts alongside accounts payable and accounts receivable.

6 **A 1.8 GPA, above 12 of 127**

That is against the other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

7 **Keep it**

To replace Foundation Software you would be making payroll taxes worked out and filed with the government for you. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Foundation Software at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Foundation Software, since 1985	CATEGORY Accounting & Invoicing
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for construction job costing and payroll

FOUNDATION is accounting software for construction contractors, with job costing, payroll, purchase orders, subcontracts and receivables. But no prices are published, time tracking, dispatch and project management are paid extras, and it is no use outside construction.

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Foundation Software

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published: pricing is built per customer from the modules chosen, so we can't compare it with the category.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan and no trial on the listing.
Features	B	Job costing, construction payroll, purchase orders and subcontracts, receivables and CPA tools. The listing names add-on modules but no hole in the core accounting.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and a module-based construction system takes setup.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only on the listing, with a hosted edition and a mobile app mentioned but no operating systems named, and no integrations listed.

Grade point average Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

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 Foundation Software is for

- ✓ Fits if you run a construction firm and need job costing
- ✓ Works for contractors with payroll and subcontracts to track

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want a price on the page, because none is published
- ✕ Not for you if you aren't in construction, since it is built for contractors only
- ✕ Watch out: time tracking, service dispatch, equipment and project management are add-on modules
- ✕ Tight if you want to try it first, because there is no free plan or trial

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ General and specialty contractors that need job costing
- ✓ Construction firms running payroll with prevailing wage rules
- ✓ Contractors whose CPA needs direct access to reports

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices are published; pricing is built per customer from the modules chosen.
- ⓘ Time tracking, service dispatch, equipment and project management are add-on modules.
- ⓘ Built for construction only, so it is a poor match for other industries.
- ⓘ The site describes a hosted edition and a mobile app but does not list operating systems.

What it costs

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

Foundation Software's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No price is published: pricing is built per customer from the modules chosen, so we can't compare it with the category.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm Foundation Software's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. foundationsoft.com has them.

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

Construction accounting with job costing and payroll built in. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: time tracking, reports, payroll, bill pay.

> **Job costing, construction payroll, purchase orders and subcontracts, receivables and CPA tools.**
>
> From our grade for features

Job costing

Tracks dollars, hours and quantities for each job, with work-in-progress reports and alerts when a job is heading over budget.

Construction payroll

Multiple jobs, localities, rates and trades on one timecard, with certified payroll, prevailing wage and union rules covered.

Purchase orders and subcontracts

Built-in modules for purchase orders and subcontracts alongside accounts payable and accounts receivable.

Time tracking

A separate time-tracking product with facial recognition and GPS stamps on clock-ins, feeding timecards back to the office.

CPA tools

A CPA audit and review module lets an outside accountant view reports remotely.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Foundation Software is made by Foundation Software, and has been around since 1985.

Where it stands

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

12/127

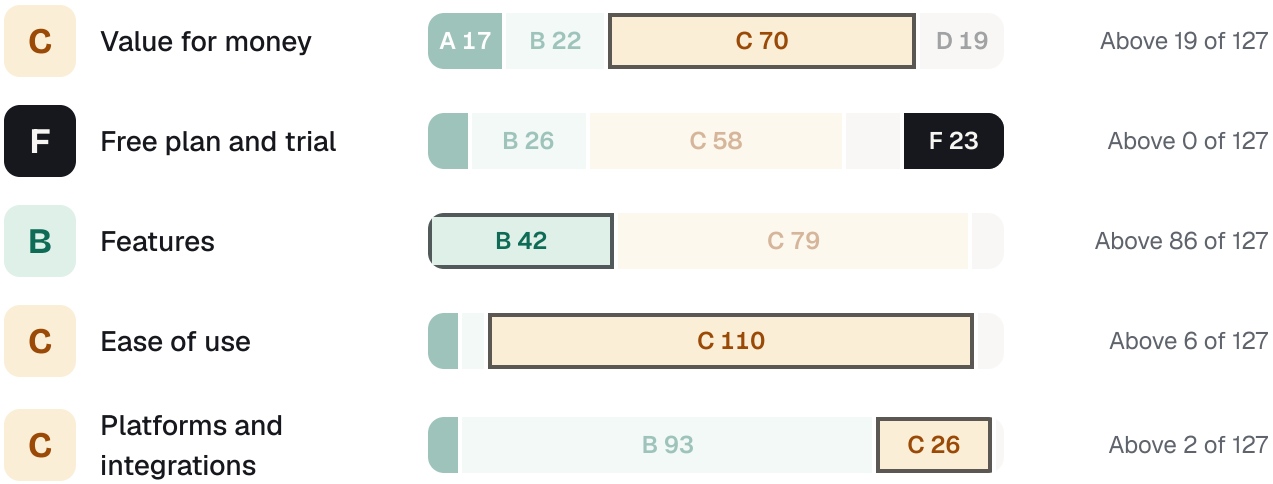
Other accounting and invoicing tools it is graded above

Foundation Software's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 12 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 9.

It stands best on features (B, above 86 of 127) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 128 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Foundation Software'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 Foundation Software you would be making payroll taxes worked out and filed with the government for you. 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: 106 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools grade higher.

What you could make

- Time tracking and reports: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- Payroll taxes worked out and filed with the government for you.
- Money moved between bank accounts, which takes a licensed payments partner.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Foundation Software'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



Acumatica, NetSuite, QuickBooks Online, Odoo and Xledger

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

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Acumatica

Paid

Cloud ERP with financials, priced by modules not seats.

- Foundation Software also covers time tracking, payroll and bill pay.
- Acumatica also covers no-code, bookkeeping, inventory and dashboards.

Foundation Software and Acumatica compared in full

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NetSuite

Paid

Cloud ERP suite with financials, CRM and ecommerce from Oracle.

- Foundation Software also covers time tracking, payroll and bill pay.
- NetSuite also covers bookkeeping and inventory.

Foundation Software and NetSuite compared in full



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QuickBooks Online

Free plan · from $38/mo

Cloud accounting from Intuit, from a free plan to 25-user Advanced.

- QuickBooks Online has a free plan. Foundation Software does not.
- Only QuickBooks Online lists iOS and Android apps.
- Foundation Software also covers time tracking and bill pay.

Foundation Software and QuickBooks Online compared in full



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Odoo

Free plan · from $31.10/mo

Business app suite whose Accounting app is free when used on its own.

- Odoo has a free plan. Foundation Software does not.
- Only Odoo lists iOS and Android apps.
- Odoo is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Foundation Software and Odoo compared in full



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Xledger

Paid

Cloud ERP and finance software for mid-market and enterprise.

- Foundation Software also covers time tracking, payroll and bill pay.
- Xledger also covers workflow automation, bookkeeping, expense tracking, inventory and dashboards.

Foundation Software and Xledger 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 Foundation Software free?

No. Foundation Software is a paid product.

What platforms does Foundation Software work on?

Foundation Software is available on Web.

Does Foundation Software have an Android app?

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

Does Foundation Software have an iPhone app?

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

Is Foundation Software open source?

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

Who makes Foundation Software?

Foundation Software is made by a company of the same name. It dates from 1985.

What are the alternatives to Foundation Software?

The closest alternatives to Foundation Software in our directory are Acumatica, NetSuite, QuickBooks Online, Odoo and Xledger.

How does Foundation Software compare with other accounting and invoicing tools?

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Could I make my own version of Foundation Software?

To replace Foundation Software you would be making payroll taxes worked out and filed with the government for you.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Foundation Software'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 FOUNDATION'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 Foundation Software. Prices change, so check foundationsoft.com before you buy.

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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

Foundation Software, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/foundation-software

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 129 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, compared

Zoho Invoice Insider's Guide

Free invoicing app from Zoho for freelancers and small businesses

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Zoho Books Insider's Guide

Online accounting from Zoho, with a free plan and six paid tiers

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Free federal and state tax filing inside Cash App

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