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Foxmail

The Insider's Guide

Free desktop email client for Windows and Mac



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among email apps, read from Foxmail's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Foxmail's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Foxmail'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 88 of the 122 other email apps we grade

Foxmail is a free desktop email client from Tencent for Windows and Mac. It works with Tencent Exmail business accounts and QQ Mail, and adds a notepad that syncs with QQ Mail on web and mobile.

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

> **It is built around Tencent's own accounts, some business features need your administrator's say-so, and there is no phone or Linux app.**
>
> From our report card of Foxmail

1 **Best for a free desktop app for QQ Mail and Exmail**

Foxmail is a free desktop mail client from Tencent for Windows and Mac, with a notepad that syncs with QQ Mail.

2 **It is free**

Foxmail has no paid plan at all. Free to download for Windows and for Mac.

3 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Windows and macOS.

4 **Notepad**

Notes recorded in Foxmail are kept in sync with QQ Mail on the web and on mobile.

5 **Tencent Exmail features**

With Exmail accounts it offers auto-configuration, a company address book, email recall and sending on behalf of others.

6 **Calendar**

Meeting invitations and meeting emails can be processed in the built-in calendar, per the Windows changelog.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 88 of 122**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Foxmail at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows
MADE BY Tencent	CATEGORY Email Apps
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Foxmail	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to download for Windows and Mac. That is under 60% of the cheapest paid email tool, so it is an A for value.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright with no paid tier shown on the download pages.
Features	C	A mail client with a notepad, calendar, large mailboxes and large attachments, working with QQ Mail and Tencent Exmail. Some Exmail features need an administrator to authorise them.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You install it and connect a QQ or Exmail account, so there is an account to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows and Mac only. The download pages list no mobile or Linux app.
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 Foxmail is for

- ✓ Fits if your mail is on QQ Mail or Tencent Exmail and you want a desktop app for it
- ✓ Works for Windows or Mac users who also want a notepad synced with QQ Mail

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use mostly Gmail or Outlook accounts, as the listing only names QQ Mail and Exmail
- ✗ Skip it if you need a phone or Linux app, as none is listed
- ✗ Watch out: some Exmail features need authorisation from the account's administrator
- ✗ Watch out: the Windows build no longer supports Windows XP

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Users of QQ Mail or Tencent Exmail accounts
- ✓ People who want a free desktop client on Windows or Mac

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The download pages list Windows and Mac only; no mobile or Linux app.
- ⓘ Some Exmail features need authorization from the account's administrator.
- ⓘ The Windows build no longer supports Windows XP.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Foxmail is free to use.

> **Free outright with no paid tier shown on the download pages.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Free download; the Mac version is on the Mac App Store.

The free plan

Free to download for Windows and for Mac.

Read from foxmail.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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Places it runs: macOS and Windows

Free desktop email client for Windows and Mac. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: notes, calendar, email client.

> **A mail client with a notepad, calendar, large mailboxes and large attachments, working with QQ Mail and Tencent Exmail.**
>
> From our grade for features

Notepad

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Tencent Exmail features

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Calendar

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Large mailboxes

The Windows page says it stays responsive with mailboxes of up to millions of messages.

Large attachments

The Mac page says extra-large attachments can bypass server attachment size limits, with authorization.

QR code login

The changelog lists logging in to QQ Mail or Exmail accounts by scanning a QR code.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows

What it works with

QQ Mail · Tencent Exmail

Foxmail is made by Tencent.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

88/122

Other email apps it is graded above

Foxmail's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 88 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 11.

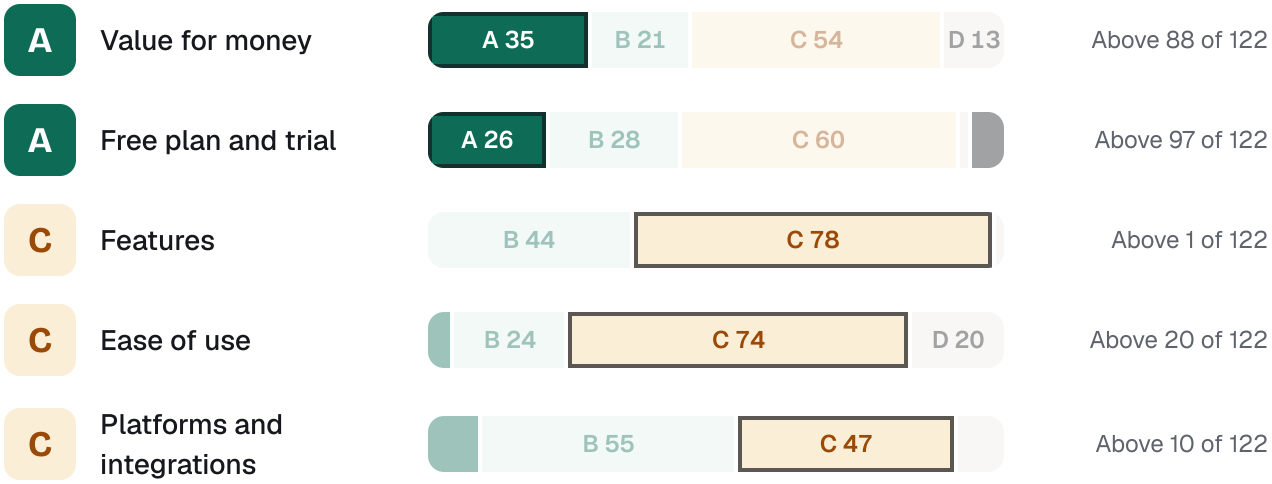
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 97 of 122) and worst on features (C, above 1).

Foxmail 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.

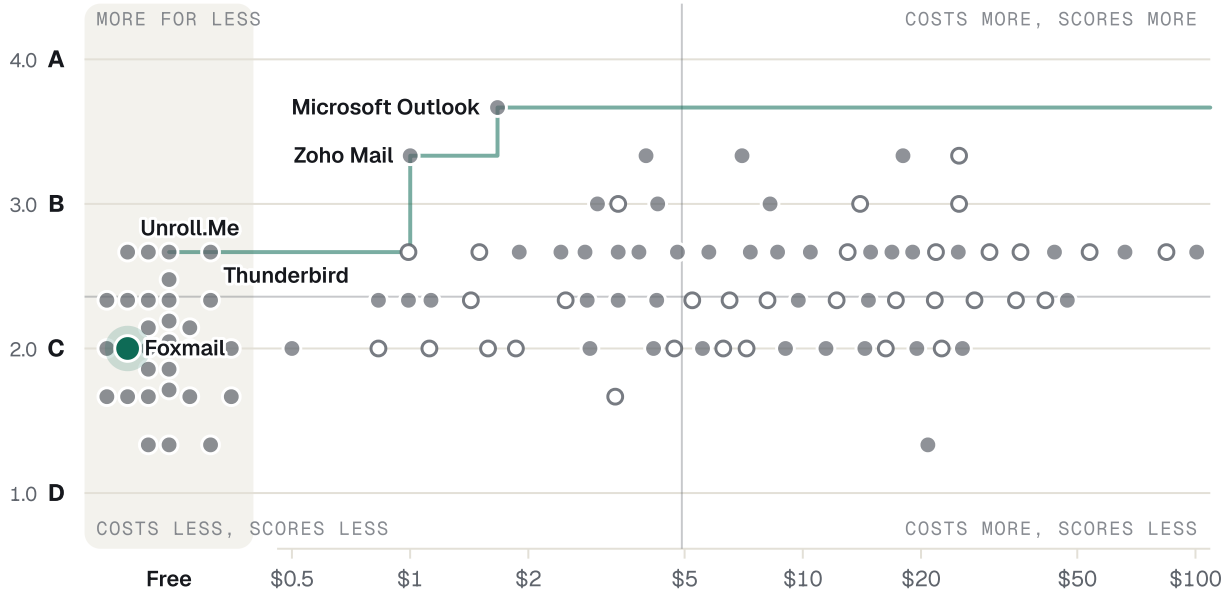
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 email apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Foxmail's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 107 email apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Foxmail 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 88 of the 122 other email apps we grade.

What you could make

- Calendar and notes: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- An email client: sending, receiving, threading and searching years of mail.

- A real app for macOS and Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Foxmail'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



Thunderbird, eM Client, Mailbird and Microsoft Outlook

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

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Thunderbird

Free

Free, open-source email app for Windows, macOS, Linux and Android.

- Only Thunderbird lists Linux and Android apps.
- Thunderbird is open source, according to its own site.
- Foxmail also covers notes.

Foxmail and Thunderbird compared in full

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eM Client

Free plan · from $49.95/yr

Desktop email client for Windows and Mac with calendar and chat.

- Only eM Client lists iOS and Android apps.
- eM Client can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- eM Client also covers tasks.

Foxmail and eM Client compared in full

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Mailbird

Free plan · from $34.49/yr

Desktop email client for Windows and Mac with a unified inbox.

- Mailbird can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Foxmail also covers notes and calendar.

Foxmail and Mailbird compared in full

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Microsoft Outlook

Free plan · from $1.99/mo

Microsoft's email and calendar app for desktop, mobile and web.

- Only Microsoft Outlook lists a web app.
- Only Microsoft Outlook lists iOS and Android apps.
- Foxmail also covers notes.

Foxmail and Microsoft Outlook 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 Foxmail free?

Yes. Foxmail is free to use.

How much does Foxmail cost?

Foxmail lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Foxmail work on?

Foxmail is available on Windows and macOS.

Does Foxmail have an Android app?

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

Does Foxmail have an iPhone app?

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

Is Foxmail open source?

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

What does Foxmail integrate with?

Foxmail's listing names QQ Mail and Tencent Exmail. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Foxmail?

Foxmail is made by Tencent.

What are the alternatives to Foxmail?

The closest alternatives to Foxmail in our directory are Thunderbird, eM Client, Mailbird and Microsoft Outlook.

How does Foxmail compare with other email apps?

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Is Foxmail good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Foxmail A for value for money. Foxmail has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Foxmail?

Foxmail 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 Foxmail'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 Foxmail'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 Tencent. Prices change, so check foxmail.com before you buy.

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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

Foxmail, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/foxmail

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

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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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Email Apps Insider's Guide

Every one of the 126 email apps we grade, compared

Microsoft Outlook Insider's Guide

Microsoft's email and calendar app for desktop, mobile and web

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AOL Mail Insider's Guide

Free webmail with news and weather in a companion mobile app

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BlueMail Insider's Guide

Cross-platform email client with a unified inbox and built-in AI

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