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Fraidycat

The Insider's Guide

Follow people across blogs and social sites without a news feed



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among read-later and bookmark apps, read from Fraidycat's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Fraidycat's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Fraidycat'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 46 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade

Fraidycat is a browser extension and desktop app that tracks the people you follow on blogs, YouTube, Mastodon, Twitter, Twitch and other sites. Instead of one long feed it shows a list of recently active individuals, each summarized in two lines. It is free and its source code is published on GitHub.

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

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> **You install an extension and start adding people, with little to set up.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for following people across sites without a feed**

Fraidycat is a free browser extension and desktop app that follows people across blogs and social sites, sorted by how much you care about them.

2 **It is free**

Fraidycat has no paid plan at all. Everything: the site lists no paid plan.

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

macOS, Windows and Linux, with a browser extension too.

4 **People, not posts**

The main page lists each follow as a two-line summary of their recent activity, rather than a feed of individual posts.

5 **Many source types**

Reads RSS, Atom and JSON Feed, plus Twitter, Instagram and SoundCloud by picking details out of their pages. It also finds the feeds for Pinboard, YouTube and Reddit.

6 **Importance levels**

Each follow is set to real-time, daily, weekly, monthly or yearly, which controls how often it is checked and whether it stays on the main page.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 46 of 66**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Fraidycat at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux, Browser extension
MADE BY Kicks Condor	CATEGORY Read Later & Bookmarks
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for following people across sites without a feed

Fraidycat is a free browser extension and desktop app that follows people across blogs and social sites, sorted by how much you care about them. It costs nothing. But the extensions were last released in May 2021 and the desktop apps in September 2020, the desktop apps have no sync, and there is no phone app.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Fraidycat	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to download and run, with no paid plan listed anywhere on the site. The reading category's middle price is $4 a month.
Free plan and trial	A	Everything is free, with no paid tier on the site.
Features	C	It follows people, not posts, across many source types, with importance levels and tags. That is a smaller job than a full reader, and the site lists mobile apps and keyword filters only as things it would like to add.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. You install an extension and start adding people, with little to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	Browser extensions and desktop apps for Mac, Windows and Linux only, with no phone app, and the desktop apps have no online sync.

Grade point average Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

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 Fraidycat is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to keep up with a few people more than with every post they write
- ✓ Works for a computer-only reader who is happy with a small free tool

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want a phone app: mobile apps are only on the wish list
- ✕ Not for you if you want a tool that is kept up: the extensions were last released in May 2021 and the desktop apps in September 2020
- ✕ Watch out: the Mac, Windows and Linux apps have no online sync
- ✕ Watch out: Twitter, Instagram and SoundCloud pages are read by scraping, so they may break when those sites change

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who follow hundreds of individuals and want an activity list, not an inbox
- ✓ Readers who follow the same person on a blog, YouTube and social accounts

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The extensions were last released in May 2021 and the desktop apps in September 2020, according to the site.
- ⓘ The Mac, Windows and Linux apps are marked as having no online sync.
- ⓘ The site lists mobile apps and keyword filters only as things it would like to add.
- ⓘ Pages for Twitter, Instagram and SoundCloud are read by scraping, so they may break when those sites change.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Fraidycat is free to use.

> **Free to download and run, with no paid plan listed anywhere on the site.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

The Firefox and Chrome extensions and the desktop apps, with no paid tier listed.

The free plan

Everything: the site lists no paid plan.

Read from fraidyc.at 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, Windows, Linux and Browser extension

Follow people across blogs and social sites without a news feed. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, bookmarks, rSS reader.

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> **It follows people, not posts, across many source types, with importance levels and tags.**
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> From our grade for features

People, not posts

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Many source types

Reads RSS, Atom and JSON Feed, plus Twitter, Instagram and SoundCloud by picking details out of their pages. It also finds the feeds for Pinboard, YouTube and Reddit.

Importance levels

Each follow is set to real-time, daily, weekly, monthly or yearly, which controls how often it is checked and whether it stays on the main page.

Tags

Follows are grouped by tag, and a tab bar on the main page filters the list by tag.

Sync through your browser

Follows sync between computers by way of the browser's own sync, with no central Fraidycat server.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · Linux · Browser extension

What it works with

YouTube · Mastodon · Reddit · Pinboard · Twitch · SoundCloud · Tumblr · Medium

Fraidycat is made by Kicks Condor.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

46/66

Other read-later and bookmark apps it is graded above

Fraidycat's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 46 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, and level with 14.

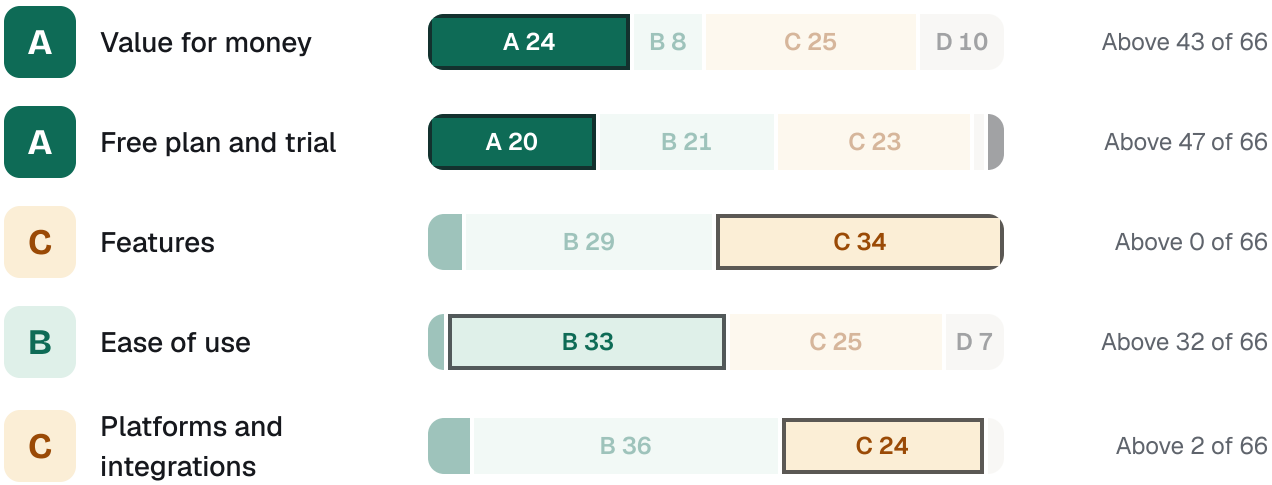
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 47 of 66) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Fraidycat has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

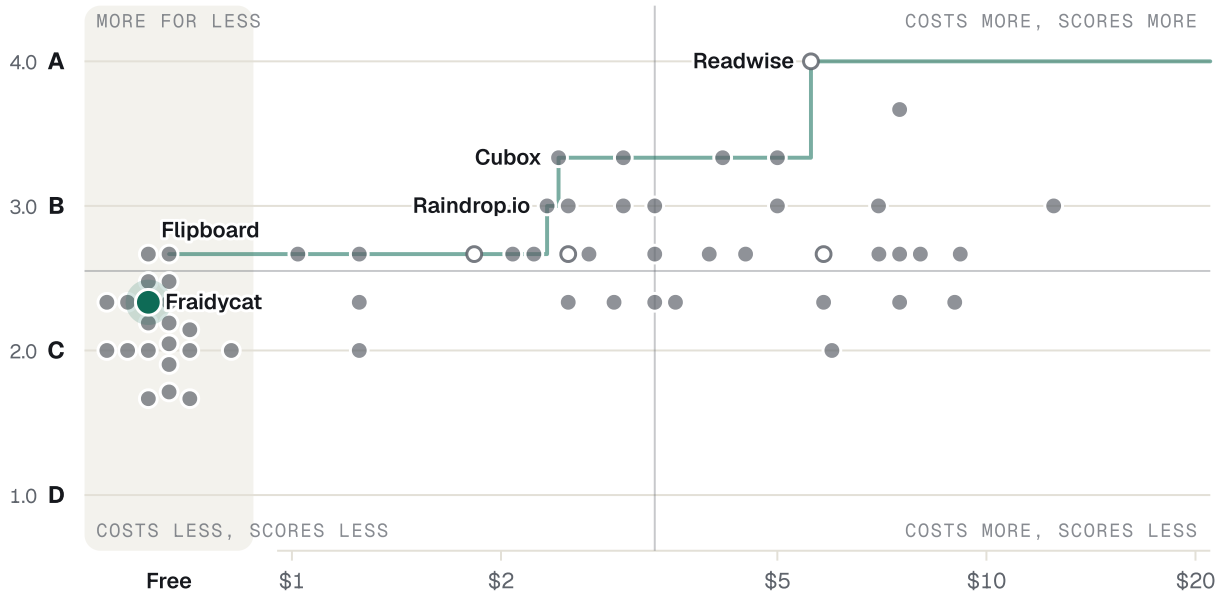
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 67 read-later and bookmark apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Fraidycat's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 60 read-later and bookmark apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Fraidycat 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

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

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 46 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade.

What you could make

- RSS reader and bookmarks: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.
- It plugs into other products, YouTube, Mastodon and Reddit among them.

What this rests on. Fraidycat'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



Feedbin, NetNewsWire, Miniflux, FreshRSS and Feedbro

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

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Feedbin

Free trial · from $7/mo

Paid RSS reader for feeds, newsletters, podcasts and YouTube.

- Fraidycat has a free plan. Feedbin does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Fraidycat lists macOS, Windows and Linux apps.
- Only Feedbin lists a web app.

Fraidycat and Feedbin compared in full

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NetNewsWire

Free

Free, open-source RSS reader for Mac, iPhone and iPad.

- Only Fraidycat lists Windows and Linux apps.
- Only NetNewsWire lists an iOS app.
- Fraidycat also covers bookmarks.

Fraidycat and NetNewsWire compared in full

Miniflux

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Free plan · from $15/yr

Minimalist open-source feed reader, self-hosted or hosted.

- Only Fraidycat lists macOS, Windows and Linux apps.
- Only Fraidycat lists a browser extension.
- Only Miniflux lists a web app.

Fraidycat and Miniflux compared in full

FreshRSS

3.0 GPA

Free

Free, self-hosted RSS and Atom feed aggregator.

- Only Fraidycat lists macOS, Windows and Linux apps.
- Only Fraidycat lists a browser extension.
- Only FreshRSS lists a web app.

Fraidycat and FreshRSS compared in full

Feedbro

2.8 GPA

Free

RSS feed reader as a browser extension with a rule engine.

- Only Fraidycat lists macOS, Windows and Linux apps.
- Fraidycat is open source, according to its own site.
- Fraidycat also covers bookmarks.

Fraidycat and Feedbro 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 Fraidycat free?

Yes. Fraidycat is free to use.

How much does Fraidycat cost?

Fraidycat lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Fraidycat work on?

Fraidycat is available on macOS, Windows and Linux. It also has a browser extension.

Does Fraidycat have an Android app?

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

Does Fraidycat have an iPhone app?

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

Is Fraidycat open source?

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

What does Fraidycat integrate with?

Fraidycat's listing names YouTube, Mastodon, Reddit, Pinboard, Twitch, SoundCloud, Tumblr and Medium.

Who makes Fraidycat?

Fraidycat is made by Kicks Condor.

What are the alternatives to Fraidycat?

The closest alternatives to Fraidycat in our directory are Feedbin, NetNewsWire, Miniflux, FreshRSS and Feedbro.

How does Fraidycat compare with other read-later and bookmark apps?

Fraidycat's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 46 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, and level with 14.

Is Fraidycat good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Fraidycat?

Fraidycat is free, so making your own would save you nothing. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 46 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Fraidycat'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 Fraidycat'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 Kicks Condor. Prices change, so check fraidyc.at 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

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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

Fraidycat, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/fraidycat

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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Read Later & Bookmarks Insider's Guide

Every one of the 67 read-later and bookmark apps we grade, compared

Booky Insider's Guide

Online bookmark manager with collections and browser extensions

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FeedFlow Insider's Guide

Free, open-source RSS reader for mobile and desktop

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Flipboard Insider's Guide

Free news aggregator built around topics and shared Magazines

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