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FreeCommander

The Insider’s Guide

Dual-pane Windows file manager, free 32-bit and paid 64-bit



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from FreeCommander's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on FreeCommander'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 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

FreeCommander is a dual-pane file manager for Windows with tabs, a built-in viewer, folder synchronization and a multi-rename tool. The 32-bit version is free for private use, while the 64-bit version is sold through download licenses priced in euros.

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

1 **Best for a two-pane file manager on Windows**

FreeCommander is a two-pane Windows file manager with tabs, archives and sync.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at €10 one-time download of the 64-bit version, excluding VAT.

3 **There is a free plan**

32-bit version is free without time limit for private users; commercial users may test it for 30 days.

4 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

5 **Dual panels and tabs**

Horizontal or vertical dual panels, an optional single panel, tabs and an optional tree view for each panel.

6 **Archives**

Built-in handling of ZIP files (read and write), nested archives, and plugins for RAR and 7z.

7 **Compare and synchronize**

Folder comparison, folder synchronization, duplicate search and MD5 and SHA checksums.

8 **A 2.6 GPA, above 69 of 186**

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

9 **Keep it**

The plain part of FreeCommander you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not. The 3 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

FreeCommander at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from €10 one-time download of the 64-bit version, excluding VAT

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
30-day test of the 32-bit version for commercial users

RUNS ON
Windows

MADE BY
Marek Jasinski

CATEGORY
Desktop Utilities

OUR GRADE
2.6 GPA, good

The report card

Best for a two-pane file manager on Windows

FreeCommander is a two-pane Windows file manager with tabs, archives and sync. The 32-bit version is free for private use, and the 64-bit one costs €10 to €28 and is the one that gets frequent updates.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

FreeCommander

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	€10 for a one-time 64-bit download, excluding VAT, under a year of the typical utility subscription.
Free plan and trial	B	The 32-bit version is free without a time limit for private users. Companies get a 30-day test, then need a paid licence.
Features	B	Dual panels, tabs, archives, compare and sync, multi-rename and filters. The listing shows no gap.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. A two-pane layout takes some learning.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only. Windows only; no Mac, Linux, phone or web version.

Grade point average — Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 FreeCommander is for

- ✓ Fits if you use Windows at home and want panes and tabs
- ✓ Works for people who sync or compare two folders

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you use it for work on the free build, as commercial use needs a paid 64-bit licence after a 30-day test
- ✕ Watch out: the free 32-bit build updates about once a year, the 64-bit one several times
- ✕ Watch out: prices are in euros, exclude VAT, and are sold through PayPro Global
- ✕ Skip it if you use a Mac or Linux, as it is Windows only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who want a free dual-pane alternative to Explorer
- ✓ People who want to carry a file manager on a USB stick

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Prices are in euros, excluding VAT, and the 64-bit license is sold through PayPro Global.
- ⓘ Commercial use requires a paid 64-bit license after a 30-day test of the 32-bit version.
- ⓘ Updates to the free 32-bit version come about once a year; the 64-bit version is updated several times a year.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

€10 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

FreeCommander has a free plan. Paid plans start at €10 one-time download of the 64-bit version, excluding VAT.

32-BIT

€0

Free for private use; commercial users need a 64-bit license after a 30-day test.

ONE DOWNLOAD

€10

one-time, private users only, excluding VAT

One download link to the current 64-bit version, valid 7 days; no updates.

ONE YEAR

€18

for 12 months of 64-bit downloads, excluding VAT

Download any 64-bit version for a year; versions you downloaded stay usable.

TWO YEARS

€28

for 24 months of 64-bit downloads, excluding VAT

Same as One year, for two years.

The free plan

32-bit version is free without time limit for private users; commercial users may test it for 30 days.

Trying it first

30-day test of the 32-bit version for commercial users

Read from freecommander.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Two-year license costs less per year

The 64-bit Two years license is €28 against €18 for One year, so the second year costs €10 more.

Stated on freecommander.com

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

Dual-pane Windows file manager, free 32-bit and paid 64-bit. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, file management, file compression.

> **Dual panels, tabs, archives, compare and sync, multi-rename and filters.**

From our grade for features

Dual panels and tabs

Horizontal or vertical dual panels, an optional single panel, tabs and an optional tree view for each panel.

Archives

Built-in handling of ZIP files (read and write), nested archives, and plugins for RAR and 7z.

Compare and synchronize

Folder comparison, folder synchronization, duplicate search and MD5 and SHA checksums.

Multi rename and filters

Multi-rename tool and file filters that can use regular expressions.

64-bit extras

The 64-bit version adds a built-in PDF viewer, text search in PDF and Office files, SFTP and built-in color schemes.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

FreeCommander is made by Marek Jasinski.

Where it stands

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

69/186

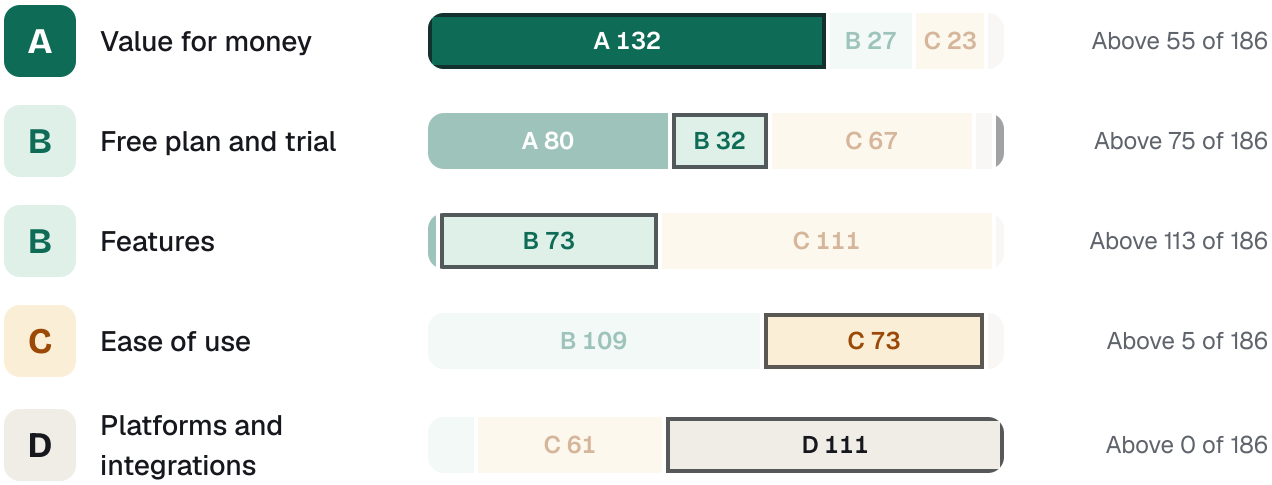
Other desktop utilities it is graded above

FreeCommander's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 46.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 55 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

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

The plain part of FreeCommander you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not. The 3 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

It costs $11.17, paid once.

What you could make

- File compression: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A file manager working directly on your disk.
- 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. FreeCommander'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



Total Commander, Double Commander, Q-Dir, XYplorer and Directory Opus

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

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Total Commander

Free trial · from €42 one-time

Two-pane file manager for Windows with FTP and archive tools.

- FreeCommander has a free plan. Total Commander does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Total Commander lists an Android app.

FreeCommander and Total Commander compared in full

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Double Commander

Free

Free open-source dual-pane file manager inspired by Total Commander.

- Only Double Commander lists Linux and macOS apps.
- FreeCommander can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Double Commander is open source, according to its own site.

FreeCommander and Double Commander compared in full



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Q-Dir

Free

Four-pane Windows file explorer, free for home and business use.

- FreeCommander can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- FreeCommander also covers file compression.

FreeCommander and Q-Dir compared in full



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XYplorer

Free trial · from $34.95 one-time

Portable tabbed file manager for Windows with scripting.

- FreeCommander has a free plan. XYplorer does not, though it has a free trial.
- FreeCommander also covers file compression.

FreeCommander and XYplorer compared in full



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Directory Opus

Free trial · from $89 one-time

Highly configurable file manager that replaces Windows Explorer.

- FreeCommander has a free plan. Directory Opus does not, though it has a free trial.

FreeCommander and Directory Opus compared in full

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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 FreeCommander free?

FreeCommander has a free plan. 32-bit version is free without time limit for private users; commercial users may test it for 30 days.

How much does FreeCommander cost?

FreeCommander lists 4 plans. 32-bit: €0.

What platforms does FreeCommander work on?

FreeCommander is available on Windows.

Does FreeCommander offer any discounts?

FreeCommander publicly lists the following: Two-year license costs less per year.

Does FreeCommander have an Android app?

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

Does FreeCommander have an iPhone app?

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

Is FreeCommander open source?

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

Does FreeCommander have a free trial?

Yes. 30-day test of the 32-bit version for commercial users.

Who makes FreeCommander?

FreeCommander is made by Marek Jasinski.

What are the alternatives to FreeCommander?

The closest alternatives to FreeCommander in our directory are Total Commander, Double Commander, Q-Dir, XYplorer and Directory Opus.

How does FreeCommander compare with other desktop utilities?

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Could I make my own version of FreeCommander?

The plain part of FreeCommander you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from FreeCommander'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 Marek Jasinski'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 Marek Jasinski. Prices change, so check freecommander.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.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

FreeCommander, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/freecommander

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

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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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