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FreeFileSync

The Insider’s Guide

Open-source folder comparison and sync for desktops



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among file storage and sync services, read from FreeFileSync’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from FreeFileSync's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on FreeFileSync'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 83 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade

FreeFileSync compares a source and a target folder and copies only the differences. It handles local drives, network shares, FTP, SFTP, Google Drive and phones over MTP. The standard version is free for private personal use; businesses must buy per-device Business Edition licenses.

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

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> **You install it and pair two folders, with nothing else to set up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for comparing and syncing folders on a desktop**

FreeFileSync compares two folders and copies only the differences, to local drives, network shares, FTP, SFTP and Google Drive.

2 **Paid plans start at about $1.86 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: €20 per device (Business Edition, includes one year of updates).

3 **There is a free plan**

Standard version is free for personal use by private individuals only, with no limit on the number of files.

4 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Windows, macOS and Linux.

5 **Compare then sync**

Compares two folders and transfers only the differences, with moved and renamed files detected.

6 **Many storage targets**

Syncs local drives, network shares, FTP and FTPS, SFTP, Google Drive and MTP devices such as Android phones.

7 **Version history**

Keeps a history of deleted and updated files.

8 **A 3.0 GPA, above 83 of 91**

That is against the other file storage and sync services we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

To replace FreeFileSync you would be making files kept in step across devices without losing one. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

FreeFileSync at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from €20 per device (Business Edition, includes one year of updates)	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Zenju	CATEGORY File Storage & Sync
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for comparing and syncing folders on a desktop

FreeFileSync compares two folders and copies only the differences, to local drives, network shares, FTP, SFTP and Google Drive. The standard edition is free for private use only, businesses need the €20 per device edition, and there is no phone app.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **FreeFileSync** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free for personal use with no limit on files, and €20 a device for the Business Edition with a year of updates. Anyone can download and run it.
Free plan and trial	B	The Standard edition is free, but only for private individuals. Any business or organisation needs the Business Edition.
Features	B	Compare then sync, moved-file detection, version history, many targets and batch jobs. Email alerts and parallel copy are limited to Donation and Business editions.
Ease of use	B	No rating on record. You install it and pair two folders, with nothing else to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	Desktop downloads for Windows, macOS and Linux only. No phone or web version, and few cloud links beyond Google Drive.

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 FreeFileSync is for

- ✓ Fits if you are a private user syncing folders between drives or a NAS
- ✓ Works for people who want to schedule folder syncs with Windows Task Scheduler

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you are a business, as the free and donation versions are personal use only
- ✗ Watch out: the Business Edition is €20 per device and covers updates for one year
- ✗ Tight if you want email notifications or parallel copying without donating
- ✗ Not for you if you need a phone app, since only desktops are listed
- ✗ Watch out: licences are generally non-refundable once the link is sent

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mirroring folders to an external drive or NAS
- ✓ Windows, Mac or Linux users who want a free desktop sync tool
- ✓ Small businesses that need a per-device license

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The free and donation versions are for personal use by private individuals only; any business, organization or agency needs the Business Edition.
- ⓘ The Business Edition price is listed in euros and covers updates for one year.
- ⓘ Licenses are generally non-refundable once the download link is provided.
- ⓘ There are desktop downloads for Windows, macOS and Linux only; no mobile app is listed.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

~$1.86

A month to start. There is a free plan too

FreeFileSync has a free plan. Paid plans start at €20 per device (Business Edition, includes one year of updates).

> **The Standard edition is free, but only for private individuals.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

STANDARD

$0

Open-source, personal use only; donations are optional.

DONATION EDITION

$0

free download for anyone who donates

Personal use only; adds auto-updater, parallel file copy and email notifications as a thank-you for donating.

BUSINESS EDITION

€20

per device, includes updates for one year

Required for businesses, organizations, agencies and commercial use; adds silent installation and a tax invoice.

The free plan

Standard version is free for personal use by private individuals only, with no limit on the number of files.

Read from freefilesync.org 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 and Linux

Open-source folder comparison and sync for desktops. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, file sync, file management.

> **Compare then sync, moved-file detection, version history, many targets and batch jobs.**
>
> From our grade for features

Compare then sync

Compares two folders and transfers only the differences, with moved and renamed files detected.

Many storage targets

Syncs local drives, network shares, FTP and FTPS, SFTP, Google Drive and MTP devices such as Android phones.

Version history

Keeps a history of deleted and updated files.

Email notifications

Sync results can be emailed; the FAQ lists this in the Donation and Business editions.

Parallel copying

Compares and syncs multiple files in parallel; parallel file copy is a Donation and Business feature.

Batch jobs

Sync settings can be saved and run from the Windows Task Scheduler; the FAQ covers network shares used that way.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · Linux

What it works with

Google Drive · FTP · SFTP · Windows Task Scheduler

FreeFileSync is made by Zenju.

Where it stands

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

83/91

Other file storage and sync services it is graded above

FreeFileSync's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 83 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade, and level with 2.

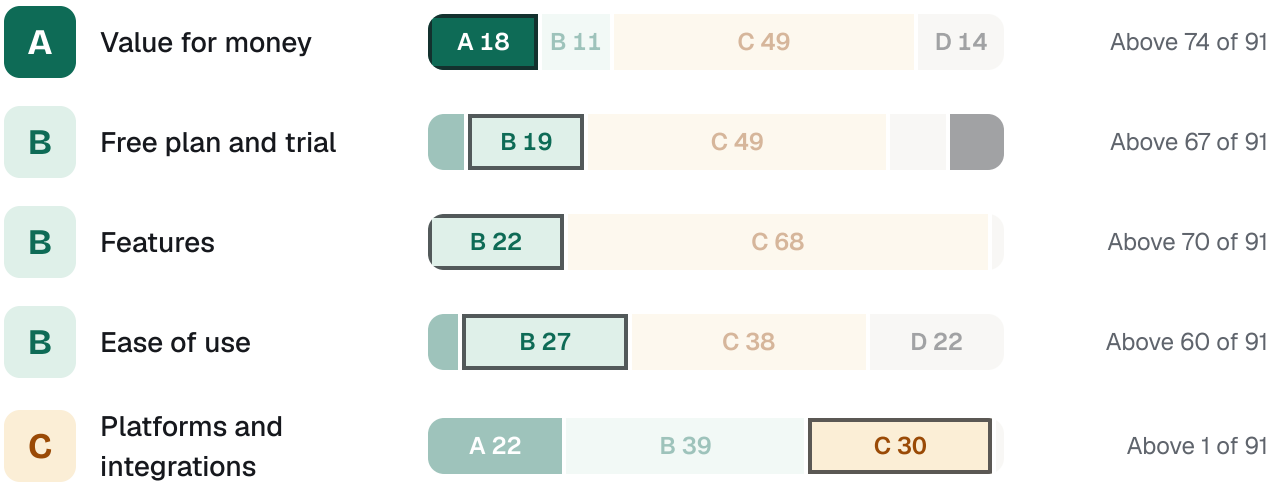
It stands best on value for money (A, above 74 of 91) and worst on platforms and integrations (C, above 1).

Its paid plans start at about $1.86 a month, against a middle price of $6.64 for the category: 7 of the 60 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 4 tools score higher and cost less.

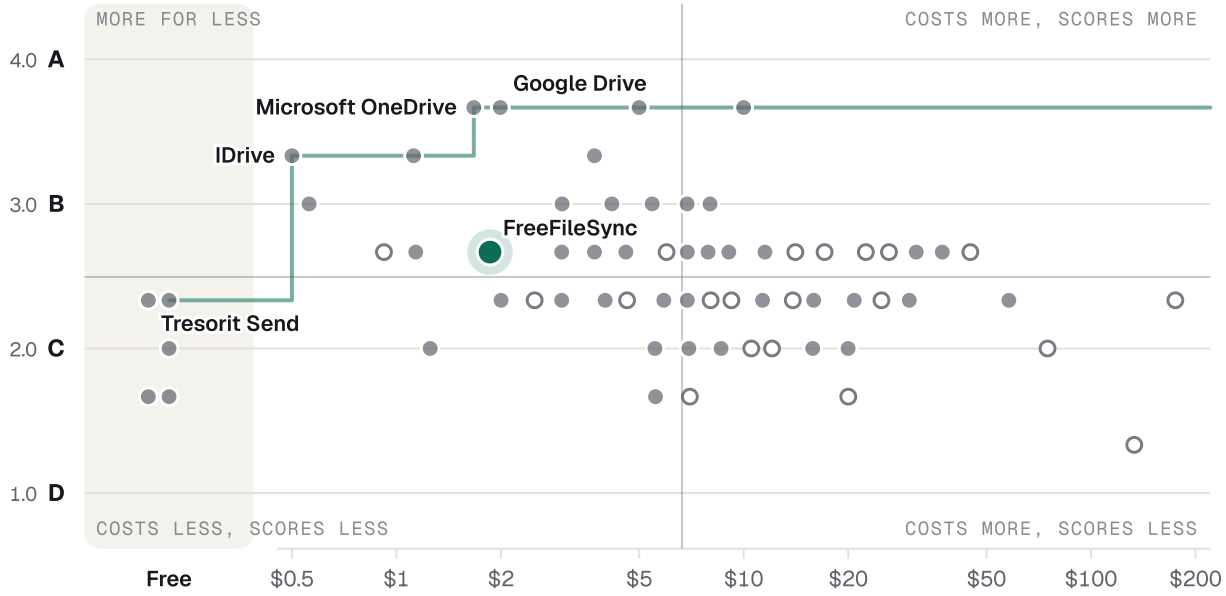
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 92 file storage and sync services we grade, cut by the letter each got. FreeFileSync's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 66 file storage and sync services. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. FreeFileSync 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

To replace FreeFileSync you would be making files kept in step across devices without losing one. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 83 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade. It costs $22.34 a year. FreeFileSync is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could not

- ✕ Files kept in step across devices without losing one.

- ✕ A file manager working directly on your disk.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. FreeFileSync'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



Rclone, Syncovery, GoodSync and Unison

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

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Rclone

Free

Command-line tool for syncing and mounting cloud storage.

- Only Rclone lists an Android app.
- Rclone is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

FreeFileSync and Rclone compared in full

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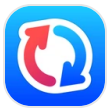
Syncovery

Free trial · from $39.90 one-time

One-time-license file sync and backup for desktops and NAS.

- FreeFileSync has a free plan. Syncovery does not, though it has a free trial.
- FreeFileSync is open source, according to its own site.
- Syncovery can be bought with a one-time purchase.

FreeFileSync and Syncovery compared in full



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GoodSync

Free plan

File backup and two-way sync software for desktops and servers.

- FreeFileSync has a free plan. GoodSync does not, though it has a free trial.
- FreeFileSync is open source, according to its own site.

FreeFileSync and GoodSync compared in full

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Unison

Free

Open-source two-way file synchronizer for Unix, macOS and Windows.

- FreeFileSync also covers file management.

FreeFileSync and Unison 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 FreeFileSync free?

FreeFileSync has a free plan. Standard version is free for personal use by private individuals only, with no limit on the number of files.

How much does FreeFileSync cost?

FreeFileSync lists 3 plans. Standard: $0.

What platforms does FreeFileSync work on?

FreeFileSync is available on Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does FreeFileSync have an Android app?

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

Does FreeFileSync have an iPhone app?

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

Is FreeFileSync open source?

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

What does FreeFileSync integrate with?

FreeFileSync's listing names Google Drive, FTP, SFTP and Windows Task Scheduler.

Who makes FreeFileSync?

FreeFileSync is made by Zenju.

What are the alternatives to FreeFileSync?

The closest alternatives to FreeFileSync in our directory are Rclone, Syncovery, GoodSync and Unison.

How does FreeFileSync compare with other file storage and sync services?

FreeFileSync's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 83 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade, and level with 2.

Is FreeFileSync good value for money?

ToolGPA grades FreeFileSync A for value for money. Its paid plans start at about $1.86 a month, against a middle price of $6.64 for the category: 7 of the 60 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of FreeFileSync?

To replace FreeFileSync you would be making files kept in step across devices without losing one.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from FreeFileSync'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 FreeFileSync'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 Zenju. Prices change, so check freefilesync.org before you buy.

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freefilesync.org/faq.php

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

FreeFileSync, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/freefilesync

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

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Every one of the 92 file storage and sync services we grade, compared

Google Drive Insider's Guide

Cloud storage tied to Google Docs, Gmail and Photos

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Filen Insider's Guide

End-to-end encrypted cloud storage from Germany with open source apps

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Microsoft OneDrive Insider's Guide

Microsoft's cloud storage, bundled with Microsoft 365 plans

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