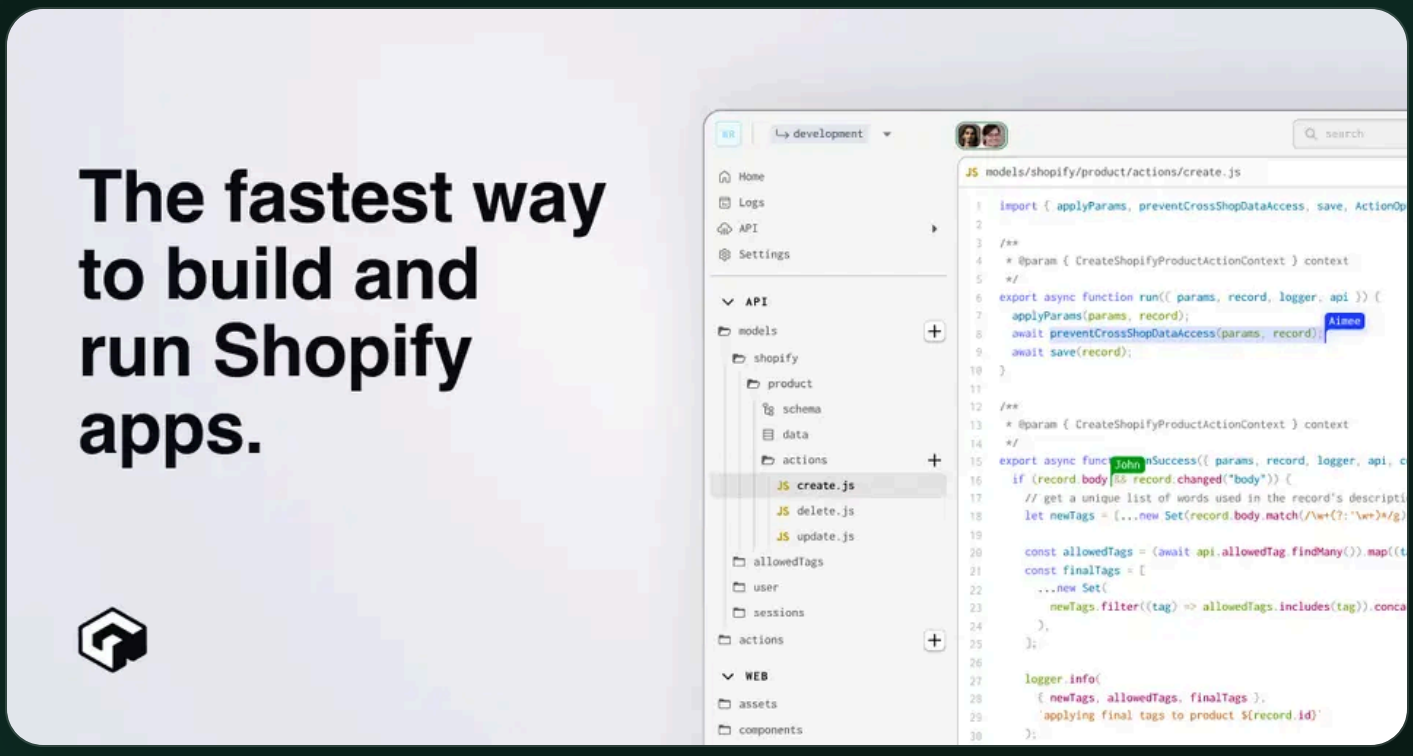
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The Insider's Guide

Full-stack JavaScript platform with an AI assistant and hosting



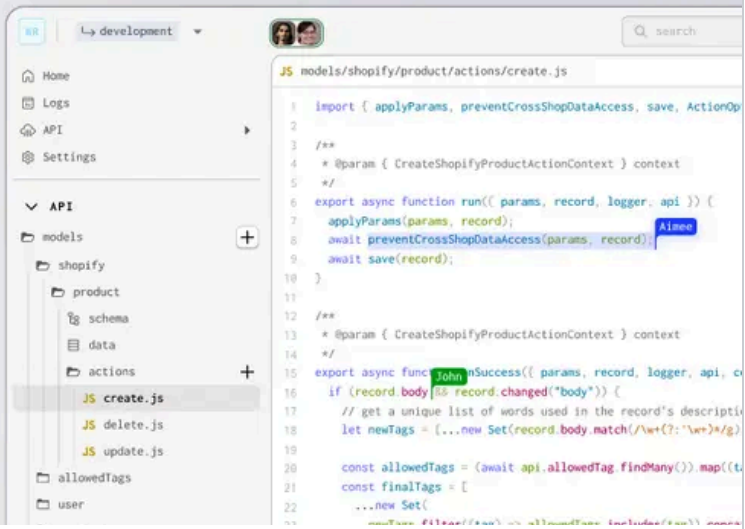
Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI app builders, read from Gadget's own pages.

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The fastest way to build and run Shopify apps.



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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from Gadget's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Gadget'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 23 of the 89 other AI app builders we grade

Gadget is a development and hosting platform where an AI assistant builds web apps on a JavaScript stack that includes a database, backend actions, a generated API and a frontend. It targets Shopify and BigCommerce apps, internal tools and SaaS products. Pricing is a plan fee plus metered usage for compute, storage and bandwidth.

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

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>
> **A web editor, but you write and read code.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a full-stack JavaScript platform with an AI assistant**

Gadget is a hosted JavaScript and TypeScript platform with an AI assistant, an auto-generated API and Shopify connections, free for 2 seats.

2 **Paid plans start at $35 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $35 per month.

3 There is a free plan

Hobby plan: free, 2 seats, unlimited dev environments, 1 production environment and 100 AI credits once on sign-up.

4 It runs on Web

Web.

5 AI assistant

An assistant applies changes to your app; each assistant change uses AI credits, while questions and answers do not.

6 Hosted JS stack

Server, database and frontend are hosted together, with a spreadsheet-style record editor and serverless actions.

7 Auto-generated API

CRUD API routes are generated for every database table.

8 A 2.2 GPA, above 23 of 89

That is against the other AI app builders we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 Keep it

To replace Gadget you would be making a tool that builds and hosts other apps. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Gadget at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $35 per month	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Gadget Software, Inc.	CATEGORY AI App Builders
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a full-stack JavaScript platform with an AI assistant

Gadget is a hosted JavaScript and TypeScript platform with an AI assistant, an auto-generated API and Shopify connections, free for 2 seats. But Pro is $35 a month, usage beyond the included amount is billed, and you write JavaScript rather than use a no-code editor.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Gadget** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	D	Pro is $35 a month, above the category's dearest-tenth line of $32 and against a middle of $20. Premium is $350.
Free plan and trial	B	The Hobby plan is free with 2 seats, 1 production environment and 10 hours of CPU time. One developer can live on it.
Features	C	AI assistant, hosting, generated API and store connections. It is code first, in JavaScript and TypeScript, and does not replace a no-code builder.
Ease of use	C	A web editor, but you write and read code. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, with Shopify and BigCommerce connections, 5 integrations and a generated API.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

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 Gadget is for

- ✓ Fits if you write JavaScript and want hosting and an API generated for you
- ✓ Works for Shopify app developers starting on the free plan

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a no-code builder, as the stack is JavaScript and TypeScript
- ✗ Pricey if you outgrow Hobby, as Pro is $35 a month and extra production environments are $10 each
- ✗ Watch out: CPU time is billed at $0.30 an hour and extra storage at $1.50 per GB on Pro
- ✗ Watch out: extra AI assistant credits are $25 per 100 on paid plans

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers building Shopify or BigCommerce apps
- ✓ Agencies and studios delivering custom web apps
- ✓ Internal tools that need a real backend

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Usage beyond included amounts is billed, for example CPU time at $0.30 per hour and extra data storage at $1.50 per GB on Pro.
- ⓘ Extra AI assistant credits cost $25 per 100 credits on paid plans.
- ⓘ The Hobby plan allows 5 Shopify and BigCommerce app installs.
- ⓘ It is code-first: the stack is JavaScript and TypeScript rather than a no-code editor.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$35

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Gadget has a free plan. Paid plans start at $35 per month.

HOBBY

$0

2 seats, 1 prod environment, 10 hours CPU time, 0.5 GB data storage and 100 one-time AI credits.

PRO

$35

per month

10 seats, 30 hours CPU time, 3 GB data storage, 1M platform credits and 10 AI credits a month; extra production environments $10 each.

PREMIUM

$350

per month

25 seats, 150 hours CPU time, 15 GB data storage, 5M platform credits and 50 AI credits a month.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Bring your own cloud (GCP or AWS), unlimited projects and hosting, with performance and support SLAs.

The free plan

Hobby plan: free, 2 seats, unlimited dev environments, 1 production environment and 100 AI credits once on sign-up.

Read from gadget.dev 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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Place it runs: Web

Full-stack JavaScript platform with an AI assistant and hosting. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, AI features, databases, app builder.

> **AI assistant, hosting, generated API and store connections.**

From our grade for features

AI assistant

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Hosted JS stack

Server, database and frontend are hosted together, with a spreadsheet-style record editor and serverless actions.

Auto-generated API

CRUD API routes are generated for every database table.

Shopify and BigCommerce connections

Built-in webhooks, OAuth and data sync for apps on those platforms.

Code tooling

A CLI lets you work in your own editor and manage the project with Git.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Shopify
BigCommerce
OpenAI
Google SSO
Git

Gadget is made by Gadget Software, Inc.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

23/89

Other AI app builders it is graded above

Gadget's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 23 of the 89 other AI app builders we grade, and level with 27.

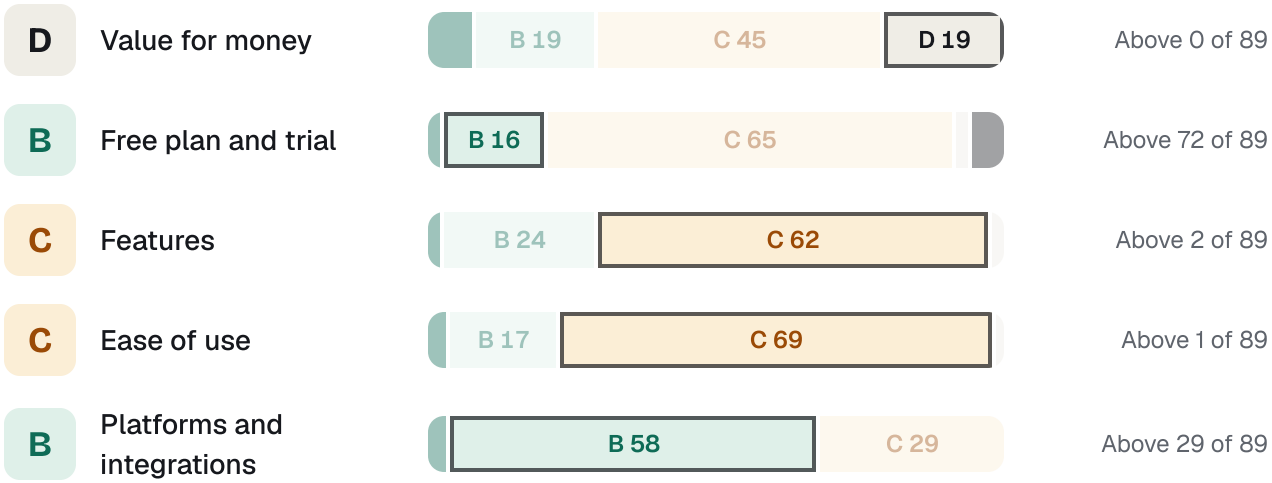
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 72 of 89) and worst on value for money (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $35 a month, against a middle price of $20 for the category: 75 of the 82 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 28 tools score higher and cost less.

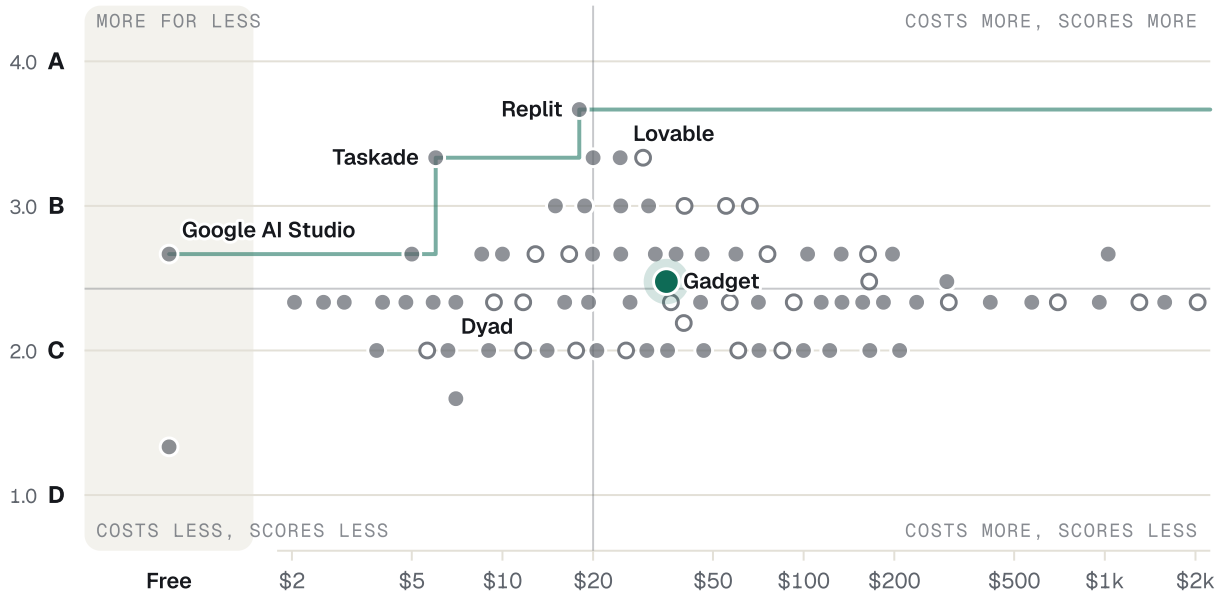
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 90 AI app builders we grade, cut by the letter each got. Gadget's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 85 AI app builders. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Gadget 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 Gadget you would be making a tool that builds and hosts other apps. 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: 39 of the 89 other AI app builders grade higher. It costs $420 a year.

What you could not

- A tool that builds and hosts other apps.
- Databases with views, filters and links between them.

- ✕ It plugs into other products, Shopify, BigCommerce and OpenAI among them, and has an API.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. Gadget'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



Replit, Bolt, Lovable, Retool and Superblocks

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

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Replit

Free plan · from $18/mo

Cloud platform where an AI agent builds, hosts and publishes apps.

- Only Replit lists macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Gadget also covers databases.
- Replit also covers AI agents and no-code.

Gadget and Replit compared in full

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Bolt

Free plan · from $18/mo

Browser-based AI builder for websites, web apps and mobile apps.

- Gadget also covers databases.
- Bolt also covers no-code.

Gadget and Bolt compared in full



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Lovable

Free plan · from $21/mo

Chat-based AI builder for full-stack web apps and websites.

- Only Lovable lists macOS, Windows, iOS and Android apps.
- Gadget also covers databases.
- Lovable also covers no-code.

Gadget and Lovable compared in full



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Retool

Free plan · from $10/mo

Platform for building internal apps, workflows and AI agents.

- Retool is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Gadget also covers databases.
- Retool also covers workflow automation, AI agents and no-code.

Gadget and Retool compared in full



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Superblocks

Free trial · from $100/mo

Governed platform for AI-built internal apps and agents.

- Gadget has a free plan. Superblocks does not, though it has a free trial.
- Gadget also covers databases.
- Superblocks also covers AI agents.

Gadget and Superblocks compared in full

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 Gadget free?

Gadget has a free plan. Hobby plan: free, 2 seats, unlimited dev environments, 1 production environment and 100 AI credits once on sign-up.

How much does Gadget cost?

Gadget lists 4 plans. Hobby: $0.

What platforms does Gadget work on?

Gadget is available on Web.

Does Gadget have an Android app?

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

Does Gadget have an iPhone app?

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

Is Gadget open source?

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

Does Gadget have an API?

Yes. Gadget offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does Gadget integrate with?

Gadget's listing names Shopify, BigCommerce, OpenAI, Google SSO and Git.

Who makes Gadget?

Gadget is made by Gadget Software, Inc.

What are the alternatives to Gadget?

The closest alternatives to Gadget in our directory are Replit, Bolt, Lovable, Retool and Superblocks.

How does Gadget compare with other AI app builders?

Gadget's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 23 of the 89 other AI app builders we grade, and level with 27.

Is Gadget good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Gadget D for value for money. Its paid plans start at $35 a month, against a middle price of $20 for the category: 75 of the 82 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Gadget?

To replace Gadget you would be making a tool that builds and hosts other apps.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Gadget'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 Gadget'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 Gadget Software, Inc. Prices change, so check gadget.dev 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

7,721

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**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Gadget, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/gadget

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 90 AI app builders we grade, compared

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Google AI Studio Insider's Guide

Google's workspace for building apps and prototypes with Gemini

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Replit Insider's Guide

Cloud platform where an AI agent builds, hosts and publishes apps

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