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Gnumeric

The Insider's Guide

Free, open-source spreadsheet program



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among spreadsheet and database tools, read from Gnumeric's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Gnumeric's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Gnumeric's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 34 of the 42 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade

Gnumeric is a free, open-source spreadsheet program from the GNOME project, licensed under the GNU General Public License. Its site says it starts quickly, stays responsive with large spreadsheets and has accurate built-in functions. It is distributed mainly through Linux and BSD packages and as source code.

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

> **It mostly lives on Linux and BSD, the project ships no Windows build, and there is no Mac, phone or browser version.**
>
> From our report card of Gnumeric

1 **Best for a free spreadsheet on Linux**

Gnumeric is a free, open-source spreadsheet from the GNOME project that starts fast and copes with large files.

2 **It is free**

Gnumeric has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on Linux**

Linux.

4 **Open source**

The program and its source code are free of charge under GPL version 2 or version 3.

5 **Fast with large files**

The site says Gnumeric starts quickly and stays responsive with large spreadsheets.

6 **Accuracy of functions**

The site points to research that found its built-in functions accurate.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 34 of 42**

That is against the other spreadsheet and database tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

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

Gnumeric at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Linux
MADE BY Gnumeric	CATEGORY Spreadsheets & Databases
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for a free spreadsheet on Linux

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Gnumeric	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free of charge, open source under the GPL. A program anyone can download and run counts as free and substantial.
Free plan and trial	A	No plan, no cap and no account: the whole program and its source are free.
Features	B	A full spreadsheet program with a manual and tested functions. Nothing in the listing shows a gap in the core job.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. On Linux you install it from your distribution's packages and open it, with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	D	Linux and BSD only. The project does not release Windows binaries, and no Mac, phone or browser version is listed.
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 Gnumeric is for

- ✓ Fits if you run Linux and open large spreadsheets
- ✓ Works for people who want a spreadsheet without a subscription or an account

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use Windows, as the project does not release Windows binaries
- ✗ Not for you if you use a Mac, phone or browser, since none is listed
- ✗ Watch out: the newest Windows build the site links is 1.12.17, older than the current 1.12.62
- ✗ Watch out: no cloud sharing is described

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Linux users who want a lightweight spreadsheet from their distribution
- ✓ People who want a spreadsheet under a free software license

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The project does not release Windows binaries; the newest older build it links is 1.12.17.
- ⓘ On Linux and BSD the site recommends installing from your distribution's packages.
- ⓘ The site lists no macOS, mobile or browser versions.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Gnumeric is free to use.

> **Free of charge, open source under the GPL.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

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The full program and its source code, licensed under GPL version 2 or version 3.

Read from gnome.pages.gitlab.gnome.org on Nov 12, 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: Linux

Free, open-source spreadsheet program. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, spreadsheets.

> **A full spreadsheet program with a manual and tested functions.**

From our grade for features

Open source

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Fast with large files

The site says Gnumeric starts quickly and stays responsive with large spreadsheets.

Accuracy of functions

The site points to research that found its built-in functions accurate.

Tested functions

The project aims to test every sheet function, preferably in its automated test suite; coverage is not complete.

User's manual

A user's manual and FAQ are published alongside the download page.

Where it runs

Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Gnumeric is made by Gnumeric.

Where it stands

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

34/42

Other spreadsheet and database tools it is graded above

Gnumeric's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 34 of the 42 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade, and level with 3.

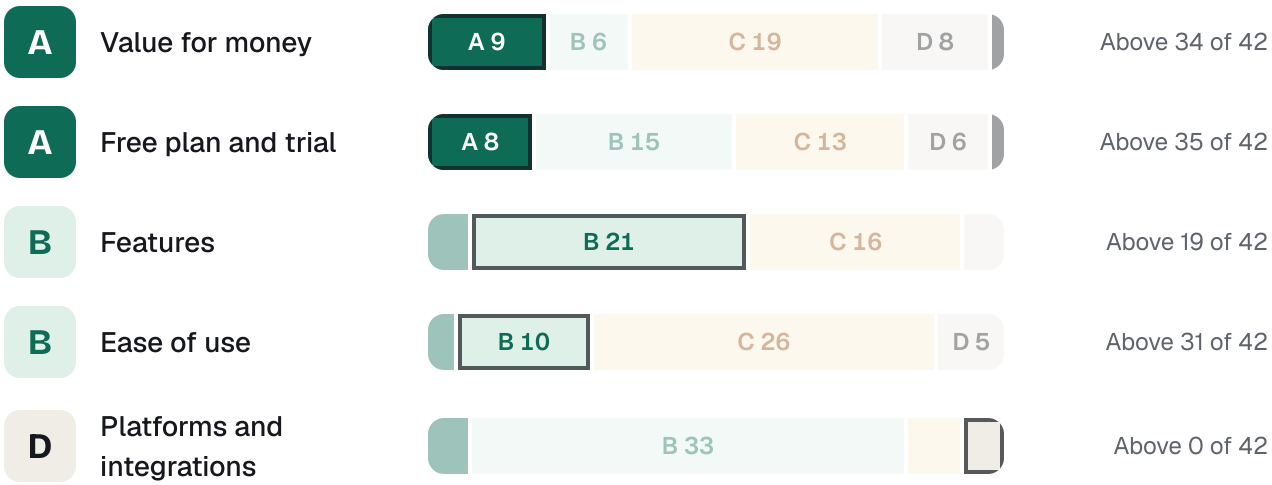
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 35 of 42) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Gnumeric 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.

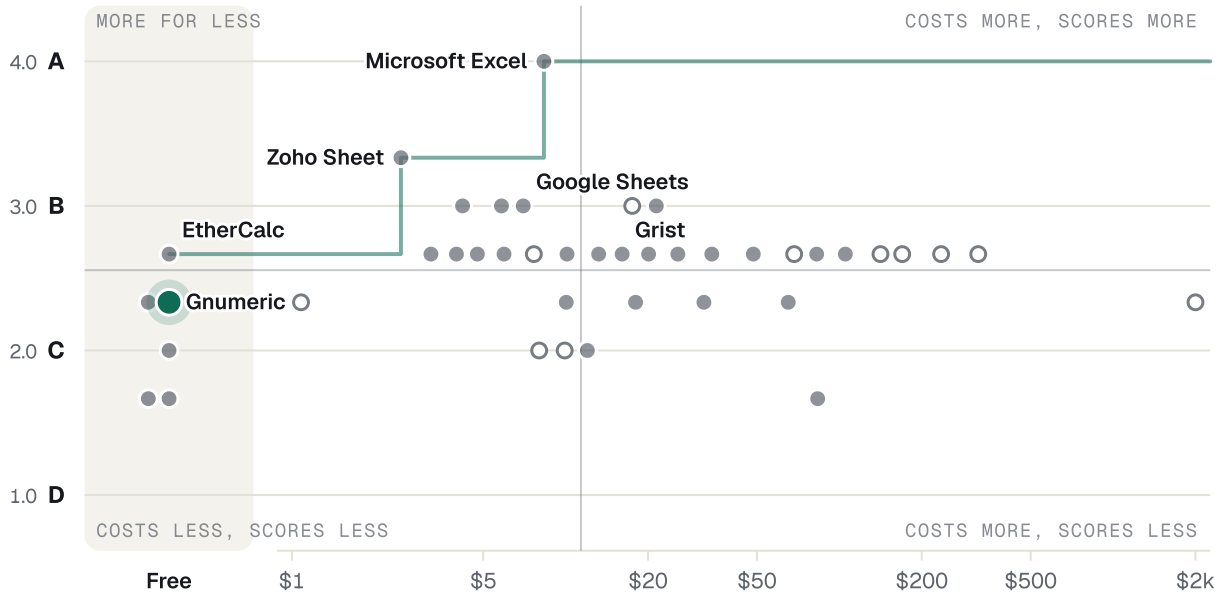
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 43 spreadsheet and database tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Gnumeric's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 42 spreadsheet and database tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Gnumeric 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

Gnumeric 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 3.0 is higher than 34 of the 42 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade.

What you could not

- A spreadsheet engine with its formulas.
- A real app for Linux. 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. Gnumeric'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



LibreOffice Calc, Calligra Sheets, Microsoft Excel, Numbers and Google Sheets

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

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LibreOffice Calc

Free

Free, open-source spreadsheet for Windows, macOS and Linux.

- Only LibreOffice Calc lists Windows and macOS apps.

Gnumeric and LibreOffice Calc compared in full

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Calligra Sheets

Free

Desktop spreadsheet from KDE's Calligra office suite.

- Calligra Sheets also covers templates.

Gnumeric and Calligra Sheets compared in full

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Microsoft Excel

Free plan · from $9.99/mo

Spreadsheet app sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser.

- Only Gnumeric lists a Linux app.
- Only Microsoft Excel lists a web app.
- Only Microsoft Excel lists Windows, macOS, iOS and Android apps.

Gnumeric and Microsoft Excel compared in full

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Numbers

Free plan · from $12.99/mo

Apple's free spreadsheet app for Mac, iPad and iPhone.

- Only Gnumeric lists a Linux app.
- Only Numbers lists a web app.
- Only Numbers lists macOS and iOS apps.

Gnumeric and Numbers compared in full

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Google Sheets

Free plan · from $7/mo

Browser-based spreadsheet, free with a Google Account.

- Only Gnumeric lists a Linux app.
- Only Google Sheets lists a web app.
- Only Google Sheets lists iOS and Android apps.

Gnumeric and Google Sheets 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 Gnumeric free?

Yes. Gnumeric is free to use.

How much does Gnumeric cost?

Gnumeric lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Gnumeric work on?

Gnumeric is available on Linux.

Does Gnumeric have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Gnumeric is listed for Linux.

Does Gnumeric have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Gnumeric is listed for Linux.

Is Gnumeric open source?

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

Who makes Gnumeric?

Gnumeric is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Gnumeric?

The closest alternatives to Gnumeric in our directory are LibreOffice Calc, Calligra Sheets, Microsoft Excel, Numbers and Google Sheets.

How does Gnumeric compare with other spreadsheet and database tools?

Gnumeric's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 34 of the 42 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade, and level with 3.

Is Gnumeric good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Gnumeric?

Gnumeric 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 Gnumeric's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Gnumeric's own pages on 12 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 Gnumeric. Prices change, so check gnome.pages.gitlab.gnome.org before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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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

Gnumeric, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/gnumeric

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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Spreadsheets & Databases Insider's Guide

Every one of the 43 spreadsheet and database tools we grade, compared

Zoho Sheet Insider's Guide

Collaborative online spreadsheet with a free version

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Google Sheets Insider's Guide

Browser-based spreadsheet, free with a Google Account

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Microsoft Excel Insider's Guide

Spreadsheet app sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser

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