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# Google Pinpoint

## The Insider's Guide

Free Google tool for searching large document collections



**Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI research tools, read from Google Pinpoint's own pages.**

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Google Pinpoint's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Google Pinpoint'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 47 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade

Pinpoint is a Google research tool for journalists, academics and content creators who work with large piles of documents. You upload PDFs, images and audio into a collection, then search, filter and transcribe them, and ask questions answered by Gemini with evidence from the files.

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

> **It is free, but creating collections needs full access that Google gives to journalists, academics and content creators on request.**
>
> From our report card of Google Pinpoint

**1** **Best for searching big piles of documents**

Pinpoint lets you upload large collections of documents, audio and video and search them with Gemini answers.

**2** **It is free**

Google Pinpoint has no paid plan at all. Google states it charges no fee to use Pinpoint, with either read-only or full access.

**3** **It runs on Web**

Web.

**4** **Document collections**

Upload files from a computer or Google Drive into private collections of PDFs, images, handwritten pages, emails and audio.

**5** **Search and filters**

Advanced search supports exact match and exclusions, and documents can be filtered by the people, organizations and places found in them.

**6** **Audio and video transcription**

Turns recordings into searchable text and lets you jump from selected text to the matching point in the audio.

**7** **A 2.6 GPA, above 47 of 69**

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

**8** **Keep it**

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

### Google Pinpoint at a glance

| | |
|---|---|
| PRICING<br>Free | FREE PLAN<br>Yes |
| FREE TRIAL<br>None stated | RUNS ON<br>Web |
| MADE BY<br>Google | CATEGORY<br>AI Research Tools |
| OUR GRADE<br>2.6 GPA, good | |

## The report card

### Best for searching big piles of documents

Pinpoint lets you upload large collections of documents, audio and video and search them with Gemini answers. It is free, but creating collections needs

full access that Google gives to journalists, academics and content creators on request. It searches your own files, not scholarly databases.

| TOOLGPA REPORT CARD | Google Pinpoint | Graded Nov 13, 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| SUBJECT | GRADE | COMMENT |
| **Value for money** | A | Free, and Google says it charges no fee for read-only or full access. |
| **Free plan and trial** | B | No payment at any level, but only read-only access to public collections is open to anyone. Making your own collections needs full access, which Google grants on request. |
| **Features** | C | Document collections, search filters, transcription, Gemini answers and tables to spreadsheets. It covers your own files only, not scholarly literature. |
| **Ease of use** | C | No store rating on record, and you build collections and upload files before it is useful. |
| **Platforms and integrations** | C | Web only, with Google Drive and Gemini as the connections. No API or apps are listed. |
| **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 Google Pinpoint is for

- ✓ Fits if you are a journalist sifting through large document dumps
- ✓ Works for academics who need to search their own transcripts and PDFs

### Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you need instant sign-up, as full access to create collections is by request
- ✗ Skip it if you want to search published papers, since it searches only what you upload
- ✗ Watch out: a work or school Google account may be blocked by your administrator
- ✗ Too light for citations or a paper library, as it has neither

## Good to know

### Good for

- ✓ Journalists digging through leaked or archived document sets
- ✓ Researchers with many scanned or audio sources to search
- ✓ Teams checking facts together in a shared collection

### Worth knowing

- ⓘ Creating and editing collections needs full access, which Google offers to journalists, academics and content creators on request.
- ⓘ Work or school Google accounts may be blocked by the organization's administrator.
- ⓘ Pinpoint is not covered by Google Workspace terms of service; Google's general terms apply.
- ⓘ It searches your own uploaded documents, not scholarly literature databases.

# What it costs

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

**Free**

No paid plan at all

Google Pinpoint is free to use.

> **Free, and Google says it charges no fee for read-only or full access.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

## $0

Read-only access to public collections for any Google account; creating collections needs full access.

### The free plan

Google states it charges no fee to use Pinpoint, with either read-only or full access.

Read from support.google.com 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

Free Google tool for searching large document collections. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, transcription, AI search, research, documents.

> **Document collections, search filters, transcription, Gemini answers and tables to spreadsheets.**
>
> From our grade for features

### Document collections

Upload files from a computer or Google Drive into private collections of PDFs, images, handwritten pages, emails and audio.

### Search and filters

Advanced search supports exact match and exclusions, and documents can be filtered by the people, organizations and places found in them.

### Audio and video transcription

Turns recordings into searchable text and lets you jump from selected text to the matching point in the audio.

### Gemini research answers

Uses Gemini to answer research questions with supporting evidence from the documents in a collection.

### Tables to spreadsheets

Converts scanned tables or many similarly structured documents into sortable spreadsheets without code.

### Sharing and public collections

Share collections with colleagues, or explore public collections published by news organizations.

### Where it runs

Web

### What it works with

Google Drive

Gemini

Google Pinpoint is made by Google.

# Where it stands

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

**47**/69

Other AI research tools it is graded above

Google Pinpoint's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 47 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade, and level with 8.

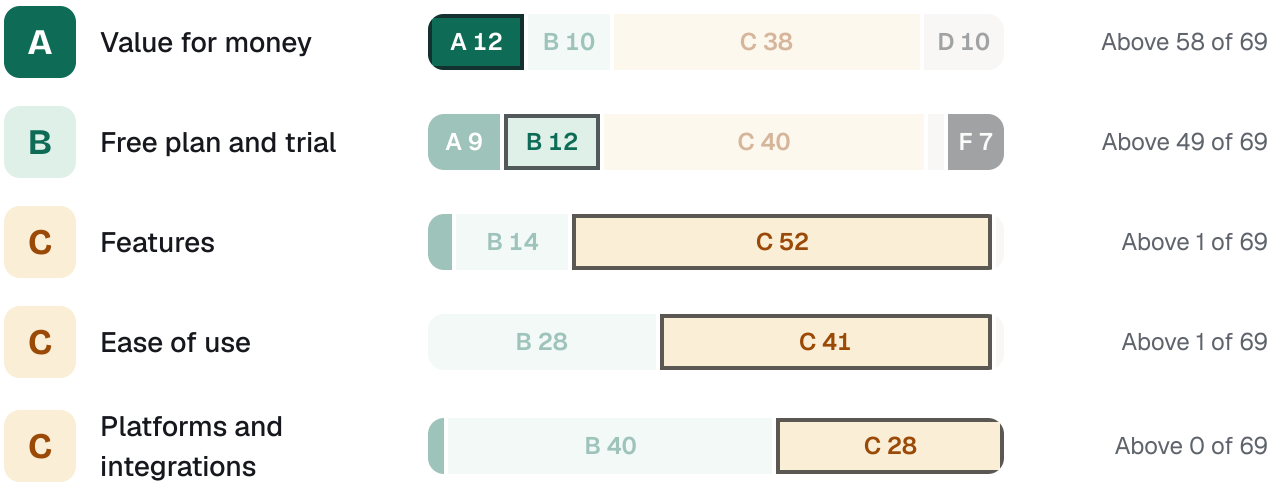
It stands best on value for money (A, above 58 of 69) and worst on platforms and integrations (C, above 0).

Google Pinpoint has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

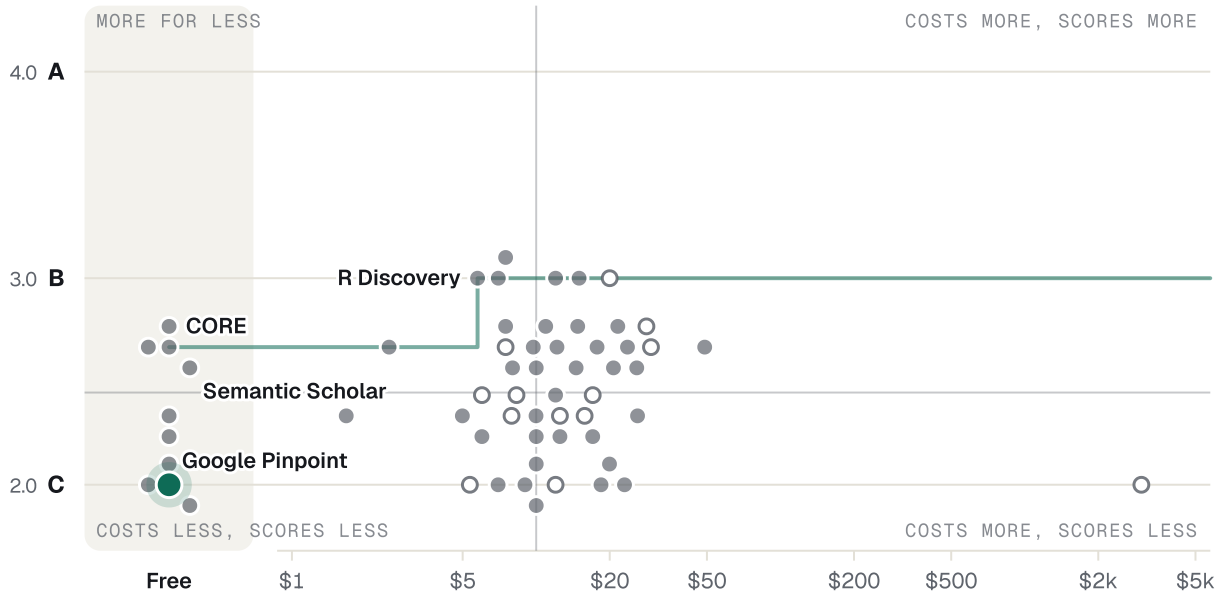
## Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 70 AI research tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Google Pinpoint's own letter is outlined.



# Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 59 AI research tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Google Pinpoint 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

Google Pinpoint 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 2.6 is higher than 47 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade.

### What you could make

- Documents: an app builder makes this well.

### What you could not

- × A library of papers and sources to search.
- × A search engine with an AI model behind it.

Speech turned into text you can trust.

**What this rests on.** Google Pinpoint'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



Otio, Anara, ChatPDF, Humata and Paperguide

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

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## Otio

Free plan · from $7/mo

AI research workspace for chatting across many sources.

- Only Otio lists macOS, Windows, Linux and iOS apps.
- Only Otio lists a browser extension.
- Google Pinpoint also covers transcription and documents.

Google Pinpoint and Otio compared in full

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## Anara

Free plan · from $8/mo

AI research assistant that cites the exact source passage.

- Only Anara lists macOS and iOS apps.
- Only Anara lists a browser extension.
- Google Pinpoint also covers transcription and documents.

Google Pinpoint and Anara compared in full

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## ChatPDF

Free plan · from $89.99/yr

Ask questions about PDFs and get answers with citations.

- Only ChatPDF lists macOS, Windows, iOS and Android apps.
- Google Pinpoint also covers transcription and documents.
- ChatPDF also covers chat assistant and citations.

Google Pinpoint and ChatPDF compared in full

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## Humata

Free plan · from $9.99/mo

Document Q&A with cited answers across your uploaded files.

- Google Pinpoint also covers transcription, AI search and documents.
- Humata also covers chat assistant and citations.

Google Pinpoint and Humata compared in full

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## Paperguide

Free plan · from $12/mo

AI research platform for literature and systematic reviews.

- Only Paperguide lists a browser extension.
- Google Pinpoint also covers transcription and documents.
- Paperguide also covers chat assistant, AI agents, citations and long-form writing.

Google Pinpoint and Paperguide 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 Google Pinpoint free?

Yes. Google Pinpoint is free to use.

### How much does Google Pinpoint cost?

Google Pinpoint lists one plan. Free: $0.

### What platforms does Google Pinpoint work on?

Google Pinpoint is available on Web.

### Does Google Pinpoint have an Android app?

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

### Does Google Pinpoint have an iPhone app?

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

### Is Google Pinpoint open source?

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

### What does Google Pinpoint integrate with?

Google Pinpoint's listing names Google Drive and Gemini. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

### Who makes Google Pinpoint?

Google Pinpoint is made by Google.

### What are the alternatives to Google Pinpoint?

The closest alternatives to Google Pinpoint in our directory are Otio, Anara, ChatPDF, Humata and Paperguide.

### How does Google Pinpoint compare with other AI research tools?

Google Pinpoint's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 47 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade, and level with 8.

### Is Google Pinpoint good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Google Pinpoint A for value for money. Google Pinpoint has no paid plan.

### Could I make my own version of Google Pinpoint?

Google Pinpoint 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 Google Pinpoint'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 Google'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 Google. Prices change, so check journaliststudio.google.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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| 7,721 | 95 | 739 | 579 |
|---|---|---|---|
| tools graded | categories | price changes on record | apps priced in 12 countries |

## What else is on toolgpa.com

### Google Pinpoint, kept up to date

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

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The rules behind every letter and every GPA

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### Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

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### Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

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### Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

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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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