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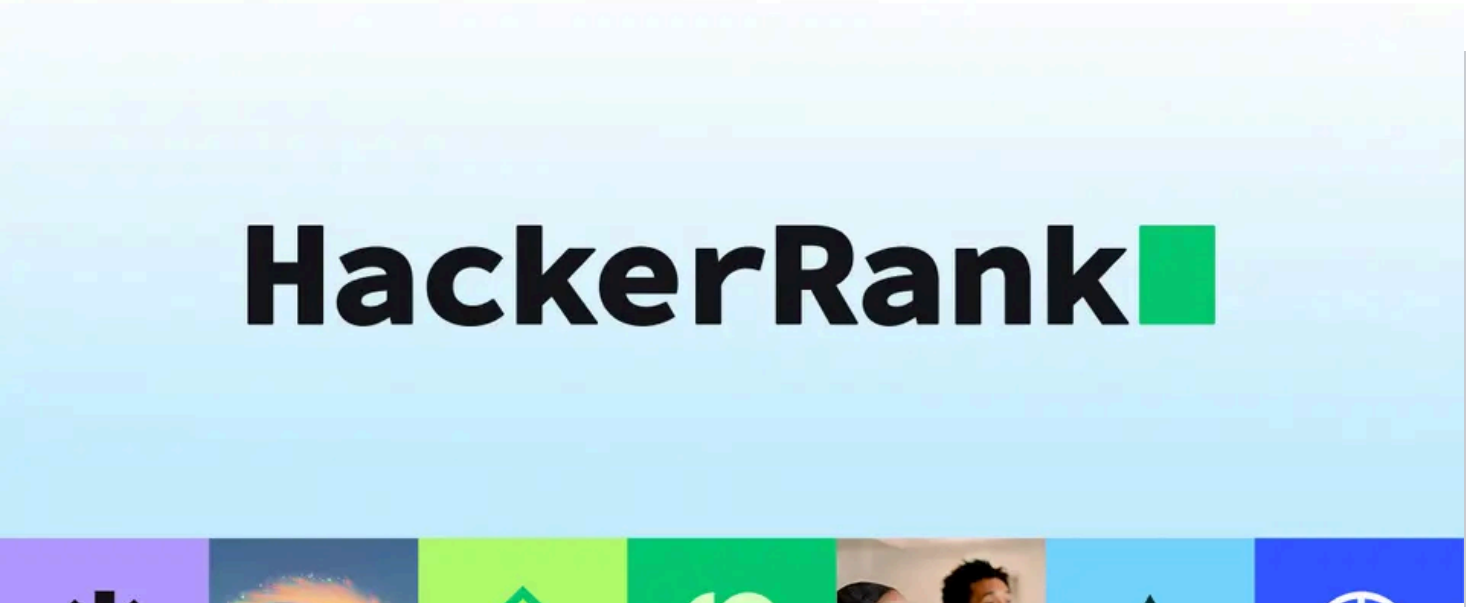
Coding assessments, pair-programming interviews and an AI interviewer



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among hiring and applicant tracking tools, read from HackerRank's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from HackerRank's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on HackerRank'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 54 of the 101 other hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade

HackerRank is a technical hiring platform with take-home coding assessments, live pair-programming interviews and an AI interviewer called Chakra that runs conversational screens. Plans are priced by the number of candidate attempts a year, with unlimited users on every self-serve plan.

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

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> **It caps how many candidates you can test a year, and integrations and certified tests sit well up the price ladder.**
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> From our report card of HackerRank

1 **Best for coding tests and live coding interviews**

HackerRank has take-home coding tests, live pair-coding interviews and an AI interviewer, with unlimited users.

2 **Paid plans start at $79 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $79 per month, billed annually ($948).

3 **You can try it first**

Free trial offered on Starter and Pro; length not stated

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Chakra AI interviewer**

Runs conversational screens with real-time follow-up questions, then produces a report with transcript, session replay and scores.

6 **Coding assessments**

Take-home tests built from a question library of 2,000+ to 7,500+ questions, with multi-file projects and custom questions.

7 **Pair-programming interviews**

Live collaborative coding with recording and playback, a full IDE, and scorecard assistance for interviewers.

8 **A 2.0 GPA, above 54 of 101**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace HackerRank you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

HackerRank at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $79 per month, billed annually ($948)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
Free trial offered on Starter and Pro; length not stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
HackerRank

CATEGORY
Hiring & Applicant Tracking

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for coding tests and live coding interviews

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Starter is $79 a month on yearly billing for 60 candidate attempts a year, just above the category's cheaper quarter at $74. Pro is $419 for 360.
Free plan and trial	D	A free trial is offered on Starter and Pro, but its length isn't stated. A trial with no terms is a D.
Features	C	Coding assessments, pair-programming, an AI interviewer and proctoring. ATS integrations start at Pro, and certified assessments and API access are Enterprise only.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and the listing shows tests and question libraries to set up. That puts it at C.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web product with ATS and calendar integrations from Pro and API access on Enterprise. No desktop or phone app, so B.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

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 HackerRank is for

- ✓ Fits if you hire engineers and want tests plus live coding in one place
- ✓ Works for teams where many people interview, since every self-serve plan has unlimited users

Who it is not for

- ✕ Tight if you test many candidates: 60 attempts a year on Starter, and extra ones are $20 each
- ✕ Pricey if you need integrations, because they start at Pro, $419 a month
- ✕ Watch out: certified assessments, leaked-question protection and API access are Enterprise only
- ✕ Watch out: the pricing page wouldn't show its prices to us, so the figures are from the listing and not rechecked

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Engineering teams that want one tool for screens and live interviews
- ✓ Companies assessing how candidates work with AI coding tools
- ✓ Large employers that need certified assessments for specific roles

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Plans cap candidate attempts per year (60 on Starter, 360 on Pro); extra attempts are $20 each.
- ⓘ ATS and calendar integrations start at Pro, and the larger ATS set at Enterprise.
- ⓘ Leaked question protection, certified assessments and API access are Enterprise only.
- ⓘ The monthly-billing price was not shown on the page; the figures here are the annual rates.

What it costs

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

$79
A month to start

HackerRank is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $79 per month, billed annually ($948).

> **A free trial is offered on Starter and Pro, but its length isn't stated.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

STARTER

$79

per month, billed annually ($948 a year)

Unlimited users, 60 candidate attempts a year, 2,000+ library questions, AI interviewer and proctoring.

PRO

$419

per month, billed annually ($5,028 a year)

360 candidate attempts a year, 4,000+ library questions, ATS and calendar integrations.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Sold through sales: custom users and attempts, certified assessments, API and MCP access, 7,500+ questions.

Trying it first

Free trial offered on Starter and Pro; length not stated

Read from hackerrank.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Save 20% with annual billing

The pricing page toggle is labeled Save 20% annually; Pro attempts can also be pre-bought at $15 on annual plans.

Stated on hackerrank.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: Web

Coding assessments, pair-programming interviews and an AI interviewer. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, AI features, AI agents, reports, skills tests.

> **Coding assessments, pair-programming, an AI interviewer and proctoring.**

From our grade for features

Chakra AI interviewer

Runs conversational screens with real-time follow-up questions, then produces a report with transcript, session replay and scores.

Coding assessments

Take-home tests built from a question library of 2,000+ to 7,500+ questions, with multi-file projects and custom questions.

Pair-programming interviews

Live collaborative coding with recording and playback, a full IDE, and scorecard assistance for interviewers.

AI-aware editor

Candidates can work with AI agents in the IDE, with a choice of Claude, Gemini or GPT; employers set guarded or unguarded AI.

Integrity features

Advanced proctoring on every plan, with leaked-question protection reserved for Enterprise.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

HackerRank is made by HackerRank.

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Where it stands

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

54/101

Other hiring and applicant tracking tools it is graded above

HackerRank's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 54 of the 101 other hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, and level with 21.

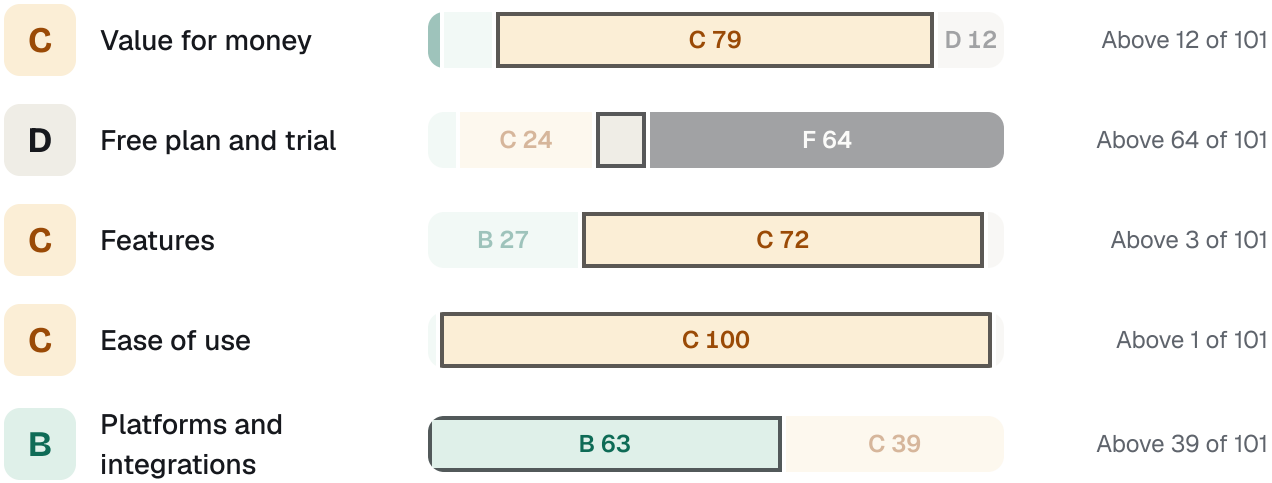
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 39 of 101) and worst on free plan and trial (D, above 64).

Its paid plans start at $79 a month, against a middle price of $99 for the category: 12 of the 42 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 2 tools score higher and cost less.

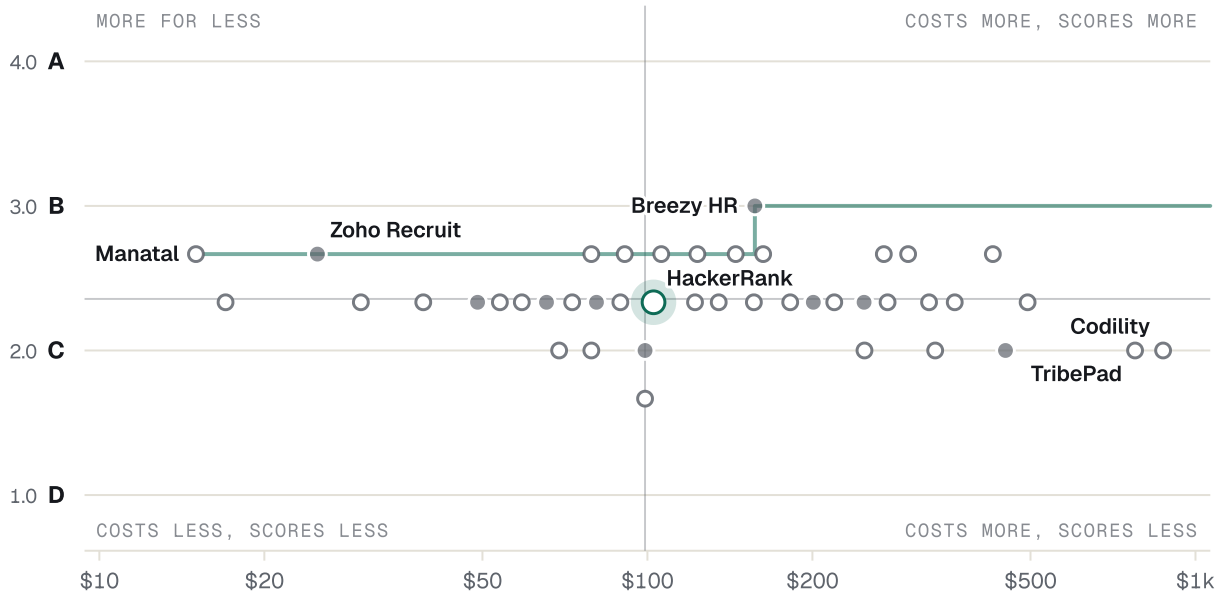
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 102 hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. HackerRank's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 43 hiring and applicant tracking tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. HackerRank 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 HackerRank you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $948 a year.

What you could make

- Reports: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- An AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.

- A library of tested questions with scores to compare candidates by.
- An API that other software can build on.
- Sharing with other people, which means accounts and invitations.

What this rests on. HackerRank'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



CoderPad, CodeSignal, Codility, TestDome and Karat

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

CoderPad

2.0 GPA

Free trial · from $80/mo

Coding assessments and live technical interviews with AI in the editor.

- HackerRank also covers AI agents.
- CoderPad also covers video calls.

HackerRank and CoderPad compared in full

CodeSignal

1.6 GPA

From $79/mo

Coding and skills assessments with AI interviewers.

- HackerRank also covers AI agents.
- CodeSignal also covers applicant tracking.

HackerRank and CodeSignal compared in full

Codility

1.6 GPA

Free trial · from $800/mo

Technical screening and live coding interviews.

- HackerRank also covers AI agents and reports.
- Codility also covers applicant tracking.

HackerRank and Codility compared in full



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GPA

TestDome

Free trial · from $7

Skills tests and live coding interviews, paid per candidate.

- HackerRank also covers AI agents.
- TestDome also covers video calls.

HackerRank and TestDome compared in full



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Karat

Paid

Expert-run technical interviews for hiring and contractor vetting.

- HackerRank also covers AI agents.

HackerRank and Karat 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 HackerRank free?

No, HackerRank is a paid product, but you can try it first. Free trial offered on Starter and Pro; length not stated.

How much does HackerRank cost?

HackerRank lists 3 plans. Starter: $79 per month, billed annually ($948 a year).

What platforms does HackerRank work on?

HackerRank is available on Web.

Does HackerRank offer any discounts?

HackerRank publicly lists the following: Save 20% with annual billing.

Does HackerRank have an Android app?

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

Does HackerRank have an iPhone app?

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

Is HackerRank open source?

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

Does HackerRank have an API?

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

Who makes HackerRank?

HackerRank is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to HackerRank?

The closest alternatives to HackerRank in our directory are CoderPad, CodeSignal, Codility, TestDome and Karat.

How does HackerRank compare with other hiring and applicant tracking tools?

HackerRank's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 54 of the 101 other hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, and level with 21.

Is HackerRank good value for money?

ToolGPA grades HackerRank C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $79 a month, against a middle price of $99 for the category: 12 of the 42 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of HackerRank?

To replace HackerRank you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from HackerRank'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 HackerRank's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews. The pricing page did not show its prices when we read it, so those come from the listing.

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 HackerRank. Prices change, so check hackerrank.com before you buy.

hackerrank.com/work/pricing

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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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

HackerRank, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/hackerrank

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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Hiring & Applicant Tracking Insider's Guide

Every one of the 102 hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, compared

Manatal Insider's Guide

Low-cost per-user ATS and recruitment CRM with AI candidate matching

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Breezy HR Insider's Guide

Flat-priced applicant tracking with a free one-job plan

2.6 GPA

JOIN Insider's Guide

Multiposting and applicant management priced per open job

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