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HWiNFO

The Insider's Guide

Windows hardware information and real-time sensor monitoring



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from HWiNFO's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from HWiNFO's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on HWiNFO'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 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

HWiNFO is a Windows program that lists the hardware in a PC in detail and monitors sensors for CPUs, GPUs, mainboards and drives in real time. It exports reports to XML, CSV and HTML, and its project page says it is freeware for non-commercial use only.

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

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> **It is freeware for non-commercial use only, and its own site blocked our read, so this card leans on its SourceForge page.**
>
> From our report card of HWiNFO

1 **Best for reading every sensor and part inside a Windows PC**

HWiNFO lists the hardware in a Windows PC in detail and watches sensors for CPU, GPU, board and drives in real time.

2 **It is free**

HWiNFO has no paid plan at all. Described on its SourceForge project page as freeware for non-commercial use only.

3 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

4 **Hardware inventory**

Shows components in a hierarchy that unfolds into deep detail, or as a quick summary overview, for a full hardware report or spot checks.

5 **Real-time monitoring**

Tracks parameters across CPUs, GPUs, mainboards, drives and peripherals to help spot overheating, overload or performance loss.

6 **Customizable display**

Shows sensor data in customizable tables, graphs, tray icons and an on-screen display.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 154 of 186**

That is against the other desktop utilities we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

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

HWiNFO at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows
MADE BY HWiNFO	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	HWiNFO	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Freeware with no price on record. The listing's price source is unverified.
Free plan and trial	A	Freeware with no cap or trial clock, but its project page says for non-commercial use only.
Features	B	Hardware inventory, real-time sensors, tables, graphs, tray icons, an on-screen display, and exports to XML, CSV and HTML. The listing names no gap in the core job.
Ease of use	B	No store rating is on record, but it is a program you install and start using with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows is the only current desktop platform; DOS and WinPE are the other listed targets. No Mac, Linux or phone version.
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 HWiNFO is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to see exactly which parts are in a Windows PC
- ✓ Works for people who watch temperatures and loads while gaming or stress testing

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want it for work, as the project page says non-commercial use only
- ✕ Skip it if you use a Mac or Linux machine, as there is no version for either
- ✕ Watch out: the vendor site returned a bot check, so these details come from SourceForge
- ✕ Watch out: commercial terms were not readable

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Checking temperatures and loads on a PC while it runs
- ✓ Producing a detailed hardware inventory report
- ✓ Enthusiasts who want a very granular sensor list

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Its vendor site returned a bot check when read, so these details come from its SourceForge project page.
- ⓘ The project page says freeware use is for non-commercial purposes only; commercial terms were not readable.
- ⓘ Windows is the only current desktop platform covered here; the other listed targets are DOS and WinPE.
- ⓘ No Mac, Linux or mobile version is listed.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

HWiNFO's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **The listing's price source is unverified.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm HWiNFO's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. hwinfo.com has them.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Windows

Windows hardware information and real-time sensor monitoring. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: reports, system monitor.

> **Hardware inventory, real-time sensors, tables, graphs, tray icons, an on-screen display, and exports to XML, CSV and HTML.**
>
> From our grade for features

Hardware inventory

Shows components in a hierarchy that unfolds into deep detail, or as a quick summary overview, for a full hardware report or spot checks.

Real-time monitoring

Tracks parameters across CPUs, GPUs, mainboards, drives and peripherals to help spot overheating, overload or performance loss.

Customizable display

Shows sensor data in customizable tables, graphs, tray icons and an on-screen display.

Reports and logging

Exports reports to XML, CSV and HTML, logs status over time and can interface with other tools or add-ons.

Broad OS and hardware coverage

The project page lists DOS, Windows 95 through Windows 11 and WinPE, on platforms from the i8086 to Xeon Platinum.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

HWiNFO is made by HWiNFO.

Where it stands

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

154/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

HWiNFO's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 27.

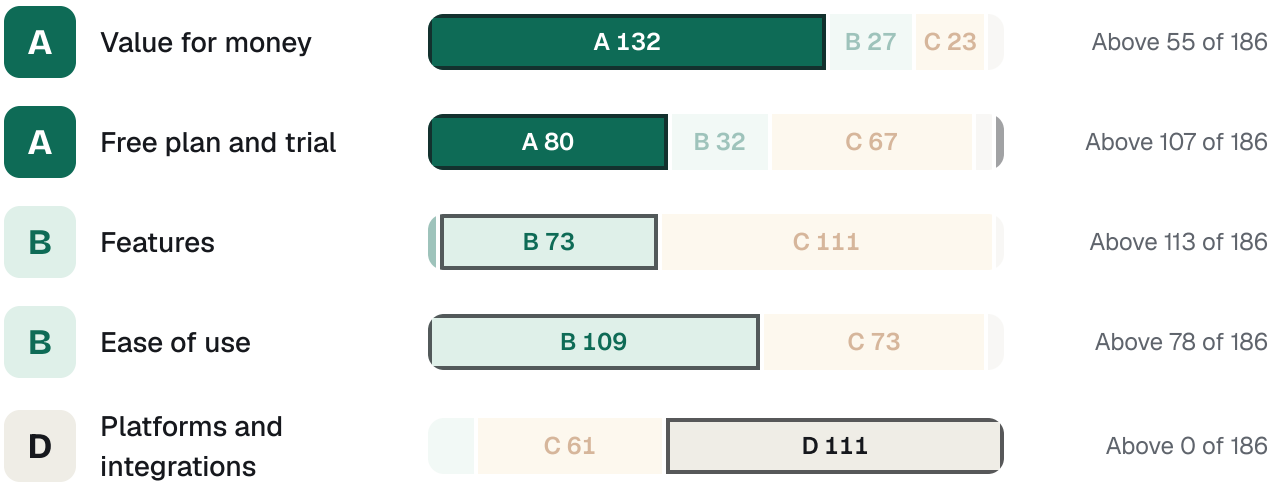
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 107 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

HWiNFO 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.

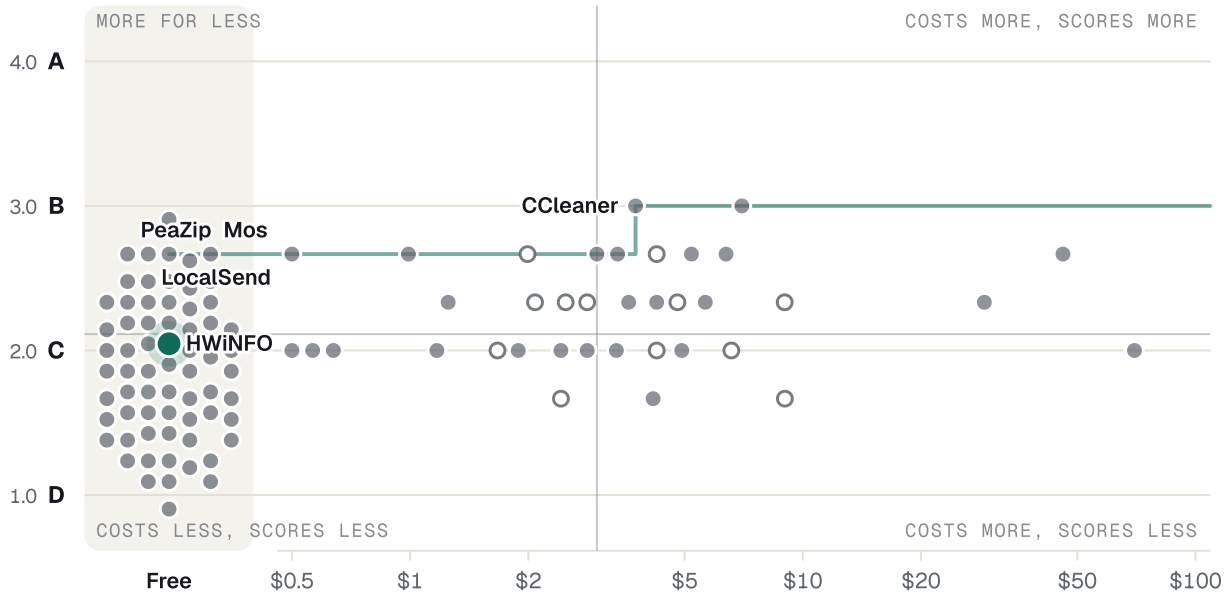
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. HWiNFO's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. HWiNFO 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

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

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade.

What you could make

- Reports: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- Readings from inside the operating system.
- A real app for Windows. 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. HWiNFO'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



CPU-Z, Core Temp, SpeedFan, iStat Menus and Stats

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

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CPU-Z

Free

Free Windows tool that lists CPU, mainboard and memory details.

HWiNFO and CPU-Z compared in full

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Core Temp

Free plan · from $25

Per-core CPU temperature monitor for Windows PCs.

HWiNFO and Core Temp compared in full

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SpeedFan

Free

Free Windows monitor for temperatures, fan speeds and voltages.

- HWiNFO also covers reports.
- SpeedFan also covers workflow automation.

HWiNFO and SpeedFan compared in full



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iStat Menus

Free trial · from $11.99 one-time

System monitor that lives in the Mac menu bar.

- HWiNFO has a free plan. iStat Menus does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only HWiNFO lists a Windows app.
- Only iStat Menus lists a macOS app.

HWiNFO and iStat Menus compared in full



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Stats

Free

Free, open-source system monitor for the Mac menu bar.

- Only HWiNFO lists a Windows app.
- Only Stats lists a macOS app.
- Stats is open source, according to its own site.

HWiNFO and Stats 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 HWiNFO free?

Yes. HWiNFO is free to use.

What platforms does HWiNFO work on?

HWiNFO is available on Windows.

Does HWiNFO have an Android app?

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

Does HWiNFO have an iPhone app?

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

Is HWiNFO open source?

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

Who makes HWiNFO?

HWiNFO is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to HWiNFO?

The closest alternatives to HWiNFO in our directory are CPU-Z, Core Temp, SpeedFan, iStat Menus and Stats.

How does HWiNFO compare with other desktop utilities?

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Is HWiNFO good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of HWiNFO?

HWiNFO is free, so making your own would save you nothing. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from HWiNFO'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 its SourceForge project page (its own site blocked reads) 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 HWiNFO. Prices change, so check hwinfo.com before you buy.

sourceforge.net/projects/hwinfo/

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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

HWiNFO, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/hwinfo

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 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

Just Color Picker Insider's Guide

Free portable color picker and editor for Windows and macOS

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LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

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Mos Insider's Guide

Free Mac menu bar utility for smooth mouse wheel scrolling

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