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Hyprland

The Insider's Guide

Dynamic tiling Wayland compositor with animations



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among window managers and launchers, read from Hyprland's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Hyprland's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Hyprland'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 48 other window managers and launchers we grade

Hyprland is a dynamic tiling Wayland compositor that adds animations, live-reloading configuration, window groups and plugins written in C++. It also lists socket-based IPC, special workspaces and touchpad gestures. The source on GitHub is under the BSD-3-Clause license.

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> **It runs on Wayland only and is set up by editing text files.**
>
> From our report card of Hyprland

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

1 **Best for a tiling Wayland desktop with animations**

Hyprland is a free tiling Wayland compositor with animations, live-reloading config, plugins and socket IPC.

2 **It is free**

Hyprland has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on Linux**

Linux.

4 **Dynamic tiling**

Automatic tiling with several layouts that can be fine-tuned.

5 **Animations**

Offers animated window transitions that the site highlights.

6 **Live-reloading config**

Configuration changes apply when the file is saved.

7 **A 2.6 GPA, above 23 of 48**

That is against the other window managers and launchers we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

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

Hyprland at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Linux
MADE BY Hyprland project	CATEGORY Window Managers & Launchers
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a tiling Wayland desktop with animations

Hyprland is a free tiling Wayland compositor with animations, live-reloading config, plugins and socket IPC. It runs on Wayland only and is set up by editing text files.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **Hyprland** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to download under the BSD-3-Clause license with no paid edition.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole program is free to download and run, with no cap and no paid edition.
Features	B	Dynamic tiling, plugins, IPC, groups, special workspaces and gestures, with no core gap on the listing.
Ease of use	D	No rating on record, and setup is by editing text config files.
Platforms and integrations	D	Linux on Wayland only, with no other operating system and no integrations 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 Hyprland is for

- ✓ Fits if you want tiling with window animations on Linux
- ✓ Works for people who script their desktop through plugins or IPC

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you use Windows or macOS, as it is Linux only
- ✕ Not for you if you need X11 apps to just work, since they depend on compatibility layers
- ✕ Too light for anyone who wants settings screens, because setup is text config
- ✕ Watch out: plugins are written in C++

Good to know

Good for

- Linux users who want a tiling compositor with visual effects
- People who script their desktop through plugins or IPC

Worth knowing

- Wayland only, so apps that need X11 depend on compatibility layers.
- Setup is done by editing text config files.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Hyprland is free to use.

> **The whole program is free to download and run, with no cap and no paid edition.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Free software; the project publishes its source and lists no paid edition.

Read from hypr.land 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: Linux

Dynamic tiling Wayland compositor with animations. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, public API, window management.

> **Dynamic tiling, plugins, IPC, groups, special workspaces and gestures, with no core gap on the listing.**
>
> From our grade for features

Dynamic tiling

Automatic tiling with several layouts that can be fine-tuned.

Animations

Offers animated window transitions that the site highlights.

Live-reloading config

Configuration changes apply when the file is saved.

Plugins

Official and community plugins, which can be written in C++.

IPC and gestures

Socket-based IPC, global shortcuts, window groups, special workspaces and touchpad gestures.

Where it runs

Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Hyprland is made by Hyprland project.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

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Other window managers and launchers it is graded above

Hyprland's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 23 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

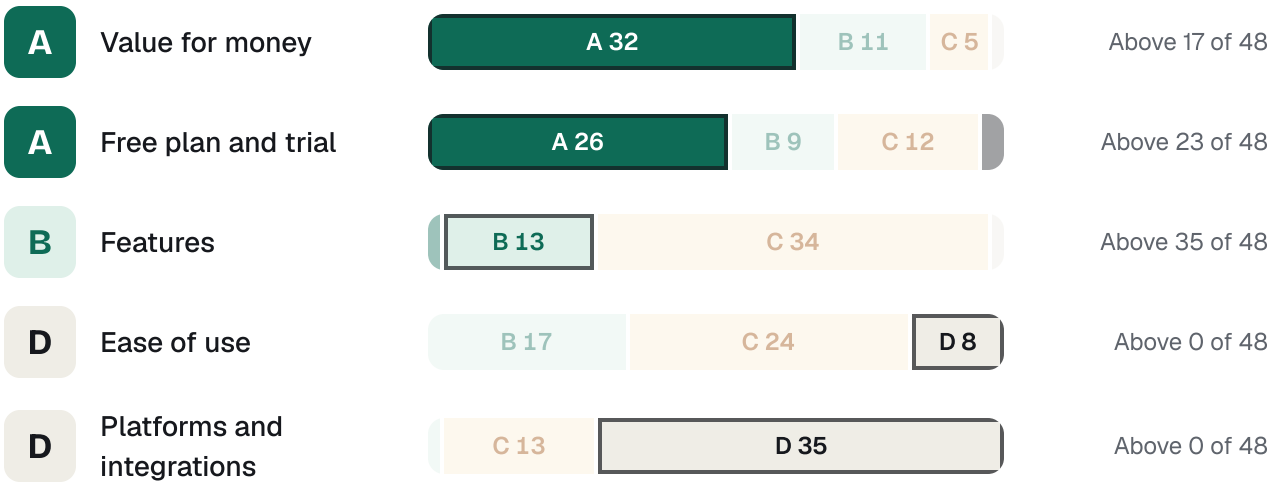
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 23 of 48) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Hyprland has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

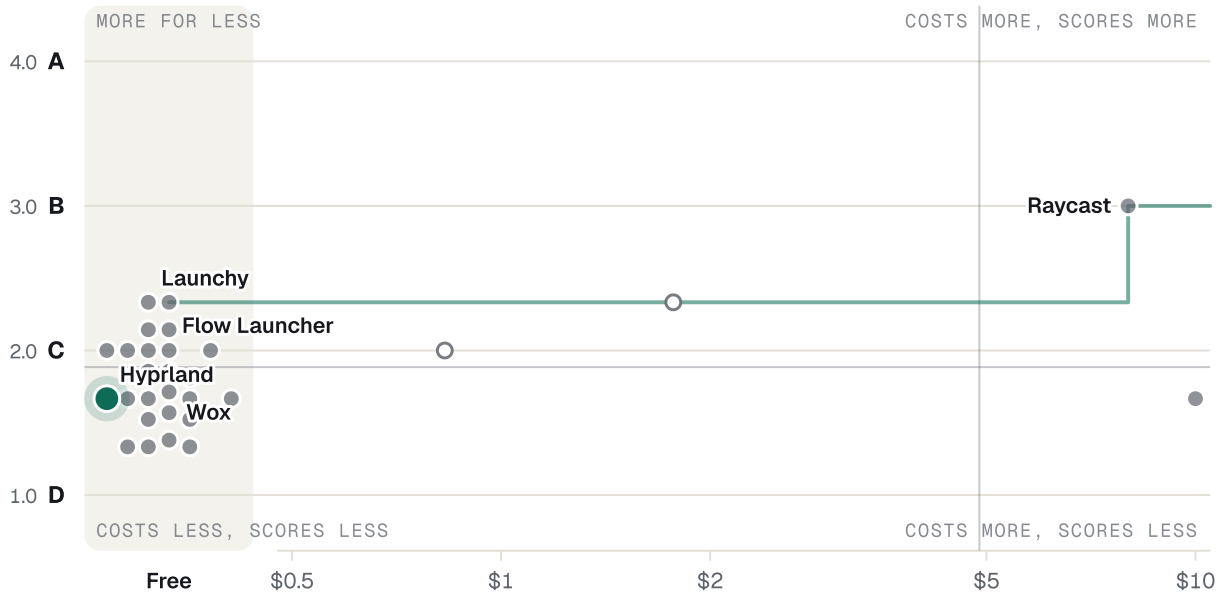
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 49 window managers and launchers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Hyprland's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 29 window managers and launchers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Hyprland 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

What you could not

- ✕ Control over other apps' windows.
- ✕ A real app for Linux. Something home-made would be a web page.
- ✕ An API that other software can build on.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Hyprland'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



Sway, i3, Awesome, Vicinae and Albert

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



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Sway

Free

i3-compatible tiling Wayland compositor.

Hyprland and Sway compared in full



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i3

Free

Tiling window manager for X11 on Linux and BSD.

Hyprland and i3 compared in full

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Awesome

Free

Lua-configurable framework window manager for X.

Hyprland and Awesome compared in full



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Vicinae

Free

Keyboard-driven launcher for Linux, macOS and Windows.

- Only Vicinae lists macOS and Windows apps.
- Vicinae also covers launcher, clipboard manager and calculator.

Hyprland and Vicinae compared in full



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Albert

Free

Plugin-based keyboard launcher for Linux and macOS.

- Only Albert lists a macOS app.
- Hyprland is open source, according to its own site.
- Hyprland also covers window management.

Hyprland and Albert 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 Hyprland free?

Yes. Hyprland is free to use.

How much does Hyprland cost?

Hyprland lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Hyprland work on?

Hyprland is available on Linux.

Does Hyprland have an Android app?

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

Does Hyprland have an iPhone app?

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

Is Hyprland open source?

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

Does Hyprland have an API?

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

Who makes Hyprland?

Hyprland is made by Hyprland project.

What are the alternatives to Hyprland?

The closest alternatives to Hyprland in our directory are Sway, i3, Awesome, Vicinae and Albert.

How does Hyprland compare with other window managers and launchers?

Hyprland's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 23 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

Is Hyprland good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Hyprland?

Hyprland 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 Hyprland'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 the Hyprland project's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews. Its home page would not load as text here, so the grades rest on 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 Hyprland project. Prices change, so check hypr.land before you buy.

hypr.land/

github.com/hyprwm/Hyprland

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About ToolGPA

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

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Hyprland, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/hyprland

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

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Window Managers & Launchers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 49 window managers and launchers we grade, compared

Flow Launcher Insider's Guide

Free, open-source app launcher and file search for Windows

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Launchy Insider's Guide

Open-source keystroke launcher with plugins and skins

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Cerebro Insider's Guide

Free open-source Electron launcher for Windows, Mac and Linux

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