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impress.js

The Insider's Guide

Open-source presentation framework using CSS3 transforms



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among presentation tools, read from impress.js's own pages.

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

ToolGPA put this guide together from impress.js's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on impress.js'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 65 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade

impress.js is a JavaScript presentation tool that lays out slides on a large canvas and moves between them with CSS3 transforms and transitions in a modern browser. It was inspired by Prezi's zooming approach. Presentations are written in HTML, with attributes setting position, scale, rotation and transition time.

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

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> **You write the deck in code or markup and run it yourself, with no visual editor.**

From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for zooming web presentations written in code**

Free to use, it needs HTML and CSS knowledge and a recent browser.

2 **It is free**

impress.js has no paid plan at all. Free under the MIT license.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Canvas layout**

Place steps anywhere on a canvas and move, scale and rotate between them.

5 **Configurable transitions**

Transition length defaults to 1 second and can be changed per presentation.

6 **Plugins**

Plugins include autoplay, with a default of 7 seconds per slide.

7 **A 2.6 GPA, above 65 of 89**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

impress.js at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY impress.js contributors	CATEGORY Presentations
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for zooming web presentations written in code

impress.js is an open-source framework that moves between slides with CSS3 transforms. Free to use, it needs HTML and CSS knowledge and a recent browser.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **impress.js** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free under an open licence that anyone can download and run, with no server to host.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole thing is free, with no plan to outgrow.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Features	C	It builds animated browser decks and does that job fully. It needs a browser with CSS3 3D support and other browsers get a simplified version.
Ease of use	D	You write the deck in code or markup and run it yourself, with no visual editor.
Platforms and integrations	C	Runs in the browser only. No apps, 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 impress.js is for

- ✓ Fits if you write HTML and want zooming slides
- ✓ Works for developers who show talks in a browser

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you want a visual editor, as authoring is in HTML and CSS
- ✗ Watch out: older browsers get a simplified version
- ✗ Skip it if you need export to other formats, as none is listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want non-linear, zooming presentations
- ✓ Web designers comfortable writing HTML and CSS

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Needs a recent browser with CSS3 3D support; other browsers get a simplified version.
- ⓘ Authoring is done in HTML and CSS, without a visual editor.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

impress.js is free to use.

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> From our grade for value for money

OPEN SOURCE

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MIT-licensed code on GitHub.

The free plan

Free under the MIT license.

Read from impress.js.org 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

Open-source presentation framework using CSS3 transforms. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, presentations.

> **It builds animated browser decks and does that job fully.**

From our grade for features

Canvas layout

Place steps anywhere on a canvas and move, scale and rotate between them.

Configurable transitions

Transition length defaults to 1 second and can be changed per presentation.

Plugins

Plugins include autoplay, with a default of 7 seconds per slide.

Screen scaling

Content written for a target size, 1024 x 768 by default, scales to the screen used.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

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PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

65/89

Other presentation tools it is graded above

impress.js's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade, and level with 12.

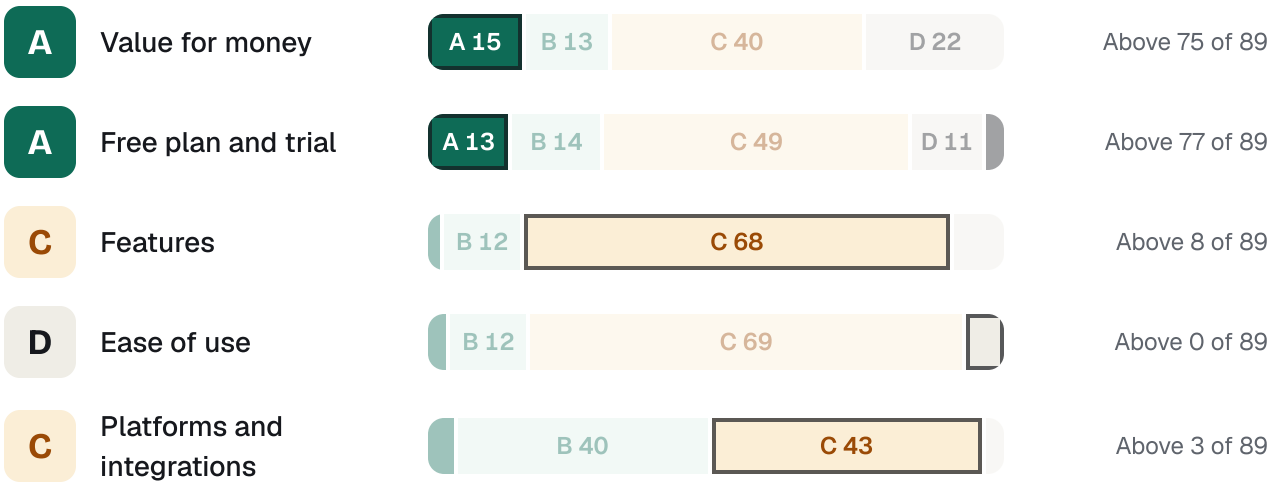
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 77 of 89) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

impress.js 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.

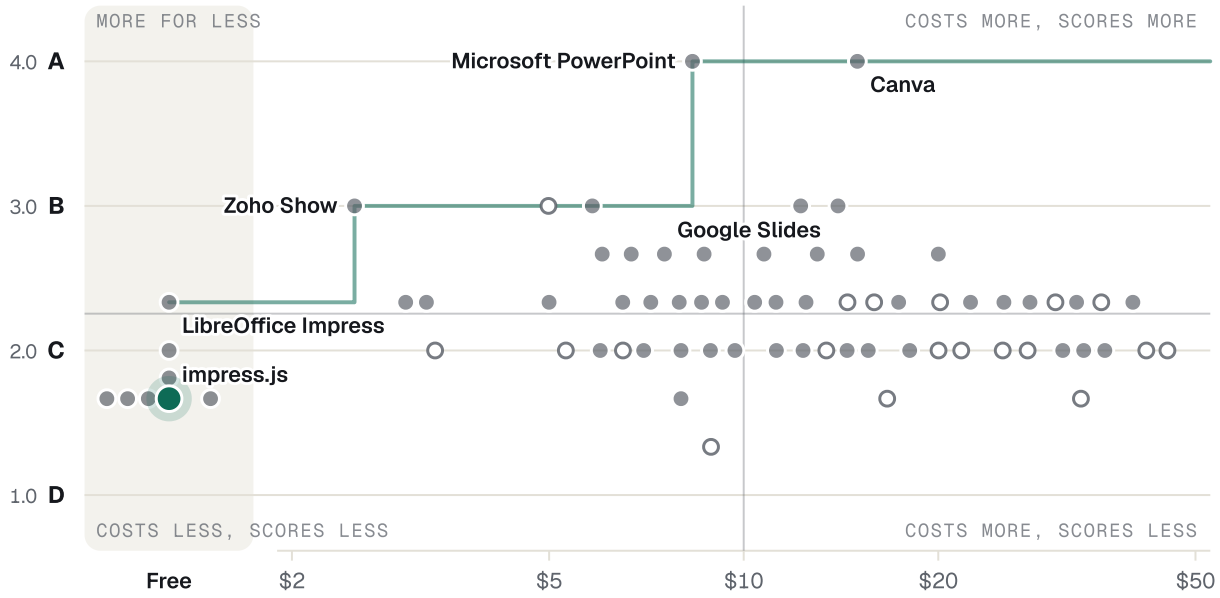
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 90 presentation tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. impress.js's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 72 presentation tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. impress.js 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

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

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade.

What you could not

- ✕ A slide editor.

What this rests on. impress.js'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.

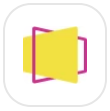
The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



reveal.js, Sozi, remark, Spectacle and Prezi

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



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reveal.js

Free

Open source HTML framework for building slide decks.

- reveal.js also covers Markdown.

impress.js and reveal.js compared in full



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Sozi

Free

Zooming presentation editor that animates over an SVG poster.

- Only impress.js lists a web app.
- Only Sozi lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Sozi also covers diagrams.

impress.js and Sozi compared in full

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remark

Free

Markdown-driven slideshow tool that runs in the browser.

- remark also covers Markdown.

impress.js and remark compared in full

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Spectacle

Free

React library for building presentations in JSX or MDX.

- Spectacle also covers Markdown.

impress.js and Spectacle compared in full



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Prezi

Free plan · from $7/mo

Presentation platform with AI drafts, live polls and quizzes.

- impress.js is open source, according to its own site.
- Prezi also covers templates.

impress.js and Prezi 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 impress.js free?

Yes. impress.js is free to use. Free under the MIT license.

How much does impress.js cost?

impress.js lists one plan. Open source: $0.

What platforms does impress.js work on?

impress.js is available on Web.

Does impress.js have an Android app?

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

Does impress.js have an iPhone app?

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Is impress.js open source?

Yes. impress.js is open source, according to its own site.

Who makes impress.js?

impress.js is made by impress.js contributors.

What are the alternatives to impress.js?

The closest alternatives to impress.js in our directory are reveal.js, Sozi, remark, Spectacle and Prezi.

How does impress.js compare with other presentation tools?

impress.js's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade, and level with 12.

Is impress.js good value for money?

ToolGPA grades impress.js A for value for money. impress.js has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of impress.js?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from impress.js'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 impress.js'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 impress.js contributors. Prices change, so check impress.js.org before you buy.

impress.js.org/

github.com/impress/impress.js

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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.

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.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

impress.js, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/impress-js

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 90 presentation tools we grade, compared

Microsoft PowerPoint Insider's Guide

Slide presentation app sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser

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Zoho Show Insider's Guide

Online presentation software, free for individuals

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Canva Insider's Guide

Template-based design platform for slides, graphics and video

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