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The Insider's Guide

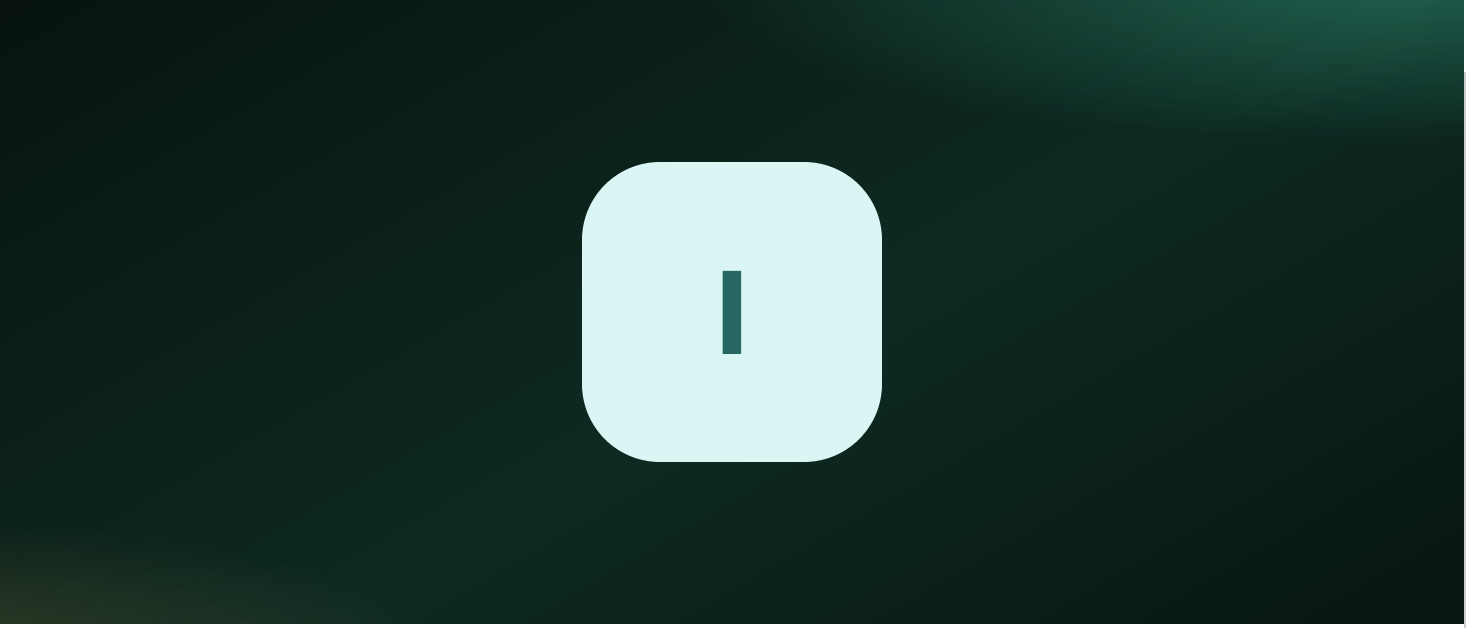
Open-source mail server installer for Linux and BSD



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among email apps, read from iRedMail'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 iRedMail's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on iRedMail'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 2 of the 122 other email apps we grade

iRedMail is a downloadable installer that sets up a full open-source mail server on supported Linux and BSD systems, with webmail, antispam and antivirus. The team also sells iRedAdmin-Pro, a fuller admin panel, and an Enterprise Edition delivered as a single binary.

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

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> **You run the server yourself on a supported Linux or BSD release, so a D.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free Linux or BSD mail server installer**

iRedMail is a free installer that sets up a full mail server with webmail, antispam and antivirus on Linux or BSD.

2 **Paid plans start at $20.83 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $499 for a 1-year iRedAdmin-Pro license, $250 per year to renew.

3 **There is a free plan**

iRedMail itself is free and open source, with a free basic web admin panel.

4 **It runs on Linux**

Linux.

5 **Full stack installer**

Installs and configures the mail server components in a few minutes, per the site.

6 **Webmail and groupware**

Roundcube webmail and SOGo groupware, which adds CalDAV, CardDAV, tasks and ActiveSync.

7 **Antispam and antivirus**

SpamAssassin, ClamAV, SPF, DKIM, greylisting, whitelisting and blacklisting are listed.

8 **A 1.8 GPA, above 2 of 122**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace iRedMail you would be making an email client: sending, receiving, threading and searching years of mail. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

iRedMail at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $499 for a 1-year iRedAdmin-Pro license, $250 per year to renew

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Linux

MADE BY
iRedMail, since 2007

CATEGORY
Email Apps

OUR GRADE
1.8 GPA, weak

The report card

Best for a free Linux or BSD mail server installer

iRedMail is a free installer that sets up a full mail server with webmail, antispam and antivirus on Linux or BSD. The free admin panel is basic, the fuller iRedAdmin-Pro is $499 a year, and it only runs on a server you look after.

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	The installer is free, but self-hosted is a C. The fuller admin panel iRedAdmin-Pro is $499 for 1 year per server, then $250 a year to renew, and sales are final.
Free plan and trial	B	The installer and a basic admin panel are free with unlimited domains, mailboxes and lists. You need your own server.
Features	C	Installs the stack with webmail, groupware, antispam and antivirus and lets you pick backends. The full admin panel and Enterprise Edition cost extra.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. You run the server yourself on a supported Linux or BSD release, so a D.
Platforms and integrations	D	Linux and BSD servers only. SOGo is not available on some releases such as CentOS Stream, Rocky and Alma 10.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

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 iRedMail is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to build your own mail server in one go on Linux or BSD
- ✓ Works for admins who will look after backups, DNS and updates

Who it is not for

- ✕ Pricey if you need the full admin panel: iRedAdmin-Pro is $499 a year for one server, $250 to renew
- ✕ Skip it if you want support, as the Pro licence does not include support for iRedMail itself
- ✕ Not for you if you run Windows or macOS servers
- ✕ Watch out: the Enterprise Edition price was not readable on the site
- ✕ Watch out: SOGo is missing on some newer Linux releases

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Admins who want a self-run mail server without per-mailbox fees
- ✓ Hosting a mail server for several domains on one machine

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The iRedAdmin-Pro license covers one server, and support for iRedMail itself is not included.
- ⓘ Runs on supported Linux and BSD releases; SOGo is not available on some of them (CentOS Stream, Rocky and Alma 10).
- ⓘ The site recommends Enterprise Edition for new servers; its per-mailbox or per-server price was not readable.

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What it costs

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

$20.83

A month to start, paid by the year.
There is a free plan too

iRedMail has a free plan. Paid plans start at $499 for a 1-year iRedAdmin-Pro license, $250 per year to renew.

> **The installer is free, but self-hosted is a C.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

IREDMAIL

$0

Open-source installer with unlimited domains, mailboxes and mailing lists.

IREDADMIN-PRO, 1 YEAR

$499

per server, for a 1-year license

Full admin panel, SQL or LDAP edition. Renews at $250 per year; sales are final.

IREDADMIN-PRO, 2 YEARS

$699

per server, for a 2-year license

Same panel; renew before expiry for the third year.

IREDADMIN-PRO, 3 YEARS

$899

per server, for a 3-year license

Same panel; renew before expiry for the fourth year.

The free plan

iRedMail itself is free and open source, with a free basic web admin panel.

Read from iredmail.org on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

5% off two licenses, 10% off four

The iRedAdmin-Pro order page gives 5% off when buying 2 licenses and 10% off when buying 4.

Stated on iredmail.org

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

Open-source mail server installer for Linux and BSD. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, calendar, email client.

> **Installs the stack with webmail, groupware, antispam and antivirus and lets you pick backends.**
>
> From our grade for features

Full stack installer

Installs and configures the mail server components in a few minutes, per the site.

Webmail and groupware

Roundcube webmail and SOGo groupware, which adds CalDAV, CardDAV, tasks and ActiveSync.

Antispam and antivirus

SpamAssassin, ClamAV, SPF, DKIM, greylisting, whitelisting and blacklisting are listed.

Choice of backends

Accounts can be stored in OpenLDAP, MySQL, MariaDB or PostgreSQL.

Unlimited accounts

The site says there is no limit on domains, users, mailing lists or admins.

Enterprise Edition

A separate edition with Active Directory replication, domain admins, throttling and two-factor authentication.

Where it runs

Linux

What it works with

Roundcube
SOGo
SpamAssassin
ClamAV
OpenLDAP
Postfix

iRedMail is made by iRedMail, and has been around since 2007.

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 email apps it is graded above

iRedMail's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 2 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 8.

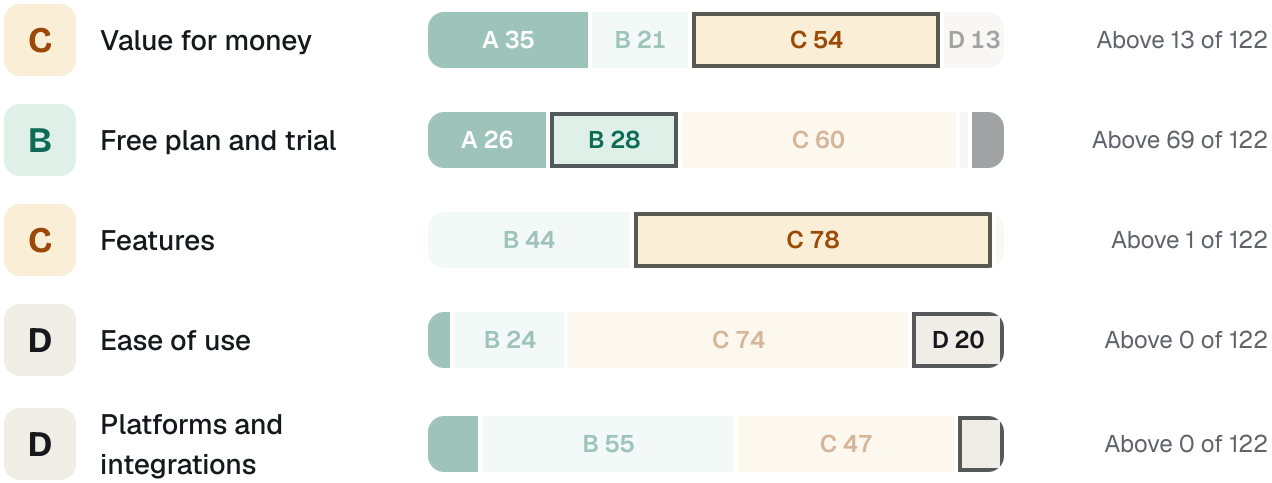
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 69 of 122) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $20.83 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $4.92 for the category: 70 of the 76 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.3 out of 4. 97 tools score higher and cost less.

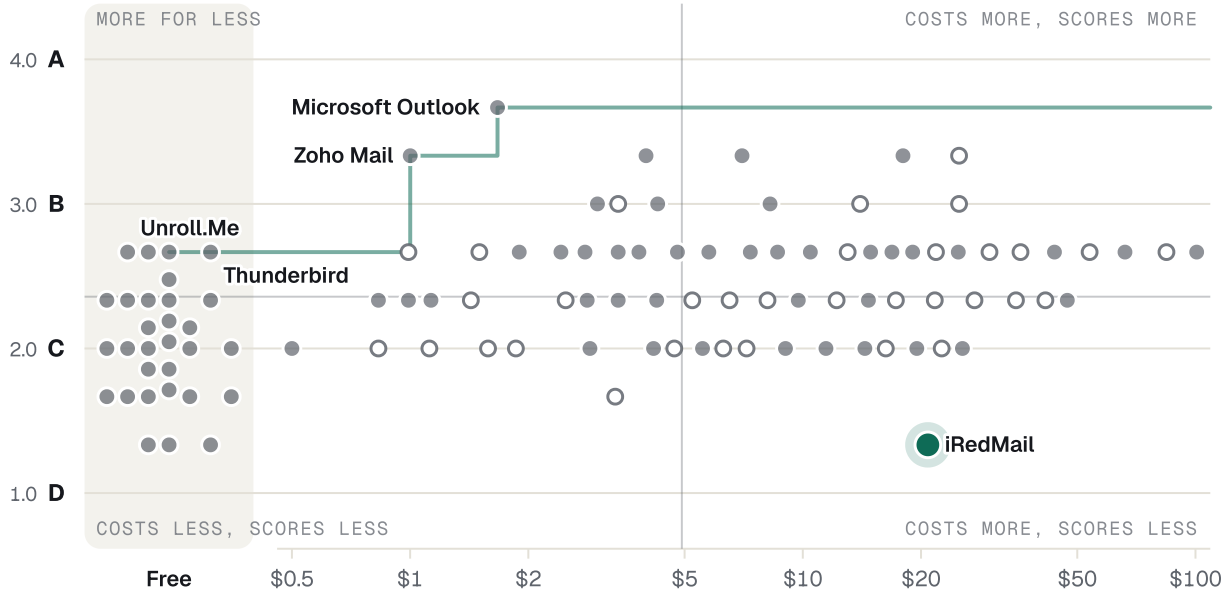
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 email apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. iRedMail's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 107 email apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. iRedMail 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 iRedMail you would be making an email client: sending, receiving, threading and searching years of mail. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 112 of the 122 other email apps grade higher. It costs $250 a year. iRedMail is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could make

- Calendar: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- An email client: sending, receiving, threading and searching years of mail.
- A real app for Linux. Something home-made would be a web page.
- It plugs into other products, Roundcube, SOGo and SpamAssassin among them.

What this rests on. iRedMail'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



mailcow, Modoboa, Mailu, Mail-in-a-Box and Zimbra

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

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mailcow

Free

Dockerized open-source mail server with a web admin UI.

- Only iRedMail lists a Linux app.
- Only mailcow lists a web app.

iRedMail and mailcow compared in full

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Modoboa

Free

Open-source mail server with a web admin panel and webmail.

- Only iRedMail lists a Linux app.
- Only Modoboa lists a web app.

iRedMail and Modoboa compared in full

Mailu

2.0 GPA

Free

Free Docker-based mail server with webmail and admin UI.

- Only iRedMail lists a Linux app.
- Only Mailu lists a web app.
- iRedMail also covers calendar.

iRedMail and Mailu compared in full

Mail-in-a-Box

2.0 GPA

Free

Free script that turns a cloud server into your own mail server.

- Only iRedMail lists a Linux app.
- Only Mail-in-a-Box lists a web app.

iRedMail and Mail-in-a-Box compared in full

Zimbra

Paid

Self-hosted email, calendar and file sharing for organizations.

- iRedMail has a free plan. Zimbra does not.
- Only Zimbra lists a web app.
- Only Zimbra lists Windows, macOS, iOS and Android apps.

iRedMail and Zimbra 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 iRedMail free?

iRedMail has a free plan. iRedMail itself is free and open source, with a free basic web admin panel.

How much does iRedMail cost?

iRedMail lists 4 plans. iRedMail: $0. iRedAdmin-Pro, 1 year: $499 per server, for a 1-year license. iRedAdmin-Pro, 2 years: $699 per server, for a 2-year license. iRedAdmin-Pro, 3 years: $899 per server, for a 3-year license.

What platforms does iRedMail work on?

iRedMail is available on Linux.

Does iRedMail offer any discounts?

iRedMail publicly lists the following: 5% off two licenses, 10% off four.

Does iRedMail have an Android app?

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

Does iRedMail have an iPhone app?

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

Is iRedMail open source?

Yes. iRedMail is open source, according to its own site. It can also be run on a server of your own.

What does iRedMail integrate with?

iRedMail's listing names Roundcube, SOGo, SpamAssassin, ClamAV, OpenLDAP and Postfix.

Who makes iRedMail?

iRedMail is made by a company of the same name. It dates from 2007.

What are the alternatives to iRedMail?

The closest alternatives to iRedMail in our directory are mailcow, Modoboa, Mailu, Mail-in-a-Box and Zimbra.

How does iRedMail compare with other email apps?

iRedMail's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 2 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 8.

Is iRedMail good value for money?

ToolGPA grades iRedMail C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $20.83 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $4.92 for the category: 70 of the 76 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of iRedMail?

To replace iRedMail you would be making an email client: sending, receiving, threading and searching years of mail.

Where this guide comes from

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

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PART 07 · ABOUT

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

iRedMail, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/iredmail

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

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Prices by country

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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