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Iridium Browser

The Insider’s Guide

Privacy-hardened desktop browser built on Chromium



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among browsers, read from Iridium Browser’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Iridium Browser's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Iridium Browser'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 60 other browsers we grade

Iridium Browser takes the Chromium code base and changes its defaults so that partial queries, keywords and metrics are not sent to central services without the user's approval. The project publishes its source code and says its builds are reproducible. It is a desktop browser only, with no mobile versions.

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

> **It does not update itself, Google sign-in and Chrome sync do not work, and there is no phone version.**
>
> From our report card of Iridium Browser

1 **Best for a privacy-tuned Chromium browser on desktop**

Iridium is Chromium with defaults changed so partial queries and metrics are not sent out without your approval.

2 **It is free**

Iridium Browser has no paid plan at all. Free to use. The site lists no paid plans.

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Windows, macOS and Linux.

4 **Chromium base**

Built from the Chromium code base, so it keeps the Chromium interface and extension model while changing privacy-related defaults.

5 **Privacy defaults**

Automatic transmission of partial queries, keywords and metrics to central services is blocked and only happens with the user's approval.

6 **Reproducible builds**

The project says all of its builds are reproducible and that its changes can be audited in a public Git repository.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 23 of 60**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Iridium Browser at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Red Cool Beans UG	CATEGORY Browsers
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a privacy-tuned Chromium browser on desktop

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and Chrome sync do not work, and there is no phone version.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Iridium Browser

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to use, with no paid plans listed, so under 60% of this category's cheapest quarter.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole browser is free, including an MSI package and a portable Windows zip, with no cap to reach.
Features	C	It keeps the Chromium interface and extension model, but it lacks Google sign-in and Chrome sync because it ships without Google API keys.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. Updates mean downloading and installing the latest build by hand, which is more upkeep than a normal browser.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows, macOS and Linux only. The download page lists no Android or iOS version.

Grade point average Good, out of 4.0 **2.8**

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 Iridium Browser is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a Chromium browser that holds back partial queries and metrics by default
- ✓ Makes sense if you roll out browsers to staff, since Windows comes as an MSI

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want Chrome sync or Google sign-in, because neither works
- ✗ Not for you if you want automatic updates: you download each new build yourself
- ✗ Watch out: Google Safe Browsing is on by default and contacts iridiumbrowser.de and Google's servers
- ✗ Too light for phones: there is no Android or iOS version

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who want a Chromium browser with fewer calls to Google
- ✓ IT administrators who want an MSI-deployable privacy-focused browser
- ✓ Users comfortable updating a browser by hand

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Iridium does not update itself: updates mean downloading and installing the latest build manually.
- ⓘ Signing in to Google and Chrome sync does not work, because the browser ships without Google API keys.
- ⓘ Google Safe Browsing is on by default and contacts iridiumbrowser.de and Google's servers unless you turn it off.
- ⓘ Not available for Android, iOS or other mobile systems. The download page lists only source code tarballs, and the FAQ describes Windows, macOS and Linux installs.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

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> **The whole browser is free, including an MSI package and a portable Windows zip, with no cap to reach.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Free to use. The site lists no paid plans.

The free plan

Free to use. The site lists no paid plans.

Read from iridiumbrowser.de 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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Places it runs: macOS, Windows and Linux

Privacy-hardened desktop browser built on Chromium. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, web browser.

> **It keeps the Chromium interface and extension model, but it lacks Google sign-in and Chrome sync because it ships without Google API keys.**
>
> From our grade for features

Chromium base

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Privacy defaults

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Reproducible builds

The project says all of its builds are reproducible and that its changes can be audited in a public Git repository.

MSI deployment

The Windows installer is an MSI package, which the site presents as a way for administrators to roll the browser out across an organization.

Portable Windows version

A zip-file portable edition runs without installing and can keep its data in a folder of your choice.

Where it runs

macOS Windows Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Iridium Browser is made by Red Cool Beans UG.

Where it stands

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

23/60

Other browsers it is graded above

Iridium Browser's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 23 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 10.

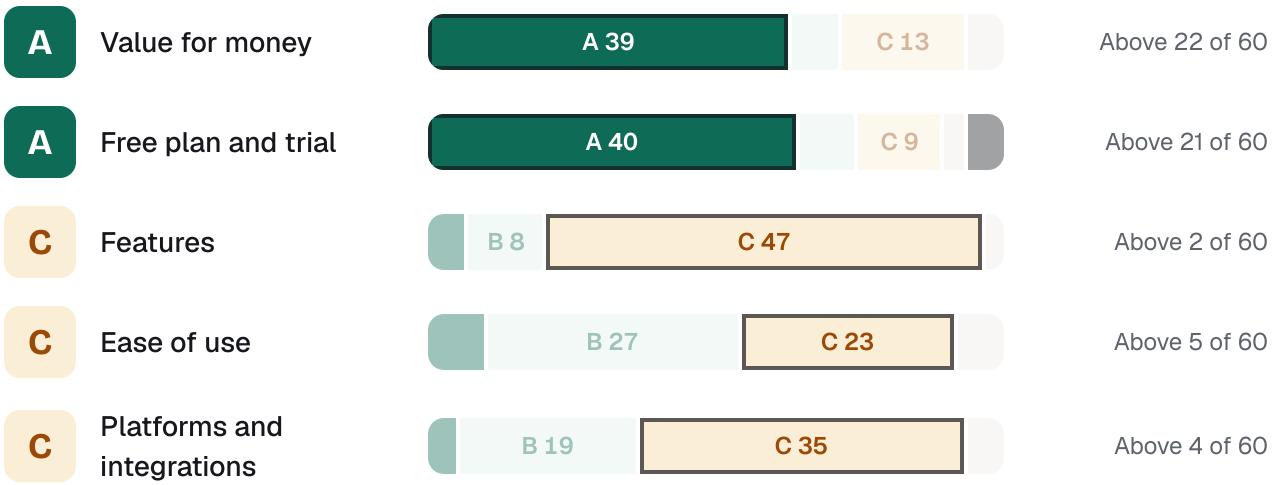
It stands best on value for money (A, above 22 of 60) and worst on features (C, above 2).

Iridium Browser has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

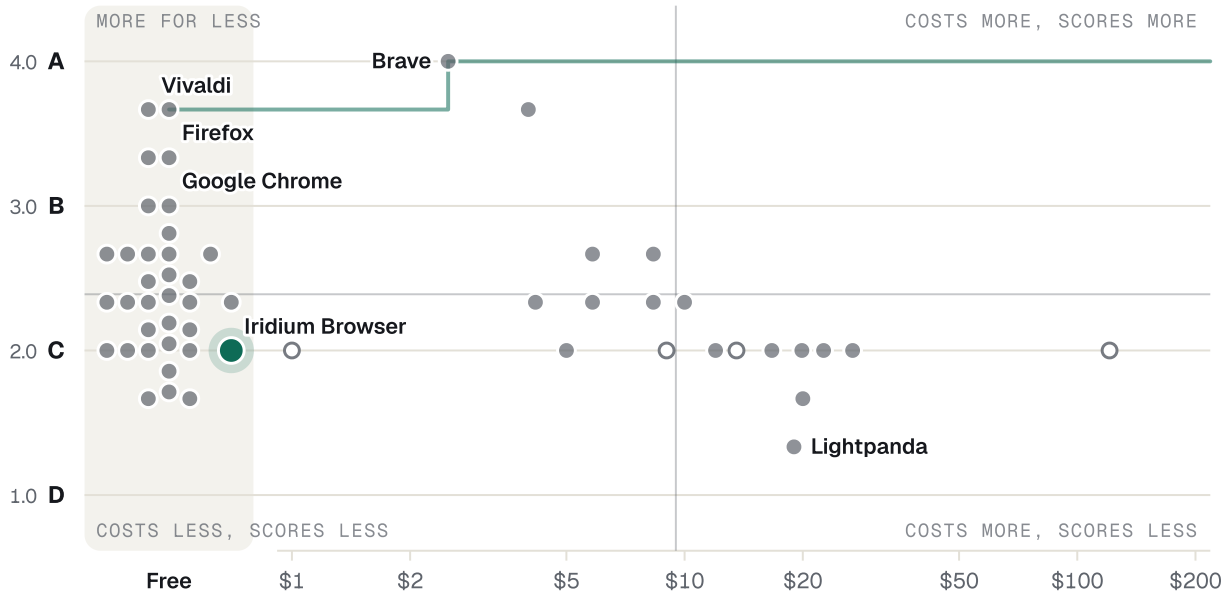
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 61 browsers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Iridium Browser's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 54 browsers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Iridium Browser 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

Iridium Browser 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

- ✕ A web browser.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Iridium Browser'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



Chromium, Brave, LibreWolf and Vivaldi

The 4 tools Iridium Browser is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Chromium

Free

Open-source browser project, with builds for testing and development.

Iridium Browser and Chromium compared in full

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Brave

Free plan · from $3.00/mo

Open-source browser that blocks ads and trackers by default.

- Only Brave lists Android and iOS apps.
- Brave also covers password manager and video calls.

Iridium Browser and Brave compared in full

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LibreWolf

Free

Free, privacy-hardened browser built on Firefox.

- LibreWolf also covers ad and tracker blocking.

Iridium Browser and LibreWolf compared in full



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Vivaldi

Free

Customizable browser with built-in mail, calendar and feed reader.

- Only Vivaldi lists Android and iOS apps.
- Iridium Browser is open source, according to its own site.
- Vivaldi is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

Iridium Browser and Vivaldi 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 Iridium Browser free?

Yes. Iridium Browser is free to use.

How much does Iridium Browser cost?

Iridium Browser lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Iridium Browser work on?

Iridium Browser is available on Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Iridium Browser have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Iridium Browser is listed for Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Iridium Browser have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Iridium Browser is listed for Windows, macOS and Linux.

Is Iridium Browser open source?

Yes. Iridium Browser is open source, according to its own site.

Who makes Iridium Browser?

Iridium Browser is made by Red Cool Beans UG.

What are the alternatives to Iridium Browser?

The closest alternatives to Iridium Browser in our directory are Chromium, Brave, LibreWolf and Vivaldi.

How does Iridium Browser compare with other browsers?

Iridium Browser's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 23 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 10.

Is Iridium Browser good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Iridium Browser A for value for money. Iridium Browser has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Iridium Browser?

Iridium Browser 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 Iridium Browser'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 Red Cool Beans UG'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 Red Cool Beans UG. Prices change, so check iridiumbrowser.de before you buy.

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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

Iridium Browser, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/iridium-browser

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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Browsers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 61 browsers we grade, compared

Brave Insider's Guide

Open-source browser that blocks ads and trackers by default

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Firefox Insider's Guide

Free, open-source browser from Mozilla with tracker blocking built in

3.8 GPA

Vivaldi Insider's Guide

Customizable browser with built-in mail, calendar and feed reader

3.8 GPA

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