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Ivanti Connect Secure

The Insider's Guide

Enterprise SSL VPN gateway for secure remote access



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among remote desktop apps, read from Ivanti Connect Secure's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Ivanti Connect Secure's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Ivanti Connect Secure'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 6 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade

Ivanti Connect Secure (ICS) is an enterprise VPN gateway for remote access to data center and cloud applications. It runs on the Ivanti Security Appliance as hardware, a virtual appliance or a cloud deployment, with a client for desktop and mobile platforms. It is sold through Ivanti sales with no published prices.

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about Ivanti Connect Secure**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **No prices are published, you manage the gateway, and central management is a separate product.**
>
> From our report card of Ivanti Connect Secure

1 **Best for a company VPN with a hardened gateway**

Ivanti Connect Secure is a VPN and clientless access gateway that runs on an Ivanti appliance, physical or virtual.

2 **It runs on 6 platforms**

Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, Android and Web.

3 Unified secure access client

One client provides remote VPN and local network access on Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, Android and Android apps on ChromeOS.

4 Flexible VPN modes

Supports full Layer 3 VPN, per-app VPN, on-demand and always-on access, lockdown mode and FQDN or IP-based split tunneling.

5 Clientless access

Gives browser-based access to published applications and virtual desktops without an installed client.

6 A 1.8 GPA, above 6 of 85

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

7 Keep it

To replace Ivanti Connect Secure you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Ivanti Connect Secure at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android
MADE BY Ivanti	CATEGORY Remote Desktop
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for a company VPN with a hardened gateway

Ivanti Connect Secure is a VPN and clientless access gateway that runs on an Ivanti appliance, physical or virtual. No prices are published, you manage the gateway, and central management is a separate product.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Ivanti Connect Secure	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published: the page tells buyers to contact sales, so value sits at C.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan and no trial is listed on the product page.
Features	B	A unified client, VPN modes, clientless access, endpoint checks and passwordless sign-in cover the core of a company VPN.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. It runs on an appliance you set up and manage, which is an admin job.
Platforms and integrations	B	Windows, Mac, Linux, iPhone, Android and web are listed. The integrations are hosting platforms like ESXi, KVM, Hyper-V, Azure, AWS and Google Cloud.
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 Ivanti Connect Secure is for

- ✓ Fits if you are an IT team that wants a VPN gateway it controls
- ✓ Makes sense if you already run virtual appliances on ESXi or Hyper-V

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you don't want to manage a gateway, since it runs on a physical or virtual Ivanti appliance
- ✕ Watch out: no prices are published and the page directs buyers to contact sales
- ✕ Watch out: central management uses a separate product, Ivanti Secure Access Framework
- ✕ Tight if you want a trial, as no free plan or trial is listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Enterprises that run their own VPN gateways on appliances or cloud
- ✓ Organizations needing per-app VPN and clientless access in one product
- ✓ Teams that must meet FIPS 140-3 requirements

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices are published; the page directs buyers to contact sales.
- ⓘ It runs on the Ivanti Security Appliance, physical or virtual, so you manage a gateway.
- ⓘ Centralized management uses a separate product, Ivanti Secure Access Framework.
- ⓘ The page lists no free plan or trial.

What it costs

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

Ivanti Connect Secure's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No price is published: the page tells buyers to contact sales, so value sits at C.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm Ivanti Connect Secure’s current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. ivanti.com has them.

What it does

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

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Places it runs: Web, macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android

Enterprise SSL VPN gateway for secure remote access. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: reports, vPN.

> **A unified client, VPN modes, clientless access, endpoint checks and passwordless sign-in cover the core of a company VPN.**
>
> From our grade for features

Unified secure access client

One client provides remote VPN and local network access on Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, Android and Android apps on ChromeOS.

Flexible VPN modes

Supports full Layer 3 VPN, per-app VPN, on-demand and always-on access, lockdown mode and FQDN or IP-based split tunneling.

Clientless access

Gives browser-based access to published applications and virtual desktops without an installed client.

Conditional access and endpoint checks

Evaluates users and devices against policies on each access attempt and can assess an endpoint before sign-in.

Passwordless sign-in

Supports FIDO2 authentication with passkeys, biometrics and PINs.

Hardened gateway

ICS 25.x runs on Oracle Linux 9 with SELinux enforcing, a web application firewall and secure boot with TPM support.

Where it runs

- Web
- macOS
- Windows
- Linux
- iOS
- Android

What it works with

- VMware ESXi
- KVM
- Microsoft Hyper-V
- Microsoft Azure
- AWS
- Google Cloud

Ivanti Connect Secure is made by Ivanti.

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Where it stands

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

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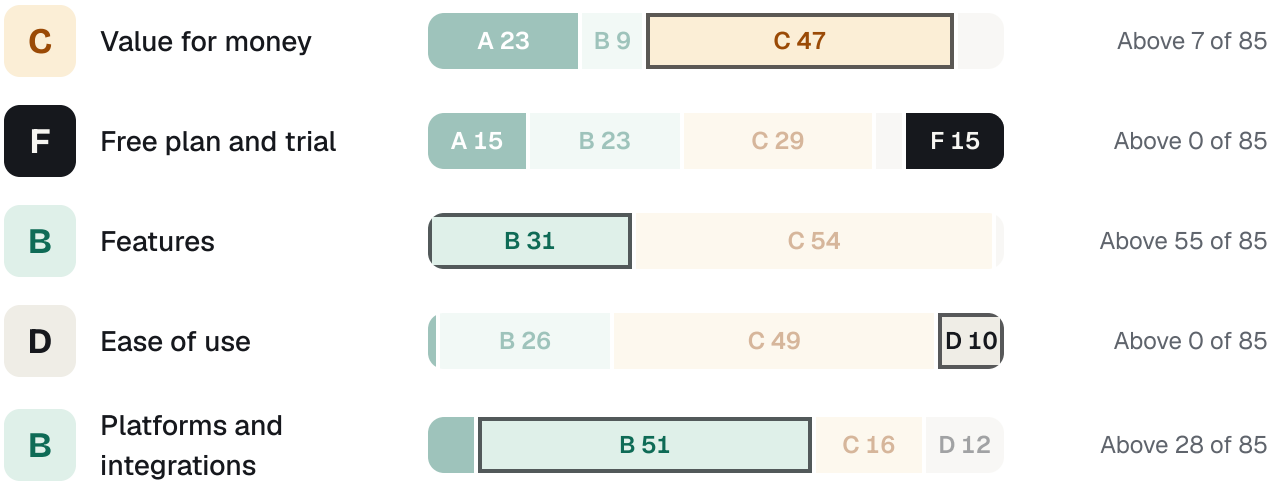
Other remote desktop apps it is graded above

Ivanti Connect Secure's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 6 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade, and level with 6.

It stands best on features (B, above 55 of 85) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 86 remote desktop apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Ivanti Connect Secure's own letter is outlined.



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 Ivanti Connect Secure you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private. 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: 73 of the 85 other remote desktop apps grade higher.

What you could make

- Reports: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- Servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.
- Apps for macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.
- It plugs into other products, VMware ESXi, KVM and Microsoft Hyper-V among them.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Ivanti Connect Secure'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



FortiClient, Zscaler Private Access, Pritunl and Twingate

The 4 tools Ivanti Connect Secure is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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FortiClient

Free plan

Fortinet endpoint agent for VPN, ZTNA and endpoint protection.

- FortiClient has a free plan. Ivanti Connect Secure does not.
- Only Ivanti Connect Secure lists a web app.
- FortiClient also covers malware protection.

Ivanti Connect Secure and FortiClient compared in full

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Zscaler Private Access

Paid

Zero trust access to private apps without a VPN.

- Only Ivanti Connect Secure lists Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Ivanti Connect Secure also covers reports.
- Zscaler Private Access also covers remote desktop.

Ivanti Connect Secure and Zscaler Private Access compared in full



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Pritunl

Free plan · from $10/mo

Self-hosted open-source VPN server for OpenVPN and WireGuard.

- Pritunl has a free plan. Ivanti Connect Secure does not.
- Only Ivanti Connect Secure lists a web app.
- Only Ivanti Connect Secure lists iOS and Android apps.

Ivanti Connect Secure and Pritunl compared in full



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Twingate

Free plan · from $5/mo

Zero trust network access to replace a company VPN.

- Twingate has a free plan. Ivanti Connect Secure does not.
- Only Ivanti Connect Secure lists a web app.
- Only Twingate lists a browser extension.

Ivanti Connect Secure and Twingate 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 Ivanti Connect Secure free?

No. Ivanti Connect Secure is a paid product.

What platforms does Ivanti Connect Secure work on?

Ivanti Connect Secure is available on Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, Android and Web.

Is Ivanti Connect Secure open source?

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

What does Ivanti Connect Secure integrate with?

Ivanti Connect Secure's listing names VMware ESXi, KVM, Microsoft Hyper-V, Microsoft Azure, AWS and Google Cloud.

Who makes Ivanti Connect Secure?

Ivanti Connect Secure is made by Ivanti.

What are the alternatives to Ivanti Connect Secure?

The closest alternatives to Ivanti Connect Secure in our directory are FortiClient, Zscaler Private Access, Pritunl and Twingate.

How does Ivanti Connect Secure compare with other remote desktop apps?

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Could I make my own version of Ivanti Connect Secure?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Ivanti Connect Secure'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 Ivanti'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 Ivanti. Prices change, so check ivanti.com before you buy.

ivanti.com/products/connect-secure-vpn

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Ivanti Connect Secure, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/ivanti-connect-secure

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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Every one of the 86 remote desktop apps we grade, compared

Chrome Remote Desktop Insider's Guide

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DWService Insider's Guide

Free browser-based remote access to computers via an agent

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Free open-source remote desktop with a paid device dashboard

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