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Kazam

The Insider's Guide

Free open-source screencaster for Linux desktops



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among screen recording and video tools, read from Kazam's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Kazam's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Kazam'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 89 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade

Kazam is a simple screen recording program that captures the screen and writes a video file that plays in any player supporting VP8/WebM. Audio can be recorded from any input device visible to PulseAudio. It is distributed under the GNU GPL v3 and is installed from the Ubuntu Universe repository or a PPA.

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

> **Installs from the Ubuntu Universe repository or a PPA, and the page assumes a PulseAudio setup.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a bare-bones screen recorder on Ubuntu**

Kazam is a free, open-source screen recorder for Linux that saves WebM video and can record PulseAudio sound.

2 **It is free**

Kazam has no paid plan at all. Free and open source under the GNU GPL v3; no paid plans.

3 **It runs on Linux**

Linux.

4 **Screen capture to video**

Records the contents of the screen into a video file that any player supporting VP8/WebM can open.

5 **Audio from PulseAudio devices**

Optionally records sound from any input device that PulseAudio supports and shows.

6 **Distro packaging**

Available from the Ubuntu Universe repository, with stable and unstable PPAs offered for newer releases.

7 **A 2.6 GPA, above 89 of 133**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Kazam at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Linux
MADE BY Kazam Team	CATEGORY Screen Recording & Video
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a bare-bones screen recorder on Ubuntu

Kazam is a free, open-source screen recorder for Linux that saves WebM video and can record PulseAudio sound. It does that one job and nothing

more, the project page describes Ubuntu 12.04-era support, and no Windows or Mac build exists.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Kazam	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free and open source under the GNU GPL v3, with no paid plan. A program anyone can download and run.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole program is free, with no cap, watermark or account.
Features	C	Records the screen to video, with optional audio. It does that job fully, but it is a small one: no editing, and output is WebM only.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. Installs from the Ubuntu Universe repository or a PPA, and the page assumes a PulseAudio setup.
Platforms and integrations	D	Linux only, and the page talks about Ubuntu. No Windows, Mac, web or phone version and no integrations.
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 Kazam is for

- ✓ Fits if you run Ubuntu and want a plain recorder that saves WebM
- ✓ Works for people who want open-source software under the GPL

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use Windows or a Mac, since no build is listed
- ✗ Not for you if you need MP4 output: files are VP8/WebM and users ask how to convert them
- ✗ Too light for tutorials that need editing, annotation or webcam overlays
- ✗ Watch out: the page says fixes cover Ubuntu 12.04 only, and the newest questions listed date from 2023

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Ubuntu users who want a light recorder with no cost
- ✓ Quick screencasts that need a basic interface
- ✓ People who prefer open-source software

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The project page describes Ubuntu and PulseAudio setups; no Windows or Mac build is listed.
- ⓘ The page says fixes are provided only for Ubuntu 12.04 and older releases are unsupported; the newest questions listed date from 2023.
- ⓘ Output is described as VP8/WebM; a Launchpad question asks how to convert its movie files to MP4.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Kazam is free to use.

> **The whole program is free, with no cap, watermark or account.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

The whole program, licensed under the GNU GPL v3.

The free plan

Free and open source under the GNU GPL v3; no paid plans.

Read from launchpad.net 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

Free open-source screencaster for Linux desktops. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, screen recording.

> **Records the screen to video, with optional audio.**

From our grade for features

Screen capture to video

Records the contents of the screen into a video file that any player supporting VP8/WebM can open.

Audio from PulseAudio devices

Optionally records sound from any input device that PulseAudio supports and shows.

Distro packaging

Available from the Ubuntu Universe repository, with stable and unstable PPAs offered for newer releases.

Python source on Launchpad

The code is Python, kept in a Bazaar branch on Launchpad under the GNU GPL v3, with bugs and questions tracked there.

Where it runs

Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Kazam is made by Kazam Team.

Where it stands

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

89/133

Other screen recording and video tools it is graded above

Kazam's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 89 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 14.

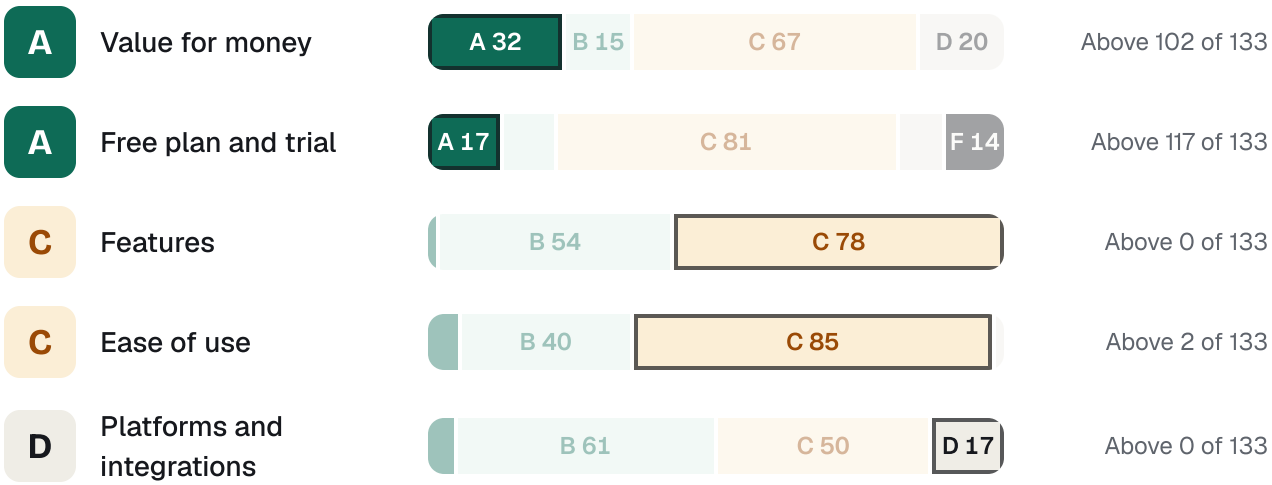
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 117 of 133) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Kazam 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.

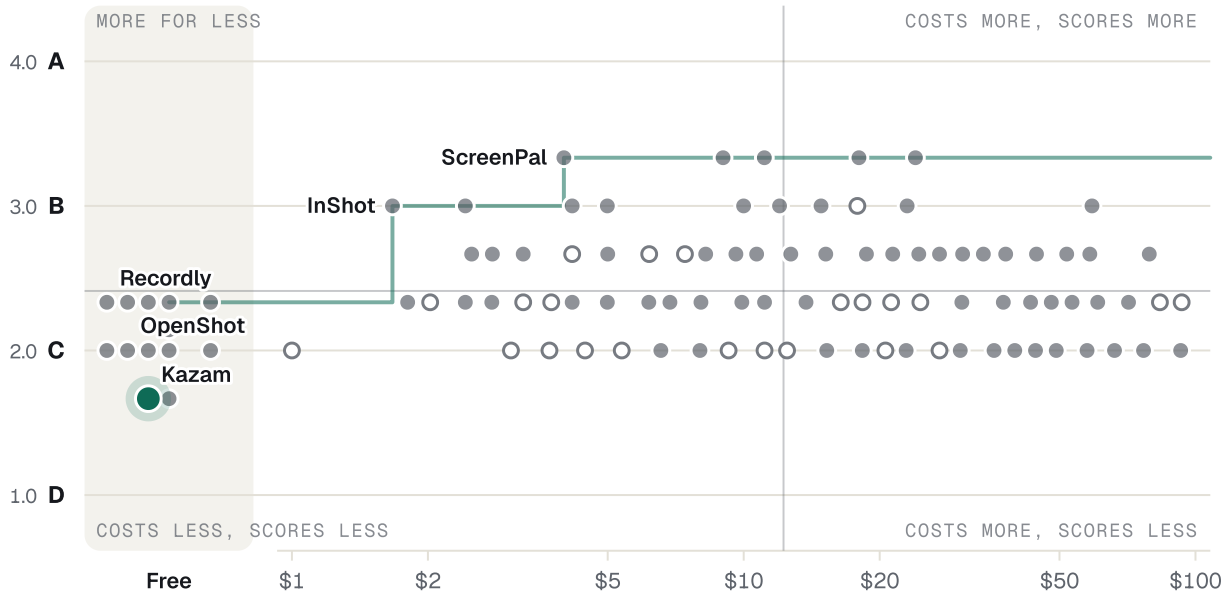
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Kazam's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 102 screen recording and video tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Kazam 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.6 is higher than 89 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade.

What you could not

- ✕ Recording the screen with its sound, and somewhere to keep the video.
- ✕ A real app for Linux. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Kazam'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



SimpleScreenRecorder, OBS Studio, ScreenRec, Cap and ScreenToGif

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

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Free Linux screen recorder with a Qt interface.

Kazam and SimpleScreenRecorder compared in full

SimpleScreenRecorder

Free

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Free, open-source software for video recording and live streaming.

- Only OBS Studio lists Windows and macOS apps.
- OBS Studio also covers noise cancellation.

Kazam and OBS Studio compared in full

OBS Studio

Free

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ScreenRec

Free plan · from $4.99/mo

Desktop screen recorder and screenshot tool with instant share links.

- Only ScreenRec lists Windows and macOS apps.
- Kazam is open source, according to its own site.
- ScreenRec also covers transcription, dictation and screenshots.

Kazam and ScreenRec compared in full



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Cap

Free plan · from $29/yr

Open-source screen recorder with instant share links and an editor.

- Only Cap lists macOS and Windows apps.
- Only Cap lists a browser extension.
- Cap is self-hostable, according to its own site.

Kazam and Cap compared in full



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ScreenToGif

Free

Free Windows recorder that turns screen captures into GIFs.

- Only Kazam lists a Linux app.
- Only ScreenToGif lists a Windows app.
- ScreenToGif also covers video editing.

Kazam and ScreenToGif 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 Kazam free?

Yes. Kazam is free to use.

How much does Kazam cost?

Kazam lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Kazam work on?

Kazam is available on Linux.

Does Kazam have an Android app?

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

Does Kazam have an iPhone app?

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

Is Kazam open source?

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

Who makes Kazam?

Kazam is made by Kazam Team.

What are the alternatives to Kazam?

The closest alternatives to Kazam in our directory are SimpleScreenRecorder, OBS Studio, ScreenRec, Cap and ScreenToGif.

How does Kazam compare with other screen recording and video tools?

Kazam's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 89 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 14.

Is Kazam good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Kazam?

Kazam 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 Kazam'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 Kazam project'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 Kazam Team. Prices change, so check launchpad.net before you buy.

launchpad.net/kazam

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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

Kazam, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/kazam

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

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Prices and grades as they are today

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Every one of the 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, compared



DaVinci Resolve Insider's Guide

Video editing, color, effects and audio post-production in one app

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Zencastr Insider's Guide

Free podcast recording, chat-based editing and hosting in one app

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Cap Insider's Guide

Open-source screen recorder with instant share links and an editor

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