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# GFI KerioConnect

## The Insider's Guide

Self-hosted business mail server with calendar, chat and local AI



**Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among email apps, read from GFI KerioConnect's own pages.**

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ToolGPA put this guide together from GFI KerioConnect's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on GFI KerioConnect'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 29 of the 122 other email apps we grade

GFI KerioConnect is a mail and collaboration server that organizations install on their own hardware or in a partner-hosted cloud. It combines email, shared calendars, contacts, tasks, notes and XMPP chat, and works with Outlook, IMAP and POP clients and ActiveSync phones. An AI add-on runs on local language models.

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

> **No prices are published, you get a quote from a reseller, and someone has to administer it.**
>
> From our report card of GFI KerioConnect

**1** **Best for a self-hosted business mail server**

GFI KerioConnect is a mail server with calendar, chat and local AI that you install and run yourself, on Windows, Mac or Linux.

**2** **You can try it first**

30-day free trial with a download link and licence key sent by email

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Windows, macOS and Linux.

4 **Mail, calendar and collaboration**

Email sits beside shared calendars, contacts, tasks, notes, shared and public folders, and room booking with attendee availability.

5 **Client and mobile support**

Works with Outlook on Windows and Mac, native Mac apps and other IMAP or POP clients. Phones sync by Microsoft ActiveSync or IMAP, CalDAV and CardDAV.

6 **Local AI features**

The AI edition summarizes emails, drafts replies and flags phishing or compliance risks, and the vendor says it runs on on-premise models with no cloud APIs.

7 **A 2.2 GPA, above 29 of 122**

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

8 **Keep it**

To replace GFI KerioConnect 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.

## GFI KerioConnect at a glance

PRICING
Free trial

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
30-day free trial with a download link and licence key sent by email

RUNS ON
macOS, Windows, Linux

MADE BY
GFI USA, LLC

CATEGORY
Email Apps

OUR GRADE
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# The report card

## Best for a self-hosted business mail server

GFI KerioConnect is a mail server with calendar, chat and local AI that you install and run yourself, on Windows, Mac or Linux. No prices are published, you get a quote from a reseller, and someone has to administer it. If you want a hosted mailbox, this isn't one.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **GFI KerioConnect** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

| SUBJECT | GRADE | COMMENT |
|---|---|---|
| **Value for money** | C | No price is published. The Buy now page sends you to a GFI reseller for a quote, so we can't place it against the $8 email middle. |
| **Free plan and trial** | C | 30-day trial with a download link and licence key sent by email. The listing doesn't say whether a card is needed, and there's no free plan. |
| **Features** | B | Mail, calendar, contacts, chat, security tools and local AI features in one server. Nothing in the listing shows a gap in the core job. |
| **Ease of use** | D | It is a server you install and administer yourself, not a hosted service. No store rating on record. |
| **Platforms and integrations** | B | Runs on Windows, Mac and Linux, and works with Outlook, ActiveSync phones, Spark and CalDAV and CardDAV clients. |

**Grade point average** — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

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 GFI KerioConnect is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to run your own mail server for a business and keep the mail in-house
- ✓ Works for offices already on Outlook and ActiveSync phones that need a shared calendar

### Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you don't want to install and administer a server
- ✗ Skip it if you want a price to compare, as none is published and you go through a reseller
- ✗ Tight if you want a free plan, since all you get is a 30-day trial
- ✗ Watch out: the product is now branded GFI KerioConnect and its pages moved to gfi.ai

## Good to know

### Good for

- ✓ Organizations that want to run their own mail server
- ✓ Managed service providers, for which a separate MSP licensing option is listed
- ✓ Companies that need AI email help without sending data to a cloud service

### Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices are published; the Buy now page sends visitors to a certified GFI reseller for a quote.
- ⓘ It is a server product that the buyer installs and administers, not a hosted mailbox service.
- ⓘ The product is now branded GFI KerioConnect and its pages sit on gfi.ai.

# What it costs

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

GFI KerioConnect's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **The listing doesn't say whether a card is needed, and there's no free plan.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

We could not confirm GFI KerioConnect's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. gfi.ai 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: macOS, Windows and Linux

Self-hosted business mail server with calendar, chat and local AI. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: self-hostable, AI features, calendar, email client, shared inbox.

> **Mail, calendar, contacts, chat, security tools and local AI features in one server.**

From our grade for features

## Mail, calendar and collaboration

Email sits beside shared calendars, contacts, tasks, notes, shared and public folders, and room booking with attendee availability.

## Client and mobile support

Works with Outlook on Windows and Mac, native Mac apps and other IMAP or POP clients. Phones sync by Microsoft ActiveSync or IMAP, CalDAV and CardDAV.

## Local AI features

The AI edition summarizes emails, drafts replies and flags phishing or compliance risks, and the vendor says it runs on on-premise models with no cloud APIs.

## Built-in security

SSL encryption, S/MIME, spam filtering, an antivirus engine, attack blocking, automated backup with granular restore and server-wide archiving.

## Chat

Integrated instant messaging is XMPP-compatible, so third-party chat apps can connect, with online status for colleagues.

### Where it runs

macOS · Windows · Linux

### What it works with

Microsoft Outlook · Microsoft ActiveSync · Spark · XMPP · CalDAV · CardDAV

GFI KerioConnect is made by GFI USA, LLC.

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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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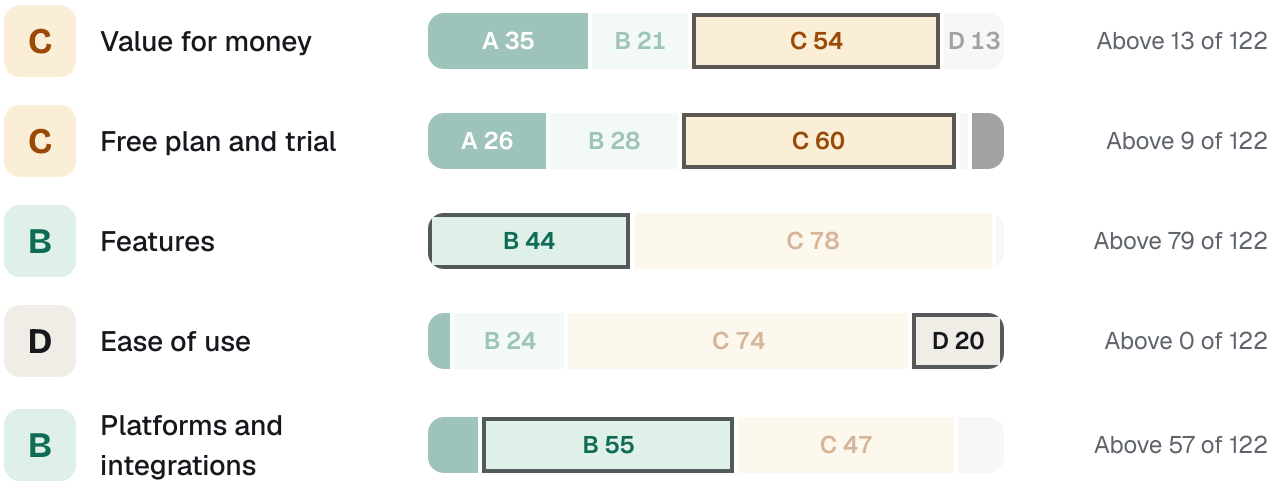
Other email apps it is graded above

GFI KerioConnect's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 29 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 24.

It stands best on features (B, above 79 of 122) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

## Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 email apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. GFI KerioConnect'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 GFI KerioConnect 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: 69 of the 122 other email apps grade higher.

### 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.
- One mailbox that several people work at once.
- Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.
- It plugs into other products, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft ActiveSync and Spark among them.
- AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- Sharing with other people, which means accounts and invitations.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

**What this rests on.** GFI KerioConnect'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



MDaemon, IceWarp, SmarterMail, Axigen and Zimbra

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

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## MDaemon

Free trial

Email server for Windows with webmail and Outlook connector.

- Only GFI KerioConnect lists a Linux app.
- Only MDaemon lists a web app.
- GFI KerioConnect also covers shared inbox.

GFI KerioConnect and MDaemon compared in full

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## IceWarp

Free trial · from $1.50/mo

Business email, chat, files and meetings, cloud or self-hosted.

- Only GFI KerioConnect lists a Linux app.
- Only IceWarp lists a web app.
- Only IceWarp lists iOS and Android apps.

GFI KerioConnect and IceWarp compared in full



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## SmarterMail

Free plan · from $550

Business mail server for Windows and Linux with webmail.

- SmarterMail has a free plan. GFI KerioConnect does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only GFI KerioConnect lists a macOS app.
- Only SmarterMail lists a web app.

GFI KerioConnect and SmarterMail compared in full



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## Axigen

Free plan

Mail server with calendars and webmail for Windows and Linux.

- Axigen has a free plan. GFI KerioConnect does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only GFI KerioConnect lists a macOS app.
- Only Axigen lists a web app.

GFI KerioConnect and Axigen compared in full



## Zimbra

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

- Only Zimbra lists a web app.
- Only Zimbra lists iOS and Android apps.
- Zimbra is open source, according to its own site.

GFI KerioConnect 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 GFI KerioConnect free?

No, GFI KerioConnect is a paid product, but you can try it first. 30-day free trial with a download link and licence key sent by email.

### What platforms does GFI KerioConnect work on?

GFI KerioConnect is available on Windows, macOS and Linux.

### Does GFI KerioConnect have an Android app?

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

### Does GFI KerioConnect have an iPhone app?

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

### Is GFI KerioConnect open source?

GFI KerioConnect is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

### Can GFI KerioConnect be self-hosted?

Yes. GFI KerioConnect's own site says it can be run on a server of your own.

### What does GFI KerioConnect integrate with?

GFI KerioConnect's listing names Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft ActiveSync, Spark, XMPP, CalDAV and CardDAV.

### Who makes GFI KerioConnect?

GFI KerioConnect is made by GFI USA, LLC.

### What are the alternatives to GFI KerioConnect?

The closest alternatives to GFI KerioConnect in our directory are MDaemon, IceWarp, SmarterMail, Axigen and Zimbra.

### How does GFI KerioConnect compare with other email apps?

GFI KerioConnect's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 29 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 24.

### Could I make my own version of GFI KerioConnect?

To replace GFI KerioConnect 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 GFI KerioConnect'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 GFI KerioConnect'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 GFI USA, LLC. Prices change, so check gfi.ai before you buy.

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

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

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The rules behind every letter and every GPA

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What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

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Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

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