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Keypirinha

The Insider's Guide

Free keyboard launcher for Windows with Python plugins



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among window managers and launchers, read from Keypirinha's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Keypirinha's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Keypirinha'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 11 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade

Keypirinha is a keyboard launcher for Windows that finds and opens applications, files, bookmarks, URLs and other items from a search box. Packages add features such as calculations, web searches, translations and hashing, and its configuration lives in text files. It is freeware, and its latest release, 2.26, dates from November 2020.

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

> **Configuration lives in files, there is no installer, and the vendor says the learning curve is steep.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a keyboard-only launcher on Windows**

Keypirinha is a freeware launcher for Windows, run from a portable archive and set up through text files with Python plugins.

2 **It is free**

Keypirinha has no paid plan at all. Freeware with no nag screen, no time limit and no ads, per the vendor.

3 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

4 **Item launcher**

Finds applications, files, bookmarks, URLs, sessions (PuTTY, WinSCP, FileZilla) and registry keys, and switches to a running application by name.

5 **Web and dictionary search**

Launches a search on any configured website or online dictionary and offers on-the-fly language translation.

6 **Calculation and conversion**

Evaluates math expressions and converts numbers between bases.

7 **A 2.4 GPA, above 11 of 48**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Keypirinha at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows
MADE BY Jean-Charles Lefebvre	CATEGORY Window Managers & Launchers
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a keyboard-only launcher on Windows

Keypirinha is a freeware launcher for Windows, run from a portable archive and set up through text files with Python plugins. The vendor itself calls the

learning curve steep, and the latest release is from November 2020.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Keypirinha	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Freeware with no nag screen, time limit or ads, per the vendor.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole program is free, with no paid tier.
Features	C	Launches apps, files, bookmarks and sessions, runs searches, translates, calculates and hashes strings. It is a launcher, and that is the job it does.
Ease of use	D	No store rating. Configuration lives in files, there is no installer, and the vendor says the learning curve is steep.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only, and the install page lists Windows 7 through 10.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

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 Keypirinha is for

- ✓ Fits if you are on Windows and happy to edit config files
- ✓ Works for people who want to carry a launcher on a portable folder

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want to click through a setup screen, because settings are in files and the vendor calls the curve steep
- ✗ Watch out: the latest release is 2.26 from November 2020, and the install page lists Windows only up to 10
- ✗ Not for you if you want open source, as the license permits redistributing unmodified binaries only
- ✗ Skip it if you use macOS or Linux

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who want a free, keyboard-only launcher
- ✓ People comfortable editing configuration files and writing Python plugins
- ✓ Running a launcher from a portable folder

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Windows only; the install page lists Windows 7, 8, 8.1 and 10.
- ⓘ The latest release is 2.26 from November 2020.
- ⓘ The vendor itself calls the learning curve steep, and there is no installer, only an archive.
- ⓘ Its license allows redistribution of unmodified binaries only; the program is not described as open source.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Keypirinha is free to use.

> **Freeware with no nag screen, time limit or ads, per the vendor.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

The whole program, in a portable archive with no installer.

The free plan

Freeware with no nag screen, no time limit and no ads, per the vendor.

Read from keypirinha.com 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: Windows

Free keyboard launcher for Windows with Python plugins. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, keyboard-first, launcher.

> **Launches apps, files, bookmarks and sessions, runs searches, translates, calculates and hashes strings.**
>
> From our grade for features

Item launcher

Finds applications, files, bookmarks, URLs, sessions (PuTTY, WinSCP, FileZilla) and registry keys, and switches to a running application by name.

Web and dictionary search

Launches a search on any configured website or online dictionary and offers on-the-fly language translation.

Calculation and conversion

Evaluates math expressions and converts numbers between bases.

Developer helpers

Hashes strings, generates random UUIDs and passwords, and splits a URL's arguments into JSON.

Packages

A C++ core with Python 3 plugins, with shipped and third-party packages.

File-driven configuration

Settings live in files, with separate machine-specific and user-specific configuration, and the GUI's colors and fonts can be changed.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

PuTTY WinSCP FileZilla

Keypirinha is made by Jean-Charles Lefebvre.

Where it stands

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

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Other window managers and launchers it is graded above

Keypirinha's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 11 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

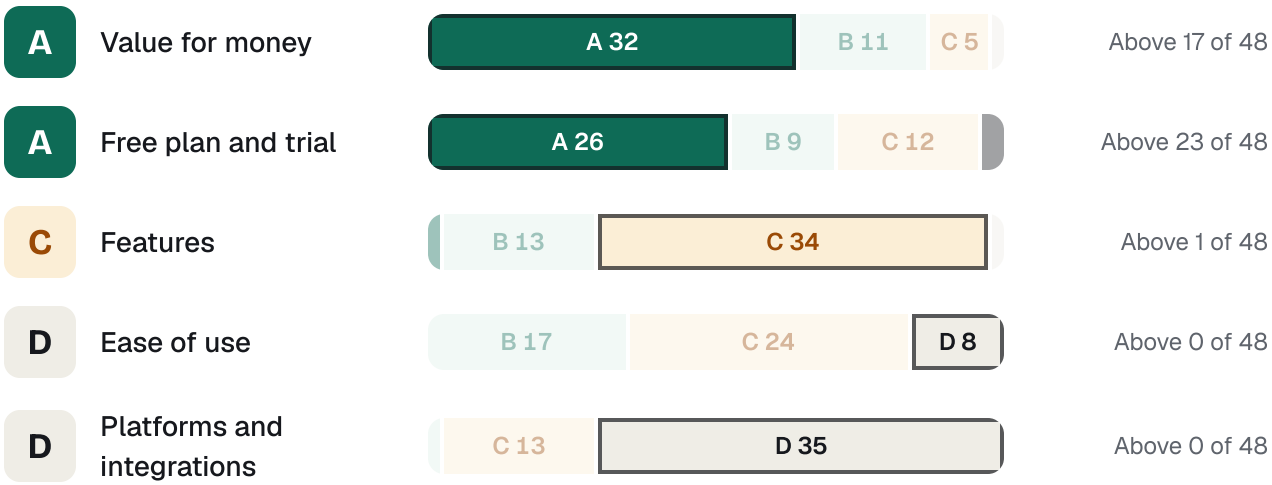
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 23 of 48) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Keypirinha has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.3 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

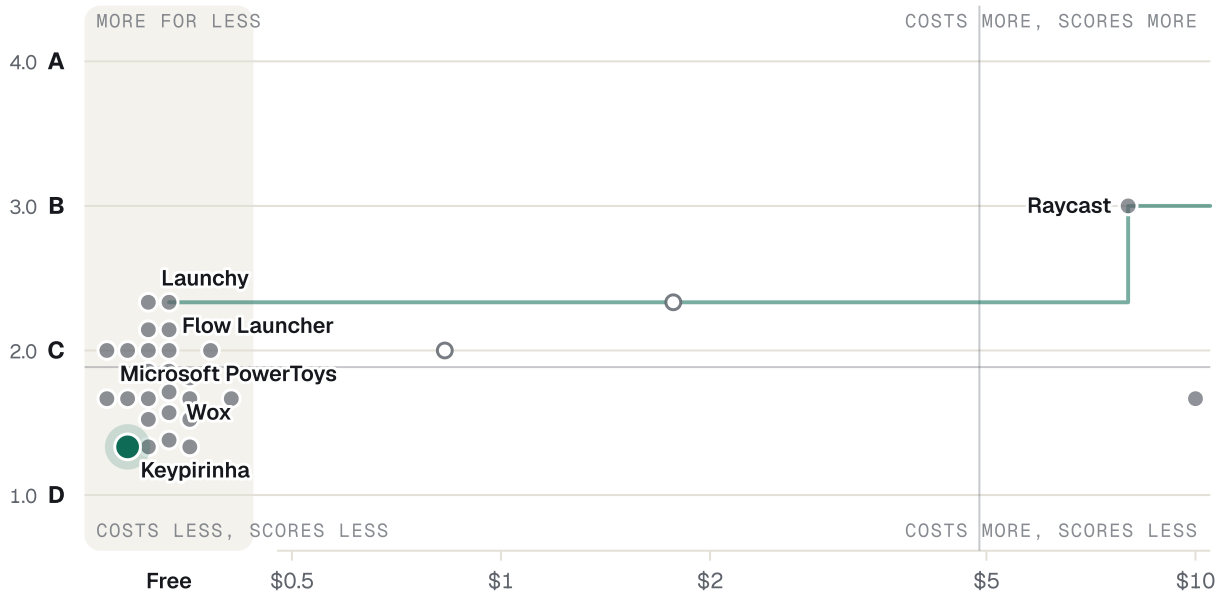
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 49 window managers and launchers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Keypirinha's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 29 window managers and launchers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Keypirinha 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 26 of the 48 other window managers and launchers grade higher.

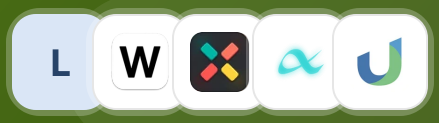
What you could not

- ✕ A launcher wired into the operating system.
- ✕ A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Keypirinha'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



Launchy, Wox, Executor, Albert and Ulauncher

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

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Launchy

Free

Open-source keystroke launcher with plugins and skins.

- Only Launchy lists macOS and Linux apps.
- Launchy is open source, according to its own site.

Keypirinha and Launchy compared in full

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Wox

Free

Open-source keyboard launcher for Windows, macOS and Linux.

- Only Wox lists macOS and Linux apps.
- Wox is open source, according to its own site.
- Wox also covers clipboard manager and window management.

Keypirinha and Wox compared in full



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Executor

Free

Free MIT-licensed keyword launcher built only for Windows.

- Executor is open source, according to its own site.
- Executor also covers clipboard manager and calculator.

Keypirinha and Executor compared in full



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Albert

Free

Plugin-based keyboard launcher for Linux and macOS.

- Only Keypirinha lists a Windows app.
- Only Albert lists macOS and Linux apps.

Keypirinha and Albert compared in full



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Ulauncher

Free

Open-source application launcher for Linux with extensions.

- Only Keypirinha lists a Windows app.
- Only Ulauncher lists a Linux app.
- Ulauncher is open source, according to its own site.

Keypirinha and Ulauncher compared in full

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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 Keypirinha free?

Yes. Keypirinha is free to use.

How much does Keypirinha cost?

Keypirinha lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Keypirinha work on?

Keypirinha is available on Windows.

Does Keypirinha have an Android app?

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

Does Keypirinha have an iPhone app?

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

Is Keypirinha open source?

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

Does Keypirinha work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

What does Keypirinha integrate with?

Keypirinha's listing names PuTTY, WinSCP and FileZilla. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Keypirinha?

Keypirinha is made by Jean-Charles Lefebvre.

What are the alternatives to Keypirinha?

The closest alternatives to Keypirinha in our directory are Launchy, Wox, Executor, Albert and Ulauncher.

How does Keypirinha compare with other window managers and launchers?

Keypirinha's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 11 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

Is Keypirinha good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Keypirinha?

Keypirinha 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 Keypirinha'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 Keypirinha'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 Jean-Charles Lefebvre. Prices change, so check keypirinha.com 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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Keypirinha, kept up to date

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

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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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Free, open-source app launcher and file search for Windows

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