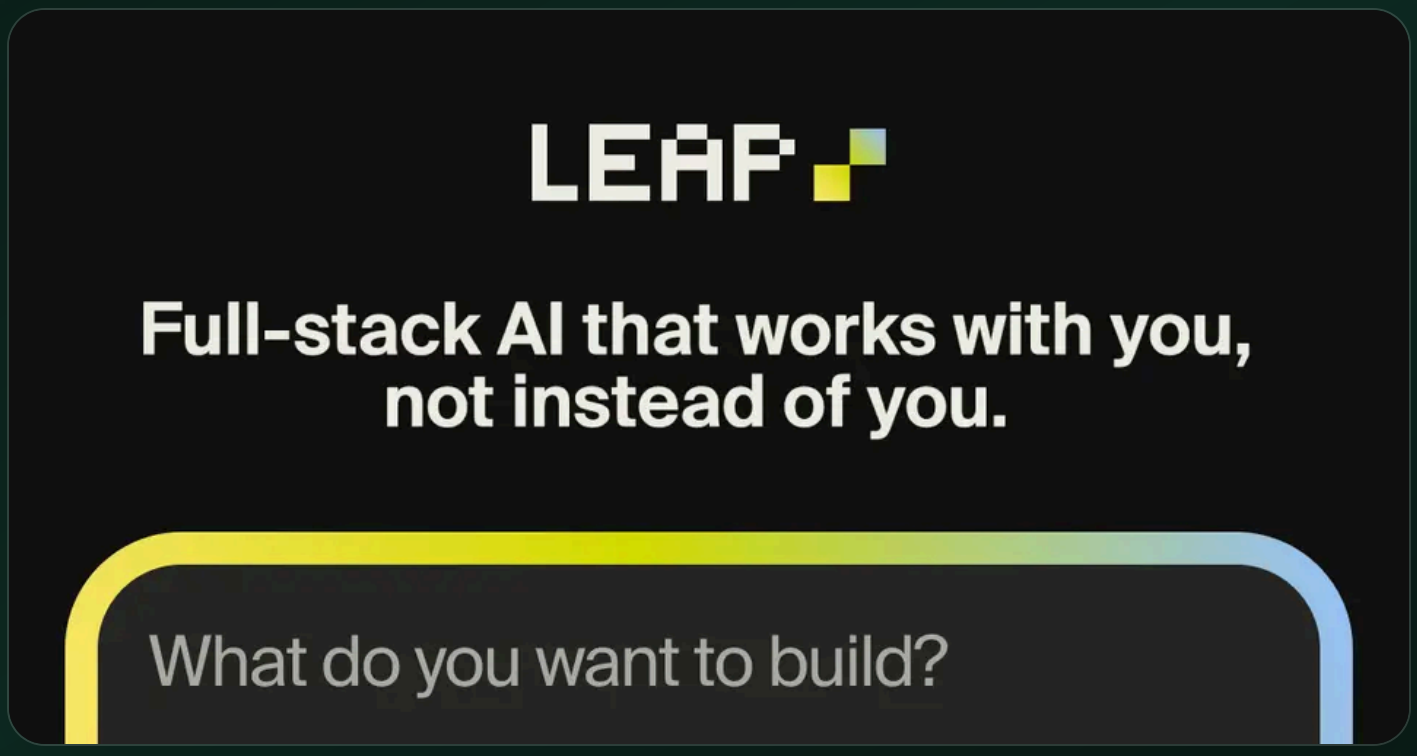
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Leap

The Insider's Guide

AI agent that builds backend-heavy apps and deploys to your cloud



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI app builders, read from Leap's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Leap's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Leap's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 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 52 other AI app builders we grade

Leap is an AI developer agent from the Encore team. It generates full-stack apps with databases, APIs and services on the open-source Encore.ts framework, with GitHub version control, and deploys them to your own AWS or Google Cloud account. Usage is sold as monthly credit packages.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Leap**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **You need an AWS or Google Cloud account and some backend know-how to get anything out of it.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for backend-heavy apps deployed to your cloud**

Leap writes backends on Encore.ts and deploys them to your own AWS or Google Cloud account.

2 **Paid plans start at $30 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $30 per month for 100 credits.

3 There is a free plan

15 credits a month with a daily limit of 5 credits, which the docs put at about 3 days of use.

4 It runs on Web

Web.

5 Backend systems

Generates services, APIs, databases, queues and other infrastructure, aimed at backend-heavy apps such as SaaS products and integration hubs.

6 Deploys to your cloud

Apps run in your own AWS or Google Cloud account rather than on proprietary hosting.

7 Built on Encore.ts

Generated code uses the open-source Encore.ts framework, with typed service calls and built-in tracing and metrics.

8 A 2.0 GPA, above 6 of 52

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

9 Keep it

To replace Leap you would be making a tool that builds and hosts other apps. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Leap at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $30 per month for 100 credits

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Encore

CATEGORY
AI App Builders

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for backend-heavy apps deployed to your cloud

Leap writes backends on Encore.ts and deploys them to your own AWS or Google Cloud account. Pro starts at $30 for 100 credits, at the top of the category's prices, and Free is 15 credits a month. The docs say it suits new projects.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Leap** — Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	D	$30 a month for 100 credits is where the category's dearest tenth begins, and bigger credit packs run to $750.
Free plan and trial	C	Free: 15 credits a month and 5 a day, which the docs put at about 3 days of use.
Features	C	Services, APIs, databases, GitHub, diffs and preview environments, on your own cloud. The docs call it suited to new projects.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You need an AWS or Google Cloud account and some backend know-how to get anything out of it.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web app with GitHub, AWS, Google Cloud and Encore connections, and your own IDE works too.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 — **2.0**

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 Leap is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a backend in your own AWS or Google Cloud account
- ✓ Works for engineers starting a new SaaS or integration project

Who it is not for

- ✗ Tight if you stay free: 15 credits a month and 5 a day
- ✗ Pricey if you need more: 100 credits are $30 and extra credits cost more and expire after 2 months
- ✗ Watch out: the docs describe it as suited to new projects, not existing ones
- ✗ Watch out: custom domains and no daily limit need a paid plan

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want a generated backend they own and can edit
- ✓ Teams that need to run apps in their own AWS or Google Cloud account
- ✓ Starting new services or isolated components within a product

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The Free plan gives 15 credits a month and a daily cap of 5, so it covers a few requests only.
- ⓘ Credits are spent per request and bigger requests use more; extra credits cost more than plan credits and expire after 2 months.
- ⓘ Custom domains and no daily limit need a paid Pro package.
- ⓘ The docs describe it as best for new projects, and the price page could not be read as rendered text, so figures come from the docs.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$30

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Leap has a free plan. Paid plans start at $30 per month for 100 credits.

FREE

$0

15 credits a month, up to 5 a day. About 3 to 5 AI requests a day within the limit.

PRO 100

$30

per month for 100 credits

No daily limit, custom domains and early access. Larger Pro packages run up to 2,500 credits at $750 a month.

PRO 500

$150

per month for 500 credits

Same features as Pro 100 at $0.30 per credit. Pro 1000 is $300 a month.

TEAM

$500

per month in shared credits

For organizations: shared workspace, real-time collaboration, group billing and priority support. Steps up to $2,500.

The free plan

15 credits a month with a daily limit of 5 credits, which the docs put at about 3 days of use.

Read from docs.leap.new on Nov 12, 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: Web

AI agent that builds backend-heavy apps and deploys to your cloud. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, AI features, AI agents, app builder.

> **Services, APIs, databases, GitHub, diffs and preview environments, on your own cloud.**

From our grade for features

Backend systems

Generates services, APIs, databases, queues and other infrastructure, aimed at backend-heavy apps such as SaaS products and integration hubs.

Deploys to your cloud

Apps run in your own AWS or Google Cloud account rather than on proprietary hosting.

Built on Encore.ts

Generated code uses the open-source Encore.ts framework, with typed service calls and built-in tracing and metrics.

GitHub and diffs

Every app has GitHub integration and version control, and changes are shown as diffs to review before deploying.

Preview environments

Test changes in a preview environment, then deploy to production and keep iterating with the AI or your own IDE.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

GitHub
AWS
Google Cloud
Encore

Leap is made by Encore.

Where it stands

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

6/52

Other AI app builders it is graded above

Leap's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 6 of the 52 other AI app builders we grade, and level with 4.

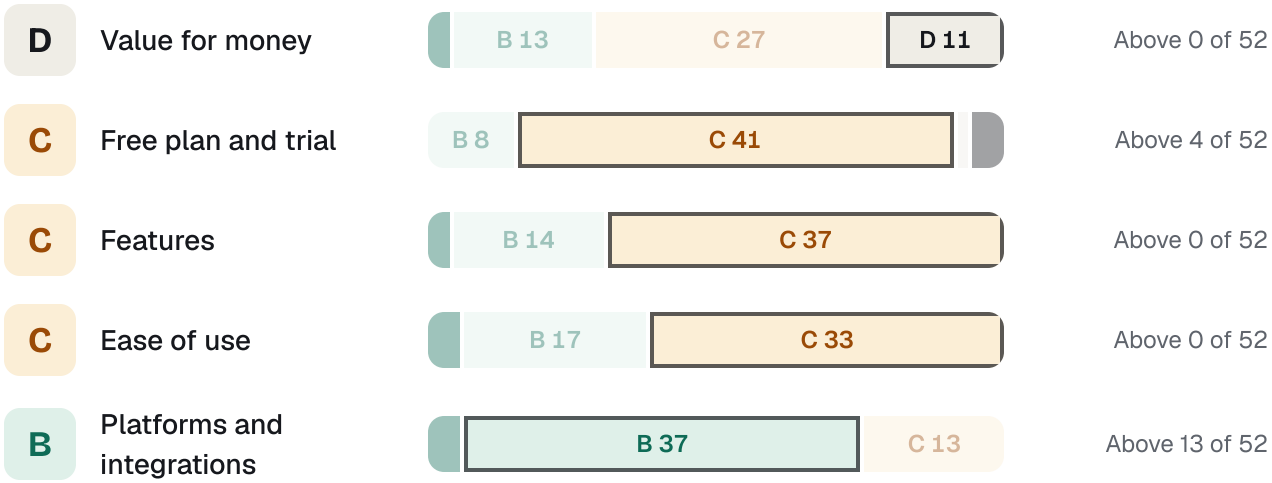
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 13 of 52) and worst on value for money (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $30 a month, against a middle price of $20 for the category: 44 of the 50 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 20 tools score higher and cost less.

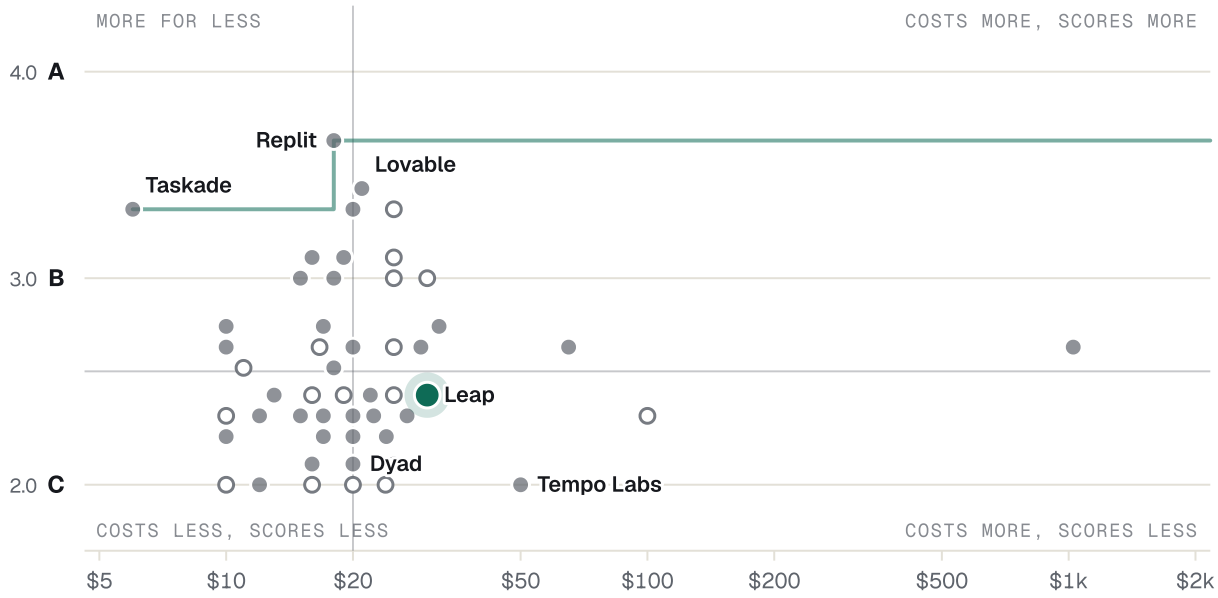
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 53 AI app builders we grade, cut by the letter each got. Leap's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 51 AI app builders. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Leap 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

To replace Leap you would be making a tool that builds and hosts other apps. 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: 42 of the 52 other AI app builders grade higher. It costs $360 a year. Leap is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could not

- ✕ A tool that builds and hosts other apps.

× An AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.

What this rests on. Leap'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.

PART 05 · ALTERNATIVES

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Lovable, Replit, Bolt, Emergent and Base44

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

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Lovable

Free plan · from $21/mo

Chat-based AI builder for full-stack web apps and websites.

- Only Lovable lists macOS, Windows, iOS and Android apps.
- Leap is open source, according to its own site.
- Leap also covers AI agents.

Leap and Lovable compared in full

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Replit

Free plan · from $18/mo

Cloud platform where an AI agent builds, hosts and publishes apps.

- Only Replit lists macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Leap is open source, according to its own site.
- Replit also covers no-code.

Leap and Replit compared in full

Bolt

2.6 GPA

Free plan · from $18/mo

Browser-based AI builder for websites, web apps and mobile apps.

- Leap is open source, according to its own site.
- Leap also covers AI agents.
- Bolt also covers no-code.

Leap and Bolt compared in full

Emergent

2.4 GPA

Free plan · from $17/mo

AI agents that build and deploy full-stack web and mobile apps.

- Leap is open source, according to its own site.
- Emergent also covers no-code.

Leap and Emergent compared in full

Base44

2.8 GPA

Free plan · from $16/mo

No-code AI builder with a database, login and hosting included.

- Only Base44 lists iOS and Android apps.
- Leap is open source, according to its own site.
- Leap also covers AI agents.

Leap and Base44 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 Leap free?

Leap has a free plan. 15 credits a month with a daily limit of 5 credits, which the docs put at about 3 days of use.

How much does Leap cost?

Leap lists 4 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does Leap work on?

Leap is available on Web.

Does Leap have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Leap is listed for Web.

Does Leap have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Leap is listed for Web.

Is Leap open source?

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

What does Leap integrate with?

Leap's listing names GitHub, AWS, Google Cloud and Encore. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Leap?

Leap is made by Encore.

What are the alternatives to Leap?

The closest alternatives to Leap in our directory are Lovable, Replit, Bolt, Emergent and Base44.

How does Leap compare with other AI app builders?

Leap's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 6 of the 52 other AI app builders we grade, and level with 4.

Is Leap good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Leap D for value for money. Its paid plans start at $30 a month, against a middle price of $20 for the category: 44 of the 50 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Leap?

To replace Leap you would be making a tool that builds and hosts other apps.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Leap's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Leap's own pages on 12 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews. The pricing figures come from the docs, which is where the listing took them.

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 Encore. Prices change, so check leap.new before you buy.

docs.leap.new/plans-credits/overview.md

docs.leap.new/getting-started/introduction.md

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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**.

5,038	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Leap, kept up to date
Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/leap

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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