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LedgerSMB

The Insider's Guide

Open-source double-entry accounting and ERP you install yourself



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among accounting and invoicing tools, read from LedgerSMB's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from LedgerSMB's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on LedgerSMB'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 43 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade

LedgerSMB is open-source accounting and ERP software for small and mid-size businesses. It combines a double-entry general ledger with invoicing, orders, purchasing, inventory and fixed assets, and runs in a browser against a server you install. The software is free to download; paid help comes from outside professionals.

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>
> **You install and maintain it: an installer, Docker images or release archives.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for self-hosted double-entry accounting and ERP**

LedgerSMB is a free, open-source double-entry ledger with invoicing, purchasing, inventory and fixed assets, run on a server you install.

2 **It is free**

LedgerSMB has no paid plan at all. Free to download and run yourself; community support is free for the releases still under active support.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **General ledger**

Double-entry accounting with journal entries, transfers between accounts and a picture of financial health.

5 **Sales and purchasing**

Tracks customers, quotations, sales orders and invoices, plus vendors, purchase orders and bills.

6 **Multiple currencies**

Transactions, invoices and payments can be entered in different currencies with different conversion rates.

7 **A 2.2 GPA, above 43 of 127**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

LedgerSMB at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY LedgerSMB	CATEGORY Accounting & Invoicing
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for self-hosted double-entry accounting and ERP

LedgerSMB is a free, open-source double-entry ledger with invoicing, purchasing, inventory and fixed assets, run on a server you install. Free support only covers releases still under active support, and version 1.12 reaches end of life on 14 December 2026.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	LedgerSMB	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Free to download, but you host it yourself, which needs a server. Paid help comes from outside professionals with no published prices.
Free plan and trial	B	No limits listed and no paid edition. Free community support covers only releases under active support.
Features	B	General ledger, sales and purchasing, multi-currency, cash management, inventory, fixed assets and budgets. The core job is covered.
Ease of use	D	You install and maintain it: an installer, Docker images or release archives.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, with no integrations or apps listed.
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 LedgerSMB is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a double-entry ledger and have IT help to install it
- ✓ Works for multi-currency businesses that would rather not pay a subscription

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you don't have someone to install and maintain it
- ✗ Watch out: version 1.12 reaches end of life on 14 December 2026
- ✗ Not for you if you need paid support from the project, as only outside professionals offer it
- ✗ Too light for convenience: no hosted version, no integrations listed
- ✗ Watch out: version 1.13 gets community support only until 4 October 2027

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Businesses that want a double-entry ledger without a vendor subscription
- ✓ Companies with IT staff or a consultant to install and maintain it
- ✓ Multi-currency businesses in many countries

Worth knowing

- ⓘ You install and run it yourself; the project lists a Debian and Fedora installer, Docker images and release archives.
- ⓘ Free community support only covers releases under active support; version 1.12 reaches end of life on Dec 14, 2026.
- ⓘ Paid support is available from outside professionals, not published as plans by the project.
- ⓘ Version 1.13, the current stable release, has community support until Oct 4, 2027.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

LedgerSMB is free to use.

> **Free to download, but you host it yourself, which needs a server.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

SELF-HOSTED

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Free open-source download; install with the project's installer, Docker images or release archive.

The free plan

Free to download and run yourself; community support is free for the releases still under active support.

Read from ledgersmb.org 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: Web

Open-source double-entry accounting and ERP you install yourself. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, invoicing, reports, bookkeeping, inventory, quotes and estimates.

> **General ledger, sales and purchasing, multi-currency, cash management, inventory, fixed assets and budgets.**
>
> From our grade for features

General ledger

Double-entry accounting with journal entries, transfers between accounts and a picture of financial health.

Sales and purchasing

Tracks customers, quotations, sales orders and invoices, plus vendors, purchase orders and bills.

Multiple currencies

Transactions, invoices and payments can be entered in different currencies with different conversion rates.

Cash management

Handles cash in and out, writes checks, tracks receipts and reconciles against bank statements.

Inventory and fixed assets

Tracks goods, services and assemblies, and fixed assets with depreciation and disposal.

Time tracking and budgets

Turns billable hours into invoices and tracks budgets by project or department with variance reports.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

LedgerSMB is made by LedgerSMB.

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Where it stands

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

43/127

Other accounting and invoicing tools it is graded above

LedgerSMB's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 43 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 30.

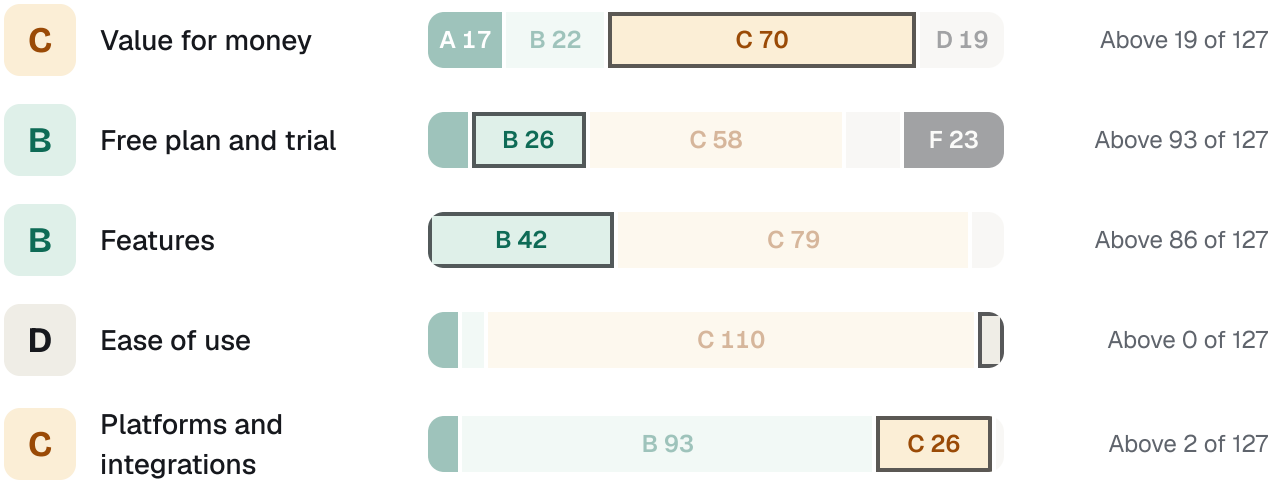
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 93 of 127) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

LedgerSMB has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

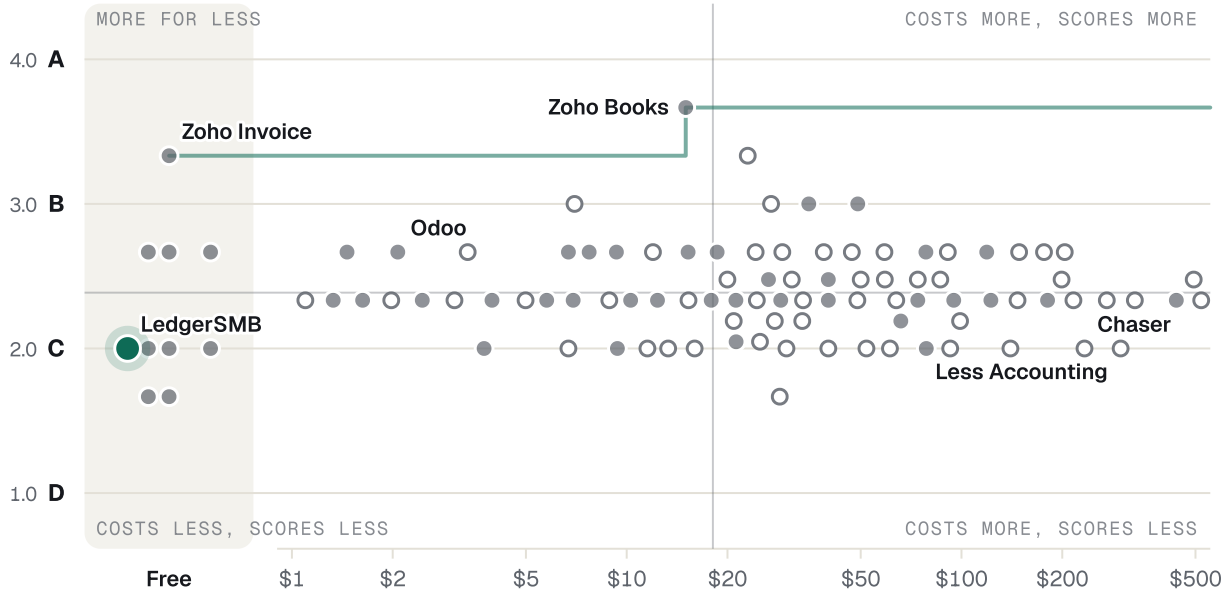
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 128 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. LedgerSMB's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 101 accounting and invoicing tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. LedgerSMB 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

What you could make

- Invoicing, inventory, reports and quotes and estimates: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- ✕ Live feeds from your bank, which take an agreement with each bank or a service that has them.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. LedgerSMB'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



GnuCash, Manager.io, Akaunting, Odoo and Bigcapital

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

GnuCash

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Free

Free double-entry accounting for home and small business use.

- Only LedgerSMB lists a web app.
- Only GnuCash lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- LedgerSMB is self-hostable, according to its own site.

LedgerSMB and GnuCash compared in full

Manager.io

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Free plan · from $59/mo

Free offline accounting for Windows, Mac and Linux, with a paid cloud.

- Only Manager.io lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- LedgerSMB is open source, according to its own site.
- LedgerSMB also covers inventory and quotes and estimates.

LedgerSMB and Manager.io compared in full



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Akaunting

Free plan · from $72/yr

Open-source accounting you can host yourself or use in the cloud.

- LedgerSMB also covers inventory and quotes and estimates.
- Akaunting also covers expense tracking.

LedgerSMB and Akaunting compared in full



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Odoo

Free plan · from $31.10/mo

Business app suite whose Accounting app is free when used on its own.

- Only Odoo lists iOS and Android apps.
- LedgerSMB also covers inventory and quotes and estimates.
- Odoo also covers expense tracking.

LedgerSMB and Odoo compared in full



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Bigcapital

Free

Open-source accounting you host yourself, with a cloud version planned.

- LedgerSMB also covers quotes and estimates.

LedgerSMB and Bigcapital 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 LedgerSMB free?

Yes. LedgerSMB is free to use.

How much does LedgerSMB cost?

LedgerSMB lists one plan. Self-hosted: $0.

What platforms does LedgerSMB work on?

LedgerSMB is available on Web.

Does LedgerSMB have an Android app?

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

Does LedgerSMB have an iPhone app?

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

Is LedgerSMB open source?

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

Who makes LedgerSMB?

LedgerSMB is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to LedgerSMB?

The closest alternatives to LedgerSMB in our directory are GnuCash, Manager.io, Akaunting, Odoo and Bigcapital.

How does LedgerSMB compare with other accounting and invoicing tools?

LedgerSMB's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 43 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 30.

Is LedgerSMB good value for money?

ToolGPA grades LedgerSMB C for value for money. LedgerSMB has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of LedgerSMB?

LedgerSMB 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 LedgerSMB'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 LedgerSMB'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 LedgerSMB. Prices change, so check ledgersmb.org 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.

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

LedgerSMB, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/ledgersmb

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

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Accounting & Invoicing Insider's Guide

Every one of the 129 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, compared

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Free invoicing app from Zoho for freelancers and small businesses

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