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Liferea

The Insider's Guide

Open-source desktop feed reader for Linux with offline reading



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among read-later and bookmark apps, read from Liferea's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Liferea's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Liferea'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 37 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade

Liferea is a feed reader and news aggregator for Linux and the GNOME desktop. Its layout resembles a mail client, with a feed list, an item list and an embedded browser. It reads articles offline, can fetch full article text, and can sync with several Google Reader API services and Tiny Tiny RSS.

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

> **It has no Windows, Mac, phone or web app, and installs through distribution packages, Snap or Flatpak.**
>
> From our report card of Liferea

1 **Best for a local feed reader on the Linux desktop**

Liferea is an open-source feed reader for the Linux desktop, with offline reading and sync with other readers.

2 **It is free**

Liferea has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on Linux**

Linux.

4 **Mail-client style layout**

A three-part interface with a feed list, item list and an embedded web browser, similar to a desktop mail or news client.

5 **Offline reading**

Articles can be read without a connection, and headlines can be kept permanently in news bins.

6 **Full article text**

Full article text can be forced using HTML5 extraction, and some HTML5 sites without a feed can be subscribed to.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 37 of 66**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Liferea at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Linux
MADE BY Liferea project	CATEGORY Read Later & Bookmarks
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a local feed reader on the Linux desktop

Liferea is an open-source feed reader for the Linux desktop, with offline reading and sync with other readers. It has no Windows, Mac, phone or web

app, and installs through distribution packages, Snap or Flatpak.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Liferea	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free software with no paid plans, under 60% of the cheaper quarter.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no plan, no cap and no account to open.
Features	C	Feeds, offline reading, search folders and podcasts. It targets Linux and GNOME, and does the reader job fully, as a smaller one.
Ease of use	B	Installed from your distribution and used like a mail client, with no store rating read.
Platforms and integrations	D	Linux and FreeBSD only, which is a single operating system. Sync works with The Old Reader, FreshRSS, Miniflux and Tiny Tiny RSS.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.8**

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 Liferea is for

- ✓ Fits if you run Linux and want a local feed reader
- ✓ Works for pairing with a self-hosted reader like FreshRSS or Miniflux

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use Windows or macOS, as no builds are listed
- ✗ Skip it if you read on a phone, as it has no phone or web app
- ✗ Watch out: install is through distribution packages, Snap or Flatpak, not one installer
- ✗ Too light for reading on other devices, as that needs a synced service and a different client

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Linux desktop users who want a local feed reader
- ✓ Reading feeds offline
- ✓ Pairing with a self-hosted reader such as FreshRSS or Miniflux

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It targets Linux and the GNOME desktop; the install page lists Linux and FreeBSD packages and no Windows or macOS builds.
- ⓘ It has no phone or web app of its own, so reading elsewhere needs a synced service and a different client.
- ⓘ Installation is through distribution packages, Snap or Flatpak rather than a single installer.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Liferea is free to use.

> **Free outright, with no plan, no cap and no account to open.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

LIFEREA

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Open-source software under the LGPL-3.0 license, installed through distribution packages, Snap or Flatpak.

Read from github.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: Linux

Open-source desktop feed reader for Linux with offline reading. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, works offline, rSS reader.

> **Feeds, offline reading, search folders and podcasts.**

From our grade for features

Mail-client style layout

A three-part interface with a feed list, item list and an embedded web browser, similar to a desktop mail or news client.

Offline reading

Articles can be read without a connection, and headlines can be kept permanently in news bins.

Full article text

Full article text can be forced using HTML5 extraction, and some HTML5 sites without a feed can be subscribed to.

Sync with other readers

Synchronizes through the Google Reader API with services such as The Old Reader, FreshRSS and Miniflux, and with Tiny Tiny RSS.

Search folders

Search folders match items across feeds by rule.

Podcasts and gopher

Podcasts can be played inside the reader, and gopher phlogs can be read.

Where it runs

Linux

What it works with

The Old Reader
FreshRSS
Miniflux
Tiny Tiny RSS

Liferea is made by Liferea project.

Where it stands

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

37/66

Other read-later and bookmark apps it is graded above

Liferea's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 37 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, and level with 8.

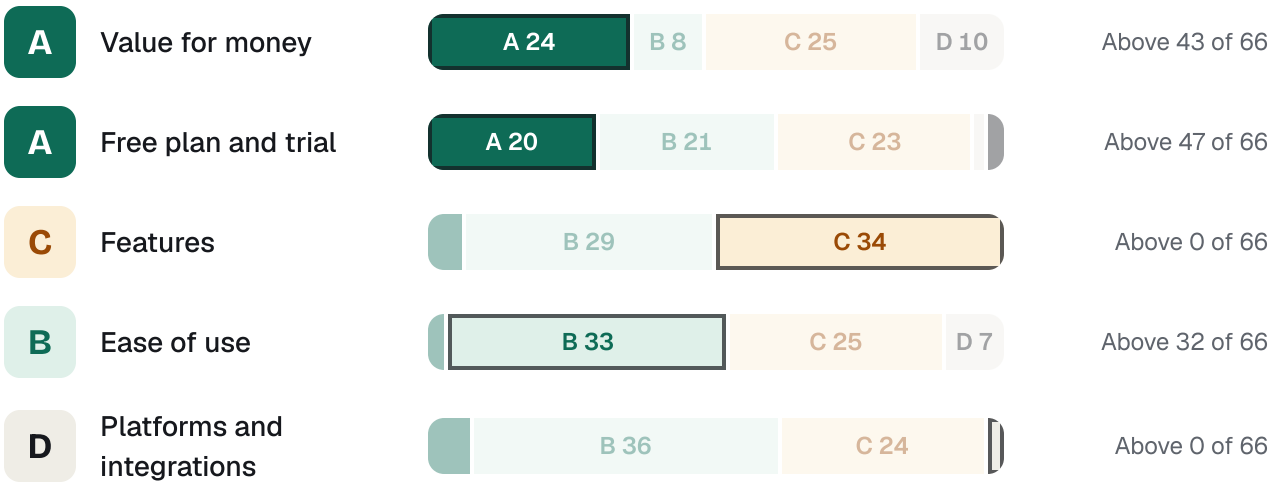
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 47 of 66) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Liferea 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.

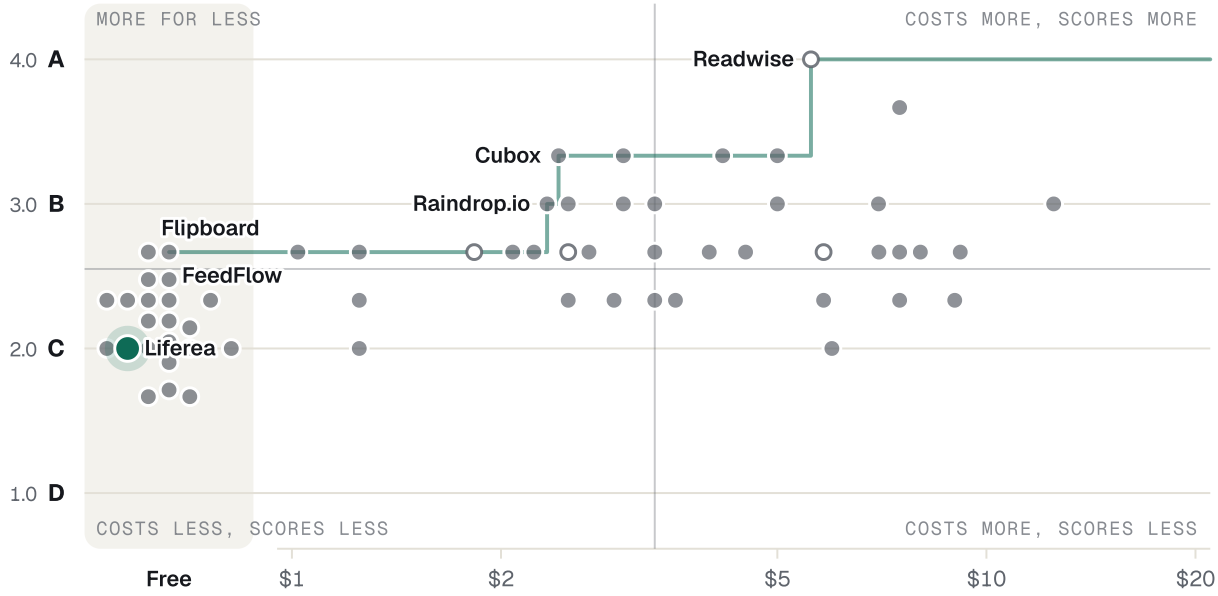
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 67 read-later and bookmark apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Liferea's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 60 read-later and bookmark apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Liferea 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

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

What you could make

- RSS reader: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A real app for Linux. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Liferea'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



Newsboat, RSS Guard, FreshRSS, Miniflux and NetNewsWire

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

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Newsboat

Free

Free RSS and Atom feed reader that runs in the terminal.

- Only Newsboat lists a macOS app.
- Newsboat also covers bookmarks.

Liferea and Newsboat compared in full

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RSS Guard

Free

Open-source desktop feed reader and podcast player.

- Only RSS Guard lists Windows and macOS apps.

Liferea and RSS Guard compared in full



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FreshRSS

Free

Free, self-hosted RSS and Atom feed aggregator.

- Only Liferea lists a Linux app.
- Only FreshRSS lists a web app.
- FreshRSS is self-hostable, according to its own site.

Liferea and FreshRSS compared in full



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Miniflux

Free plan · from $15/yr

Minimalist open-source feed reader, self-hosted or hosted.

- Only Liferea lists a Linux app.
- Only Miniflux lists a web app.
- Miniflux is self-hostable, according to its own site.

Liferea and Miniflux compared in full



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NetNewsWire

Free

Free, open-source RSS reader for Mac, iPhone and iPad.

- Only Liferea lists a Linux app.
- Only NetNewsWire lists macOS and iOS apps.
- Only NetNewsWire lists a browser extension.

Liferea and NetNewsWire 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 Liferea free?

Yes. Liferea is free to use.

How much does Liferea cost?

Liferea lists one plan. Liferea: $0.

What platforms does Liferea work on?

Liferea is available on Linux.

Does Liferea have an Android app?

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

Does Liferea have an iPhone app?

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

Is Liferea open source?

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

Does Liferea 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 Liferea integrate with?

Liferea's listing names The Old Reader, FreshRSS, Miniflux and Tiny Tiny RSS.

Who makes Liferea?

Liferea is made by Liferea project.

What are the alternatives to Liferea?

The closest alternatives to Liferea in our directory are Newsboat, RSS Guard, FreshRSS, Miniflux and NetNewsWire.

How does Liferea compare with other read-later and bookmark apps?

Liferea's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 37 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, and level with 8.

Is Liferea good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Liferea?

Liferea is free, so making your own would save you nothing. What you could not make: A real app for Linux.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Liferea'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 project 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 Liferea project. Prices change, so check lzone.de before you buy.

lzone.de/liferea/

lzone.de/liferea/install.htm

github.com/lwindolf/liferea

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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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

Liferea, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/liferea

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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Read Later & Bookmarks Insider's Guide

Every one of the 67 read-later and bookmark apps we grade, compared

Booky Insider's Guide

Online bookmark manager with collections and browser extensions

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FeedFlow Insider's Guide

Free, open-source RSS reader for mobile and desktop

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Flipboard Insider's Guide

Free news aggregator built around topics and shared Magazines

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