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Livedrive

The Insider's Guide

Unlimited PC and Mac backup with an online Briefcase folder



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among file storage and sync services, read from Livedrive's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Livedrive's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Livedrive'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 34 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade

Livedrive is a UK cloud service that sells computer backup and an online Briefcase folder, alone or together as the Pro Suite. Backup copies files from a Windows or Mac computer to UK data centres, and Briefcase lets you open, edit and share files from any device. Business and reseller versions are sold separately.

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> **No store rating on record, but you install it and it starts backing up.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for backing up one PC or Mac with unlimited space**

The trial length isn't stated, a second computer costs extra, and prices show in pounds with VAT on top.

2 **Paid plans start at about $8.59 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: £7.69 per month (Backup), £76.90 billed annually.

3 **You can try it first**

Free trial offered on each plan; length not stated on the page

4 **It runs on 5 platforms**

Web, Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

5 **Automatic computer backup**

Installed on a Windows or Mac computer, the software copies files such as photos, documents and videos to UK data centres.

6 **Version history**

The backup page says up to 30 previous versions of files are kept so an unwanted edit can be restored.

7 **Briefcase folder**

Files placed in the online Briefcase can be viewed or edited from computers, phones and tablets.

8 **A 2.2 GPA, above 34 of 91**

That is against the other file storage and sync services we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

To replace Livedrive you would be making files kept in step across devices without losing one. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Livedrive at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from £7.69 per month (Backup), £76.90 billed annually

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
Free trial offered on each plan; length not stated on the page

RUNS ON
Web, macOS, Windows, iOS, Android

MADE BY
Livedrive Internet Ltd.

CATEGORY
File Storage & Sync

OUR GRADE
2.2 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for backing up one PC or Mac with unlimited space

Livedrive backs up one PC or Mac for GBP 7.69 a month, with Briefcase online storage as a separate product. The trial length isn't stated, a second computer costs extra, and prices show in pounds with VAT on top.

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Livedrive

Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Backup is GBP 7.69 a month, near $9.70, in the dearer quarter of the category ($9.99 and up) but not its dearest tenth.
Free plan and trial	D	A free trial is offered on each plan with no length stated, and no free plan.
Features	C	Backup for one computer and a Briefcase folder, but a second computer or NAS is extra and Briefcase has its own 2 TB limit.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record, but you install it and it starts backing up.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, Windows, Mac, iPhone and Android apps, with no integrations 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 Livedrive is for

- ✓ Fits if you have a single PC or Mac and want it backed up with no limits
- ✓ Works for someone who wants Briefcase for access from other devices

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you have several computers: Backup covers one PC or Mac user
- ✗ Skip it if you want a free plan, as there is none and the trial's length isn't stated
- ✗ Watch out: Briefcase is a separate product, 2 TB alone and 5 TB in the Pro Suite
- ✗ Watch out: prices are in pounds by default and VAT is added on top

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Home users who want a simple backup of one PC or Mac
- ✓ Households backing up up to 5 computer user accounts
- ✓ UK and EU buyers who want data kept in UK data centres

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Prices are shown in pounds by default; the page offers a currency switch whose US dollar figures could not be read here.
- ⓘ Backup covers one PC or Mac user account; a second computer or a NAS drive is an extra purchase.
- ⓘ Briefcase is a separate product with its own storage limit: 2 TB alone, 5 TB in the Pro Suite.
- ⓘ Pricing notes say the VAT rate of your jurisdiction applies on top of the displayed amounts.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

~$8.59

A month to start

Livedrive is a paid product with a free trial, starting at £7.69 per month (Backup), £76.90 billed annually.

> **A free trial is offered on each plan with no length stated, and no free plan.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

BACKUP

£7.69

per month, 1 PC or Mac user (£76.90 billed annually)

Unlimited cloud backup storage for one computer user account. Amounts exclude VAT where it applies.

BRIEFCASE

£11.99

per month (£119.90 billed annually)

2 TB of online folder storage to access, edit and share from any device, with tablet and mobile backup.

PRO SUITE

£17.59

per month (£175.90 billed annually)

Backup plus Briefcase: backup for 5 PC or Mac users and 5 TB of Briefcase storage.

Trying it first

Free trial offered on each plan; length not stated on the page

Read from livedrive.com on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Save 16% with annual billing

Choosing annual instead of monthly billing is advertised on the pricing page as saving 16%.

Stated on livedrive.com

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: Web, macOS, Windows, iOS and Android

Unlimited PC and Mac backup with an online Briefcase folder. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: file sync, file sharing.

> **Web, Windows, Mac, iPhone and Android apps, with no integrations listed.**

From our grade for platforms and integrations

Automatic computer backup

Installed on a Windows or Mac computer, the software copies files such as photos, documents and videos to UK data centres.

Version history

The backup page says up to 30 previous versions of files are kept so an unwanted edit can be restored.

Briefcase folder

Files placed in the online Briefcase can be viewed or edited from computers, phones and tablets.

Private and public sharing

Briefcase files can be shared by a link with a username and password, or by a public link.

Two-factor sign-in

Accounts support two-factor authentication, and the data centres are described as ISO 27001 certified.

Where it runs

Web · macOS · Windows · iOS · Android

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Livedrive is made by Livedrive Internet Ltd.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

34/91

Other file storage and sync services it is graded above

Livedrive's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 34 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade, and level with 9.

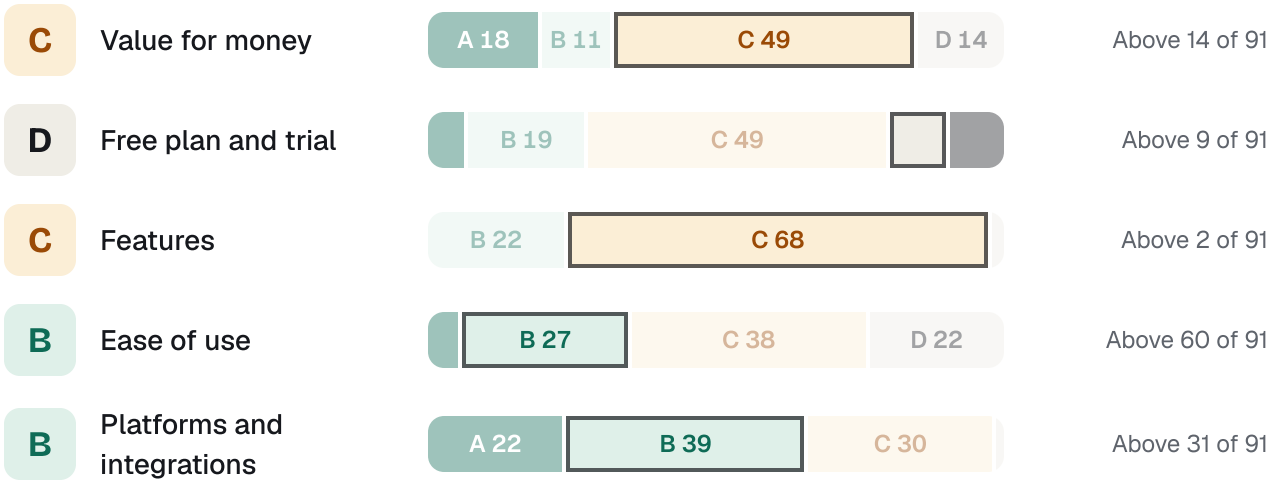
It stands best on ease of use (B, above 60 of 91) and worst on free plan and trial (D, above 9).

Its paid plans start at about $8.59 a month, against a middle price of $6.64 for the category: 45 of the 60 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 12 tools score higher and cost less.

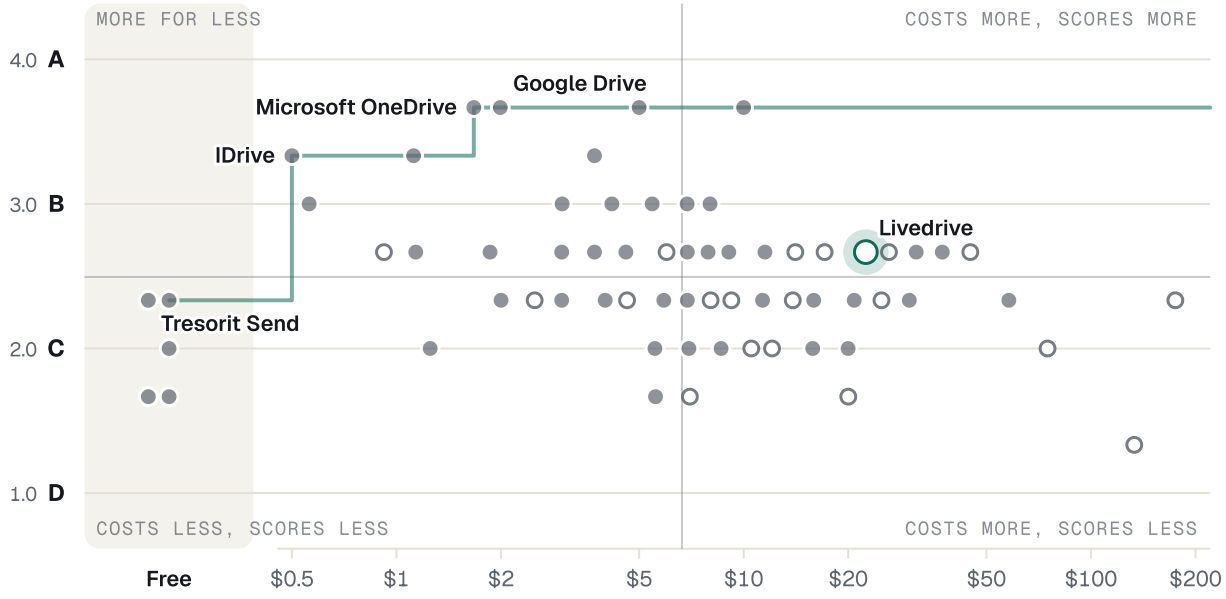
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 92 file storage and sync services we grade, cut by the letter each got. Livedrive's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 66 file storage and sync services. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Livedrive 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 Livedrive you would be making files kept in step across devices without losing one. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $103.04 a year.

What you could not

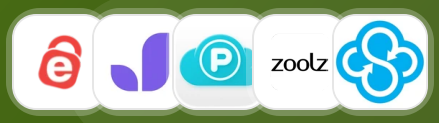
- ✕ Files kept in step across devices without losing one.
- ✕ Storing and serving files for other people.

- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Livedrive'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



IDrive, Jottacloud, pCloud, Zoolz and Sync.com

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

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IDrive

Free plan · from $0.25/mo

Cloud backup for many devices in one account, with a sync folder.

- IDrive has a free plan. Livedrive does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only IDrive lists a Linux app.

Livedrive and IDrive compared in full

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Jottacloud

Free plan

Norwegian cloud storage and backup for all your devices.

- Jottacloud has a free plan. Livedrive does not, though it has a free trial.

Livedrive and Jottacloud compared in full



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pCloud

Free plan · from $4.99/mo

Swiss cloud storage sold by subscription or one-time payment.

- pCloud has a free plan. Livedrive does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only pCloud lists a Linux app.
- Only pCloud lists a browser extension.

Livedrive and pCloud compared in full

zoolz

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Zoolz

Free trial · from $7.99/mo

Cloud backup for businesses, sold by storage tier.

- Only Livedrive lists iOS and Android apps.
- Livedrive also covers file sync.
- Zoolz also covers file management.

Livedrive and Zoolz compared in full



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Sync.com

Free plan · from $6/mo

End-to-end encrypted cloud storage and file sharing for teams.

- Sync.com has a free plan. Livedrive does not, though it has a free trial.
- Sync.com is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

Livedrive and Sync.com 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 Livedrive free?

No, Livedrive is a paid product, but you can try it first. Free trial offered on each plan; length not stated on the page.

How much does Livedrive cost?

Livedrive lists 3 plans. Backup: £7.69 per month, 1 PC or Mac user (£76.90 billed annually).

What platforms does Livedrive work on?

Livedrive is available on Web, Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

Does Livedrive offer any discounts?

Livedrive publicly lists the following: Save 16% with annual billing.

Does Livedrive have a Linux app?

No Linux app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Livedrive is listed for Web, Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

Is Livedrive open source?

Livedrive is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

Who makes Livedrive?

Livedrive is made by Livedrive Internet Ltd.

What are the alternatives to Livedrive?

The closest alternatives to Livedrive in our directory are IDrive, Jottacloud, pCloud, Zoolz and Sync.com.

How does Livedrive compare with other file storage and sync services?

Livedrive's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 34 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade, and level with 9.

Is Livedrive good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Livedrive C for value for money. Its paid plans start at about $8.59 a month, against a middle price of $6.64 for the category: 45 of the 60 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Livedrive?

To replace Livedrive you would be making files kept in step across devices without losing one.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Livedrive'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 Livedrive's own pages on 12 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 Livedrive Internet Ltd. Prices change, so check livedrive.com before you buy.

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livedrive.com/forhome/backup/
livedrive.com
livedrive.com/forhome/briefcase/

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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Livedrive, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/livedrive

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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File Storage & Sync Insider's Guide

Every one of the 92 file storage and sync services we grade, compared

Google Drive Insider's Guide

Cloud storage tied to Google Docs, Gmail and Photos

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Filen Insider's Guide

End-to-end encrypted cloud storage from Germany with open source apps

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Microsoft OneDrive Insider's Guide

Microsoft's cloud storage, bundled with Microsoft 365 plans

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