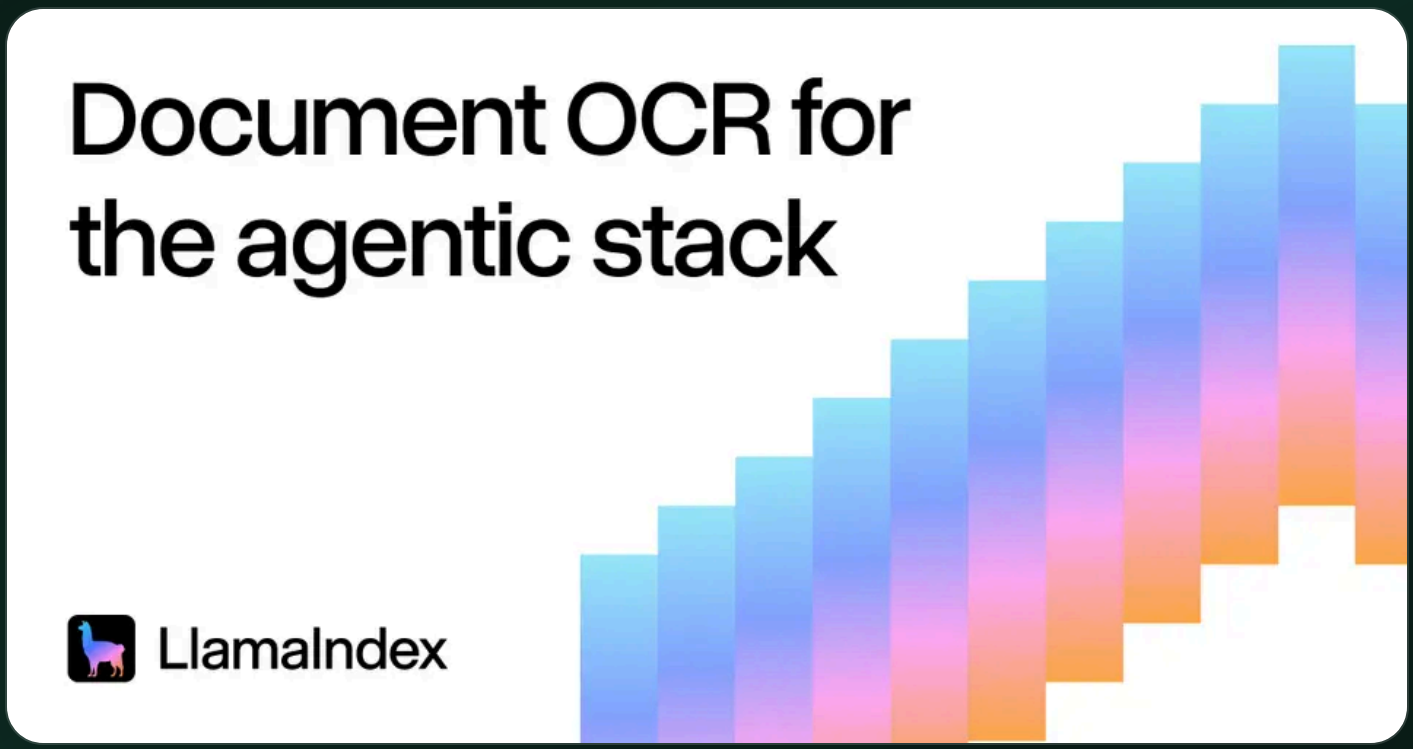
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Document parsing and extraction platform for AI agents

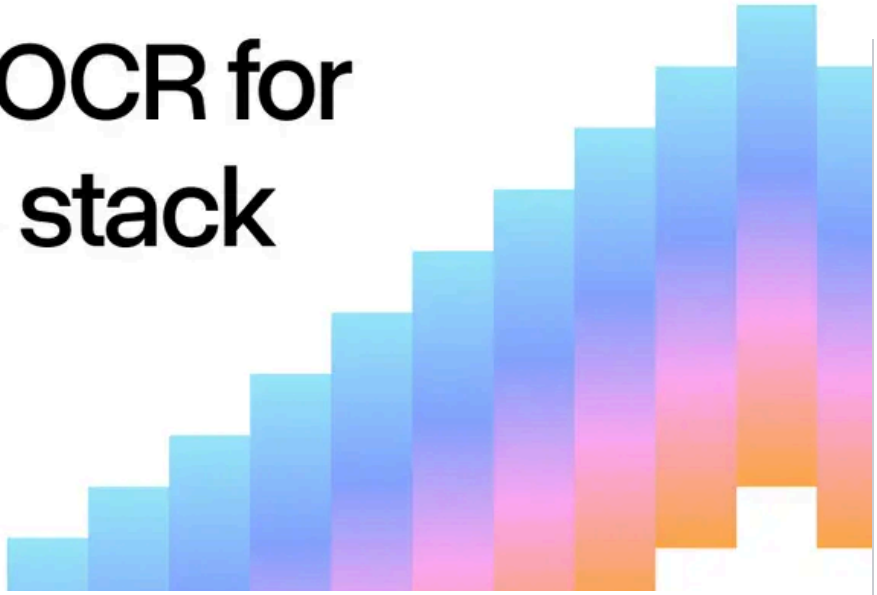


Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI agents, read from LlamaIndex's own pages.

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

ToolGPA put this guide together from LlamaIndex's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on LlamaIndex'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 81 of the 178 other AI agents we grade

LlamaIndex now centers on LlamaParse, a commercial platform that parses, extracts, splits, classifies and indexes documents so language models and agents can use them. The company also maintains the open-source LlamaIndex and Workflows libraries and LiteParse, a local parser. Pricing on the site is in credits.

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> **It is used through an API and libraries, so developers do the setup.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for parsing documents for AI agents**

LlamaIndex's hosted product, LlamaParse, turns documents into text and structured data for language models, and the company also keeps open-source libraries.

2 **Paid plans start at $500 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $500 per month (Pro), after pay-as-you-go from $0.

3 There is a free plan

Pay-as-you-go plan: $0 a month with 10K free credits (about 1,000 pages), then $1.50 per 1,000 credits.

4 It runs on Web

Web.

5 Parse

Turns PDFs, Office files, spreadsheets and images into text, markdown or JSON, with table, chart and layout handling and several accuracy tiers.

6 Extract, classify and split

Schema-based extraction agents pull structured fields from documents, with citations and confidence scores; documents can also be classified and split.

7 Index

A chunking and embedding pipeline prepares documents for retrieval in RAG applications.

8 A 2.2 GPA, above 81 of 178

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

9 Keep it

To replace LlamaIndex you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

LlamaIndex at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $500 per month (Pro), after pay-as-you-go from $0

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
LlamaIndex

CATEGORY
AI Agents

OUR GRADE
2.2 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for parsing documents for AI agents

LlamaIndex's hosted product, LlamaParse, turns documents into text and structured data for language models, and the company also keeps open-source libraries. It is priced in credits, and Pro starts at $500 a month.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	LlamaIndex	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Pay-as-you-go is $0 a month with credits at $1.50 per 1,000. Pro is $500 a month, well above the category's $150 dearest-tenth start.
Free plan and trial	C	10K free credits, about 1,000 pages, with 5 concurrent parse jobs and 1 project. A document pile will use that fast.
Features	B	Parse, extract, classify, split and index, plus an agent builder and the open-source libraries. The listing shows no gap in the document-handling job.
Ease of use	D	No rating on record. It is used through an API and libraries, so developers do the setup.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web service and API, listed on AWS and Azure marketplaces with GitHub links. No desktop or phone app.
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 LlamaIndex is for

- ✓ Fits if you feed PDFs and other documents into language-model pipelines
- ✓ Works for developers who also use the open-source LlamaIndex libraries

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you do not write code, as it is an API product
- ✗ Pricey if you outgrow pay-as-you-go: Pro is $500 a month
- ✗ Tight if you stay free: about 1,000 pages once, and 1 project
- ✗ Watch out: layout-aware parsing modes cost more than 1 credit a page
- ✗ Watch out: SSO and VPC deployment are Enterprise only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers feeding complex documents into RAG or agent pipelines
- ✓ Teams automating document-heavy work such as invoices or claims
- ✓ Builders who want open-source libraries with an optional paid parser

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The pricing page covers LlamaParse only; the open-source LlamaIndex and Workflows libraries are separate and free.
- ⓘ Cost scales with pages: parsing starts at 1 credit a page and layout-aware modes cost more.
- ⓘ Pro is $500 a month; SSO, VPC deployment and custom BAAs need Enterprise.
- ⓘ Pricing is shown separately for US and Europe regions; the figures here are the US page.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$500

A month to start. There is a free plan too

LlamaIndex has a free plan. Paid plans start at $500 per month (Pro), after pay-as-you-go from $0.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

$0

per month, plus $1.50 per 1,000 credits

10K credits included, 5 concurrent parse jobs, 1 project and basic community support.

PRO

$500

per month, with credits at $1.25 per 1,000

400K credits included, 20 concurrent jobs, 5 projects and priority Slack support; an 800K-credit bonus is offered for a limited time.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Volume credit discounts, 5x higher rate limits, SSO, VPC or hybrid deployment and a dedicated account manager.

The free plan

Pay-as-you-go plan: $0 a month with 10K free credits (about 1,000 pages), then $1.50 per 1,000 credits.

Read from llamaindex.ai on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

STARTUPS

Startup program with free credits

The pricing page invites startups to apply for free credits, dedicated support and community spotlights.

Stated on llamaindex.ai

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

Document parsing and extraction platform for AI agents. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, workflow automation, AI agents.

> **Parse, extract, classify, split and index, plus an agent builder and the open-source libraries.**
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> From our grade for features

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A chunking and embedding pipeline prepares documents for retrieval in RAG applications.

Document agent builder

A builder turns natural-language descriptions into workflows, with starter templates and one-click deploys from GitHub repositories.

Open-source libraries

LlamaIndex, Workflows and LiteParse are open-source projects the company maintains for building AI apps and parsing documents locally.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

AWS Marketplace

Azure Marketplace

GitHub

LlamaIndex is made by LlamaIndex.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

81/178

Other AI agents it is graded above

LlamaIndex's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 81 of the 178 other AI agents we grade, and level with 41.

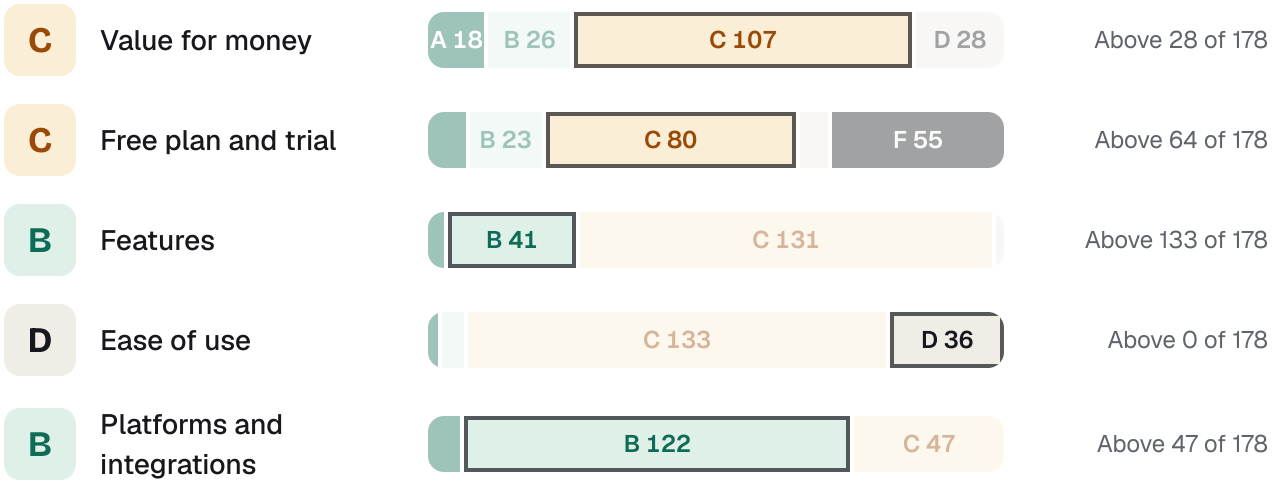
It stands best on features (B, above 133 of 178) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $500 a month, against a middle price of $25 for the category: 95 of the 98 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 37 tools score higher and cost less.

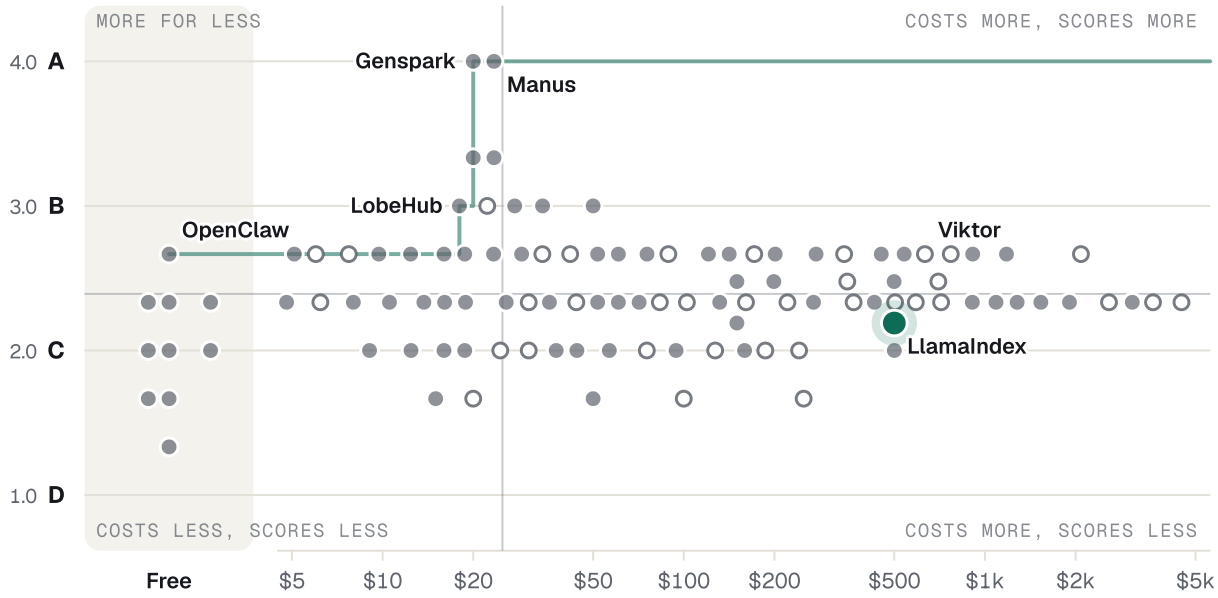
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 179 AI agents we grade, cut by the letter each got. LlamaIndex's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 109 AI agents. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. LlamaIndex 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 LlamaIndex you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $6,000 a year. LlamaIndex is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could not

- ✕ An AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.
- ✕ Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.

- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. LlamaIndex'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



LangGraph, CrewAI, Agno, Pydantic AI and Griptape

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

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LangGraph

Free plan · from $39/mo

Open-source framework for building controllable AI agents.

- LangGraph is self-hostable, according to its own site.

LlamaIndex and LangGraph compared in full

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CrewAI

Free plan

Multi-agent platform to build, run and govern AI agents.

- CrewAI also covers no-code.

LlamaIndex and CrewAI compared in full

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Agno

Free plan · from $150/mo

Open-source agent runtime with a hosted control plane.

- Agno is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- LlamaIndex also covers workflow automation.

LlamaIndex and Agno compared in full



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Pydantic AI

Free

Typed Python SDK for building AI agents.

- Pydantic AI is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- LlamaIndex also covers workflow automation.

LlamaIndex and Pydantic AI compared in full



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Griptape

Free plan · from $40/mo

Visual AI workflows plus a Python framework for agents.

- Only Griptape lists macOS, Windows and Linux apps.
- Griptape also covers no-code.

LlamaIndex and Griptape 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 LlamaIndex free?

LlamaIndex has a free plan. Pay-as-you-go plan: $0 a month with 10K free credits (about 1,000 pages), then $1.50 per 1,000 credits.

How much does LlamaIndex cost?

LlamaIndex lists 3 plans. Pay-as-you-go: $0 per month, plus $1.50 per 1,000 credits.

What platforms does LlamaIndex work on?

LlamaIndex is available on Web.

Does LlamaIndex offer any discounts?

LlamaIndex publicly lists the following: Startup program with free credits.

Does LlamaIndex have an Android app?

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

Does LlamaIndex have an iPhone app?

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

Is LlamaIndex open source?

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

What does LlamaIndex integrate with?

LlamaIndex's listing names AWS Marketplace, Azure Marketplace and GitHub.

Who makes LlamaIndex?

LlamaIndex is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to LlamaIndex?

The closest alternatives to LlamaIndex in our directory are LangGraph, CrewAI, Agno, Pydantic AI and Griptape.

How does LlamaIndex compare with other AI agents?

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Is LlamaIndex good value for money?

ToolGPA grades LlamaIndex C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $500 a month, against a middle price of $25 for the category: 95 of the 98 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of LlamaIndex?

To replace LlamaIndex you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from LlamaIndex'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 LlamaIndex'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 LlamaIndex. Prices change, so check llamaindex.ai before you buy.

llamaindex.ai/pricing

llamaindex.ai

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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

7,721

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.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

LlamaIndex, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/llamaindex

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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Every one of the 179 AI agents we grade, compared

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AI workspace with an agent for research, slides, sheets and docs

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Manus Insider's Guide

General AI agent for research, slides, websites and browser tasks

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OpenClaw Insider's Guide

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