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MarginEdge

The Insider's Guide

Restaurant back-office software for invoices, costs and inventory



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among inventory management tools, read from MarginEdge's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from MarginEdge's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on MarginEdge'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 28 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade

MarginEdge is restaurant back-office software that reads supplier invoices, tracks food costs, and combines them with sales from a POS system into a daily controllable P&L. It also covers inventory counts, recipe costing, bill pay in the US and an AI assistant, and is priced per restaurant location.

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

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> **POS, invoice and accounting connections plus recipe set-up come before it pays off.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for restaurant back office priced per location**

MarginEdge reads supplier invoices, tracks food cost and builds a daily profit and loss from your POS sales.

2 **Paid plans start at $350 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $350 per location / month.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Invoice processing**

Supplier invoices are read with AI and reviewed by the vendor's team of former restaurant operators; the plan has no cap on invoices.

5 **Daily controllable P&L**

Combines invoice costs and POS sales into a daily profit and loss view, with price tracking and budget tracking.

6 **Inventory and ordering**

Inventory counts, food usage and ordering tools, with commissary kitchen support and an optional smart scale for liquor.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 28 of 72**

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

8 **Keep it**

To replace MarginEdge you would be making money moved between bank accounts, which takes a licensed payments partner. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

MarginEdge at a glance

PRICING Paid, from $350 per location / month	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY MarginEdge, Co.	CATEGORY Inventory Management
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for restaurant back office priced per location

MarginEdge reads supplier invoices, tracks food cost and builds a daily profit and loss from your POS sales. It is $350 a location a month, onboarding fees and sales tax come extra, and Toast restaurants pay an extra 10% and $50 a month to Toast.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	MarginEdge	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$350 a location a month is at the edge of this category's dearer-quarter line of $349, and almost four times its $91 middle price. Onboarding, add-ons like the $150 scale and Toast fees come on top.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial on the pricing page.
Features	B	Invoice processing, a daily controllable P&L, inventory, recipes, bill pay and an AI assistant. The listing shows no gap in the core back-office work, though bill pay is US only.
Ease of use	C	POS, invoice and accounting connections plus recipe set-up come before it pays off. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web only, with Toast, Square, NCR Aloha, SpotOn, QuickBooks and Xero links.

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 MarginEdge is for

- ✓ Fits if you run one or two restaurants and want invoices and food cost handled
- ✓ Works for operators who already use a POS it connects to

Who it is not for

- ✕ Pricey if you run one small place, since $350 a location is the flat price
- ✕ Watch out: Toast restaurants pay 10% of the subscription plus $50 a month to Toast
- ✕ Watch out: annual plans are paid upfront and non-refundable if cancelled early
- ✕ Skip it if you are outside the US and want bill pay, as it is US only
- ✕ Watch out: onboarding fees and sales tax are extra, and no trial is shown

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Independent restaurants and groups that want invoice-based food costing
- ✓ Operators who prefer one flat price over tiers
- ✓ Accountants who serve several restaurant clients

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The per-location price is flat at $350 a month, with onboarding fees and sales tax extra; larger groups get quoted bespoke pricing.
- ⓘ Toast restaurants pay a pass-through API fee of 10% of the subscription per location, plus $50 a month to Toast for its Restaurant Management Suite.
- ⓘ Annual plans are paid upfront and are non-refundable if cancelled early; the Freepour scale carries a $500 fee if not returned.
- ⓘ Bill pay works for US restaurants only.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$350

A month to start

MarginEdge is a paid product, starting at $350 per location / month.

> **No free plan or trial on the pricing page.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

MARGINEDGE FULL PLATFORM

$350

per location / month, billed monthly

One flat plan: unlimited invoice processing, bill pay (US), inventory tools, recipe costing and AI tools.

FREEPOUR SMART SCALE

+$150

per location / month, add-on

Optional smart scale for liquor counts, added on top of the platform subscription.

SMARTPREP

+$95

per location / month, add-on

Optional add-on that turns sales forecasts into daily prep lists.

Read from marginedge.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

10% off when billed annually

Paying for the year upfront takes 10% off the subscription, which the page says saves $420 a year per location.

Stated on marginedge.com

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

Restaurant back-office software for invoices, costs and inventory. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, reports, expense tracking, bill pay, inventory.

> **Invoice processing, a daily controllable P&L, inventory, recipes, bill pay and an AI assistant.**
>
> From our grade for features

Invoice processing

Supplier invoices are read with AI and reviewed by the vendor's team of former restaurant operators; the plan has no cap on invoices.

Daily controllable P&L

Combines invoice costs and POS sales into a daily profit and loss view, with price tracking and budget tracking.

Inventory and ordering

Inventory counts, food usage and ordering tools, with commissary kitchen support and an optional smart scale for liquor.

Recipes and menu analysis

Recipe costing and menu analysis update as ingredient prices change on incoming invoices.

Bill pay

Unlimited bill payments are included for US customers; the page says this is not offered to Canadian clients.

AI assistant and connector

An assistant answers questions about costs, and a connector links the data to ChatGPT, Claude or Gemini.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Toast · Square · NCR Aloha · SpotOn · QuickBooks · Xero · Sage · 7shifts

MarginEdge is made by MarginEdge, Co.

Where it stands

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

28/72

Other inventory management tools it is graded above

MarginEdge's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 28 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade, and level with 18.

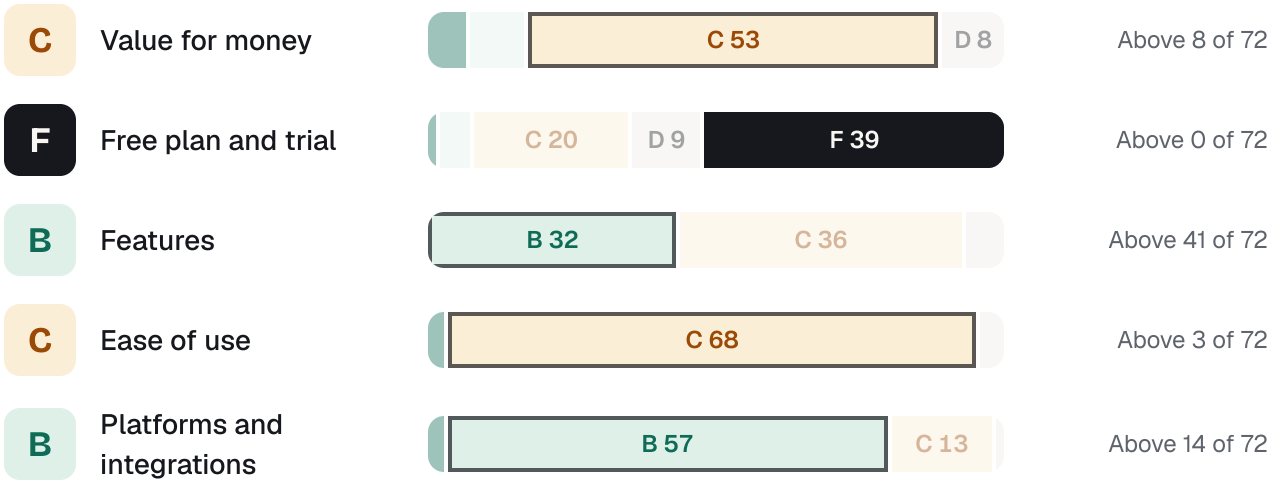
It stands best on features (B, above 41 of 72) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $350 a month, against a middle price of $91 for the category: 35 of the 42 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 3 tools score higher and cost less.

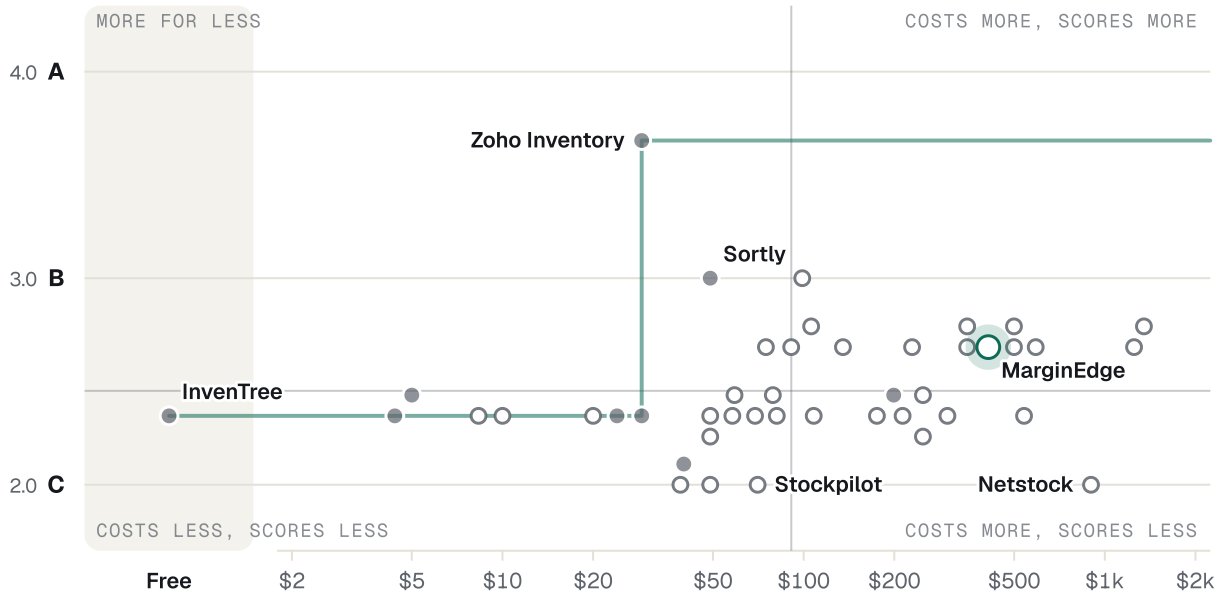
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 73 inventory management tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. MarginEdge's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 44 inventory management tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. MarginEdge 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 MarginEdge you would be making money moved between bank accounts, which takes a licensed payments partner. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $4,200 a year.

What you could make

- Inventory, expense tracking and reports: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- Money moved between bank accounts, which takes a licensed payments partner.

- It plugs into other products, Toast, Square and NCR Aloha among them.
- AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. MarginEdge'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



Restaurant365, Crunchtime, MarketMan, Apicbase and WISK

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

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Restaurant365

Paid

Restaurant accounting, inventory, scheduling and payroll platform.

- MarginEdge also covers expense tracking and bill pay.
- Restaurant365 also covers bookkeeping, payroll and shift scheduling.

MarginEdge and Restaurant365 compared in full

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Crunchtime

Paid

Multi-unit restaurant operations suite with inventory control.

- MarginEdge also covers expense tracking and bill pay.
- Crunchtime also covers shift scheduling and dashboards.

MarginEdge and Crunchtime compared in full



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MarketMan

From $249/mo

Inventory, ordering and recipe costing for restaurants.

- Only MarketMan lists iOS and Android apps.
- MarginEdge also covers expense tracking and bill pay.

MarginEdge and MarketMan compared in full



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Apicbase

Paid

Recipe, purchasing and stock software for multi-site food groups.

- MarginEdge also covers expense tracking and bill pay.
- Apicbase also covers barcode scanning.

MarginEdge and Apicbase compared in full



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WISK

From $249/mo

Bar and restaurant inventory counts, invoices and recipe costing.

- MarginEdge also covers expense tracking and bill pay.

MarginEdge and WISK compared in full

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 MarginEdge free?

No. MarginEdge is a paid product, starting at $350 per location / month.

How much does MarginEdge cost?

MarginEdge lists 3 plans. MarginEdge full platform: $350 per location / month, billed monthly.

What platforms does MarginEdge work on?

MarginEdge is available on Web.

Does MarginEdge offer any discounts?

MarginEdge publicly lists the following: 10% off when billed annually.

Does MarginEdge have an Android app?

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

Does MarginEdge have an iPhone app?

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

Is MarginEdge open source?

MarginEdge is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does MarginEdge integrate with?

MarginEdge's listing names Toast, Square, NCR Aloha, SpotOn, QuickBooks, Xero, Sage and 7shifts.

Who makes MarginEdge?

MarginEdge is made by MarginEdge, Co.

What are the alternatives to MarginEdge?

The closest alternatives to MarginEdge in our directory are Restaurant365, Crunchtime, MarketMan, Apicbase and WISK.

How does MarginEdge compare with other inventory management tools?

MarginEdge's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 28 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade, and level with 18.

Is MarginEdge good value for money?

ToolGPA grades MarginEdge C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $350 a month, against a middle price of $91 for the category: 35 of the 42 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of MarginEdge?

To replace MarginEdge you would be making money moved between bank accounts, which takes a licensed payments partner.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from MarginEdge'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 MarginEdge'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 MarginEdge, Co. Prices change, so check marginedge.com before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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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**.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

MarginEdge, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/marginedge

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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Inventory Management Insider's Guide

Every one of the 73 inventory management tools we grade, compared

Zoho Inventory Insider's Guide

Online inventory and order management from Zoho, with a free plan

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Sortly Insider's Guide

Phone-first inventory app for tracking equipment, tools and supplies

3.0 GPA

Busy Insider's Guide

GST accounting and inventory software for Indian small businesses

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