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Marp

The Insider's Guide

Markdown presentation ecosystem with PDF and PowerPoint export



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among presentation tools, read from Marp's own pages.

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Markdown Presentation Ecosystem

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Marp's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Marp'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 65 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade

Marp turns a Markdown document into a slide deck, with pages split by a horizontal rule. The ecosystem includes Marp for VS Code, a command-line converter, the Marp Core engine and the Marpit framework. The vendor says all of its tools are MIT-licensed.

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

> **There is no visual editor, so you write text in VS Code or run a command line, and exports need Chrome or Chromium installed.**
>
> From our report card of Marp

1 **Best for slide decks written in Markdown**

Marp turns a Markdown file into slides, with themes in CSS and export to HTML, PDF and PowerPoint.

2 **It is free**

Marp has no paid plan at all. Free. The vendor says all Marp tools and libraries are open source under the MIT license.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Markdown based on CommonMark**

Slides are ordinary CommonMark Markdown, with a horizontal rule separating pages.

5 **Directives and extended syntax**

Directives and extra syntax cover image placement, math typesetting and auto-scaling text.

6 **Themes in CSS**

Three themes ship with the core engine (default, gaia and uncover), and you can write your own theme in plain CSS.

7 **A 2.6 GPA, above 65 of 89**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Marp at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Marp team	CATEGORY Presentations
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for slide decks written in Markdown

Marp turns a Markdown file into slides, with themes in CSS and export to HTML, PDF and PowerPoint. It is free and open source. There is no visual

editor, so you write text in VS Code or run a command line, and exports need Chrome or Chromium installed.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Marp	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free under the MIT licence, and anyone can download and run it. Marp for VS Code, the command-line tool and the core library are all free.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no paid plan and no account. The vendor says all its tools are open source.
Features	C	Markdown slides, themes in CSS, and export to HTML, PDF and PowerPoint. It does that job fully, but it is a smaller job: there is no visual editor.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. You write Markdown and use a command line or VS Code, and exports depend on Chrome or Chromium being present.
Platforms and integrations	C	Runs through VS Code or the command line on a computer. The site does not list operating systems.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 Marp is for

- ✓ Fits if you already write in Markdown and want slides from the same text file
- ✓ Works for developers who keep decks in Git

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want to drag boxes around, as there is no visual editor
- ✕ Skip it if you do not use a command line or VS Code
- ✕ Watch out: HTML, PDF and PowerPoint export needs Google Chrome or Chromium installed
- ✕ Watch out: the site does not say which operating systems it supports

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Writers who want slides from plain Markdown, versioned in Git
- ✓ VS Code users who want a live preview while writing
- ✓ Anyone who needs HTML, PDF or PowerPoint output from one source

Worth knowing

- ⓘ There is no standalone visual editor; you write Markdown in VS Code or any text editor and convert with the CLI.
- ⓘ HTML, PDF and PowerPoint export is powered by Google Chrome or Chromium, which has to be present.
- ⓘ The site does not list operating systems, so supported platforms were not confirmed beyond the VS Code extension and the command line.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Marp is free to use.

> **Free under the MIT licence, and anyone can download and run it.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

OPEN SOURCE

$0

Marp for VS Code, Marp CLI, Marp Core and Marpit, all MIT-licensed and free to use.

The free plan

Free. The vendor says all Marp tools and libraries are open source under the MIT license.

Read from marp.app on Nov 12, 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

Markdown presentation ecosystem with PDF and PowerPoint export. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, Markdown, presentations.

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Markdown slides, themes in CSS, and export to HTML, PDF and PowerPoint.

From our grade for features

Markdown based on CommonMark

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Directives and extended syntax

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Themes in CSS

Three themes ship with the core engine (default, gaia and uncover), and you can write your own theme in plain CSS.

Export to HTML, PDF and PowerPoint

Markdown converts directly to HTML, PDF and PowerPoint files, using Google Chrome or Chromium.

Marp for VS Code

An extension that previews slide Markdown and custom themes inside the editor's Markdown preview pane.

Marp CLI

A command-line tool that converts Markdown into the supported formats, watches for changes and can run a server for on-demand conversion.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

VS Code
Google Chrome
Chromium
npm
CommonMark

Marp is made by Marp team.

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Where it stands

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

65/89

Other presentation tools it is graded above

Marp's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade, and level with 12.

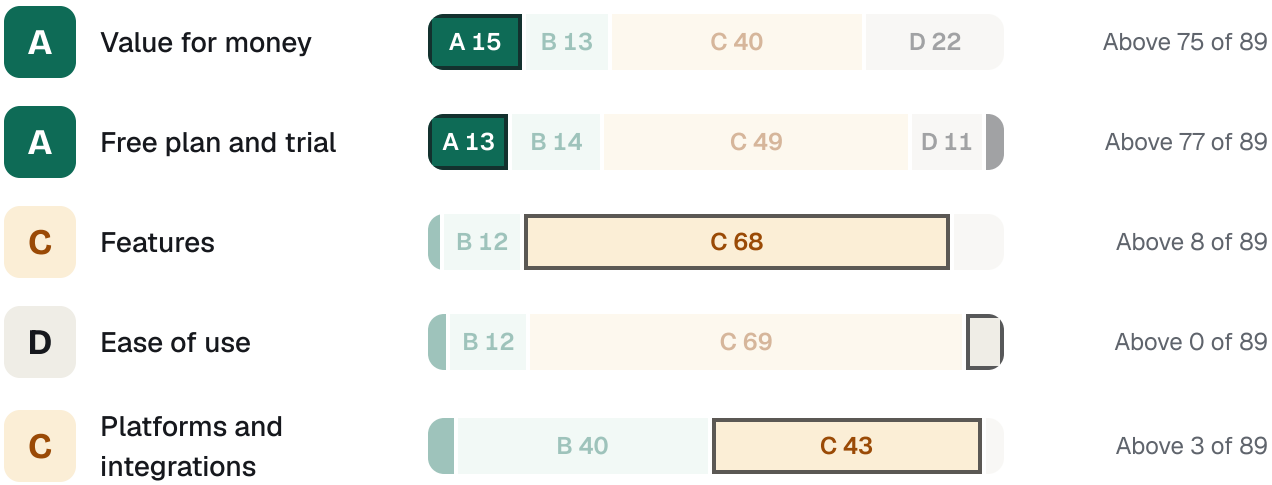
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 77 of 89) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Marp has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

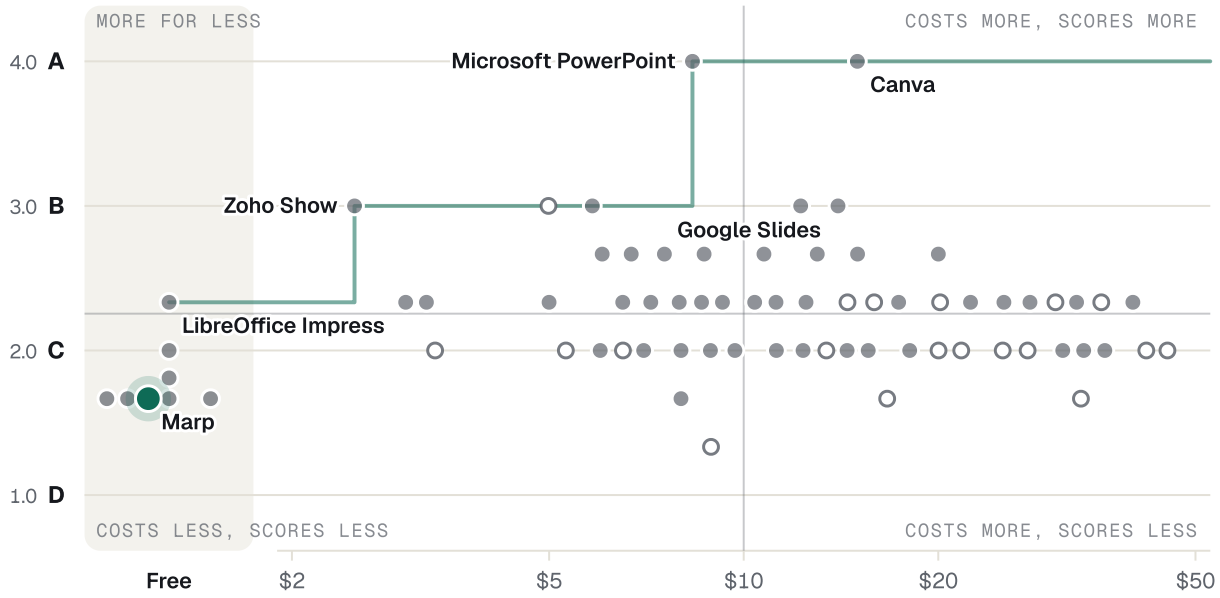
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 90 presentation tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Marp's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 72 presentation tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Marp 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade.

What you could make

- Markdown: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A slide editor.
- It plugs into other products, VS Code, Google Chrome and Chromium among them.

What this rests on. Marp'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.

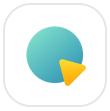
The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Slidev, reveal.js, Deckset, iA Presenter and Slides

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



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Slidev

Free

Markdown slides for developers, built on Vue and Vite.

Marp and Slidev compared in full



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reveal.js

Free

Open source HTML framework for building slide decks.

Marp and reveal.js compared in full



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Deckset

Free trial · from $35 one-time

Turns Markdown notes into themed slides on Mac, iPhone and iPad.

- Marp has a free plan. Deckset does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Marp lists a web app.
- Only Deckset lists macOS and iOS apps.

Marp and Deckset compared in full



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iA Presenter

Free trial · from $39.99/yr

Markdown presentation app that builds slides from your script.

- Marp has a free plan. iA Presenter does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Marp lists a web app.
- Only iA Presenter lists macOS and iOS apps.

Marp and iA Presenter compared in full



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Slides

Free plan · from $5/mo

Browser-based presentation editor with HTML, CSS and code support.

- Marp is open source, according to its own site.
- Marp also covers Markdown.
- Slides also covers templates.

Marp and Slides 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 Marp free?

Yes. Marp is free to use.

How much does Marp cost?

Marp lists one plan. Open source: $0.

What platforms does Marp work on?

Marp is available on Web.

Does Marp have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Marp is listed for Web.

Does Marp have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Marp is listed for Web.

Is Marp open source?

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

What does Marp integrate with?

Marp's listing names VS Code, Google Chrome, Chromium, npm and CommonMark.

Who makes Marp?

Marp is made by Marp team.

What are the alternatives to Marp?

The closest alternatives to Marp in our directory are Slidev, reveal.js, Deckset, iA Presenter and Slides.

How does Marp compare with other presentation tools?

Marp's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade, and level with 12.

Is Marp good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Marp?

Marp 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 Marp'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 Marp'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 Marp team. Prices change, so check marp.app before you buy.

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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

Marp, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/marp

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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Every one of the 90 presentation tools we grade, compared

Microsoft PowerPoint Insider's Guide

Slide presentation app sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser

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Zoho Show Insider's Guide

Online presentation software, free for individuals

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Canva Insider's Guide

Template-based design platform for slides, graphics and video

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