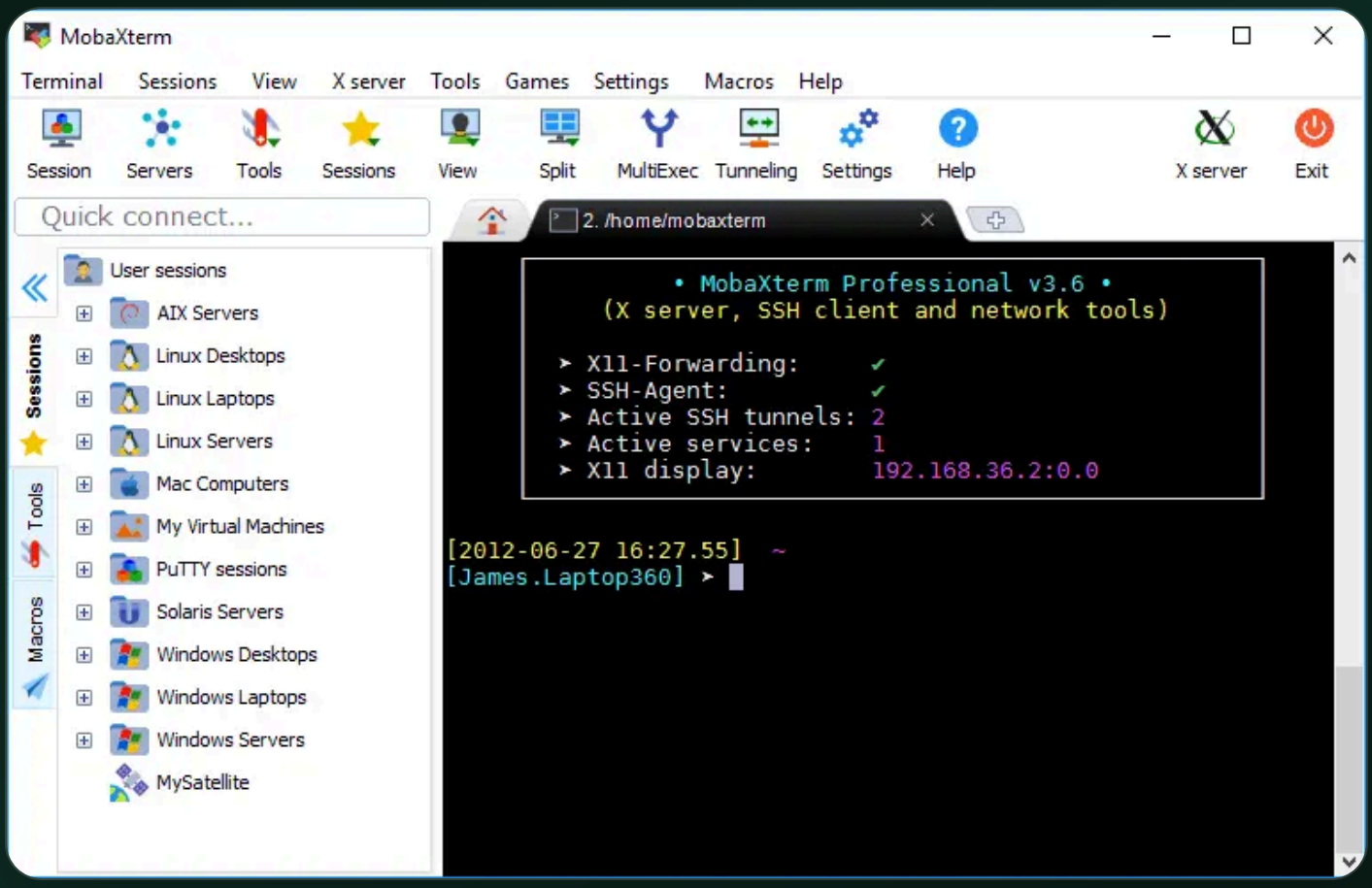
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# MobaXterm

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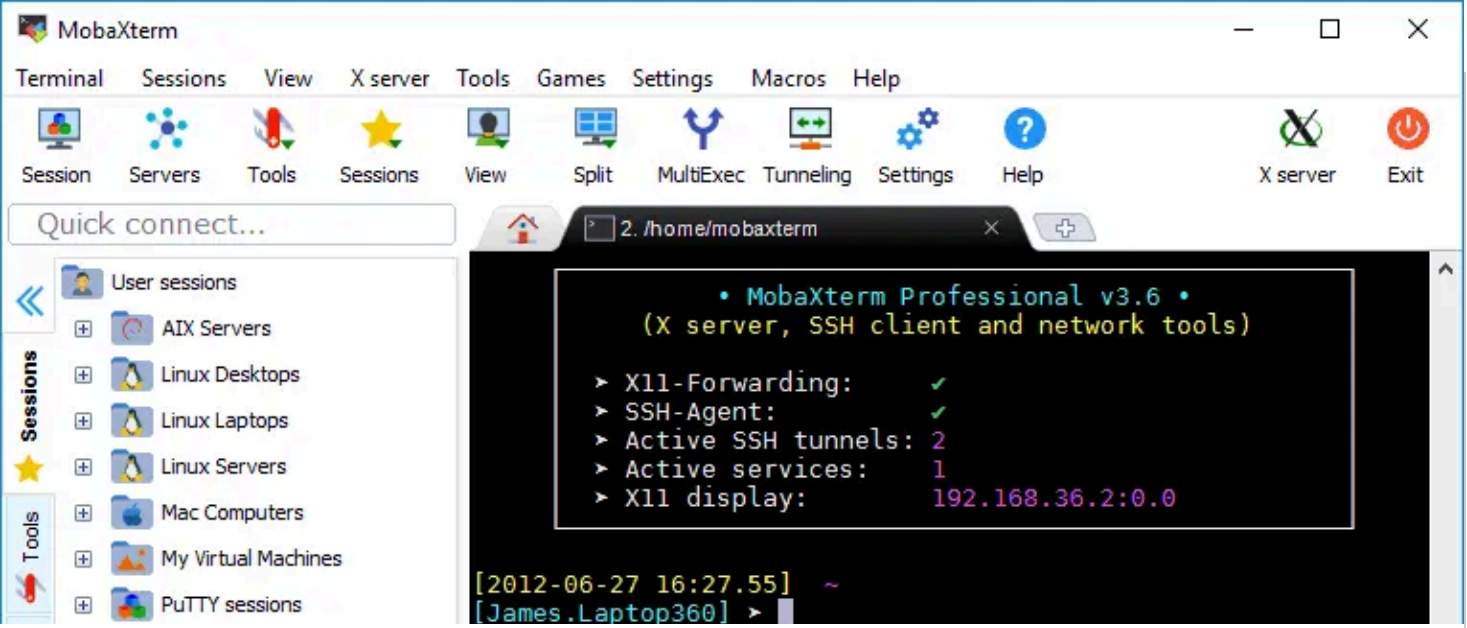
Tabbed SSH client and X server for Windows in one portable app




**Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among remote desktop apps, read from MobaXterm's own pages.**

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ToolGPA put this guide together from MobaXterm's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on MobaXterm'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 69 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade

MobaXterm is a Windows application that bundles a tabbed SSH terminal, an embedded X server and clients for RDP, VNC, FTP and Mosh. It opens a graphical SFTP browser alongside an SSH session. A free Home Edition exists, and a Professional Edition removes its session and tunnel caps.

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> **A portable app you run without installing, with no store rating read.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

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

**1** **Best for SSH, X11 and RDP in one Windows app**

MobaXterm bundles an SSH client, an X server and remote-desktop clients in a portable Windows app.

**2** **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $69 per user, one-time, with 12 months of updates.

**3** **There is a free plan**

Home Edition: full X server and SSH, RDP and VNC clients, SFTP browser; capped at 12 sessions, 2 SSH tunnels and 4 macros.

**4** **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

**5** **Tabbed SSH terminal**

Tabbed sessions based on PuTTY with antialiased fonts, macro support and a session manager for saved connections.

**6** **Embedded X server**

An X.org-based server exports DISPLAY from a remote Unix host and carries X11 forwarding over SSH.

**7** **Remote desktop protocols**

Besides SSH, the Home Edition lists RDP, VNC and Xdmcp for remote desktops, and Telnet, rlogin and Mosh for terminals.

**8** **A 2.8 GPA, above 69 of 85**

That is against the other remote desktop apps we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

**9** **Keep it**

To replace MobaXterm you would be making a fast, secure link to another computer through any network. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

### MobaXterm at a glance

| | |
|---|---|
| PRICING<br>Free plan, from $69 per user, one-time, with 12 months of updates | FREE PLAN<br>Yes |
| FREE TRIAL<br>None stated | RUNS ON<br>Windows |
| MADE BY<br>Mobatek | CATEGORY<br>Remote Desktop |
| OUR GRADE<br>2.8 GPA, good | |

## The report card

### Best for SSH, X11 and RDP in one Windows app

MobaXterm bundles an SSH client, an X server and remote-desktop clients in a portable Windows app. Home is free but capped at 12 sessions, 2 tunnels and 4 macros, and it runs on Windows only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **MobaXterm** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

| SUBJECT | GRADE | COMMENT |
|---|---|---|
| **Value for money** | A | Professional is $69 one-time with 12 months of updates, under a year of the category's $8.33 middle subscription. Home is free. |
| **Free plan and trial** | B | Home has the X server and SSH, RDP, VNC and SFTP, capped at 12 sessions, 2 tunnels and 4 macros. |
| **Features** | B | SSH, an X server, RDP, VNC and an SFTP browser together. The listing shows no gap in the core job. |
| **Ease of use** | B | A portable app you run without installing, with no store rating read. |
| **Platforms and integrations** | D | Windows only, as the vendor describes it as a Windows application. |

**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 MobaXterm is for

- ✓ Fits if you are on Windows and need SSH, X11 forwarding and RDP together
- ✓ Works for admins who want a portable app with no install

### Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you use a Mac or Linux, as it is Windows only
- ✕ Tight if you pass 12 sessions, 2 tunnels or 4 macros on Home
- ✕ Watch out: Professional includes 12 months of updates and the page gives no price after
- ✕ Watch out: for use inside a company the vendor points you to Professional

## Good to know

### Good for

- ✓ Windows users who need SSH, X11 forwarding and RDP in one tool
- ✓ Admins who want a portable executable that runs without installing
- ✓ Teams that outgrow the free edition's 12-session limit

### Worth knowing

- ⓘ Runs on Windows only; the vendor describes it as a Windows application.
- ⓘ The Home Edition caps sessions at 12, SSH tunnels at 2 and macros at 4.
- ⓘ The Professional price includes 12 months of updates; the page does not state the price of later updates.
- ⓘ For use inside a company, the vendor says to consider the Professional Edition; it mentions volume discounts.

PART 02 · PRICING

# What it costs

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

**$69 one-time**

To start. There is a free plan too

MobaXterm has a free plan. Paid plans start at $69 per user, one-time, with 12 months of updates.

HOME EDITION

## $0

Free. Max. 12 sessions, 2 SSH tunnels and 4 macros; the vendor points company use to Professional.

PROFESSIONAL EDITION

## $69

per user, one-time, with 12 months of updates

Also listed in euros at 49. Unlimited sessions, tunnels and macros, a Customizer tool and a lifetime right to use.

### The free plan

Home Edition: full X server and SSH, RDP and VNC clients, SFTP browser; capped at 12 sessions, 2 SSH tunnels and 4 macros.

Read from mobaxterm.mobatek.net on Nov 13, 2026.

# What it does

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

**1**

Place it runs: Windows

Tabbed SSH client and X server for Windows in one portable app. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: file sharing, remote desktop.

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> **SSH, an X server, RDP, VNC and an SFTP browser together.**

From our grade for features

### Tabbed SSH terminal

Tabbed sessions based on PuTTY with antialiased fonts, macro support and a session manager for saved connections.

### Embedded X server

An X.org-based server exports DISPLAY from a remote Unix host and carries X11 forwarding over SSH.

### Remote desktop protocols

Besides SSH, the Home Edition lists RDP, VNC and Xdmcp for remote desktops, and Telnet, rlogin and Mosh for terminals.

### Automatic SFTP browser

Opening an SSH session brings up a graphical SFTP browser so remote files can be edited directly.

### Unix commands on Windows

Basic Cygwin commands such as bash, grep, awk, sed and rsync run in a single portable executable.

### Plugins and Customizer

Plugins extend the app. The Professional Edition adds a Customizer for startup message, logo and profile script.

### Where it runs

Windows

### What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

MobaXterm is made by Mobatek.

# Where it stands

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

**69/85**

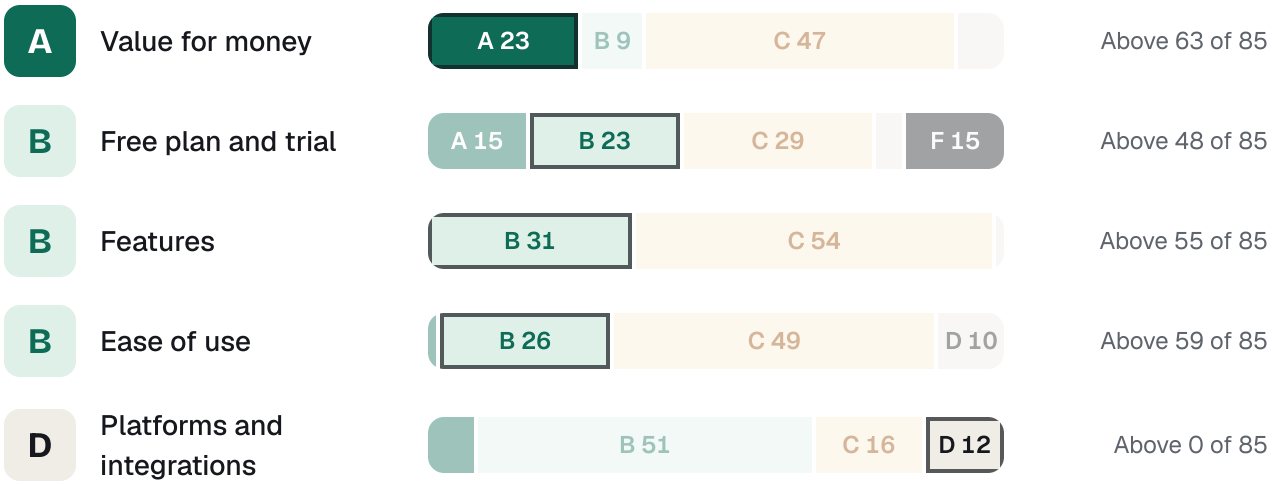
Other remote desktop apps it is graded above

MobaXterm's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 69 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade, and level with 5.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 63 of 85) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

## Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 86 remote desktop apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. MobaXterm's own letter is outlined.




## 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 MobaXterm you would be making a fast, secure link to another computer through any network. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 69 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade. It costs $69, paid once.

### What you could not

- ✕ A fast, secure link to another computer through any network.
- ✕ Storing and serving files for other people.
- ✕ A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.
- ✕ It is priced for each person, which means accounts and billing for a team.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

**What this rests on.** MobaXterm'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



PuTTY, SecureCRT, Xshell, Termius and Royal TS

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

## PuTTY

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Free

Free SSH and Telnet client for Windows with file-copy utilities.

- Only PuTTY lists a Linux app.

MobaXterm and PuTTY compared in full

## SecureCRT

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Free trial · from $119/yr

SSH, Telnet and serial terminal for Windows, macOS and Linux.

- MobaXterm has a free plan. SecureCRT does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only SecureCRT lists macOS, Linux and iOS apps.
- SecureCRT can be bought with a one-time purchase.

MobaXterm and SecureCRT compared in full

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## Xshell

Free plan · from $119/yr

SSH terminal for Windows with session, tab and file managers.

- Xshell can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- MobaXterm also covers file sharing.
- Xshell also covers workflow automation.

MobaXterm and Xshell compared in full

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## Termius

Free plan · from $10/mo

SSH and SFTP client for desktop and mobile with a synced vault.

- Only Termius lists macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- MobaXterm also covers file sharing and remote desktop.

MobaXterm and Termius compared in full

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## Royal TS

Free plan · from €49 one-time

Connection manager for RDP, SSH, VNC and web sessions.

- Only Royal TS lists macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- MobaXterm also covers file sharing.
- Royal TS also covers workflow automation.

MobaXterm and Royal TS 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 MobaXterm free?

MobaXterm has a free plan. Home Edition: full X server and SSH, RDP and VNC clients, SFTP browser; capped at 12 sessions, 2 SSH tunnels and 4 macros.

### How much does MobaXterm cost?

MobaXterm lists 2 plans. Home Edition: $0.

### What platforms does MobaXterm work on?

MobaXterm is available on Windows.

### Does MobaXterm have an Android app?

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

### Does MobaXterm have an iPhone app?

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

### Is MobaXterm open source?

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

### Who makes MobaXterm?

MobaXterm is made by Mobatek.

### What are the alternatives to MobaXterm?

The closest alternatives to MobaXterm in our directory are PuTTY, SecureCRT, Xshell, Termius and Royal TS.

### How does MobaXterm compare with other remote desktop apps?

MobaXterm's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 69 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade, and level with 5.

### Could I make my own version of MobaXterm?

To replace MobaXterm you would be making a fast, secure link to another computer through any network.

## Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from MobaXterm'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 Mobatek'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 Mobatek. Prices change, so check mobaxterm.mobatek.net before you buy.

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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 |

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### MobaXterm, kept up to date

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

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The rules behind every letter and every GPA

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### Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

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Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

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### Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

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What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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### Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Free browser-based remote access to computers via an agent

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Free open-source remote desktop with a paid device dashboard

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