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Modern CSV

The Insider's Guide

Desktop CSV editor and viewer for Windows, Mac and Linux



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among spreadsheet and database tools, read from Modern CSV's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Modern CSV's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Modern CSV'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 47 of the 63 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade

Modern CSV is a desktop editor and read-only viewer for CSV, TSV and other delimited files, made to handle what spreadsheet programs handle badly. It works on multiple cells at once, filters and sorts, and has built-in statistics and a pivot table. The vendor says files stay on your device. The Free version can be used indefinitely, and a one-time license unlocks Premium features.

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>
> **Install the program and open a file; no store rating on record.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for a CSV editor with a free version and a one-time upgrade**

Date conversion, transpose, case conversion and PDF export are Premium only, and the free version shows a startup popup.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $39 one-time (Premium Personal).

3 There is a free plan

Free version with no time limit: multi-cell editing, large-file handling, find and replace, sorting, filtering, themes and a read-only mode.

4 It runs on 3 platforms

Windows, macOS and Linux.

5 Multi-cell editing

Most commands work on several rows, columns or cells at once, and most have keyboard shortcuts you can change.

6 Large file viewing

A read-only mode loads big files fast with a small memory footprint; the site says up to 11 times faster than Excel.

7 Analysis tools

Statistics, column analysis, unique-value counts with a histogram, and a pivot table.

8 A 2.8 GPA, above 47 of 63

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

9 Keep it

To replace Modern CSV you would be making a spreadsheet engine with its formulas. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Modern CSV at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $39 one-time (Premium Personal)

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
macOS, Windows, Linux

MADE BY
Modern CSV

CATEGORY
Spreadsheets & Databases

OUR GRADE
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The report card

Best for a CSV editor with a free version and a one-time upgrade

Modern CSV is a desktop CSV editor for Windows, Mac and Linux with a free version and a $39 one-time Premium licence. Date conversion, transpose, case conversion and PDF export are Premium only, and the free version shows a startup popup.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Modern CSV** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Premium Personal is $39 once, under a year of the $12 that a typical spreadsheet subscription costs. Business is $59 a licence.
Free plan and trial	B	The free version has no time limit and covers multi-cell editing, large files, find and replace, sorting and filtering. Premium features need a licence.
Features	C	Edits CSV and similar files, with analysis tools and filters. Date conversion, transpose and PDF export are locked to Premium, and it has no formulas.
Ease of use	B	Install the program and open a file; no store rating on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	A program for computers only, on Windows, Mac and Linux, with no phone or web version.

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 Modern CSV is for

- ✓ Fits if you edit big CSV files on a desktop and want to pay once
- ✓ Works for people who can live with the free version's feature set

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want formulas or a web app, as it is a desktop CSV editor
- ✗ Tight if you stay free, since date and time conversion, transpose and PDF export need Premium
- ✗ Watch out: a major version is free only if bought within 90 days of its release
- ✗ Watch out: the free version shows a startup popup, and Premium Personal can't be transferred

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Checking and fixing CSV files before loading them into a database
- ✓ People who prefer keyboard shortcuts and want data kept off the cloud
- ✓ Buyers who want a one-time license instead of a subscription

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Date and time conversion, transpose, case conversion, file-system commands and PDF export are Premium features.
- ⓘ Free upgrades cover minor versions; a major version is free only if bought within 90 days of its release.
- ⓘ Requires Windows 10 or newer, macOS 13 or newer, or a listed Linux distribution such as Ubuntu 20+.
- ⓘ The Free version shows a startup popup, at most once every 12 hours.

What it costs

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

$39 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

Modern CSV has a free plan. Paid plans start at $39 one-time (Premium Personal).

> **The free version has no time limit and covers multi-cell editing, large files, find and replace, sorting and filtering.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Use as long as you wish; Premium features need a license.

PREMIUM PERSONAL

$39

one-time payment

Lifetime license assigned to one person and not transferable; works on any of their devices and platforms.

PREMIUM BUSINESS

$59

one-time payment per license

Can be reassigned to another user, one at a time; bulk price falls to $54 at 10 licenses and $49 at 20.

The free plan

Free version with no time limit: multi-cell editing, large-file handling, find and replace, sorting, filtering, themes and a read-only mode.

Read from moderncsv.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Bulk pricing for Business licenses

Premium Business falls from $59 to $54 each at 10 licenses and $49 at 20, as shown in the buy page's bulk table.

Stated on moderncsv.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: macOS, Windows and Linux

Desktop CSV editor and viewer for Windows, Mac and Linux. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, one-time purchase, keyboard-first, spreadsheets.

> "Edits CSV and similar files, with analysis tools and filters."

From our grade for features

Multi-cell editing

Most commands work on several rows, columns or cells at once, and most have keyboard shortcuts you can change.

Large file viewing

A read-only mode loads big files fast with a small memory footprint; the site says up to 11 times faster than Excel.

Analysis tools

Statistics, column analysis, unique-value counts with a histogram, and a pivot table.

Filters and find

Filters use a query syntax; find and replace can preview a replacement and supports regular expressions.

Formats and encodings

Handles several delimiters, encodings and line endings, and imports and exports JSON and XML.

Where it runs

macOS Windows Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Modern CSV is made by Modern CSV.

Where it stands

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

47/63

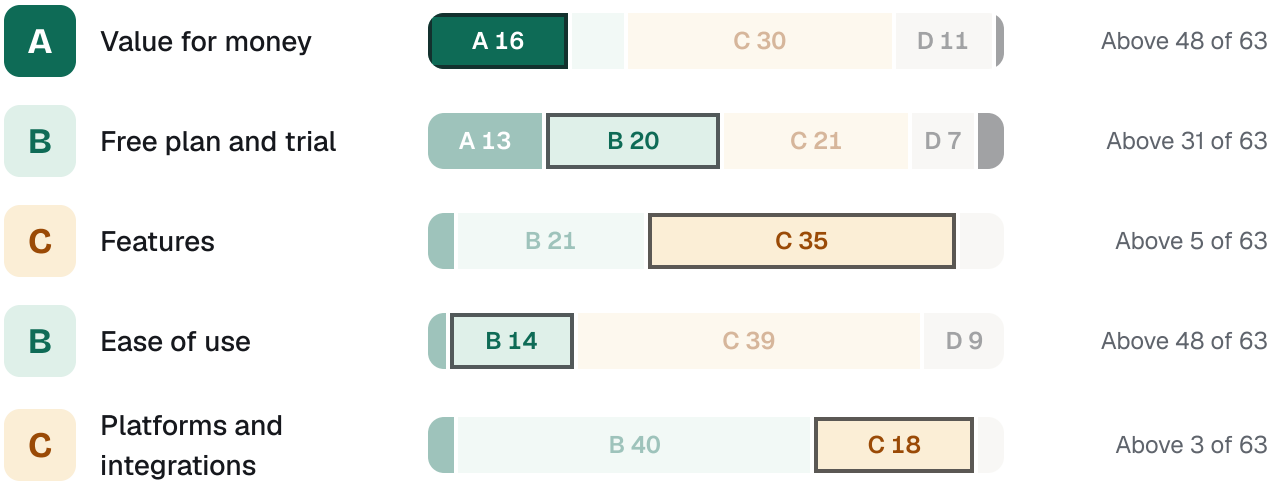
Other spreadsheet and database tools it is graded above

Modern CSV's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 47 of the 63 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade, and level with 6.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 48 of 63) and worst on platforms and integrations (C, above 3).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 64 spreadsheet and database tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Modern CSV'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 Modern CSV you would be making a spreadsheet engine with its formulas. 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 47 of the 63 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade. It costs $39, paid once.

What you could not

- ✕ A spreadsheet engine with its formulas.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Modern CSV'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



Tablecruncher, EditCSV (editCSVonline), OpenRefine and VisiData

The 4 tools Modern CSV is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Tablecruncher

Free

Fast open-source CSV editor for Mac, Windows and Linux.

- Only Tablecruncher lists a web app.
- Modern CSV can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Tablecruncher is open source, according to its own site.

Modern CSV and Tablecruncher compared in full

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EditCSV (editCSVonline)

Free

Free in-browser CSV editor with an Excel-like grid, no account.

- Only Modern CSV lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Only EditCSV (editCSVonline) lists a web app.
- Modern CSV can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Modern CSV and EditCSV (editCSVonline) compared in full



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OpenRefine

Free

Free open-source desktop tool for cleaning and transforming messy data.

- Modern CSV can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- OpenRefine is open source, according to its own site.

Modern CSV and OpenRefine compared in full



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VisiData

Free

Terminal spreadsheet-style tool for exploring tabular data.

- Only Modern CSV lists a Windows app.
- Modern CSV can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- VisiData is open source, according to its own site.

Modern CSV and VisiData 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 Modern CSV free?

Modern CSV has a free plan. Free version with no time limit: multi-cell editing, large-file handling, find and replace, sorting, filtering, themes and a read-only mode.

How much does Modern CSV cost?

Modern CSV lists 3 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does Modern CSV work on?

Modern CSV is available on Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Modern CSV offer any discounts?

Modern CSV publicly lists the following: Bulk pricing for Business licenses.

Does Modern CSV have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Modern CSV is listed for Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Modern CSV have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Modern CSV is listed for Windows, macOS and Linux.

Is Modern CSV open source?

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

Does Modern CSV work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

Who makes Modern CSV?

Modern CSV is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Modern CSV?

The closest alternatives to Modern CSV in our directory are Tablecruncher, EditCSV (editCSVonline), OpenRefine and VisiData.

How does Modern CSV compare with other spreadsheet and database tools?

Modern CSV's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 47 of the 63 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade, and level with 6.

Could I make my own version of Modern CSV?

To replace Modern CSV you would be making a spreadsheet engine with its formulas.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Modern CSV'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 Modern CSV'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 Modern CSV. Prices change, so check moderncsv.com 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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Modern CSV, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/modern-csv

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

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Prices by country

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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Keep or make

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

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