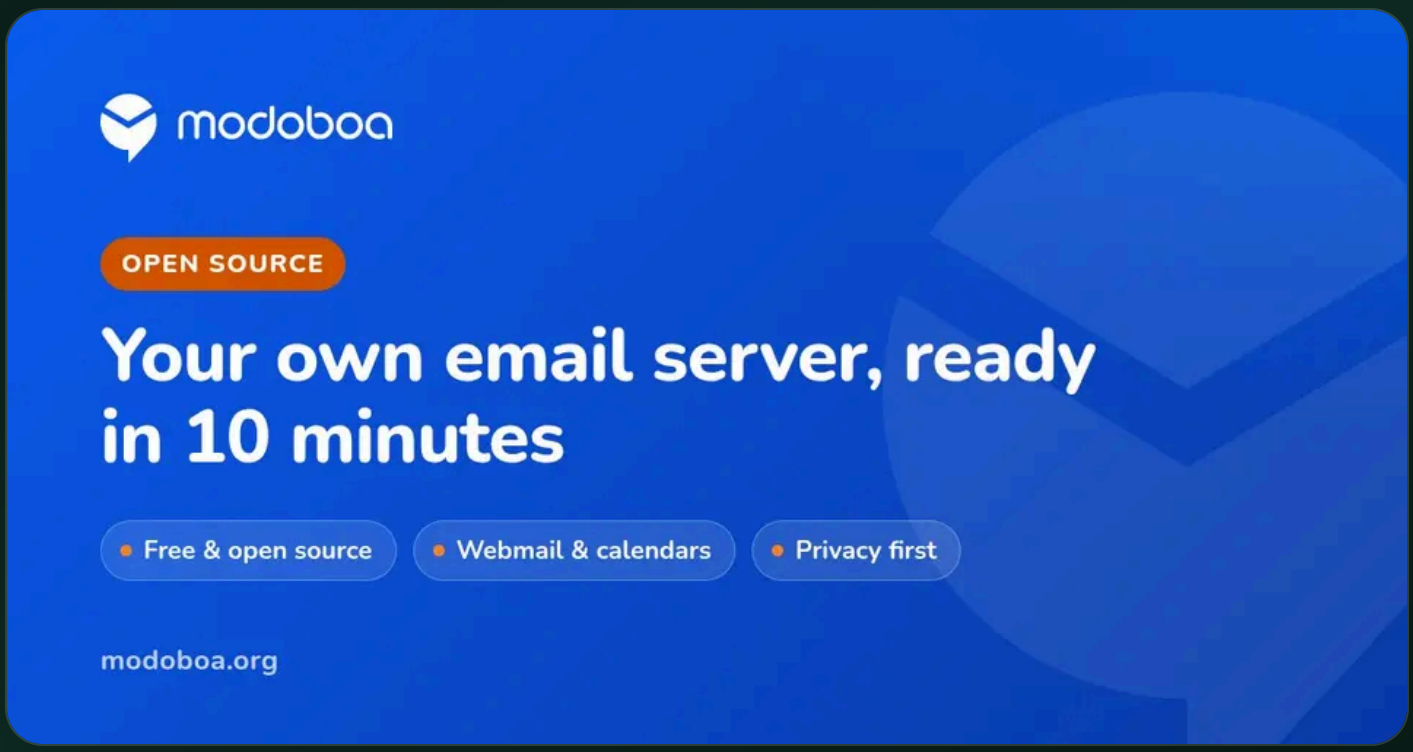
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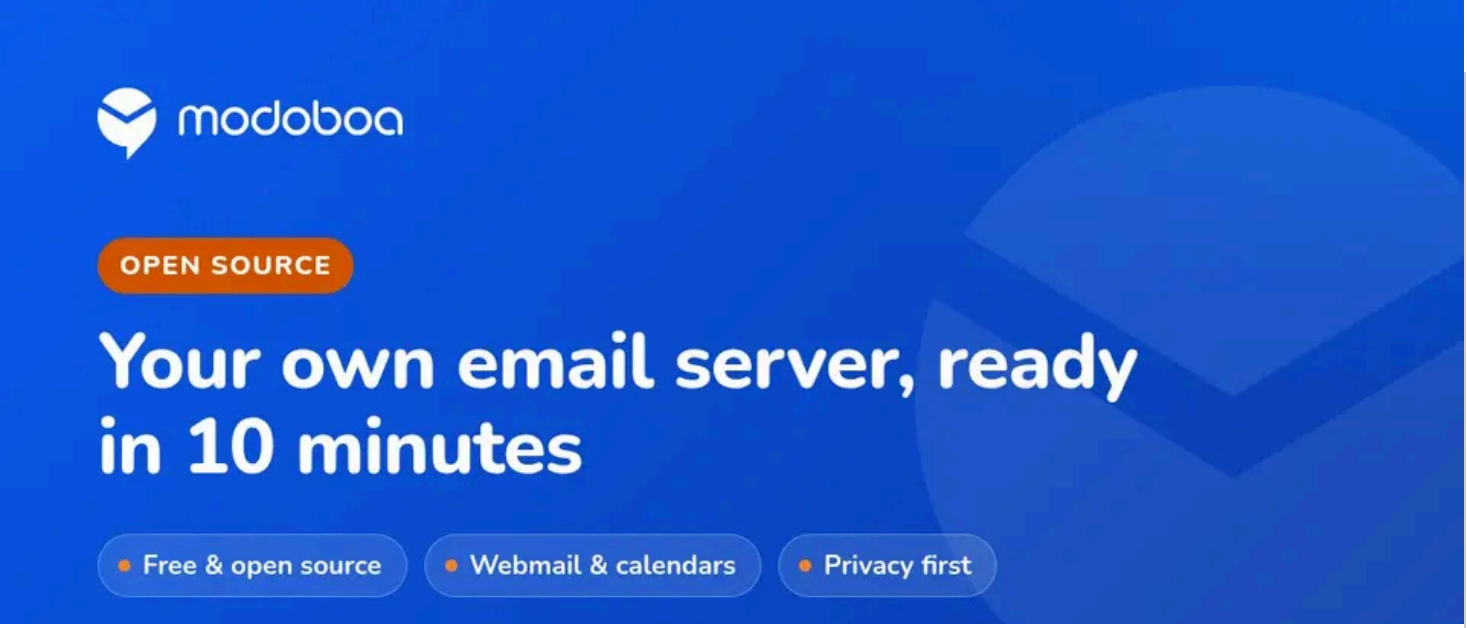
Open-source mail server with a web admin panel and webmail



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among email apps, read from Modoboa's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Modoboa's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Modoboa'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 29 of the 122 other email apps we grade

Modoboa is an open-source mail server platform that installs a full mail stack with an admin panel, webmail, calendar and address books. Its site says the installer sets up a server in under 10 minutes and that domains, mailboxes and aliases are unlimited.

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

> **You run the server, DNS and mail delivery yourself, which is a D whatever the quick installer promises.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a self-hosted mail server with an admin panel**

Modoboa installs a whole mail stack with an admin panel, webmail and calendar, and the software is free with unlimited domains and mailboxes.

2 **It is free**

Modoboa has no paid plan at all. The software is free and open source (ISC license on GitHub); you host it on your own server.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Admin panel**

A web panel manages domains, mailboxes, aliases and more.

5 **Built-in webmail**

Users can read mail in a browser through the bundled webmail, which also has calendars and address books.

6 **Filters and auto-responder**

Users can create filtering rules and an auto-responder.

7 **A 2.2 GPA, above 29 of 122**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Modoboa at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY NGYNLABS	CATEGORY Email Apps
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a self-hosted mail server with an admin panel

Modoboa installs a whole mail stack with an admin panel, webmail and calendar, and the software is free with unlimited domains and mailboxes. But you run the server, including DNS and deliverability, and help is a paid extra from EUR 120.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Modoboa	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Free and open source (ISC licence) with unlimited domains and mailboxes, but only if you host it. Self-hosted free is a C for value.
Free plan and trial	B	Free outright. You need your own server to run it, so a B.
Features	B	A full stack in one installer: admin panel, webmail, filters, auto-responder, sender reputation tools and monitoring. We found no gap in the mail-server job in the listing.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. You run the server, DNS and mail delivery yourself, which is a D whatever the quick installer promises.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web admin and webmail only, on a server you run. It lists Postfix, Dovecot, Rspamd and Let's Encrypt, but no apps.

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 Modoboa is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to run your own mail for several domains with one admin panel
- ✓ Works for admins who already look after Linux servers and DNS

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you don't want to run DNS, deliverability and updates yourself
- ✕ Skip it if you want paid support built in: installation starts at EUR 150 and issue help at EUR 120
- ✕ Too heavy for one person who just wants an inbox
- ✕ Watch out: parts of its development are funded by sponsoring campaigns with euro targets

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Individuals and small organizations that want their own mail server
- ✓ Admins who prefer a web panel over hand-edited configs

Worth knowing

- ⓘ You run and maintain the server yourself, including DNS and deliverability.
- ⓘ Paid help is offered separately: installation from EUR 150 and issue assistance from EUR 120, per the site.
- ⓘ Features are funded partly through sponsoring campaigns with euro targets.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Modoboa is free to use.

> **Free and open source (ISC licence) with unlimited domains and mailboxes, but only if you host it.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

Open-source mail server you install yourself, with unlimited domains, mailboxes and aliases.

The free plan

The software is free and open source (ISC license on GitHub); you host it on your own server.

Read from modoboa.org on Nov 13, 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

Open-source mail server with a web admin panel and webmail. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, calendar, email client.

> **A full stack in one installer: admin panel, webmail, filters, auto-responder, sender reputation tools and monitoring.**
>
> From our grade for features

Admin panel

A web panel manages domains, mailboxes, aliases and more.

Built-in webmail

Users can read mail in a browser through the bundled webmail, which also has calendars and address books.

Filters and auto-responder

Users can create filtering rules and an auto-responder.

Sender reputation tools

The site says DKIM, SPF and DMARC are used to protect delivery, and TLS certificates come from Let's Encrypt.

Monitoring

Built-in graphs show message distribution by type and average size.

Quick installer

The site says the installer handles most of the work and you only need to configure DNS.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Postfix
Dovecot
Rspamd
Let's Encrypt

Modoboa is made by NGYNLABS.

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Where it stands

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

29/122

Other email apps it is graded above

Modoboa's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 29 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 24.

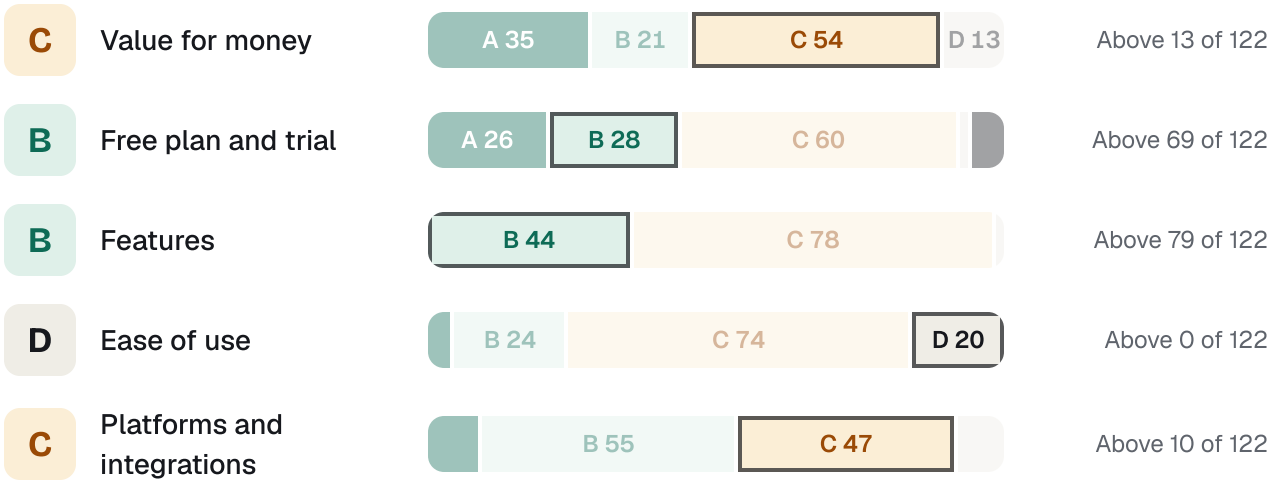
It stands best on features (B, above 79 of 122) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Modoboa has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

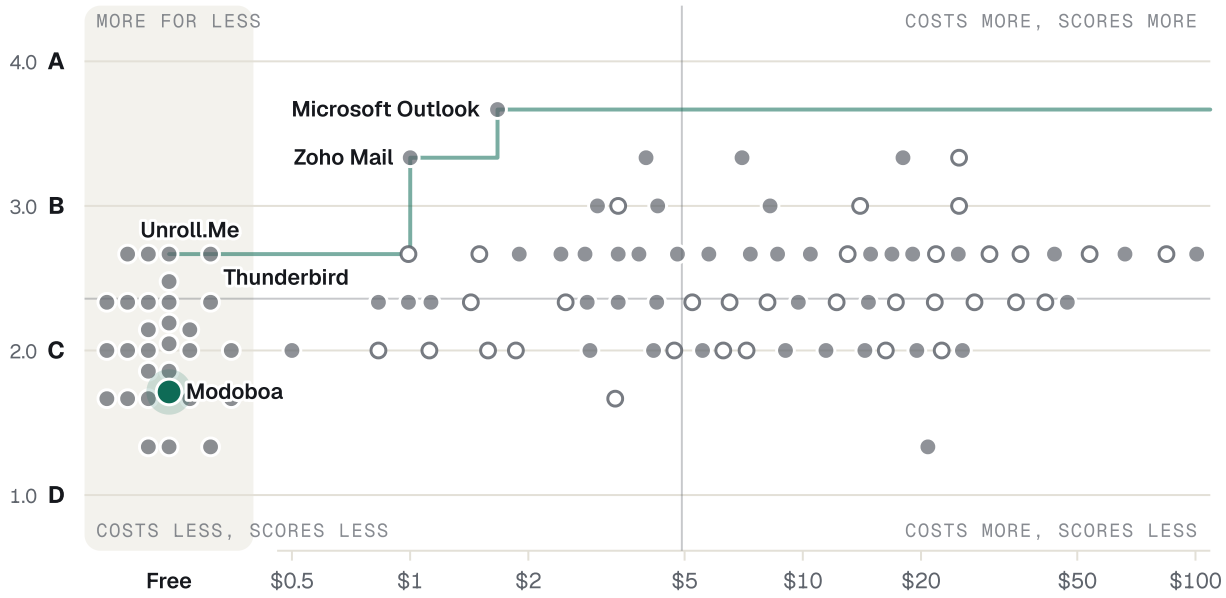
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 email apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Modoboa's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 107 email apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Modoboa 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 69 of the 122 other email apps grade higher.

What you could make

- Calendar: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- An email client: sending, receiving, threading and searching years of mail.

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

What this rests on. Modoboa'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



mailcow, Mailu, Mail-in-a-Box, iRedMail and Stalwart Mail Server

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



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mailcow

Free

Dockerized open-source mail server with a web admin UI.

Modoboa and mailcow compared in full

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Mailu

Free

Free Docker-based mail server with webmail and admin UI.

- Modoboa also covers calendar.
- Mailu also covers dMARC.

Modoboa and Mailu compared in full



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Mail-in-a-Box

Free

Modoboa and Mail-in-a-Box compared in full

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iRedMail

Free plan · from $499/yr

Open-source mail server installer for Linux and BSD.

- Only Modoboa lists a web app.
- Only iRedMail lists a Linux app.

Modoboa and iRedMail compared in full



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Stalwart Mail Server

Free plan · from $2.40/yr

Open-source mail and collaboration server written in Rust.

- Stalwart Mail Server also covers file sharing and dMARC.

Modoboa and Stalwart Mail Server 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 Modoboa free?

Yes. Modoboa is free to use.

How much does Modoboa cost?

Modoboa lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Modoboa work on?

Modoboa is available on Web.

Does Modoboa have an Android app?

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

Does Modoboa have an iPhone app?

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

Is Modoboa open source?

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

What does Modoboa integrate with?

Modoboa's listing names Postfix, Dovecot, Rspamd and Let's Encrypt. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Modoboa?

Modoboa is made by NGYNLABS.

What are the alternatives to Modoboa?

The closest alternatives to Modoboa in our directory are mailcow, Mailu, Mail-in-a-Box, iRedMail and Stalwart Mail Server.

How does Modoboa compare with other email apps?

Modoboa's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 29 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 24.

Is Modoboa good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Modoboa C for value for money. Modoboa has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Modoboa?

Modoboa 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 Modoboa'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 Modoboa'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 NGYNLABS. Prices change, so check modoboa.org before you buy.

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github.com/modoboa/modoboa

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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

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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

Modoboa, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/modoboa

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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Email Apps Insider's Guide

Every one of the 126 email apps we grade, compared

Microsoft Outlook Insider's Guide

Microsoft's email and calendar app for desktop, mobile and web

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AOL Mail Insider's Guide

Free webmail with news and weather in a companion mobile app

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BlueMail Insider's Guide

Cross-platform email client with a unified inbox and built-in AI

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