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# NameChanger

## The Insider's Guide

Free Mac app for renaming a list of files with a live preview



**Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from NameChanger's own pages.**

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ToolGPA put this guide together from NameChanger's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on NameChanger'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 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

NameChanger is a Mac app built for one job: renaming a list of files. Files are dragged in, a renaming rule is chosen, and the new names update in a preview column as you type before anything is changed. It is free, with optional donations to fund development, and it also runs as a Finder service.

> "
>
> **Drag files in, choose a rule, watch the preview.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

**1** **Best for a free Mac renamer with a live preview**

NameChanger is a free Mac app that renames a list of files, with a live preview as you type.

**2** **It is free**

NameChanger has no paid plan at all.

**3** **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

**4** **Live preview of new names**

An Original Filename column and a Renamed Filename column update as you type, so every change is visible before you press Rename.

**5** **Eleven rename types**

Replace first, last or all occurrences, wildcard, append, prepend, date, sequence, character removal, regular expression and case change.

**6** **Checkbox control per file**

Load a folder of files once and rename only the checked rows, without adding and removing files between runs.

**7** **A 3.0 GPA, above 154 of 186**

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

**8** **Keep it**

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

### NameChanger at a glance

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|---|---|
| PRICING<br>Free | FREE PLAN<br>It is free |
| FREE TRIAL<br>None stated | RUNS ON<br>macOS |
| MADE BY<br>MRR Software | CATEGORY<br>Desktop Utilities |
| OUR GRADE<br>3.0 GPA, very good | |

## The report card

### Best for a free Mac renamer with a live preview

NameChanger is a free Mac app that renames a list of files, with a live preview as you type. But it applies one rule at a time, it is Mac only, and its page carries a 2018 copyright line.

| TOOLGPA REPORT CARD | NameChanger | Graded Nov 13, 2026 |
|---|---|---|

| SUBJECT | GRADE | COMMENT |
|---|---|---|
| **Value for money** | A | Free, with donations optional. No paid edition is listed. |
| **Free plan and trial** | A | The whole app is free, with no limits or trial on record. |
| **Features** | C | Eleven rename types, a per-file checkbox and rename history. It does that one job fully, but it is a smaller job: one rule at a time, no chaining. |
| **Ease of use** | B | Drag files in, choose a rule, watch the preview. Nothing to set up, though no store rating is on record. |
| **Platforms and integrations** | C | Mac only, with older builds for older systems. No other platform. |
| **Grade point average** | | Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0** |

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 NameChanger is for

- ✓ Fits if you rename photos or files on a Mac and want a free preview-first tool
- ✓ Works for quick one-rule jobs, like adding a prefix to 50 files

## Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want to chain several rules in one pass, as it applies one at a time
- ✗ Not for you if you use Windows or Linux, since it is Mac only
- ✗ Watch out: the page carries a 2018 copyright line, so how often it is updated isn't clear
- ✗ Too light for you if names should come from photo or music tags in bulk

# Good to know

## Good for

- ✓ Mac users who want a simple, free renamer without a rule builder
- ✓ Quick one-off renames where seeing the result as you type matters
- ✓ Anyone who prefers a small single-purpose tool

## Worth knowing

- ⓘ Mac only; it needs OS X 10.13 or later, with older builds offered for earlier systems.
- ⓘ Renames files by one rule at a time rather than by chained methods.
- ⓘ The vendor page carries a 2018 copyright line, so its update cadence is not clear from the page.

# What it costs

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

**Free**

No paid plan at all

NameChanger is free to use.

> **The whole app is free, with no limits or trial on record.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

## $0

The full app is free. The download page asks for an optional donation of $5 to $40 to fund future development.

Read from mrrsoftware.com 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: macOS

Free Mac app for renaming a list of files with a live preview. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, file management.

> **Eleven rename types, a per-file checkbox and rename history.**
>
> From our grade for features

### Live preview of new names

An Original Filename column and a Renamed Filename column update as you type, so every change is visible before you press Rename.

### Eleven rename types

Replace first, last or all occurrences, wildcard, append, prepend, date, sequence, character removal, regular expression and case change.

### Checkbox control per file

Load a folder of files once and rename only the checked rows, without adding and removing files between runs.

### Rename history

The app keeps a history of the renames it has performed, and reports any files it could not change.

### Finder service and drag and drop

Right-click files in Finder and choose Rename with NameChanger, or drop files or folders onto the app.

### Image browser and EXIF dates

Reorder and name pictures visually, and use EXIF dates, including subseconds when available, in names.

### Where it runs

macOS

### What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

NameChanger is made by MRR Software.

# Where it stands

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

**154**/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

NameChanger's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 27.

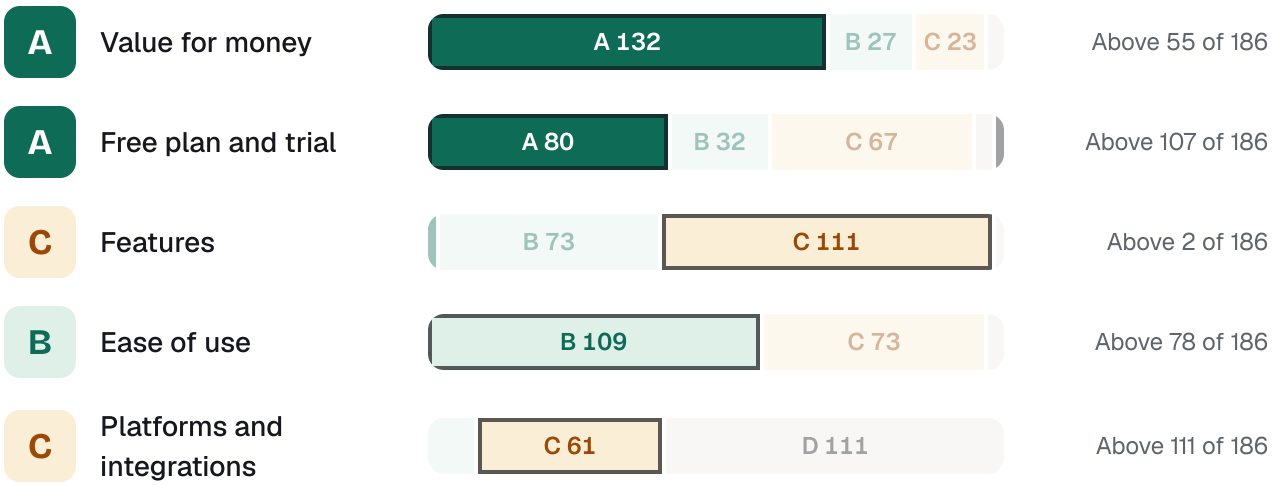
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 107 of 186) and worst on features (C, above 2).

NameChanger has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

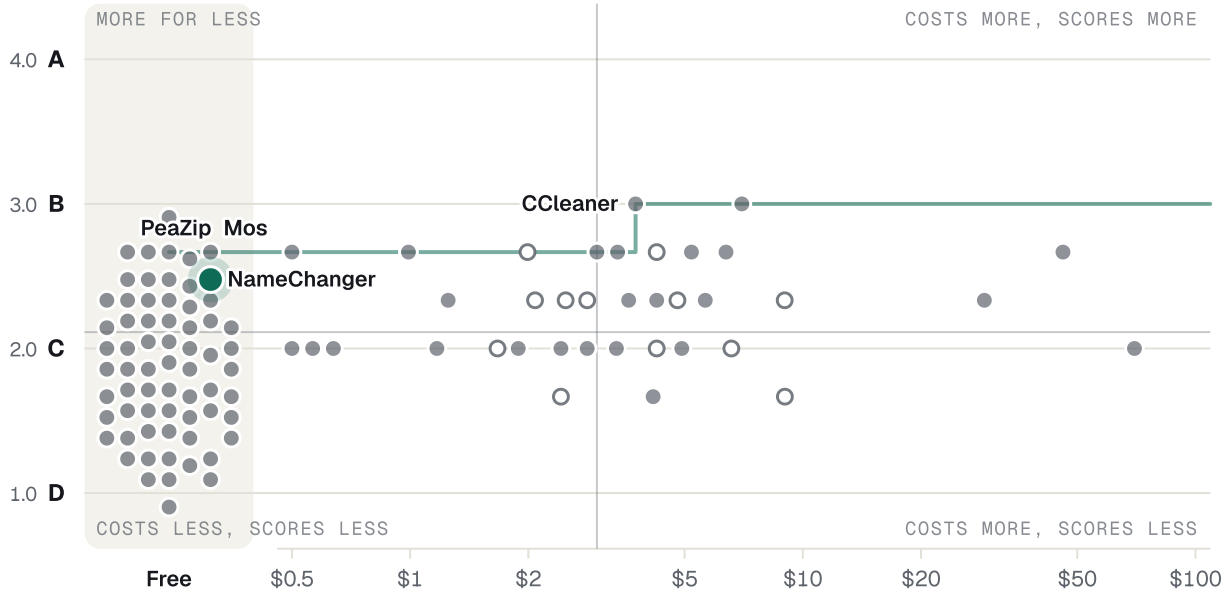
## Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. NameChanger's own letter is outlined.



## Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. NameChanger 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

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

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade.

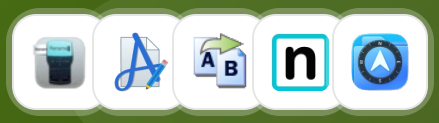
**What you could not**

- ✕ A file manager working directly on your disk.
- ✕ A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.

**What this rests on.** NameChanger'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



Renamer, Advanced Renamer, Bulk Rename Utility, Hazel and Path Finder

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



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## Renamer

From $26 one-time

Batch file renamer for macOS and Windows with reusable workflows.

- NameChanger has a free plan. Renamer does not.
- Only Renamer lists a Windows app.
- Renamer can be bought with a one-time purchase.

NameChanger and Renamer compared in full

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## Advanced Renamer

Free plan · from $16 one-time

Batch file and folder renamer for Windows and Mac.

- Only Advanced Renamer lists a Windows app.
- Advanced Renamer can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Advanced Renamer also covers workflow automation.

NameChanger and Advanced Renamer compared in full



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## Bulk Rename Utility

Free plan · from $24.95

Windows file renamer with many criteria, free for home use.

- Only NameChanger lists a macOS app.
- Only Bulk Rename Utility lists a Windows app.

NameChanger and Bulk Rename Utility compared in full



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## Hazel

Free trial · from $42 one-time

Rule-based automatic file organization for the Mac.

- NameChanger has a free plan. Hazel does not, though it has a free trial.
- Hazel can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Hazel also covers workflow automation and disk cleanup.

NameChanger and Hazel compared in full



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## Path Finder

Free trial · from $2.95/mo

Dual-pane file manager for Mac, built as a Finder alternative.

- NameChanger has a free plan. Path Finder does not, though it has a free trial.
- Path Finder also covers file sync.

NameChanger and Path Finder 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 NameChanger free?

Yes. NameChanger is free to use.

### How much does NameChanger cost?

NameChanger lists one plan. Free: $0.

### What platforms does NameChanger work on?

NameChanger is available on macOS.

### Does NameChanger have an Android app?

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

### Does NameChanger have an iPhone app?

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

### Is NameChanger open source?

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

### Does NameChanger 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 NameChanger?

NameChanger is made by MRR Software.

### What are the alternatives to NameChanger?

The closest alternatives to NameChanger in our directory are Renamer, Advanced Renamer, Bulk Rename Utility, Hazel and Path Finder.

### How does NameChanger compare with other desktop utilities?

NameChanger's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 27.

### Is NameChanger good value for money?

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

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

NameChanger is free, so making your own would save you nothing. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade.

## Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from NameChanger'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 MRR Software'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 MRR Software. Prices change, so check mrrsoftware.com before you buy.

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# 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.

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

## What else is on toolgpa.com

### NameChanger, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/namechanger

### How grades are given

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

toolgpa.com/charts

### Compare

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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### 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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Prices and grades as they are today

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Every one of the 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

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