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Nisus Writer

The Insider’s Guide

Mac-only word processor sold as a one-time purchase



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among writing tools, read from Nisus Writer’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Nisus Writer's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Nisus Writer'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 12 of the 100 other writing tools we grade

Nisus Writer is a word processor built only for the Mac, sold in two editions: Pro and Express. Both save in RTF and can open and save Word files. Express leans toward lighter writing, while Pro is the fuller edition with comments and tracked changes.

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

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> **It's Mac only and the pages list macOS up to Sonoma.**
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> From our report card of Nisus Writer

1 **Best for a Mac word processor with regular expressions**

Nisus Writer is a Mac word processor with style sheets, regular-expression find and replace and Word compatibility.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $26 one-time (Express).

3 **You can try it first**

Free 15-day demo of each edition; a license key unlocks it

4 **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

5 **Style sheets**

Paragraph and character styles keep formatting consistent across long documents.

6 **Regular-expression find and replace**

A search tool with regular-expression support for cleaning up and restructuring text.

7 **Multilingual text**

Written to handle text in nearly any language, which the vendor puts forward as a main strength.

8 **A 2.0 GPA, above 12 of 100**

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

9 **Your call**

A writing app at its plainest is a page that saves what you type.

Nisus Writer at a glance

PRICING Free trial, from $26 one-time (Express)	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL Free 15-day demo of each edition; a license key unlocks it	RUNS ON macOS
MADE BY Nisus Software, Inc.	CATEGORY Writing Tools
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a Mac word processor with regular expressions

Nisus Writer is a Mac word processor with style sheets, regular-expression find and replace and Word compatibility. Express is $26 and Pro $65,

each once, with a 15-day demo. It's Mac only and the pages list macOS up to Sonoma.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Nisus Writer	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Express is $26 and Pro $65 once, against $19.99 in the middle of one-time prices in writing tools.
Free plan and trial	C	A 15-day demo of each edition, unlocked by a license key. The page doesn't say if a card is needed.
Features	B	Style sheets, regex find and replace, multilingual text, Word and PDF files, comments and tracked changes. Nothing in the listing shows a gap in the core job.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. The depth of its find-and-replace and style tools takes learning.
Platforms and integrations	D	Mac only. No Windows, iPhone, iPad or web version, with iCloud Drive, Dropbox and Word links.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

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 Nisus Writer is for

- ✓ Fits if you write long documents on a Mac and need regex search
- ✓ Works for people who'd rather buy once than subscribe

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you're not on a Mac, as there's no Windows, phone or web version
- ✗ Tight if you want the full set, because Pro is $65 and Express is cut down
- ✗ Watch out: the pages list macOS 10.13 through Sonoma, so check newer releases
- ✗ Skip it if you want a cloud workspace, since the store lists none

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac users who want to buy a word processor once
- ✓ Writers working in several languages
- ✓ People who rely on pattern-based find and replace

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Mac only: there is no Windows, iPhone, iPad or web version.
- ⓘ The two editions are priced separately, and the comparison between them is only on each edition's own page.
- ⓘ The vendor's pages list compatibility with macOS 10.13 through Sonoma, so check it against newer macOS releases.
- ⓘ Sold directly with a 30-day refund guarantee, but the store lists no subscription or cloud workspace.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$26 one-time

To start

Nisus Writer is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $26 one-time (Express).

> **The page doesn't say if a card is needed.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

NISUS WRITER EXPRESS

$26

one-time

The lighter edition: full-screen, focus and typewriter modes, style sheets, regex find and replace.

NISUS WRITER PRO

$65

one-time

The full edition, adding features such as threaded comments and tracked changes.

Trying it first

Free 15-day demo of each edition; a license key unlocks it

Read from nisus.com 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: macOS

Mac-only word processor sold as a one-time purchase. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, documents, long-form writing.

> **Style sheets, regex find and replace, multilingual text, Word and PDF files, comments and tracked changes.**
>
> From our grade for features

Style sheets

Paragraph and character styles keep formatting consistent across long documents.

Regular-expression find and replace

A search tool with regular-expression support for cleaning up and restructuring text.

Multilingual text

Written to handle text in nearly any language, which the vendor puts forward as a main strength.

Word and PDF compatibility

Opens and saves Word (.doc, .docx) files, RTF and others, and exports PDF with table of contents, links and annotations.

Comments and tracked changes

Threaded comments and tracked changes are described on the Pro edition's page.

Distraction-free modes

Full-screen, focus and typewriter modes are listed for Express; Pro lists a full-screen mode.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

iCloud Drive

Dropbox

Microsoft Word

Nisus Writer is made by Nisus Software, Inc.

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Where it stands

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

12/100

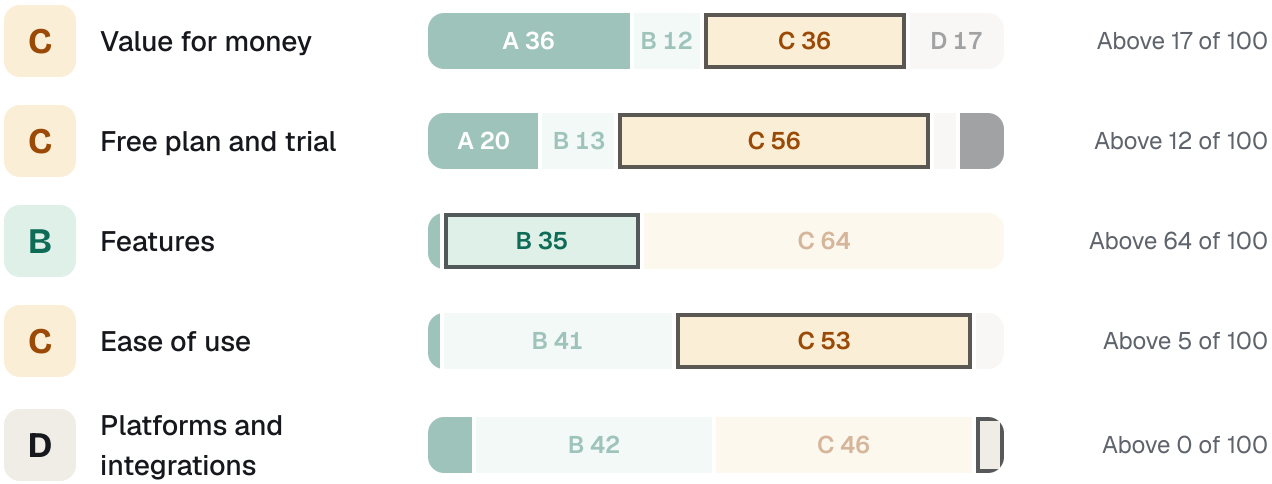
Other writing tools it is graded above

Nisus Writer's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 12 of the 100 other writing tools we grade, and level with 10.

It stands best on features (B, above 64 of 100) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 101 writing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Nisus Writer'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.

Your call

A writing app at its plainest is a page that saves what you type.

You could make the core of Nisus Writer for yourself: documents and long-form writing. What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call. At $26, paid once, it costs less than the weekend it would take to replace, which is the argument for keeping it.

What you could make

- Documents and long-form writing: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Nisus Writer'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



Mellel, Ulysses, Microsoft Word, LibreOffice Writer and Scrivener

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



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Mellel

Free trial · from $69.99 one-time

Mac word processor for long academic and technical documents.

- Only Mellel lists an iOS app.
- Mellel also covers citations.

Nisus Writer and Mellel compared in full



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Ulysses

Free trial · from $39.99/yr

Markup-based writing app for Mac, iPad and iPhone.

- Only Ulysses lists an iOS app.
- Nisus Writer can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Nisus Writer also covers documents.

Nisus Writer and Ulysses compared in full



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Microsoft Word

Free plan · from $9.99/mo

Word processor sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser.

- Microsoft Word has a free plan. Nisus Writer does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Microsoft Word lists a web app.
- Only Microsoft Word lists Windows, iOS and Android apps.

Nisus Writer and Microsoft Word compared in full



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LibreOffice Writer

Free

Free, open-source word processor for Windows, macOS and Linux.

- LibreOffice Writer has a free plan. Nisus Writer does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only LibreOffice Writer lists Windows and Linux apps.
- Nisus Writer can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Nisus Writer and LibreOffice Writer compared in full



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Scrivener

Free trial · from $23.99 one-time

Manuscript writing app with a binder, corkboard and outliner.

- Only Scrivener lists Windows and iOS apps.
- Nisus Writer also covers documents.
- Scrivener also covers templates.

Nisus Writer and Scrivener 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 Nisus Writer free?

No, Nisus Writer is a paid product, but you can try it first. Free 15-day demo of each edition; a license key unlocks it.

How much does Nisus Writer cost?

Nisus Writer lists 2 plans. Nisus Writer Express: $26 one-time.

What platforms does Nisus Writer work on?

Nisus Writer is available on macOS.

Does Nisus Writer have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Nisus Writer is listed for macOS.

Does Nisus Writer have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Nisus Writer is listed for macOS.

Is Nisus Writer open source?

Nisus Writer is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

What does Nisus Writer integrate with?

Nisus Writer's listing names iCloud Drive, Dropbox and Microsoft Word.

Who makes Nisus Writer?

Nisus Writer is made by Nisus Software, Inc.

What are the alternatives to Nisus Writer?

The closest alternatives to Nisus Writer in our directory are Mellel, Ulysses, Microsoft Word, LibreOffice Writer and Scrivener.

How does Nisus Writer compare with other writing tools?

Nisus Writer's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 12 of the 100 other writing tools we grade, and level with 10.

Could I make my own version of Nisus Writer?

A writing app at its plainest is a page that saves what you type. You could make the core of Nisus Writer for yourself: documents and long-form writing.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Nisus Writer'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 Nisus Software, Inc.'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 Nisus Software, Inc. Prices change, so check nisus.com 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

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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

Nisus Writer, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/nisus-writer

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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The best-graded writing tools after Nisus Writer, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Writing Tools Insider's Guide

Every one of the 101 writing tools we grade, compared

FreeOffice TextMaker Insider's Guide

Free word processor that opens and saves Microsoft Word files

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Microsoft Word Insider's Guide

Word processor sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser

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Beat Insider's Guide

Free, open-source Fountain screenwriting app for Mac and iOS

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