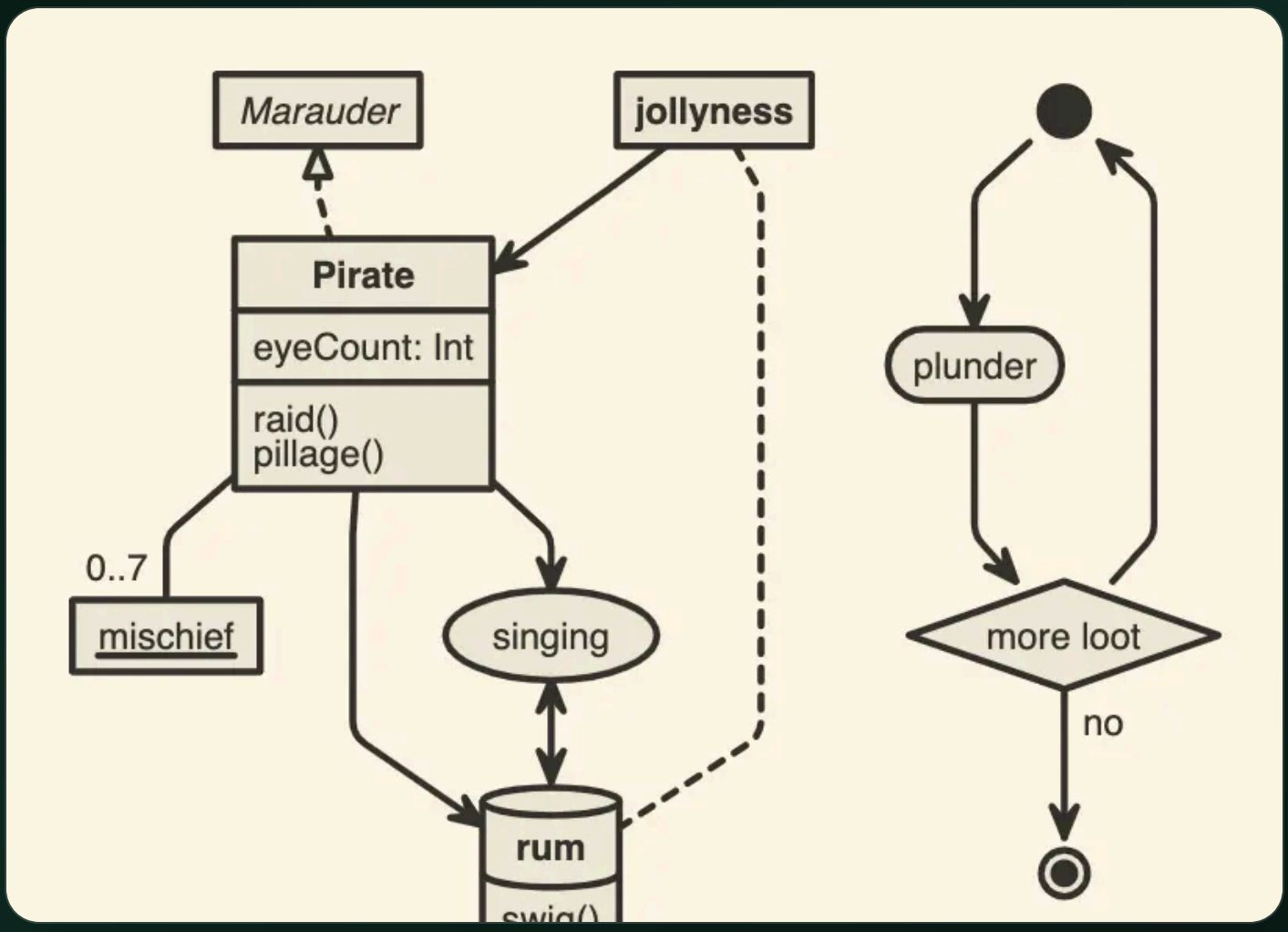
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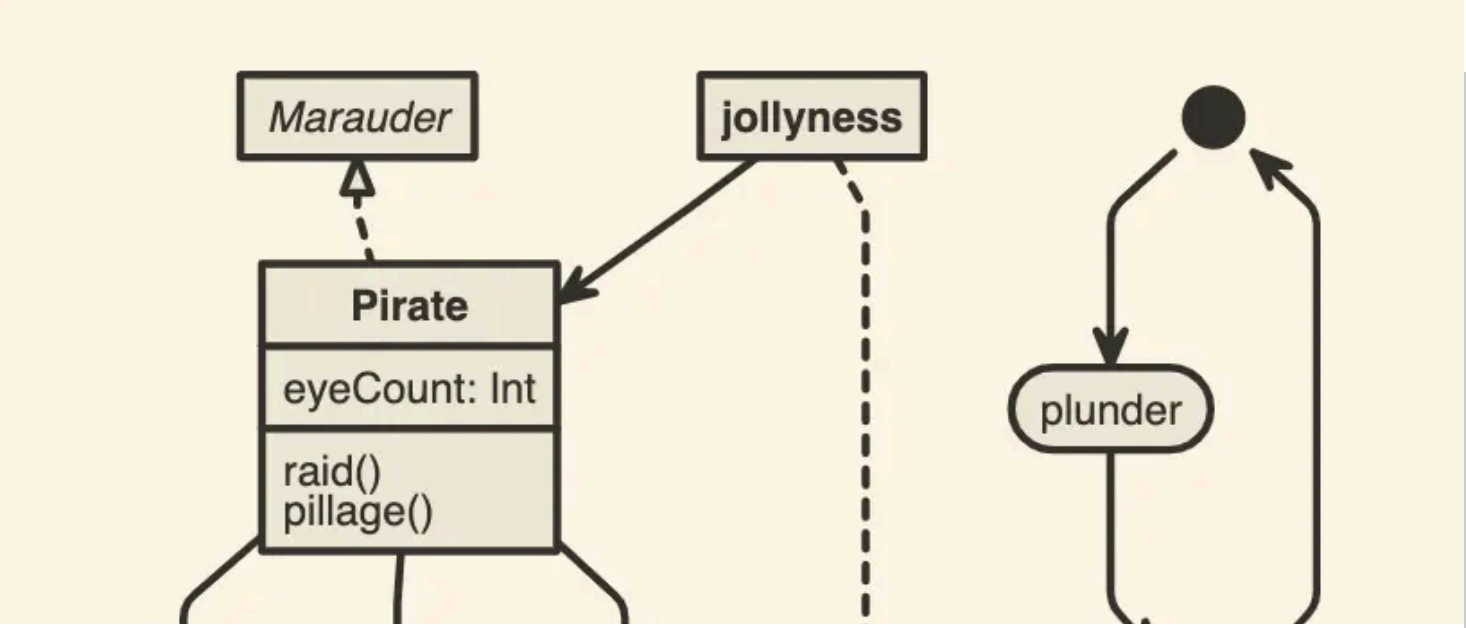
Text-to-UML diagram editor with a live preview



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among whiteboard and mind map tools, read from nomnoml's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from nomnoml's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on nomnoml'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 75 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade

nomnoml draws UML diagrams from a short text syntax. You type code on one side of the page and the diagram redraws beside it, covering class, component, flow chart and use case shapes. It is a free, open-source web editor that also ships as a JavaScript library and command-line tool.

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

1 **Best for UML diagrams drawn from a text syntax**

Nomnoml draws UML-style diagrams from text, and it costs nothing.

2 **It is free**

nomnoml has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Text syntax with live preview**

Edit the code on the left and the diagram on the right updates as you type, with keyboard shortcuts borrowed from Sublime Text.

5 **Several UML shape families**

Built-in classifier types cover classes, abstract classes, packages, components, sockets, actors, use cases, states, choices, databases and tables.

6 **Styling directives**

Directives such as #direction, #fill, #font and #spacing change layout and appearance, and custom classifier styles can be defined and imported from other files.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 75 of 98**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

nomnoml at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Daniel Kallin	CATEGORY Whiteboards & Mind Maps
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for UML diagrams drawn from a text syntax

Nomnoml draws UML-style diagrams from text, and it costs nothing. The web app has no accounts, sharing or collaboration, saving depends on browser storage the author does not guarantee, and there is no canvas to draw on.

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free, open source and available as a library and a command line tool as well as the web app.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no sign-up, cap or paid plan.
Features	C	Class, component and flow diagrams from text, with styling. It does that fully, but it is a smaller job than a whiteboard, with no freehand canvas or sticky notes.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You learn its text syntax first.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only for most people, plus a library and command line. No integrations are listed.
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 nomnoml is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a class or flow diagram out of a few lines of text
- ✓ Works for developers who embed diagrams through the library or command line

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want a freehand canvas or sticky-note board
- ✕ Watch out: saving relies on browser localStorage, which the author says comes with no guarantees
- ✕ Not for you if you need accounts, sharing links or real-time editing, as the web app has none
- ✕ Too light for teams: no collaboration of any kind is listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who prefer typing a UML diagram to dragging shapes
- ✓ Embedding generated diagrams in a web page or build script
- ✓ Quick class and component sketches without an account

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It draws diagrams from code only; there is no freehand canvas or sticky-note board.
- ⓘ Saving relies on browser localStorage, which the author says comes with no guarantees.
- ⓘ The web app has no accounts, sharing or real-time collaboration.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

nomnoml is free to use.

> **Free, open source and available as a library and a command line tool as well as the web app.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

The whole editor, the npm library and the command-line renderer are free under the MIT license.

Read from nomnoml.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: Web

Text-to-UML diagram editor with a live preview. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, diagrams.

> **Class, component and flow diagrams from text, with styling.**

From our grade for features

Text syntax with live preview

Edit the code on the left and the diagram on the right updates as you type, with keyboard shortcuts borrowed from Sublime Text.

Several UML shape families

Built-in classifier types cover classes, abstract classes, packages, components, sockets, actors, use cases, states, choices, databases and tables.

Styling directives

Directives such as #direction, #fill, #font and #spacing change layout and appearance, and custom classifier styles can be defined and imported from other files.

Library and command line

The nomnoml npm package renders diagrams on a web page or to SVG in Node, and npx nomnoml converts a file from the command line.

Browser-only storage

The web app is client-side and keeps your diagram in the browser's localStorage, so it is there on your next visit, though the author gives no guarantee.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

nomnoml is made by Daniel Kallin.

Where it stands

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

75/98

Other whiteboard and mind map tools it is graded above

nomnoml's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 75 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, and level with 9.

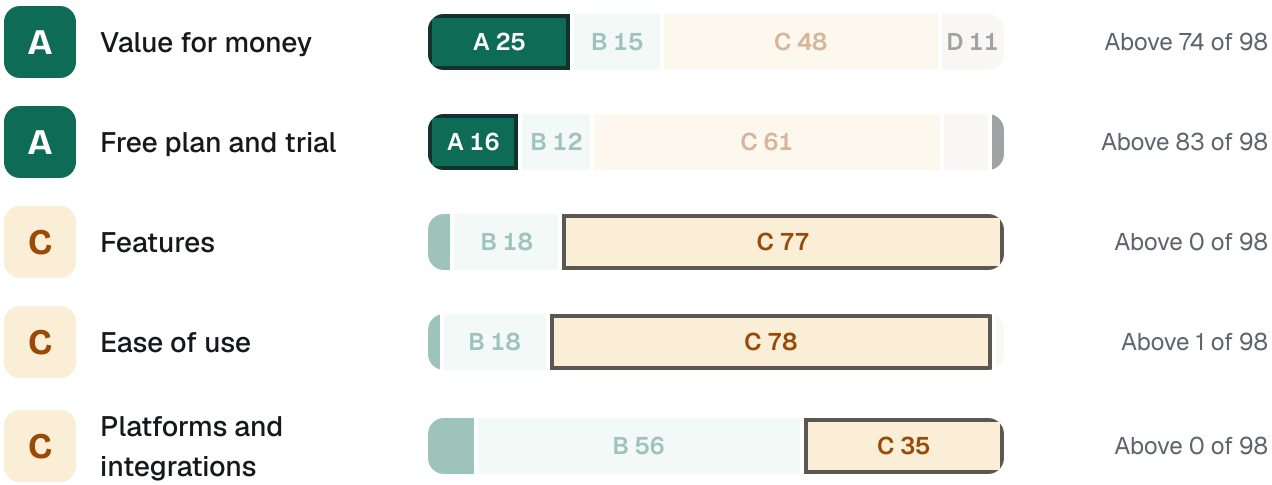
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 83 of 98) and worst on features (C, above 0).

nomnoml 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.

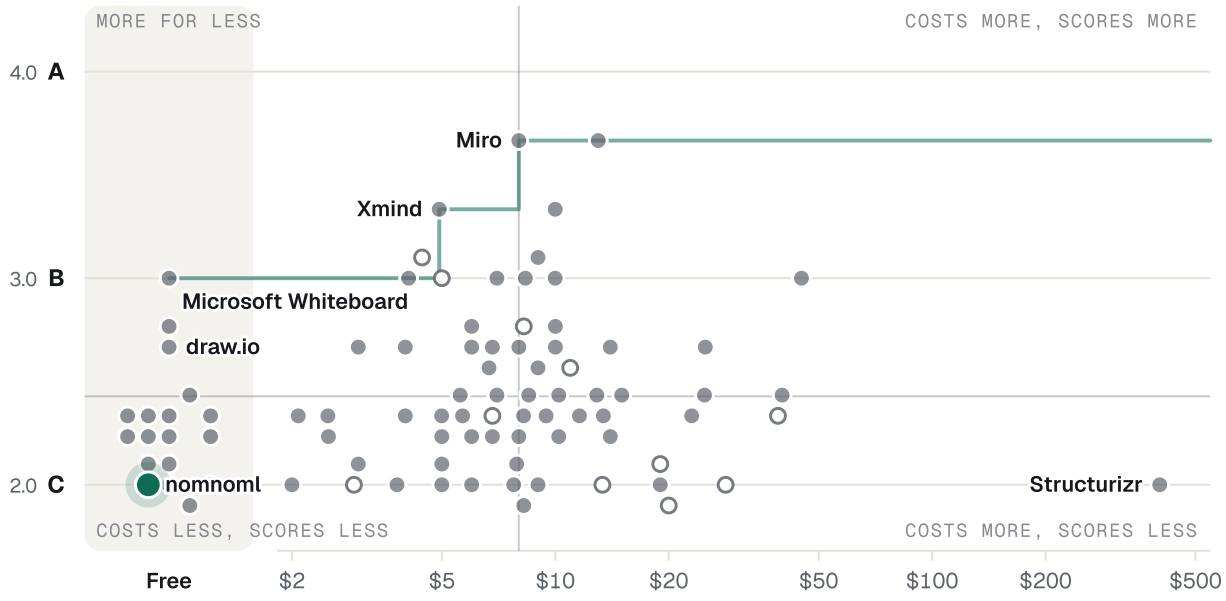
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 99 whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. nomnoml's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 88 whiteboard and mind map tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. nomnoml 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

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

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 75 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade.

What you could not

- A diagram editor.

What this rests on. nomnoml'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



PlantUML, Mermaid, draw.io, Flowchart Fun and Swimlanes.io

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

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PlantUML

Free

Draw UML and other diagrams from plain-text descriptions.

- Only PlantUML lists a browser extension.
- PlantUML also covers Gantt & timelines and mind mapping.

nomnoml and PlantUML compared in full

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Mermaid

Free plan · from $10/mo

Text-based diagramming platform with AI and a visual editor.

- nomnoml is open source, according to its own site.
- Mermaid also covers presentations.

nomnoml and Mermaid compared in full



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draw.io

Free

Free diagram editor that saves files to storage you choose.

- Only draw.io lists macOS, Windows and Linux apps.
- draw.io is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- draw.io also covers templates.

nomnoml and draw.io compared in full



2.4 GPA

Flowchart Fun

Free plan · from $2/mo

Text-based flowchart maker that draws diagrams as you type.

- Flowchart Fun also covers mind mapping.

nomnoml and Flowchart Fun compared in full



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Swimlanes.io

Free

Free text-driven sequence diagram maker that updates live.

- nomnoml is open source, according to its own site.
- Swimlanes.io also covers Markdown and file sharing.

nomnoml and Swimlanes.io 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 nomnoml free?

Yes. nomnoml is free to use.

How much does nomnoml cost?

nomnoml lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does nomnoml work on?

nomnoml is available on Web.

Does nomnoml have an Android app?

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

Does nomnoml have an iPhone app?

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Is nomnoml open source?

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

Who makes nomnoml?

nomnoml is made by Daniel Kallin.

What are the alternatives to nomnoml?

The closest alternatives to nomnoml in our directory are PlantUML, Mermaid, draw.io, Flowchart Fun and Swimlanes.io.

How does nomnoml compare with other whiteboard and mind map tools?

nomnoml's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 75 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, and level with 9.

Is nomnoml good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of nomnoml?

nomnoml is free, so making your own would save you nothing. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 75 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from nomnoml'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 nomnoml'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 Daniel Kallin. Prices change, so check nomnoml.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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

nomnoml, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/nomnoml

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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Whiteboards & Mind Maps Insider's Guide

Every one of the 99 whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, compared

Microsoft Whiteboard Insider's Guide

Free collaborative canvas built into Microsoft 365 and Teams

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draw.io Insider's Guide

Free diagram editor that saves files to storage you choose

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tldraw Insider's Guide

Free online whiteboard with a local desktop app

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