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Northflank

The Insider's Guide

Container platform for services, jobs, databases and GPUs



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among web hosts, read from Northflank's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Northflank's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Northflank'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 51 of the 54 other web hosts we grade

Northflank runs containerized services, scheduled jobs and databases on its own cloud or in a cloud account you own. Billing is by the second with no seat fees, and a free Sandbox tier covers small projects. The pricing page also lists GPU instances, builds from Git and a Platform SDK.

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

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> **You configure services, builds and cloud accounts.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for containers billed by the second, or in your own cloud**

Northflank runs services, jobs and databases with per-second billing and a free Sandbox tier.

2 **Paid plans start at $12 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $12 per month for 0.5 vCPU and 1 GB, billed by the second.

3 There is a free plan

Sandbox: free, no card needed, with 2 services, 2 jobs and 1 database, up to $20 a month of resources on Northflank Cloud, and 1 bring-your-own-cloud cluster up to 12 vCPU and 48 GB.

4 It runs on Web

Web.

5 Bring your own cloud

Workloads can run on Northflank Cloud or in your own cloud account, where compute is billed at $0.02083 per node vCPU hour.

6 Per-second billing

Every resource is billed by the second, with no seat fees and unlimited users on the paid plan.

7 GPUs

GPUs on Northflank Cloud range from an L4 at $0.80 an hour to a B200 at $5.87 an hour, and BYOC GPUs are billed at $1.00 per GB of VRAM a month.

8 A 2.6 GPA, above 51 of 54

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

9 Your call

Northflank sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

Northflank at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $12 per month for 0.5 vCPU and 1 GB, billed by the second

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Northflank

CATEGORY
Web Hosting

OUR GRADE
2.6 GPA, good

The report card

Best for containers billed by the second, or in your own cloud

Northflank runs services, jobs and databases with per-second billing and a free Sandbox tier. Sandbox stops at 2 services, 2 jobs and 1 database, and SAML, SCIM and audit logging are Enterprise only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Northflank** — Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$12 a month for the smallest plan, billed by the second, with a 2 vCPU, 4 GB plan at $48. Egress is $0.06 per GB on Northflank Cloud.
Free plan and trial	B	Sandbox is free with no card: 2 services, 2 jobs, 1 database, always on, up to $20 of resources a month.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Features	B	Services, jobs, Postgres and Redis, autoscaling, RBAC, GPUs and bring-your-own-cloud. The listing names no core gap.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You configure services, builds and cloud accounts.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web only, with AWS, Google Cloud, Azure, Oracle, Postgres, Redis and an SDK.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 Northflank is for

- ✓ Fits if you want container hosting billed by the second
- ✓ Works for teams that want to run in their own AWS, Google Cloud or Azure account

Who it is not for

- ✗ Tight if you stay on Sandbox: 2 services, 2 jobs and 1 database
- ✗ Watch out: SAML, SCIM and audit logging need Enterprise
- ✗ Watch out: egress is $0.06 per GB on Northflank Cloud
- ✗ Pricey if you size up, as the $12 figure is only the smallest compute plan

Good to know

Good for

- Teams that want container hosting billed by the second
- Companies that want to run in their own AWS, Google Cloud or Azure account
- Developers testing on a free tier before paying

Worth knowing

- Network egress is $0.06 per GB on Northflank Cloud, and ingress is free.
- The Sandbox tier is capped at 2 services, 2 jobs and 1 database.
- SAML, SCIM and audit logging need the Enterprise plan.
- The price depends on what you run; the monthly figures on the page are for always-on compute.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$12

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Northflank has a free plan. Paid plans start at $12 per month for 0.5 vCPU and 1 GB, billed by the second.

SANDBOX

$0

2 services, 2 jobs and 1 database, always on with no sleeping, and up to $20 a month of resources.

PAY AS YOU GO

$12

per month for the smallest compute plan, billed by the second

Unlimited users, deployments and workloads. Compute is $0.01667 per vCPU hour, memory $0.00833 per GB hour; the page shows a 2 vCPU, 4 GB plan at $48 a month.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Platform fee, usage, support and SLA: your own VPC or air-gapped setup, SAML, SCIM, audit logging and a dedicated Slack channel.

The free plan

Sandbox: free, no card needed, with 2 services, 2 jobs and 1 database, up to $20 a month of resources on Northflank Cloud, and 1 bring-your-own-cloud cluster up to 12 vCPU and 48 GB.

Read from northflank.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: Web

Container platform for services, jobs, databases and GPUs. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, AI features.

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> **Services, jobs, Postgres and Redis, autoscaling, RBAC, GPUs and bring-your-own-cloud.**

From our grade for features

Bring your own cloud

Workloads can run on Northflank Cloud or in your own cloud account, where compute is billed at $0.02083 per node vCPU hour.

Per-second billing

Every resource is billed by the second, with no seat fees and unlimited users on the paid plan.

GPUs

GPUs on Northflank Cloud range from an L4 at $0.80 an hour to a B200 at $5.87 an hour, and BYOC GPUs are billed at $1.00 per GB of VRAM a month.

Databases and storage

Postgres and Redis databases are listed, with NVMe persistent disk at $0.11657 per GiB a month.

Autoscaling and RBAC

Autoscaling, role-based access control and a Platform SDK are included on pay-as-you-go.

Bill estimator

A calculator on the pricing page estimates a month's bill from a chosen mix of services, databases and sizes.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

AWS
Google Cloud
Azure
Oracle
CoreWeave
Nebius
Postgres
Redis

Northflank is made by Northflank.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

51/54

Other web hosts it is graded above

Northflank's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 51 of the 54 other web hosts we grade, and level with 1.

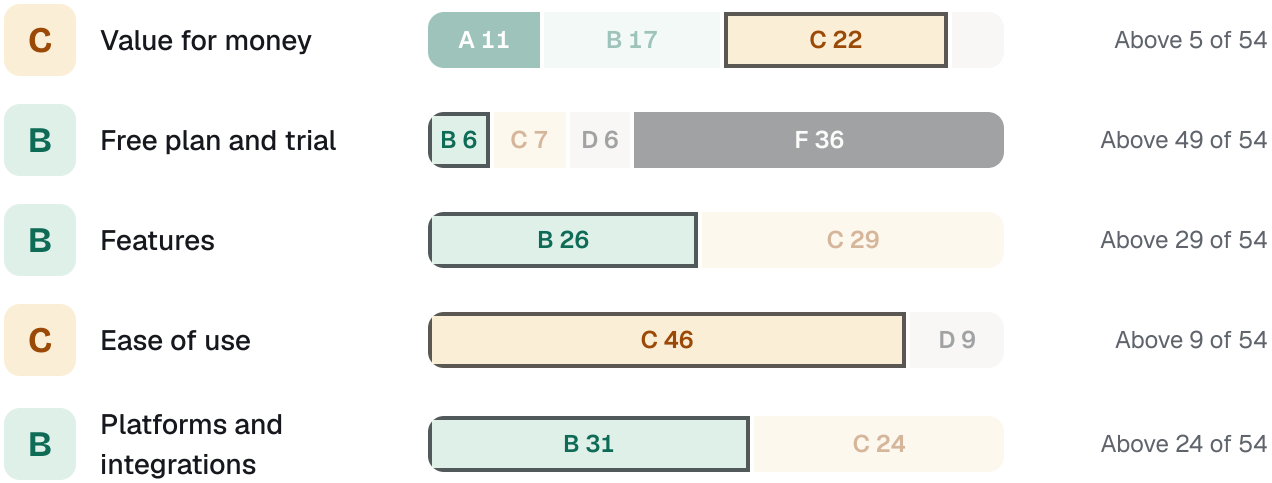
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 49 of 54) and worst on value for money (C, above 5).

Its paid plans start at $12 a month, against a middle price of $9 for the category: 33 of the 52 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

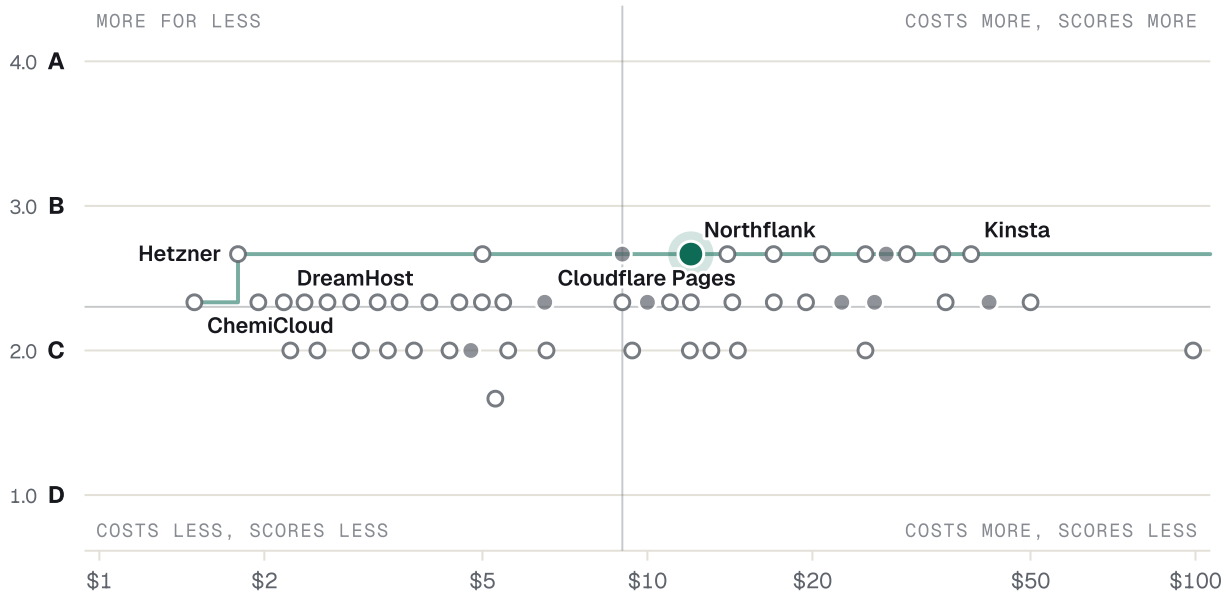
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 55 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. Northflank's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 53 web hosts. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Northflank 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.

Your call

Northflank sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call. It costs $144 a year.

What you could make

- It runs in a browser, which is where something home-made would run too.

What you could not

- It plugs into other products, AWS, Google Cloud and Azure among them, and has an API.

- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- ✕ What a company asks for before it lets staff use something: roles and permissions.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Northflank'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



Render, Railway, Fly.io, Koyeb and DigitalOcean

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

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Render

Free plan · from $25/mo

Cloud hosting for web services, databases and workers.

- Render also covers databases and workflow automation.

Northflank and Render compared in full

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Railway

Free trial · from $5/mo

App and database hosting billed by the second for usage.

- Northflank has a free plan. Railway does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Railway lists iOS and Android apps.
- Railway also covers databases and AI agents.

Northflank and Railway compared in full



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Fly.io

Free trial · from $2.19/mo

Virtual machines and databases in 18 regions, billed per second.

- Northflank has a free plan. Fly.io does not, though it has a free trial.
- Fly.io also covers databases and AI agents.

Northflank and Fly.io compared in full



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Koyeb

From $29/mo

Serverless platform for apps, APIs and GPU workloads.

- Northflank has a free plan. Koyeb does not.

Northflank and Koyeb compared in full



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DigitalOcean

Free plan · from $4/mo

Cloud servers, app hosting and managed databases for developers.

- DigitalOcean also covers databases.

Northflank and DigitalOcean 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 Northflank free?

Northflank has a free plan. Sandbox: free, no card needed, with 2 services, 2 jobs and 1 database, up to $20 a month of resources on Northflank Cloud, and 1 bring-your-own-cloud cluster up to 12 vCPU and 48 GB.

How much does Northflank cost?

Northflank lists 3 plans. Sandbox: $0.

What platforms does Northflank work on?

Northflank is available on Web.

Does Northflank have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Northflank is listed for Web.

Does Northflank have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Northflank is listed for Web.

Is Northflank open source?

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

Does Northflank have an API?

Yes. Northflank offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does Northflank integrate with?

Northflank's listing names AWS, Google Cloud, Azure, Oracle, CoreWeave, Nebius, Postgres and Redis.

Who makes Northflank?

Northflank is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Northflank?

The closest alternatives to Northflank in our directory are Render, Railway, Fly.io, Koyeb and DigitalOcean.

How does Northflank compare with other web hosts?

Northflank's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 51 of the 54 other web hosts we grade, and level with 1.

Is Northflank good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Northflank C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $12 a month, against a middle price of $9 for the category: 33 of the 52 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Northflank?

Northflank sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Northflank'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 Northflank'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 Northflank. Prices change, so check northflank.com before you buy.

northflank.com/pricing

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

Northflank, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/northflank

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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Every one of the 55 web hosts we grade, compared

Cloudflare Pages Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for static sites and full-stack apps

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Netlify Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for sites and web apps, priced by monthly credits

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Railway Insider's Guide

App and database hosting billed by the second for usage

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