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Notes.io

The Insider’s Guide

Free web notepad that turns a note into a short shareable link



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among note-taking apps, read from Notes.io’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Notes.io's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Notes.io'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 88 of the 169 other note-taking apps we grade

Notes.io is a browser-based notepad. You can write a note without an account and share it through a short link of eight characters. Signing in raises the size limit for notes that are longer than 18 KB.

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

> **That is nearly all it does: the pages describe no folders, tags, search or apps, and say little about who can read a shared note.**
>
> From our report card of Notes.io

1 **Best for a quick note you can share with a link**

Notes.io is a notepad in the browser that turns a note into a short link, with no account needed.

2 **It is free**

Notes.io has no paid plan at all. The site says it has been free since it started and needs no account to write and share a note.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **No account to start**

Open the page and write; a note can be created and shared without signing up.

5 **Short share links**

Each note gets a link with an 8-character address that can be sent by SMS, email or a messaging app.

6 **Any device with a browser**

Notes are taken in the browser, so there is nothing to install on a phone or computer.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 88 of 169**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Notes.io at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Metromedya	CATEGORY Note-Taking Apps
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

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Notes.io

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free, with no paid plan published anywhere on the site we read.
Free plan and trial	A	The site says it has been free since it started and needs no account to write and share a note.
Features	D	One narrow function: write a note, share it by link and keep an archive. No folders, tags, search or apps are described.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. Open the page and type, with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, with no apps, extension or integrations 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 Notes.io is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to jot something down and send a link without signing up
- ✓ Works for passing a snippet of text to someone on another device

Who it is not for

- ✕ Too light for real note-keeping: no folders, tags or search are described
- ✕ Skip it if the note is private, as the pages say little about the privacy of shared notes
- ✕ Watch out: the short link covers notes up to 18 KB, and longer ones need you to sign in or trim them
- ✕ Not for you if you want an app, as there is only the website

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Passing a block of text to someone as a link
- ✓ Quick throwaway notes without creating an account

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Links shorten only notes up to 18 KB; longer notes need you to sign in or trim them.
- ⓘ The pages describe no folders, tags, search or apps, only writing, sharing and an archive.
- ⓘ The site publishes no paid plans, and its pages say little about privacy of shared notes.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Notes.io is free to use.

> **Free, with no paid plan published anywhere on the site we read.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

Write and share notes in the browser without an account; sign in for notes over 18 KB.

The free plan

The site says it has been free since it started and needs no account to write and share a note.

Read from notes.io 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

Free web notepad that turns a note into a short shareable link. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: notes, file sharing.

> **One narrow function: write a note, share it by link and keep an archive.**

From our grade for features

No account to start

Open the page and write; a note can be created and shared without signing up.

Short share links

Each note gets a link with an 8-character address that can be sent by SMS, email or a messaging app.

Any device with a browser

Notes are taken in the browser, so there is nothing to install on a phone or computer.

Archive of your notes

The site describes an archive of past notes that can be browsed quickly.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Notes.io is made by Metromedya.

Where it stands

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

88/169

Other note-taking apps it is graded above

Notes.io's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 88 of the 169 other note-taking apps we grade, and level with 38.

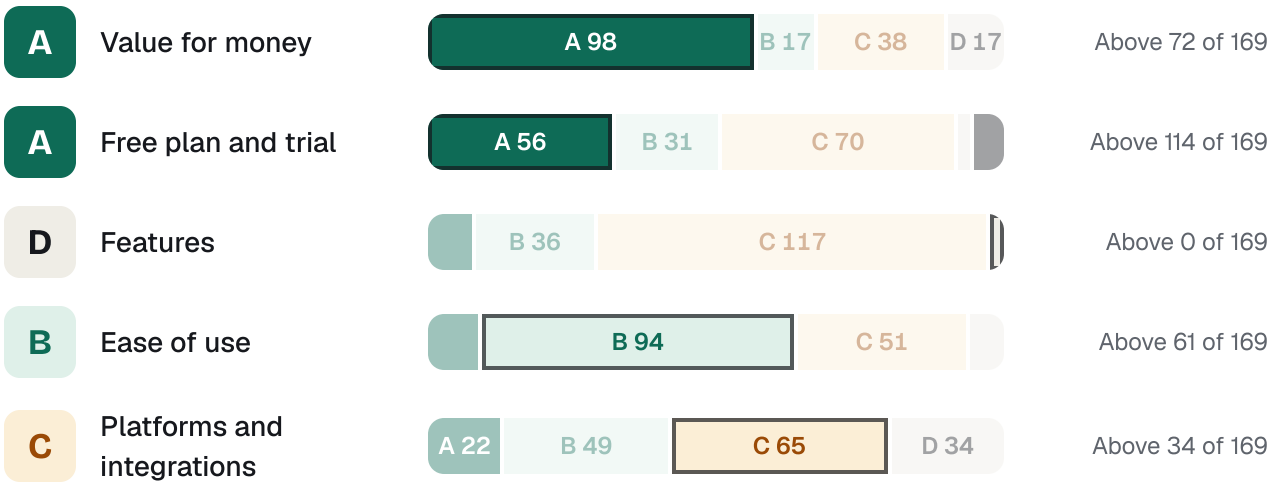
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 114 of 169) and worst on features (D, above 0).

Notes.io 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.

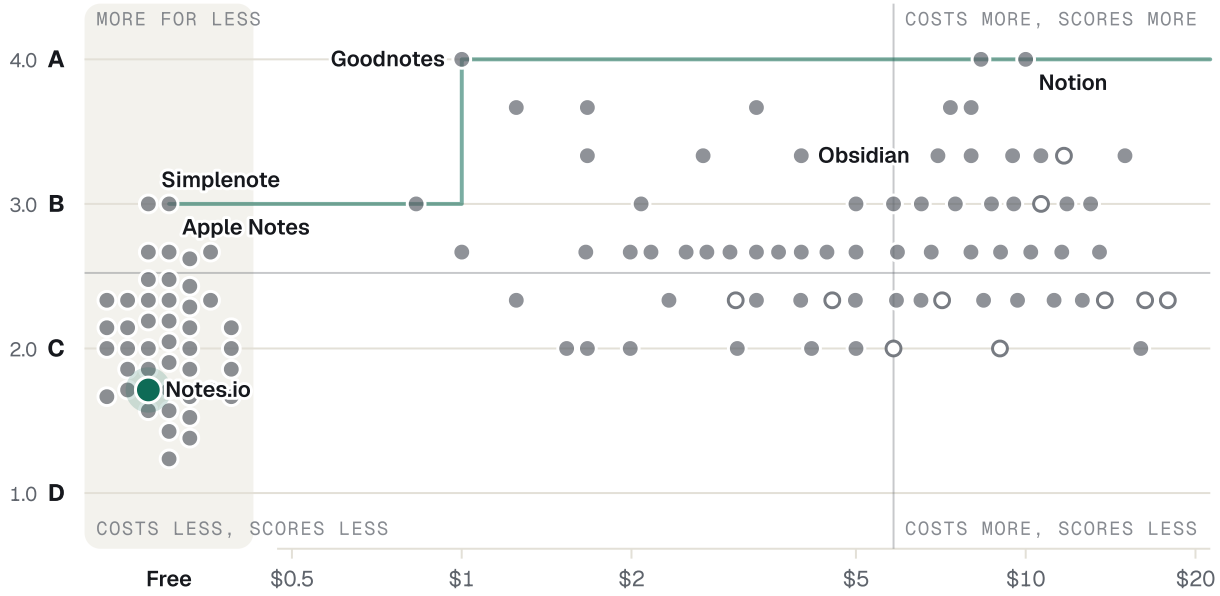
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 170 note-taking apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Notes.io's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 118 note-taking apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Notes.io 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

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

What you could make

- Notes: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- Storing and serving files for other people.
- Sharing with other people, which means accounts and invitations.

What this rests on. Notes.io'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



Simplenote, Google Keep, Apple Notes, Tot and ColorNote

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

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Simplenote

Free

Free plain-text notes that sync across every major platform.

- Only Simplenote lists iOS, Android, macOS, Windows and Linux apps.
- Simplenote is open source, according to its own site.
- Notes.io also covers file sharing.

Notes.io and Simplenote compared in full

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Google Keep

Free plan · from $7/mo

Google's app for quick notes, lists and reminders.

- Only Google Keep lists iOS and Android apps.
- Only Google Keep lists a browser extension.
- Notes.io also covers file sharing.

Notes.io and Google Keep compared in full



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Apple Notes

Free

Apple's free notes app for iPhone, iPad, Mac and the web.

- Only Apple Notes lists iOS and macOS apps.
- Notes.io also covers file sharing.
- Apple Notes also covers transcription and linked notes.

Notes.io and Apple Notes compared in full



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Tot

Free plan · from $19.99 one-time

Seven-note text scratchpad for Mac, iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch.

- Only Notes.io lists a web app.
- Only Tot lists macOS and iOS apps.
- Tot can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Notes.io and Tot compared in full



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ColorNote

Free plan · from $1.99

Android notepad for color-coded notes and checklists.

- Only Notes.io lists a web app.
- Only ColorNote lists an Android app.
- Notes.io also covers file sharing.

Notes.io and ColorNote 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 Notes.io free?

Yes. Notes.io is free to use.

How much does Notes.io cost?

Notes.io lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Notes.io work on?

Notes.io is available on Web.

Does Notes.io have an Android app?

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

Does Notes.io have an iPhone app?

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

Is Notes.io open source?

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

Who makes Notes.io?

Notes.io is made by Metromedya.

What are the alternatives to Notes.io?

The closest alternatives to Notes.io in our directory are Simplenote, Google Keep, Apple Notes, Tot and ColorNote.

How does Notes.io compare with other note-taking apps?

Notes.io's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 88 of the 169 other note-taking apps we grade, and level with 38.

Is Notes.io good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Notes.io A for value for money. Notes.io has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Notes.io?

Notes.io is free, so making your own would save you nothing. What you could not make: Storing and serving files for other people.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Notes.io'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 Notes.io'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 Metromedya. Prices change, so check notes.io 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.

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

Notes.io, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/notes-io

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

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Every one of the 170 note-taking apps we grade, compared

Microsoft OneNote Insider's Guide

Microsoft's free digital notebook for typed, inked and audio notes

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Goodnotes Insider's Guide

Handwritten notes, PDF markup and whiteboards with an AI assistant

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Joplin Insider's Guide

Open source Markdown notes with sync through a service you choose

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