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Olive

The Insider's Guide

Free open-source video editor, still in alpha



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among screen recording and video tools, read from Olive's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Olive's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Olive'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 104 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade

Olive is a free non-linear video editor for Windows, macOS and Linux, released under the GPL-3.0 license. Its GitHub page calls it alpha software that is highly unstable. The project's website currently says Olive will return and points to old downloads on GitHub, so treat it as a project on hold.

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

> **Its own README calls it alpha software that is highly unstable, and the project site shows only a notice that it will return.**
>
> From our report card of Olive

1 **Best for trying a free open-source editor**

Olive is a free, open-source video editor for Windows, Mac and Linux.

2 **It is free**

Olive has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Windows, macOS and Linux.

4 **Non-linear timeline editing**

A timeline editor for cutting and arranging video, built as a free alternative to commercial editors.

5 **Windows, macOS and Linux**

The README says Olive runs on all three desktop systems, with build instructions for each.

6 **Open source**

The code is public on GitHub under GPL-3.0, and anyone can compile it from source.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 104 of 133**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Olive at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Olive Team	CATEGORY Screen Recording & Video
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for trying a free open-source editor

Olive is a free, open-source video editor for Windows, Mac and Linux. Its own README calls it alpha software that is highly unstable, and the project site shows only a notice that it will return.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Olive	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to download and run, with no paid tier.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no paid tier to buy into.
Features	C	Non-linear timeline editing on three systems, but alpha software the README calls highly unstable.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and a timeline editor has a learning curve with no vendor support.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows, Mac and Linux, but a program for computers only; no phone or web version.
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 Olive is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a free editor and can live with crashes
- ✓ Works for people who like testing open-source software

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you need to finish a project, as the README calls it alpha and highly unstable
- ✕ Watch out: the project website shows only a notice that Olive will return, with links to old downloads
- ✕ Not for you if you want support, as help is a wiki and an unofficial Discord
- ✕ Skip it if you want a phone or web editor, as it runs on computers only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who want a free editor and can tolerate an alpha build
- ✓ Developers who want to read or build the editor's source

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The README calls Olive alpha software and considered highly unstable; use it at your own risk.
- ⓘ The project website currently shows only a notice that Olive will return and links to old downloads.
- ⓘ There is no hosted or paid support; help comes from the wiki and an unofficial Discord.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Olive is free to use.

> **Free to download and run, with no paid tier.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

Open-source editor under GPL-3.0; the project asks for support through Patreon.

Read from github.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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Places it runs: macOS, Windows and Linux

Free open-source video editor, still in alpha. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, video editing.

> **Non-linear timeline editing on three systems, but alpha software the README calls highly unstable.**
>
> From our grade for features

Non-linear timeline editing

A timeline editor for cutting and arranging video, built as a free alternative to commercial editors.

Windows, macOS and Linux

The README says Olive runs on all three desktop systems, with build instructions for each.

Open source

The code is public on GitHub under GPL-3.0, and anyone can compile it from source.

Two download lines

GitHub lists a 0.1.0 alpha binary and a 0.2.0 unstable development build.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Olive is made by Olive Team.

Where it stands

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

104/133

Other screen recording and video tools it is graded above

Olive's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 104 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 15.

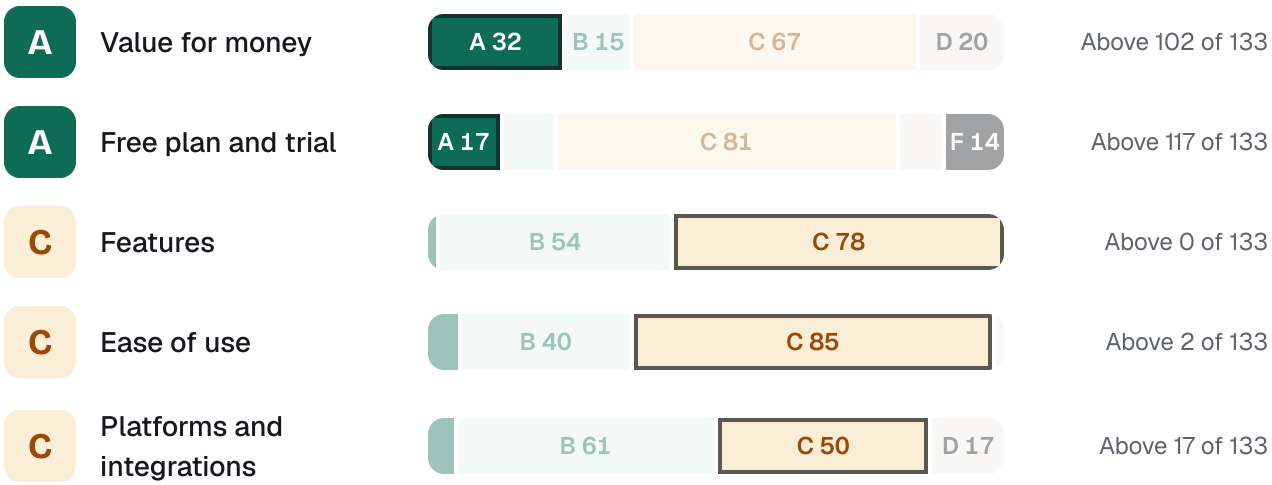
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 117 of 133) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Olive 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.

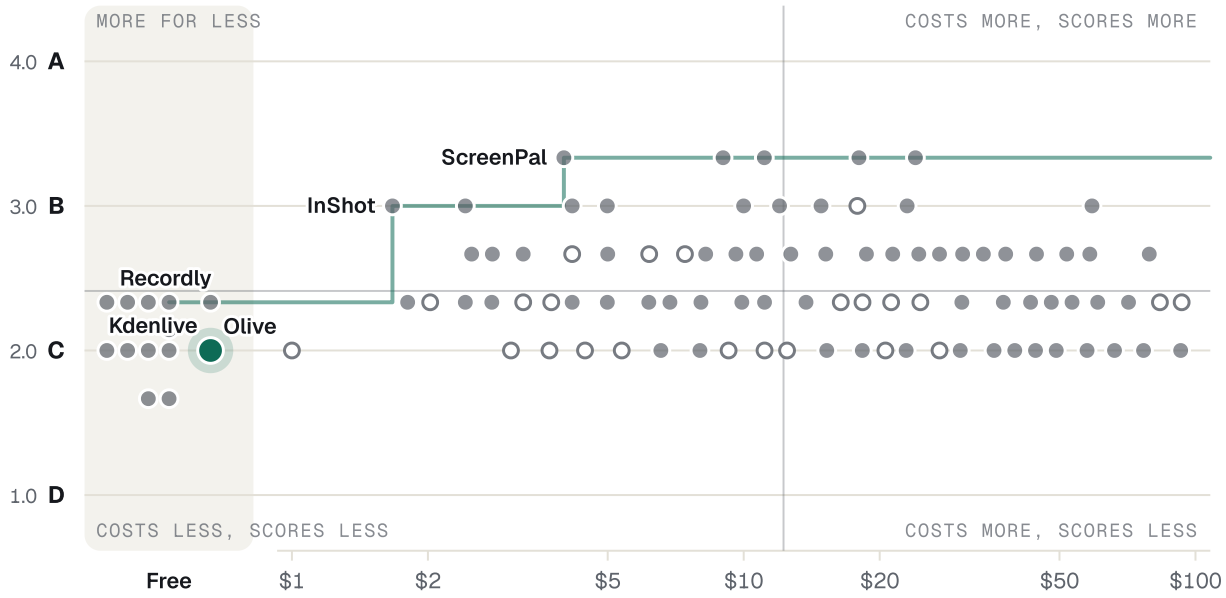
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Olive's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 102 screen recording and video tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Olive 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 104 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade.

What you could not

- ✕ A video editor.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Olive'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



Shotcut, Kdenlive, OpenShot, Flowblade and DaVinci Resolve

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

Shotcut

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Free

Free open-source video editor for Windows, Mac and Linux.

- Shotcut also covers screen recording.

Olive and Shotcut compared in full

Kdenlive

3.0 GPA

Free

Free, open-source non-linear video editor from the KDE community.

- Kdenlive also covers transcription.

Olive and Kdenlive compared in full

OpenShot

3.0 GPA

Free

Free, open-source video editor for Linux, Mac and Windows.

- OpenShot also covers screen recording.

Olive and OpenShot compared in full

F

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Flowblade

Free

Free multitrack video editor for Linux.

- Only Olive lists Windows and macOS apps.

Olive and Flowblade compared in full



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DaVinci Resolve

Free plan · from $94.99

Video editing, color, effects and audio post-production in one app.

- Only DaVinci Resolve lists an iOS app.
- Olive is open source, according to its own site.
- DaVinci Resolve can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Olive and DaVinci Resolve 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 Olive free?

Yes. Olive is free to use.

How much does Olive cost?

Olive lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Olive work on?

Olive is available on Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Olive have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Olive is listed for Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Olive have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Olive is listed for Windows, macOS and Linux.

Is Olive open source?

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

Who makes Olive?

Olive is made by Olive Team.

What are the alternatives to Olive?

The closest alternatives to Olive in our directory are Shotcut, Kdenlive, OpenShot, Flowblade and DaVinci Resolve.

How does Olive compare with other screen recording and video tools?

Olive's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 104 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 15.

Is Olive good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Olive?

Olive is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Olive'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 the Olive project'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 Olive Team. Prices change, so check olivevideoeditor.org before you buy.

github.com/olive-editor/olive

olivevideoeditor.org

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

7,721

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

Olive, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/olive

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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Screen Recording & Video Insider's Guide

Every one of the 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, compared

DaVinci Resolve Insider's Guide

Video editing, color, effects and audio post-production in one app

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Zencastr Insider's Guide

Free podcast recording, chat-based editing and hosting in one app

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Cap Insider's Guide

Open-source screen recorder with instant share links and an editor

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