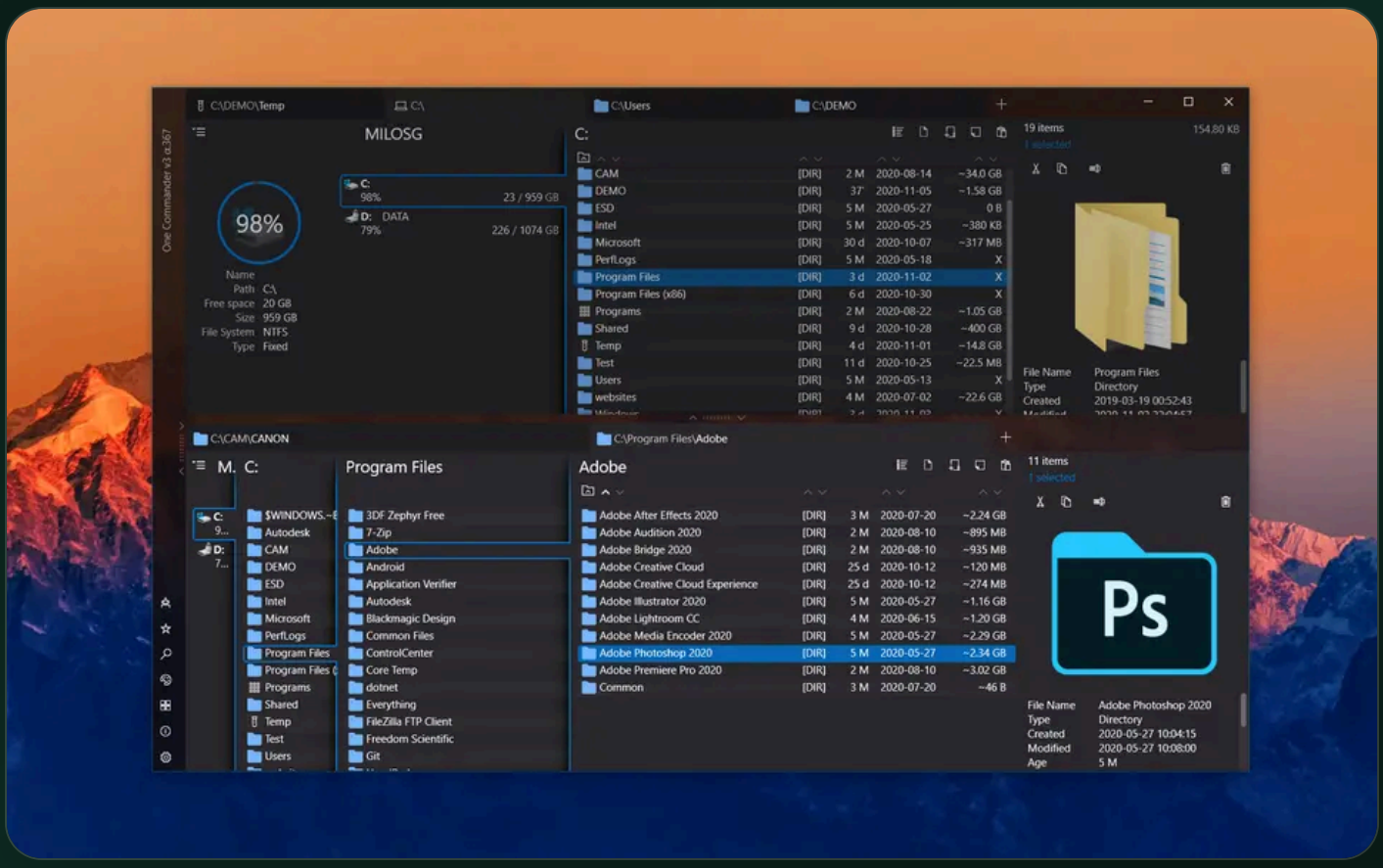
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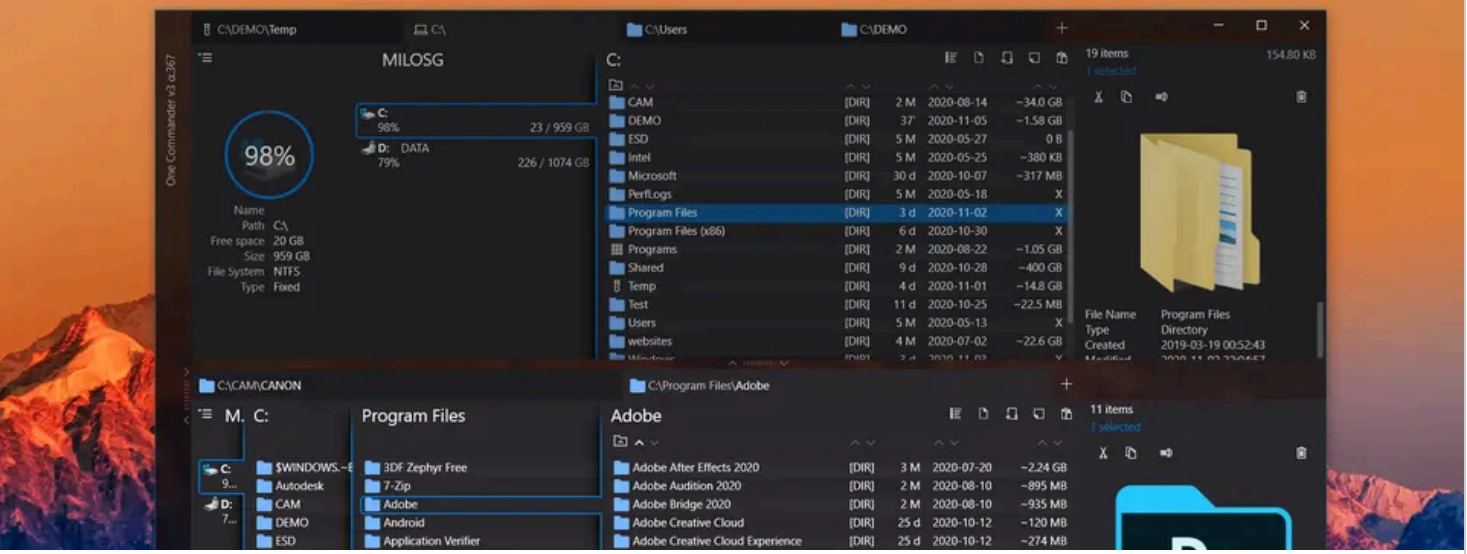
Dual-pane Windows file manager with Miller columns, free for home use



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from One Commander's own pages.

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

ToolGPA put this guide together from One Commander's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on One Commander'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 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

OneCommander is a file manager for Windows 10 and 11 with dual panes, tabs and a Miller-columns view. It is free for home use, and a one-time Pro license is required for commercial use and unlocks extra features.

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

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> **The layout and automator take some learning.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a Miller-column file manager on Windows**

Some settings and advanced features stay locked until you pay.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $30 one-time, per named user.

3 **There is a free plan**

Free Home Use covers personal, non-commercial use; some settings and advanced features stay locked.

4 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

5 **Miller columns**

Column view for deep folder structures, alongside dual-pane and tabbed browsing.

6 **Built-in preview**

Press Space to preview many file types, with QuickLook and Seer also supported.

7 **Themes**

Dark and light themes that can be edited as XAML files.

8 **A 2.6 GPA, above 69 of 186**

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

9 **Your call**

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

One Commander at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $30 one-time, per named user	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows
MADE BY Tangible Loop LLC	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a Miller-column file manager on Windows

One Commander is a two-pane Windows file manager with Miller columns, free for home use and $30 one-time for work. Some settings and advanced features stay locked until you pay.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	One Commander	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	$30 one-time per named user, under a year of the typical utility subscription.
Free plan and trial	B	Free Home Use covers personal use with no clock, but some settings and advanced features stay locked.
Features	B	Miller columns, preview, themes, File Automator, long paths and notes. The listing shows no gap in the core job.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. The layout and automator take some learning.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows 10 and 11 only; the licences don't cover Mac or Linux.
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 One Commander is for

- ✓ Fits if you like browsing folders in columns on Windows
- ✓ Makes sense if you're a student or school user, since a school licence is $0

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use it for work on the free plan, as any work, freelance or business use needs the paid Pro licence
- ✗ Tight if you want every setting free, because some settings and advanced features are locked
- ✗ Watch out: the Microsoft Store version is licensed separately through the Store
- ✗ Skip it if you use a Mac or Linux, as it is Windows 10 and 11 only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows 10 and 11 users who want Miller columns in a file manager
- ✓ Home users who want a free app with no subscription

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Any work, freelance or business use needs the paid Pro license, even for standard features.
- ⓘ Windows 10 and 11 only; the vendor says the licenses do not cover macOS or Linux.
- ⓘ The Microsoft Store version is licensed separately, through the Store.

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What it costs

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

$30 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

One Commander has a free plan. Paid plans start at $30 one-time, per named user.

> **Free Home Use covers personal use with no clock, but some settings and advanced features stay locked.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE HOME USE

$0

Core app for personal, non-commercial use; some settings stay locked.

LIFETIME USER LICENSE

$30

one-time, per named user

Pro features, commercial-use rights and future updates for one person's own PCs.

COMPANY LICENSE

Custom

Volume licensing for 5 or more users with one shared key; sold through a quote.

SCHOOL LICENSE

$0

Free for school-owned computers on a shared school domain, issued on request.

The free plan

Free Home Use covers personal, non-commercial use; some settings and advanced features stay locked.

Read from onecommander.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

EDUCATION

Free license for school-owned computers

School-owned computers on a shared school domain can get a free license on request; personal student devices are not covered.

Stated on onecommander.com

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Windows

Dual-pane Windows file manager with Miller columns, free for home use. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, file management.

> **Miller columns, preview, themes, File Automator, long paths and notes.**

From our grade for features

Miller columns

Column view for deep folder structures, alongside dual-pane and tabbed browsing.

Built-in preview

Press Space to preview many file types, with QuickLook and Seer also supported.

Themes

Dark and light themes that can be edited as XAML files.

File Automator

Regular-expression renaming and batch image conversion are built in.

Long paths and notes

Supports paths past 260 characters and lets you add tasks and notes inside any folder.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

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Where it stands

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

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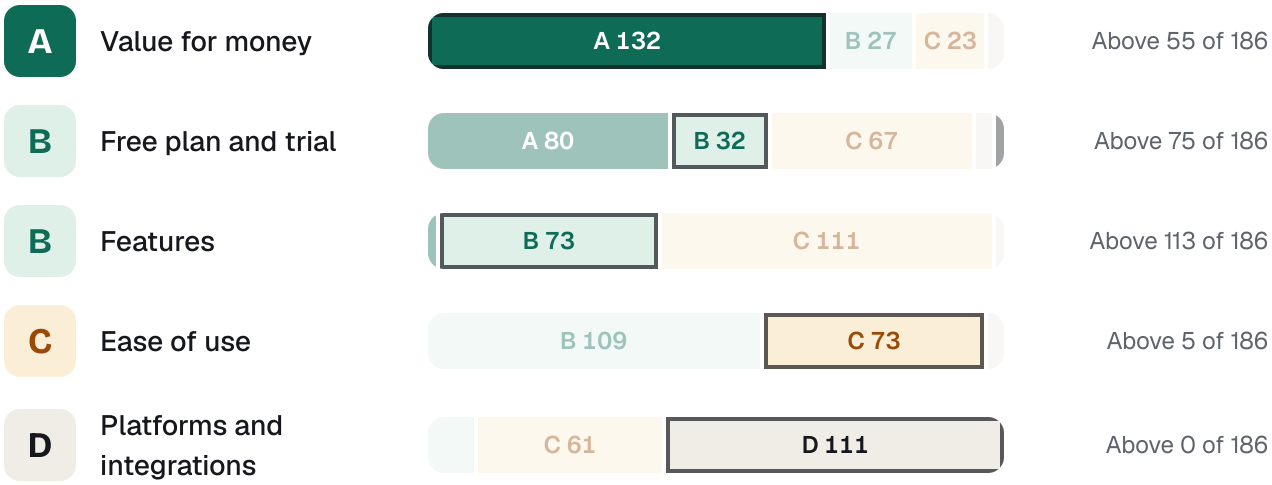
Other desktop utilities it is graded above

One Commander's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 46.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 55 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. One Commander'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

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

One Commander 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. At $30, paid once, it costs less than the weekend it would take to replace, which is the argument for keeping it.

What you could not

- ✕ A file manager working directly on your disk.
- ✕ A real app for Windows. 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. One Commander'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



Total Commander, Files, XYplorer, Directory Opus and Path Finder

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

Total Commander

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Free trial · from €42 one-time

Two-pane file manager for Windows with FTP and archive tools.

- One Commander has a free plan. Total Commander does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Total Commander lists an Android app.
- Total Commander also covers file compression.

One Commander and Total Commander compared in full

Files

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Free plan · from $12.99 one-time

Open-source file manager for Windows with tabs and dual pane.

- One Commander can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Files is open source, according to its own site.
- Files also covers file compression.

One Commander and Files compared in full



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XYplorer

Free trial · from $34.95 one-time

Portable tabbed file manager for Windows with scripting.

- One Commander has a free plan. XYplorer does not, though it has a free trial.

One Commander and XYplorer compared in full



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Directory Opus

Free trial · from $89 one-time

Highly configurable file manager that replaces Windows Explorer.

- One Commander has a free plan. Directory Opus does not, though it has a free trial.
- Directory Opus also covers file compression.

One Commander and Directory Opus compared in full



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Path Finder

Free trial · from $2.95/mo

Dual-pane file manager for Mac, built as a Finder alternative.

- One Commander has a free plan. Path Finder does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only One Commander lists a Windows app.
- Only Path Finder lists a macOS app.

One Commander and Path Finder 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 One Commander free?

One Commander has a free plan. Free Home Use covers personal, non-commercial use; some settings and advanced features stay locked.

How much does One Commander cost?

One Commander lists 4 plans. Free Home Use: $0.

What platforms does One Commander work on?

One Commander is available on Windows.

Does One Commander offer any discounts?

One Commander publicly lists the following: Free license for school-owned computers.

Does One Commander have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. One Commander is listed for Windows.

Does One Commander have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. One Commander is listed for Windows.

Is One Commander open source?

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

Does One Commander have a student discount?

Free license for school-owned computers. School-owned computers on a shared school domain can get a free license on request; personal student devices are not covered.

Who makes One Commander?

One Commander is made by Tangible Loop LLC.

What are the alternatives to One Commander?

The closest alternatives to One Commander in our directory are Total Commander, Files, XYplorer, Directory Opus and Path Finder.

How does One Commander compare with other desktop utilities?

One Commander's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 46.

Could I make my own version of One Commander?

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from One Commander'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 Tangible Loop LLC'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 Tangible Loop LLC. Prices change, so check onecommander.com before you buy.

onecommander.com/

onecommander.com/pricing

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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.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

One Commander, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/one-commander

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 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

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LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

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Mos Insider's Guide

Free Mac menu bar utility for smooth mouse wheel scrolling

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