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Onion Browser

The Insider’s Guide

Free iOS browser that sends traffic through Tor



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among browsers, read from Onion Browser’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Onion Browser's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Onion Browser'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 23 of the 60 other browsers we grade

Onion Browser is an open-source browser for iPhone and iPad that routes traffic through the Tor network. Tabs close when you are done, and history is not saved. Because Apple requires its own WebKit component, the project says it differs from Tor Browser on desktop and Android, which is built on Firefox.

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

> **Apple's required WebKit gives it less anti-tracking control than Tor Browser, traffic is slower, and it runs on iOS only.**
>
> From our report card of Onion Browser

1 **Best for Tor browsing on an iPhone or iPad**

Onion Browser is an open-source iPhone and iPad browser that routes traffic through Tor, with no saved history.

2 **It is free**

Onion Browser has no paid plan at all. Free to download from the App Store; the listing also shows in-app purchases.

3 **It runs on iOS**

iOS.

4 **Tor routing**

Traffic is encrypted and sent through the Tor network, so sites do not see your real IP address.

5 **No saved history**

The site says it does not save history, and tabs do not persist, so each session starts fresh.

6 **Per-site security levels**

Security settings can be adjusted for each website visited.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 23 of 60**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Onion Browser at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON iOS
MADE BY Tigas Ventures	CATEGORY Browsers
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	STORE RATING 3.2 on the App Store, 2,143 ratings

The report card

Best for Tor browsing on an iPhone or iPad

Onion Browser is an open-source iPhone and iPad browser that routes traffic through Tor, with no saved history. Apple's required WebKit gives it less anti-tracking control than Tor Browser, traffic is slower, and it runs on iOS only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Onion Browser

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	The app is free and open source, so under 60% of this category's cheapest quarter, though the App Store lists in-app purchases without amounts.
Free plan and trial	A	The full app downloads free from the App Store. In-app purchases are shown, but the listing gives no amounts.
Features	C	Tor routing, no saved history and per-site security levels, but the project says WebKit gives it less control than Firefox for anti-tracking.
Ease of use	B	No rating on record. You install it and browse, with tabs that close when you are done.
Platforms and integrations	D	iOS and iPadOS only. The project points desktop and Android users to Tor Browser.

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 Onion Browser is for

- ✓ Fits if you want Tor routing on an iPhone or iPad
- ✓ Makes sense if you want no history kept between sessions

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use Android or a computer: the project points you to Tor Browser
- ✗ Not for you if you want the strongest anti-tracking: the project says WebKit gives less control than Firefox
- ✗ Tight if you want speed: traffic passes through volunteer relays and is slower
- ✗ Watch out: the App Store listing shows in-app purchases with no amounts

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ iPhone and iPad users who want Tor access
- ✓ People on networks that censor sites
- ✓ Anyone who wants an app that keeps no browsing history

Worth knowing

- ⓘ iOS and iPadOS only; the project points desktop and Android users to Tor Browser.
- ⓘ Apple requires the WebKit component, which the project says gives less control than Firefox for anti-tracking.
- ⓘ Browsing over Tor is slower because traffic passes through volunteer relays.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Onion Browser is free to use.

> **The full app downloads free from the App Store.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

The full app is free; the App Store listing also shows in-app purchases without amounts.

The free plan

Free to download from the App Store; the listing also shows in-app purchases.

Read from apps.apple.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: iOS

Free iOS browser that sends traffic through Tor. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, web browser.

> "
>
> **The project points desktop and Android users to Tor Browser.**
>
> From our grade for platforms and integrations

Tor routing

Traffic is encrypted and sent through the Tor network, so sites do not see your real IP address.

No saved history

The site says it does not save history, and tabs do not persist, so each session starts fresh.

Per-site security levels

Security settings can be adjusted for each website visited.

Onion sites and bridges

Opens onion sites and supports Tor bridges for networks that block Tor.

Open source

The code is public, with contributors including Mike Tigas, Benjamin Erhart and the Guardian Project.

Where it runs

iOS

What it works with

Orbot

Onion Browser is made by Tigas Ventures.

Where it stands

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

23/60

Other browsers it is graded above

Onion Browser's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 23 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 10.

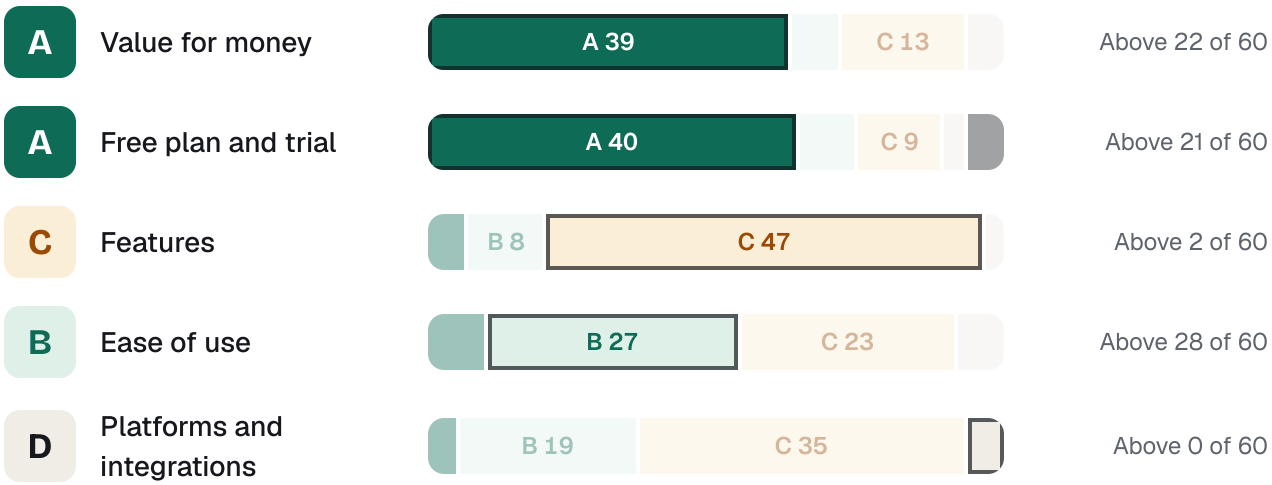
It stands best on value for money (A, above 22 of 60) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Onion Browser 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.

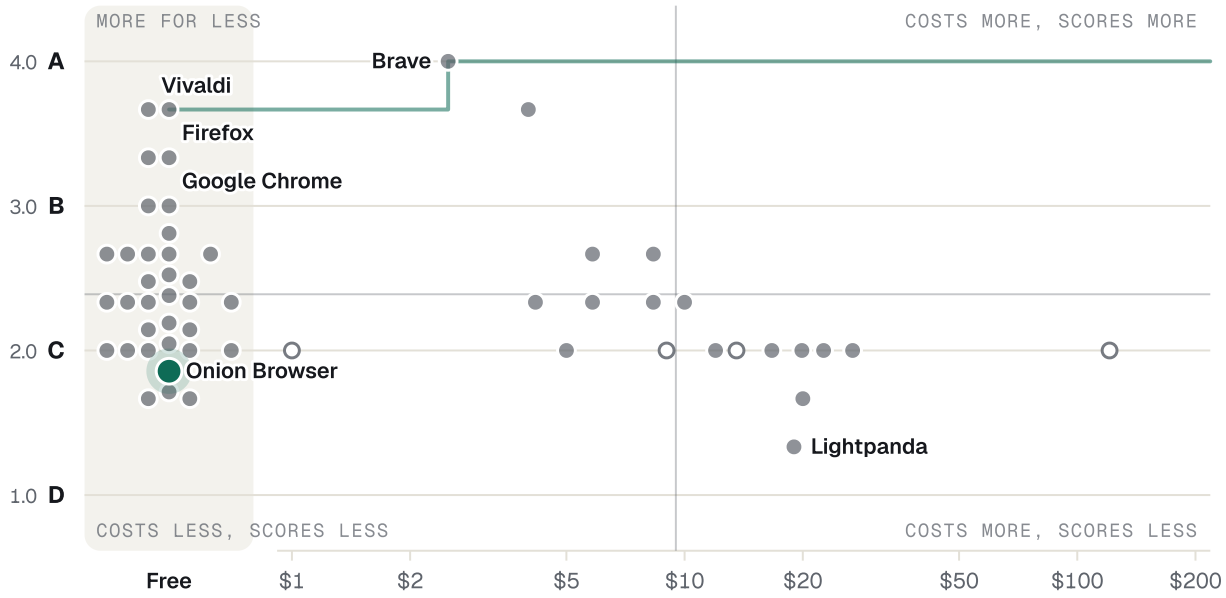
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 61 browsers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Onion Browser's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 54 browsers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Onion Browser 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

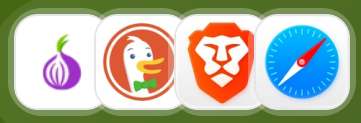
What you could not

- ✕ A web browser.
- ✕ A real app for iOS. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Onion Browser'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



Tor Browser, DuckDuckGo Browser, Brave and Safari

The 4 tools Onion Browser is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Tor Browser

Free

Free browser that routes traffic through the Tor network.

- Only Onion Browser lists an iOS app.
- Only Tor Browser lists Windows, macOS, Linux and Android apps.

Onion Browser and Tor Browser compared in full

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DuckDuckGo Browser

Free plan · from $9.99/mo

Free browser that blocks trackers, ads and cookie pop-ups by default.

- Only DuckDuckGo Browser lists Windows, macOS and Android apps.
- Onion Browser is open source, according to its own site.
- DuckDuckGo Browser also covers password manager.

Onion Browser and DuckDuckGo Browser compared in full



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Brave

Free plan · from $3.00/mo

Open-source browser that blocks ads and trackers by default.

- Only Brave lists Windows, macOS, Linux and Android apps.
- Brave also covers password manager and video calls.

Onion Browser and Brave compared in full



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Safari

Free

Apple's built-in browser for Mac, iPhone, iPad and Apple Vision Pro.

- Only Safari lists a macOS app.
- Onion Browser is open source, according to its own site.
- Safari also covers passkeys and read later.

Onion Browser and Safari 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 Onion Browser free?

Yes. Onion Browser is free to use.

How much does Onion Browser cost?

Onion Browser lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Onion Browser work on?

Onion Browser is available on iOS.

How is Onion Browser rated?

Onion Browser's iPhone and iPad app averages 3.2 out of 5 from 2,143 ratings on the App Store in the United States, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Onion Browser have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Onion Browser is listed for iOS.

Does Onion Browser have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Onion Browser is listed for iOS.

Is Onion Browser open source?

Yes. Onion Browser is open source, according to its own site.

What does Onion Browser integrate with?

Onion Browser's listing names Orbot. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Onion Browser?

Onion Browser is made by Tigas Ventures.

What are the alternatives to Onion Browser?

The closest alternatives to Onion Browser in our directory are Tor Browser, DuckDuckGo Browser, Brave and Safari.

How does Onion Browser compare with other browsers?

Onion Browser's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 23 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 10.

Is Onion Browser good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Onion Browser A for value for money. Onion Browser has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Onion Browser?

Onion Browser 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 Onion Browser'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 Tigas Ventures'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 Tigas Ventures. Prices change, so check onionbrowser.com before you buy.

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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

Onion Browser, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/onion-browser

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

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Browsers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 61 browsers we grade, compared

Brave Insider's Guide

Open-source browser that blocks ads and trackers by default

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Firefox Insider's Guide

Free, open-source browser from Mozilla with tracker blocking built in

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Vivaldi Insider's Guide

Customizable browser with built-in mail, calendar and feed reader

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