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Open Resume

The Insider's Guide

Free open-source resume builder and ATS parser, no sign-up



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among resume builders, read from Open Resume's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Open Resume's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Open Resume'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 20 of the 24 other resume builders we grade

OpenResume is a free, open-source resume builder that renders a single-column resume PDF as you type, following what it describes as US job-market practice. It also includes a parser that shows how well an uploaded resume PDF reads to applicant tracking systems. Data stays in the browser, and no account is needed.

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

> **It has only the core sections, no AI help, no cover letters, and it follows US conventions, so it suits one plain resume and little else.**
>
> From our report card of Open Resume

1 **Best for a free resume builder with no sign-up**

OpenResume is a free, open-source resume builder and parser that needs no sign-up and keeps your data in your browser.

2 **It is free**

Open Resume has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Live PDF preview**

The resume PDF updates as you enter information, so you see the finished layout while editing.

5 **Automatic formatting**

Fonts, sizes, margins and bullet points are set for you, which avoids the inconsistent formatting that copied text brings.

6 **Import an existing PDF**

Upload a current resume PDF and the builder reads its fields into the form, so you can move to the new layout.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 20 of 24**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Open Resume at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY OpenResume	CATEGORY Resume Builders
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a free resume builder with no sign-up

OpenResume is a free, open-source resume builder and parser that needs no sign-up and keeps your data in your browser. It has only the core sections, no

AI help, no cover letters, and it follows US conventions, so it suits one plain resume and little else.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Open Resume	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free, with no sign-up, and the code is open source. That is under 60% of the $4.77 the cheapest resume builders start near.
Free plan and trial	A	Free with no account and no cap. The cost is that your data lives in the browser, so clearing storage or switching devices loses it unless you keep the PDF.
Features	C	A live PDF preview, import of an existing PDF and a resume parser. It offers core sections only, no photo, no AI writing, no cover letters and no tracking, so the gaps are plain.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. It is a web app where you build the resume yourself, with no setup.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, with no accounts and no integrations.
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 Open Resume is for

- ✓ Fits if you want one plain US-style resume without making an account
- ✓ Works for people who want to check how an ATS parser reads their PDF

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want AI writing help or cover letters, as it has neither
- ✕ Not for you if you want a photo or a non-US resume layout, since the options are few
- ✕ Watch out: data stays in your browser, so clearing storage or changing device loses it
- ✕ Too light for tracking applications, which it does not do

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ US job seekers who want a plain, single-column resume
- ✓ People who do not want to create an account or store resume data online
- ✓ Anyone wanting to test how well a resume PDF parses

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Offers only core sections such as profile, work experience, education and skills, with no profile photo option.
- ⓘ It is built for US job-market conventions, so it has few options for other regional formats.
- ⓘ No AI writing help, cover letters or job tracking; it builds and parses resumes only.
- ⓘ Data lives in the browser, so clearing browser storage or switching devices loses it unless you keep the PDF.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Open Resume is free to use.

> **Free, with no sign-up, and the code is open source.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

The full builder and parser, with no sign-up; the code is open source.

Read from open-resume.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

Free open-source resume builder and ATS parser, no sign-up. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, works offline, local-first, resume builder.

> **A live PDF preview, import of an existing PDF and a resume parser.**

From our grade for features

Live PDF preview

The resume PDF updates as you enter information, so you see the finished layout while editing.

Automatic formatting

Fonts, sizes, margins and bullet points are set for you, which avoids the inconsistent formatting that copied text brings.

Import an existing PDF

Upload a current resume PDF and the builder reads its fields into the form, so you can move to the new layout.

Resume parser

Shows what an ATS-style parser can extract from a resume PDF, such as name, contact details and education. The file is read in your browser.

Data kept in your browser

No account is required, and the entered data is stored locally in the browser rather than on a server.

Source code on GitHub

The project is open source and can be run locally with npm or Docker, per its README.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Open Resume is made by OpenResume.

Where it stands

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

20/24

Other resume builders it is graded above

Open Resume's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 20 of the 24 other resume builders we grade, and level with 2.

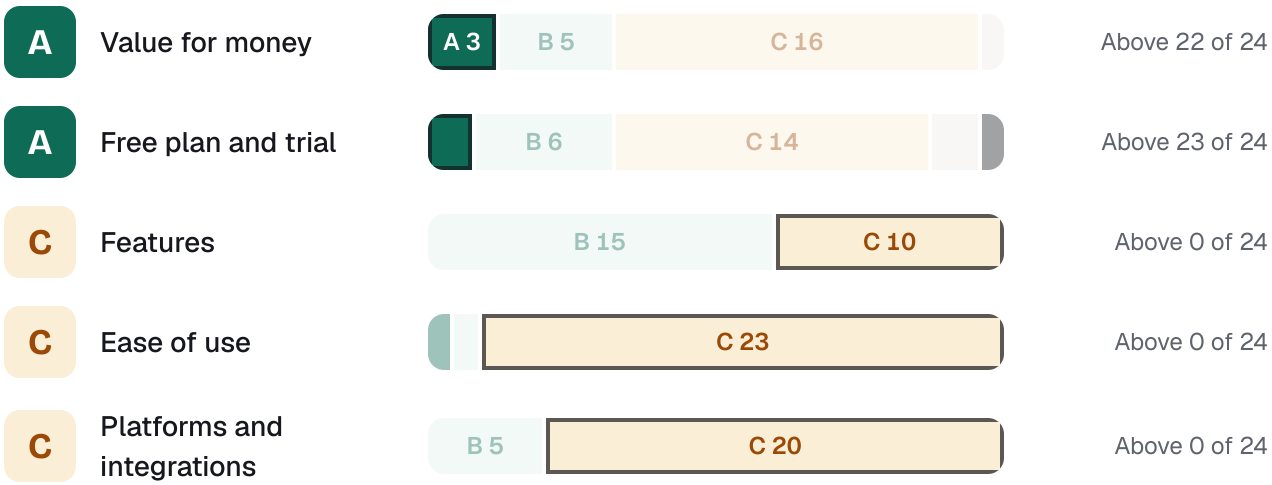
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 23 of 24) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Open Resume 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.

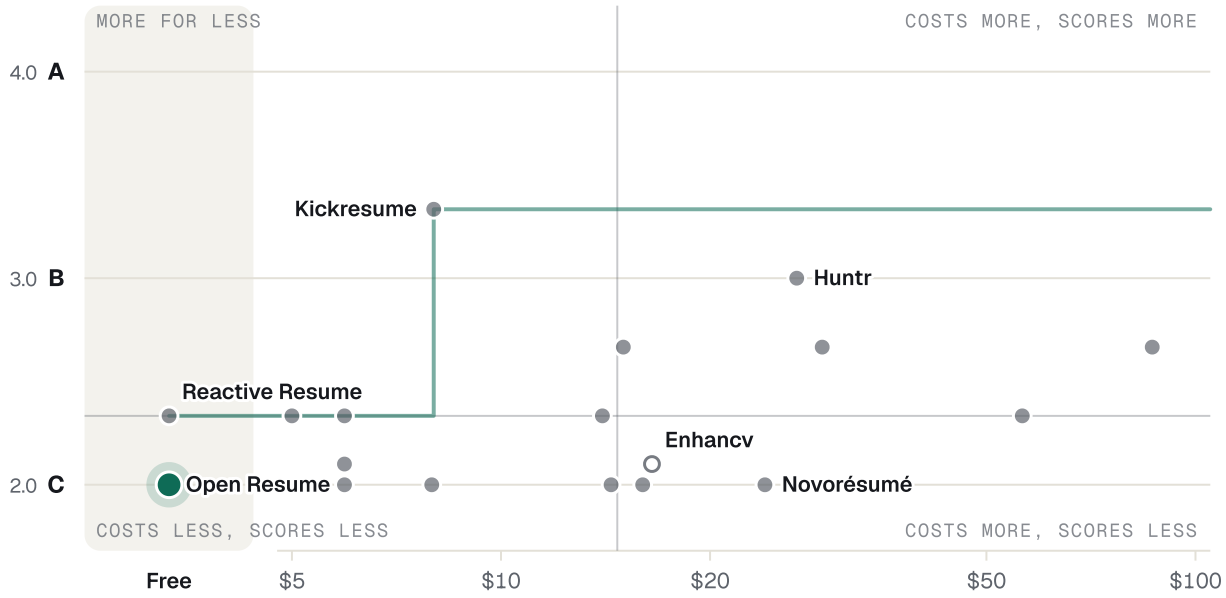
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 25 resume builders we grade, cut by the letter each got. Open Resume's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 18 resume builders. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Open Resume 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

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

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 20 of the 24 other resume builders we grade.

What you could make

- Resume builder: an app builder makes this well.

What this rests on. Open Resume'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



Reactive Resume, FlowCV, Rezi and VisualCV

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

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Reactive Resume

Free

Free open-source resume builder you can host yourself.

- Reactive Resume is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Reactive Resume also covers templates and documents.

Open Resume and Reactive Resume compared in full

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FlowCV

Free plan · from $5/mo

Free resume builder with watermark-free PDF downloads.

- Open Resume is open source, according to its own site.
- FlowCV also covers templates and documents.

Open Resume and FlowCV compared in full

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Rezi

Free plan · from $29/mo

AI resume builder with an ATS score, keyword targeting and job apps.

- Only Rezi lists iOS and Android apps.
- Only Rezi lists a browser extension.
- Open Resume is open source, according to its own site.

Open Resume and Rezi compared in full

2.0 GPA

VisualCV

Free plan · from $16/mo

Resume and CV builder with online resume sites and view tracking.

- Open Resume is open source, according to its own site.
- VisualCV also covers templates.

Open Resume and VisualCV compared in full

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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 Open Resume free?

Yes. Open Resume is free to use.

How much does Open Resume cost?

Open Resume lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Open Resume work on?

Open Resume is available on Web.

Does Open Resume have an Android app?

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

Does Open Resume have an iPhone app?

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

Is Open Resume open source?

Yes. Open Resume is open source, according to its own site.

Does Open Resume work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

Who makes Open Resume?

Open Resume is made by OpenResume.

What are the alternatives to Open Resume?

The closest alternatives to Open Resume in our directory are Reactive Resume, FlowCV, Rezi and VisualCV.

How does Open Resume compare with other resume builders?

Open Resume's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 20 of the 24 other resume builders we grade, and level with 2.

Is Open Resume good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Open Resume A for value for money. Open Resume has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Open Resume?

Open Resume is free, so making your own would save you nothing. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 20 of the 24 other resume builders we grade.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Open Resume'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 Open Resume'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 OpenResume. Prices change, so check open-resume.com before you buy.

open-resume.com/
github.com/xitanggg/open-resume

open-resume.com/resume-parser

About ToolGPA

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5,038

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.

5,038	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Open Resume, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/open-resume

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded resume builders after Open Resume, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Resume Builders Insider's Guide

Every one of the 25 resume builders we grade, compared

Kickresume Insider's Guide

Resume, cover letter and personal website builder with an AI writer

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Reactive Resume Insider's Guide

Free open-source resume builder you can host yourself

3.0 GPA

Huntr Insider's Guide

Job search tracker with an AI resume builder and application autofill

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