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Otter Browser

The Insider’s Guide

Open-source Qt browser that revives the classic Opera 12 interface



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Otter Browser's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Otter 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 34 of the 60 other browsers we grade

Otter Browser is a free, open-source web browser written in C++ with Qt. It aims to recreate the best aspects of the classic Opera 12.x interface for people who want a highly customizable, lightweight browser. It is released under the GPL v3 and the project posts weekly progress reports.

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

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>
> **You install a binary or AppImage and use it, with options to tune if you want.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a customizable browser in the Opera 12 style**

Development is slow, with about seven commits a week from one author, and the site names no macOS build.

2 **It is free**

Otter Browser has no paid plan at all. Free and open source under the GPL v3, with no paid plans.

3 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Windows and Linux.

4 **Opera 12 style interface**

The project says it aims to recreate the best aspects of the classic Opera 12.x user interface and keep its spirit alive.

5 **Built with Qt**

The browser is written primarily in C++ and uses the Qt framework.

6 **Power-user focus**

The project says it focuses on features power users want while staying fast and lightweight.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 34 of 60**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Otter Browser at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows, Linux
MADE BY Otter Browser project	CATEGORY Browsers
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for a customizable browser in the Opera 12 style

Otter is a free, open-source browser in C++ and Qt that recreates the classic Opera 12 interface. Development is slow, with about seven commits a week from one author, and the site names no macOS build.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **Otter Browser** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free software under GPL v3 with no paid plan, so under 60% of this category's cheapest quarter.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole browser is free and open source, with no caps or paid tier.
Features	C	A customizable, lightweight browser for power users, with the basics but a small team behind it.
Ease of use	B	No rating on record. You install a binary or AppImage and use it, with options to tune if you want.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows and Linux are listed. The project's site does not name macOS or any phone version.
Grade point average		Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

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 Otter Browser is for

- ✓ Fits if you miss the classic Opera 12 layout
- ✓ Makes sense if you want a light, tweakable desktop browser

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use a Mac or a phone, as macOS is not named
- ✗ Not for you if you want quick fixes: recent weekly reports show about seven commits by one author
- ✗ Watch out: the weekly reports show 254 open issues, including 7 bugs
- ✗ Too light for modern web apps if you rely on the newest standards

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who miss the classic Opera 12 interface
- ✓ Linux users who want a customizable Qt browser
- ✓ Anyone who prefers free software

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The project's own site lists official binaries, with an AppImage for Linux and downloads for Windows on SourceForge; macOS is not named there.
- ⓘ Development is slow: its recent weekly reports show about seven commits by one author each week.
- ⓘ The weekly reports show 254 open issues, including 7 bugs.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Otter Browser is free to use.

> **The whole browser is free and open source, with no caps or paid tier.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

The full browser, free software under GPL v3.

The free plan

Free and open source under the GPL v3, with no paid plans.

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: Windows and Linux

Open-source Qt browser that revives the classic Opera 12 interface. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, web browser.

> **A customizable, lightweight browser for power users, with the basics but a small team behind it.**
>
> From our grade for features

Opera 12 style interface

The project says it aims to recreate the best aspects of the classic Opera 12.x user interface and keep its spirit alive.

Built with Qt

The browser is written primarily in C++ and uses the Qt framework.

Power-user focus

The project says it focuses on features power users want while staying fast and lightweight.

Free software

Released under the GNU GPL v3, so anyone can read the code and contribute.

Where it runs

Windows Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Otter Browser is made by Otter Browser project.

Where it stands

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

34/60

Other browsers it is graded above

Otter Browser's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 34 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 9.

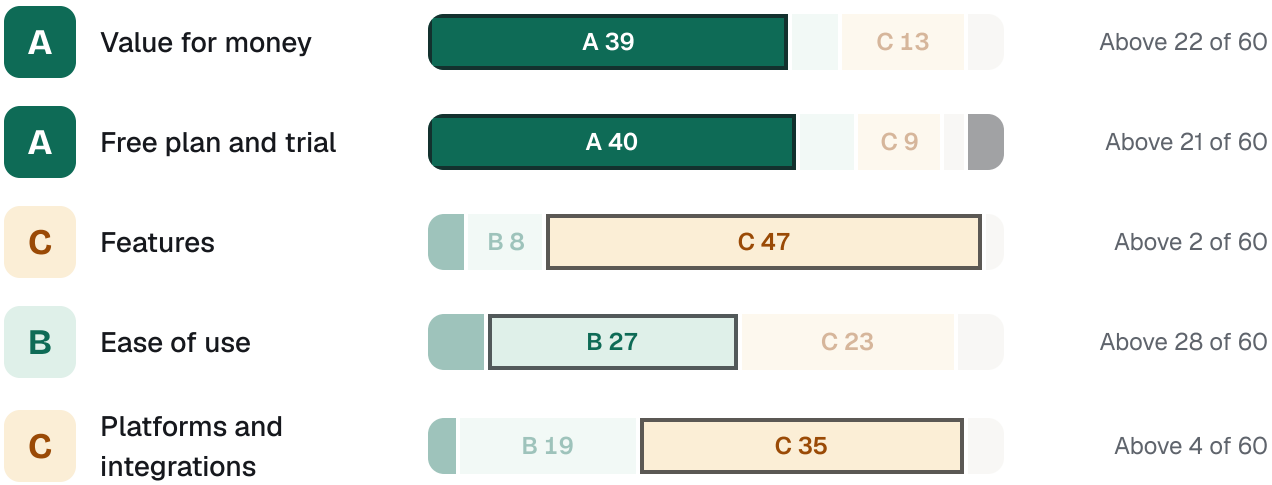
It stands best on value for money (A, above 22 of 60) and worst on features (C, above 2).

Otter Browser has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

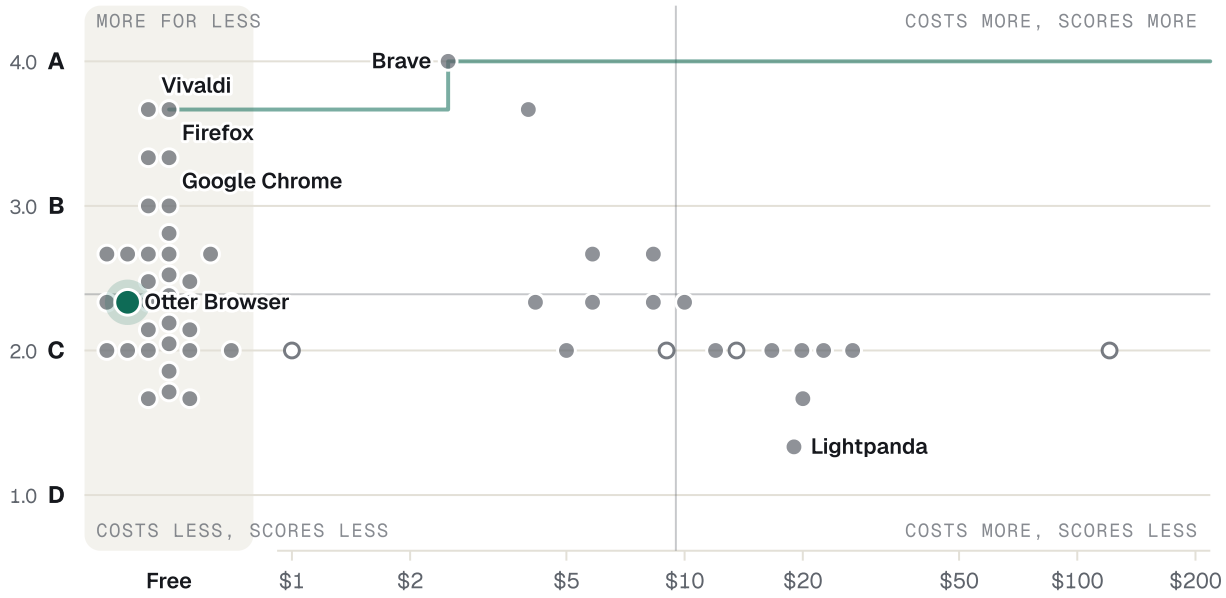
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 61 browsers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Otter 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. Otter 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

Otter 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 Windows and Linux. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Otter 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



Vivaldi, Falkon, Qutebrowser, Pale Moon and SeaMonkey

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

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Vivaldi

Free

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

- Only Vivaldi lists macOS, Android and iOS apps.
- Otter Browser is open source, according to its own site.
- Vivaldi is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

Otter Browser and Vivaldi compared in full

2.8 GPA

Falkon

Free

Lightweight KDE web browser with a built-in ad blocker.

- Only Otter Browser lists a Windows app.
- Falkon also covers password manager and ad and tracker blocking.

Otter Browser and Falkon compared in full

Qutebrowser

2.6 GPA

Free

Keyboard-driven browser with a minimal interface.

- Only Qutebrowser lists a macOS app.
- Qutebrowser also covers ad and tracker blocking.

Otter Browser and Qutebrowser compared in full

Pale Moon

3.0 GPA

Free

Free open-source browser on its own Goanna engine, with legacy add-ons.

- Only Pale Moon lists a macOS app.

Otter Browser and Pale Moon compared in full

SeaMonkey

3.0 GPA

Free

All-in-one internet suite with browser, mail, chat and HTML editor.

- Only SeaMonkey lists a macOS app.
- SeaMonkey also covers email client and rSS reader.

Otter Browser and SeaMonkey 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 Otter Browser free?

Yes. Otter Browser is free to use.

How much does Otter Browser cost?

Otter Browser lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Otter Browser work on?

Otter Browser is available on Windows and Linux.

Does Otter Browser have an Android app?

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

Does Otter Browser have an iPhone app?

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

Is Otter Browser open source?

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

Who makes Otter Browser?

Otter Browser is made by Otter Browser project.

What are the alternatives to Otter Browser?

The closest alternatives to Otter Browser in our directory are Vivaldi, Falkon, Qutebrowser, Pale Moon and SeaMonkey.

How does Otter Browser compare with other browsers?

Otter Browser's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 34 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 9.

Is Otter Browser good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Otter Browser?

Otter 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 Otter 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 Otter Browser 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 Otter Browser project. Prices change, so check otter-browser.org before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

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**.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Otter Browser, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/otter-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

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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The best-graded browsers after Otter Browser, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

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

3.8 GPA

Vivaldi Insider's Guide

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

3.8 GPA

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