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Padloc

The Insider's Guide

Open-source, end-to-end encrypted password manager with team plans



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among password managers, read from Padloc's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Padloc's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Padloc'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 9 of the 27 other password managers we grade

Padloc stores passwords, credit cards, notes and documents in an encrypted cloud vault that syncs across desktop, mobile and browsers. The vendor says the data is end-to-end encrypted, so it cannot be read by the company. Plans cover individuals, families and teams, and the source code is public.

> "
>
> **You make an account and move your passwords in.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for a password vault with a free plan**

File storage is capped by plan, and the page does not say whether team prices are per user.

2 **Paid plans start at $2.91 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $3.49 per month, or $34.90 per year (Premium).

3 **There is a free plan**

Free: unlimited vault items and devices, shared vaults, multi-factor login, a security report, built-in one-time codes and markdown notes.

4 **It runs on 6 platforms**

Web, macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android, with a browser extension too.

5 **More than passwords**

Stores credit cards, banking details, rich-text notes with markdown, license keys and documents alongside logins.

6 **End-to-end encryption**

Data is encrypted before it leaves your device, and the vendor says neither it nor anyone else can read it.

7 **Shared vaults**

Share vaults with family, coworkers or clients. Team and Business plans add groups for permission management.

8 **A 2.8 GPA, above 9 of 27**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace Padloc you would be making a password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Padloc at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $3.49 per month, or $34.90 per year (Premium)

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
30-day free trial on paid plans

RUNS ON
Web, macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android, Browser extension

MADE BY
MaKleSoft UG

CATEGORY
Password Managers

OUR GRADE
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The report card

Best for a password vault with a free plan

Padloc is a password manager with a free plan that has unlimited items and devices, and Premium at $3.49 a month or $34.90 a year. File storage is capped by plan, and the page does not say whether team prices are per user.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Padloc	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Premium is $34.90 a year, about $2.91 a month, level with the middle of password managers. Family is $59.50 a year.
Free plan and trial	A	Free means unlimited vault items and devices, shared vaults, multi-factor login, a security report and built-in one-time codes. The file storage size is not given.
Features	B	End-to-end encryption, shared vaults, an authenticator, a security report, markdown notes and directory sync. Listing shows no gap in the core job.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You make an account and move your passwords in.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, Mac, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android and a browser extension, but no API or integrations list.
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 Padloc is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a free vault across every platform
- ✓ Works for small teams that want shared vaults and directory sync

Who it is not for

- ✗ Tight if you store files, as encrypted storage is 1 GB on Premium and Family, 5 GB on Team and 20 GB on Business
- ✗ Watch out: shared vaults are capped at 20 on Team and 50 on Business
- ✗ Watch out: the page does not say whether Team and Business prices are per user
- ✗ Skip it if you want customization, as it is Enterprise only, with no published price
- ✗ Watch out: the free plan lists encrypted file storage but not its size

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who want an open-source vault with a free plan and no device limit
- ✓ Families sharing logins and documents among up to 5 users
- ✓ Small teams that want groups and shared vaults at a low monthly price

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Encrypted file storage is capped by plan: 1 GB on Premium and Family, 5 GB on Team and 20 GB on Business.
- ⓘ Shared vaults are capped on Team (20) and Business (50); the page does not say whether prices are per user.
- ⓘ Enterprise has no published price, and customization is only offered there.
- ⓘ The pricing page lists encrypted file storage on the free plan but does not give its size.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$2.91

A month to start, paid by the year.
There is a free plan too

Padloc has a free plan. Paid plans start at $3.49 per month, or $34.90 per year (Premium).

> **Free means unlimited vault items and devices, shared vaults, multi-factor login, a security report and built-in one-time codes.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Unlimited items and devices, shared vaults, encrypted file storage, one-time codes and a security report.

PREMIUM

$3.49

per month ($34.90 billed per year)

For one person: adds advanced multi-factor options and up to 1 GB of encrypted file storage.

FAMILY

$5.95

per month ($59.50 billed per year)

Shares data between up to 5 users, with up to 5 shared vaults and 1 GB of file storage.

TEAM

$3.49

per month ($34.90 billed per year); per-user basis not shown

Up to 20 shared vaults, up to 10 groups, directory sync and 5 GB of file storage.

BUSINESS

$6.99

per month ($69.90 billed per year); per-user basis not shown

Up to 50 shared vaults, up to 20 groups, directory sync and 20 GB of file storage.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Price on request: unlimited vaults, groups and file storage, plus customized appearance and features.

The free plan

Free: unlimited vault items and devices, shared vaults, multi-factor login, a security report, built-in one-time codes and markdown notes.

Trying it first

30-day free trial on paid plans

Read from padloc.app on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Yearly billing costs 10 months

On the plans shown, the yearly price is ten times the monthly price, such as $34.90 a year against $3.49 a month.

Stated on padloc.app

What it does

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

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Places it runs: Web, macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android and Browser extension

Open-source, end-to-end encrypted password manager with team plans. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, end-to-end encrypted, notes, Markdown, password manager.

> **End-to-end encryption, shared vaults, an authenticator, a security report, markdown notes and directory sync.**
>
> From our grade for features

More than passwords

Stores credit cards, banking details, rich-text notes with markdown, license keys and documents alongside logins.

End-to-end encryption

Data is encrypted before it leaves your device, and the vendor says neither it nor anyone else can read it.

Shared vaults

Share vaults with family, coworkers or clients. Team and Business plans add groups for permission management.

Built-in authenticator

Generates one-time passwords for two-factor logins inside the app, and supports multi-factor login to the account.

Security report

A report on stored logins, included on every plan, including the free one.

Directory sync

Team, Business and Enterprise plans support directory sync and automatic provisioning of users.

Where it runs

Web · macOS · Windows · Linux · iOS · Android · Browser extension

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Padloc is made by MaKleSoft UG.

Where it stands

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

9/27

Other password managers it is graded above

Padloc's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 9 of the 27 other password managers we grade, and level with 9.

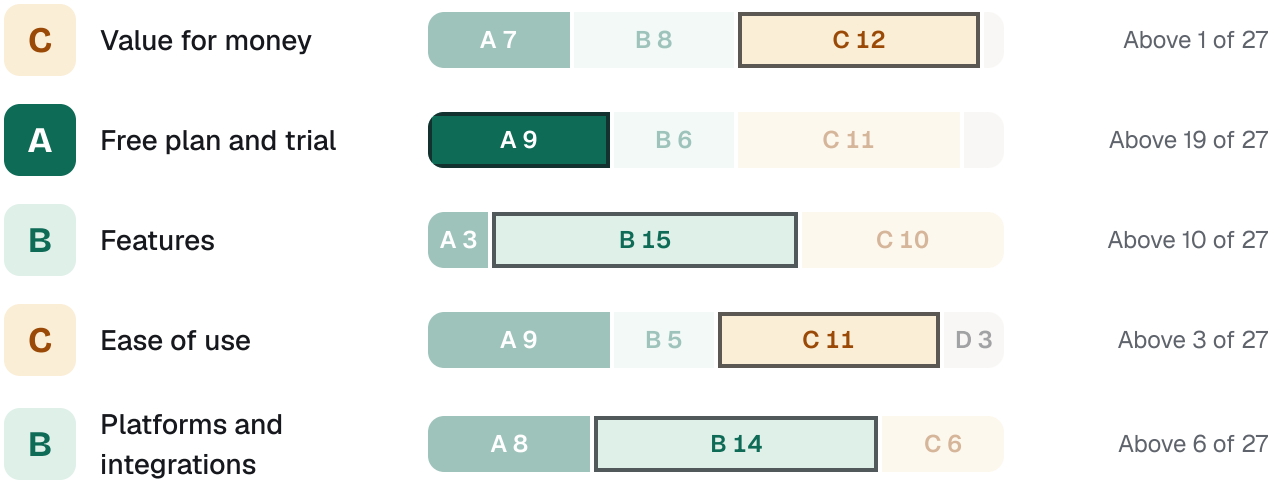
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 19 of 27) and worst on value for money (C, above 1).

Its paid plans start at $2.91 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $2.67 for the category: 12 of the 20 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 8 tools score higher and cost less.

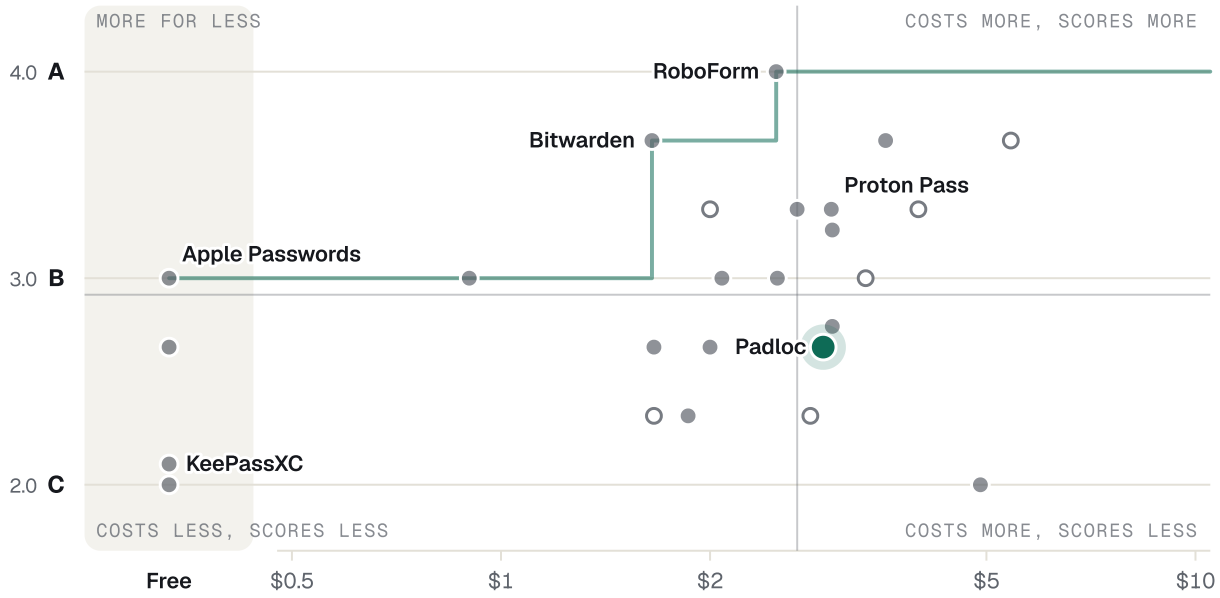
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 28 password managers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Padloc's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 25 password managers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Padloc 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

To replace Padloc you would be making a password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $34.90 a year. Padloc is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could make

- Markdown and notes: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- A password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves.

- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ End-to-end encryption done properly.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Padloc'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



Bitwarden, Proton Pass, Passbolt, KeePassXC and Enpass

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

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Bitwarden

Free plan · from $1.65/mo

Open-source password manager with a free plan and self-hosting.

- Bitwarden is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Padloc also covers notes and Markdown.
- Bitwarden also covers passkeys.

Padloc and Bitwarden compared in full

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Proton Pass

Free plan · from $2.99/mo

End-to-end encrypted password manager with email aliases.

- Padloc also covers notes and Markdown.
- Proton Pass also covers passkeys.

Padloc and Proton Pass compared in full

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Passbolt

Free plan · from $4.90/mo

Open-source password manager for teams, self-hosted or cloud.

- Only Padloc lists macOS and Linux apps.
- Passbolt is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Padloc also covers notes and Markdown.

Padloc and Passbolt compared in full

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KeePassXC

Free

Free, open-source offline password manager for desktop.

- Only Padloc lists a web app.
- Only Padloc lists iOS and Android apps.
- Padloc is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

Padloc and KeePassXC compared in full

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Enpass

Free plan · from $23.99/yr

Password manager that keeps vaults in your own cloud storage.

- Only Padloc lists a web app.
- Padloc is open source and end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.
- Enpass can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Padloc and Enpass 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 Padloc free?

Padloc has a free plan. Free: unlimited vault items and devices, shared vaults, multi-factor login, a security report, built-in one-time codes and markdown notes.

How much does Padloc cost?

Padloc lists 6 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does Padloc work on?

Padloc is available on Web, macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android. It also has a browser extension.

Does Padloc offer any discounts?

Padloc publicly lists the following: Yearly billing costs 10 months.

Is Padloc open source?

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

Is Padloc end-to-end encrypted?

Padloc describes itself as end-to-end encrypted on its own site. Nobody here has audited that.

Does Padloc have a free trial?

Yes. 30-day free trial on paid plans.

Who makes Padloc?

Padloc is made by MaKleSoft UG.

What are the alternatives to Padloc?

The closest alternatives to Padloc in our directory are Bitwarden, Proton Pass, Passbolt, KeePassXC and Enpass.

How does Padloc compare with other password managers?

Padloc's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 9 of the 27 other password managers we grade, and level with 9.

Is Padloc good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Padloc C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $2.91 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $2.67 for the category: 12 of the 20 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Padloc?

To replace Padloc you would be making a password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Padloc'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 Padloc'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 MaKleSoft UG. Prices change, so check padloc.app before you buy.

padloc.app/#plans

padloc.app/

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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

Padloc, kept up to date

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

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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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Password Managers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 29 password managers we grade, compared

Bitwarden Insider's Guide

Open-source password manager with a free plan and self-hosting

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Apple Passwords Insider's Guide

Apple's free password and passkey app for iPhone, iPad and Mac

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