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Palo Alto Cortex XDR

The Insider's Guide

Endpoint prevention and XDR from Palo Alto Networks, by quote



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among antivirus apps, read from Palo Alto Cortex XDR's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Palo Alto Cortex XDR's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Palo Alto Cortex XDR'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 6 of the 56 other antivirus apps we grade

Cortex XDR is Palo Alto Networks' endpoint security and extended detection and response product. It connects endpoint, network, cloud, identity and email data, and the page adds an Agentic Endpoint Security layer for AI tools. Managed services come from the Unit 42 team.

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about Palo Alto Cortex XDR**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **That is the part that will send small shops elsewhere.**
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> From our report card of Palo Alto Cortex XDR

1 **Best for security teams that want endpoint and XDR together**

Cortex XDR joins endpoint, network, cloud, identity and email data and adds an agent for AI tools running on endpoints.

2 **It runs on Web**

Web.

3 **Endpoint prevention**

Behavioral analytics aimed at zero-day exploits and fileless malware, with third-party test results cited on the page.

4 **XDR across data sources**

Joins endpoint, network, cloud, agentic endpoint, identity and email data and applies AI to prioritize attacks.

5 **Agentic Endpoint Security**

Aims to secure AI agents and unmanaged AI tools running on endpoints, a newer addition to the product.

6 **A 1.8 GPA, above 6 of 56**

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

7 **Keep it**

To replace Palo Alto Cortex XDR you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Palo Alto Cortex XDR at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Palo Alto Networks	CATEGORY Antivirus & Malware Protection
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for security teams that want endpoint and XDR together

Cortex XDR joins endpoint, network, cloud, identity and email data and adds an agent for AI tools running on endpoints. It is sold by quote after a demo, and NG-SIEM, data loss prevention and the managed Unit 42 services are paid extensions. That is the part that will send small shops elsewhere.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Palo Alto Cortex XDR

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published, so there is nothing to set against this category's $2.58 to $6.50 a month; the listing says it is by quote. Several parts are extensions on top.
Free plan and trial	F	Nothing free on record: no free plan and no trial, and a demo request is not a trial. The page offers a demo request.
Features	B	Endpoint prevention plus XDR across endpoint, network, cloud, identity and email data, with managed services available. The listing names no gap in the core job, though SIEM and DLP are extra.
Ease of use	C	Business product with a console and agents to roll out; no store rating is on record and the listing shows setup work, so it sits at the ordinary grade.
Platforms and integrations	C	Only a web console is on record, with no operating systems, phone apps or integrations listed.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

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 Palo Alto Cortex XDR is for

- ✓ Fits if you want endpoint prevention and detection across several data sources in one console
- ✓ Works for teams that want Palo Alto's own analysts to run response for them

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want a published price, because the page offers a demo request only
- ✕ Pricey if you need NG-SIEM, data loss prevention or Unit 42 managed services, which are paid extensions
- ✕ Skip it if you have no security staff to run an XDR console
- ✕ Watch out: supported operating systems are not listed on the page
- ✕ Too light for a free try: no trial or free plan is on record

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Enterprises that want endpoint and XDR from one vendor
- ✓ Security teams that can use managed hunting and incident response

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices or plans are published on the product page, which offers a demo request.
- ⓘ NG-SIEM, data loss prevention and the managed Unit 42 services are listed as extensions to the base product.
- ⓘ Supported operating systems are not listed on the page read, so platforms show only the web console.

What it costs

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

Palo Alto Cortex XDR's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **Nothing free on record: no free plan and no trial, and a demo request is not a trial.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

We could not confirm Palo Alto Cortex XDR's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. paloaltonetworks.com has them.

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

Endpoint prevention and XDR from Palo Alto Networks, by quote. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, malware protection.

> **Endpoint prevention plus XDR across endpoint, network, cloud, identity and email data, with managed services available.**
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> From our grade for features

Endpoint prevention

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XDR across data sources

Joins endpoint, network, cloud, agentic endpoint, identity and email data and applies AI to prioritize attacks.

Agentic Endpoint Security

Aims to secure AI agents and unmanaged AI tools running on endpoints, a newer addition to the product.

Single sensor with extensions

One sensor can be extended with NG-SIEM, endpoint data loss prevention, exposure management, email security and cloud security.

Unit 42 managed services

MDR, managed threat hunting and incident response run from inside the customer's Cortex XDR tenant.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Palo Alto Cortex XDR is made by Palo Alto Networks.

Where it stands

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

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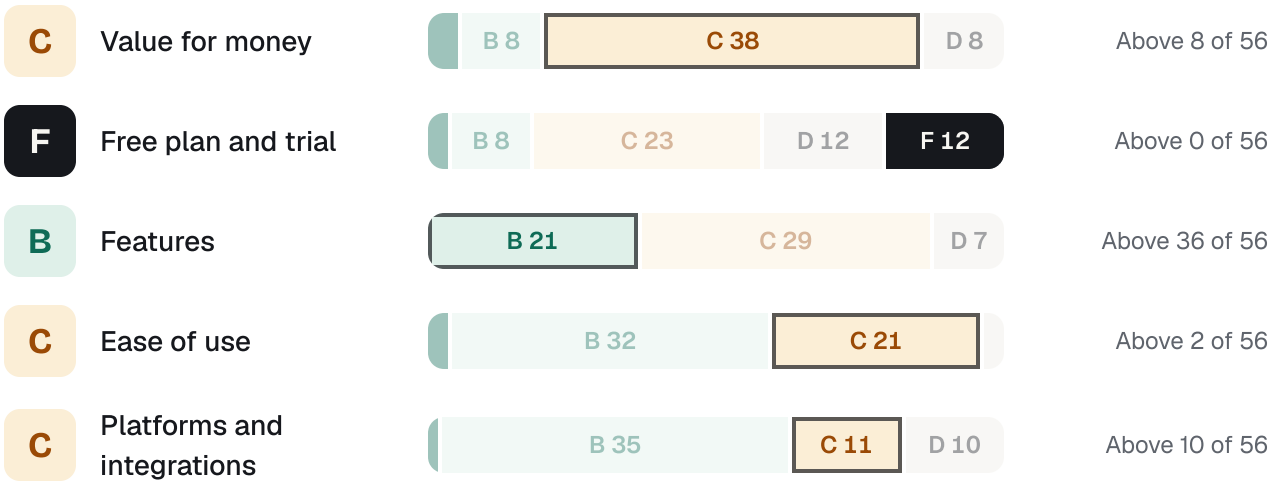
Other antivirus apps it is graded above

Palo Alto Cortex XDR's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 6 of the 56 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 7.

It stands best on features (B, above 36 of 56) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 57 antivirus apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Palo Alto Cortex XDR'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.

Keep it

To replace Palo Alto Cortex XDR you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 43 of the 56 other antivirus apps grade higher.

What you could not

- ✕ An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Palo Alto Cortex XDR'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



CrowdStrike Falcon Go, Cynet and Huntress

The 3 tools Palo Alto Cortex XDR is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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CrowdStrike Falcon Go

Free trial · from $59.99/yr

Small-business antivirus with USB device control and mobile protection.

- Only Palo Alto Cortex XDR lists a web app.
- Only CrowdStrike Falcon Go lists Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.

Palo Alto Cortex XDR and CrowdStrike Falcon Go compared in full

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Cynet

Paid

AI-driven endpoint security with 24x7 managed response, by quote.

Palo Alto Cortex XDR and Cynet compared in full



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Huntress

Free trial · from $8.99/mo

Managed endpoint detection and response with a 24/7 human SOC.

- Only Huntress lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Huntress also covers reports.

Palo Alto Cortex XDR and Huntress 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 Palo Alto Cortex XDR free?

No. Palo Alto Cortex XDR is a paid product.

What platforms does Palo Alto Cortex XDR work on?

Palo Alto Cortex XDR is available on Web.

Does Palo Alto Cortex XDR have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Palo Alto Cortex XDR is listed for Web.

Does Palo Alto Cortex XDR have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Palo Alto Cortex XDR is listed for Web.

Is Palo Alto Cortex XDR open source?

Palo Alto Cortex XDR is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Who makes Palo Alto Cortex XDR?

Palo Alto Cortex XDR is made by Palo Alto Networks.

What are the alternatives to Palo Alto Cortex XDR?

The closest alternatives to Palo Alto Cortex XDR in our directory are CrowdStrike Falcon Go, Cynet and Huntress.

How does Palo Alto Cortex XDR compare with other antivirus apps?

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Could I make my own version of Palo Alto Cortex XDR?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Palo Alto Cortex XDR'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 Palo Alto Networks'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 Palo Alto Networks. Prices change, so check paloaltonetworks.com before you buy.

paloaltonetworks.com/cortex/cortex-xdr

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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

Palo Alto Cortex XDR, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/palo-alto-cortex-xdr

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

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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 57 antivirus apps we grade, compared

Avast Insider's Guide

Free antivirus for PC, Mac and phones, with paid Premium and Ultimate

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AVG Insider's Guide

Free antivirus for Windows, with paid Internet Security and Ultimate

2.8 GPA

Bitdefender Insider's Guide

Antivirus suites for computers and phones, with a free Windows tier

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