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Panzura

The Insider's Guide

Hybrid cloud file system with global locking for distributed offices



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among file storage and sync services, read from Panzura's own pages.

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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from Panzura's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Panzura'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 1 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade

Panzura CloudFS keeps one authoritative data set in object storage and lets every office work in it directly over SMB, NFS and S3, with file locking enforced down to the byte range. Panzura Edge adds VPN-less access through desktop, mobile and browser apps. It is sold to enterprises through the company and its partners, with no published prices.

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

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> **Enterprise rollout through the company or a partner.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for enterprise file sharing across offices with file locking**

It is sold through the company and partners with no published price, and Edge and Nexus are separate products.

2 **It runs on 5 platforms**

Web, Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

3 **One data set across sites**

CloudFS keeps a single authoritative data set in object storage, so the vendor says there is no propagation window between offices.

4 **Global file locking**

Real-time locking is enforced at the protocol layer, down to the byte range.

5 **Snapshots and geofencing**

Immutable snapshots as often as every 60 seconds, and file-level geofencing, are listed as part of the architecture, not add-ons.

6 **A 1.6 GPA, above 1 of 91**

That is against the other file storage and sync services we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

7 **Keep it**

Nothing Panzura does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 4 things listed below take a company.

Panzura at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, macOS, Windows, iOS, Android
MADE BY Panzura	CATEGORY File Storage & Sync
OUR GRADE 1.6 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for enterprise file sharing across offices with file locking

Panzura CloudFS keeps one data set in object storage and lets every office work in it over SMB, NFS and S3 with file locking. It is sold through the company and partners with no published price, and Edge and Nexus are separate products.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Panzura	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published. The site routes you to a sales conversation and a TCO calculator.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial is on record for it.
Features	C	One data set, SMB, NFS and S3 access and byte-range locking. Edge and the Microsoft 365 Copilot link are separate products.
Ease of use	D	Enterprise rollout through the company or a partner. No store rating on record.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, Windows, Mac, iOS and Android through Panzura Edge, and a Microsoft 365 Copilot link.
Grade point average		Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

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 Panzura is for

- ✓ Fits if you run several offices editing the same large files
- ✓ Works for enterprises that want locking across sites

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you are a small team
- ✗ Skip it if you want a price, as none is published
- ✗ Watch out: Edge and Nexus are separate products from CloudFS
- ✗ Watch out: Panzura Express covers a single site and comes through a partner

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Distributed enterprises consolidating NAS, backup and disaster recovery onto one file system
- ✓ Teams that need strict file locking across sites, such as design and engineering shops

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices are published; the site routes visitors to a sales conversation and a TCO calculator.
- ⓘ Panzura Express is licensed for a single site and delivered through a Panzura partner.
- ⓘ Panzura Nexus, which connects CloudFS to Microsoft 365 Copilot, and Panzura Edge are separate products from CloudFS.
- ⓘ The Edge page says it supports Windows and Mac desktops, Android and iOS devices, and web browsers.

What it costs

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

Panzura's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **The site routes you to a sales conversation and a TCO calculator.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm Panzura's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. panzura.com has them.

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, iOS and Android

Hybrid cloud file system with global locking for distributed offices. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, file sharing, file management.

One data set across sites

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Global file locking

Real-time locking is enforced at the protocol layer, down to the byte range.

Snapshots and geofencing

Immutable snapshots as often as every 60 seconds, and file-level geofencing, are listed as part of the architecture, not add-ons.

Multi-protocol access

Native SMB, NFS and S3 access to the same data set. The page lists FIPS 140-3 certification.

Panzura Edge

VPN-less access to CloudFS files from desktop apps, mobile apps and a browser, with governed sharing to outside users.

Where it runs

Web · macOS · Windows · iOS · Android

What it works with

Microsoft 365 Copilot

Panzura is made by Panzura.

Where it stands

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

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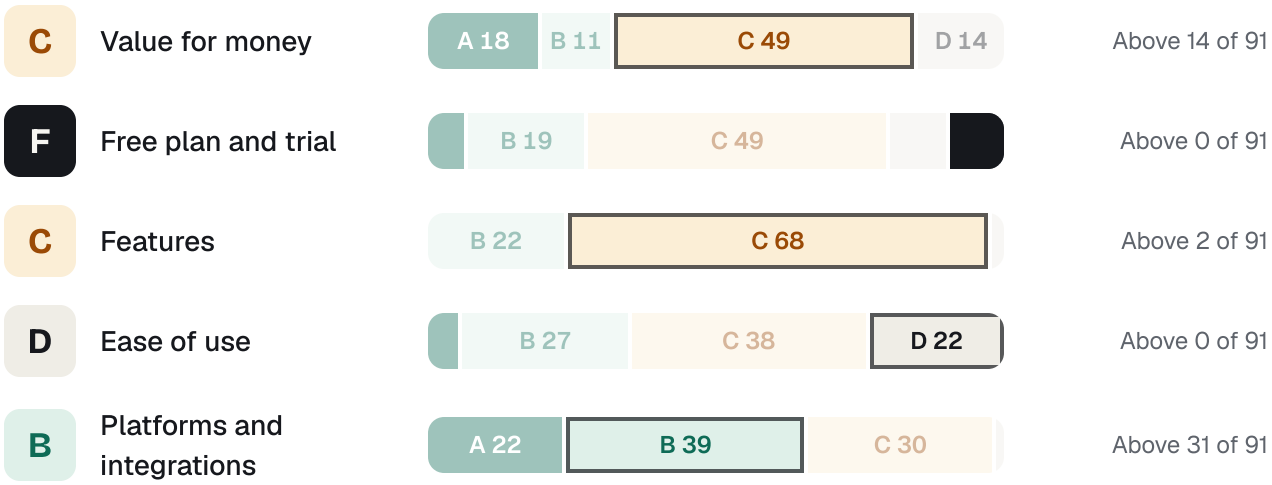
Other file storage and sync services it is graded above

Panzura's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 1 of the 91 other file storage and sync services we grade, and level with 4.

It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 31 of 91) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 92 file storage and sync services we grade, cut by the letter each got. Panzura'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

Nothing Panzura does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 4 things listed below take a company.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 86 of the 91 other file storage and sync services grade higher.

What you could not

- ✕ Storing and serving files for other people.
- ✕ A file manager working directly on your disk.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. Panzura'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



Nasuni, CTERA, LucidLink, Egnyte and Box

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

Nasuni

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Paid

Enterprise cloud file system for sites that share large file sets.

- Only Panzura lists Windows, macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- Nasuni also covers file sync.

Panzura and Nasuni compared in full

CTERA

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Paid

Enterprise global file system with edge caching and file sync.

- CTERA is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.
- CTERA also covers file sync.

Panzura and CTERA compared in full

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LucidLink

Free trial · from $7/mo

Cloud file system that streams large files to your desktop.

- Only Panzura lists a web app.
- Only LucidLink lists a Linux app.
- LucidLink is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

Panzura and LucidLink compared in full

2.0 GPA

Egnyte

Free trial · from $10/mo

Business file sharing with governance and AI tools.

- Panzura also covers file management.
- Egnyte also covers AI search, workflow automation and file sync.

Panzura and Egnyte compared in full

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Box

Free plan · from $5/mo

Business content storage with e-signatures, workflows and AI.

- Box has a free plan. Panzura does not.
- Panzura also covers file management.
- Box also covers workflow automation and file sync.

Panzura and Box 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 Panzura free?

No. Panzura is a paid product.

What platforms does Panzura work on?

Panzura is available on Web, Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

Does Panzura have a Linux app?

No Linux app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Panzura is listed for Web, Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

Is Panzura open source?

Panzura is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does Panzura integrate with?

Panzura's listing names Microsoft 365 Copilot. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Panzura?

Panzura is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Panzura?

The closest alternatives to Panzura in our directory are Nasuni, CTERA, LucidLink, Egnyte and Box.

How does Panzura compare with other file storage and sync services?

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Could I make my own version of Panzura?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Panzura'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 Panzura'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 Panzura. Prices change, so check panzura.com before you buy.

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panzura.com/products/edge

panzura.com/products/cloudfs

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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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

Panzura, 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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Every one of the 92 file storage and sync services we grade, compared

Google Drive Insider's Guide

Cloud storage tied to Google Docs, Gmail and Photos

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Filen Insider's Guide

End-to-end encrypted cloud storage from Germany with open source apps

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