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Parallels RAS

The Insider's Guide

Virtual apps and desktops across on-premises, hybrid and cloud

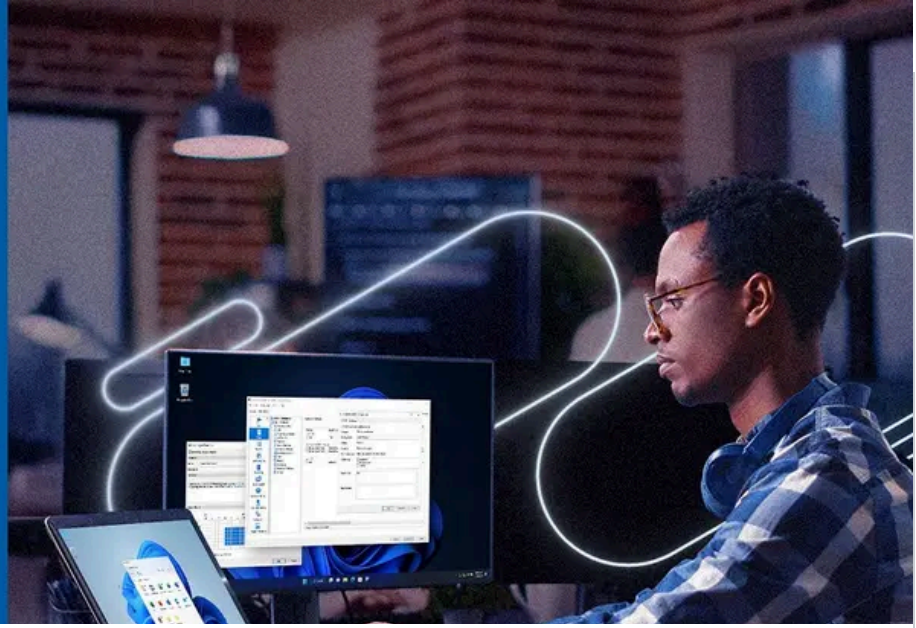


Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among remote desktop apps, read from Parallels RAS's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Parallels RAS's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Parallels RAS'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 35 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade

Parallels Remote Application Server (RAS) publishes applications and virtual desktops to users on any device from on-premises, private cloud, public cloud or hybrid hosts. It includes a secure gateway and load balancing, and works with Azure Virtual Desktop and AWS. Licensing is per concurrent user, and no list prices are published.

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

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> **You provide the infrastructure and an administrator sets it up.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for company apps and desktops from servers you host**

Parallels RAS delivers apps and desktops to any device from a single admin console, with licensing by concurrent users.

2 **You can try it first**

30-day free trial, no credit card required

3 **It runs on 6 platforms**

Web, Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android.

4 **Hybrid and multi-cloud hosting**

Hosts can run on-premises, in private or public clouds, with support for Azure Virtual Desktop, AVD Hybrid and AWS EC2, and for hypervisors such as Hyper-V, Nutanix and VMware ESX.

5 **Any-device clients**

The vendor lists clients for Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, Android and the web (HTML5), and its download page also offers a Chrome client.

6 **Single admin console**

App and desktop management, image handling, reporting, gateway, load balancing and authentication are handled in one console across sites.

7 **A 2.4 GPA, above 35 of 85**

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

8 **Keep it**

To replace Parallels RAS you would be making a fast, secure link to another computer through any network. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Parallels RAS at a glance

PRICING Free trial	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 30-day free trial, no credit card required	RUNS ON Web, macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android
MADE BY Parallels International GmbH	CATEGORY Remote Desktop
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for company apps and desktops from servers you host

Parallels RAS delivers apps and desktops to any device from a single admin console, with licensing by concurrent users. Prices aren't published, you supply the hosting yourself, and the 30-day trial is for evaluation only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Parallels RAS	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published: licensing is by concurrent users and purchase goes through the vendor or a partner, so it sits at C.
Free plan and trial	C	A 30-day trial with no card is offered, and there is no free plan.
Features	B	Hybrid and multi-cloud hosting, a single console, a bundled gateway and load balancing, and multi-tenancy for MSPs cover the core of the job.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. You provide the infrastructure and an administrator sets it up.
Platforms and integrations	A	Web, Windows, Mac, Linux, iPhone and Android clients, with Azure Virtual Desktop, AWS, Hyper-V, Nutanix, ESX, FSLogix and Proxmox.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

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 Parallels RAS is for

- ✓ Fits if you are an IT administrator who wants one console across on-premises and cloud hosts
- ✓ Works for MSPs who need multi-tenancy

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want a personal remote-access app, as this is for IT administrators
- ✕ Watch out: prices are unpublished and buying goes through the vendor or a partner
- ✕ Tight if you have no servers, since you supply hosting on premises or in a cloud
- ✕ Not for you if you need more than a 30-day look, as the trial is for evaluation

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ IT teams delivering Windows apps from a mix of data center and cloud
- ✓ Organizations extending Azure Virtual Desktop with extra management
- ✓ Managed service providers hosting several customers

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Prices are not published; the vendor says licensing is based on concurrent users.
- ⓘ The 30-day trial is for evaluation, and a purchase goes through the vendor or a partner.
- ⓘ It is a platform for IT administrators, not a personal remote-access app.
- ⓘ You supply the hosting infrastructure, whether on-premises or in a cloud.

What it costs

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

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

> **No price is published: licensing is by concurrent users and purchase goes through the vendor or a partner, so it sits at C.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm Parallels RAS's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. parallels.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, Linux, iOS and Android

Virtual apps and desktops across on-premises, hybrid and cloud. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: workflow automation, file sharing, remote desktop.

> **Web, Windows, Mac, Linux, iPhone and Android clients, with Azure Virtual Desktop, AWS, Hyper-V, Nutanix, ESX, FSLogix and Proxmox.**
>
> From our grade for platforms and integrations

Hybrid and multi-cloud hosting

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Any-device clients

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Single admin console

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Included gateway and load balancing

A Secure Gateway and a High Availability Load Balancer come with the product, or you can use a third-party load balancer.

Multi-tenancy for MSPs

Built-in multi-tenancy serves managed service providers, software vendors or enterprises that keep resources segregated.

Where it runs

- Web
- macOS
- Windows
- Linux
- iOS
- Android

What it works with

- Azure Virtual Desktop
- AWS
- Microsoft Hyper-V
- Nutanix
- VMware ESX
- FSLogix
- Proxmox

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Where it stands

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

35/85

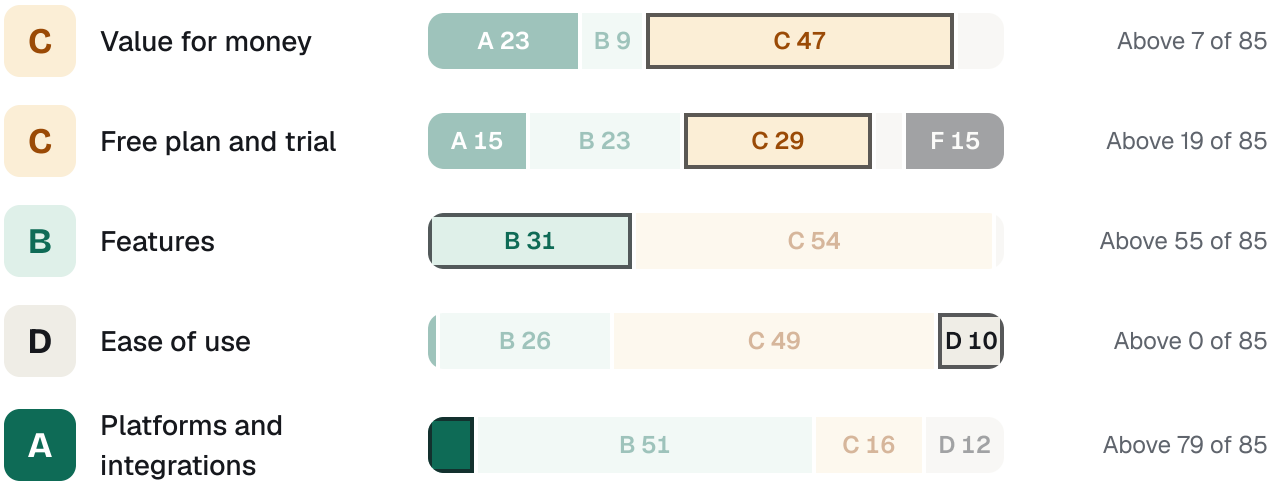
Other remote desktop apps it is graded above

Parallels RAS's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 35 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade, and level with 13.

It stands best on platforms and integrations (A, above 79 of 85) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 86 remote desktop apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Parallels RAS'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 Parallels RAS you would be making a fast, secure link to another computer through any network. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

What you could not

- ✕ A fast, secure link to another computer through any network.
- ✕ Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- ✕ Storing and serving files for other people.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ What a company asks for before it lets staff use something: roles and permissions.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Parallels RAS'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



Citrix DaaS, Omnissa Horizon, Cameyo and Apporto

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

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Citrix DaaS

Paid

Virtual apps and desktops delivered from cloud or on-premises.

- Only Parallels RAS lists an iOS app.
- Parallels RAS also covers file sharing.

Parallels RAS and Citrix DaaS compared in full

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Omnissa Horizon

Paid

Virtual desktops and apps on-premises, in the cloud or hybrid.

- Only Parallels RAS lists a web app.
- Parallels RAS also covers file sharing.

Parallels RAS and Omnissa Horizon compared in full



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Cameyo

Paid

Virtual app delivery that serves Windows apps as web apps.

- Only Parallels RAS lists Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Parallels RAS also covers workflow automation.

Parallels RAS and Cameyo compared in full



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Apporto

Paid

Browser-based virtual desktops and computer labs for work and schools.

- Only Parallels RAS lists Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Parallels RAS also covers workflow automation and file sharing.

Parallels RAS and Apporto 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 Parallels RAS free?

No, Parallels RAS is a paid product, but you can try it first. 30-day free trial, no credit card required.

What platforms does Parallels RAS work on?

Parallels RAS is available on Web, Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android.

Is Parallels RAS open source?

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

What does Parallels RAS integrate with?

Parallels RAS's listing names Azure Virtual Desktop, AWS, Microsoft Hyper-V, Nutanix, VMware ESX, FSLogix and Proxmox.

Who makes Parallels RAS?

Parallels RAS is made by Parallels International GmbH.

What are the alternatives to Parallels RAS?

The closest alternatives to Parallels RAS in our directory are Citrix DaaS, Omnissa Horizon, Cameyo and Apporto.

How does Parallels RAS compare with other remote desktop apps?

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Could I make my own version of Parallels RAS?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Parallels RAS'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 Parallels'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 Parallels International GmbH. Prices change, so check parallels.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Parallels RAS, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/parallels-ras

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 86 remote desktop apps we grade, compared

Chrome Remote Desktop Insider's Guide

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Free browser-based remote access to computers via an agent

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Free open-source remote desktop with a paid device dashboard

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