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Q-Dir

The Insider's Guide

Four-pane Windows file explorer, free for home and business use

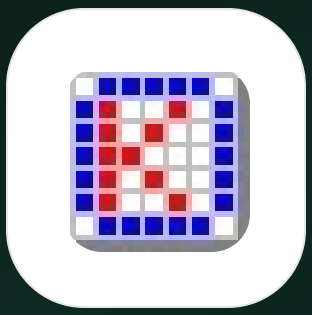


Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from Q-Dir's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Q-Dir's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Q-Dir'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 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

Q-Dir, the Quad Directory Explorer, shows up to four folder views in one window, each with tabs and its own address bar. It runs on Windows and can be used as a portable program.

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

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> **It is Windows only and the page lists no paid support.**
>
> From our report card of Q-Dir

1 **Best for four folder views in one Windows window**

Q-Dir shows up to four folder views in one window and is free for home and business use.

2 **It is free**

Q-Dir has no paid plan at all. Freeware; the vendor says it is free for company, business and private use.

3 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

4 **Four views in one window**

Quad-explorer layout with up to 16 tabs in each of the four windows, per the vendor page.

5 **Saved folder combinations**

Favorites store folder combinations; up to 64 combinations can be saved in one favorite.

6 **Color and highlight filters**

Files and folders can be colored by type, and files highlighted by extension.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 116 of 186**

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

8 **Keep it**

Q-Dir is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

Q-Dir at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows
MADE BY Software OK	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for four folder views in one Windows window

Q-Dir shows up to four folder views in one window and is free for home and business use. It is Windows only and the page lists no paid support.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Q-Dir** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Freeware, below anything the category charges.
Free plan and trial	A	Free for company, business and private use with no cap.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Features	B	Four views in one window, saved folder combinations, colour filters, portable use, export and print. The listing shows no gap.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. Four panes need a bit of getting used to.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only. Windows only; no Mac, Linux, phone or web version.
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 Q-Dir is for

- ✓ Fits if you compare or copy between several folders at once
- ✓ Works for people who want a portable file explorer

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use a Mac or Linux, as only Windows is listed
- ✗ Skip it if you need paid support, since the page lists none
- ✗ Watch out: a licence screen appears on first start on each PC
- ✗ Too light for archive work, as archives aren't on its feature list

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who move files between several folders at once
- ✓ Running a file manager from a USB stick

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Windows only; no macOS or Linux version is listed.
- ⓘ A license screen appears the first time it starts on each PC.
- ⓘ The page lists no paid support or paid edition.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Q-Dir is free to use.

> **Freeware, below anything the category charges.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

Free for private and business use.

The free plan

Freeware; the vendor says it is free for company, business and private use.

Read from softwareok.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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Place it runs: Windows

Four-pane Windows file explorer, free for home and business use. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, file management.

> **Four views in one window, saved folder combinations, colour filters, portable use, export and print.**
>
> From our grade for features

Four views in one window

Quad-explorer layout with up to 16 tabs in each of the four windows, per the vendor page.

Saved folder combinations

Favorites store folder combinations; up to 64 combinations can be saved in one favorite.

Color and highlight filters

Files and folders can be colored by type, and files highlighted by extension.

Portable use

It does not have to be installed and can run from a USB stick.

Export and print

Listings can be exported to XLS, CSV, TXT or HTML and printed.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Q-Dir is made by Software OK.

Where it stands

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

116/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

Q-Dir's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 37.

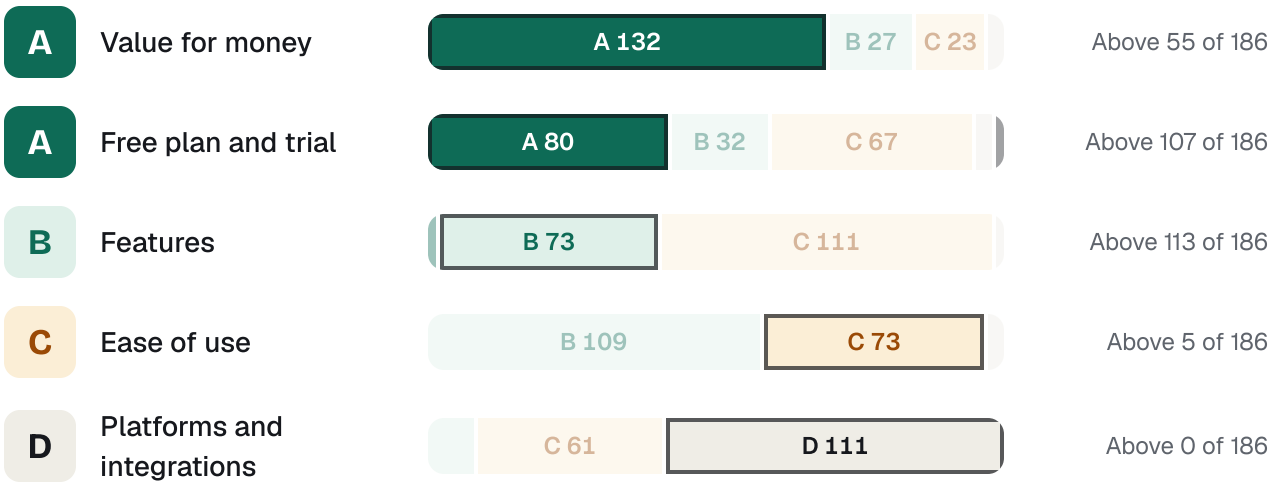
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 107 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Q-Dir has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

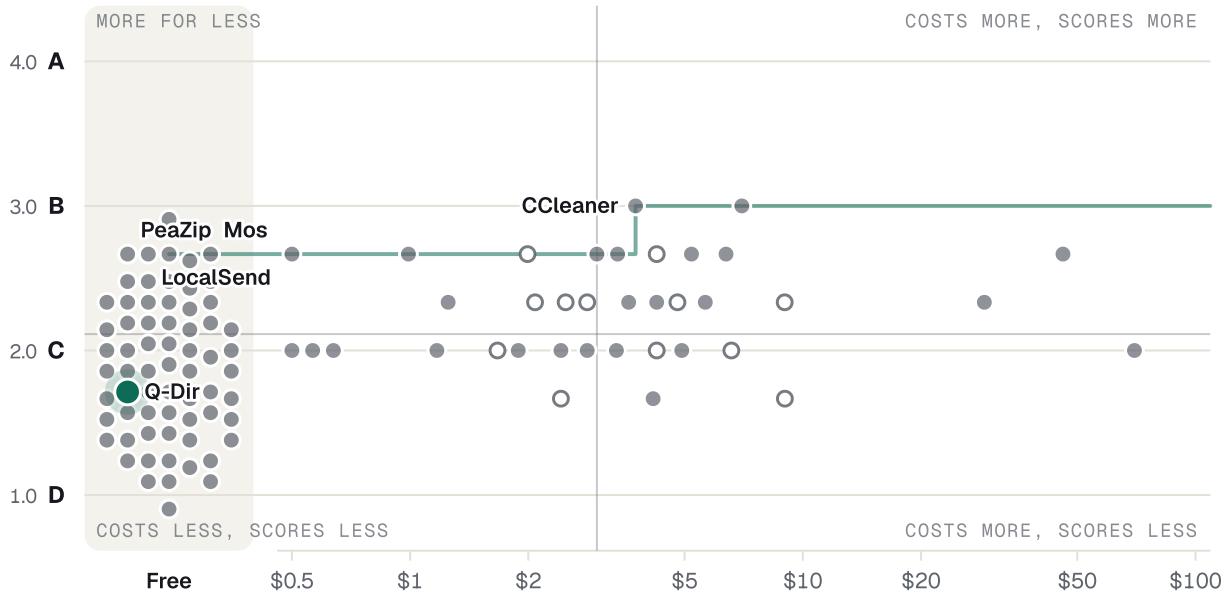
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. Q-Dir's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Q-Dir 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

Q-Dir is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

What you could not

- A file manager working directly on your disk.
- A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Q-Dir'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

FreeCommander, Double Commander, XYplorer, Explorer++ and One Commander

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

F

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FreeCommander

Free plan · from €10 one-time

Dual-pane Windows file manager, free 32-bit and paid 64-bit.

- FreeCommander can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- FreeCommander also covers file compression.

Q-Dir and FreeCommander compared in full

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Double Commander

Free

Free open-source dual-pane file manager inspired by Total Commander.

- Only Double Commander lists Linux and macOS apps.
- Double Commander is open source, according to its own site.
- Double Commander also covers file compression.

Q-Dir and Double Commander compared in full



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XYplorer

Free trial · from $34.95 one-time

Portable tabbed file manager for Windows with scripting.

- Q-Dir has a free plan. XYplorer does not, though it has a free trial.
- XYplorer can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Q-Dir and XYplorer compared in full



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Explorer++

Free

Small, portable tabbed file manager for Windows.

- Explorer++ is open source, according to its own site.

Q-Dir and Explorer++ compared in full



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One Commander

Free plan · from $30 one-time

Dual-pane Windows file manager with Miller columns, free for home use.

- One Commander can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Q-Dir and One Commander 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 Q-Dir free?

Yes. Q-Dir is free to use.

How much does Q-Dir cost?

Q-Dir lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Q-Dir work on?

Q-Dir is available on Windows.

Does Q-Dir have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Q-Dir is listed for Windows.

Does Q-Dir have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Q-Dir is listed for Windows.

Is Q-Dir open source?

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

Does Q-Dir work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

Who makes Q-Dir?

Q-Dir is made by Software OK.

What are the alternatives to Q-Dir?

The closest alternatives to Q-Dir in our directory are FreeCommander, Double Commander, XYplorer, Explorer++ and One Commander.

How does Q-Dir compare with other desktop utilities?

Q-Dir's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 37.

Is Q-Dir good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Q-Dir A for value for money. Q-Dir has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Q-Dir?

Q-Dir is free, so making your own would save you nothing. What you could not make: A file manager working directly on your disk.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Q-Dir'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 Software OK'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 Software OK. Prices change, so check softwareok.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

Q-Dir, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/q-dir

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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Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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