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Reacher

The Insider's Guide

Open-source email verification engine with an HTTP backend



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among email verification and deliverability tools, read from Reacher's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Reacher's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Reacher'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 8 of the 61 other email verification and deliverability tools we grade

Reacher checks whether an email address exists by talking to the recipient's mail server, without sending a message. It is open-source software under the MIT license, written in Rust and run on your own infrastructure. A hosted version is offered through a separate service, No2Bounce, and a proxy service handles port 25 traffic.

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

> **Mail servers often block verification traffic from unknown IPs, and the hosted version with catch-all checks is a separate service.**
>
> From our report card of Reacher

1 **Best for developers hosting their own email verifier**

Reacher is an open-source email verification engine you host yourself, under the MIT license.

2 **It is free**

Reacher has no paid plan at all. The open-source engine is free to download and run yourself under the MIT license.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **SMTP-based address check**

Checks whether a mailbox exists without sending an email; the GitHub project describes it as written in Rust.

5 **HTTP backend**

The repository comes with an HTTP backend, so the verifier can be called as an API from your own applications.

6 **Modifiable source**

The MIT-licensed code can be downloaded, changed and built into your own verification system.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 8 of 61**

That is against the other email verification and deliverability tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

Reacher is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

Reacher at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Reacher	CATEGORY Email Verification & Deliverability
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for developers hosting their own email verifier

Reacher is an open-source email verification engine you host yourself, under the MIT license. Mail servers often block verification traffic from unknown IPs, and the hosted version with catch-all checks is a separate service.

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Reacher

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Free software, but you supply and run the server, which makes it a C under the ladder. The proxy service and hosted checks are priced separately and were not read.
Free plan and trial	B	The engine is free to download and run under MIT. It costs you a server and an IP that mail servers will accept.
Features	C	SMTP-based address check behind an HTTP backend. Catch-all checks come from a separate hosted service.
Ease of use	D	Self-hosting, and an HTTP API to call it. No rating on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, and no integrations are listed. You get the source and an HTTP backend.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

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 Reacher is for

- ✓ Fits if you can run a server and want verification inside your own system
- ✓ Works for developers who want to read and change the source

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you do not want to host and maintain a server
- ✗ Watch out: the pricing page says mail servers often limit or block checks from unknown IPs
- ✗ Watch out: catch-all checks and hosted verification are a separate service, No2Bounce
- ✗ Watch out: the SMTP proxy service is separate and paid; its prices were not read

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want to run their own verifier
- ✓ SaaS teams validating sign-up addresses inside their own stack
- ✓ Teams that need to control where addresses are processed

Worth knowing

- ⓘ You host and maintain it yourself; the pricing page says mail servers often limit or block verification traffic from unknown IP addresses.
- ⓘ Hosted verification, including catch-all checks, is a separate service called No2Bounce with usage-based pricing, which was not priced on the Reacher pages.
- ⓘ The Reacher site says it is owned by No2Bounce.
- ⓘ The SMTP proxy service is a separate paid offering; its prices were not read.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Reacher is free to use.

> **Free software, but you supply and run the server, which makes it a C under the ladder.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

SELF-HOSTED REACHER

$0

Open-source software you run on your own servers. You supply the infrastructure.

The free plan

The open-source engine is free to download and run yourself under the MIT license.

Read from reacher.email 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: Web

Open-source email verification engine with an HTTP backend. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, public API, email verification.

> **SMTP-based address check behind an HTTP backend.**

From our grade for features

SMTP-based address check

Checks whether a mailbox exists without sending an email; the GitHub project describes it as written in Rust.

HTTP backend

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Modifiable source

The MIT-licensed code can be downloaded, changed and built into your own verification system.

Port 25 SMTP proxies

A separate Reacher service offers managed IP pools with rotation and MX-aware routing, for senders whose servers block verification traffic.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Reacher is made by Reacher.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

8/61

Other email verification and deliverability tools it is graded above

Reacher's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 8 of the 61 other email verification and deliverability tools we grade, and level with 14.

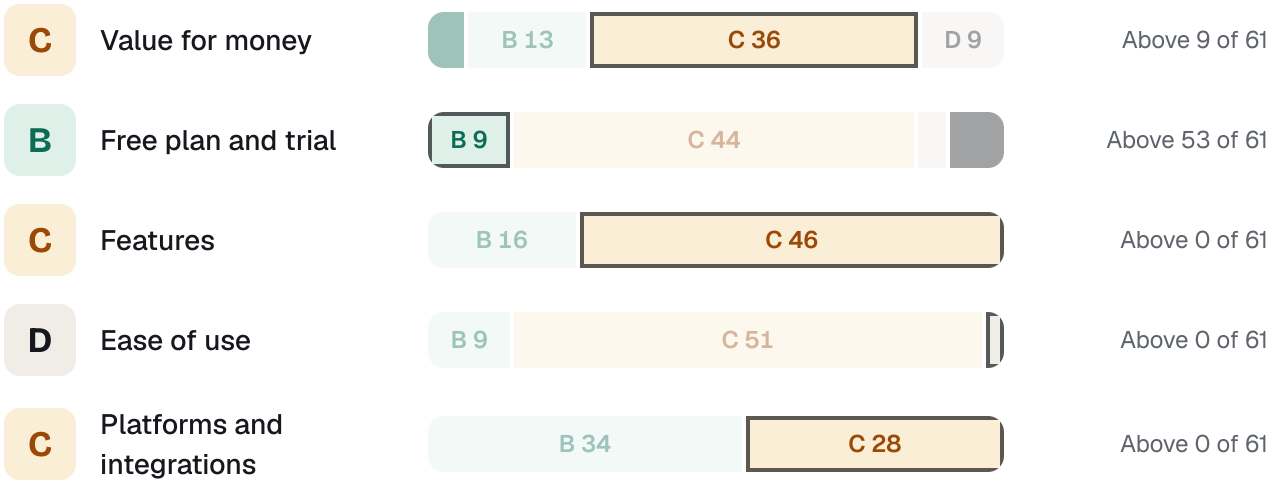
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 53 of 61) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Reacher has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.7 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

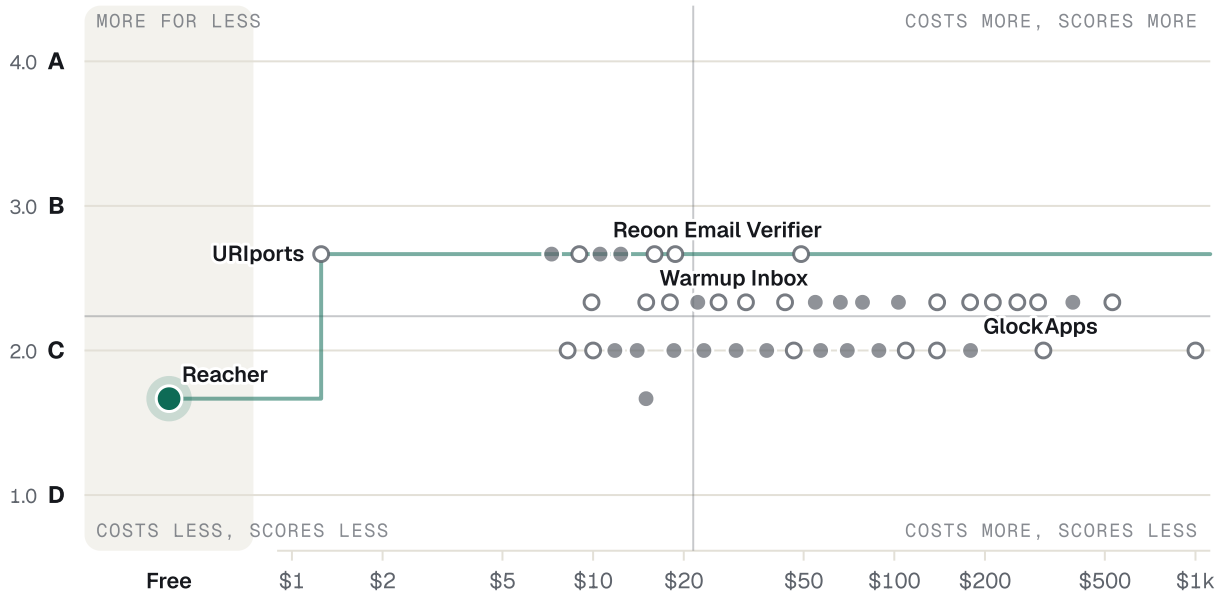
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 62 email verification and deliverability tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Reacher's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 45 email verification and deliverability tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Reacher 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

Reacher is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 39 of the 61 other email verification and deliverability tools grade higher.

What you could not

- ✕ Checking that an address exists without writing to it.
- ✕ An API that other software can build on.

What this rests on. Reacher'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



Bouncer, Emailable, MillionVerifier, Reoon Email Verifier and MailTester.ninja

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

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Bouncer

Free trial · from $8 one-time

Email list verification with credits that never expire.

- Reacher has a free plan. Bouncer does not, though it has a free trial.
- Reacher is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Reacher and Bouncer compared in full

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Emailable

Free trial · from $38 one-time

Email list verification with inbox reports and blacklist monitoring.

- Reacher has a free plan. Emailable does not, though it has a free trial.
- Reacher is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Reacher and Emailable compared in full



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MillionVerifier

Free trial · from $39 one-time

Low-cost bulk email verification with credits that never expire.

- Reacher has a free plan. MillionVerifier does not, though it has a free trial.
- Reacher is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Reacher and MillionVerifier compared in full



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Reoon Email Verifier

Free plan · from $9/mo

Bulk and real-time email verification with refunds on unknowns.

- Reacher is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Reacher and Reoon Email Verifier compared in full



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MailTester.ninja

Free plan · from $6.99

Real-time email verifier and finder with a REST API.

- Reacher is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Reacher and MailTester.ninja 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 Reacher free?

Yes. Reacher is free to use.

How much does Reacher cost?

Reacher lists one plan. Self-hosted Reacher: $0.

What platforms does Reacher work on?

Reacher is available on Web.

Does Reacher have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Reacher is listed for Web.

Does Reacher have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Reacher is listed for Web.

Is Reacher open source?

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

Does Reacher have an API?

Yes. Reacher offers a public API, according to its own site.

Who makes Reacher?

Reacher is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Reacher?

The closest alternatives to Reacher in our directory are Bouncer, Emailable, MillionVerifier, Reoon Email Verifier and MailTester.ninja.

How does Reacher compare with other email verification and deliverability tools?

Reacher's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 8 of the 61 other email verification and deliverability tools we grade, and level with 14.

Is Reacher good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Reacher C for value for money. Reacher has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Reacher?

Reacher is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Reacher'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 Reacher'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 Reacher. Prices change, so check reacher.email before you buy.

reacher.email/pricing

reacher.email

github.com/reacherhq/check-if-email-exists

PART 07 · ABOUT

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**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Reacher, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/reacher

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

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

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

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Prices and grades as they are today

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Email Verification & Deliverability Insider's Guide

Every one of the 63 email verification and deliverability tools we grade, compared

QuickEmailVerification Insider's Guide

Bulk email list cleaning and a real-time verification API

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Mail-Tester Insider's Guide

Send an email to a test address and get a spam score out of 10

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Reoon Email Verifier Insider's Guide

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