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Reactive Resume

The Insider's Guide

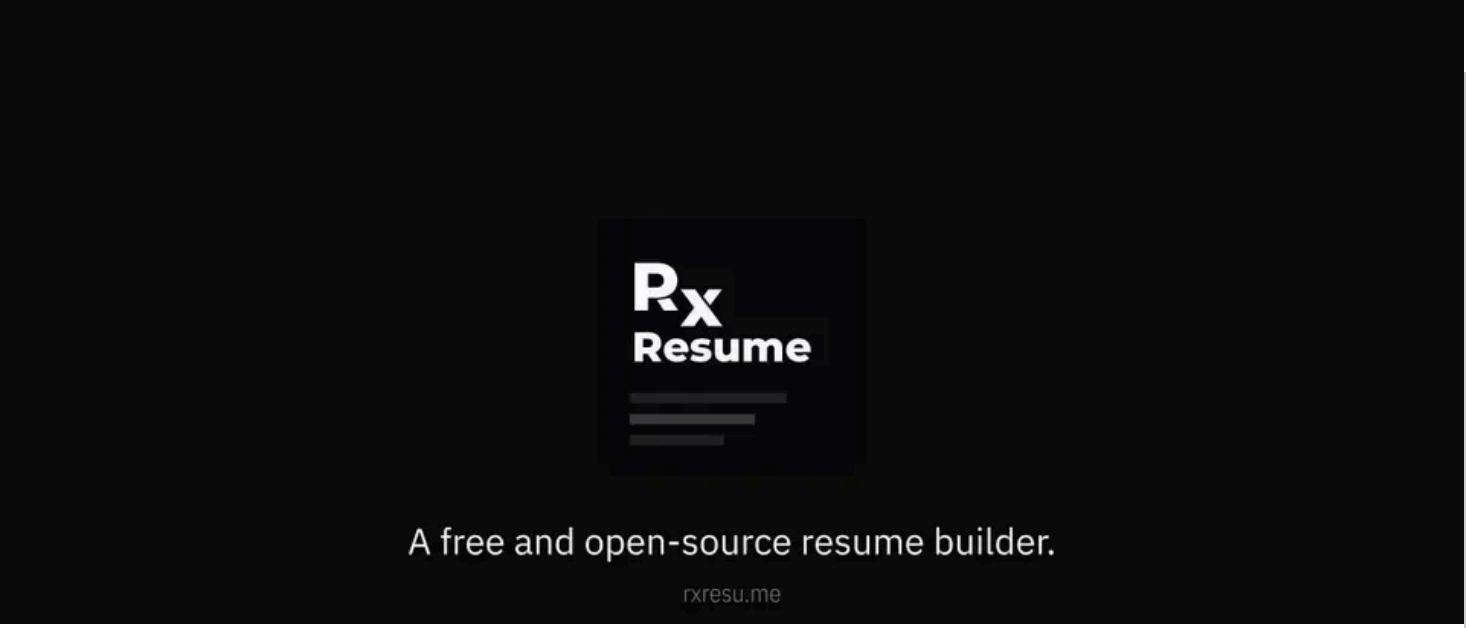
Free open-source resume builder you can host yourself



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among resume builders, read from Reactive Resume's own pages.

Made by Reactive Resume (open-source project) · checked Nov 12, 2026 · toolgpa.com

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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 Reactive Resume's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Reactive Resume's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 23 of the 24 other resume builders we grade

Reactive Resume is an open-source resume and cover letter builder with a live preview beside the editor. The hosted version at rxresu.me is free with no paid tier, and the MIT-licensed code can also be run on your own server with Docker. It adds an ATS readability check, a job application tracker and an optional AI assistant that uses your own provider key.

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

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> **It is a web app where you build the resume yourself, and self-hosting needs Docker.**

From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free resume builder you can also host yourself**

Its AI assistant needs your own AI provider key, it is run on donations, and the self-hosted route means keeping a Docker setup running.

2 **It is free**

Reactive Resume has no paid plan at all. Everything on the hosted version is free: resumes, cover letters, 18 templates, PDF and Word downloads, sharing links and the job tracker. Its docs state there are no ads and no paid tier.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Live editor**

Write your details on one side and see the finished page update on the other as you type.

5 **18 templates**

Pick a template, then adjust fonts, colors, page size and layout.

6 **Import and export**

Import PDF, Word, JSON or LinkedIn exports. Download PDF, Word, OpenDocument, Markdown or JSON.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 23 of 24**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Reactive Resume at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Reactive Resume (open-source project)	CATEGORY Resume Builders
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for a free resume builder you can also host yourself

Reactive Resume is a free resume builder with 18 templates, PDF and Word export and a job tracker, and no ads or paid tier. Its AI assistant needs your

own AI provider key, it is run on donations, and the self-hosted route means keeping a Docker setup running.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Reactive Resume	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	The hosted version is free with every feature and has no paid tier, so it sits under 60% of the $4.77 the cheapest resume builders start near.
Free plan and trial	A	Everything on the hosted version is free, and the docs say there are no ads. It is kept going by donations, so there is no promise of how long.
Features	B	Live editor, 18 templates, import and export, an ATS check, a job tracker and an optional AI assistant. The AI part and Word import need your own AI provider account.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. It is a web app where you build the resume yourself, and self-hosting needs Docker.
Platforms and integrations	C	A browser version only. The docs say it works on phones, tablets and computers, and no integrations are listed.
Grade point average		Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

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 Reactive Resume is for

- ✓ Fits if you want every feature for free and can bring your own AI key
- ✓ Works for people who want to run it on their own server

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want AI help without an AI provider account, as it needs your own key
- ✗ Not for you if you want a paid help desk, since support is through GitHub, Discord and Reddit
- ✗ Watch out: self-hosting means maintaining a Docker deployment
- ✗ Watch out: it is a donation-funded community project
- ✗ Too light for anyone wanting a mobile app, as only the browser version is listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who want a free builder with no download or template limits
- ✓ Developers and teams who want to host a resume tool themselves
- ✓ Applicants who care about being able to export all their data as JSON

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The AI assistant needs your own AI provider account and key; importing Word files also needs an AI provider, per the homepage.
- ⓘ Running it yourself means maintaining a Docker deployment.
- ⓘ It is a community project funded by donations, with support through GitHub, Discord and Reddit rather than a paid help desk.
- ⓘ Only the browser version is listed; the docs say it works on phones, tablets and computers.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Reactive Resume is free to use.

> **Everything on the hosted version is free, and the docs say there are no ads.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

HOSTED (RXRESU.ME)

$0

Free account with every feature; the project says it is kept going by donations.

SELF-HOSTED

$0

MIT-licensed source you run on your own server with Docker; the docs say it has the same features as the hosted version.

The free plan

Everything on the hosted version is free: resumes, cover letters, 18 templates, PDF and Word downloads, sharing links and the job tracker. Its docs state there are no ads and no paid tier.

Read from docs.rxresu.me on Nov 12, 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

Free open-source resume builder you can host yourself. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, AI features, templates, documents, resume builder.

> **The AI part and Word import need your own AI provider account.**
>
> From our grade for features

Live editor

Write your details on one side and see the finished page update on the other as you type.

18 templates

Pick a template, then adjust fonts, colors, page size and layout.

Import and export

Import PDF, Word, JSON or LinkedIn exports. Download PDF, Word, OpenDocument, Markdown or JSON.

ATS readability check

A check mode flags issues on the lines they belong to and compares the resume with a job posting. It runs in the browser.

Job application tracker

Follow each application from saved to offer in a list, board or calendar view.

Optional AI assistant

Connect your own AI provider; the assistant proposes edits that you accept or reject.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Reactive Resume is made by Reactive Resume (open-source project).

Where it stands

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

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Other resume builders it is graded above

Reactive Resume's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 23 of the 24 other resume builders we grade.

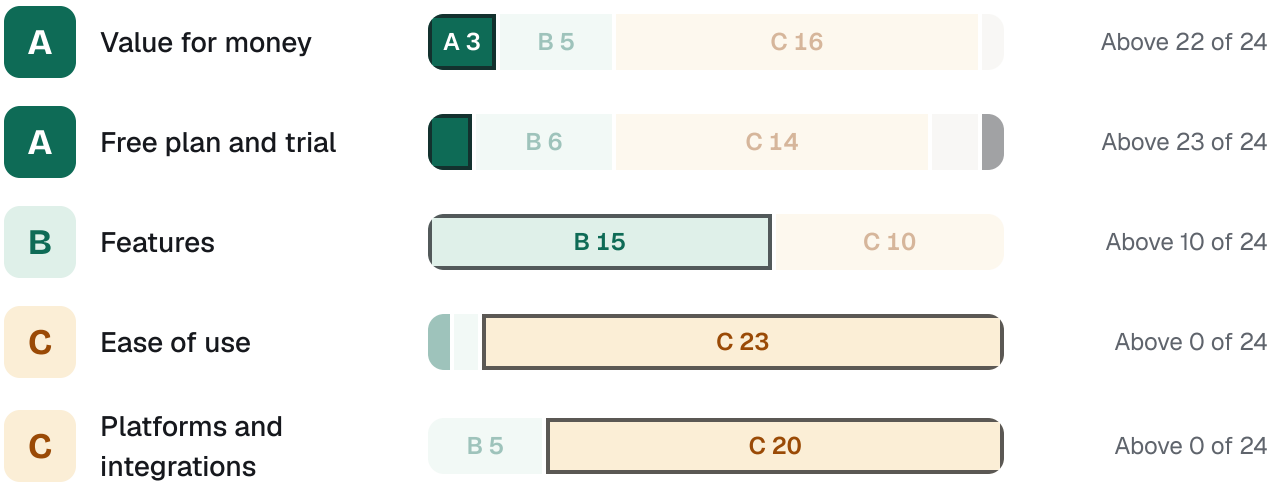
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 23 of 24) and worst on ease of use (C, above 0).

Reactive Resume has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

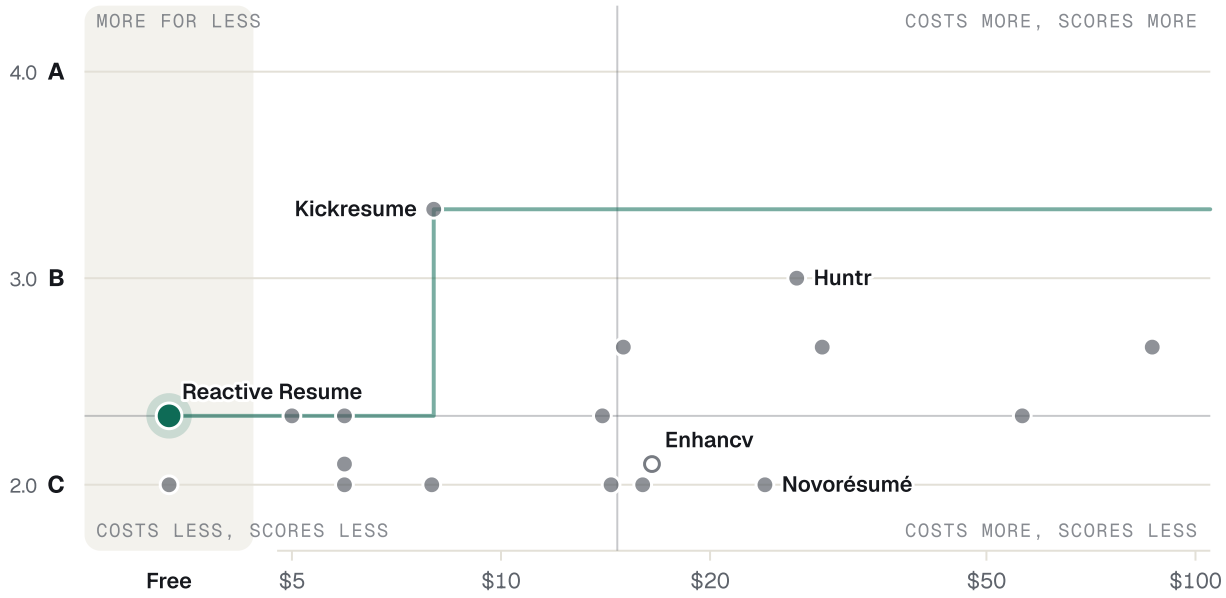
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 25 resume builders we grade, cut by the letter each got. Reactive Resume's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 18 resume builders. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Reactive Resume 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 23 of the 24 other resume builders we grade.

What you could make

- Resume builder, templates and documents: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- × 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. Reactive Resume'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



Open Resume, FlowCV, Enhancv, Rezi and Novorésumé

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

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Open Resume

Free

Free open-source resume builder and ATS parser, no sign-up.

- Reactive Resume is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Reactive Resume also covers templates and documents.

Reactive Resume and Open Resume compared in full

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FlowCV

Free plan · from $5/mo

Free resume builder with watermark-free PDF downloads.

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

Reactive Resume and FlowCV compared in full

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Enhancv

Free trial · from $16.50/mo

Designed resume builder with AI feedback, tailoring and a job tracker.

- Reactive Resume has a free plan. Enhancv does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Enhancv lists a browser extension.
- Reactive Resume is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Reactive Resume and Enhancv compared in full

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Rezi

Free plan · from $29/mo

AI resume builder with an ATS score, keyword targeting and job apps.

- Only Rezi lists iOS and Android apps.
- Only Rezi lists a browser extension.
- Reactive Resume is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Reactive Resume and Rezi compared in full

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Novorésumé

Free plan · from $23.99/mo

Resume builder sold as one-time passes, with free AI writing tools.

- Reactive Resume is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Reactive Resume also covers documents.

Reactive Resume and Novorésumé 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 Reactive Resume free?

Yes. Reactive Resume is free to use.

How much does Reactive Resume cost?

Reactive Resume lists 2 plans. Hosted (rxresu.me): $0.

What platforms does Reactive Resume work on?

Reactive Resume is available on Web.

Does Reactive Resume have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Reactive Resume is listed for Web.

Does Reactive Resume have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Reactive Resume is listed for Web.

Is Reactive Resume open source?

Yes. Reactive Resume is open source, according to its own site.

Who makes Reactive Resume?

Reactive Resume is made by Reactive Resume (open-source project).

What are the alternatives to Reactive Resume?

The closest alternatives to Reactive Resume in our directory are Open Resume, FlowCV, Enhancv, Rezi and Novorésumé.

How does Reactive Resume compare with other resume builders?

Reactive Resume's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 23 of the 24 other resume builders we grade.

Is Reactive Resume good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Reactive Resume A for value for money. Reactive Resume has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Reactive Resume?

Reactive Resume 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 Reactive Resume's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Reactive Resume's own pages on 12 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 Reactive Resume (open-source project). Prices change, so check rxresu.me before you buy.

rxresu.me/

docs.rxresu.me/getting-started

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5,038
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.

5,038	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Reactive Resume, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/reactive-resume

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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Every one of the 25 resume builders we grade, compared

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Resume, cover letter and personal website builder with an AI writer

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Job search tracker with an AI resume builder and application autofill

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