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SecureCRT

The Insider's Guide

SSH, Telnet and serial terminal for Windows, macOS and Linux



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from SecureCRT's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on SecureCRT'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 49 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade

SecureCRT is a terminal emulator from VanDyke Software that supports SSH, Telnet, serial and, on Windows, RDP. It has tabbed sessions, keyword highlighting and scripting in Python and other languages. It pairs with the SecureFX file transfer client, and one client license covers Windows, macOS and Linux.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about SecureCRT**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **Sessions, scripts and highlighting rules all have to be set up by you.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for scripted SSH and serial sessions across desktops**

SecureCRT is a terminal for SSH, Telnet and serial that runs on Windows, macOS and Linux under one license, with scripting in Python and other languages.

2 **Paid plans start at $9.92 a month when paid by the year for each person**

As its pricing page puts it: $119 per user, with 1 year of updates.

3 **You can try it first**

30-day evaluation license, fully functional

4 **It runs on 4 platforms**

Windows, macOS, Linux and iOS.

5 **Session management**

Tabbed sessions and tab groups, with keyword highlighting that accepts regular expressions for prompts and errors.

6 **Several protocols**

SSH2, SSH1, Telnet, Telnet over TLS and serial connections, plus RDP on Windows only.

7 **Scripting**

Scripts in VBScript, JScript, PerlScript or Python, and a script recorder that turns keystrokes into a script.

8 **A 2.6 GPA, above 49 of 85**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace SecureCRT you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

SecureCRT at a glance

PRICING Free trial, from $119 per user, with 1 year of updates	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 30-day evaluation license, fully functional	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS
MADE BY VanDyke Software, Inc.	CATEGORY Remote Desktop
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for scripted SSH and serial sessions across desktops

SecureCRT is a terminal for SSH, Telnet and serial that runs on Windows, macOS and Linux under one license, with scripting in Python and other languages. It starts at $119 for a year of updates, there is no free plan, and RDP only works on Windows.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **SecureCRT** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	$119 per user with 1 year of updates is under two years of the category's middle subscription. Three years of updates is $190, and the SecureFX bundle is $129 for a year.
Free plan and trial	C	A fully working 30-day evaluation license, but nothing free after that, and the page does not say whether a card is needed.
Features	B	SSH, Telnet, serial, tabbed sessions, keyword highlighting, a script recorder and scripting in four languages. The listing shows no gap in the core terminal job.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. Sessions, scripts and highlighting rules all have to be set up by you.
Platforms and integrations	B	Windows, macOS and Linux on one license, plus an iOS version. No web version, and RDP is Windows only.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 SecureCRT is for

- ✓ Fits if you script repetitive terminal work or talk to network gear over serial
- ✓ Works for a team that mixes Windows, Mac and Linux machines on one license

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a free tool, since after the 30-day evaluation you pay per user
- ✗ Pricey if you need FTPS, SCP or WebDAV too, as that is the separate SecureFX client and the bundle costs $129
- ✗ Watch out: a license covers 1 year of updates and support, and the longer 3-year option costs $190
- ✗ Watch out: RDP works on Windows only, and Python 3 scripting is listed for Windows, macOS and Ubuntu only
- ✗ Watch out: 50 or more licenses go through sales, not the price list

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Network and systems admins who script repetitive terminal tasks
- ✓ Teams that mix Windows, macOS and Linux workstations under one license
- ✓ Buyers who want to evaluate fully before paying

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No free plan: licenses are sold per user, and the free option is a 30-day evaluation.
- ⓘ Licenses include one year of updates and support (or three years at a higher price).
- ⓘ RDP support is Windows only, and Python 3 scripting is listed for Windows, macOS and Ubuntu Linux.
- ⓘ Prices are quoted per order; 50 or more licenses go through sales.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$9.92

A month to start, paid by the year, for each person

SecureCRT is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $119 per user, with 1 year of updates.

SECURECRT, 1 YEAR OF UPDATES

$119

per license, 1 year of updates and support

Single license; $116 each for 2 to 9, $114 each for 10 to 24 and $100 each for 25 to 49.

SECURECRT, 3 YEARS OF UPDATES

$190

per license, 3 years of updates and support

Single license; $186 each for 2 to 9, $182 each for 10 to 24 and $140 each for 25 to 49.

SECURECRT + SECUREFX BUNDLE

$129

per license, 1 year of updates and support

Terminal plus the SecureFX file transfer client; $206 for 3 years of updates.

Trying it first

30-day evaluation license, fully functional

Read from vandyke.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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Places it runs: macOS, Windows, Linux and iOS

SSH, Telnet and serial terminal for Windows, macOS and Linux. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, workflow automation, file sharing.

> **SSH, Telnet, serial, tabbed sessions, keyword highlighting, a script recorder and scripting in four languages.**
>
> From our grade for features

Session management

Tabbed sessions and tab groups, with keyword highlighting that accepts regular expressions for prompts and errors.

Several protocols

SSH2, SSH1, Telnet, Telnet over TLS and serial connections, plus RDP on Windows only.

Scripting

Scripts in VBScript, JScript, PerlScript or Python, and a script recorder that turns keystrokes into a script.

File transfer

SFTP, Xmodem, Ymodem, Zmodem and Kermit transfers, plus a built-in TFTP server; SecureFX adds FTPS, SCP and WebDAV.

One license, three desktops

The vendor says client licenses are not platform-specific, so one license registers Windows, macOS and Linux copies.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · Linux · iOS

What it works with

SecureFX · VShell Server

SecureCRT is made by VanDyke Software, Inc.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

49/85

Other remote desktop apps it is graded above

SecureCRT's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 49 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade, and level with 19.

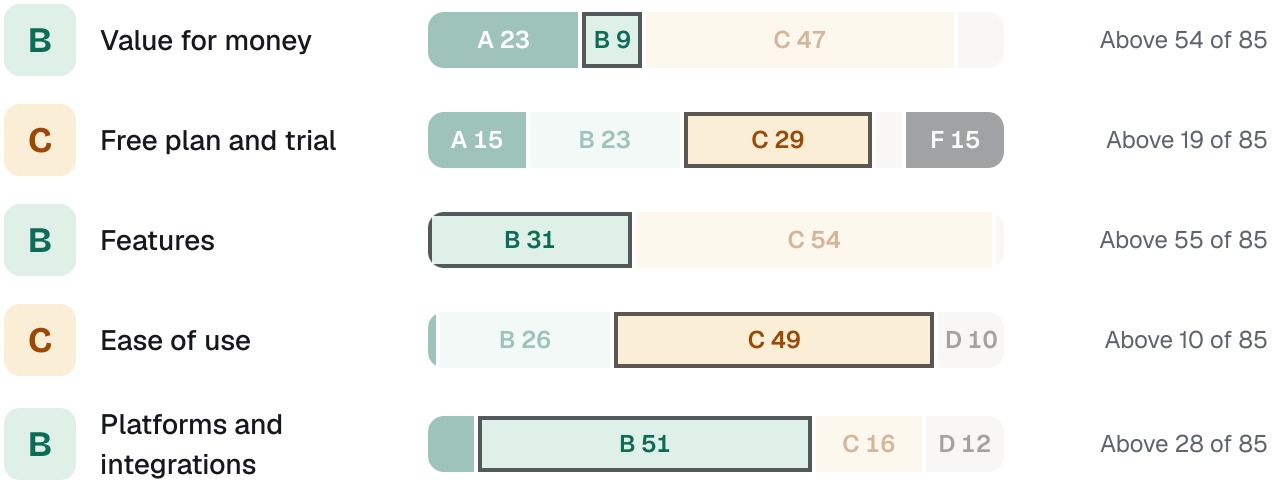
It stands best on features (B, above 55 of 85) and worst on ease of use (C, above 10).

Its paid plans start at $9.92 a month when paid by the year for each person, against a middle price of $8.33 for the category: 25 of the 44 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 3 tools score higher and cost less.

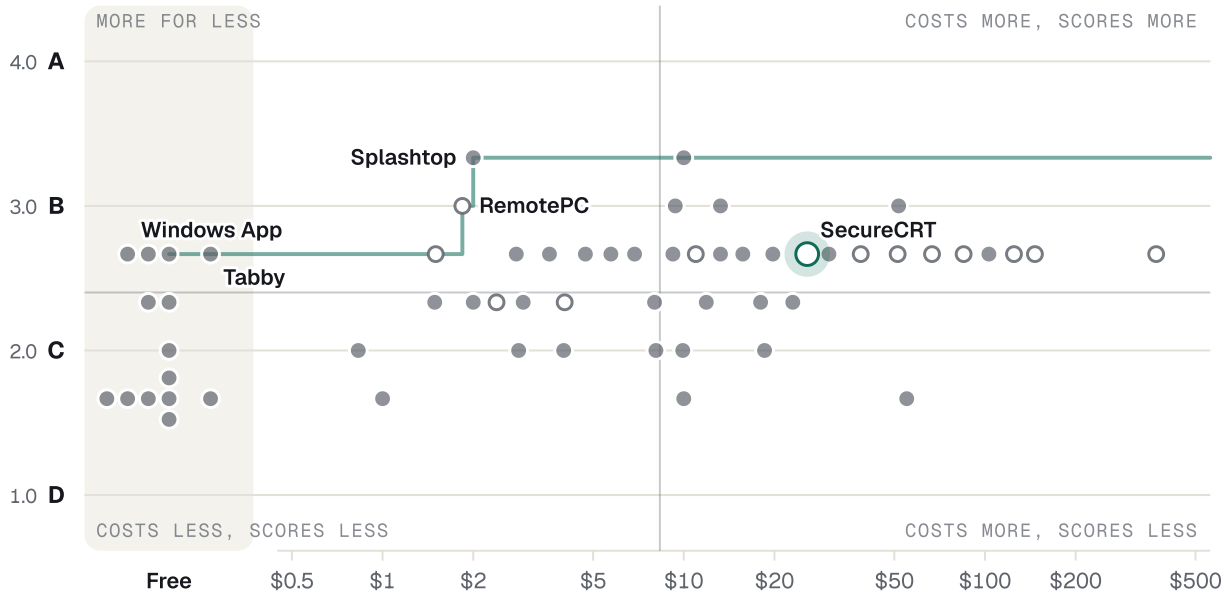
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 86 remote desktop apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. SecureCRT's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 59 remote desktop apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. SecureCRT 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

To replace SecureCRT you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $119 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- ✕ Storing and serving files for other people.

- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, Linux and iOS that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ It is priced for each person, which means accounts and billing for a team.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. SecureCRT'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



Xshell, MobaXterm, PuTTY, Termius and Tabby

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

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Xshell

Free plan · from $119/yr

SSH terminal for Windows with session, tab and file managers.

- Xshell has a free plan. SecureCRT does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only SecureCRT lists macOS, Linux and iOS apps.
- SecureCRT also covers file sharing.

SecureCRT and Xshell compared in full

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MobaXterm

Free plan · from $69 one-time

Tabbed SSH client and X server for Windows in one portable app.

- MobaXterm has a free plan. SecureCRT does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only SecureCRT lists macOS, Linux and iOS apps.
- SecureCRT can be bought with a one-time purchase.

SecureCRT and MobaXterm compared in full

PuTTY

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Free

Free SSH and Telnet client for Windows with file-copy utilities.

- PuTTY has a free plan. SecureCRT does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only SecureCRT lists macOS and iOS apps.
- SecureCRT can be bought with a one-time purchase.

SecureCRT and PuTTY compared in full

Termius

2.6 GPA

Free plan · from $10/mo

SSH and SFTP client for desktop and mobile with a synced vault.

- Termius has a free plan. SecureCRT does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Termius lists an Android app.
- SecureCRT can be bought with a one-time purchase.

SecureCRT and Termius compared in full

Tabby

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Free

Configurable terminal with built-in SSH, Telnet and serial clients.

- Tabby has a free plan. SecureCRT does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only SecureCRT lists an iOS app.
- Only Tabby lists a web app.

SecureCRT and Tabby 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 SecureCRT free?

No, SecureCRT is a paid product, but you can try it first. 30-day evaluation license, fully functional.

How much does SecureCRT cost?

SecureCRT lists 3 plans. SecureCRT, 1 year of updates: $119 per license, 1 year of updates and support.

What platforms does SecureCRT work on?

SecureCRT is available on Windows, macOS, Linux and iOS.

Does SecureCRT have an Android app?

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

Is SecureCRT open source?

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

What does SecureCRT integrate with?

SecureCRT's listing names SecureFX and VShell Server. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes SecureCRT?

SecureCRT is made by VanDyke Software, Inc.

What are the alternatives to SecureCRT?

The closest alternatives to SecureCRT in our directory are Xshell, MobaXterm, PuTTY, Termius and Tabby.

How does SecureCRT compare with other remote desktop apps?

SecureCRT's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 49 of the 85 other remote desktop apps we grade, and level with 19.

Is SecureCRT good value for money?

ToolGPA grades SecureCRT B for value for money. Its paid plans start at $9.92 a month when paid by the year for each person, against a middle price of $8.33 for the category: 25 of the 44 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of SecureCRT?

To replace SecureCRT you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from SecureCRT'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 VanDyke'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 VanDyke Software, Inc. Prices change, so check vandyke.com before you buy.

vandyke.com/pricing/index.html

vandyke.com/products/securecrt/

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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

SecureCRT, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/securecrt

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

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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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