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The Insider's Guide

Self-hosted PHP web app for reading RSS feeds



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among read-later and bookmark apps, read from selfoss's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from selfoss's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on selfoss'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 0 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade

selfoss is an open-source RSS reader and feed aggregator that you upload to your own web server. It gathers feeds and other sources into one stream, with a layout that adapts to phones and tablets. It is free to use.

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

> **No store rating on record, and it needs a PHP web server, a database, setup and your own updates.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a self-hosted RSS reader you run yourself**

selfoss is a free, open-source PHP web app for reading RSS feeds, with plug-in sources, OPML import and export and a JSON API.

2 **It is free**

selfoss has no paid plan at all. Everything: the software is free and open source; you pay only for your own hosting.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Universal aggregator**

Collects feeds, tweets and other posts into a single stream.

5 **Light install**

A PHP application of around 25 MB that you upload and run, with MySQL, PostgreSQL or SQLite as the database.

6 **Plug-in sources**

An open plug-in system lets you write your own data connectors, called spouts.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 0 of 66**

That is against the other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

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

selfoss at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Tobias Zeising	CATEGORY Read Later & Bookmarks
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a self-hosted RSS reader you run yourself

selfoss is a free, open-source PHP web app for reading RSS feeds, with plug-in sources, OPML import and export and a JSON API. There is no hosted version, so you install, configure and update it yourself on a PHP server with a database, and the Android app is third party.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	selfoss	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	The software is free, but only if you host it yourself, which needs a server, so it sits at the ordinary C.
Free plan and trial	B	Free and open source, with no paid plan. You pay only for your own hosting, and there is no hosted version to try.
Features	C	Aggregates feeds, takes plug-in sources, imports and exports OPML and has a JSON API. It does the reader job with a light install, but nothing in the listing shows reading extras like search across a library.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record, and it needs a PHP web server, a database, setup and your own updates.
Platforms and integrations	C	A web app only. The Android app is third party, not from the selfoss project, and no other integrations are listed.
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 selfoss is for

- ✓ Fits if you already run a PHP server and want your feeds on it
- ✓ Works for someone who wants to own their reading data

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you do not want to install and update software yourself
- ✗ Skip it if you want a hosted service: there is none
- ✗ Watch out: it needs a PHP web server and a database
- ✗ Watch out: the Android app is third party, not from the selfoss project

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People comfortable running a small PHP application on their own server
- ✓ Readers who want to keep their feed data on hardware they control

Worth knowing

- ⓘ There is no hosted service: you install, configure and update it yourself.
- ⓘ It needs a PHP web server and a database.
- ⓘ The Android app is third party, not from the selfoss project.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

selfoss is free to use.

> **The software is free, but only if you host it yourself, which needs a server, so it sits at the ordinary C.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

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Download the release and run it on your own PHP server; there is no hosted version.

The free plan

Everything: the software is free and open source; you pay only for your own hosting.

Read from selfoss.aditu.de 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

Self-hosted PHP web app for reading RSS feeds. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, public API, rSS reader.

> **Aggregates feeds, takes plug-in sources, imports and exports OPML and has a JSON API.**

From our grade for features

Universal aggregator

Collects feeds, tweets and other posts into a single stream.

Light install

A PHP application of around 25 MB that you upload and run, with MySQL, PostgreSQL or SQLite as the database.

Plug-in sources

An open plug-in system lets you write your own data connectors, called spouts.

OPML import and export

Bring feeds from other readers by importing an OPML file.

JSON API

A RESTful JSON API for developers; the site also lists a third-party Android app.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

selfoss is made by Tobias Zeising.

Where it stands

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

0/66

Other read-later and bookmark apps it is graded above

selfoss's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 0 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps we grade, and level with 5.

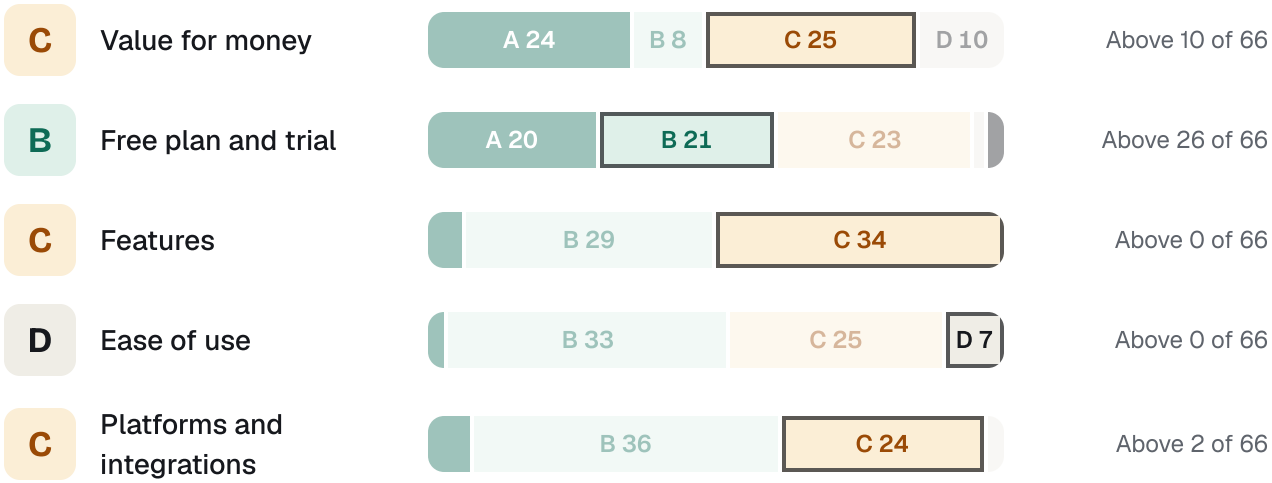
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 26 of 66) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

selfoss has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

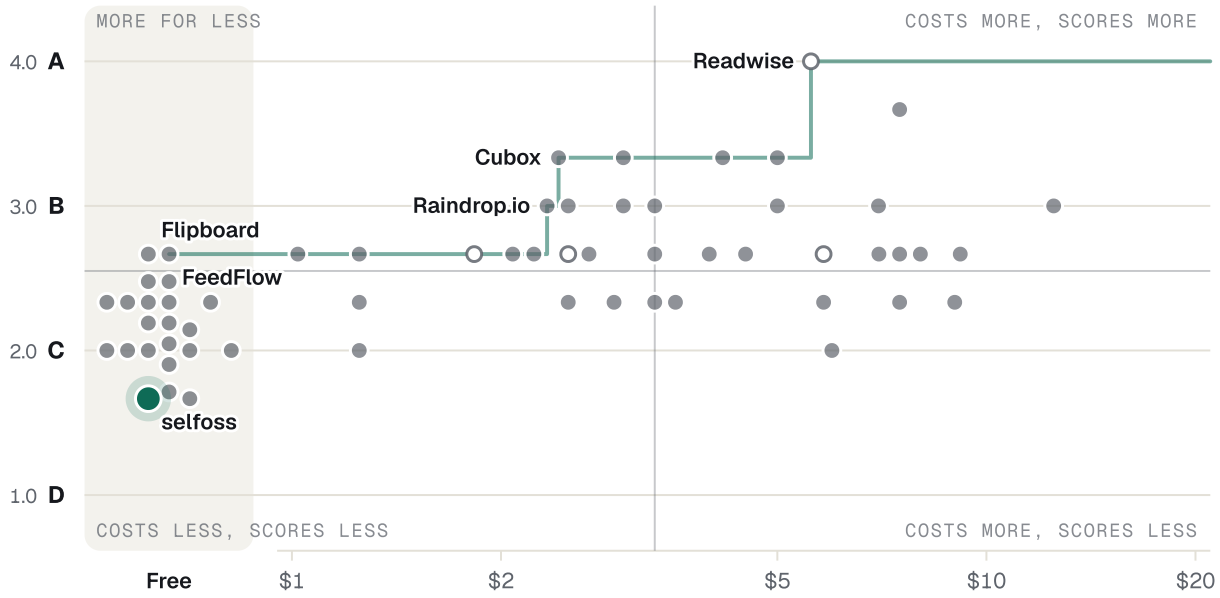
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 67 read-later and bookmark apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. selfoss's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 60 read-later and bookmark apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. selfoss 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

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

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 61 of the 66 other read-later and bookmark apps grade higher.

What you could make

- RSS reader: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- An API that other software can build on.

What this rests on. selfoss'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



Miniflux, FreshRSS, Tiny Tiny RSS, CommaFeed and Feedbin

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

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Miniflux

Free plan · from $15/yr

Minimalist open-source feed reader, self-hosted or hosted.

selfoss and Miniflux compared in full

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FreshRSS

Free

Free, self-hosted RSS and Atom feed aggregator.

selfoss and FreshRSS compared in full

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Tiny Tiny RSS

Free

Free, self-hosted web feed reader with filters and plugins.

selfoss and Tiny Tiny RSS compared in full



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CommaFeed

Free

Self-hostable RSS reader inspired by Google Reader.

selfoss and CommaFeed compared in full



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Feedbin

Free trial · from $7/mo

Paid RSS reader for feeds, newsletters, podcasts and YouTube.

- selfoss has a free plan. Feedbin does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Feedbin lists an iOS app.
- Only Feedbin lists a browser extension.

selfoss and Feedbin compared in full

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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 selfoss free?

Yes. selfoss is free to use. Everything: the software is free and open source; you pay only for your own hosting.

How much does selfoss cost?

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

What platforms does selfoss work on?

selfoss is available on Web.

Does selfoss have an Android app?

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

Does selfoss have an iPhone app?

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

Is selfoss open source?

Yes. selfoss is open source, according to its own site. It can also be run on a server of your own.

Does selfoss have an API?

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

Who makes selfoss?

selfoss is made by Tobias Zeising.

What are the alternatives to selfoss?

The closest alternatives to selfoss in our directory are Miniflux, FreshRSS, Tiny Tiny RSS, CommaFeed and Feedbin.

How does selfoss compare with other read-later and bookmark apps?

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Is selfoss good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of selfoss?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from selfoss'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 selfoss'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 Tobias Zeising. Prices change, so check selfoss.aditu.de before you buy.

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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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

selfoss, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/selfoss

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

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Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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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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Every one of the 67 read-later and bookmark apps we grade, compared

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