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SetupVPN

The Insider's Guide

Free VPN extension and apps with an optional Premium tier



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among VPNs, read from SetupVPN's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from SetupVPN's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on SetupVPN'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 44 of the 50 other VPNs we grade

SetupVPN is a free VPN service offered as browser extensions and as apps for Windows, macOS, iOS and Android. Its site says free accounts have no bandwidth restrictions and 100+ locations, and mentions a Premium account for more speed and features without listing its price.

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

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> **No store rating on record, and the site asks you to register.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for an occasional free VPN extension**

A Premium tier is mentioned, but no price or feature list is published, and Linux, Opera and ChromeOS are still marked coming soon.

2 **There is a free plan**

Free account with no bandwidth restrictions and 100+ locations, per the vendor's home page.

3 **It runs on 4 platforms**

Windows, macOS, iOS and Android, with a browser extension too.

4 **Free account**

The home page promises a lifetime free account with no bandwidth restrictions and no hidden charges.

5 **100+ locations**

The site says it has over 100 locations around the world and is adding more.

6 **Virus and malware filtering**

The FAQ says SetupVPN filters viruses from browsing and shields you from malware on the sites you visit.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 44 of 50**

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

8 **Keep it**

To replace SetupVPN you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

SetupVPN at a glance

PRICING Free plan	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, iOS, Android, Browser extension
MADE BY SetupVPN Inc	CATEGORY VPNs
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for an occasional free VPN extension

SetupVPN is a free VPN extension and app with no stated bandwidth limit and 100+ locations. A Premium tier is mentioned, but no price or feature list is published, and Linux, Opera and ChromeOS are still marked coming soon.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	SetupVPN	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free with no bandwidth restrictions on the vendor's home page. The Premium price is not published, so there is no paid cost to compare.
Free plan and trial	A	A lifetime free account with no bandwidth restrictions and unlimited server changes.
Features	C	Free account, 100+ locations, malware filtering and Wi-Fi protection. Mail ports 25 and 465 are blocked, and TVs and routers are not supported.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and the site asks you to register.
Platforms and integrations	B	Extension, Windows, Mac, iOS and Android; Linux, Opera and ChromeOS are coming soon.
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 SetupVPN is for

- ✓ Fits if you need a free VPN extension for occasional use
- ✓ Works for getting around a school or workplace firewall

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want to know what Premium costs, as no price or feature list is published
- ✕ Not for you if you send mail over SMTP, since ports 25 and 465 are blocked
- ✕ Watch out: Linux, Opera and ChromeOS versions are marked coming soon
- ✕ Watch out: televisions and routers are not supported

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who need a free VPN extension for occasional use
- ✓ Users behind a restrictive school or workplace firewall
- ✓ Anyone who wants a no-signup-fee VPN to try before paying elsewhere

Worth knowing

- ⓘ A Premium account is mentioned on the home page and FAQ, but no price or feature list is published on the pages read.
- ⓘ Ports such as 25 and 465 are blocked to limit spam, including SMTP.
- ⓘ Linux, Opera and ChromeOS versions are marked as coming soon.
- ⓘ The FAQ says televisions and routers are not supported.

What it costs

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

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plan

SetupVPN has a free plan.

> **Free with no bandwidth restrictions on the vendor's home page.**

From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

Lifetime free account with no bandwidth restrictions, unlimited server changes and SSL-based encryption.

The free plan

Free account with no bandwidth restrictions and 100+ locations, per the vendor's home page.

Read from setupvpn.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, iOS, Android and Browser extension

Free VPN extension and apps with an optional Premium tier. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: vPN, malware protection.

> **Extension, Windows, Mac, iOS and Android; Linux, Opera and ChromeOS are coming soon.**

From our grade for platforms and integrations

Free account

The home page promises a lifetime free account with no bandwidth restrictions and no hidden charges.

100+ locations

The site says it has over 100 locations around the world and is adding more.

Virus and malware filtering

The FAQ says SetupVPN filters viruses from browsing and shields you from malware on the sites you visit.

Unlimited server changes

You can switch servers as often as you like, with no stated limit.

Public Wi-Fi protection

Traffic is encrypted with SSL, which the vendor positions as protection on cafe and restaurant networks.

Extensions and apps

Downloads are listed for Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Android, Windows, macOS and iOS.

Where it runs

macOS
Windows
iOS
Android
Browser extension

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

SetupVPN is made by SetupVPN Inc.

Where it stands

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

44/50

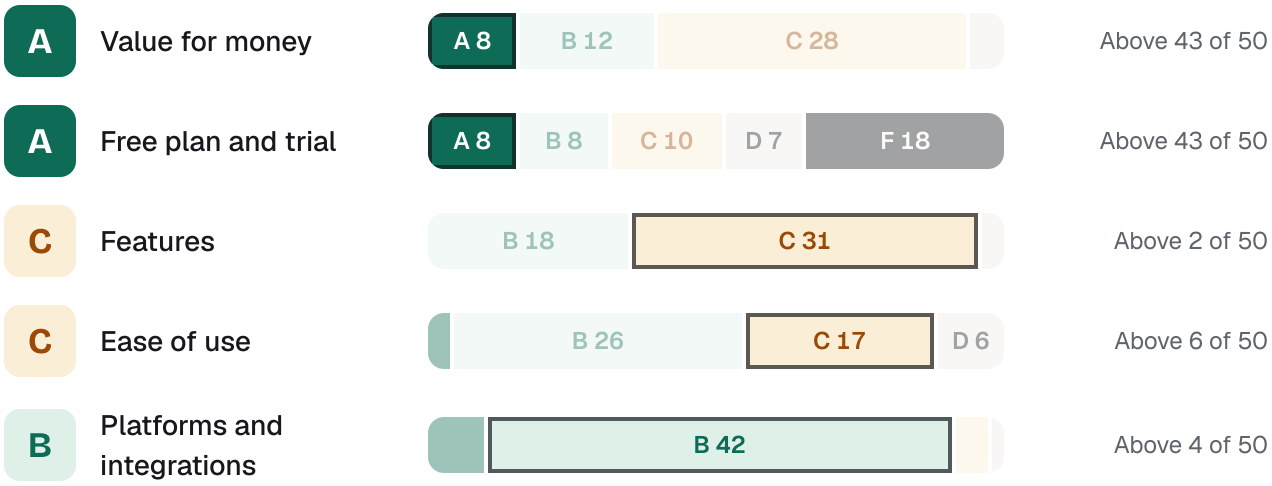
Other VPNs it is graded above

SetupVPN's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 44 of the 50 other VPNs we grade, and level with 4.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 43 of 50) and worst on features (C, above 2).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 51 VPNs we grade, cut by the letter each got. SetupVPN's own letter is outlined.



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 SetupVPN you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 44 of the 50 other VPNs we grade.

What you could not

- ✕ Servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.
- ✕ An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. SetupVPN'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



Hoxx VPN, Windscribe, TunnelBear, Betternet and Hotspot Shield

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

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Hoxx VPN

Free plan · from $1.99/mo

Free VPN proxy with a Premium upgrade sold inside the app.

- Only Hoxx VPN lists a Linux app.
- Hoxx VPN also covers ad and tracker blocking.

SetupVPN and Hoxx VPN compared in full

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Windscribe

Free plan · from $3/mo

VPN with a 10GB free plan and pay-per-location pricing.

- Only Windscribe lists a Linux app.
- Windscribe is open source, according to its own site.
- SetupVPN also covers malware protection.

SetupVPN and Windscribe compared in full



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TunnelBear

Free plan · from $3.33/mo

McAfee-owned VPN with a 2GB free plan and pay-once multi-year plans.

- SetupVPN also covers malware protection.
- TunnelBear also covers ad and tracker blocking.

SetupVPN and TunnelBear compared in full



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Betternet

Free plan · from $95.99/yr

Ad-supported free VPN with an ad-free Premium plan.

SetupVPN and Betternet compared in full



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Hotspot Shield

Free plan · from $95.99/yr

VPN with a free Basic tier and its own Hydra protocol.

SetupVPN and Hotspot Shield 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 SetupVPN free?

SetupVPN has a free plan. Free account with no bandwidth restrictions and 100+ locations, per the vendor's home page.

How much does SetupVPN cost?

SetupVPN lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does SetupVPN work on?

SetupVPN is available on Windows, macOS, iOS and Android. It also has a browser extension.

Does SetupVPN have a Linux app?

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

Is SetupVPN open source?

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

Who makes SetupVPN?

SetupVPN is made by SetupVPN Inc.

What are the alternatives to SetupVPN?

The closest alternatives to SetupVPN in our directory are Hoxx VPN, Windscribe, TunnelBear, Betternet and Hotspot Shield.

How does SetupVPN compare with other VPNs?

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Could I make my own version of SetupVPN?

To replace SetupVPN you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from SetupVPN'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 SetupVPN'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 SetupVPN Inc. Prices change, so check setupvpn.com 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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

SetupVPN, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/setupvpn

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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Every one of the 51 VPNs we grade, compared

Cloudflare WARP Insider's Guide

Free Cloudflare app that encrypts traffic, with an optional paid tier

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Ultrasurf Insider's Guide

Free censorship-circumvention VPN from UltraReach

3.2 GPA

hide.me Insider's Guide

Malaysia-based VPN with a no-signup free plan and flat renewal prices

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