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Shortcat

The Insider’s Guide

Click and switch windows on a Mac using only the keyboard



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among window managers and launchers, read from Shortcat’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Shortcat's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Shortcat'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 48 other window managers and launchers we grade

Shortcat is a macOS app that reads the interface of the active app through the Accessibility API and lists buttons, menus and windows in a searchable palette. You type a few letters to click an element, search a menu or jump to a window. It also works in Safari, Chrome and Firefox.

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about Shortcat**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **Its site shows no price or license terms, and how well it works depends on how each app handles Accessibility.**
>
> From our report card of Shortcat

1 **Best for clicking buttons on a Mac without the mouse**

Shortcat reads the front app's interface and lets you click buttons, search menus and jump between windows by typing.

2 **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

3 **Click with the keyboard**

Type what you want to click, such as ok for an OK button; supports right, double and modified clicks.

4 **Window search**

Searches window titles to bring a window forward without cycling through the app switcher.

5 **Menu search**

Exposes the front app's menu items to fuzzy search.

6 **A 1.6 GPA, above 0 of 48**

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

7 **Keep it**

To replace Shortcat you would be making a launcher wired into the operating system. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Shortcat at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS
MADE BY Sproutcube	CATEGORY Window Managers & Launchers
OUR GRADE 1.6 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for clicking buttons on a Mac without the mouse

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price or license terms, and how well it works depends on how each app handles Accessibility.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Shortcat	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published on the site, so there is nothing to set against the category's $8.00 middle or $19 one-time figure.
Free plan and trial	F	The listing records no free plan and no trial, and the site shows no price or terms to say otherwise.
Features	C	Clicking, menu search, window search and emoji search, but results depend on each app's Accessibility support, including some Electron apps. It does that one job fully, and it is a smaller job.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and it needs macOS 13 or later plus an Accessibility permission before it does anything.
Platforms and integrations	C	Mac only, with Safari, Chrome and Firefox support but no other devices and no integrations listed.
Grade point average		Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

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 Shortcat is for

- ✓ Fits if you live on a Mac and want to click things from the keyboard
- ✓ Works for people who like Vimium-style clicking in every app

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use Windows or Linux, as it is Mac only
- ✗ Tight if you want a free tool, since the listing shows no free plan or trial
- ✗ Not for you if you need to know the cost first, because the site publishes no price or license terms
- ✗ Watch out: it needs macOS 13 or later and Accessibility permission, and some Electron apps expose less than others

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac users who want to cut mouse use
- ✓ People who like Vimium-style link clicking across all apps

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Needs macOS 13 or later and Accessibility permission.
- ⓘ Results depend on how well each app implements Accessibility, including some Electron apps.
- ⓘ The site shows no price or license terms, so the cost could not be confirmed.

What it costs

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

Shortcat's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **The listing records no free plan and no trial, and the site shows no price or terms to say otherwise.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

We could not confirm Shortcat's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. shortcat.app has them.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: macOS

Click and switch windows on a Mac using only the keyboard. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: keyboard-first, launcher, window management.

> **Clicking, menu search, window search and emoji search, but results depend on each app's Accessibility support, including some Electron apps.**
>
> From our grade for features

Click with the keyboard

Type what you want to click, such as ok for an OK button; supports right, double and modified clicks.

Window search

Searches window titles to bring a window forward without cycling through the app switcher.

Menu search

Exposes the front app's menu items to fuzzy search.

Browser support

Works in Safari, Chrome, Firefox and some Chromium browsers such as Vivaldi.

Emoji mode

Fuzzy search for emojis by several labels.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Shortcat is made by Sproutcube.

Where it stands

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

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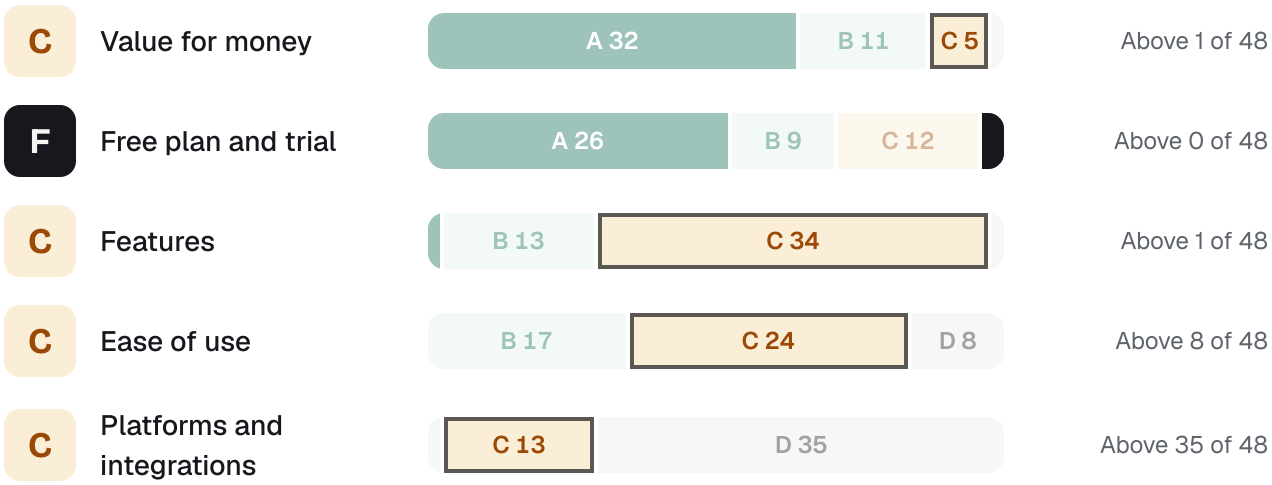
Other window managers and launchers it is graded above

Shortcat's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 0 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade.

It stands best on platforms and integrations (C, above 35 of 48) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 49 window managers and launchers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Shortcat'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 Shortcat you would be making a launcher wired into the operating system. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 48 of the 48 other window managers and launchers grade higher.

What you could not

- A launcher wired into the operating system.
- Control over other apps' windows.
- A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Shortcat'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.

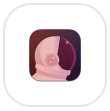
The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Superkey, Mouseless, Hyperkey, Contexts and Sol

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



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Superkey

Free trial · from $15.99

Mac hyper key, key remapping and keyboard screen clicking.

- Superkey can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Shortcat also covers launcher and window management.
- Superkey also covers keyboard and mouse remapping.

Shortcat and Superkey compared in full



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Mouseless

Free trial

Control the mouse from the keyboard on Mac, Windows and Linux.

- Only Mouseless lists Windows and Linux apps.
- Shortcat also covers launcher and window management.
- Mouseless also covers keyboard and mouse remapping.

Shortcat and Mouseless compared in full



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Hyperkey

Free

Free Mac utility that turns a key into the Hyper modifier.

- Hyperkey has a free plan. Shortcat does not.
- Shortcat also covers launcher and window management.
- Hyperkey also covers keyboard and mouse remapping.

Shortcat and Hyperkey compared in full



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Contexts

Free trial · from $9.99

Mac window switcher with search, a sidebar and a better Command-Tab.

- Shortcat also covers launcher.

Shortcat and Contexts compared in full



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Sol

Free

Open-source macOS launcher and command palette.

- Sol has a free plan. Shortcat does not.
- Sol is open source, according to its own site.
- Sol also covers clipboard manager and calculator.

Shortcat and Sol 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 Shortcat free?

No. Shortcat is a paid product.

What platforms does Shortcat work on?

Shortcat is available on macOS.

Does Shortcat have an Android app?

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

Does Shortcat have an iPhone app?

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

Is Shortcat open source?

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

Who makes Shortcat?

Shortcat is made by Sproutcube.

What are the alternatives to Shortcat?

The closest alternatives to Shortcat in our directory are Superkey, Mouseless, Hyperkey, Contexts and Sol.

How does Shortcat compare with other window managers and launchers?

Shortcat's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 0 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade.

Could I make my own version of Shortcat?

To replace Shortcat you would be making a launcher wired into the operating system.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Shortcat'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 Sproutcube'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 Sproutcube. Prices change, so check shortcat.app before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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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

Shortcat, kept up to date

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

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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 49 window managers and launchers we grade, compared

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Free, open-source app launcher and file search for Windows

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Launchy Insider's Guide

Open-source keystroke launcher with plugins and skins

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