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SimpleX Chat

The Insider's Guide

Private messenger that uses no user identifiers at all



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among team communication apps, read from SimpleX Chat's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from SimpleX Chat's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on SimpleX Chat'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 67 of the 75 other team communication apps we grade

SimpleX Chat is a free, open-source messenger whose network assigns no user identifiers, not even random ones, so servers do not hold a list of who talks to whom. Contacts, groups and channels are kept on the user's own device, and anyone can run a relay server.

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

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> **It has apps for phones and desktops, groups and calls.**
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> From our report card of SimpleX Chat

1 **Best for private messaging with no user identifiers**

SimpleX is a free, open-source messenger with no phone number, username or account ID.

2 **It is free**

SimpleX Chat has no paid plan at all. The apps for iPhone, Android, Mac, Windows and Linux are free and open source.

3 **It runs on 5 platforms**

iOS, Android, macOS, Windows and Linux.

4 **No user identifiers**

The site says the network has no user IDs of any kind; each connection uses separate queues instead of an account.

5 **Contacts stored on your device**

Contacts and groups live on the device, not in a server database, and chat profiles can be separated.

6 **Groups and channels**

Group chats, public channels and a community directory are covered in the guide, with a bot SDK for automations.

7 **A 3.2 GPA, above 67 of 75**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

SimpleX Chat at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android
MADE BY SimpleX Chat Ltd	CATEGORY Team Communication
OUR GRADE 3.2 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for private messaging with no user identifiers

SimpleX is a free, open-source messenger with no phone number, username or account ID. It has apps for phones and desktops, groups and calls. iOS notifications run through the company's servers, and one profile cannot run independently on several devices.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	SimpleX Chat	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free and open source on every platform. No paid plan was published.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with every app, groups, channels and calls at no charge.
Features	C	Direct chats, groups, channels, calls and linked devices. A messenger rather than a workspace, and a profile cannot run on several devices independently.
Ease of use	B	No rating on record, but you install it and start with no account to create.
Platforms and integrations	B	iPhone, Android, Mac, Windows and Linux. No web version and no API on the pages read.
Grade point average		Very good, out of 4.0 **3.2**

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 SimpleX Chat is for

- ✓ Fits if you do not want to give a phone number or email
- ✓ Works for privacy-minded people who want groups and calls on phone and desktop

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want a team workspace, as it is a messenger with groups
- ✕ Watch out: iOS push notifications go through servers run by SimpleX Chat Ltd
- ✕ Watch out: a mobile profile can link to a desktop but not run independently on several devices
- ✕ Skip it if you want a browser version, as none is listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People who do not want a phone number or account tied to their chats
- ✓ Communities that want a privacy-focused alternative to centralized chat
- ✓ Developers building bots on a published SDK

Worth knowing

- ⓘ iOS push notifications currently go through servers run by SimpleX Chat Ltd, according to the privacy policy.
- ⓘ The FAQ has an entry on why one profile cannot be used independently on several devices; a mobile profile can only be linked to desktop.
- ⓘ The site describes future paid server credits for large communities, but no paid plan was published when read.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

SimpleX Chat is free to use.

> **Free outright, with every app, groups, channels and calls at no charge.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

All apps, direct chats, groups, channels and calls at no charge.

The free plan

The apps for iPhone, Android, Mac, Windows and Linux are free and open source.

Read from simplex.chat 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, iOS and Android

Private messenger that uses no user identifiers at all. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, end-to-end encrypted, public API, team chat, video calls.

> **Direct chats, groups, channels, calls and linked devices.**

From our grade for features

No user identifiers

The site says the network has no user IDs of any kind; each connection uses separate queues instead of an account.

Contacts stored on your device

Contacts and groups live on the device, not in a server database, and chat profiles can be separated.

Groups and channels

Group chats, public channels and a community directory are covered in the guide, with a bot SDK for automations.

Audio and video calls

Calls are available in the apps; the FAQ says the app shows whether a given call has end-to-end encryption.

Linked devices

A mobile profile can be linked to the desktop app; the FAQ says one profile cannot be used independently on several devices.

Run your own servers

Guides explain how to host message, file and WebRTC servers; the site says no single entity controls the network.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · Linux · iOS · Android

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

SimpleX Chat is made by SimpleX Chat Ltd.

Where it stands

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

67/75

Other team communication apps it is graded above

SimpleX Chat's GPA of 3.2 is higher than 67 of the 75 other team communication apps we grade, and level with 5.

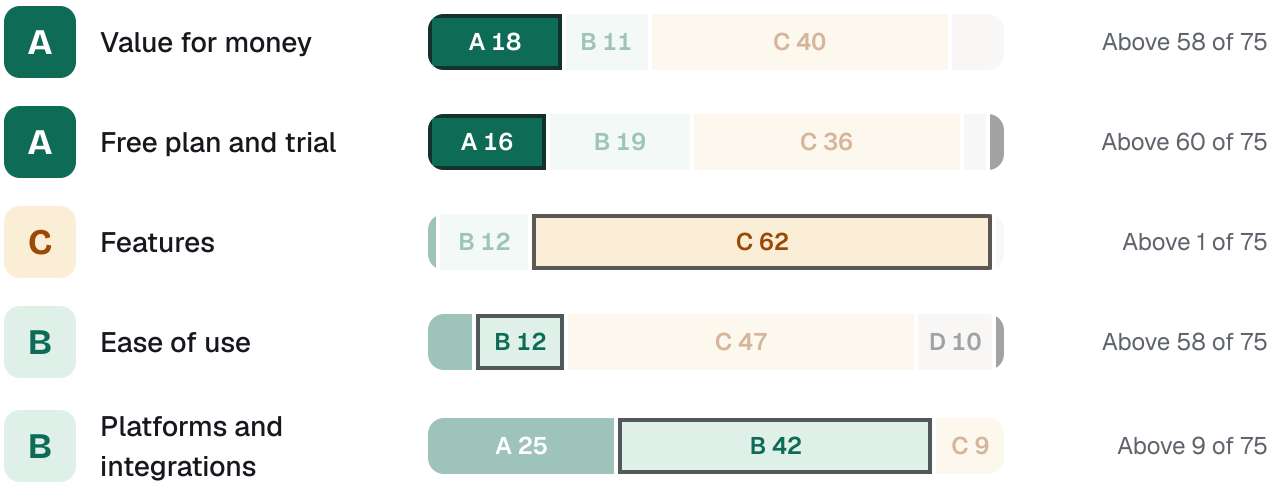
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 60 of 75) and worst on features (C, above 1).

SimpleX Chat has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

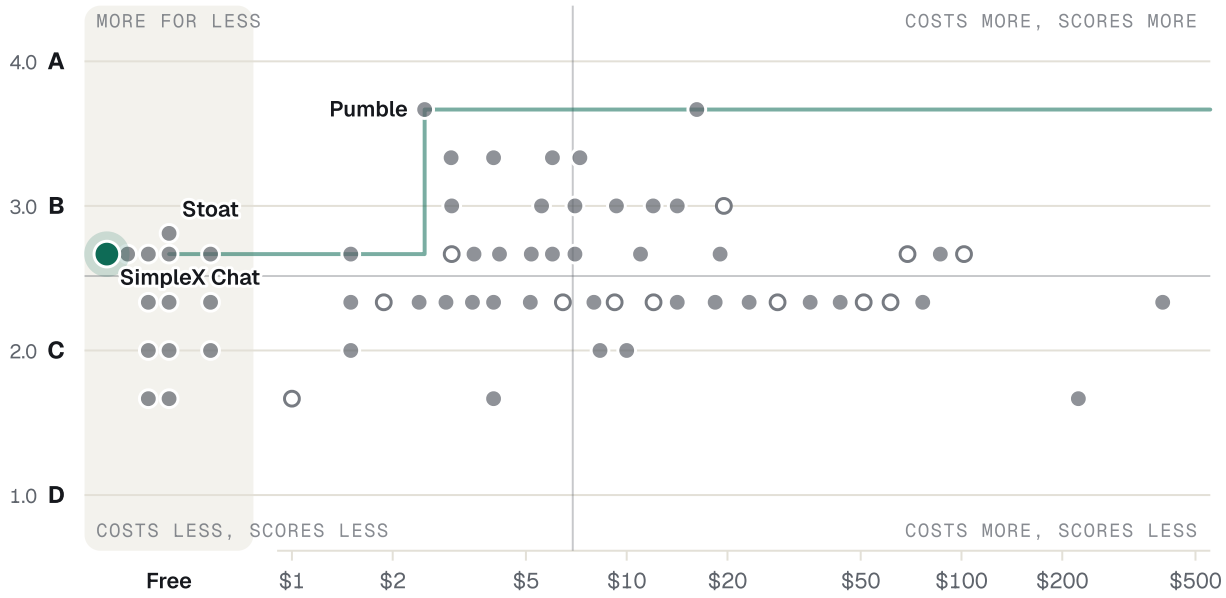
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 76 team communication apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. SimpleX Chat's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 66 team communication apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. SimpleX Chat 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

SimpleX Chat 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 3.2 is higher than 67 of the 75 other team communication apps we grade.

What you could not

- ✕ Chat that a whole team counts on staying up.
- ✕ Video calls.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.

- ✕ An API that other software can build on.
- ✕ End-to-end encryption done properly.

What this rests on. SimpleX Chat'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



Signal, Briar, Delta Chat, Matrix and Olvid

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

Signal

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Free

Nonprofit messenger with end-to-end encrypted chats and calls.

- SimpleX Chat is open source, according to its own site.

SimpleX Chat and Signal compared in full

Briar

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Free

Serverless encrypted messaging that syncs over Tor, Wi-Fi or Bluetooth.

- Only SimpleX Chat lists an iOS app.
- SimpleX Chat also covers video calls.

SimpleX Chat and Briar compared in full

Delta Chat

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Free

Free decentralized messenger with end-to-end encryption.

- SimpleX Chat also covers video calls.

SimpleX Chat and Delta Chat compared in full



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Matrix

Free

Open, decentralized network for chat and calls.

- Only Matrix lists a web app.
- Matrix is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- SimpleX Chat also covers video calls.

SimpleX Chat and Matrix compared in full



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Olvid

Free plan · from €4.99/mo

End-to-end encrypted messenger needing no phone number.

- Only SimpleX Chat lists a Linux app.
- Only Olvid lists a web app.
- Olvid also covers chatbots.

SimpleX Chat and Olvid 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 SimpleX Chat free?

Yes. SimpleX Chat is free to use.

How much does SimpleX Chat cost?

SimpleX Chat lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does SimpleX Chat work on?

SimpleX Chat is available on iOS, Android, macOS, Windows and Linux.

Is SimpleX Chat open source?

Yes. SimpleX Chat is open source, according to its own site.

Is SimpleX Chat end-to-end encrypted?

SimpleX Chat describes itself as end-to-end encrypted on its own site.

Does SimpleX Chat have an API?

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

Who makes SimpleX Chat?

SimpleX Chat is made by SimpleX Chat Ltd.

What are the alternatives to SimpleX Chat?

The closest alternatives to SimpleX Chat in our directory are Signal, Briar, Delta Chat, Matrix and Olvid.

How does SimpleX Chat compare with other team communication apps?

SimpleX Chat's GPA of 3.2 is higher than 67 of the 75 other team communication apps we grade, and level with 5.

Is SimpleX Chat good value for money?

ToolGPA grades SimpleX Chat A for value for money. SimpleX Chat has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of SimpleX Chat?

SimpleX Chat 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 SimpleX Chat'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 SimpleX Chat'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 SimpleX Chat Ltd. Prices change, so check simplex.chat before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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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

SimpleX Chat, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/simplex-chat

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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Team Communication Insider's Guide

Every one of the 76 team communication apps we grade, compared

Discord Insider's Guide

Free text, voice and video chat built around servers

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Pumble Insider's Guide

Team chat with unlimited message history on the free plan

3.6 GPA

Zoho Cliq Insider's Guide

Team chat, calls and meetings from the Zoho suite

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