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SlideShare

The Insider's Guide

Site for browsing and uploading shared presentations



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among presentation tools, read from SlideShare's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from SlideShare's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on SlideShare'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 53 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade

SlideShare is a public library of uploaded presentations, documents and PDFs that visitors can browse, read and upload to without paying. A paid subscription from Scribd adds downloads, text copying and an ad-free experience.

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

> **Downloads and copying text need a Scribd subscription whose price we could not read, and it is not a tool for building slides.**
>
> From our report card of SlideShare

1 **Best for browsing and uploading public decks**

SlideShare is a public library of uploaded decks and documents that anyone can browse and upload to.

2 **There is a free plan**

Browsing, reading and uploading are free; downloading presentations needs a subscription.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Large public library**

The homepage cites over 25 million decks across topics from business to health.

5 **Upload your own**

Free accounts can upload presentations, documents and PDFs to share publicly.

6 **Downloads**

A paid subscription lets you download presentations.

7 **A 2.4 GPA, above 53 of 89**

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

8 **Keep it**

Nothing SlideShare does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 2 things listed below take a company.

SlideShare at a glance

PRICING Free plan	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Scribd	CATEGORY Presentations
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for browsing and uploading public decks

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

SlideShare

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	The subscription price was not shown on pages we could read, so it sits in the middle of presentation tools.
Free plan and trial	B	Browsing, reading and uploading are free; downloads need a subscription. The page offers a 30-day free download period.
Features	C	A public library with uploads, downloads, text copying and ad-free reading. It hosts and finds decks rather than building them.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. Open the site, search, read.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only on the listing, with no apps or integrations list.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

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 SlideShare is for

- ✓ Fits if you search for slides on a topic
- ✓ Works for people who publish a deck to be found

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want to build slides, as it is a hosting and discovery site
- ✕ Tight if you want downloads or to copy text, which need a subscription
- ✕ Watch out: the subscription is tied to Scribd, with no price we could read
- ✕ Watch out: the page is ad-supported until you subscribe

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Researchers looking for slide decks on a topic
- ✓ Presenters who want to publish a deck for public viewing
- ✓ Readers who want ad-free access with downloads

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The subscription price was not shown on pages that could be read, so no plan prices are recorded.
- ⓘ Downloading and copying text from decks needs a paid subscription.
- ⓘ It is a hosting and discovery site, not a tool for building slides.
- ⓘ The subscription includes access to Scribd documents, so it is tied to that service.

What it costs

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

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

> **The subscription price was not shown on pages we could read, so it sits in the middle of presentation tools.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm SlideShare's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. slideshare.net 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: Web

Site for browsing and uploading shared presentations. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: presentations, file sharing.

> "
>
> **A public library with uploads, downloads, text copying and ad-free reading.**

From our grade for features

Large public library

The homepage cites over 25 million decks across topics from business to health.

Upload your own

Free accounts can upload presentations, documents and PDFs to share publicly.

Downloads

A paid subscription lets you download presentations.

Copy text from slides

Subscribers can copy and paste text directly from presentations.

Ad-free reading

A subscription removes ads while browsing.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

SlideShare is made by Scribd.

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Where it stands

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

53/89

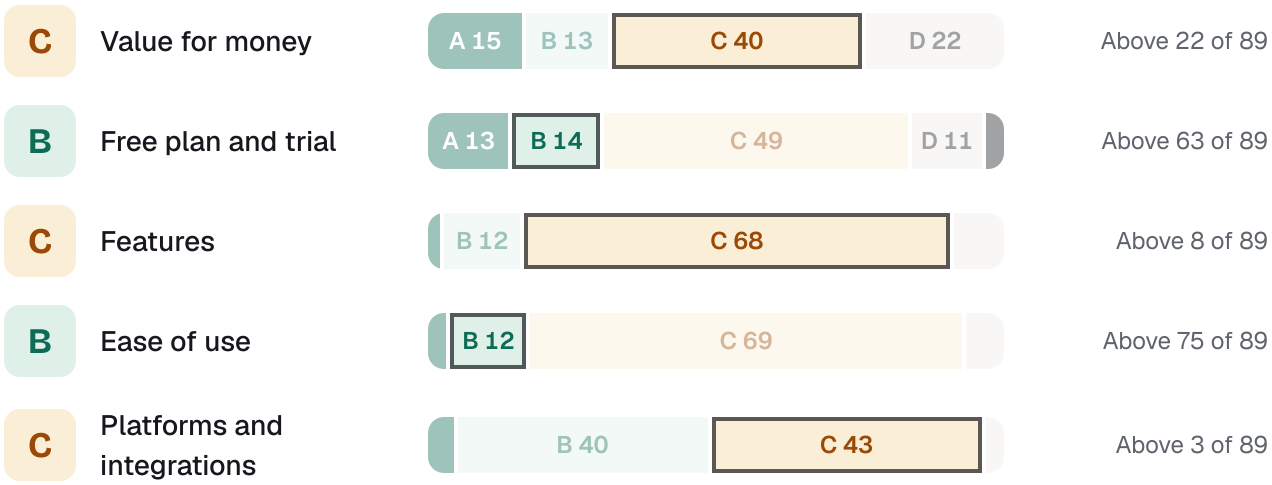
Other presentation tools it is graded above

SlideShare's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 53 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade, and level with 11.

It stands best on ease of use (B, above 75 of 89) and worst on platforms and integrations (C, above 3).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 90 presentation tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. SlideShare'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

Nothing SlideShare does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 2 things listed below take a company.

What you could not

- ✕ A slide editor.
- ✕ Storing and serving files for other people.

What this rests on. SlideShare'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



Speaker Deck, Slides, Canva, Google Slides and Pitch

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

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Speaker Deck

Free plan · from $8/mo

Host and share presentations online with embeds.

SlideShare and Speaker Deck compared in full

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Slides

Free plan · from $5/mo

Browser-based presentation editor with HTML, CSS and code support.

- SlideShare also covers file sharing.
- Slides also covers templates.

SlideShare and Slides compared in full



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Canva

Free plan · from $14.99/mo

Template-based design platform for slides, graphics and video.

- Only Canva lists macOS, Windows, iOS and Android apps.
- SlideShare also covers file sharing.
- Canva also covers templates and video editing.

SlideShare and Canva compared in full



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Google Slides

Free plan · from $7/mo

Browser-based presentation builder, free with a Google Account.

- Only Google Slides lists iOS and Android apps.
- SlideShare also covers file sharing.
- Google Slides also covers templates.

SlideShare and Google Slides compared in full



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Pitch

Free plan · from $13/mo

Collaborative presentation workspace with tracked share links.

- Only Pitch lists macOS, Windows, iOS and Android apps.
- SlideShare also covers file sharing.
- Pitch also covers templates.

SlideShare and Pitch 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 SlideShare free?

SlideShare has a free plan. Browsing, reading and uploading are free; downloading presentations needs a subscription.

What platforms does SlideShare work on?

SlideShare is available on Web.

Does SlideShare have an Android app?

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

Does SlideShare have an iPhone app?

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

Is SlideShare open source?

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

Who makes SlideShare?

SlideShare is made by Scribd.

What are the alternatives to SlideShare?

The closest alternatives to SlideShare in our directory are Speaker Deck, Slides, Canva, Google Slides and Pitch.

How does SlideShare compare with other presentation tools?

SlideShare's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 53 of the 89 other presentation tools we grade, and level with 11.

Could I make my own version of SlideShare?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from SlideShare'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 SlideShare'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 Scribd. Prices change, so check slideshare.net 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

SlideShare, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/slideshare

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

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Presentations Insider's Guide

Every one of the 90 presentation tools we grade, compared

Microsoft PowerPoint Insider's Guide

Slide presentation app sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser

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Zoho Show Insider's Guide

Online presentation software, free for individuals

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Canva Insider's Guide

Template-based design platform for slides, graphics and video

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