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SnappyMail

The Insider's Guide

Open-source webmail client you install on your own server



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among email apps, read from SnappyMail's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from SnappyMail's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on SnappyMail'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 2 of the 122 other email apps we grade

SnappyMail is a web-based email client that you host yourself. It is a fork of RainLoop rebuilt for current browsers, and its project site describes it as simple, modern, lightweight and fast. It connects to an existing mail server and needs no database.

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

1 **Best for a self-hosted webmail page for your IMAP server**

SnappyMail is a small webmail page you put in front of a mail server you already have, and it needs no database.

2 **It is free**

SnappyMail has no paid plan at all. Free and open source under the AGPL-3.0 license; you run it on your own PHP server.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Light page weight**

The project site says the mobile page boots with roughly 138 KB of download using Brotli compression.

5 **No database needed**

The GitHub readme lists simple installation and upgrades, and says no database is required.

6 **OpenPGP support**

The readme says the fork ships OpenPGP.js v5 and has much better PGP support than the RainLoop code it came from.

7 **A 1.8 GPA, above 2 of 122**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

SnappyMail at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY SnappyMail (open-source project)	CATEGORY Email Apps
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for a self-hosted webmail page for your IMAP server

SnappyMail is a small webmail page you put in front of a mail server you already have, and it needs no database. But it is only the front end, it needs PHP 8.2 or newer on a server you run, and there are no phone or desktop apps.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **SnappyMail** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Free under the AGPL-3.0 licence, but only if you host it, and that needs a PHP server. Self-hosted free is a C for value, not an A.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Free plan and trial	C	Free outright, no plan limits. The catch is that you need your own server first, so it is a B and not an A.
Features	D	It does the webmail job fully: IMAP, OpenPGP, plugins. It is a smaller job though, since it sends and receives nothing without a separate mail server.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. It needs PHP 8.2+ and the mbstring extension, so install and upgrades fall on you.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only. The listing names no apps and no integrations, and Internet Explorer and Edge Legacy are not supported.
Grade point average		Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

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 SnappyMail is for

- ✓ Fits if you already run an IMAP server and want a light web front end for it
- ✓ Works for hosts who like open-source software and are happy to run PHP themselves

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a mail server, because it sends and receives nothing on its own
- ✗ Not for you if you don't have a server, since there is no hosted version in the listing
- ✗ Too light for anyone who wants calendars, tasks or team sharing built in
- ✗ Watch out: it needs PHP 8.2 or newer with the mbstring extension
- ✗ Watch out: Internet Explorer and Edge Legacy don't work with it

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Admins who want a small self-hosted webmail front end
- ✓ Hosts that already run an IMAP mail server
- ✓ Users who prefer open-source software

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It is a webmail front end only; you still need a separate mail server to send and receive mail.
- ⓘ Needs PHP 8.2 or newer and the mbstring extension, per the GitHub readme.
- ⓘ Internet Explorer and Edge Legacy are not supported.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

SnappyMail is free to use.

> **Self-hosted free is a C for value, not an A.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

Open source under AGPL-3.0. You host it yourself on a server running PHP 8.2 or newer.

The free plan

Free and open source under the AGPL-3.0 license; you run it on your own PHP server.

Read from github.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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Place it runs: Web

Open-source webmail client you install on your own server. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, email client.

> **It does the webmail job fully: IMAP, OpenPGP, plugins.**

From our grade for features

Light page weight

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No database needed

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OpenPGP support

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Plugins

Features such as password change are built as plugins, and plugins can be loaded as .phar files.

Broad IMAP support

The readme lists support for many more IMAP standards than the original RainLoop client.

Live demo

A demo of the client is published on the project site.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

SnappyMail is made by SnappyMail (open-source project).

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

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Other email apps it is graded above

SnappyMail's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 2 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 8.

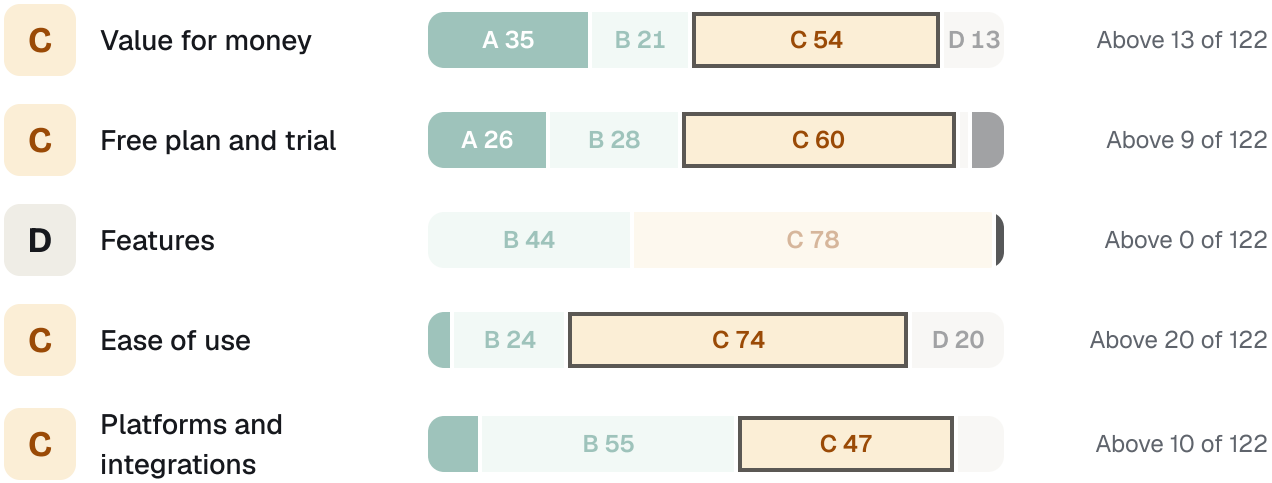
It stands best on ease of use (C, above 20 of 122) and worst on features (D, above 0).

SnappyMail 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.

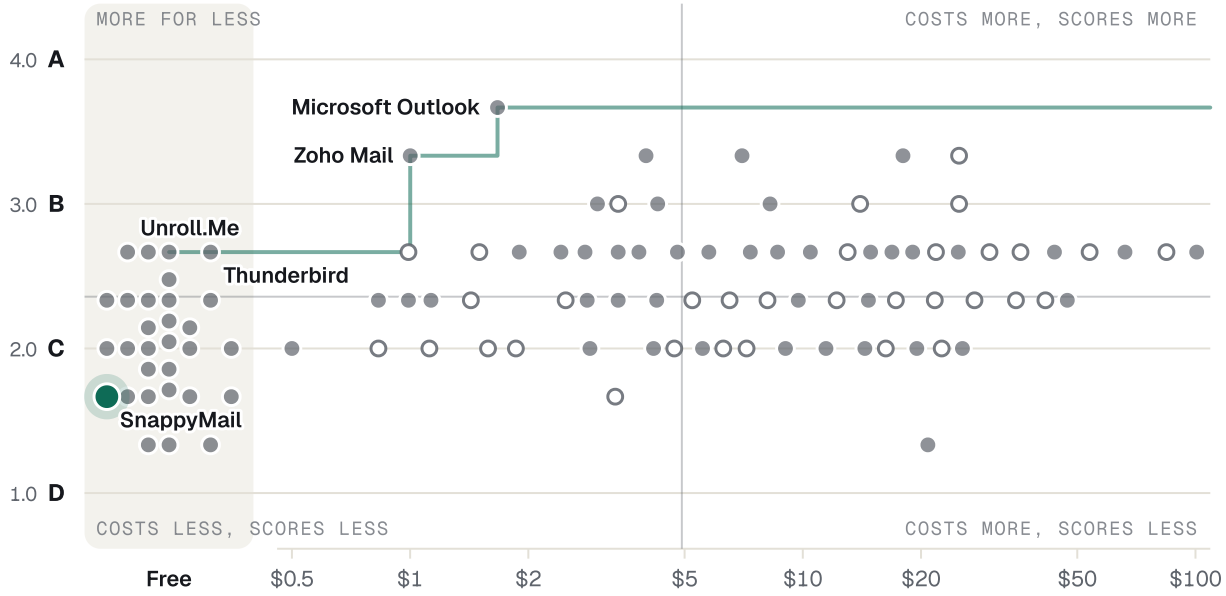
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 email apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. SnappyMail's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 107 email apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. SnappyMail 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 112 of the 122 other email apps grade higher.

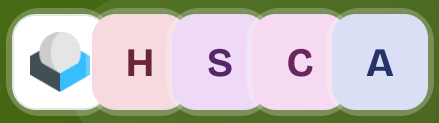
What you could not

- ✕ An email client: sending, receiving, threading and searching years of mail.

What this rests on. SnappyMail'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



Roundcube, Horde, SOGo, Cypht and Afterlogic WebMail

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



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Roundcube

Free

Free open-source webmail client you host yourself.

SnappyMail and Roundcube compared in full

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Horde

Free

Free open-source webmail, calendar, contacts and tasks suite.

- Horde also covers notes, tasks and calendar.

SnappyMail and Horde compared in full

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SOGo

Free

Open-source groupware with webmail, calendars and contacts.

- SOGo also covers calendar.

SnappyMail and SOGo compared in full

C

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Cypht

Free

Open-source webmail that combines many accounts in one inbox.

- Cypht also covers inbox filtering.

SnappyMail and Cypht compared in full

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Afterlogic WebMail

Free plan · from $49 one-time

Webmail front end for an existing IMAP mail server.

- Afterlogic WebMail also covers calendar.

SnappyMail and Afterlogic WebMail 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 SnappyMail free?

Yes. SnappyMail is free to use.

How much does SnappyMail cost?

SnappyMail lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does SnappyMail work on?

SnappyMail is available on Web.

Does SnappyMail have an Android app?

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

Does SnappyMail have an iPhone app?

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

Is SnappyMail open source?

Yes. SnappyMail is open source, according to its own site.

Who makes SnappyMail?

SnappyMail is made by SnappyMail (open-source project).

What are the alternatives to SnappyMail?

The closest alternatives to SnappyMail in our directory are Roundcube, Horde, SOGo, Cypht and Afterlogic WebMail.

How does SnappyMail compare with other email apps?

SnappyMail's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 2 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 8.

Is SnappyMail good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of SnappyMail?

SnappyMail 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 SnappyMail'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 SnappyMail'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 SnappyMail (open-source project). Prices change, so check snappymail.eu before you buy.

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github.com/the-djmaze/snappymail

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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

SnappyMail, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/snappymail

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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Free webmail with news and weather in a companion mobile app

3.2 GPA

BlueMail Insider's Guide

Cross-platform email client with a unified inbox and built-in AI

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