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SnippetsLab

The Insider's Guide

Mac code snippet manager and Markdown note app for developers



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among note-taking apps, read from SnippetsLab's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from SnippetsLab's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on SnippetsLab'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 88 of the 169 other note-taking apps we grade

SnippetsLab keeps code snippets and Markdown notes in one library on the Mac. Snippets are organized with nested folders, tags and smart groups, and highlighted for over 600 languages. A menu bar assistant, iCloud sync and a built-in MCP server for AI agents are included.

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

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> **It installs from the Mac App Store with nothing to set up.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for keeping code snippets on a Mac**

SnippetsLab keeps code snippets and Markdown notes in one library on the Mac, and its Mac App Store listing shows no price.

2 **It is free**

SnippetsLab has no paid plan at all. The whole app is listed as free on the Mac App Store.

3 **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

4 **Folders, tags and smart groups**

Nested folders, color-coded tags and smart groups that filter on title, content and other metadata, plus tabs inside a snippet.

5 **Syntax highlighting**

Highlighting for over 600 languages and text formats, language detection for the 50 most popular, and formatting for 20-plus languages.

6 **Markdown with diagrams**

Side-by-side preview with Mermaid diagrams, MathJax formulas and custom CSS themes.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 88 of 169**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

SnippetsLab at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS
MADE BY Renfei Song	CATEGORY Note-Taking Apps
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for keeping code snippets on a Mac

SnippetsLab keeps code snippets and Markdown notes in one library on the Mac, and its Mac App Store listing shows no price. It runs on macOS 14.6 or later only, and sync is between Macs.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	SnippetsLab	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	The vendor and the Mac App Store list it as free, and no paid tier is shown.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no paid tier on the listing.
Features	C	Folders, tags, smart groups, highlighting for over 600 languages, a menu bar assistant, an MCP server and iCloud sync. It does one smaller job fully, snippets, more than general notes.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. It installs from the Mac App Store with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	D	Mac only, needing macOS 14.6 or later, with sync between Macs. No Windows, Linux, Android or web version, though Alfred and Raycast hook in.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.8**

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 SnippetsLab is for

- ✓ Fits if you write code on a Mac and want snippets in one searchable place
- ✓ Works for people who open snippets from Alfred or Raycast

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you work on Windows or Linux
- ✗ Not for you if you need snippets on a phone or in a browser
- ✗ Watch out: it needs macOS 14.6 or later, and sync is Mac to Mac
- ✗ Too light for general notes, since it is built around code

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who keep a personal library of reusable code on a Mac
- ✓ People who want technical notes in Markdown beside their snippets

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The vendor lists macOS 14.6 or later; sync is described as between Mac computers only.
- ⓘ There is no Windows, Linux, Android or web version.
- ⓘ A reviewer on the App Store cited iCloud sync crashes in a 2016 version and a weak importer in 2019; recent reviews are positive.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

SnippetsLab is free to use.

> **The vendor and the Mac App Store list it as free, and no paid tier is shown.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

SNIPPETSLAB

$0

Free download from the Mac App Store; the listing shows no paid tiers.

The free plan

The whole app is listed as free on the Mac App Store.

Read from apps.apple.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: macOS

Mac code snippet manager and Markdown note app for developers. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, notes, Markdown, templates, menu bar app.

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> **It does one smaller job fully, snippets, more than general notes.**

From our grade for features

Folders, tags and smart groups

Nested folders, color-coded tags and smart groups that filter on title, content and other metadata, plus tabs inside a snippet.

Syntax highlighting

Highlighting for over 600 languages and text formats, language detection for the 50 most popular, and formatting for 20-plus languages.

Markdown with diagrams

Side-by-side preview with Mermaid diagrams, MathJax formulas and custom CSS themes.

Menu bar assistant

Create, browse, preview, copy or insert snippets from the menu bar, with Alfred and Raycast extensions for search.

MCP server and command line

AI agents can search, read and save snippets through a built-in MCP server, and a lab command-line tool does the same from the shell.

iCloud sync and Gist publishing

Syncs a library between Macs through iCloud, keeps automatic backups, and publishes snippets to GitHub as Gists.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

Alfred · Raycast · GitHub Gist · Quiver · CodeBox

SnippetsLab is made by Renfei Song.

Where it stands

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

88/169

Other note-taking apps it is graded above

SnippetsLab's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 88 of the 169 other note-taking apps we grade, and level with 38.

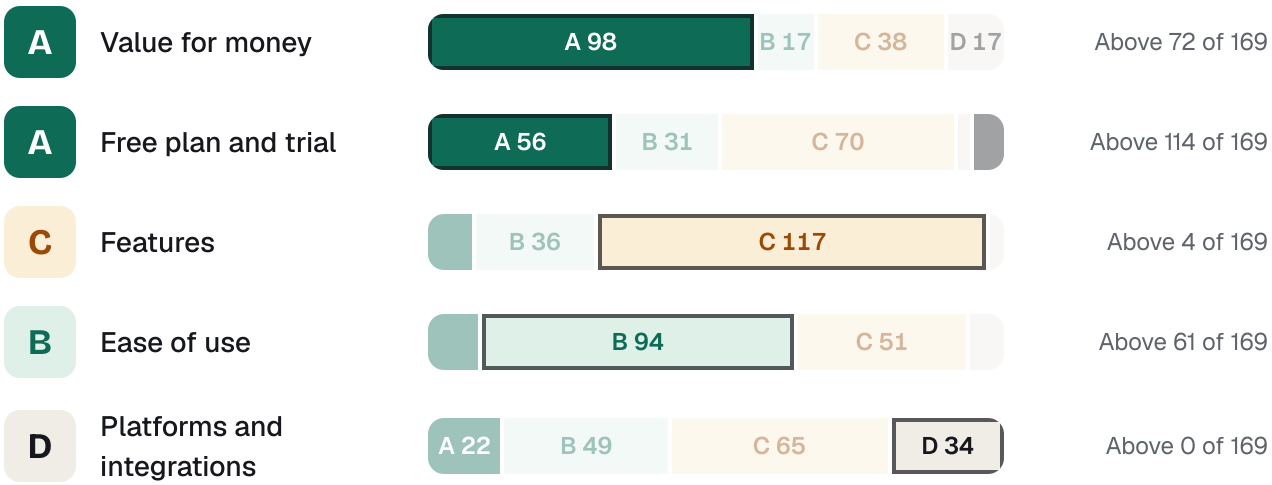
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 114 of 169) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

SnippetsLab has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

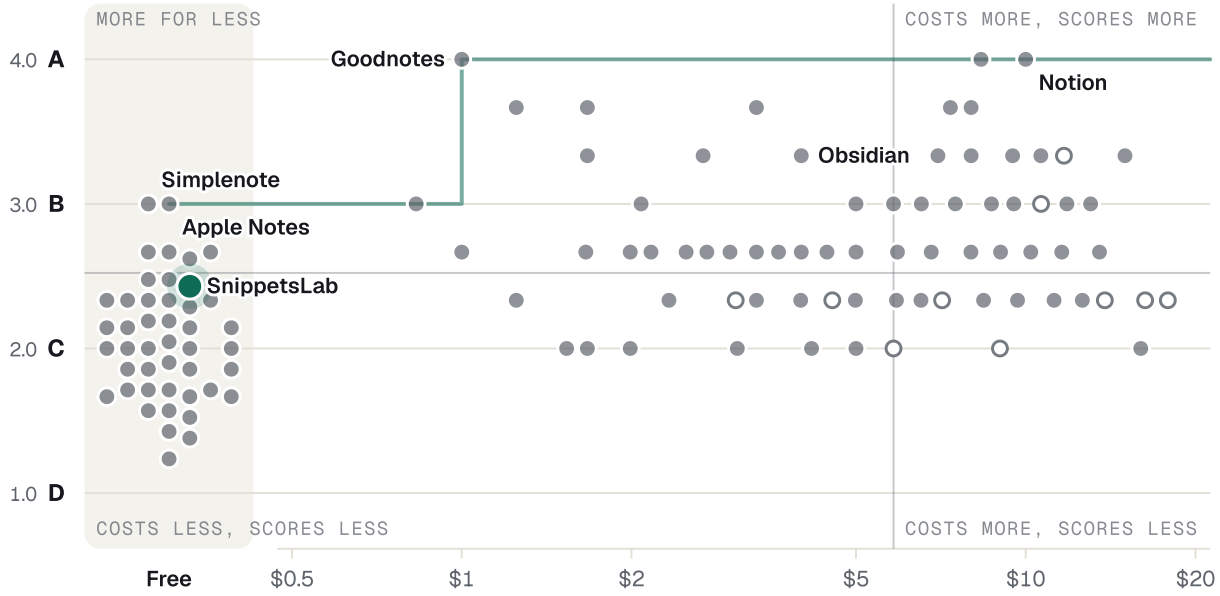
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 170 note-taking apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. SnippetsLab's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 118 note-taking apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. SnippetsLab 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

What you could make

- Notes, Markdown and templates: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- ✕ A native app living in the menu bar.
- ✕ A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.
- ✕ It plugs into other products, Alfred, Raycast and GitHub Gist among them.

	× AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. SnippetsLab'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



Heynote, FSNotes, Inkdrop, DEVONthink and Bear

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

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Heynote

Free

Block-based scratchpad for developers on Mac, Windows and Linux.

- Only Heynote lists Windows and Linux apps.
- SnippetsLab also covers templates and menu bar app.
- Heynote also covers calculator.

SnippetsLab and Heynote compared in full

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FSNotes

Free plan · from $4.99 one-time

Open-source Markdown notes app for Mac and iPhone.

- Only FSNotes lists an iOS app.
- FSNotes is open source, according to its own site.
- FSNotes can be bought with a one-time purchase.

SnippetsLab and FSNotes compared in full



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Inkdrop

Free trial · from $8.31/mo

Markdown note app for developers with encrypted sync.

- SnippetsLab has a free plan. Inkdrop does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Inkdrop lists Windows, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Only Inkdrop lists a browser extension.

SnippetsLab and Inkdrop compared in full



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DEVONthink

Free trial · from $99 one-time

Document and information manager for Mac, iPhone and iPad.

- SnippetsLab has a free plan. DEVONthink does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only DEVONthink lists a web app.
- Only DEVONthink lists an iOS app.

SnippetsLab and DEVONthink compared in full



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Bear

Free plan · from $2.99/mo

Markdown notes app for Mac, iPhone and iPad with tags and links.

- Only Bear lists an iOS app.
- Only Bear lists a browser extension.
- SnippetsLab also covers templates and menu bar app.

SnippetsLab and Bear compared in full

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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 SnippetsLab free?

Yes. SnippetsLab is free to use.

How much does SnippetsLab cost?

SnippetsLab lists one plan. SnippetsLab: $0.

What platforms does SnippetsLab work on?

SnippetsLab is available on macOS.

Does SnippetsLab have an Android app?

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

Does SnippetsLab have an iPhone app?

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

Is SnippetsLab open source?

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

What does SnippetsLab integrate with?

SnippetsLab's listing names Alfred, Raycast, GitHub Gist, Quiver and CodeBox.

Who makes SnippetsLab?

SnippetsLab is made by Renfei Song.

What are the alternatives to SnippetsLab?

The closest alternatives to SnippetsLab in our directory are Heynote, FSNotes, Inkdrop, DEVONthink and Bear.

How does SnippetsLab compare with other note-taking apps?

SnippetsLab's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 88 of the 169 other note-taking apps we grade, and level with 38.

Is SnippetsLab good value for money?

ToolGPA grades SnippetsLab A for value for money. SnippetsLab has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of SnippetsLab?

SnippetsLab 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 SnippetsLab'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 SnippetsLab'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 Renfei Song. Prices change, so check renfei.org 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.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

SnippetsLab, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/snippetslab

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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