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SpiderScribe

The Insider's Guide

Free-form online mind maps that mix notes, files and places



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among whiteboard and mind map tools, read from SpiderScribe's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from SpiderScribe's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on SpiderScribe'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 23 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade

SpiderScribe is a browser-based mind mapping and brainstorming tool. Maps are free-form: text notes, images, files, calendar events and location maps can be connected in any arrangement, then kept private or shared and edited together in real time.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about SpiderScribe**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **No store rating on record, and you build every map by hand.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for free-form mind maps in the browser**

SpiderScribe makes mind maps that join notes, images, files and map locations, with a free Personal plan and Pro at $5 a month.

2 **Paid plans start at $5 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $5 per month.

3 **There is a free plan**

Personal plan for non-commercial use: unlimited public maps, 3 private maps and 3 MB of files and images.

4 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Web and iOS.

5 **Free-form maps**

Stencils can be connected in any way rather than in a fixed tree, so a map can be a loose web of related items.

6 **Mixed content**

A map can hold text notes, images, files, calendar events and location maps side by side.

7 **Real-time collaboration**

Private maps can be shared and edited by several people at once; public maps can be viewed without signing in.

8 **A 2.2 GPA, above 23 of 98**

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

9 **Keep it**

The plain part of SpiderScribe you could make: mind mapping. What surrounds it you could not. The 3 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

SpiderScribe at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $5 per month	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL 30-day free trial on all paid plans	RUNS ON Web, iOS
MADE BY SpiderScribe	CATEGORY Whiteboards & Mind Maps
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for free-form mind maps in the browser

SpiderScribe makes mind maps that join notes, images, files and map locations, with a free Personal plan and Pro at $5 a month. The free plan is

for non-commercial use with 3 private maps, and the plans page is dated, with a Flash plugin mentioned and the only phone app named a version for iPad.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	SpiderScribe	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Pro is $5 a month, at the edge of the category's cheapest quarter, though the page does not say how it is billed.
Free plan and trial	C	Free Personal plan for non-commercial use with 3 private maps and 3 MB of files, plus a 30-day trial, card not stated.
Features	C	Free-form maps with mixed content, real-time sharing and drawing, but it is one kind of map tool and the listing mentions a Flash plugin requirement.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and you build every map by hand.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web plus an iPad app named SpiderScribe Jr., and one integration, 5pm.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

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 SpiderScribe is for

- ✓ Fits if you want free-form maps that mix notes, files and places
- ✓ Works for classes and small teams who share maps

Who it is not for

- ✕ Tight if you stay free, as the free plan is non-commercial with 3 private maps and 3 MB
- ✕ Watch out: the plans page says the web app needs a browser with the Flash plugin
- ✕ Watch out: the pages do not say how the monthly prices are billed
- ✕ Skip it if you want a phone app, as only an iPad one is named

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Brainstorming that mixes notes, files and map locations
- ✓ Small teams that want one flat monthly price
- ✓ Students and teachers using the Education plan

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The plans page says the web app needs a browser with the Flash plugin enabled.
- ⓘ The free Personal plan is for non-commercial use and allows 3 private maps.
- ⓘ The pages do not say whether the monthly prices are billed monthly or yearly.
- ⓘ The only mobile app named on the site is SpiderScribe Jr. for iPad.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$5

A month to start. There is a free plan too

SpiderScribe has a free plan. Paid plans start at $5 per month.

PERSONAL

$0

Non-commercial use only: unlimited public maps, 3 private maps, 3 MB of files and images.

PRO

$5

per month, billing basis not stated

One user with full sharing, unlimited public and private maps, 2 GB of files and images.

EDUCATION

$19

per month, billing basis not stated

For academic institutions: unlimited users, 10 GB of storage, custom subdomain and central administration.

BUSINESS

$25

per month for the whole team, billing basis not stated

Unlimited users, 10 GB of storage, custom subdomain and central team administration.

The free plan

Personal plan for non-commercial use: unlimited public maps, 3 private maps and 3 MB of files and images.

Trying it first

30-day free trial on all paid plans

Read from spiderscribe.net 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: Web and iOS

Free-form online mind maps that mix notes, files and places. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: real-time collaboration, mind mapping, diagrams.

Free-form maps

Stencils can be connected in any way rather than in a fixed tree, so a map can be a loose web of related items.

Mixed content

A map can hold text notes, images, files, calendar events and location maps side by side.

Real-time collaboration

Private maps can be shared and edited by several people at once; public maps can be viewed without signing in.

Drawing mode

Sketching a rough circle, rectangle or triangle adds a text, file or picture stencil, and drawn lines connect them.

Export, print and embed

Maps can be printed, exported to images and embedded in a website or blog with an embed wizard.

Where it runs

Web iOS

What it works with

5pm

SpiderScribe is made by SpiderScribe.

Where it stands

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

23/98

Other whiteboard and mind map tools it is graded above

SpiderScribe's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 23 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, and level with 19.

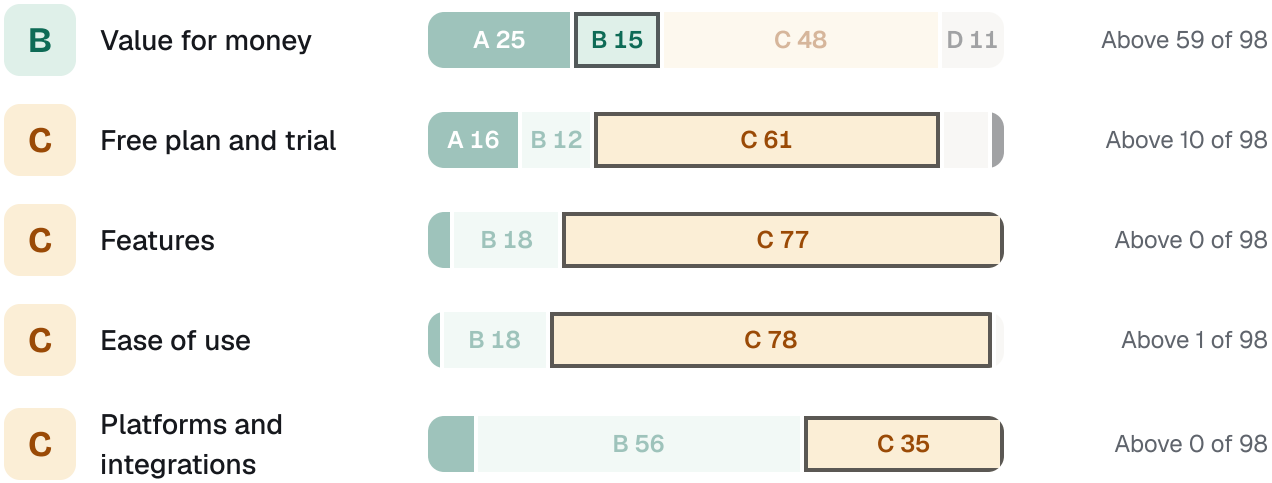
It stands best on value for money (B, above 59 of 98) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $5 a month, against a middle price of $8 for the category: 14 of the 69 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 22 tools score higher and cost less.

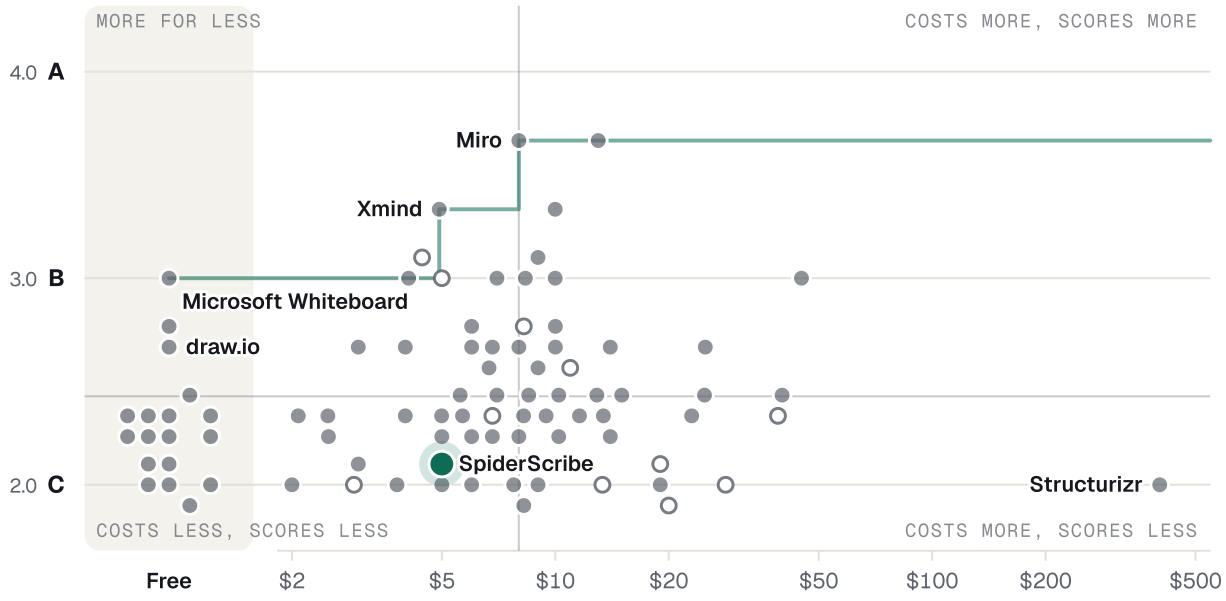
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 99 whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. SpiderScribe's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 88 whiteboard and mind map tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. SpiderScribe 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

The plain part of SpiderScribe you could make: mind mapping. What surrounds it you could not. The 3 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 56 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools grade higher. It costs $60 a year.

What you could make

- Mind mapping: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A diagram editor.

- A real app for iOS. Something home-made would be a web page.
- Several people working in it at the same moment.

What this rests on. SpiderScribe'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



MindMeister, Coggle, Mindomo, Milanote and MindMup

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

MindMeister

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Free plan · from €6.50/mo

Browser-based mind mapping with real-time collaboration.

- Only MindMeister lists an Android app.
- SpiderScribe also covers diagrams.
- MindMeister also covers templates and presentations.

SpiderScribe and MindMeister compared in full

Coggle

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Free plan · from $5/mo

Collaborative mind maps and flowcharts in the browser.

- Only SpiderScribe lists an iOS app.
- Coggle is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Coggle also covers Markdown.

SpiderScribe and Coggle compared in full



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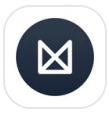
Mindomo

Free plan · from $7/mo

Mind maps, outlines and Gantt charts with real-time editing.

- Only Mindomo lists macOS, Windows, Linux and Android apps.
- Only Mindomo lists a browser extension.
- SpiderScribe also covers diagrams.

SpiderScribe and Mindomo compared in full



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Milanote

Free plan · from $9.99/mo

Visual boards for organizing creative projects.

- Only Milanote lists macOS, Windows and Android apps.
- Only Milanote lists a browser extension.
- SpiderScribe also covers diagrams.

SpiderScribe and Milanote compared in full



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MindMup

Free plan · from $6/mo

Web mind mapping with a free tier and simple paid plans.

- Only SpiderScribe lists an iOS app.
- MindMup also covers notes and presentations.

SpiderScribe and MindMup 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 SpiderScribe free?

SpiderScribe has a free plan. Personal plan for non-commercial use: unlimited public maps, 3 private maps and 3 MB of files and images.

How much does SpiderScribe cost?

SpiderScribe lists 4 plans. Personal: $0.

What platforms does SpiderScribe work on?

SpiderScribe is available on Web and iOS.

Does SpiderScribe have an Android app?

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

Does SpiderScribe have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. SpiderScribe is listed for Web and iOS.

Is SpiderScribe open source?

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

What does SpiderScribe integrate with?

SpiderScribe's listing names 5pm. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Does SpiderScribe have a free trial?

Yes. 30-day free trial on all paid plans.

Who makes SpiderScribe?

SpiderScribe is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to SpiderScribe?

The closest alternatives to SpiderScribe in our directory are MindMeister, Coggle, Mindomo, Milanote and MindMup.

How does SpiderScribe compare with other whiteboard and mind map tools?

SpiderScribe's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 23 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, and level with 19.

Is SpiderScribe good value for money?

ToolGPA grades SpiderScribe B for value for money. Its paid plans start at $5 a month, against a middle price of $8 for the category: 14 of the 69 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of SpiderScribe?

The plain part of SpiderScribe you could make: mind mapping. What surrounds it you could not.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from SpiderScribe'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 SpiderScribe'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 SpiderScribe. Prices change, so check spiderscribe.net before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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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

SpiderScribe, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/spiderscribe

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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Every one of the 99 whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, compared

Microsoft Whiteboard Insider's Guide

Free collaborative canvas built into Microsoft 365 and Teams

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draw.io Insider's Guide

Free diagram editor that saves files to storage you choose

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tldraw Insider's Guide

Free online whiteboard with a local desktop app

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