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Strato

The Insider's Guide

German web hosting with a domain and mailbox included



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among web hosts, read from Strato's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Strato's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Strato'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 5 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

Strato is a German hosting company that sells web hosting packages with a domain, mailboxes and SSD web space included, run from its own data centers. Its sites are split by country; this listing reads the UK English site, where hosting packages start at £4 a month excluding VAT.

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

> **Each package covers only one domain, prices exclude VAT, and the page states two different contract lengths.**
>
> From our report card of Strato

1 **Best for hosting with a domain and mailbox included**

Strato is German web hosting with a domain and mailboxes in the package.

2 **Paid plans start at about $5.36 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: £4 per month, ex. VAT (Basic Web).

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Domain and mailboxes included**

Each package includes one domain and mailboxes with webmail, spam filtering and virus protection.

5 **One-click CMS installs**

WordPress, Joomla, Typo3 and Drupal can be installed from the customer login, with git, Ruby, Python and Matomo also listed.

6 **Backups and malware scanning**

Backup Control makes website backups several times a day, and SiteGuard and a SiteLock scan check for malware.

7 **A 1.6 GPA, above 5 of 122**

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

8 **Keep it**

To replace Strato you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Strato at a glance

PRICING Paid, from £4 per month, ex. VAT (Basic Web)	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY STRATO GmbH	CATEGORY Web Hosting
OUR GRADE 1.6 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for hosting with a domain and mailbox included

Strato is German web hosting with a domain and mailboxes in the package. Each package covers only one domain, prices exclude VAT, and the page states two different contract lengths.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **Strato** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Basic Web is £4 a month excluding VAT, around the category's cheapest-quarter line once VAT and currency are counted.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial; the 30-day money-back guarantee is not a trial.
Features	C	Domain and mailboxes, CMS installs, backups, malware scans and unlimited traffic, but one domain per package and no DynDNS on Basic.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and you set up the site and CMS yourself.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, with WordPress, Joomla, Typo3 and Drupal installs.

Grade point average Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

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 Strato is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a domain and mailbox bundled with hosting
- ✓ Works for UK or European sites that run WordPress or Joomla

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you have several domains, as each package includes one and more cost extra
- ✗ Watch out: prices exclude VAT
- ✗ Watch out: the page says both a 6-month contract period and a 12-month minimum term
- ✗ Skip it if you want to try before paying, as there is no trial, only a money-back guarantee
- ✗ Watch out: DynDNS is not available on Basic Web

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Small sites in Europe that want a domain and email bundled
- ✓ Buyers who prefer data held in German data centers
- ✓ People moving a WordPress, Joomla or Typo3 site

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Each package includes only one domain; more domains are optional extras.
- ⓘ Prices exclude VAT, and the page says both a 6-month contract period and a 12-month minimum term.
- ⓘ Strato runs separate country sites (Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, France, UK); the .com site only redirects visitors.
- ⓘ DynDNS is not available on the Basic Web package.

What it costs

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

~$5.36

A month to start

Strato is a paid product, starting at £4 per month, ex. VAT (Basic Web).

BASIC WEB

£4.00

per month, ex. VAT

1 domain, 1 mailbox, 50 GB web space and 2 SSD databases.

POWER WEB

£6.00

per month, ex. VAT

100 GB web space, 2 mailboxes, 25 SSD databases and Python and Ruby support.

ADVANCED WEB

£10.00

per month, ex. VAT

150 GB web space, 2 mailboxes, 50 SSD databases and 50 SFTP accounts.

ENTERPRISE WEB

£15.00

per month, ex. VAT

200 GB web space, 5 mailboxes, 75 SSD databases and 80 SFTP accounts.

Read from strato-hosting.co.uk 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

German web hosting with a domain and mailbox included. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: databases, malware protection.

> **Domain and mailboxes, CMS installs, backups, malware scans and unlimited traffic, but one domain per package and no DynDNS on Basic.**
>
> From our grade for features

Domain and mailboxes included

Each package includes one domain and mailboxes with webmail, spam filtering and virus protection.

One-click CMS installs

WordPress, Joomla, Typo3 and Drupal can be installed from the customer login, with git, Ruby, Python and Matomo also listed.

Backups and malware scanning

Backup Control makes website backups several times a day, and SiteGuard and a SiteLock scan check for malware.

No traffic limit

All four packages list unlimited traffic, SSD storage, SSL certificates and DDoS protection.

30-day money-back guarantee

The UK site promises a refund for almost all products within the first 30 days, requested from the logged-in account.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

WordPress · Joomla · Typo3 · Drupal · Matomo

Strato is made by STRATO GmbH.

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Where it stands

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

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Other web hosts it is graded above

Strato's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 5 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 23.

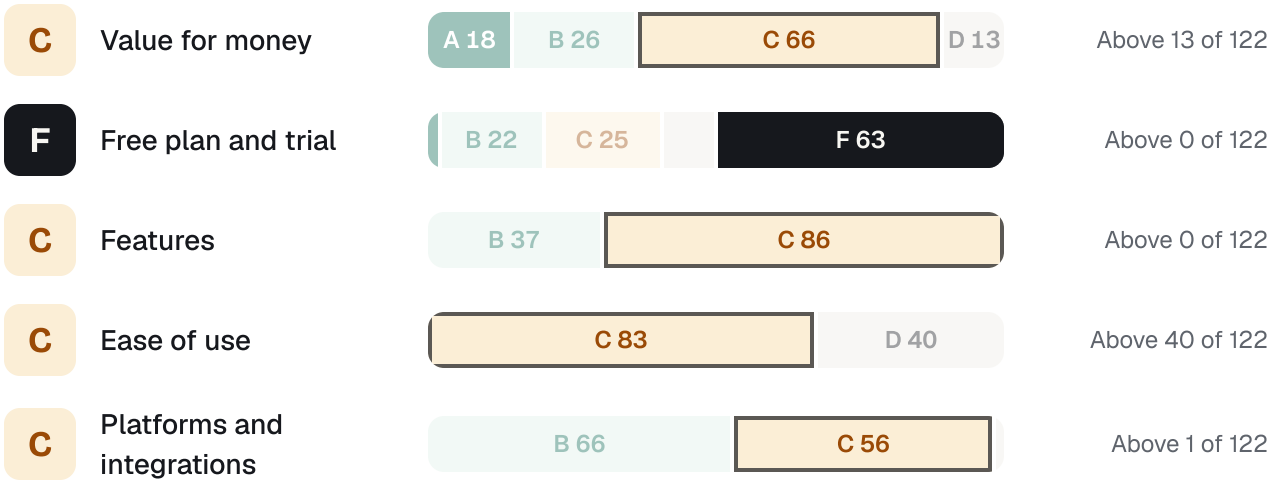
It stands best on ease of use (C, above 40 of 122) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at about $5.36 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 41 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 19 tools score higher and cost less.

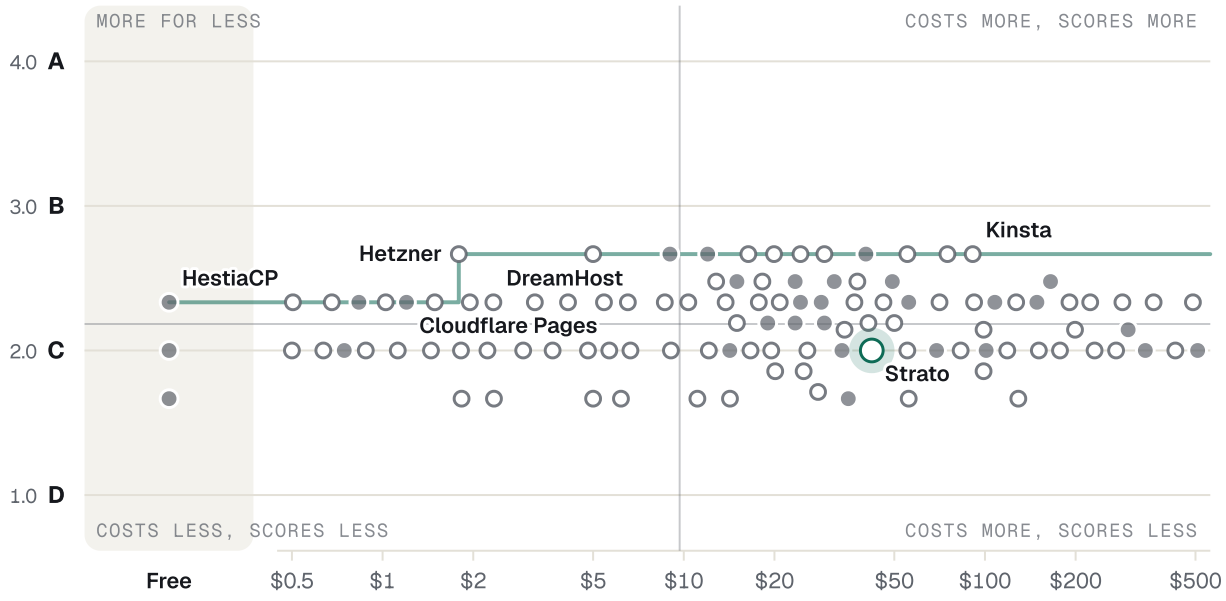
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. Strato's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 111 web hosts. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Strato 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

To replace Strato you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 94 of the 122 other web hosts grade higher. It costs $64.31 a year.

What you could not

- An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.
- Databases with views, filters and links between them.

- ✕ It plugs into other products, WordPress, Joomla and Typo3 among them.

What this rests on. Strato'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



IONOS, One.com, Hostinger, Fasthosts and 123 Reg

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

IONOS

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From $8/mo

Shared and WordPress hosting with a domain, wildcard SSL and email.

- Strato also covers databases.
- IONOS also covers managed WordPress.

Strato and IONOS compared in full

One.com

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Paid

Web hosting, domains and email with an AI website builder.

- One.com also covers managed WordPress.

Strato and One.com compared in full

Hostinger

2.0 GPA

From $10.99/mo

Shared, WordPress and cloud hosting run from its own hPanel dashboard.

- Strato also covers databases.

Strato and Hostinger compared in full

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Fasthosts

From £5.75/mo

UK web hosting, domains, VPS and dedicated servers.

- Strato also covers databases and malware protection.
- Fasthosts also covers app builder and managed WordPress.

Strato and Fasthosts compared in full

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123 Reg

From £6.99/mo

UK domain registrar with shared cPanel web hosting plans.

- Strato also covers databases and malware protection.
- 123 Reg also covers managed WordPress and page speed.

Strato and 123 Reg 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 Strato free?

No. Strato is a paid product, starting at £4 per month, ex.

How much does Strato cost?

Strato lists 4 plans. Basic Web: £4.00 per month, ex.

What platforms does Strato work on?

Strato is available on Web.

Does Strato have an Android app?

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

Does Strato have an iPhone app?

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

Is Strato open source?

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

What does Strato integrate with?

Strato's listing names WordPress, Joomla, Typo3, Drupal and Matomo. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Strato?

Strato is made by STRATO GmbH.

What are the alternatives to Strato?

The closest alternatives to Strato in our directory are IONOS, One.com, Hostinger, Fasthosts and 123 Reg.

How does Strato compare with other web hosts?

Strato's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 5 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 23.

Is Strato good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Strato C for value for money. Its paid plans start at about $5.36 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 41 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Strato?

To replace Strato you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Strato'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 Strato'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 STRATO GmbH. Prices change, so check strato.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Strato, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/strato

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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Web Hosting Insider's Guide

Every one of the 123 web hosts we grade, compared

Cloudflare Pages Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for static sites and full-stack apps

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GitHub Pages Insider's Guide

Static site hosting built into GitHub repositories

2.8 GPA

Netlify Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for sites and web apps, priced by monthly credits

2.8 GPA

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