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SumatraPDF

The Insider’s Guide

Small, free PDF, eBook and comic reader for Windows



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among PDF editors, read from SumatraPDF’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from SumatraPDF's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on SumatraPDF'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 31 of the 45 other PDF editors we grade

SumatraPDF is a free, open-source reader for PDF, EPUB, MOBI, comic book, DjVu, XPS and CHM files. It is a native Windows app with a portable option, plus a browser version. It is built for viewing documents quickly and does not position itself as a PDF editor.

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

> **It only reads, so it will not edit a PDF, and the desktop app is Windows only.**
>
> From our report card of SumatraPDF

1 **Best for opening PDFs and ebooks quickly on Windows**

SumatraPDF is a free, open-source reader for PDF, EPUB, MOBI, comic, DjVu, XPS and CHM files, with a portable build.

2 **It is free**

SumatraPDF has no paid plan at all. Everything: the app is free and open source, with no ads or bundled software.

3 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Windows and Web.

4 **Many document formats**

Opens PDF, EPUB, MOBI, CBZ and CBR comics, DjVu, XPS, CHM and common image formats, including JPEG XL and HEIC.

5 **Light and fast**

The site describes an app that opens documents instantly with minimal memory use.

6 **Portable option**

Can run without installation, for example from a USB drive.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 31 of 45**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

SumatraPDF at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, Windows
MADE BY Krzysztof Kowalczyk	CATEGORY PDF Editors
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for opening PDFs and ebooks quickly on Windows

SumatraPDF is a free, open-source reader for PDF, EPUB, MOBI, comic, DjVu, XPS and CHM files, with a portable build. It only reads, so it will not edit a PDF, and the desktop app is Windows only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	SumatraPDF	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free and open source, with no ads or bundled software, and anyone can download and run it.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole app is free to download and use, with nothing held back.
Features	D	It opens many document formats but the pages list no editing, so for a PDF editing category it covers one narrow function, viewing.
Ease of use	B	No store rating is on record, but you install or unzip it and open a file, with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	A Windows desktop app in 32-bit, 64-bit and ARM64 builds, plus a browser version. There is no Mac, Linux or phone app.
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 SumatraPDF is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a light Windows viewer for PDFs, ebooks and comics
- ✓ Works for people who keep a portable reader on a USB stick

Who it is not for

- ✗ Too light for editing, as the pages list no way to change text or pages
- ✗ Skip it if you use a Mac or Linux, since the FAQ says there is no version for them
- ✗ Not for you if you want phone apps, as none is listed
- ✗ Watch out: support is a GitHub discussions forum and documentation, not a help desk

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who want a fast, minimal document viewer
- ✓ Readers of EPUB, MOBI and comic book files
- ✓ Running a reader from a USB drive

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Windows only for the desktop app; the FAQ says there is no Mac or Linux version.
- ⓘ The home page presents it as a reader; the pages read do not list editing features such as changing text or pages.
- ⓘ Support is through a GitHub discussions forum and documentation.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

SumatraPDF is free to use.

> **Free and open source, with no ads or bundled software, and anyone can download and run it.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

Free and open source, with no ads, bundled software or subscription.

The free plan

Everything: the app is free and open source, with no ads or bundled software.

Read from sumatrapdfreader.org 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 Windows

Small, free PDF, eBook and comic reader for Windows. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, works offline, keyboard-first, documents.

> **It opens many document formats but the pages list no editing, so for a PDF editing category it covers one narrow function, viewing.**
>
> From our grade for features

Many document formats

Opens PDF, EPUB, MOBI, CBZ and CBR comics, DjVu, XPS, CHM and common image formats, including JPEG XL and HEIC.

Light and fast

The site describes an app that opens documents instantly with minimal memory use.

Portable option

Can run without installation, for example from a USB drive.

Customization

Keyboard shortcuts, themes and the toolbar layout can be changed.

Windows builds

Native 32-bit, 64-bit and ARM64 builds for Windows 7, 8, 10 and 11.

Web version

A browser version is linked from the site's main navigation at web.sumatrapdfreader.org.

Where it runs

Web

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

SumatraPDF is made by Krzysztof Kowalczyk.

Where it stands

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

31/45

Other PDF editors it is graded above

SumatraPDF's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 31 of the 45 other PDF editors we grade, and level with 7.

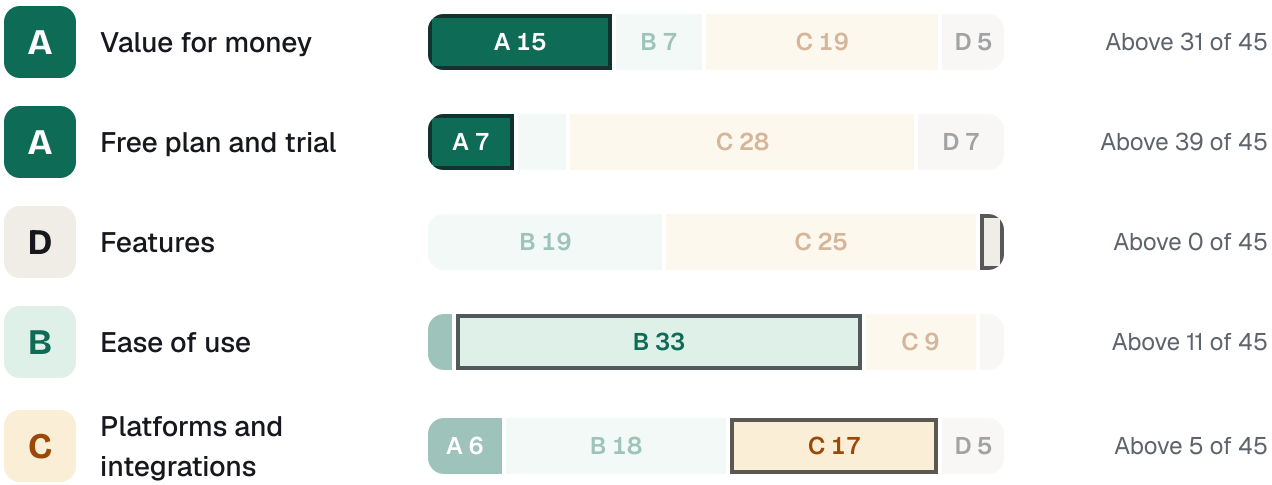
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 39 of 45) and worst on features (D, above 0).

SumatraPDF 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.

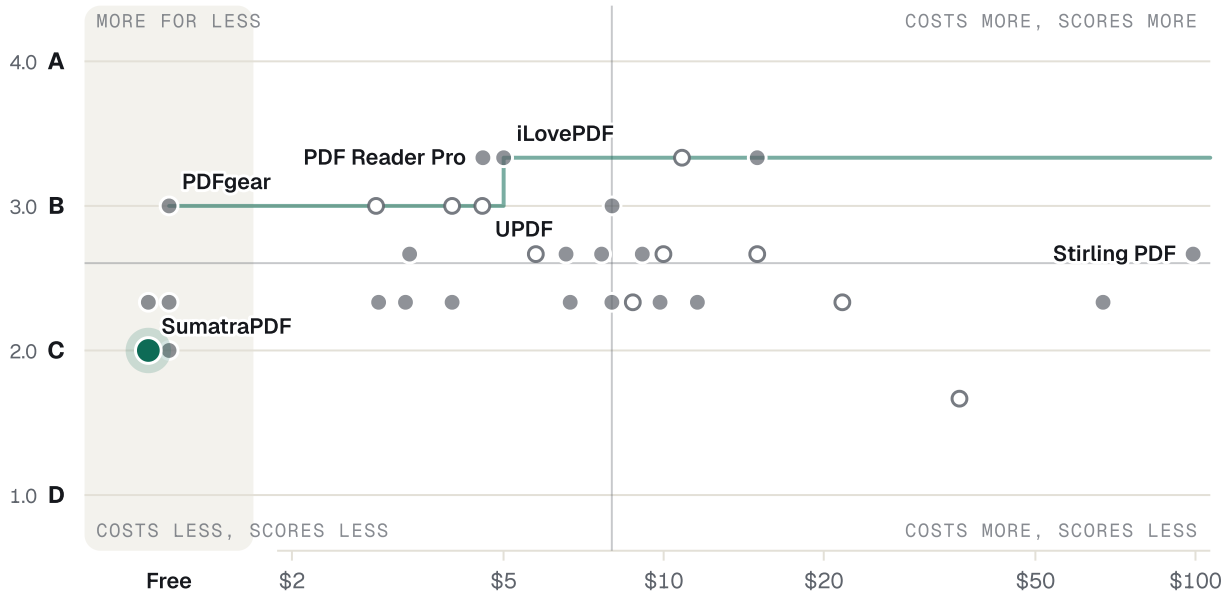
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 46 PDF editors we grade, cut by the letter each got. SumatraPDF's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 32 PDF editors. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. SumatraPDF 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

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

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 31 of the 45 other PDF editors we grade.

What you could make

- Documents: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. SumatraPDF'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



PDF-XChange Editor, PDFgear, Foxit PDF Editor, PDF Reader Pro and Skim

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

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PDF-XChange Editor

Free plan · from $62 one-time

Windows PDF editor with a free edition and perpetual licenses.

- Only SumatraPDF lists a web app.
- SumatraPDF is open source, according to its own site.
- PDF-XChange Editor can be bought with a one-time purchase.

SumatraPDF and PDF-XChange Editor compared in full

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PDFgear

Free

Free PDF editor for desktop, mobile and web with an AI copilot.

- Only PDFgear lists macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- Only PDFgear lists a browser extension.
- SumatraPDF is open source, according to its own site.

SumatraPDF and PDFgear compared in full

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Foxit PDF Editor

Free trial · from $129.99/yr

PDF editor for Windows, Mac and web, yearly or as a one-time license.

- SumatraPDF has a free plan. Foxit PDF Editor does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Foxit PDF Editor lists macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- SumatraPDF is open source, according to its own site.

SumatraPDF and Foxit PDF Editor compared in full

3.0 GPA

PDF Reader Pro

Free plan · from $59.99/yr

PDF viewer and editor for Mac, Windows, mobile and web.

- Only PDF Reader Pro lists macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- SumatraPDF is open source, according to its own site.
- PDF Reader Pro can be bought with a one-time purchase.

SumatraPDF and PDF Reader Pro compared in full

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Skim

Free

Free PDF reader and note-taker for Mac, built for papers.

- Only SumatraPDF lists a web app.
- Only SumatraPDF lists a Windows app.
- Only Skim lists a macOS app.

SumatraPDF and Skim 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 SumatraPDF free?

Yes. SumatraPDF is free to use.

How much does SumatraPDF cost?

SumatraPDF lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does SumatraPDF work on?

SumatraPDF is available on Windows and Web.

Does SumatraPDF have an Android app?

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

Does SumatraPDF have an iPhone app?

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

Is SumatraPDF open source?

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

Does SumatraPDF work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

Who makes SumatraPDF?

SumatraPDF is made by Krzysztof Kowalczyk.

What are the alternatives to SumatraPDF?

The closest alternatives to SumatraPDF in our directory are PDF-XChange Editor, PDFgear, Foxit PDF Editor, PDF Reader Pro and Skim.

How does SumatraPDF compare with other PDF editors?

SumatraPDF's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 31 of the 45 other PDF editors we grade, and level with 7.

Is SumatraPDF good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of SumatraPDF?

SumatraPDF is free, so making your own would save you nothing. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 31 of the 45 other PDF editors we grade.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from SumatraPDF'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 SumatraPDF'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 Krzysztof Kowalczyk. Prices change, so check sumatrapdfreader.org before you buy.

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sumatrapdfreader.org/

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.

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

SumatraPDF, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/sumatrapdf

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded PDF editors after SumatraPDF, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

PDF Editors Insider's Guide

Every one of the 46 PDF editors we grade, compared

PDFgear Insider's Guide

Free PDF editor for desktop, mobile and web with an AI copilot

3.4 GPA

Stirling PDF Insider's Guide

Open-source PDF editor you can run on your own machine or server

3.2 GPA

Online2PDF Insider's Guide

Free browser tool to convert, merge, edit, compress and unlock PDFs

3.0 GPA

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Choosing software? Every tool graded, every price dated.

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