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Thorium Browser

The Insider’s Guide

Chromium fork tuned with compiler optimizations



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among browsers, read from Thorium Browser’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Thorium Browser's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Thorium Browser'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 34 of the 60 other browsers we grade

Thorium is a Chromium fork that is built with extra compiler optimizations and a set of patches for usability, privacy and security. Its developer lists builds for Linux, Windows, macOS, Android and Raspberry Pi. The website is described by its author as under construction, and releases are served from GitHub repositories.

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

> **The site says it is under construction, and you pick a build for your CPU from separate GitHub pages.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a faster-built Chromium fork on desktop**

Thorium is a Chromium fork built with extra compiler optimizations, with builds for Linux, Windows, macOS and Android.

2 **It is free**

Thorium Browser has no paid plan at all. Free to download. The site lists no paid plans.

3 **It runs on 4 platforms**

Windows, macOS, Linux and Android.

4 **Compiler optimizations**

Builds use SSE4.2, AVX and AES instruction sets, thinLTO and PGO among other compiler flags. The site claims an 8-38% speed gain over vanilla Chromium depending on benchmark and OS.

5 **Patches to Chromium**

UI changes and patches for Linux and Windows aimed at fixing bugs, improving usability and strengthening privacy and security.

6 **Multiple CPU profiles**

The GitHub repository lists build configurations for SSE2, SSE3, SSE4.1, SSE4.2, AVX, AVX2 and AVX-512 processors.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 34 of 60**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Thorium Browser at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux, Android
MADE BY Alex313031	CATEGORY Browsers
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for a faster-built Chromium fork on desktop

Thorium is a Chromium fork built with extra compiler optimizations, with builds for Linux, Windows, macOS and Android. The 8 to 38% speed gain is the developer's own claim, and the site says it is under construction.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Thorium Browser

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to download, with no paid plans listed, so under 60% of this category's cheapest quarter.
Free plan and trial	A	Every build is free, and the separate GitHub repositories carry no paid edition.
Features	C	Chromium plus UI and privacy patches, CPU-specific builds and Windows 7 and XP builds. The speed figures are the developer's own claim.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. The site says it is under construction, and you pick a build for your CPU from separate GitHub pages.
Platforms and integrations	B	Windows, macOS, Linux and Android builds are listed, so computers and a phone, with no iOS version and no list of integrations.

Grade point average — Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

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 Thorium Browser is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a Chromium build compiled for your CPU
- ✓ Makes sense if you still run Windows 7 or XP and need a Chromium build

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want one-click downloads, as links go out to separate GitHub repositories
- ✗ Not for you if you need iOS, since no version is listed
- ✗ Watch out: the 8 to 38% speed gain is the developer's own claim
- ✗ Tight if you want a finished site: its author describes the website as under construction
- ✗ Watch out: release availability varies by platform and CPU profile

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Linux and Windows users who want a faster Chromium build
- ✓ People running older Windows versions
- ✓ Tinkerers who are comfortable downloading releases from GitHub

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The site says it is under construction, and downloads link out to separate GitHub repositories for Linux, macOS, Windows and Android.
- ⓘ The performance figures on the site are the developer's own claim.
- ⓘ Release availability varies by platform and CPU profile, according to the GitHub repository.
- ⓘ No iOS version is listed.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Thorium Browser is free to use.

> **Every build is free, and the separate GitHub repositories carry no paid edition.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Free to download. The site lists no paid plans.

The free plan

Free to download. The site lists no paid plans.

Read from thorium.rocks 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: macOS, Windows, Linux and Android

Chromium fork tuned with compiler optimizations. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, web browser.

> **The speed figures are the developer's own claim.**

From our grade for features

Compiler optimizations

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Patches to Chromium

UI changes and patches for Linux and Windows aimed at fixing bugs, improving usability and strengthening privacy and security.

Multiple CPU profiles

The GitHub repository lists build configurations for SSE2, SSE3, SSE4.1, SSE4.2, AVX, AVX2 and AVX-512 processors.

Old Windows versions

Separate builds are linked for Windows 7 and Windows XP, in addition to the regular Windows and Windows on ARM builds.

Companion extensions

The developer publishes extensions and apps for Thorium, such as a theme, a scroll-speed tweaker and a system monitor.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · Linux · Android

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Thorium Browser is made by Alex313031.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

34/60

Other browsers it is graded above

Thorium Browser's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 34 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 9.

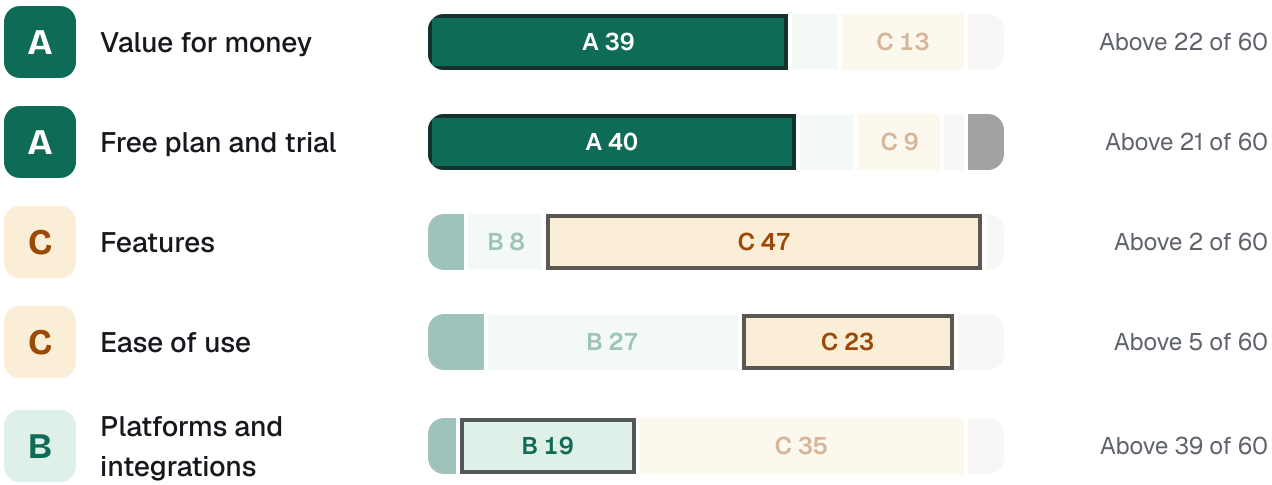
It stands best on value for money (A, above 22 of 60) and worst on features (C, above 2).

Thorium Browser has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

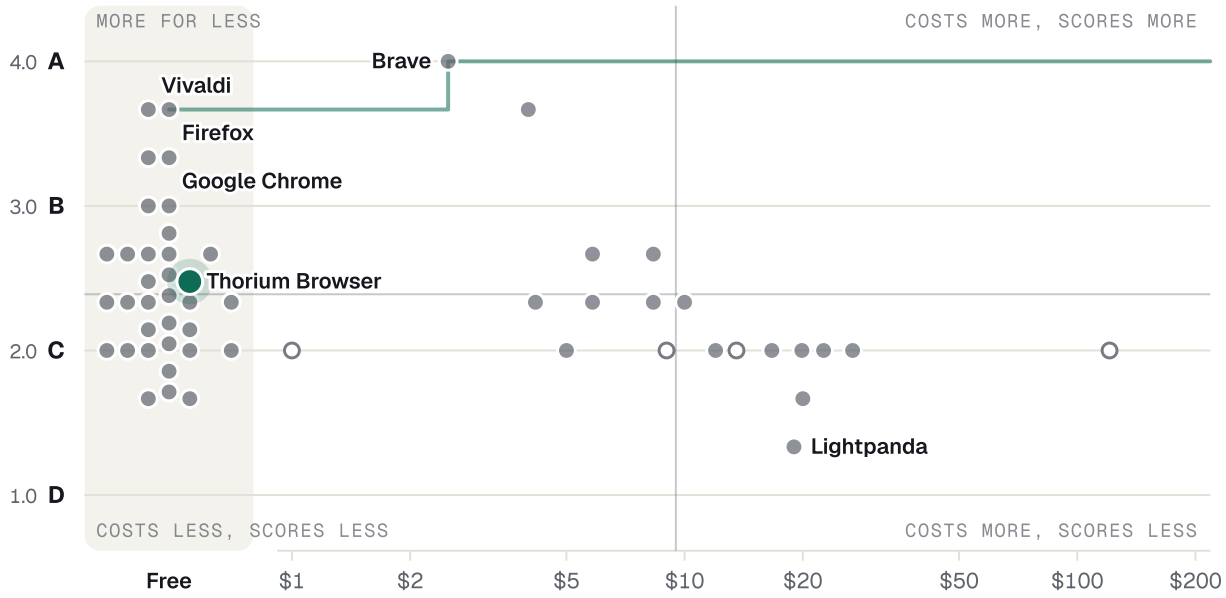
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 61 browsers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Thorium Browser's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 54 browsers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Thorium Browser 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

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

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

What you could not

- ✕ A web browser.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, Linux and Android that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Thorium Browser'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



Chromium, Brave, Vivaldi, Iridium Browser and Google Chrome

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

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Chromium

Free

Open-source browser project, with builds for testing and development.

- Only Thorium Browser lists an Android app.

Thorium Browser and Chromium compared in full

3.8 GPA

Brave

Free plan · from $3.00/mo

Open-source browser that blocks ads and trackers by default.

- Only Brave lists an iOS app.
- Brave also covers password manager and video calls.

Thorium Browser and Brave compared in full



3.8 GPA

Vivaldi

Free

Customizable browser with built-in mail, calendar and feed reader.

- Only Vivaldi lists an iOS app.
- Thorium Browser is open source, according to its own site.
- Vivaldi is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

Thorium Browser and Vivaldi compared in full



2.8 GPA

Iridium Browser

Free

Privacy-hardened desktop browser built on Chromium.

- Only Thorium Browser lists an Android app.

Thorium Browser and Iridium Browser compared in full



3.6 GPA

Google Chrome

Free

Google's free browser for desktop and mobile, with Gemini built in.

- Only Google Chrome lists an iOS app.
- Thorium Browser is open source, according to its own site.
- Google Chrome also covers password manager and passkeys.

Thorium Browser and Google Chrome 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 Thorium Browser free?

Yes. Thorium Browser is free to use.

How much does Thorium Browser cost?

Thorium Browser lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Thorium Browser work on?

Thorium Browser is available on Windows, macOS, Linux and Android.

Does Thorium Browser have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Thorium Browser is listed for Windows, macOS, Linux and Android.

Is Thorium Browser open source?

Yes. Thorium Browser is open source, according to its own site.

Who makes Thorium Browser?

Thorium Browser is made by Alex313031.

What are the alternatives to Thorium Browser?

The closest alternatives to Thorium Browser in our directory are Chromium, Brave, Vivaldi, Iridium Browser and Google Chrome.

How does Thorium Browser compare with other browsers?

Thorium Browser's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 34 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 9.

Is Thorium Browser good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Thorium Browser A for value for money. Thorium Browser has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Thorium Browser?

Thorium Browser 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 Thorium Browser'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 Alex313031'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 Alex313031. Prices change, so check thorium.rocks before you buy.

thorium.rocks/ github.com/Alex313031/Thorium

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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

Thorium Browser, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/thorium-browser

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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Browsers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 61 browsers we grade, compared

Brave Insider's Guide

Open-source browser that blocks ads and trackers by default

3.8 GPA

Firefox Insider's Guide

Free, open-source browser from Mozilla with tracker blocking built in

3.8 GPA

Vivaldi Insider's Guide

Customizable browser with built-in mail, calendar and feed reader

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