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Trilium Notes

The Insider's Guide

Open-source hierarchical note-taking and personal knowledge base



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among docs and wiki tools, read from Trilium Notes's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Trilium Notes's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Trilium Notes'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 81 of the 86 other docs and wiki tools we grade

Trilium Notes (TriliumNext) is an open-source app for organizing notes in a tree where one note can sit in several places. It runs as a desktop app or on a self-hosted server that syncs across devices. It is AGPL-3.0 licensed and needs no account.

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

> **No store rating on record, but you install a desktop app and start writing with nothing to set up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free note tree you keep on your own machine**

But syncing needs a server you host yourself, and phone use is through a web app on that server.

2 **It is free**

Trilium Notes has no paid plan at all. Free and open source under the AGPL-3.0 license, with no account needed.

3 **It runs on 4 platforms**

Web, Windows, macOS and Linux.

4 **Note tree**

Notes nest as sub-notes with no folders, and a note can be cloned into several places.

5 **Many note types**

Text, Markdown, code, spreadsheet, canvas, Mermaid, mind map and file notes.

6 **Sync and sharing**

A self-hosted or cloud server syncs notes, and a subtree can be published as a public read-only site.

7 **A 3.2 GPA, above 81 of 86**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Trilium Notes at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Elian Doran and the community, since 2017	CATEGORY Docs & Wikis
OUR GRADE 3.2 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for a free note tree you keep on your own machine

Trilium Notes is a free, open source note app with a tree where one note can live in several places, and desktop apps for Windows, Mac and Linux. But syncing needs a server you host yourself, and phone use is through a web app on that server.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Trilium Notes	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free under the AGPL-3.0 license, and you can just download the desktop apps and use them, so it is under the category's cheapest quarter.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright with no account and no paid plan from the team.
Features	C	Note tree, many note types, search, a REST API, scripting and a web clipper. The listing shows a gap: syncing across devices needs a self-hosted server.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record, but you install a desktop app and start writing with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	B	Windows, Mac and Linux apps plus a web app for phones, and a REST API. No native phone apps.

Grade point average — Very good, out of 4.0 **3.2**

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 Trilium Notes is for

- ✓ Fits if you want your notes on your own computer with no account
- ✓ Works for people who like organising notes in a tree rather than folders

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want native iPhone or Android apps, as phones use a web app on a server
- ✕ Tight if you want sync without running a server, since the paid host listed is third-party
- ✕ Not for you if you want a team wiki with shared editing, as the listing describes a personal notes app
- ✕ Watch out: the old TriliumNext docs repository is archived and the project now lives at triliumnotes.org

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ People building a large personal knowledge base
- ✓ Users who want to self-host and sync their own notes
- ✓ Tinkerers who like scripting and note relations

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The download page offers Windows, Linux and macOS desktop apps; phone access is through a web app (PWA) on a server.
- ⓘ Syncing needs a self-hosted server; the paid host listed is third-party, not affiliated with the team.
- ⓘ The roster's TriliumNext docs repo is archived; the project now lives at triliumnotes.org.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Trilium Notes is free to use.

> **Free outright with no account and no paid plan from the team.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

OPEN SOURCE

$0

Desktop apps and a self-hostable server, free; third-party paid hosting is available on PikaPods.

The free plan

Free and open source under the AGPL-3.0 license, with no account needed.

Read from triliumnotes.org on Nov 13, 2026.

PART 03 · FEATURES

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, macOS, Windows and Linux

Open-source hierarchical note-taking and personal knowledge base. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, works offline, public API, notes, wiki, web clipper.

> **Note tree, many note types, search, a REST API, scripting and a web clipper.**

From our grade for features

Note tree

Notes nest as sub-notes with no folders, and a note can be cloned into several places.

Many note types

Text, Markdown, code, spreadsheet, canvas, Mermaid, mind map and file notes.

Sync and sharing

A self-hosted or cloud server syncs notes, and a subtree can be published as a public read-only site.

Search and protection

Fuzzy title navigation, full-text search including text in images and PDFs via OCR, and password-locked protected notes.

REST API and scripting

A built-in REST API and scripting for automation.

Web clipper

A browser extension saves pages and screenshots into Trilium.

Where it runs

Web · macOS · Windows · Linux

What it works with

Docker · PikaPods · OpenID Connect

Trilium Notes is made by Elian Doran and the community, and has been around since 2017.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

81/86

Other docs and wiki tools it is graded above

Trilium Notes's GPA of 3.2 is higher than 81 of the 86 other docs and wiki tools we grade, and level with 1.

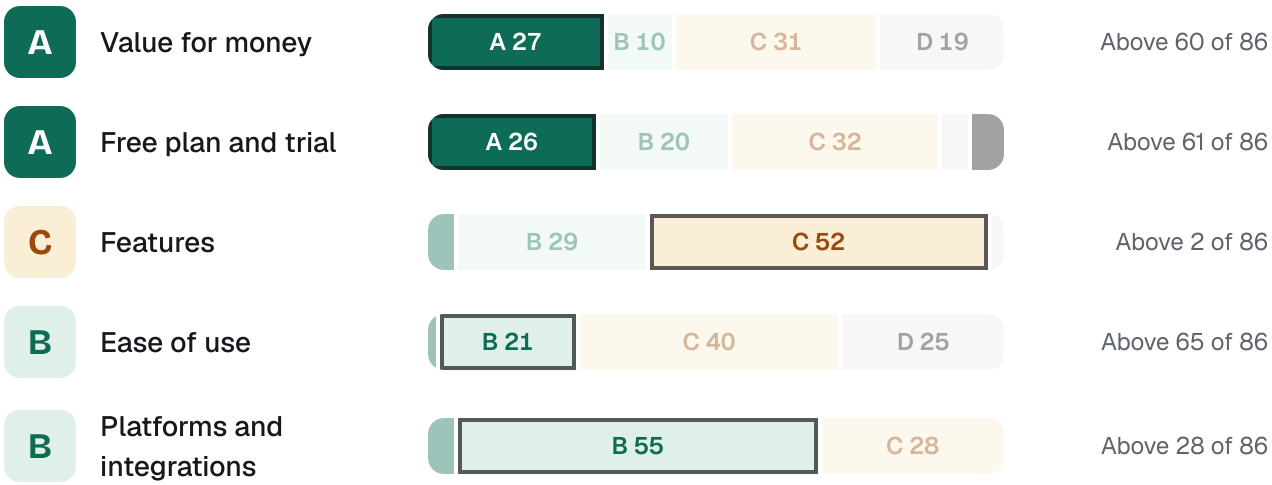
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 61 of 86) and worst on features (C, above 2).

Trilium Notes has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

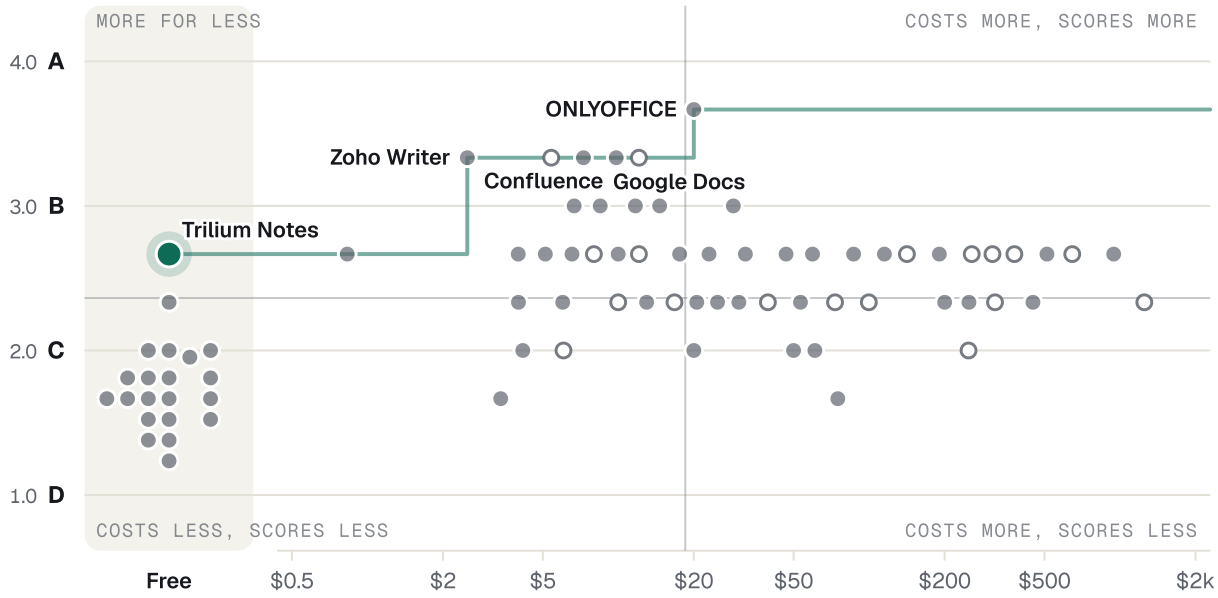
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 87 docs and wiki tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Trilium Notes's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 79 docs and wiki tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Trilium Notes 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.2 is higher than 81 of the 86 other docs and wiki tools we grade.

What you could make

- Notes, wiki and web clipper: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.

- ✕ It plugs into other products, Docker, PikaPods and OpenID Connect among them, and has an API.

What this rests on. Trilium Notes'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



Docmost, BookStack, Wiki.js, DokuWiki and HedgeDoc

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

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Docmost

Free plan · from $6/mo

Open-source collaborative wiki you deploy on your own servers.

- Only Trilium Notes lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Trilium Notes also covers notes and web clipper.
- Docmost also covers AI search, databases and diagrams.

Trilium Notes and Docmost compared in full

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BookStack

Free plan · from £450/yr

Free self-hosted wiki organized into books, chapters and pages.

- Only Trilium Notes lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Trilium Notes also covers notes and web clipper.
- BookStack also covers Markdown, templates and diagrams.

Trilium Notes and BookStack compared in full



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Wiki.js

Free

Open-source wiki software built on Node.js with Git sync.

- Only Trilium Notes lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Trilium Notes also covers notes and web clipper.
- Wiki.js also covers Markdown and diagrams.

Trilium Notes and Wiki.js compared in full



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DokuWiki

Free

Open-source wiki software that needs no database.

- Only Trilium Notes lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Trilium Notes also covers notes and web clipper.

Trilium Notes and DokuWiki compared in full



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HedgeDoc

Free

Open-source, self-hosted collaborative Markdown editor.

- Only Trilium Notes lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Trilium Notes also covers wiki and web clipper.
- HedgeDoc also covers Markdown, diagrams and presentations.

Trilium Notes and HedgeDoc 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 Trilium Notes free?

Yes. Trilium Notes is free to use.

How much does Trilium Notes cost?

Trilium Notes lists one plan. Open source: $0.

What platforms does Trilium Notes work on?

Trilium Notes is available on Web, Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Trilium Notes have an Android app?

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

Does Trilium Notes have an iPhone app?

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

Is Trilium Notes open source?

Yes. Trilium Notes is open source, according to its own site.

Does Trilium Notes 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.

Does Trilium Notes have an API?

Yes. Trilium Notes offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does Trilium Notes integrate with?

Trilium Notes's listing names Docker, PikaPods and OpenID Connect. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Trilium Notes?

Trilium Notes is made by Elian Doran and the community. It dates from 2017.

What are the alternatives to Trilium Notes?

The closest alternatives to Trilium Notes in our directory are Docmost, BookStack, Wiki.js, DokuWiki and HedgeDoc.

How does Trilium Notes compare with other docs and wiki tools?

Trilium Notes's GPA of 3.2 is higher than 81 of the 86 other docs and wiki tools we grade, and level with 1.

Is Trilium Notes good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Trilium Notes A for value for money. Trilium Notes has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Trilium Notes?

Trilium Notes 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 Trilium Notes'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 Trilium Notes'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 Elian Doran and the community. Prices change, so check triliumnotes.org before you buy.

triliumnotes.org
github.com/TriliumNext/Trilium
triliumnotes.org/get-started/
triliumnext.github.io/Docs/

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

Trilium Notes, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/triliumnext

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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Every one of the 87 docs and wiki tools we grade, compared

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Free online word processor with AI and document automation

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