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UC Browser

The Insider’s Guide

Free mobile browser with a built-in VPN, ad blocking and cloud storage



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from UC Browser's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on UC 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 23 of the 60 other browsers we grade

UC Browser is a free browser from UCWeb that the site says launched in 2004. Its pages list a built-in VPN, ad blocking, a video downloader, 20 GB of cloud storage, AI translation and a choice of search engines. The site offers a Google Play download and an Android APK for phones without Google Play.

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

> **It is a phone browser you install and use, with a Google Play listing and an APK for phones without Play.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free Android browser with a built-in VPN**

We could only confirm Android, the VPN and storage terms are not on the home page, and the site did not always load.

2 **It is free**

UC Browser has no paid plan at all. The site lists no price or paid plan; the browser downloads with no charge shown.

3 **It runs on Android**

Android.

4 **Built-in VPN**

UC VPN is described as giving encrypted, high-speed access and a way around geo-restrictions, from inside the browser.

5 **Ad blocking**

The site lists advanced ad blocking among its main features.

6 **Video downloader**

A built-in tool saves media from websites and social platforms straight to the device.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 23 of 60**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

UC Browser at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Android
MADE BY UCWeb, since 2004	CATEGORY Browsers
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a free Android browser with a built-in VPN

UC Browser is a free phone browser that bundles a VPN, ad blocking, a video downloader and 20 GB of cloud storage. We could only confirm Android, the

VPN and storage terms are not on the home page, and the site did not always load.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	UC Browser	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free, with no price or paid plan on the site, and the VPN, ad blocking and 20 GB of storage are described as included.
Free plan and trial	A	The site lists no charge, and the VPN, ad blocker and storage are described as part of the free download.
Features	C	VPN, ad blocking, a video downloader, translation and search choices, but VPN terms and storage limits are not stated on the home page.
Ease of use	B	No rating on record. It is a phone browser you install and use, with a Google Play listing and an APK for phones without Play.
Platforms and integrations	D	Only Android could be confirmed from the pages we read. Desktop and iOS were not confirmed.
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 UC Browser is for

- ✓ Fits if you want an Android browser with a VPN and ad blocker in one install
- ✓ Works for phones without Google Play, since the site offers an APK

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use an iPhone or a computer, because only Android was confirmed
- ✗ Not for you if you need VPN terms in writing: the home page states none
- ✗ Watch out: the 20 GB cloud storage has no stated limits or terms on the home page
- ✗ Tight if you want checked claims: user counts and review quotes on the site are the vendor's own
- ✗ Watch out: the site did not always load, so its feature list may be incomplete

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Android phone users who want a VPN and ad blocker in one app
- ✓ People who save videos from sites to their phone
- ✓ Users without Google Play who need an APK download

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The pages we could read name Google Play and an Android APK; desktop and iOS availability was not confirmed.
- ⓘ The user counts and review quotes on the site are the vendor's own and were not checked.
- ⓘ VPN terms and any limits on the cloud storage are not stated on the home page.
- ⓘ The site did not always load when we read it, so the feature list may be incomplete.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

UC Browser is free to use.

> **The site lists no charge, and the VPN, ad blocker and storage are described as part of the free download.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

The browser download, including VPN, ad blocking and 20 GB of cloud storage as the site describes them.

The free plan

The site lists no price or paid plan; the browser downloads with no charge shown.

Read from ucweb.com 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: Android

Free mobile browser with a built-in VPN, ad blocking and cloud storage. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, web browser, vPN, ad and tracker blocking.

> **VPN, ad blocking, a video downloader, translation and search choices, but VPN terms and storage limits are not stated on the home page.**
>
> From our grade for features

Built-in VPN

UC VPN is described as giving encrypted, high-speed access and a way around geo-restrictions, from inside the browser.

Ad blocking

The site lists advanced ad blocking among its main features.

Video downloader

A built-in tool saves media from websites and social platforms straight to the device.

20 GB cloud storage

The site says free cloud storage backs up data, with options to sync, access and share files.

AI translation and search choices

Several AI translation models translate pages, and several search engines can be picked for typing a keyword into the address bar.

Where it runs

Android

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

UC Browser is made by UCWeb, and has been around since 2004.

Where it stands

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

23/60

Other browsers it is graded above

UC Browser's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 23 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 10.

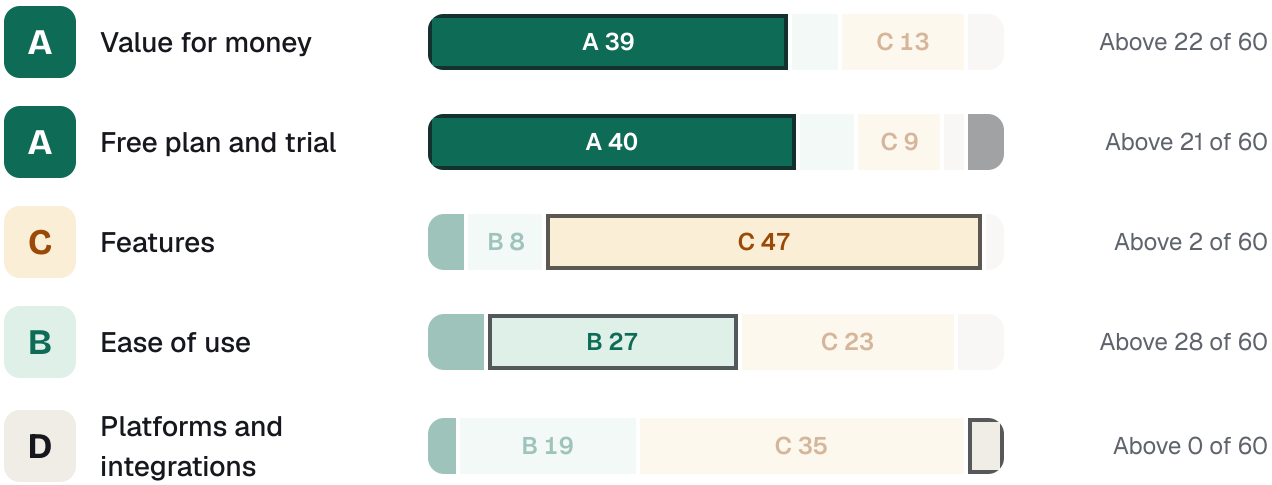
It stands best on value for money (A, above 22 of 60) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

UC Browser 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.

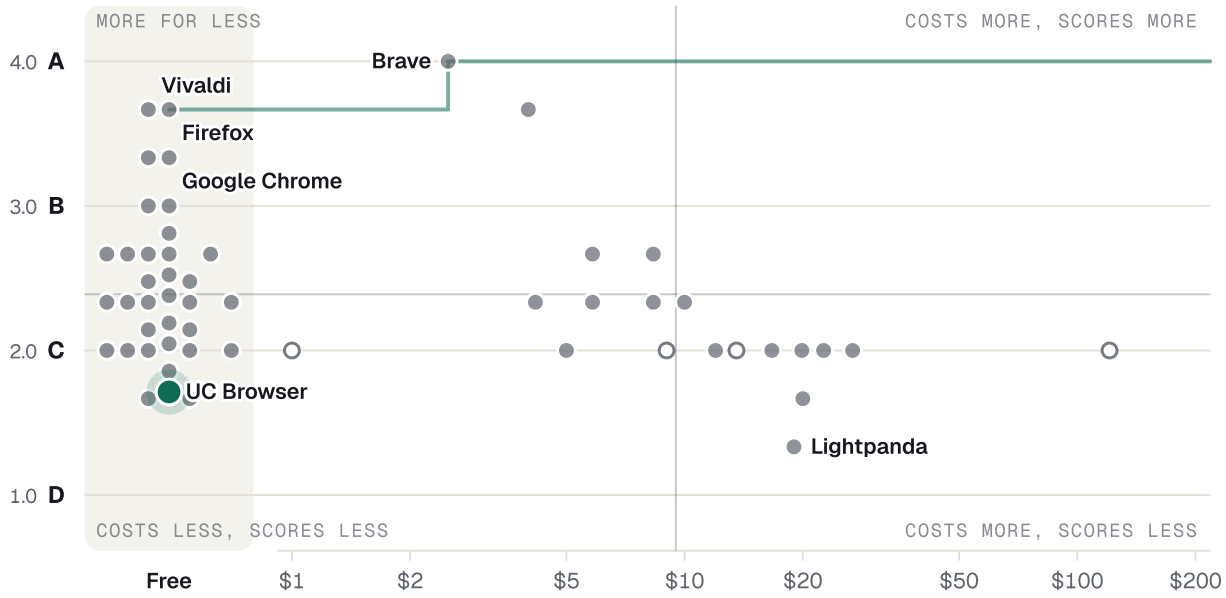
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 61 browsers we grade, cut by the letter each got. UC 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. UC 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

UC 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 make

- Ad and tracker blocking: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A web browser.
- Servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.
- A real app for Android. Something home-made would be a web page.

- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. UC 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



Opera, Brave, Google Chrome, Aloha Browser and Firefox

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

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Opera

Free plan · from $4/mo

Browser with a built-in ad blocker, free VPN and sidebar messengers.

- Only Opera lists Windows, macOS, Linux and iOS apps.
- UC Browser also covers vPN and ad and tracker blocking.
- Opera also covers screenshots.

UC Browser and Opera compared in full

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Brave

Free plan · from $3.00/mo

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

- Only Brave lists Windows, macOS, Linux and iOS apps.
- Brave is open source, according to its own site.
- UC Browser also covers vPN and ad and tracker blocking.

UC Browser and Brave compared in full



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Google Chrome

Free

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

- Only Google Chrome lists Windows, macOS, Linux and iOS apps.
- UC Browser also covers vPN and ad and tracker blocking.
- Google Chrome also covers password manager and passkeys.

UC Browser and Google Chrome compared in full



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Aloha Browser

Free plan · from $7.99/mo

Private browser with a free VPN, ad blocking and a paid Premium tier.

- Only Aloha Browser lists iOS, Windows and macOS apps.

UC Browser and Aloha Browser compared in full



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Firefox

Free

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

- Only Firefox lists Windows, macOS, Linux and iOS apps.
- Firefox is open source and end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.
- UC Browser also covers vPN and ad and tracker blocking.

UC Browser and Firefox 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 UC Browser free?

Yes. UC Browser is free to use.

How much does UC Browser cost?

UC Browser lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does UC Browser work on?

UC Browser is available on Android.

Does UC Browser have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. UC Browser is listed for Android.

Does UC Browser have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. UC Browser is listed for Android.

Is UC Browser open source?

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

Who makes UC Browser?

UC Browser is made by UCWeb. It dates from 2004.

What are the alternatives to UC Browser?

The closest alternatives to UC Browser in our directory are Opera, Brave, Google Chrome, Aloha Browser and Firefox.

How does UC Browser compare with other browsers?

UC Browser's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 23 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 10.

Is UC Browser good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of UC Browser?

UC 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 UC 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 UCWeb'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 UCWeb. Prices change, so check ucweb.com 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**.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

UC Browser, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/uc-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

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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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