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Ultimate Member

The Insider’s Guide

WordPress plugin for member profiles, sign-up and directories



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among course and community platforms, read from Ultimate Member’s own pages.

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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from Ultimate Member's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Ultimate Member'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 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade

Ultimate Member is a WordPress plugin that adds front-end user profiles, registration and login forms, member directories and content restriction to a site. A free plugin is listed on WordPress.org, and paid extensions add things like groups, messaging, social login and Stripe memberships.

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

> **Groups, messaging, Stripe and much else are paid extensions whose prices we couldn't read.**
>
> From our report card of Ultimate Member

1 **Best for free member profiles on WordPress**

Ultimate Member adds profiles, registration, directories and content restriction to WordPress, free from WordPress.org.

2 **There is a free plan**

The core plugin is listed on WordPress.org; paid extensions and paid plans are sold separately.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Profiles, registration and login**

Front-end user profiles, sign-up and login forms and a user account page, built with a drag-and-drop form builder.

5 **Custom fields and logic**

Custom form fields with conditional logic, custom user roles and automated user emails.

6 **Member directories**

Directories of members that can show author posts and comments on each profile.

7 **A 2.2 GPA, above 45 of 98**

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

8 **Your call**

You could make the core of Ultimate Member for yourself: forms.

Ultimate Member at a glance

PRICING Free plan	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Ultimate Member	CATEGORY Courses & Communities
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for free member profiles on WordPress

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and much else are paid extensions whose prices we couldn't read.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Ultimate Member	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No paid price is on record, so this sits in the middle. The listing says paid extensions and plans are sold separately.
Free plan and trial	B	The core plugin is free on WordPress.org, with registration, profiles, directories and content restriction. Hosting is yours.
Features	C	Profiles, fields, directories and restriction in the core. Groups, messaging, social login and Stripe are paid extensions, which is a gap in the core job.
Ease of use	D	It needs a self-hosted WordPress site, and no store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, with WooCommerce, Stripe, Mailchimp, Zapier and bbPress on the list. No app.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

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 Ultimate Member is for

- ✓ Fits if you want member profiles and directories on a WordPress site
- ✓ Works for people happy to add extensions one by one

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want a hosted service, as it runs only on your own WordPress site
- ✕ Tight if you stay free, as groups, messaging, social login and Stripe are paid extensions
- ✕ Watch out: its pricing page was blocked to us, so paid prices are not recorded
- ✕ Not for you if you want courses or memberships out of the box, since those come through add-ons

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ WordPress sites that need member profiles and registration
- ✓ Builders who want to add paid extensions as needed
- ✓ Developers who customize through hooks

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Its pricing page was blocked by a bot check, so paid plan and extension prices are not recorded here.
- ⓘ It runs only inside a self-hosted WordPress site; hosting is your job.
- ⓘ Groups, messaging, social login, Stripe and many other community features are paid extensions.

What it costs

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

Ultimate Member's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No paid price is on record, so this sits in the middle.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm Ultimate Member’s current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. ultimatemember.com has them.

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

WordPress plugin for member profiles, sign-up and directories. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: forms, community.

> **Profiles, fields, directories and restriction in the core.**
>
> From our grade for features

Profiles, registration and login

Front-end user profiles, sign-up and login forms and a user account page, built with a drag-and-drop form builder.

Custom fields and logic

Custom form fields with conditional logic, custom user roles and automated user emails.

Member directories

Directories of members that can show author posts and comments on each profile.

Content restriction

Restrict content by logged-in status or role, with conditional navigation menus for logged-in and logged-out visitors.

Paid extensions

Extensions add Groups, Private Messages, Social Login, Stripe subscriptions, WooCommerce and Mailchimp integrations, and more.

Free extensions and developer hooks

Free extensions include Google reCAPTCHA and Online Users, and the plugin exposes actions and filters for developers.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

WooCommerce
Stripe
Mailchimp
Zapier
bbPress
myCRED
Google reCAPTCHA

Ultimate Member is made by Ultimate Member.

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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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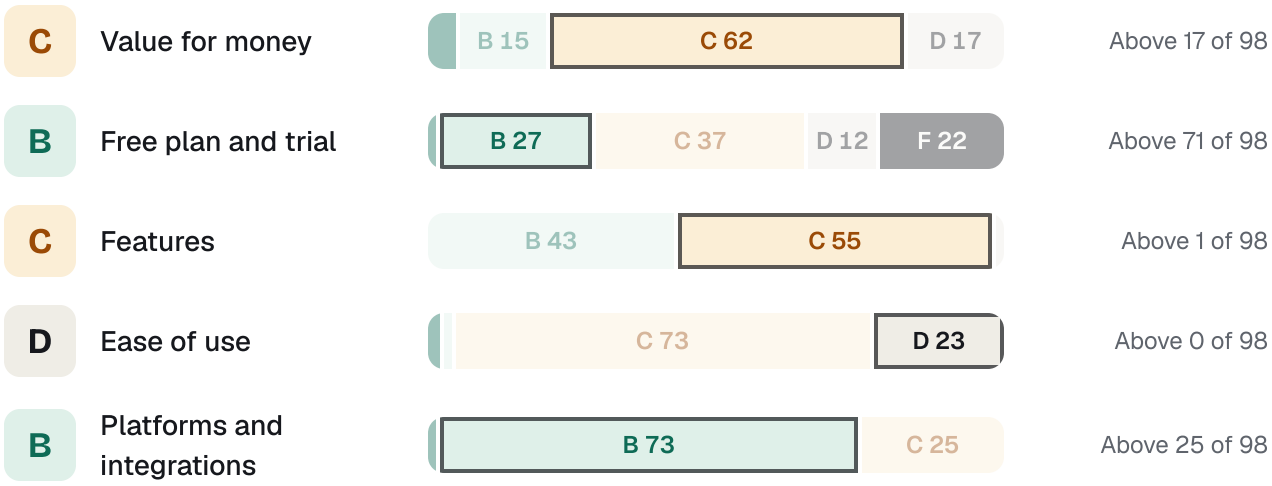
Other course and community platforms it is graded above

Ultimate Member's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade, and level with 20.

It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 71 of 98) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 99 course and community platforms we grade, cut by the letter each got. Ultimate Member's own letter is outlined.



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.

Your call

You could make the core of Ultimate Member for yourself: forms.

What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call.

What you could make

- Forms: an app builder makes this well.
- It runs in a browser, which is where something home-made would run too.

What you could not

- A members' space with posts, chat and events that people keep coming back to.
- It plugs into other products, WooCommerce, Stripe and Mailchimp among them.

What this rests on. Ultimate Member'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



PeepSo, BuddyBoss, FluentCommunity, Paid Memberships Pro and MemberPress

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

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PeepSo

Free plan · from $149/yr

WordPress social network plugin with a free core and yearly bundles.

- Only PeepSo lists iOS and Android apps.
- Ultimate Member also covers forms.
- PeepSo also covers templates and online courses.

Ultimate Member and PeepSo compared in full

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BuddyBoss

From $399/yr

Self-hosted WordPress community, course and membership platform.

- Ultimate Member has a free plan. BuddyBoss does not.
- Ultimate Member also covers forms.
- BuddyBoss also covers templates and online courses.

Ultimate Member and BuddyBoss compared in full



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FluentCommunity

Free plan · from $199/yr

WordPress community and course plugin, free with paid Pro licenses.

- Ultimate Member also covers forms.
- FluentCommunity also covers templates and online courses.

Ultimate Member and FluentCommunity compared in full



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Paid Memberships Pro

Free plan · from $49/mo

Open-source WordPress membership plugin with managed hosting.

- Paid Memberships Pro is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Ultimate Member also covers forms.
- Paid Memberships Pro also covers templates and paid newsletters.

Ultimate Member and Paid Memberships Pro compared in full



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MemberPress

From $399/yr

WordPress plugin for paid memberships, courses and communities.

- Ultimate Member has a free plan. MemberPress does not.
- Ultimate Member also covers forms.
- MemberPress also covers online courses.

Ultimate Member and MemberPress 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 Ultimate Member free?

Ultimate Member has a free plan. The core plugin is listed on WordPress.org; paid extensions and paid plans are sold separately.

What platforms does Ultimate Member work on?

Ultimate Member is available on Web.

Does Ultimate Member have an Android app?

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

Does Ultimate Member have an iPhone app?

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

Is Ultimate Member open source?

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

What does Ultimate Member integrate with?

Ultimate Member's listing names WooCommerce, Stripe, Mailchimp, Zapier, bbPress, myCRED and Google reCAPTCHA.

Who makes Ultimate Member?

Ultimate Member is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Ultimate Member?

The closest alternatives to Ultimate Member in our directory are PeepSo, BuddyBoss, FluentCommunity, Paid Memberships Pro and MemberPress.

How does Ultimate Member compare with other course and community platforms?

Ultimate Member's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade, and level with 20.

Could I make my own version of Ultimate Member?

You could make the core of Ultimate Member for yourself: forms. What you would give up is listed below.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Ultimate Member'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 Ultimate Member's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews. Note; its own site was blocked to us, so only the WordPress.org page backs this.

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 Ultimate Member. Prices change, so check ultimatemember.com before you buy.

wordpress.org/plugins/ultimate-member/

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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.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Ultimate Member, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/ultimate-member

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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Courses & Communities Insider's Guide

Every one of the 99 course and community platforms we grade, compared

Hylo Insider's Guide

Free open-source platform for community groups and coordination

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Academy LMS Insider's Guide

WordPress LMS plugin with a free core and Pro licenses by site count

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Circle Insider's Guide

Community platform with courses, events, payments and branded apps

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