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UpCloud

The Insider's Guide

Cloud servers, databases and Kubernetes from a Finnish provider



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among web hosts, read from UpCloud's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from UpCloud's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on UpCloud'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 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

UpCloud is an infrastructure cloud provider selling Linux and Windows cloud servers, managed databases, managed Kubernetes, block, file and object storage, and networking. Servers are billed by the hour on Starter, Premium or Cloud Native plans. Its pricing page could not be read, so no prices are recorded here.

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

> **We could not read plan prices, the trial needs card verification, and you run it through an API and tools like Terraform.**
>
> From our report card of UpCloud

1 **Best for cloud servers from a Finnish provider**

UpCloud sells cloud servers, managed databases and Kubernetes, with zero-cost egress.

2 **You can try it first**

7-day free trial with €10 of credit, started after card verification

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Cloud servers in three plan types**

Starter plans suit small projects, Premium plans list a 99.999% SLA and MaxIOPS storage, and Cloud Native plans unbundle storage and IPs.

5 **Managed services**

Managed databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL, Valkey and OpenSearch), Kubernetes, a load balancer and object storage are sold alongside servers.

6 **Zero-cost egress**

The documentation lists free outbound data transfers as a product feature to lower total cloud costs.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 49 of 122**

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

8 **Your call**

UpCloud sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

UpCloud at a glance

PRICING Free trial	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 7-day free trial with €10 of credit, started after card verification	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY UpCloud	CATEGORY Web Hosting
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for cloud servers from a Finnish provider

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and you run it through an API and tools like Terraform.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	UpCloud	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No plan price was read because the pricing page sat behind a bot check, so it sits in the middle.
Free plan and trial	D	A 7-day trial with EUR 10 of credit that starts only after card verification.
Features	B	Servers, managed databases, Kubernetes, GPU servers and an API cover the whole job.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record, and you run servers through a console, API or Terraform.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web console and API, with Kubernetes and Terraform support.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

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 UpCloud is for

- ✓ Fits if you run your own servers and want zero-cost egress
- ✓ Works for developers who use Terraform or Kubernetes

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want a simple site host, as these are servers you manage
- ✕ Tight if you want a long trial, as it is 7 days, 2 cores and 4 GB in total, with no Windows servers
- ✕ Watch out: the trial needs card verification and must start within 365 days of registering or the account is removed
- ✕ Watch out: Cloud Native plans bundle no storage or public IP, which cost extra

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want hourly-billed virtual servers in Europe
- ✓ Teams that need managed Kubernetes or databases next to their servers
- ✓ Hosting providers and agencies running many client sites

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The pricing page sat behind a bot check, so no plan prices were read; use the vendor's calculator for figures.
- ⓘ The free trial limits you to 2 cores and 4 GB of memory in total and excludes Windows servers.
- ⓘ A trial must be started within 365 days of registration or the account is removed.
- ⓘ Cloud Native plans bundle no storage or public IP, which are bought separately.

What it costs

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

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

> **No plan price was read because the pricing page sat behind a bot check, so it sits in the middle.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm UpCloud's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. upcloud.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

Cloud servers, databases and Kubernetes from a Finnish provider. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, databases.

> "
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> **Servers, managed databases, Kubernetes, GPU servers and an API cover the whole job.**

From our grade for features

Cloud servers in three plan types

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Managed services

Managed databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL, Valkey and OpenSearch), Kubernetes, a load balancer and object storage are sold alongside servers.

Zero-cost egress

The documentation lists free outbound data transfers as a product feature to lower total cloud costs.

Private cloud and GPU servers

Dedicated Private Cloud infrastructure and GPU servers for AI and machine-learning work are also offered.

API and billing tools

A RESTful API and a pricing calculator are published, and billing supports bonus credits and several payment methods.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Kubernetes

Terraform

UpCloud is made by UpCloud.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

49/122

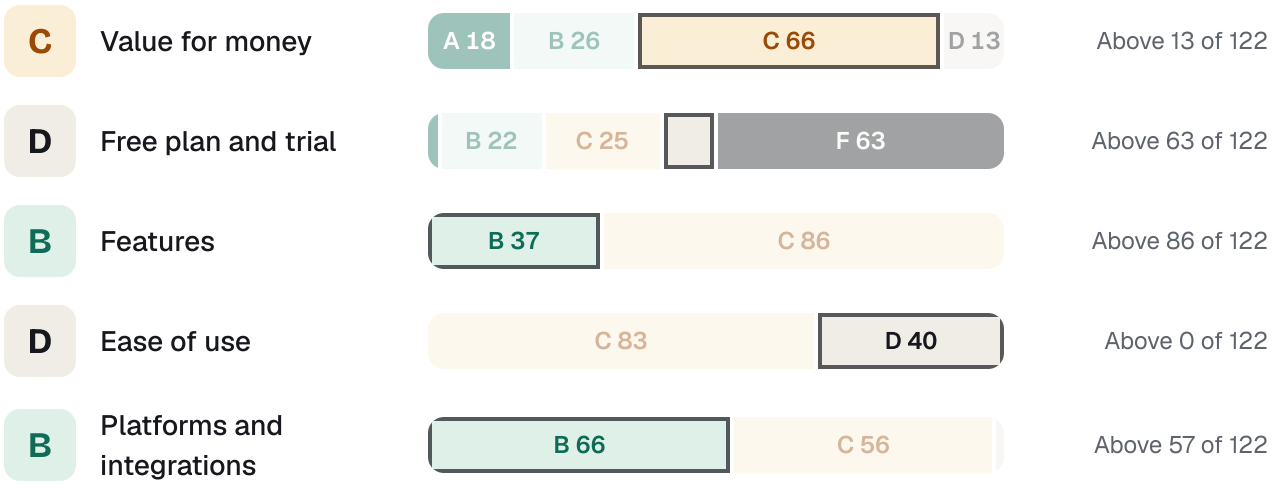
Other web hosts it is graded above

UpCloud's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 24.

It stands best on features (B, above 86 of 122) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. UpCloud'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



UpCloud sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

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

What you could make

- It runs in a browser, which is where something home-made would run too.

What you could not

- Databases with views, filters and links between them.
- It plugs into other products, Kubernetes and Terraform among them, and has an API.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. UpCloud'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



DigitalOcean, Vultr, Akamai Linode, Hetzner and OVHcloud

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

DigitalOcean

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Free plan · from $4/mo

Cloud servers, app hosting and managed databases for developers.

- DigitalOcean has a free plan. UpCloud does not, though it has a free trial.

UpCloud and DigitalOcean compared in full

Vultr

1.8 GPA

From $2.50/mo

Cloud servers, bare metal and GPUs billed hourly or monthly.

- UpCloud also covers databases.

UpCloud and Vultr compared in full

Akamai Linode

2.0 GPA

From $5/mo

Linux virtual servers from $5 a month on Akamai Cloud.

UpCloud and Akamai Linode compared in full

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Hetzner

From €1.60/mo

German hosting: web hosting, cloud servers and dedicated servers.

- UpCloud also covers databases.
- Hetzner also covers file sharing.

UpCloud and Hetzner compared in full

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OVHcloud

From $4.54/mo

VPS, public cloud, web hosting and dedicated servers.

UpCloud and OVHcloud 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 UpCloud free?

No, UpCloud is a paid product, but you can try it first. 7-day free trial with €10 of credit, started after card verification.

What platforms does UpCloud work on?

UpCloud is available on Web.

Does UpCloud have an Android app?

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

Does UpCloud have an iPhone app?

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Is UpCloud open source?

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

Does UpCloud have an API?

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

What does UpCloud integrate with?

UpCloud's listing names Kubernetes and Terraform. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes UpCloud?

UpCloud is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to UpCloud?

The closest alternatives to UpCloud in our directory are DigitalOcean, Vultr, Akamai Linode, Hetzner and OVHcloud.

How does UpCloud compare with other web hosts?

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Could I make my own version of UpCloud?

UpCloud sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from UpCloud'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 UpCloud'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 UpCloud. Prices change, so check upcloud.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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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

UpCloud, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/upcloud

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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Web Hosting Insider's Guide

Every one of the 123 web hosts we grade, compared

Cloudflare Pages Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for static sites and full-stack apps

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GitHub Pages Insider's Guide

Static site hosting built into GitHub repositories

2.8 GPA

Netlify Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for sites and web apps, priced by monthly credits

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