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Vicinae

The Insider's Guide

Keyboard-driven launcher for Linux, macOS and Windows



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among window managers and launchers, read from Vicinae's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Vicinae's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Vicinae'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 35 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade

Vicinae is a command launcher inspired by Raycast. It covers app launching, window switching, clipboard history, file search and a calculator, and it can run many Raycast extensions. Extensions are written in React and TypeScript. The source is on GitHub under GPL-3.0.

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

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>
> From our report card of Vicinae

1 **Best for a Raycast-style launcher on Linux**

Vicinae is a keyboard launcher for Linux, macOS and Windows that runs many Raycast extensions, and it costs nothing.

2 **It is free**

Vicinae has no paid plan at all.

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Linux, macOS and Windows.

4 **App launcher and window switcher**

Opens apps and switches between open windows from a keyboard-driven palette.

5 **Clipboard history**

Works as a clipboard manager alongside the launcher.

6 **Raycast extension support**

The docs say many Raycast extensions run, with varying results; simpler ones work well.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 35 of 48**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Vicinae at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN It is free
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Vicinae	CATEGORY Window Managers & Launchers
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a Raycast-style launcher on Linux

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Vicinae	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to download and run, with no paid tier in the docs, against a category where the cheaper quarter of paid tools starts at $0.83 a month.
Free plan and trial	A	Nothing is locked: the docs list no paid plan, so the whole launcher is free with no cap.
Features	C	App launching, window switching, clipboard history and a calculator, but the docs say Raycast extensions run with varying results.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and extensions, script commands and dmenu mode mean some setup before it fits your routine.
Platforms and integrations	C	Linux, macOS and Windows, but computers only, with no phone or web side and Raycast extensions as the only integration listed.

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 Vicinae is for

- ✓ Fits if you run Linux and miss a Raycast-style launcher
- ✓ Works for people who want Raycast extensions without paying for Raycast

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you have an Intel Mac, because the macOS build is Apple Silicon only
- ✗ Not for you if you need every Raycast extension to work, as compatibility varies by extension
- ✗ Tight if you want a rated, polished installer, since no store rating is on record
- ✗ Watch out: custom extensions are written in React and TypeScript, so going beyond the built-ins takes some coding

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Linux users who want a Raycast-style launcher
- ✓ People who want to reuse Raycast extensions without a subscription

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The macOS build is for Apple Silicon Macs only, per the install page.
- ⓘ Compatibility with Raycast extensions varies by extension.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Vicinae is free to use.

> **Nothing is locked: the docs list no paid plan, so the whole launcher is free with no cap.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

The docs list no paid tier; the project describes itself as unlocking features Raycast charges for.

Read from docs.vicinae.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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Places it runs: macOS, Windows and Linux

Keyboard-driven launcher for Linux, macOS and Windows. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, keyboard-first, launcher, clipboard manager, window management, calculator.

> **App launching, window switching, clipboard history and a calculator, but the docs say Raycast extensions run with varying results.**
>
> From our grade for features

App launcher and window switcher

Opens apps and switches between open windows from a keyboard-driven palette.

Clipboard history

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Raycast extension support

The docs say many Raycast extensions run, with varying results; simpler ones work well.

Extensions and scripts

Extend it with dmenu mode, script commands or React and TypeScript extensions, installable from within the app.

Theming and window APIs

Offers theming and window management APIs that the docs contrast with Raycast's paid tier.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · Linux

What it works with

Raycast extensions

Vicinae is made by Vicinae.

Where it stands

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

35/48

Other window managers and launchers it is graded above

Vicinae's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 35 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

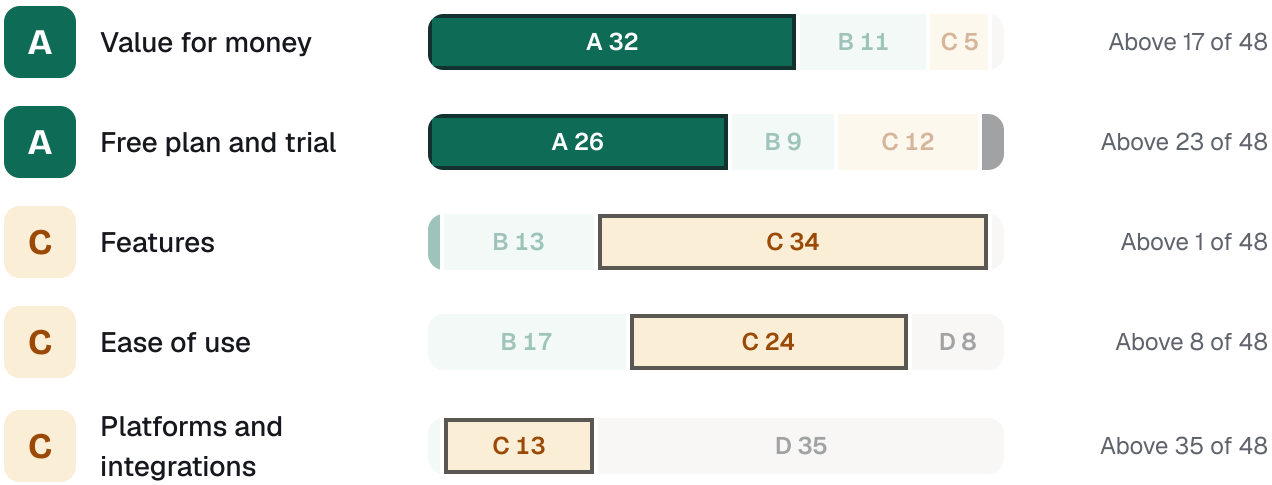
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 23 of 48) and worst on features (C, above 1).

Vicinae 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.

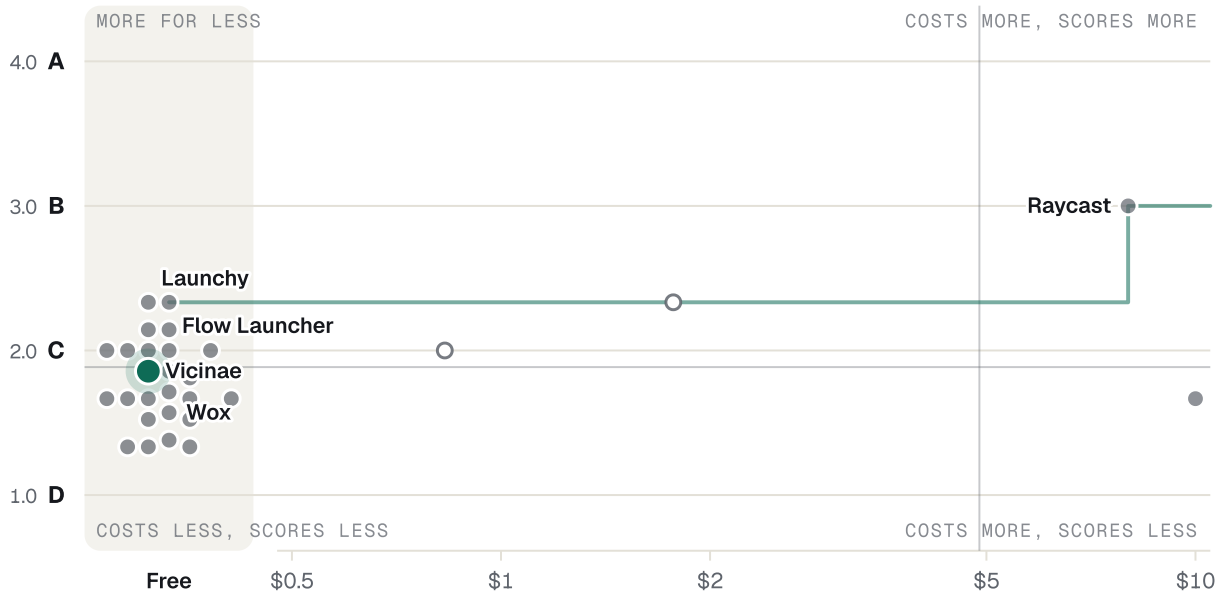
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 49 window managers and launchers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Vicinae's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 29 window managers and launchers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Vicinae 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

Vicinae 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 2.8 is higher than 35 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade.

What you could make

- Calculator: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A launcher wired into the operating system.
- Control over other apps' windows.

- A clipboard history running in the background of your computer.
- Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Vicinae'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



Ulauncher, Albert, Sol, Cerebro and Wox

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

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Ulauncher

Free

Open-source application launcher for Linux with extensions.

- Only Vicinae lists macOS and Windows apps.
- Vicinae also covers clipboard manager, window management and calculator.

Vicinae and Ulauncher compared in full

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Albert

Free

Plugin-based keyboard launcher for Linux and macOS.

- Only Vicinae lists a Windows app.
- Vicinae is open source, according to its own site.
- Vicinae also covers clipboard manager, window management and calculator.

Vicinae and Albert compared in full



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Sol

Free

Open-source macOS launcher and command palette.

- Only Vicinae lists Linux and Windows apps.

Vicinae and Sol compared in full



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Cerebro

Free

Free open-source Electron launcher for Windows, Mac and Linux.

- Vicinae also covers clipboard manager, window management and calculator.

Vicinae and Cerebro compared in full



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Wox

Free

Open-source keyboard launcher for Windows, macOS and Linux.

- Vicinae also covers calculator.

Vicinae and Wox 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 Vicinae free?

Yes. Vicinae is free to use.

How much does Vicinae cost?

Vicinae lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Vicinae work on?

Vicinae is available on Linux, macOS and Windows.

Does Vicinae have an Android app?

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

Does Vicinae have an iPhone app?

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

Is Vicinae open source?

Yes. Vicinae is open source, according to its own site.

What does Vicinae integrate with?

Vicinae's listing names Raycast extensions. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Vicinae?

Vicinae is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Vicinae?

The closest alternatives to Vicinae in our directory are Ulauncher, Albert, Sol, Cerebro and Wox.

How does Vicinae compare with other window managers and launchers?

Vicinae's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 35 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

Is Vicinae good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Vicinae A for value for money. Vicinae has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Vicinae?

Vicinae 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 Vicinae'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 Vicinae'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 Vicinae. Prices change, so check docs.vicinae.com before you buy.

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github.com/vicinaehq/vicinae

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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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Vicinae, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/vicinae

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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Every one of the 49 window managers and launchers we grade, compared

Flow Launcher Insider's Guide

Free, open-source app launcher and file search for Windows

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Launchy Insider's Guide

Open-source keystroke launcher with plugins and skins

3.0 GPA

Cerebro Insider's Guide

Free open-source Electron launcher for Windows, Mac and Linux

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