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Virtualmin

The Insider's Guide

Open-source hosting control panel with a paid Pro edition



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Virtualmin's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Virtualmin'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 74 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

Virtualmin is a web hosting control panel for Linux servers, built on Webmin. It is sold as a free GPL edition and a Pro edition that adds support, reseller accounts, a Podman plugin and WP Workbench, priced by the number of domains managed.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Virtualmin**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **It needs a fresh supported Linux install and administering the server.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free-or-paid hosting panel for Linux servers**

Virtualmin is a hosting panel on top of Webmin, sold as a free GPL edition and a Pro edition priced by domain count.

2 **Paid plans start at $7.50 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $7.50 per month for Pro, 10 domains.

3 **There is a free plan**

Virtualmin GPL is free and open source, with community forum support and 5 installable scripts.

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Domain accounts and delegation**

Domain owner and reseller accounts give users control over their own sites; Pro adds resource limits and advanced user management.

6 **Mail stack**

Mailboxes with spam and antivirus protection, forwarders and auto-responders; Pro adds Amazon SES delivery.

7 **DNS options**

Manage DNS locally, or link to Cloudflare, Google Cloud DNS and Amazon Route 53 (some providers are Pro).

8 **A 2.2 GPA, above 74 of 122**

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

9 **Your call**

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

Virtualmin at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $7.50 per month for Pro, 10 domains	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Virtualmin	CATEGORY Web Hosting
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a free-or-paid hosting panel for Linux servers

Virtualmin is a hosting panel on top of Webmin, sold as a free GPL edition and a Pro edition priced by domain count. The GPL edition has 5 installable

scripts and forum support, and you run the server yourself.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Virtualmin	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	GPL is free but self-hosted, so it counts as C. Pro starts at $7.50 a month for 10 domains, between the $5.00 and $10.99 lines for web hosting, and rises with the domain tier.
Free plan and trial	B	The GPL edition is free and open source with no listed cap. It has forum support only, 5 installable scripts and no resellers.
Features	C	Domain accounts, a mail stack, DNS options, cloud backups, a CLI and a remote API. Resellers, Podman, WP Workbench and 60-plus scripts need Pro.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. It needs a fresh supported Linux install and administering the server.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web only, but it connects to Webmin, Cloudflare, Route 53, Amazon SES and S3, Dropbox, Google Drive and Let's Encrypt, with a remote API.
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 Virtualmin is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a free panel for a few domains on a Debian or RHEL-family server
- ✓ Makes sense if you may add Pro later for tickets and resellers

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want hosting included, because Virtualmin is the panel and not hosting
- ✗ Tight if you need resellers or WP Workbench, which are Pro only
- ✗ Too light for support on GPL, which has the forum only
- ✗ Watch out: Pro price depends on the domain tier, and the shop page shows only the entry price

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Hosting providers and agencies running their own Linux servers
- ✓ Teams moving off cPanel, Plesk or DirectAdmin who want to keep a standard OS stack

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Pro is priced by domain count (10, 50, 100, 250 or unlimited); only the entry price is shown on the shop page.
- ⓘ GPL has 5 installable scripts, against 60+ in Pro, and gets forum support only.
- ⓘ The installer needs a fresh supported OS: Debian, Ubuntu, AlmaLinux, Rocky Linux or Red Hat Enterprise Linux.
- ⓘ You run the server yourself; Virtualmin is the panel, not hosting.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$7.50

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Virtualmin has a free plan. Paid plans start at $7.50 per month for Pro, 10 domains.

> **GPL is free but self-hosted, so it counts as C.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

VIRTUALMIN GPL

$0

Free and open source; you host it yourself. Apache or Nginx, MySQL and PostgreSQL, mail, CLI and HTTP API.

VIRTUALMIN PROFESSIONAL, MONTHLY

$7.50

per month for up to 10 domains, billed monthly

Adds private ticket support, resellers, Podman and WP Workbench plugins. Tiers go to 50, 100, 250 and unlimited domains.

VIRTUALMIN PROFESSIONAL, ANNUAL

$75

per year for up to 10 domains

Same features as monthly, billed yearly. Prices rise with the domain tier you pick.

The free plan

Virtualmin GPL is free and open source, with community forum support and 5 installable scripts.

Read from virtualmin.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Annual billing at $75 versus $7.50 monthly

The entry Pro tier costs $75 a year or $7.50 a month; the shop lists both subscription types.

Stated on virtualmin.com

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

Open-source hosting control panel with a paid Pro edition. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, public API, file management.

> **Domain accounts, a mail stack, DNS options, cloud backups, a CLI and a remote API.**

From our grade for features

Domain accounts and delegation

Domain owner and reseller accounts give users control over their own sites; Pro adds resource limits and advanced user management.

Mail stack

Mailboxes with spam and antivirus protection, forwarders and auto-responders; Pro adds Amazon SES delivery.

DNS options

Manage DNS locally, or link to Cloudflare, Google Cloud DNS and Amazon Route 53 (some providers are Pro).

Backups to cloud storage

Scheduled backups with Amazon S3 in GPL and Google Storage, Backblaze, Dropbox and GPG encryption in Pro.

Podman and WP Workbench

Pro includes a Podman plugin for per-domain containers and WP Workbench for WordPress updates, cloning and backups.

CLI and remote API

A command-line tool and an authenticated HTTP API automate server setup, routine tasks and bulk changes.

Where it runs

- Web

What it works with

- Webmin
- Cloudflare
- Amazon Route 53
- Amazon SES
- Amazon S3
- Dropbox
- Google Drive
- Let's Encrypt

Virtualmin is made by Virtualmin.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

74/122

Other web hosts it is graded above

Virtualmin's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 74 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 24.

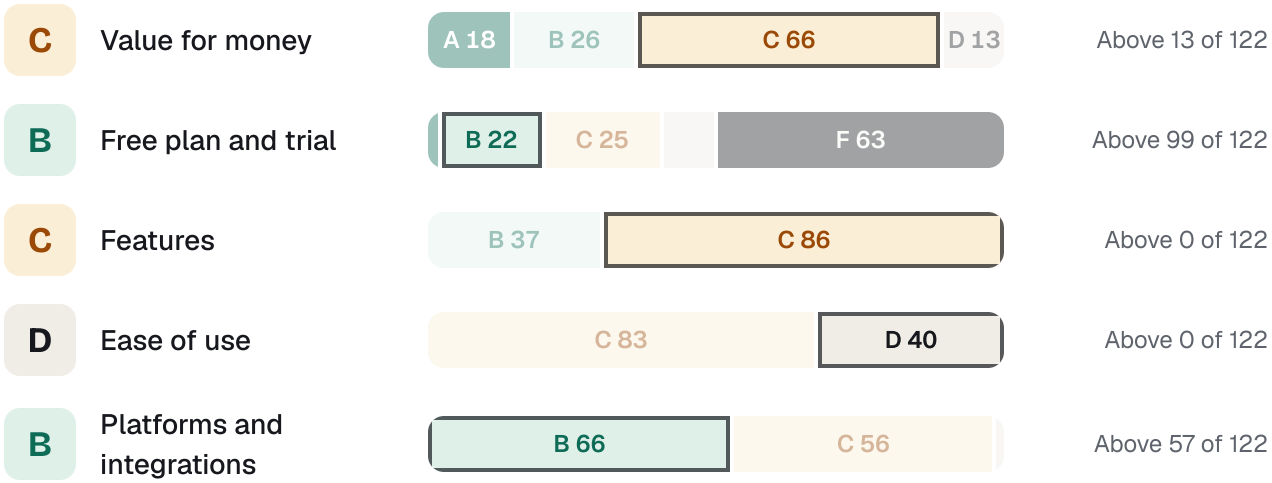
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 99 of 122) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $7.50 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 45 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 21 tools score higher and cost less.

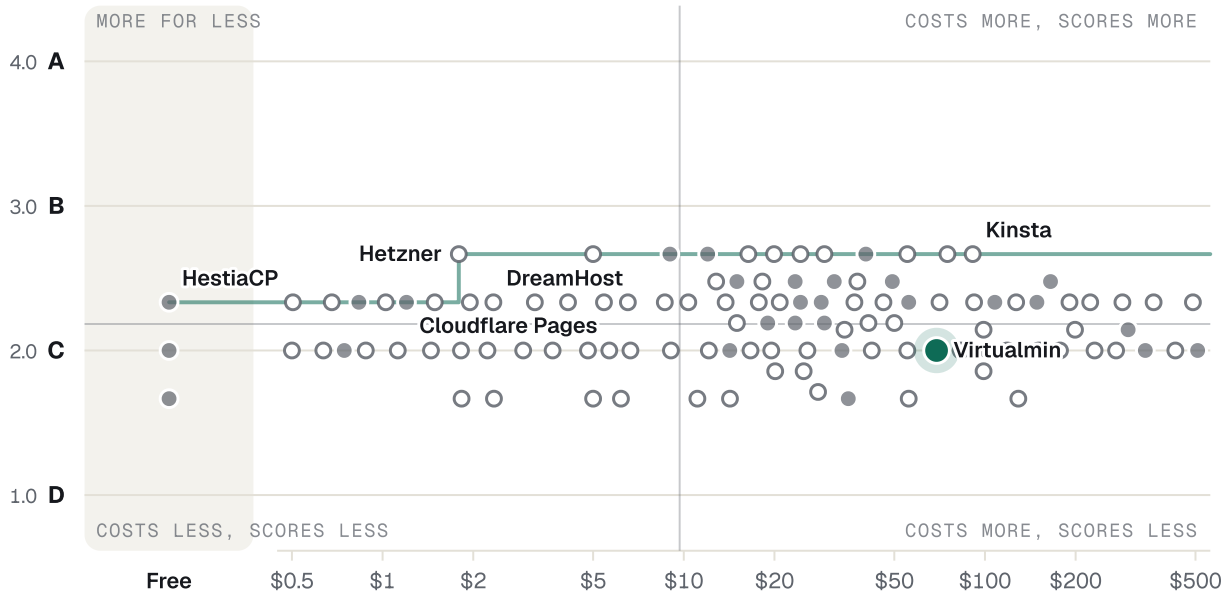
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. Virtualmin's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 111 web hosts. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Virtualmin 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.

Your call

Virtualmin 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. It costs $90 a year. Virtualmin is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could make

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

What you could not

- A file manager working directly on your disk.

- It plugs into other products, Webmin, Cloudflare and Amazon Route 53 among them, and has an API.

What this rests on. Virtualmin'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



cPanel, Plesk, DirectAdmin, HestiaCP and CyberPanel

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

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cPanel

Free trial · from $27.46/mo

Web hosting control panel licensed per server, by account count.

- Virtualmin has a free plan. cPanel does not, though it has a free trial.
- Virtualmin is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Virtualmin also covers file management.

Virtualmin and cPanel compared in full

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Plesk

Free trial · from $15.57/mo

Web hosting and server control panel licensed per server.

- Virtualmin has a free plan. Plesk does not, though it has a free trial.
- Virtualmin is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Virtualmin also covers file management.

Virtualmin and Plesk compared in full



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DirectAdmin

From $5/mo

Licensed web hosting control panel for Linux servers.

- Virtualmin has a free plan. DirectAdmin does not.
- Virtualmin is open source, according to its own site.

Virtualmin and DirectAdmin compared in full



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HestiaCP

Free

Free open-source web server control panel.

- Virtualmin also covers file management.

Virtualmin and HestiaCP compared in full



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CyberPanel

Free plan · from $7.99/mo

Free OpenLiteSpeed control panel with paid add-ons.

Virtualmin and CyberPanel 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 Virtualmin free?

Virtualmin has a free plan. Virtualmin GPL is free and open source, with community forum support and 5 installable scripts.

How much does Virtualmin cost?

Virtualmin lists 3 plans. Virtualmin GPL: $0.

What platforms does Virtualmin work on?

Virtualmin is available on Web.

Does Virtualmin offer any discounts?

Virtualmin publicly lists the following: Annual billing at $75 versus $7.50 monthly.

Does Virtualmin have an Android app?

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

Does Virtualmin have an iPhone app?

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

Is Virtualmin open source?

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

Does Virtualmin have an API?

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

What does Virtualmin integrate with?

Virtualmin's listing names Webmin, Cloudflare, Amazon Route 53, Amazon SES, Amazon S3, Dropbox, Google Drive and Let's Encrypt.

Who makes Virtualmin?

Virtualmin is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Virtualmin?

The closest alternatives to Virtualmin in our directory are cPanel, Plesk, DirectAdmin, HestiaCP and CyberPanel.

How does Virtualmin compare with other web hosts?

Virtualmin's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 74 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 24.

Is Virtualmin good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Virtualmin C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $7.50 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 45 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Virtualmin?

Virtualmin 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 Virtualmin'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 Virtualmin'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 Virtualmin. Prices change, so check virtualmin.com before you buy.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Virtualmin, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/virtualmin

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

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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