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Viscosity

The Insider's Guide

OpenVPN client for Mac and Windows, bought once



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among VPNs, read from Viscosity's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Viscosity's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Viscosity'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 9 of the 50 other VPNs we grade

Viscosity is an OpenVPN client for macOS and Windows from SparkLabs. It imports and edits OpenVPN connections through a graphical interface, shows traffic and connection details, and can be scripted. It is a client only, so you bring your own VPN server or provider.

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

> **You import or write OpenVPN configurations and can script connections, so it needs technical know-how.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a paid OpenVPN client for Mac and Windows**

Viscosity is an OpenVPN client for Mac and Windows with a connection editor, traffic stats and scripting, at $16 once.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $16 one-time, per license.

3 **You can try it first**

30-day free trial for Mac and Windows

4 **It runs on 2 platforms**

macOS and Windows.

5 **Connection editor**

Create or edit OpenVPN connections without writing configuration by hand, including multi-factor authentication settings, with advanced commands for experts.

6 **Full and split DNS**

Send every DNS lookup to the VPN's servers, or only lookups for chosen domains.

7 **Traffic statistics**

A menu overview of connections plus a details window with a traffic graph and network and encryption information.

8 **A 2.0 GPA, above 9 of 50**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace Viscosity you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Viscosity at a glance

PRICING Free trial, from $16 one-time, per license	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 30-day free trial for Mac and Windows	RUNS ON macOS, Windows
MADE BY SparkLabs Pty Ltd	CATEGORY VPNs
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a paid OpenVPN client for Mac and Windows

Viscosity is an OpenVPN client for Mac and Windows with a connection editor, traffic stats and scripting, at $16 once. It includes no VPN service, supports OpenVPN only, and its license covers free updates for 1.x versions only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Viscosity	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	$16 once is under a year of the category's middle subscription at $5 a month, though you still pay for a VPN service.
Free plan and trial	C	30-day free trial on Mac and Windows; the page does not say whether a card is needed.
Features	D	It does a narrow job, an OpenVPN client, and needs a VPN server or provider to be of any use, even with its scripting and split DNS.
Ease of use	D	You import or write OpenVPN configurations and can script connections, so it needs technical know-how.
Platforms and integrations	C	Mac and Windows desktop only, with OpenVPN and AppleScript as its only listed links.
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 Viscosity is for

- ✓ Fits if you use OpenVPN on both a Mac and Windows and want a tidy client
- ✓ Works for admins who want scripting and deployment bundles

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you want a VPN service, as it has no servers
- ✗ Skip it if you use Linux or a phone, as it runs on Mac and Windows only
- ✗ Watch out: a license includes free updates for 1.x versions only, and upgrades are sold separately
- ✗ Skip it if OpenVPN is not your protocol, as it supports nothing else

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac and Windows users who connect to OpenVPN servers
- ✓ Teams that want to ship preconfigured VPN profiles
- ✓ Buyers who prefer a single payment over a subscription

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It is only a client and includes no servers or VPN service.
- ⓘ Supports OpenVPN, and runs on macOS and Windows only.
- ⓘ A license includes free updates for 1.x versions only; the store lists upgrades separately.

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What it costs

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

$16 one-time

To start

Viscosity is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $16 one-time, per license.

VISCOSITY LICENSE

$16

one-time, per license

One-time purchase with no subscription. Includes email support and free updates for all future 1.x versions.

Trying it first

30-day free trial for Mac and Windows

Read from sparklabs.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Volume discount on multiple licenses

The store says raising the quantity of licenses shows an instant discount at checkout.

Stated on sparklabs.com

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 and Windows

OpenVPN client for Mac and Windows, bought once. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, menu bar app, vPN.

> **It does a narrow job, an OpenVPN client, and needs a VPN server or provider to be of any use, even with its scripting and split DNS.**
>
> From our grade for features

Connection editor

Create or edit OpenVPN connections without writing configuration by hand, including multi-factor authentication settings, with advanced commands for experts.

Full and split DNS

Send every DNS lookup to the VPN's servers, or only lookups for chosen domains.

Traffic statistics

A menu overview of connections plus a details window with a traffic graph and network and encryption information.

Scripting and automation

Control the app with AppleScript or VBScript, and run custom scripts when a connection changes state.

Obfuscation and simultaneous connections

Works with an Obfsproxy server to get past networks that block VPNs, and can hold several VPN connections open at once.

Deployment bundles

Organizations can bundle the app with preset settings and connections to hand to their users.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows

What it works with

OpenVPN · AppleScript

Viscosity is made by SparkLabs Pty Ltd.

Where it stands

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

9/50

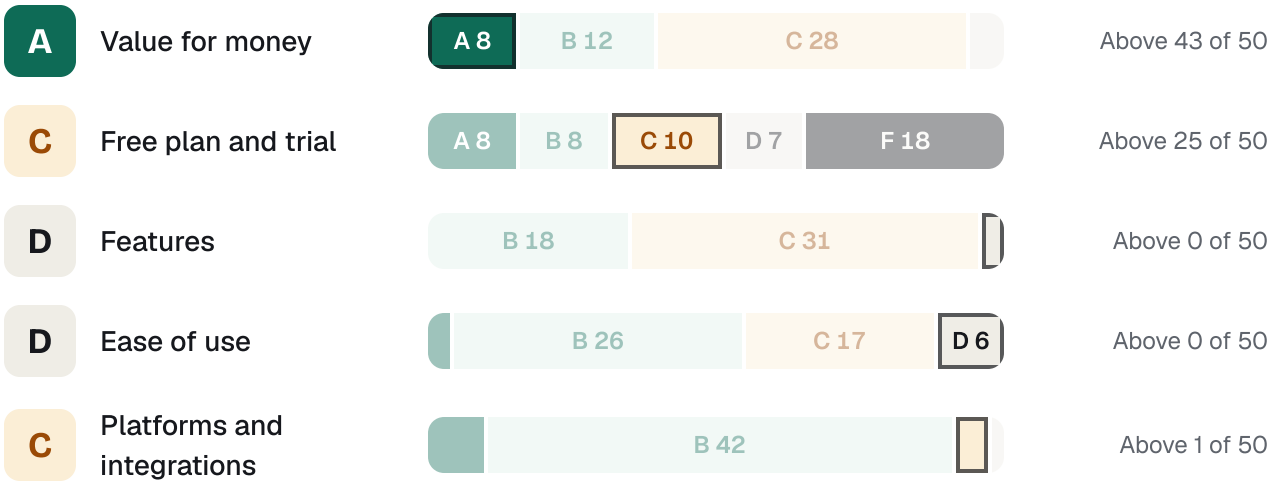
Other VPNs it is graded above

Viscosity's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 9 of the 50 other VPNs we grade, and level with 5.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 43 of 50) and worst on features (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 51 VPNs we grade, cut by the letter each got. Viscosity'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.

Keep it

To replace Viscosity you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 36 of the 50 other VPNs grade higher. It costs $16, paid once.

What you could not

- ✕ Servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.
- ✕ A native app living in the menu bar.
- ✕ A real app for macOS and Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Viscosity'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



Tunnelblick, OpenVPN, WireGuard and SoftEther VPN

The 4 tools Viscosity is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Tunnelblick

Free

Free open-source OpenVPN client for macOS.

- Tunnelblick has a free plan. Viscosity does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Viscosity lists a Windows app.
- Viscosity can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Viscosity and Tunnelblick compared in full

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OpenVPN

Free plan · from $7/mo

Open-source VPN protocol plus business VPN products built on it.

- OpenVPN has a free plan. Viscosity does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only OpenVPN lists Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Viscosity can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Viscosity and OpenVPN compared in full



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WireGuard

Free

Free, open-source VPN protocol and tunnel software.

- WireGuard has a free plan. Viscosity does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only WireGuard lists Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Viscosity can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Viscosity and WireGuard compared in full

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SoftEther VPN

Free

Free multi-protocol VPN server and client from a Japanese university.

- SoftEther VPN has a free plan. Viscosity does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only SoftEther VPN lists Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Viscosity can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Viscosity and SoftEther VPN compared in full

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 Viscosity free?

No, Viscosity is a paid product, but you can try it first. 30-day free trial for Mac and Windows.

How much does Viscosity cost?

Viscosity lists one plan. Viscosity license: $16 one-time, per license.

What platforms does Viscosity work on?

Viscosity is available on macOS and Windows.

Does Viscosity offer any discounts?

Viscosity publicly lists the following: Volume discount on multiple licenses.

Does Viscosity have an Android app?

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

Does Viscosity have an iPhone app?

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

Is Viscosity open source?

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

What does Viscosity integrate with?

Viscosity's listing names OpenVPN and AppleScript. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Viscosity?

Viscosity is made by SparkLabs Pty Ltd.

What are the alternatives to Viscosity?

The closest alternatives to Viscosity in our directory are Tunnelblick, OpenVPN, WireGuard and SoftEther VPN.

How does Viscosity compare with other VPNs?

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Could I make my own version of Viscosity?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Viscosity'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 SparkLabs'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 SparkLabs Pty Ltd. Prices change, so check sparklabs.com before you buy.

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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

Viscosity, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/viscosity

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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VPNs Insider's Guide

Every one of the 51 VPNs we grade, compared

Cloudflare WARP Insider's Guide

Free Cloudflare app that encrypts traffic, with an optional paid tier

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Ultrasurf Insider's Guide

Free censorship-circumvention VPN from UltraReach

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hide.me Insider's Guide

Malaysia-based VPN with a no-signup free plan and flat renewal prices

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