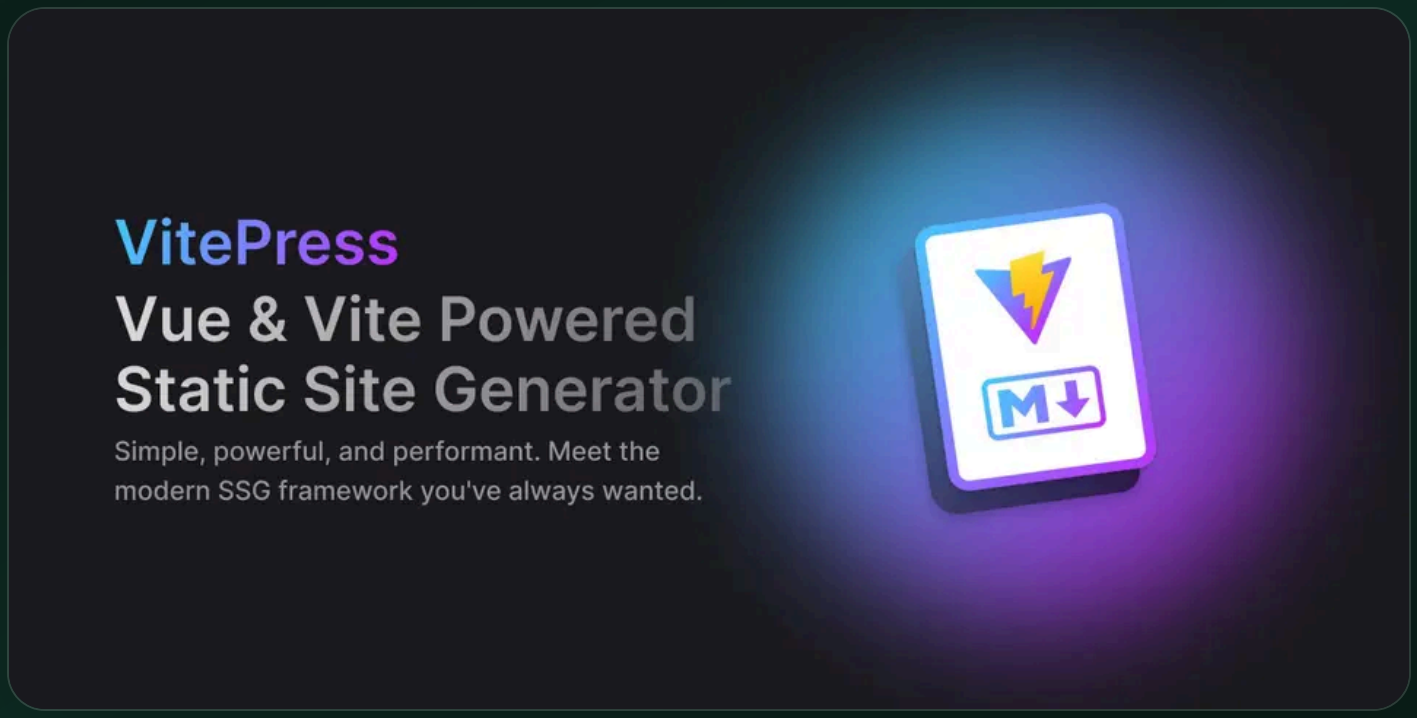
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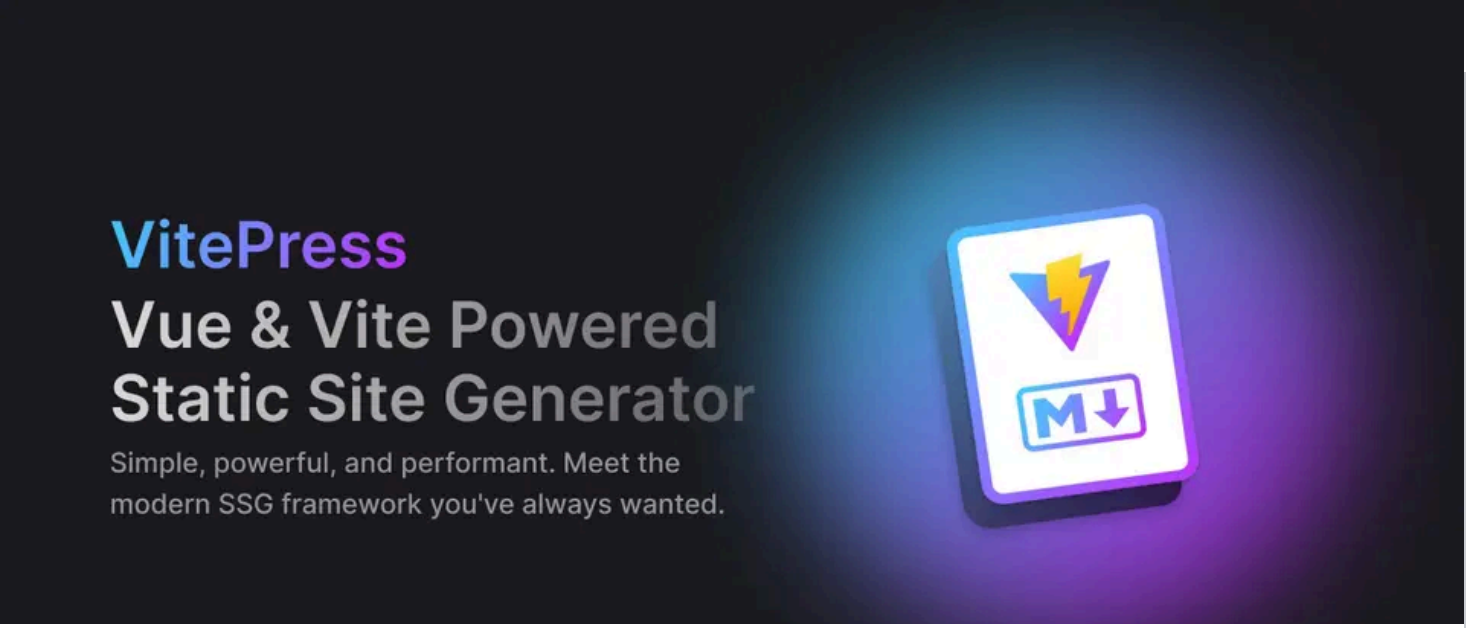
Markdown-to-docs static site generator built on Vite and Vue



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among docs and wiki tools, read from VitePress'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 VitePress's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on VitePress'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 47 of the 86 other docs and wiki tools we grade

VitePress is a static site generator that turns Markdown files into documentation sites, with a default theme designed for technical docs. It is built on Vite and Vue, so Vue components can be used inside Markdown and custom themes are written in Vue. It is released under the MIT License and you host the generated pages yourself.

> "
>
> **It's a developer tool run from the command line with files you write yourself.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for a Markdown docs site built on Vite and Vue**

VitePress turns Markdown files into a docs site, with Vue allowed inside pages and local search built in.

2 **It is free**

VitePress has no paid plan at all. Free and open source under the MIT License; you pay only for wherever you host the output.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Markdown with extensions**

Frontmatter, tables, syntax highlighting and several code-block features are built in, aimed at technical documentation.

5 **Vue inside Markdown**

Each Markdown page can use Vue syntax and components, and custom themes are built as Vue applications.

6 **Default documentation theme**

A ready theme with nav, sidebar, edit links, last-updated timestamps and a team page.

7 **A 2.6 GPA, above 47 of 86**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

VitePress at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY VitePress (Evan You and contributors)	CATEGORY Docs & Wikis
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a Markdown docs site built on Vite and Vue

VitePress turns Markdown files into a docs site, with Vue allowed inside pages and local search built in. It's a developer tool that needs Node.js 22 or higher, has no hosted editor or accounts, and the site lists a 2.0 alpha next to 1.6.4.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	VitePress	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free and open source under the MIT License; you pay only for the hosting. A program anyone can download and run is graded as free and substantial.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no plan or cap. The only cost is wherever you host the output.
Features	C	Markdown with extensions, Vue in pages, a default theme and local search. It builds a static site and does nothing past that: no editor, accounts or comments.
Ease of use	D	It's a developer tool run from the command line with files you write yourself. No store rating on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web output only, with Vite, Vue, Algolia DocSearch and MiniSearch. No app or hosted service.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 VitePress is for

- ✓ Fits if your team writes docs in Markdown next to its code
- ✓ Works for Vue projects that want a docs site on the same tooling

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if nobody on the team uses a command line or Node.js
- ✗ Skip it if you want a hosted editor, as there are no accounts or comments
- ✗ Watch out: you host and deploy the static site yourself
- ✗ Watch out: the site lists a 2.0 alpha alongside the 1.6.4 release

Good to know

Good for

- Developers writing docs for a library or product in Markdown
- Vue and Vite projects that want matching tooling
- Teams that want a docs site with no hosted service or per-seat cost

Worth knowing

- It is a developer tool: you write files, run a command-line build and need Node.js 22 or higher.
- There is no hosted editor, user accounts or comments for staff; you host and deploy the static site yourself.
- The site lists a 2.0 alpha alongside the 1.6.4 release.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

VitePress is free to use.

> **Free and open source under the MIT License; you pay only for the hosting.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

OPEN SOURCE

$0

Free under the MIT License. You build the site with Node.js and host the static output yourself.

The free plan

Free and open source under the MIT License; you pay only for wherever you host the output.

Read from vitepress.dev 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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Place it runs: Web

Markdown-to-docs static site generator built on Vite and Vue. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, Markdown, templates, documents.

> **Markdown with extensions, Vue in pages, a default theme and local search.**

From our grade for features

Markdown with extensions

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Vue inside Markdown

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Default documentation theme

A ready theme with nav, sidebar, edit links, last-updated timestamps and a team page.

Built-in local search

A fuzzy full-text search index runs in the browser once enabled with one config option; Algolia DocSearch and community plugins are alternatives.

Static output and Vite tooling

Pages are built as static HTML with client-side navigation, and Vite plugins can be used. Deploy guides and i18n support are documented.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Vite
Vue
Algolia DocSearch
MiniSearch

VitePress is made by VitePress (Evan You and contributors).

Where it stands

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

47/86

Other docs and wiki tools it is graded above

VitePress's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 47 of the 86 other docs and wiki tools we grade, and level with 17.

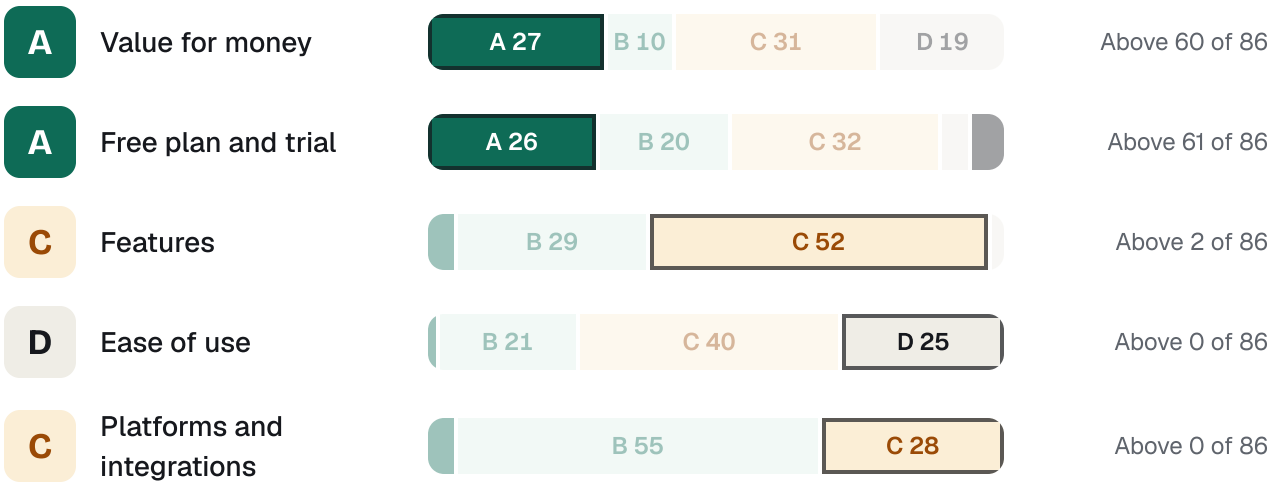
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 61 of 86) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

VitePress has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

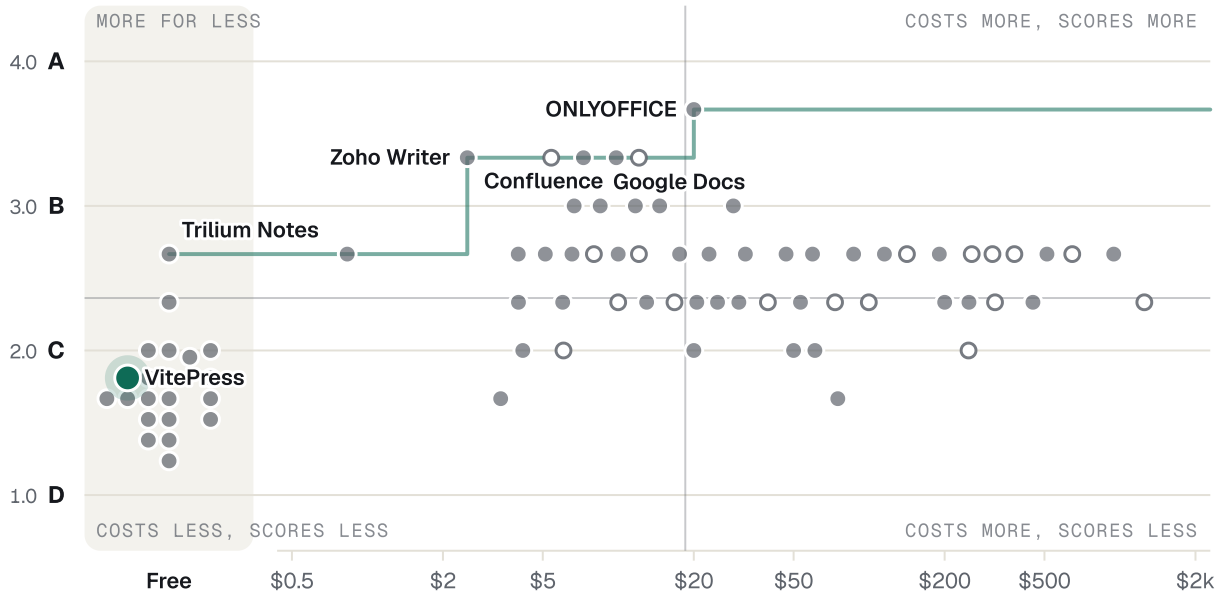
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 87 docs and wiki tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. VitePress's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 79 docs and wiki tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. VitePress 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

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

What you could make

- Markdown, documents and templates: an app builder makes these well.

What this rests on. VitePress'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



Docusaurus, MkDocs, Starlight, Nextra and Docsify

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

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Docusaurus

Free

Open-source static site generator for documentation.

- VitePress also covers templates.

VitePress and Docusaurus compared in full

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MkDocs

Free

Static site generator for Markdown project documentation.

- VitePress also covers templates.

VitePress and MkDocs compared in full

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Starlight

Free

Documentation theme for the Astro framework.

VitePress and Starlight compared in full



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Nextra

Free

Next.js and MDX framework for docs sites and blogs.

VitePress and Nextra compared in full



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Docsify

Free

Documentation site generator that loads Markdown in the browser.

- VitePress also covers templates.

VitePress and Docsify 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 VitePress free?

Yes. VitePress is free to use.

How much does VitePress cost?

VitePress lists one plan. Open source: $0.

What platforms does VitePress work on?

VitePress is available on Web.

Does VitePress have an Android app?

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

Does VitePress have an iPhone app?

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

Is VitePress open source?

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

What does VitePress integrate with?

VitePress's listing names Vite, Vue, Algolia DocSearch and MiniSearch.

Who makes VitePress?

VitePress is made by VitePress (Evan You and contributors).

What are the alternatives to VitePress?

The closest alternatives to VitePress in our directory are Docusaurus, MkDocs, Starlight, Nextra and Docsify.

How does VitePress compare with other docs and wiki tools?

VitePress's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 47 of the 86 other docs and wiki tools we grade, and level with 17.

Is VitePress good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of VitePress?

VitePress is free, so making your own would save you nothing. This is a judgement from its listing.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from VitePress'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 VitePress'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 VitePress (Evan You and contributors). Prices change, so check vitepress.dev before you buy.

vitepress.dev
vitepress.dev/guide/getting-started
vitepress.dev/guide/what-is-vitepress
vitepress.dev/reference/default-theme-search

About ToolGPA

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7,721

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

VitePress, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/vitepress

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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