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Voicemeeter

The Insider’s Guide

Virtual audio mixer for Windows, sold as donationware



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from Voicemeeter’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Voicemeeter's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Voicemeeter'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 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

Voicemeeter is a Windows audio mixer with a virtual audio device that routes sound between microphones, applications and output devices. It comes in three editions, Voicemeeter, Banana and Potato, with more inputs, outputs and effects as you move up. It is distributed as donationware: you can install it and use it first, then pay a license price you choose.

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>
> **No rating on record, and you have to wire up inputs and outputs yourself.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for mixing mics and app sound with a virtual mixer on Windows**

It takes some learning, it needs admin rights and a reboot to install, and it is Windows only.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $15 one-time (default price; buyer picks from five amounts).

3 There is a free plan

Free to use with all functions, except optional features; after 30 days the About box invites you to buy a license or keep evaluating.

4 It runs on Windows

Windows.

5 Virtual audio device

Acts as a virtual input and output so any microphone, application or device can be routed to any other.

6 Wide interface support

Supports MME, DirectX, KS, WDM, WASAPI and ASIO interfaces on Windows XP through Windows 11, including ARM64.

7 Mixing a voice with other audio

The vendor lists mixing a voice with music or a game for a call, a live podcast or a recording.

8 A 2.6 GPA, above 69 of 186

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

9 Your call

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

Voicemeeter at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $15 one-time (default price; buyer picks from five amounts)

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Windows

MADE BY
VB-Audio Software

CATEGORY
Desktop Utilities

OUR GRADE
2.6 GPA, good

The report card

Best for mixing mics and app sound with a virtual mixer on Windows

Voicemeeter is a virtual audio mixer for Windows that sells as donationware, with three editions from $15 to $35. It takes some learning, it needs admin rights and a reboot to install, and it is Windows only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Voicemeeter** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	$15 one-time for the base edition and $30 for Banana, both under a year of the typical utility subscription. These are default amounts and the shop offers five levels.
Free plan and trial	B	Free to use with every function, but after 30 days the About box asks you to buy a licence. Business use is limited to the higher contribution levels.
Features	B	A virtual device that mixes voice with other audio, plus EQ and recorder in Banana and effects and send/return in Potato. No gap shown in the core job.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record, and you have to wire up inputs and outputs yourself. Setup runs in admin mode and needs a reboot after install and after removal.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only. The Mac apps are listed separately in the shop.

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 Voicemeeter is for

- ✓ Fits if you stream or record and need to route a mic and app sound on Windows
- ✓ Makes sense if you'd rather pay once than rent a mixer

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use a Mac, since this is Windows software and the Mac apps are sold separately
- ✗ Tight if you want it simple, as there is a routing setup to learn
- ✗ Watch out: install and removal both need admin mode and a reboot
- ✗ Watch out: Banana and Potato are separate editions with separate prices, and work use is limited to levels P3 to P5

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Streamers and podcasters mixing a microphone with music and game audio
- ✓ Windows users who want to route sound between applications and devices
- ✓ People who want to try a mixer before deciding what to pay

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Windows only; the vendor's shop lists its Mac apps separately.
- ⓘ Prices shown are the shop's default amounts; the shop offers five contribution levels, and professional or business use is limited to levels P3 to P5.
- ⓘ The setup program must be run in administrative mode and needs a reboot after installation and after removal.
- ⓘ Banana and Potato are separate editions with their own prices; the Potato license is delivered as an activation code.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$15 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

Voicemeeter has a free plan. Paid plans start at $15 one-time (default price; buyer picks from five amounts).

> **These are default amounts and the shop offers five levels.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE USE

$0

Install and use the app first; payment is requested but not forced.

VOICEMEETER

$15

one-time, default price; permanent license for one PC configuration

Mixes 3 inputs to 3 outputs through 2 buses. The shop lets you choose from five contribution levels.

VOICEMEETER BANANA

$30

one-time, default price; permanent license for one PC configuration

Advanced mixer with 3 physical and 2 virtual I/O, effects on input strips and a parametric EQ on every bus.

VOICEMEETER POTATO

$35

one-time, default price; permanent license for one PC configuration

5 physical and 3 virtual I/O, internal reverb and multitap delay, and external send/return.

The free plan

Free to use with all functions, except optional features; after 30 days the About box invites you to buy a license or keep evaluating.

Read from shop.vb-audio.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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Place it runs: Windows

Virtual audio mixer for Windows, sold as donationware. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, one-time purchase.

> **A virtual device that mixes voice with other audio, plus EQ and recorder in Banana and effects and send/return in Potato.**
>
> From our grade for features

Virtual audio device

Acts as a virtual input and output so any microphone, application or device can be routed to any other.

Wide interface support

Supports MME, DirectX, KS, WDM, WASAPI and ASIO interfaces on Windows XP through Windows 11, including ARM64.

Mixing a voice with other audio

The vendor lists mixing a voice with music or a game for a call, a live podcast or a recording.

Banana: EQ and recorder

Banana adds a parametric EQ on all buses, effects on input strips and a multi-format audio player and recorder.

Potato: effects and send/return

Potato adds two internal effects, reverb and multitap delay, and an external AUX send and return.

No internet needed

The vendor says the application does not need an internet connection and does not collect user data.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Voicemeeter is made by VB-Audio Software.

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Where it stands

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

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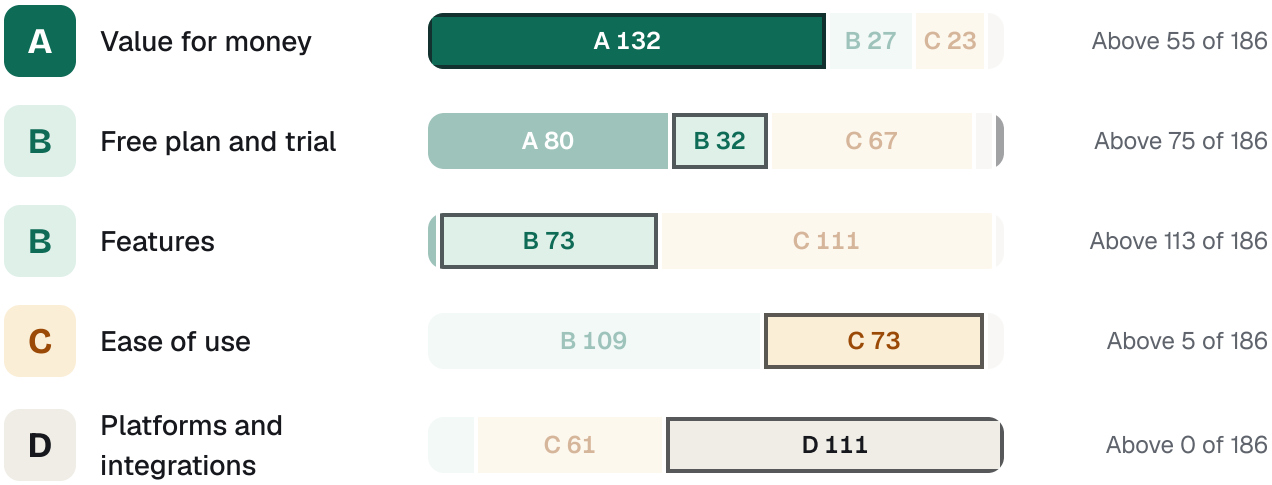
Other desktop utilities it is graded above

Voicemeeter's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 46.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 55 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. Voicemeeter'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

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

Voicemeeter 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. At $15, paid once, it costs less than the weekend it would take to replace, which is the argument for keeping it.

What you could not

- ✕ A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Voicemeeter'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



BlackHole, eqMac, FxSound, EarTrumpet and SoundSource

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

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BlackHole

Free

Virtual audio loopback driver for routing sound between Mac apps.

- Only Voicemeeter lists a Windows app.
- Only BlackHole lists a macOS app.
- Voicemeeter can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Voicemeeter and BlackHole compared in full

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eqMac

Free plan · from $3/mo

System-wide equalizer and per-app volume mixer for macOS.

- Only Voicemeeter lists a Windows app.
- Only eqMac lists a macOS app.
- eqMac also covers menu bar app.

Voicemeeter and eqMac compared in full



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FxSound

Free

Free open-source Windows equalizer and volume booster.

- Voicemeeter can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- FxSound is open source, according to its own site.
- FxSound also covers noise cancellation.

Voicemeeter and FxSound compared in full

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EarTrumpet

Free

Per-app volume mixer for the Windows system tray.

- Voicemeeter can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- EarTrumpet is open source, according to its own site.
- EarTrumpet also covers menu bar app.

Voicemeeter and EarTrumpet compared in full



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SoundSource

Free trial · from $49 one-time

Per-app volume, output routing and audio effects for the Mac.

- Voicemeeter has a free plan. SoundSource does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Voicemeeter lists a Windows app.
- Only SoundSource lists a macOS app.

Voicemeeter and SoundSource 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 Voicemeeter free?

Voicemeeter has a free plan. Free to use with all functions, except optional features; after 30 days the About box invites you to buy a license or keep evaluating.

How much does Voicemeeter cost?

Voicemeeter lists 4 plans. Free use: $0.

What platforms does Voicemeeter work on?

Voicemeeter is available on Windows.

Does Voicemeeter have an Android app?

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

Does Voicemeeter have an iPhone app?

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

Is Voicemeeter open source?

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

Does Voicemeeter work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

Who makes Voicemeeter?

Voicemeeter is made by VB-Audio Software.

What are the alternatives to Voicemeeter?

The closest alternatives to Voicemeeter in our directory are BlackHole, eqMac, FxSound, EarTrumpet and SoundSource.

How does Voicemeeter compare with other desktop utilities?

Voicemeeter's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 69 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 46.

Could I make my own version of Voicemeeter?

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Voicemeeter'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 VB-Audio Software'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 VB-Audio Software. Prices change, so check vb-audio.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

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

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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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Every one of the 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

Just Color Picker Insider's Guide

Free portable color picker and editor for Windows and macOS

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LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

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Mos Insider's Guide

Free Mac menu bar utility for smooth mouse wheel scrolling

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