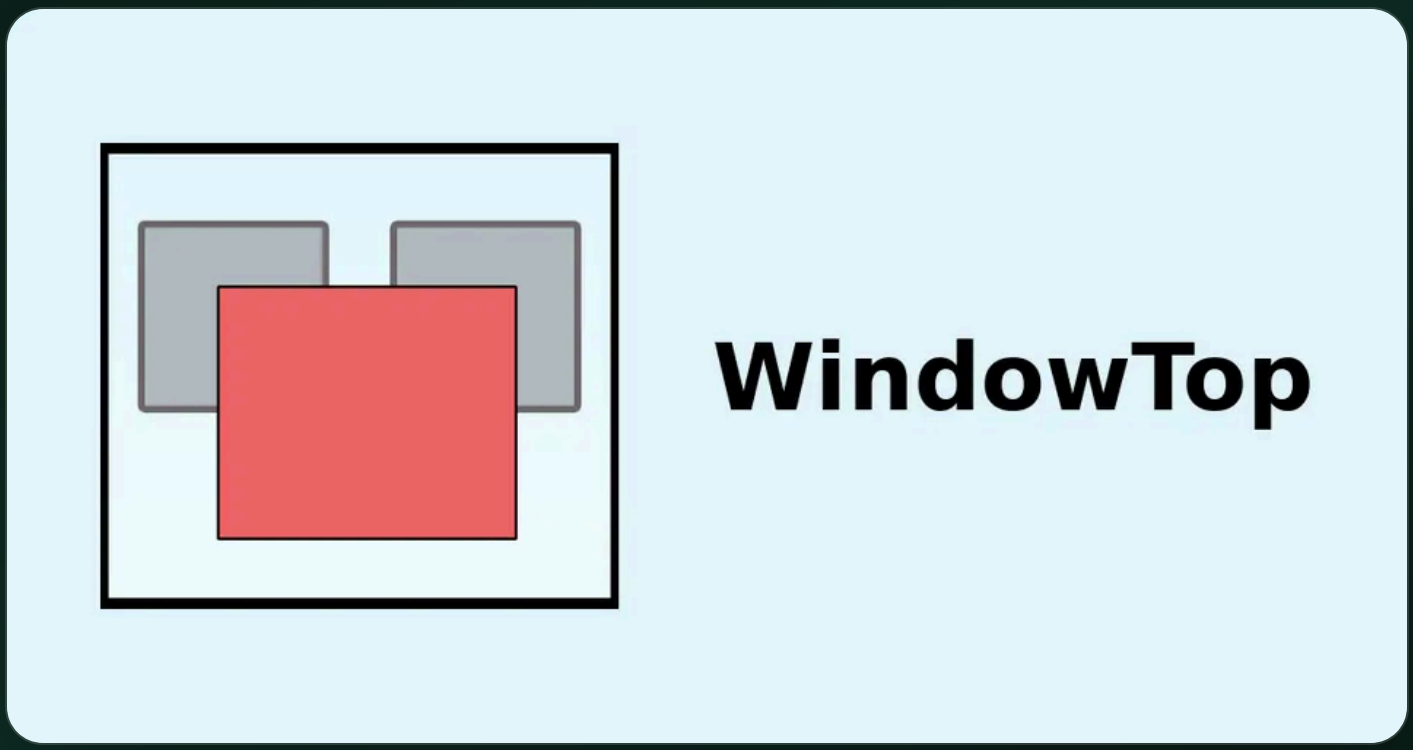
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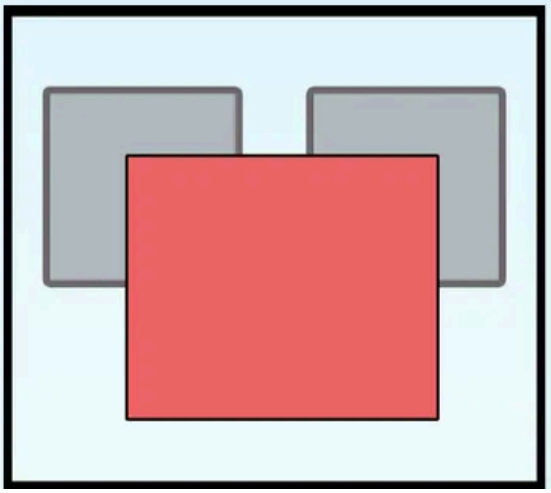
Windows utility for always-on-top, opacity and picture-in-picture



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from WindowTop's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on WindowTop'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 11 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade

WindowTop is a Windows utility that keeps any window above the others, changes a window's opacity, and shrinks a window into a floating picture-in-picture view. It also offers one-click anchors for switching windows and a dark mode that can be applied to windows that lack one. A free edition covers personal use, and a paid Pro license unlocks the advanced features and commercial use.

> **Install it and use the menu on any window.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for keeping a window on top or see-through on Windows**

WindowTop keeps windows on top, adjusts their opacity and does picture-in-picture on Windows.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $19 one-time.

3 There is a free plan

Free edition for personal, non-commercial use; Pro features such as picture-in-picture, anchors and window rules need a Pro license.

4 It runs on Windows

Windows.

5 Always on top

Keeps any window above others and can mark it with a colored border whose color and thickness are adjustable.

6 Opacity and click-through

Makes a window see-through and lets mouse clicks pass through it to what sits behind, for tracing or referencing.

7 Picture-in-picture and crop

Pro turns a window into a floating view, lets you interact with it there and crop it to a region, which can be detected automatically since version 5.29.

8 A 2.4 GPA, above 11 of 48

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

9 Keep it

To replace WindowTop you would be making control over other apps' windows. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

WindowTop at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $19 one-time

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
30-day trial of Pro features in the standalone version, started automatically on first launch; the Microsoft Store version has no trial

RUNS ON
Windows

MADE BY
WindowTop

CATEGORY
Window Managers & Launchers

OUR GRADE
2.4 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for keeping a window on top or see-through on Windows

WindowTop keeps windows on top, adjusts their opacity and does picture-in-picture on Windows. The free edition is for personal use only and the features that matter most are $19 Pro.

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	$19 one-time for 3 computers, in line with the $19 one-time middle for window managers.
Free plan and trial	B	The free edition covers personal, non-commercial use. Pro adds picture-in-picture, anchors and window rules, with a 30-day trial in the standalone version.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Features	C	Always on top, opacity, click-through, picture-in-picture, anchors and saved window settings, but picture-in-picture and anchors are Pro.
Ease of use	B	No rating on record. Install it and use the menu on any window.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only and 64-bit only. Windows only, 64-bit only; no Mac, Linux, phone or web version.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

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 WindowTop is for

- ✓ Fits if you keep a video or notes window floating above your work
- ✓ Works for people who want see-through windows on Windows

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use it for work on the free edition, as business use needs Pro
- ✗ Tight if you want picture-in-picture or anchors free, since those are Pro
- ✗ Watch out: the Microsoft Store version has no trial
- ✗ Watch out: the vendor says dark mode may be unstable on Windows 10 and glass mode can be slow at 4K

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Keeping a reference window, video or chat visible over other work
- ✓ Overlaying a see-through window on another one while tracing or comparing
- ✓ Personal use at no cost, with a low one-time price for the full set

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The free edition is for personal, non-commercial use only; business use needs a Pro license.
- ⓘ Windows only, and 64-bit only; dark mode and glass mode need Windows 10 or later.
- ⓘ The vendor says dark mode is stable on Windows 11 and may be unstable on Windows 10, and that glass mode can be slow at 4K.
- ⓘ A Pro license covers 3 computers per user; teams and companies are pointed to a separate license plan.

What it costs

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

$19 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

WindowTop has a free plan. Paid plans start at $19 one-time.

> **The free edition covers personal, non-commercial use.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Always on top and opacity for personal, non-commercial use.

PRO

$19

one-time, for 3 computers per user

Unlocks picture-in-picture, anchors, saved window settings, fuller dark mode and commercial use. The Microsoft Store version costs more.

The free plan

Free edition for personal, non-commercial use; Pro features such as picture-in-picture, anchors and window rules need a Pro license.

Trying it first

30-day trial of Pro features in the standalone version, started automatically on first launch; the Microsoft Store version has no trial

Read from windowtop.info 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

Windows utility for always-on-top, opacity and picture-in-picture. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, window management.

> **Always on top, opacity, click-through, picture-in-picture, anchors and saved window settings, but picture-in-picture and anchors are Pro.**
>
> From our grade for features

Always on top

Keeps any window above others and can mark it with a colored border whose color and thickness are adjustable.

Opacity and click-through

Makes a window see-through and lets mouse clicks pass through it to what sits behind, for tracing or referencing.

Picture-in-picture and crop

Pro turns a window into a floating view, lets you interact with it there and crop it to a region, which can be detected automatically since version 5.29.

Anchors

Pro places clickable anchors on screen to bring a window forward in one click, which the vendor presents as quicker than Alt+Tab.

Dark mode and glass mode

Applies a dark theme to windows that have none and offers separate opacity and blur settings for backgrounds, text and images.

Saved window settings

Pro remembers per-window settings, such as always on top, and supports white and black lists of programs.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

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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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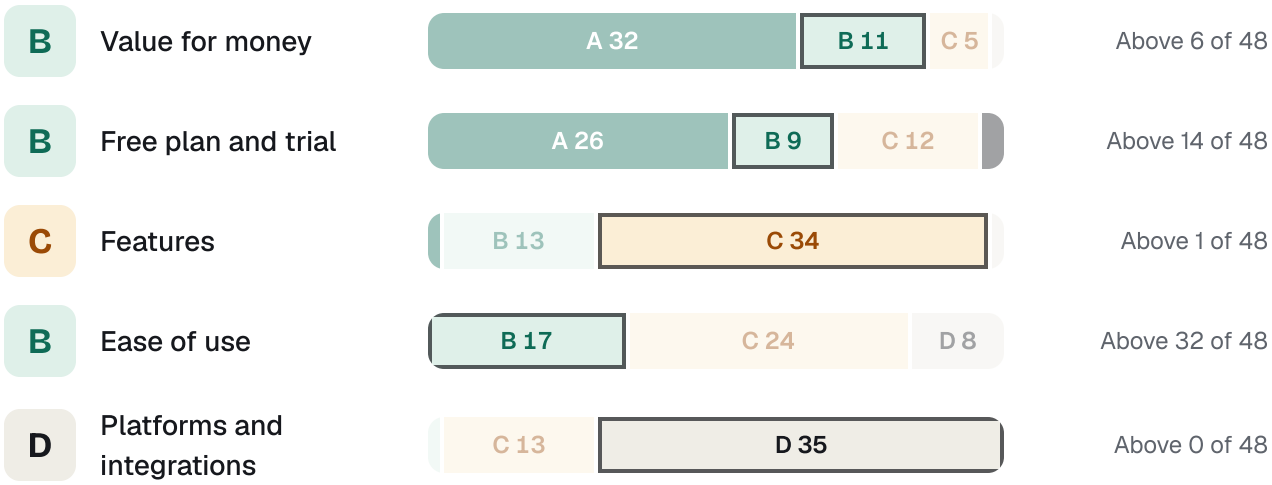
Other window managers and launchers it is graded above

WindowTop's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 11 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

It stands best on ease of use (B, above 32 of 48) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 49 window managers and launchers we grade, cut by the letter each got. WindowTop'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 WindowTop you would be making control over other apps' windows. 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: 26 of the 48 other window managers and launchers grade higher. It costs $19, paid once.

What you could not

- ✕ Control over other apps' windows.
- ✕ A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. WindowTop'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



Actual Window Manager, MaxTo, AquaSnap and Dexpot

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

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Actual Window Manager

Free trial · from $59.95 one-time

Windows toolset for multi-monitor setups and virtual desktops.

- WindowTop has a free plan. Actual Window Manager does not, though it has a free trial.
- Actual Window Manager also covers display control.

WindowTop and Actual Window Manager compared in full

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MaxTo

Free trial · from €19/yr

Custom screen zones with hotkey and drag snapping for Windows and Mac.

- WindowTop has a free plan. MaxTo does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only MaxTo lists a macOS app.

WindowTop and MaxTo compared in full



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AquaSnap

Free plan · from $29

Windows tool that docks, snaps and tiles windows by dragging.

- WindowTop can be bought with a one-time purchase.

WindowTop and AquaSnap compared in full



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Dexpot

Free plan

Virtual desktops for Windows with previews and per-window rules.

- WindowTop can be bought with a one-time purchase.

WindowTop and Dexpot 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 WindowTop free?

WindowTop has a free plan. Free edition for personal, non-commercial use; Pro features such as picture-in-picture, anchors and window rules need a Pro license.

How much does WindowTop cost?

WindowTop lists 2 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does WindowTop work on?

WindowTop is available on Windows.

Does WindowTop have an Android app?

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

Does WindowTop have an iPhone app?

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

Is WindowTop open source?

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

Does WindowTop have a free trial?

Yes. 30-day trial of Pro features in the standalone version, started automatically on first launch; the Microsoft Store version has no trial.

Who makes WindowTop?

WindowTop is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to WindowTop?

The closest alternatives to WindowTop in our directory are Actual Window Manager, MaxTo, AquaSnap and Dexpot.

How does WindowTop compare with other window managers and launchers?

WindowTop's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 11 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

Could I make my own version of WindowTop?

To replace WindowTop you would be making control over other apps' windows.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from WindowTop'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 WindowTop'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 WindowTop. Prices change, so check windowtop.info before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

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.

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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

WindowTop, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/windowtop

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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