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WinZip

The Insider's Guide

Archiver with encryption, cloud sharing and file management tools



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from WinZip's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on WinZip'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 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

WinZip compresses, extracts and encrypts files on Windows and Mac, and adds tools for sharing, backup and cloud file management. It is sold as annual subscriptions in three tiers (Standard, Pro and Ultimate), with a separate quote-based Enterprise edition for IT-managed deployments. It is made by Corel.

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

> **But it is sold only as yearly subscriptions, backup and the system tools need Pro or Ultimate, and Enterprise has no published price.**
>
> From our report card of WinZip

1 **Best for a paid zip tool with cloud and backup extras**

WinZip compresses, extracts and encrypts on Windows and Mac.

2 **Paid plans start at $3.33 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $3.33 per month, billed annually (incl. VAT).

3 **You can try it first**

21-day free trial

4 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Windows and macOS.

5 **Compression and extraction**

Zips and unzips files and opens other archive types such as RAR, 7Z, TAR and ISO.

6 **File and email encryption**

Encrypts files and email attachments, and lists secure, unrecoverable file wiping among its core capabilities.

7 **Multi-cloud file management**

Browse and manage files across several cloud storage accounts, with batch file conversion.

8 **A 2.4 GPA, above 35 of 186**

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

9 **Keep it**

The plain part of WinZip you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not. The 5 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

WinZip at a glance

PRICING Free trial, from $3.33 per month, billed annually (incl. VAT)	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 21-day free trial	RUNS ON macOS, Windows
MADE BY Corel Corporation	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	

The report card

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WinZip compresses, extracts and encrypts on Windows and Mac. But it is sold only as yearly subscriptions, backup and the system tools need Pro or Ultimate, and Enterprise has no published price.

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Standard is $3.33 a month billed yearly, which is this category's typical monthly price. Pro is $5.00 and Ultimate is $10.00.
Free plan and trial	C	There is a 21-day trial. The page we read doesn't say whether a card is asked for, and there is no free edition after it.
Features	B	Compression, extraction, encryption, cloud file management, backup and system utilities across the tiers. Nothing in the listing is missing from the job, though much of it is above Standard.
Ease of use	B	Install it and zip or unzip files with nothing to set up. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows and Mac, computers only. No 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 WinZip is for

- ✓ Fits if you want zip, encryption and cloud sharing from one paid program
- ✓ Works for IT-managed teams that want a quoted Enterprise edition

Who it is not for

- ✗ Pricey if all you do is unzip files, because free archivers do that for nothing
- ✗ Skip it if you won't pay a yearly subscription, since there is no one-time licence
- ✗ Watch out: backup, SafeShare, image tools and the system utilities need Pro or Ultimate
- ✗ Watch out: prices include VAT, so the amount charged may differ by region

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Users who want one subscription covering compression, encryption and sharing
- ✓ People who also want PDF tools or system cleanup bundled in
- ✓ IT teams that need enforced encryption policies on shared files

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Sold only by subscription, billed annually; there is no free edition beyond the 21-day trial.
- ⓘ The pricing page labels prices as including VAT, so the amount charged may differ by region.
- ⓘ Backup, SafeShare, image tools and the system utilities suite need Pro or Ultimate.
- ⓘ Enterprise has no published price and is sold through a quote request.

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What it costs

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

$3.33

A month to start

WinZip is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $3.33 per month, billed annually (incl. VAT).

> **The page we read doesn't say whether a card is asked for, and there is no free edition after it.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

STANDARD

$3.33

per month, billed annually (incl. VAT)

Zip, protect, share and manage files; includes WinZip Standard for Windows and Mac, Courier and Ad Remover.

PRO

$5.00

per month, billed annually (incl. VAT)

Adds Secure Backup, SafeShare, Image Manager, Duplicate File Finder and the System Utilities Suite.

ULTIMATE

$10.00

per month, billed annually (incl. VAT)

Everything in Pro plus WinZip PDF Pro, the PDF editing and watermarking tool.

Trying it first

21-day free trial

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Quote-based edition for IT teams with AES-256-GCM encryption, policy enforcement, recovery keys and volume licensing.

Read from winzip.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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Places it runs: macOS and Windows

Archiver with encryption, cloud sharing and file management tools. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: file sharing, file management, file compression, pDF editing.

> **Compression, extraction, encryption, cloud file management, backup and system utilities across the tiers.**
>
> From our grade for features

Compression and extraction

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File and email encryption

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Multi-cloud file management

Browse and manage files across several cloud storage accounts, with batch file conversion.

Backup and advanced tools

The comparison table lists automated backups, secure FTP transfers, malware scanning of zip files and PDF and image management.

System utilities

Pro and Ultimate bundle the System Utilities Suite: disk and memory cleanup, registry optimization, a driver updater and a speed booster.

Enterprise controls

Enterprise adds AES-256-GCM with FIPS 140-3 compliance, an IT-held recovery key and policy enforcement across the organization.

Where it runs

macOS

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

WinZip is made by Corel Corporation.

Where it stands

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

35/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

WinZip's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 33.

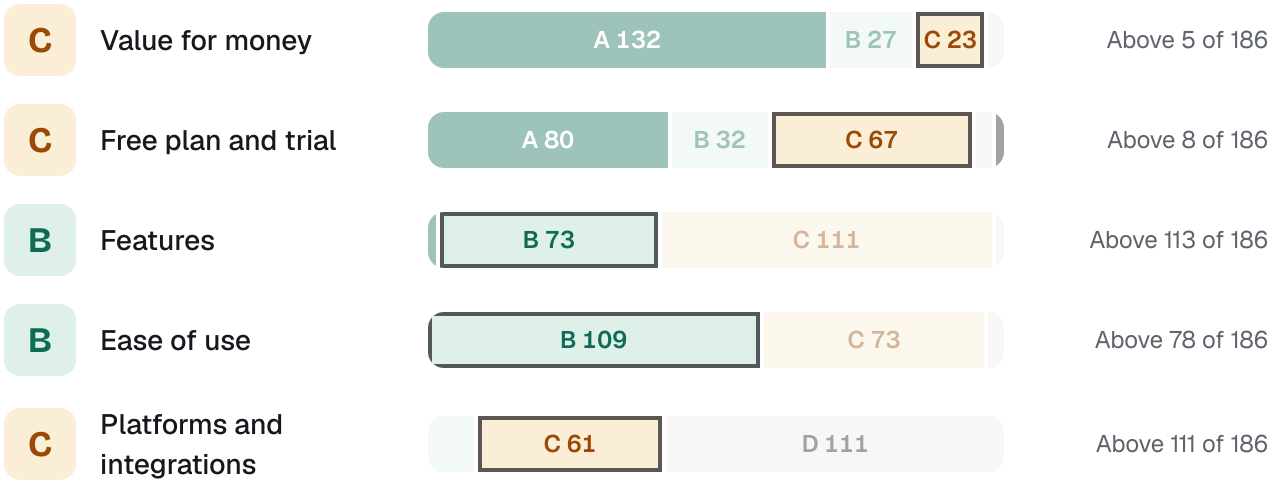
It stands best on features (B, above 113 of 186) and worst on value for money (C, above 5).

Its paid plans start at $3.33 a month, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 20 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

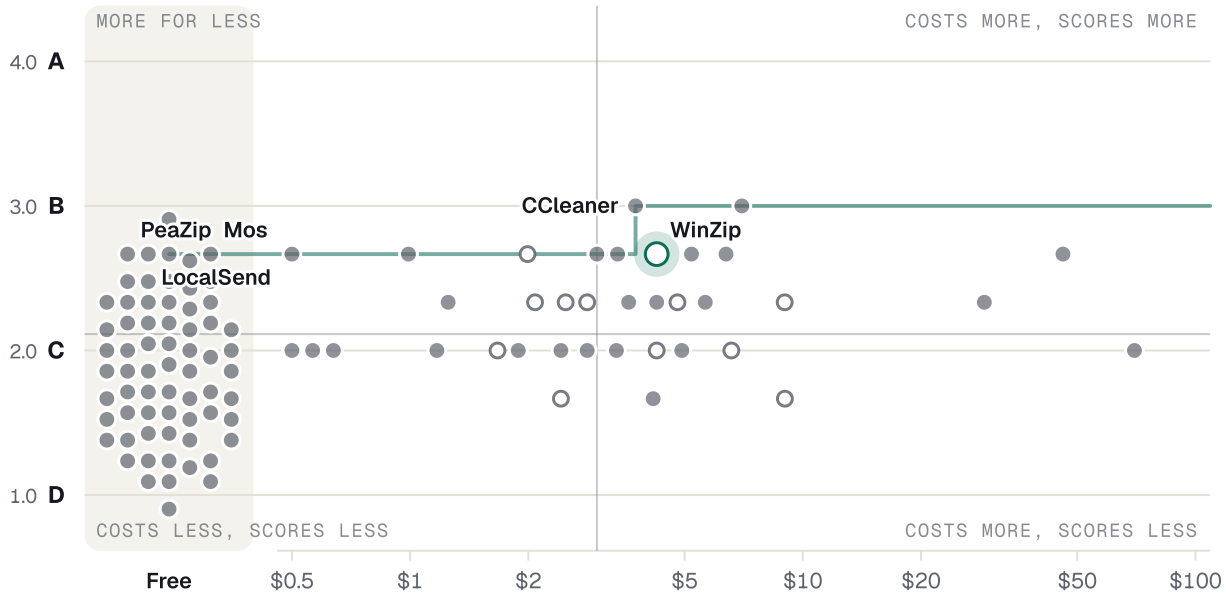
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. WinZip's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. WinZip 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

The plain part of WinZip you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not. The 5 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 118 of the 186 other desktop utilities grade higher. It costs $39.96 a year.

What you could make

- File compression: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

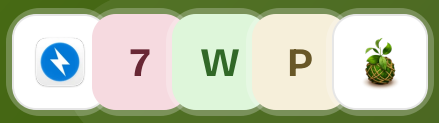
- A file manager working directly on your disk.

- Storing and serving files for other people.
- Editing the text inside a PDF without breaking its layout.
- A real app for macOS and 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. WinZip'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



Bandizip, 7-Zip, WinRAR, PeaZip and BetterZip

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

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Bandizip

Free plan · from $0.99/mo

Archiver for Windows and Mac that opens 40+ formats including RAR.

- Bandizip has a free plan. WinZip does not, though it has a free trial.
- WinZip also covers file sharing and pDF editing.

WinZip and Bandizip compared in full

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7-Zip

Free

Free, open-source file archiver with the 7z format.

- 7-Zip has a free plan. WinZip does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only 7-Zip lists a Linux app.
- 7-Zip is open source, according to its own site.

WinZip and 7-Zip compared in full

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WinRAR

Free trial · from $29 one-time

Windows archive manager for RAR and ZIP files.

- Only WinRAR lists Linux and Android apps.
- WinRAR can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- WinZip also covers file sharing, file management and pDF editing.

WinZip and WinRAR compared in full

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PeaZip

Free

Free file archiver for Linux, macOS and Windows.

- PeaZip has a free plan. WinZip does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only PeaZip lists a Linux app.
- PeaZip is open source, according to its own site.

WinZip and PeaZip compared in full



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BetterZip

Free trial · from $35 one-time

Mac archive tool for creating, browsing and extracting files.

- Only WinZip lists a Windows app.
- BetterZip can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- WinZip also covers file sharing and pDF editing.

WinZip and BetterZip 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 WinZip free?

No, WinZip is a paid product, but you can try it first. 21-day free trial.

How much does WinZip cost?

WinZip lists 4 plans. Standard: $3.33 per month, billed annually (incl.

What platforms does WinZip work on?

WinZip is available on Windows and macOS.

Does WinZip have an Android app?

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

Does WinZip have an iPhone app?

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

Is WinZip open source?

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

Who makes WinZip?

WinZip is made by Corel Corporation.

What are the alternatives to WinZip?

The closest alternatives to WinZip in our directory are Bandizip, 7-Zip, WinRAR, PeaZip and BetterZip.

How does WinZip compare with other desktop utilities?

WinZip's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 33.

Is WinZip good value for money?

ToolGPA grades WinZip C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $3.33 a month, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 20 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of WinZip?

The plain part of WinZip you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from WinZip'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 Corel'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 Corel Corporation. Prices change, so check winzip.com before you buy.

winzip.com/en/

winzip.com/en/pricing/

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About ToolGPA

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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

WinZip, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/winzip

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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Desktop Utilities Insider's Guide

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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