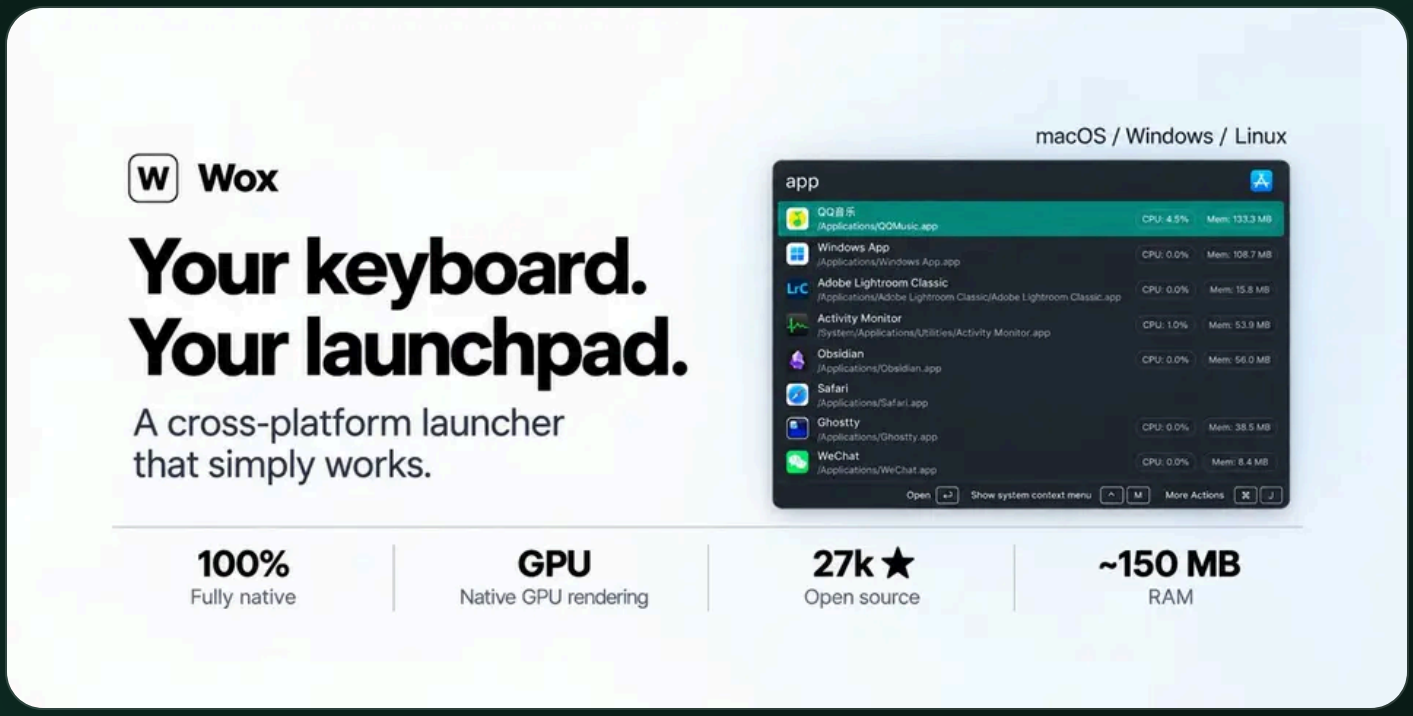
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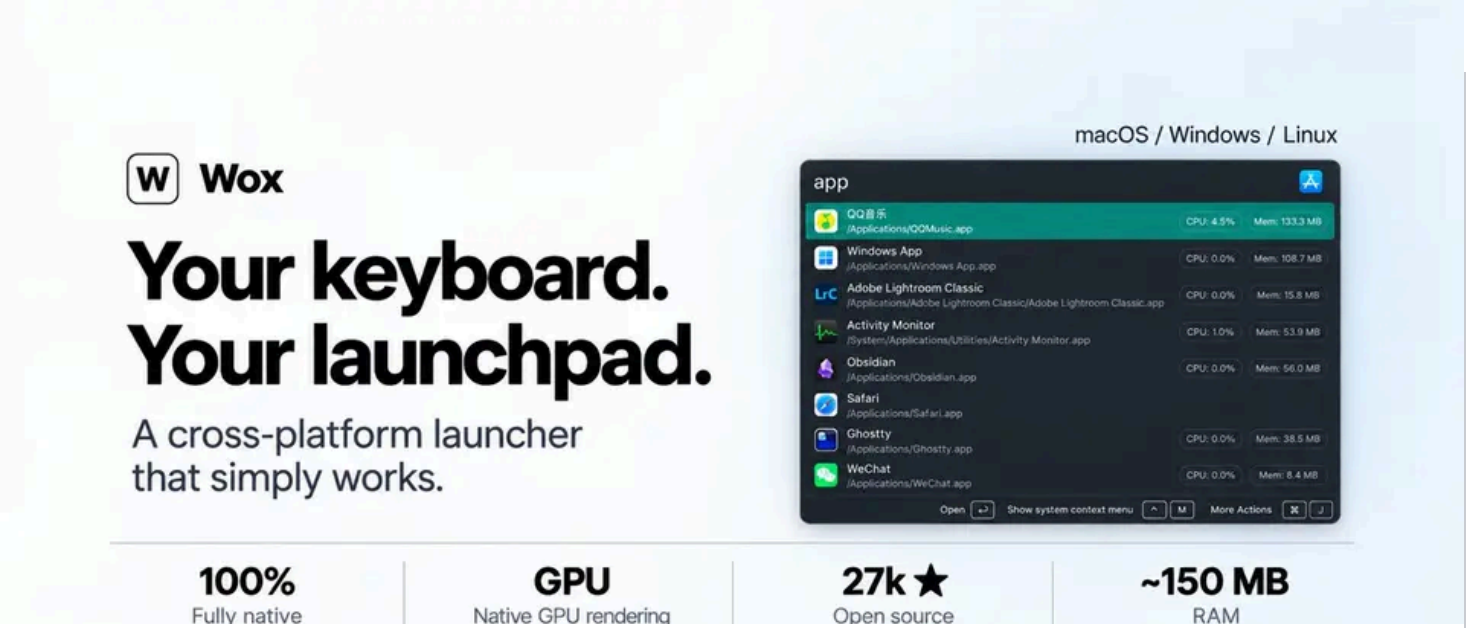
Open-source keyboard launcher for Windows, macOS and Linux



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

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

Wox is a keyboard launcher that opens apps, finds files, runs commands and recalls clipboard history from a single input. Built-in features also cover a calculator, unit and currency converter, notes, screenshots, window layouts and AI chat. It is released under the GPL-3.0 license and can be extended with plugins and themes from its stores.

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

> **Plugins and themes come from stores, and Linux installs are mainly through package managers such as AUR.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free launcher on Windows, Mac and Linux**

The pages don't say whether its AI chat comes with a model or needs your own key, and it has no phone or web side.

2 **It is free**

Wox has no paid plan at all. The whole program is free and open source under the GPL-3.0 license.

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Windows, macOS and Linux.

4 **App and file launching**

Opens applications, switches windows and searches local files and folders from the launcher.

5 **Built-in utilities**

Clipboard history, a calculator, a converter for units, currencies, dates and time zones, floating notes and screen-area capture.

6 **Window layouts**

Arranges windows and restores saved layouts.

7 **A 2.8 GPA, above 35 of 48**

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

8 **Keep it**

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

Wox at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Wox Launcher	CATEGORY Window Managers & Launchers
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a free launcher on Windows, Mac and Linux

Wox is an open-source launcher for Windows, macOS and Linux that opens apps, finds files and recalls clipboard history, with plugins and themes from

its own stores. The pages don't say whether its AI chat comes with a model or needs your own key, and it has no phone or web side.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Wox	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	The whole program is free under the GPL-3.0 license, including the plugin and theme stores.
Free plan and trial	A	No paid plan and no caps on the listing.
Features	C	App and file launching, clipboard history, a converter, notes, window layouts, plugins and AI chat. The AI side is vague about what it needs to run.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. Plugins and themes come from stores, and Linux installs are mainly through package managers such as AUR.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows, macOS and Linux, but computers only, with no phone or web version.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.8**

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 Wox is for

- ✓ Fits if you use more than one desktop operating system and want the same launcher on each
- ✓ Works for people who want to write their own plugins in Node.js or Python

Who it is not for

- ✕ Watch out: AI chat and AI commands need a model, and the pages don't say if one is included or needs your own key
- ✕ Skip it if you want paid support, because it is a community project with none stated
- ✕ Tight if you use Linux, as the install routes are mainly package managers
- ✕ Not for you if you remember the old wox.one site, which is no longer the project's home

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Users who want a free launcher on Windows, macOS and Linux
- ✓ People who want to write their own plugins
- ✓ Anyone moving from a paid launcher who wants one open-source tool

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Linux support is listed, but the install options are mainly package managers such as AUR.
- ⓘ AI chat and AI commands need access to a model; the pages read do not say whether that is included or needs your own key.
- ⓘ The domain wox.one is no longer the project's site; the project now lives at woxlauncher.com.
- ⓘ It is a community project with no paid support option stated.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

Wox is free to use.

> **No paid plan and no caps on the listing.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

All built-in features and the plugin and theme stores.

The free plan

The whole program is free and open source under the GPL-3.0 license.

Read from woxlauncher.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, Windows and Linux

Open-source keyboard launcher for Windows, macOS and Linux. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, AI features, keyboard-first, launcher, clipboard manager, window management.

> **App and file launching, clipboard history, a converter, notes, window layouts, plugins and AI chat.**
>
> From our grade for features

App and file launching

Opens applications, switches windows and searches local files and folders from the launcher.

Built-in utilities

Clipboard history, a calculator, a converter for units, currencies, dates and time zones, floating notes and screen-area capture.

Window layouts

Arranges windows and restores saved layouts.

Plugins and themes

Extends the launcher with Node.js, Python or script plugins from a plugin store, and offers community themes.

AI chat and commands

Includes AI chat, reusable AI commands, and AI-assisted plugin and theme creation.

Cloud sync and backup

Syncs settings across devices and backs them up and restores them.

Where it runs

macOS Windows Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Wox is made by Wox Launcher.

Where it stands

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

35/48

Other window managers and launchers it is graded above

Wox's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 35 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

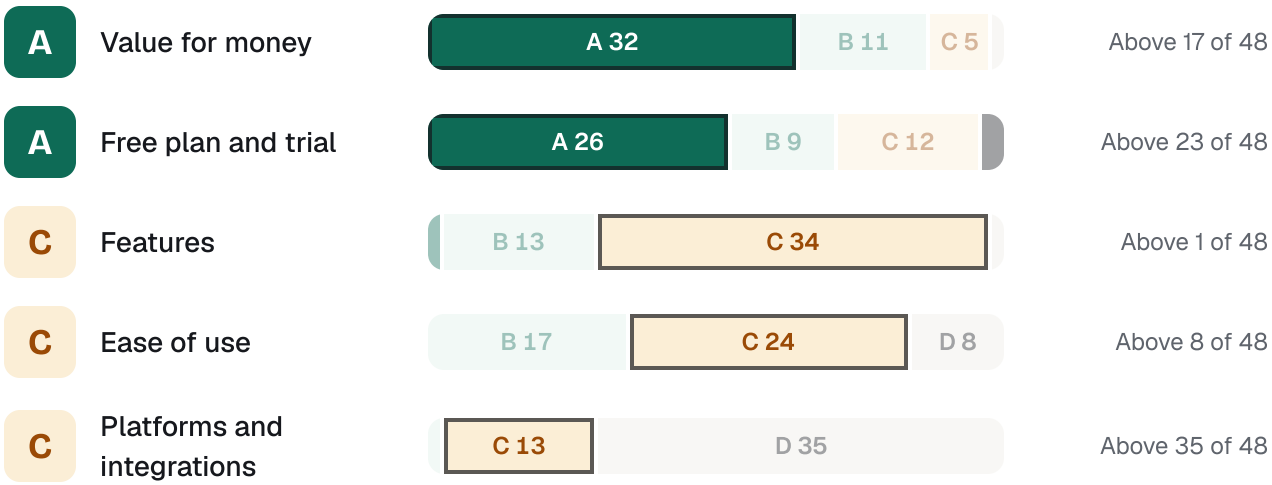
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 23 of 48) and worst on features (C, above 1).

Wox has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

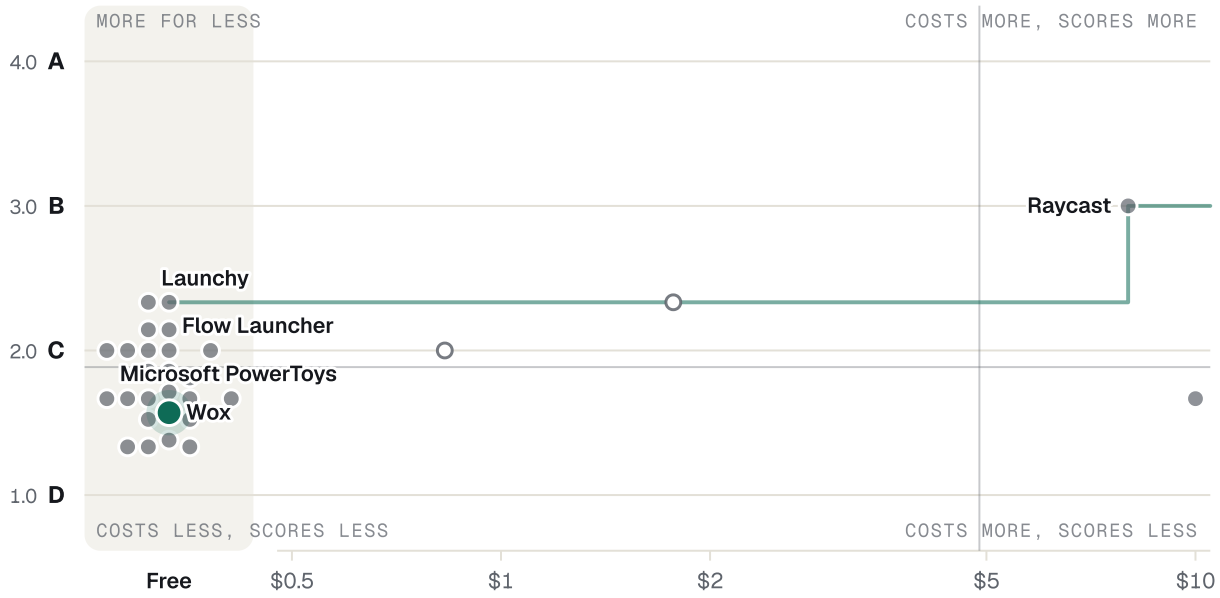
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 49 window managers and launchers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Wox's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 29 window managers and launchers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Wox 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

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

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.8 is higher than 35 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade.

What you could not

- A launcher wired into the operating system.
- Control over other apps' windows.
- A clipboard history running in the background of your computer.

- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. Wox'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



Ulauncher, Albert, Keypirinha, Launchy and Cerebro

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

Ulauncher

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Free

Open-source application launcher for Linux with extensions.

- Only Wox lists Windows and macOS apps.
- Wox also covers clipboard manager and window management.

Wox and Ulauncher compared in full

Albert

2.6 GPA

Free

Plugin-based keyboard launcher for Linux and macOS.

- Only Wox lists a Windows app.
- Wox is open source, according to its own site.
- Wox also covers clipboard manager and window management.

Wox and Albert compared in full

Keypirinha

2.4 GPA

Free

Free keyboard launcher for Windows with Python plugins.

- Only Wox lists macOS and Linux apps.
- Wox is open source, according to its own site.
- Wox also covers clipboard manager and window management.

Wox and Keypirinha compared in full

Launchy

3.0 GPA

Free

Open-source keystroke launcher with plugins and skins.

- Wox also covers clipboard manager and window management.

Wox and Launchy compared in full

Cerebro

2.8 GPA

Free

Free open-source Electron launcher for Windows, Mac and Linux.

- Wox also covers clipboard manager and window management.

Wox and Cerebro 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 Wox free?

Yes. Wox is free to use.

How much does Wox cost?

Wox lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Wox work on?

Wox is available on Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Wox have an Android app?

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

Does Wox have an iPhone app?

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

Is Wox open source?

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

Who makes Wox?

Wox is made by Wox Launcher.

What are the alternatives to Wox?

The closest alternatives to Wox in our directory are Ulauncher, Albert, Keypirinha, Launchy and Cerebro.

How does Wox compare with other window managers and launchers?

Wox's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 35 of the 48 other window managers and launchers we grade, and level with 11.

Is Wox good value for money?

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

Could I make my own version of Wox?

Wox is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Wox'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 Wox'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 Wox Launcher. Prices change, so check woxlauncher.com 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.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Wox, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/wox

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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Window Managers & Launchers Insider's Guide

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

3.0 GPA

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

2.8 GPA

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