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wpForo

The Insider's Guide

WordPress forum plugin with optional paid AI features



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among course and community platforms, read from wpForo's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from wpForo's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on wpForo'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 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade

wpForo is a forum plugin for WordPress that adds boards, nested forums, member profiles, reputation points and several forum layouts to a WordPress site. The plugin itself is free; its 3.0 AI Edition adds search, summaries, translation and moderation through a separate credit-based AI service. Paid add-ons sold by the maker extend it with private messages and custom fields.

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> **It is a plugin you install, host and maintain on WordPress yourself.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for a feature-heavy forum inside WordPress**

wpForo is a free WordPress forum plugin with several boards, five layouts, groups and a reputation system.

2 **Paid plans start at $15 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $15 per month for optional AI credits.

3 There is a free plan

The wpForo plugin is free, with over 100 core features according to the vendor; only the AI service and paid add-ons cost money.

4 It runs on Web

Web.

5 Multiple boards and layouts

Runs several independent forums from one WordPress install with Extended, Simplified, Q&A, Threaded and Boxed layouts.

6 Members and reputation

Profiles, user groups with permissions, a points-based reputation system, reactions and @mentions.

7 AI search and summaries

Semantic search, topic summaries and suggestions run on the credit-based wpForo AI service.

8 A 2.2 GPA, above 45 of 98

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

9 Keep it

To replace wpForo you would be making a search engine with an AI model behind it. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

wpForo at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $15 per month for optional AI credits

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
AI service free trial of 500 credits, plus free indexing credits sized to your forum

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
gVectors Team

CATEGORY
Courses & Communities

OUR GRADE
2.2 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for a feature-heavy forum inside WordPress

wpForo is a free WordPress forum plugin with several boards, five layouts, groups and a reputation system. The AI search and moderation run on a credit service from $15 a month, and the add-on bundles cost $190 or $290, so the free part is only the base.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	wpForo	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	The plugin is $0, but it needs your own WordPress hosting, and AI credits start at $15 a month. Add-on bundles are $190 and $290.
Free plan and trial	B	The plugin is free with no stated cap and the AI service has a 500-credit trial. You still pay for hosting.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Features	B	Several boards, five layouts, groups, reputation, reactions and built-in spam protection. Nothing in the listing shows a gap in the core forum job.
Ease of use	D	It is a plugin you install, host and maintain on WordPress yourself.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, inside WordPress, with WPML, Polylang and reCAPTCHA as its listed connections.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

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 wpForo is for

- ✓ Fits if you run WordPress and want boards, groups and points on your own domain
- ✓ Works for communities that want AI search and moderation without leaving WordPress

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you don't run WordPress, since it runs nowhere else
- ✗ Pricey if you want the add-ons, at $190 for 8 or $290 for all, billing basis unstated
- ✗ Tight if you plan to lean on AI, as each feature costs 1 to 4 credits and credits can't be refunded
- ✗ Not for you if you want someone else to host and update it

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ WordPress sites that want a feature-rich forum on their own domain
- ✓ Communities that want AI search and moderation without leaving WordPress

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It runs only inside WordPress, so you host and maintain it yourself.
- ⓘ AI features need credits: a feature costs 1 to 4 credits by quality tier, and credits cannot be refunded.
- ⓘ Premium add-ons are sold in bundles by gVectors, $190 for 8 add-ons and $290 for all of them, listed with an unlimited-sites license.
- ⓘ The vendor's pages did not state a billing basis for the add-on bundles.

What it costs

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

$15

A month to start. There is a free plan too

wpForo has a free plan. Paid plans start at $15 per month for optional AI credits.

WPFORO PLUGIN

$0

Free plugin you host on your own WordPress site: multiple boards, 5 layouts, profiles, reputation points, groups and RSS.

AI STARTER

$15

per month for 1,000 AI credits

Optional wpForo AI service; credits accumulate and carry forward, with a feature costing 1 to 4 credits by quality tier.

AI PROFESSIONAL

$25

per month for 3,000 AI credits

Optional wpForo AI service with 3,000 credits each month added to your balance.

AI BUSINESS

$49

per month for 9,000 AI credits

Optional wpForo AI service with 9,000 credits each month added to your balance.

The free plan

The wpForo plugin is free, with over 100 core features according to the vendor; only the AI service and paid add-ons cost money.

Trying it first

AI service free trial of 500 credits, plus free indexing credits sized to your forum

Read from wpforo.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: Web

WordPress forum plugin with optional paid AI features. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, AI search, community.

> **Several boards, five layouts, groups, reputation, reactions and built-in spam protection.**
>
> From our grade for features

Multiple boards and layouts

Runs several independent forums from one WordPress install with Extended, Simplified, Q&A, Threaded and Boxed layouts.

Members and reputation

Profiles, user groups with permissions, a points-based reputation system, reactions and @mentions.

AI search and summaries

Semantic search, topic summaries and suggestions run on the credit-based wpForo AI service.

AI moderation

The AI service checks posts for spam, toxicity and rule violations; it works alongside the built-in spam protection and reCAPTCHA v3.

Forum as support tickets

A forum can be set so topics are private to the author and the support team.

Paid add-ons

Add-ons such as private messages, user custom fields and topic custom fields are sold by gVectors.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

WPML

Polylang

Google reCAPTCHA

wpForo is made by gVectors Team.

Where it stands

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

45/98

Other course and community platforms it is graded above

wpForo's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade, and level with 20.

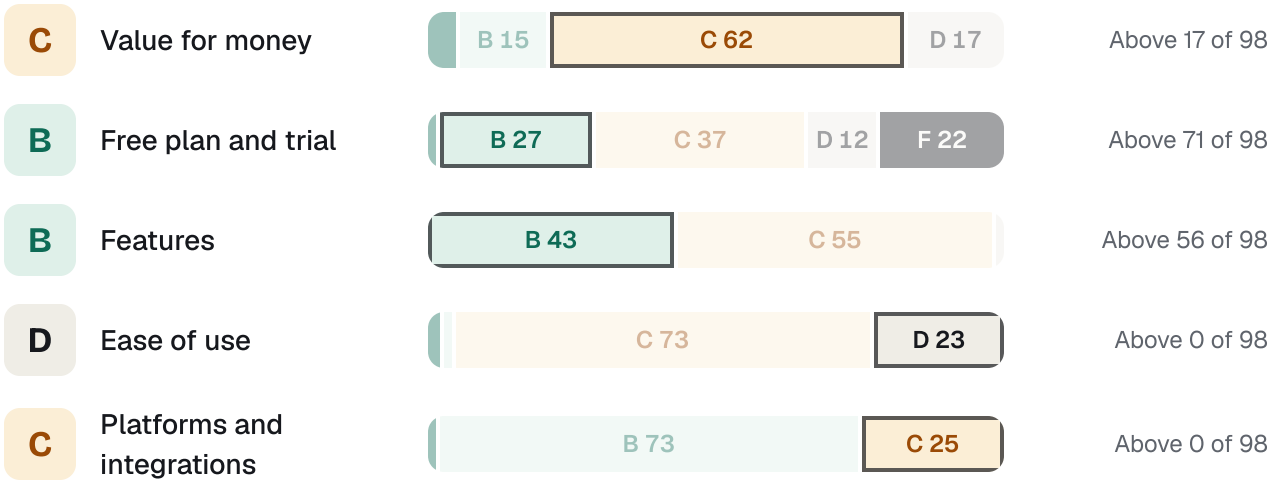
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 71 of 98) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $15 a month, against a middle price of $36 for the category: 8 of the 65 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 10 tools score higher and cost less.

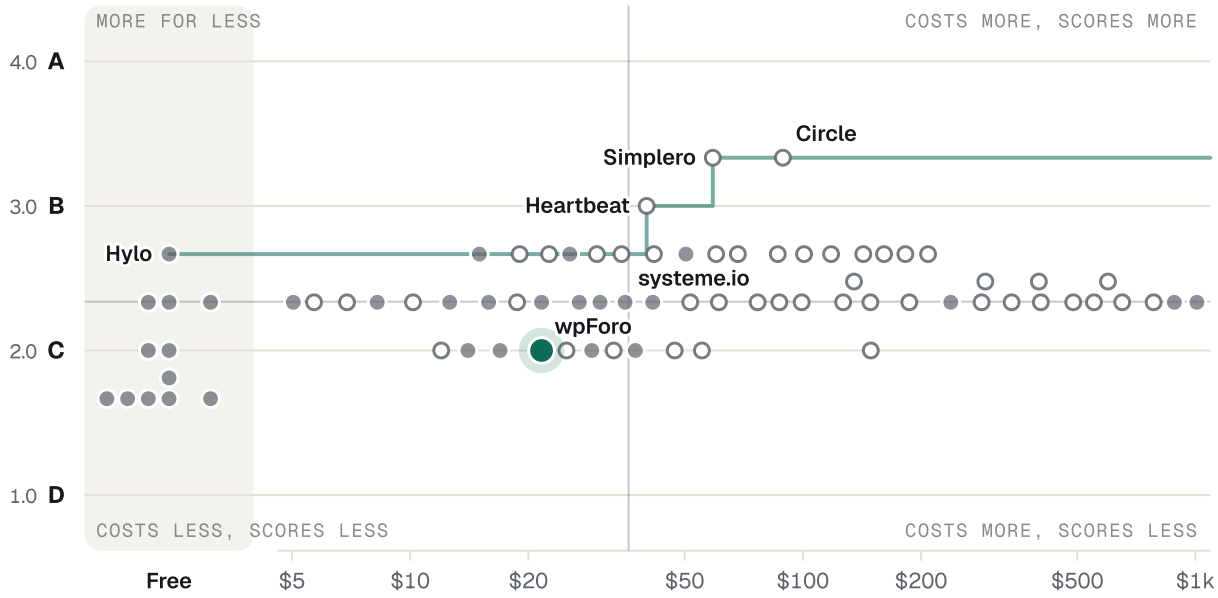
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 99 course and community platforms we grade, cut by the letter each got. wpForo's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 78 course and community platforms. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. wpForo 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

To replace wpForo you would be making a search engine with an AI model behind it. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $180 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ A search engine with an AI model behind it.
- ✕ A members' space with posts, chat and events that people keep coming back to.

- ✕ What a company asks for before it lets staff use something: roles and permissions.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. wpForo'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



bbPress, Asgaros Forum, Discourse, phpBB and MyBB

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

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bbPress

Free

Free, open-source forum plugin for WordPress.

- bbPress is open source, according to its own site.
- wpForo also covers AI search.
- bbPress also covers rSS reader.

wpForo and bbPress compared in full

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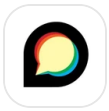
Asgaros Forum

Free

Lightweight discussion board plugin for WordPress.

- wpForo also covers AI search.
- Asgaros Forum also covers rSS reader.

wpForo and Asgaros Forum compared in full



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Discourse

Free plan · from $100/mo

Open-source discussion forum software with hosted plans.

- Only Discourse lists iOS and Android apps.
- Discourse is open source, according to its own site.
- wpForo also covers AI search.

wpForo and Discourse compared in full



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phpBB

Free

Free open-source bulletin board software written in PHP.

- phpBB is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- wpForo also covers AI search.

wpForo and phpBB compared in full



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MyBB

Free

Free open-source forum software with plugins and themes.

- MyBB is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- wpForo also covers AI search.

wpForo and MyBB 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 wpForo free?

wpForo has a free plan. The wpForo plugin is free, with over 100 core features according to the vendor; only the AI service and paid add-ons cost money.

How much does wpForo cost?

wpForo lists 4 plans. wpForo plugin: $0. AI Starter: $15 per month for 1,000 AI credits.

What platforms does wpForo work on?

wpForo is available on Web.

Does wpForo have an Android app?

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

Does wpForo have an iPhone app?

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

Is wpForo open source?

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

What does wpForo integrate with?

wpForo's listing names WPML, Polylang and Google reCAPTCHA. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Does wpForo have a free trial?

Yes. AI service free trial of 500 credits, plus free indexing credits sized to your forum.

Who makes wpForo?

wpForo is made by gVectors Team.

What are the alternatives to wpForo?

The closest alternatives to wpForo in our directory are bbPress, Asgaros Forum, Discourse, phpBB and MyBB.

How does wpForo compare with other course and community platforms?

wpForo's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 45 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade, and level with 20.

Is wpForo good value for money?

ToolGPA grades wpForo C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $15 a month, against a middle price of $36 for the category: 8 of the 65 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of wpForo?

To replace wpForo you would be making a search engine with an AI model behind it.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from wpForo'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 wpForo'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 gVectors Team. Prices change, so check wpforo.com before you buy.

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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

wpForo, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/wpforo

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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Free open-source platform for community groups and coordination

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WordPress LMS plugin with a free core and Pro licenses by site count

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Community platform with courses, events, payments and branded apps

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