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Top 100 AI Tools of 2026

A curated, live-verified field guide to the most useful artificial-intelligence tools in use today — organised by category, each with a direct link, a plain-language description, and a one-line "best for".

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CATEGORIES

v2

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Verified **June 2026** · against the a16z 6th-edition usage ranking and mid-2026 category benchmarks

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About this reference

Artificial intelligence stopped being a single category of apps in 2026 — it became a feature of nearly all software. This guide cuts through the thousands of products on the market to the **100 tools that are genuinely useful**, grouped into 13 working categories so you can find the right tool for a specific job rather than chasing every new launch. This second edition adds a one-line **"best for"** to every tool, a **quick-reference index** of all 100, and a short briefing on **what shifted in 2026**.

Two questions shaped the selection: *is this tool actually used and trusted right now*, and *is it useful for real work*. To answer the first, the list is anchored on Andreessen Horowitz's sixth *Top 100 Gen AI Consumer Apps* report — the industry's standard usage ranking, based on SimilarWeb web traffic and Sensor Tower mobile active users. To answer the second, it is cross-checked against independent, hands-on category benchmarks published through mid-2026, and deliberately broadened to include the professional coding, automation, research, and meeting tools that a pure consumer-popularity ranking under-weights. Adult companion and character-chat apps that appear in usage rankings are excluded; this is a work-safe professional reference.

HOW TO READ EACH ENTRY

- **Number & name** — its place in the list and the product.
- **Link** — the canonical product URL, shown in full so it works in print and on screen.
- **Tag** — a durable pricing signal (free tier, paid, open-weight) rather than a specific price.
- **Description & "best for"** — what it does and who it suits, then a one-line summary of its sweet spot.

VERIFICATION & A NOTE ON VOLATILITY

- Volatile facts were **live-verified in June 2026**, and every link in this edition was **re-checked against the vendor's own page**.
- This category moves faster than any other in software. Treat **prices, model versions, and feature claims as a snapshot** and confirm anything load-bearing before you rely on it or buy seats.
- Ordering within a category is not a strict rank; it groups leaders and strong alternatives so you can choose by fit. Usage figures are from the a16z report (SimilarWeb / Sensor Tower, January 2026 data).

What shifted in 2026

Eight changes that reshaped the landscape this year and explain why this edition looks the way it does. Drawn from the a16z 6th-edition report and the category benchmarks listed in Sources.

“AI app” is no longer a category

Legacy products where generative AI became the core experience — Canva, CapCut, Notion, Grammarly, Freepik, Picsart — now rank alongside AI-native tools. AI is the new default layer of all software, not a separate destination.

The big three are specialising

ChatGPT is going consumer super-app (shopping, travel, transactions); Claude is doubling down on professional and developer power users with premium data connectors; Gemini is riding creative models like Nano Banana and Veo. Their connector ecosystems now overlap only about 11%.

Image generation reshuffled

OpenAI retired DALL-E 3 (May 2026) in favour of GPT Image; Google's Nano Banana Pro now tops several quality rankings; and open-weight FLUX.2 reaches near-frontier quality at a much lower price.

Video moved fast — and Sora is winding down

OpenAI announced the Sora app and web experiences are being discontinued. Chinese models (Kling and peers) lead on quality-per-dollar, while avatar tools (HeyGen, Synthesia) own corporate and training video.

Agents arrived — mostly for technical users

Horizontal agents (Manus, Genspark) entered the mainstream rankings, and the open-source OpenClaw briefly became the most-starred project on GitHub. Real durability is expected to favour vertical, focused agents over general consumer ones.

The browser became an AI product

Perplexity's Comet went free worldwide, OpenAI shipped the Atlas browser, and Anthropic put Claude in Chrome — pages you visit are now something an agent can read and act on for you.

Coding agents matured from autocomplete to end-to-end

Tools like Cursor (about \$2B annual revenue) and Claude Code (a ~\$1B run rate within months) now plan and ship whole features, saving many developers 8–12 hours a week.

Voice and memory are the next frontier

Dictation is becoming a mainstream input method, and persistent memory is emerging as the deepest competitive moat — products that don't quickly feel like they know you will start to feel broken.

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General AI Assistants

Broad, multi-purpose chat assistants built on frontier large language models — the horizontal workhorses most people reach for first. The three Western leaders are now specialising: ChatGPT toward a consumer super-app, Claude toward professional and developer power users, and Gemini toward creative tools.

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ChatGPT

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://chatgpt.com>

OpenAI's flagship assistant and the most-used AI product in the world, at roughly 900 million weekly users. Combines frontier GPT-5-series models with voice, image generation, deep research, and 200+ connected apps.

Best for: An all-purpose daily driver

2

Claude

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://claude.ai>

Anthropic's assistant, widely rated the strongest for long-form writing, careful reasoning, and execution-heavy coding. Pairs with Claude Code, Cowork, and premium data and developer connectors for power users.

Best for: Long-form writing, reasoning & coding

3

Google Gemini

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://gemini.google.com>

Google's multimodal assistant with very large context, deep Workspace and Android integration, and access to the Nano Banana image and Veo video models. Personal Intelligence links it to Gmail, Photos, and Search.

Best for: Google-ecosystem users & huge context

4

Microsoft Copilot

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://copilot.microsoft.com>

Microsoft's assistant woven through Windows, Microsoft 365, and Edge. Handles everyday questions, drafting, and image generation, and surfaces inside the Office apps most workplaces already run.

Best for: AI inside Windows & Office

5

Grok

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://grok.com>

xAI's assistant, tightly integrated with X and tuned for real-time commentary on current events. Includes image generation and a conversational style aimed at fewer refusals.

Best for: Real-time takes on current events

6

DeepSeek

FREE · OPEN-WEIGHT

<https://www.deepseek.com>

Chinese lab known for high-quality open-weight reasoning models delivered at very low cost. A major force outside the West and the second-largest market presence in Russia after China.

Best for: Strong reasoning at minimal cost

7

Meta AI

FREE

<https://www.meta.ai>

Meta's assistant embedded across WhatsApp, Instagram, and Messenger, plus a standalone app. Reaches a vast audience through the social apps people already use daily.

Best for: Quick AI in WhatsApp & Instagram

8

Mistral Le Chat

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://chat.mistral.ai>

The assistant from French lab Mistral AI, built on its fast open-weight models. A leading European, privacy-minded alternative with web search, document handling, and code support.

Best for: A fast, European, open-weight option

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Qwen Chat

FREE · OPEN-WEIGHT

<https://chat.qwen.ai>

Alibaba's assistant fronting the widely adopted open-weight Qwen model family. Strong multilingual and coding performance and a favourite base for fine-tuning and local deployment.

Best for: Open-weight multilingual & coding

10

Kimi

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://kimi.com>

Moonshot AI's long-context assistant, popular for agentic and coding workflows via its Kimi K2 models. Has built a following well beyond China for document-heavy tasks.

Best for: Long-context, document-heavy work

11

Poe

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://poe.com>

Quora's aggregator that puts many leading models — and custom bots — behind a single subscription. Useful for comparing answers and switching models without juggling accounts.

Best for: Comparing many models in one place

AI Search & Browsers

Tools that replace ten blue links with cited, synthesised answers — and the new wave of browsers with an AI agent built into every page. The browser itself is fast becoming an AI product, with Comet now free worldwide.

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Perplexity

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.perplexity.ai>

The leading answer engine: every response carries inline citations drawn from current web and academic sources. The default for research that needs to be both fast and traceable.

Best for: Cited answers you can trust

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Perplexity Comet

FREE · PAID EXTRAS

<https://www.perplexity.ai/comet>

Perplexity's AI browser, now free worldwide, with an agent that can read pages, summarise, draft email, shop, and carry out multi-step tasks across your open tabs.

Best for: Letting a browser do the work

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You.com

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://you.com>

AI search and agents aimed at knowledge work, combining cited answers with research and productivity modes for professional and team use.

Best for: Cited search built for work

15

Phind

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.phind.com>

A developer-focused answer engine that searches documentation and the web, then returns cited, code-aware explanations tuned for technical questions.

Best for: Technical & coding questions

Research & Knowledge

Purpose-built tools for serious research: discovering papers, extracting evidence, checking how work has been cited, and synthesising your own sources. They cite real literature rather than inventing references — a hard requirement for rigorous work.

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NotebookLM

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://notebooklm.google.com>

Google's grounded research assistant: upload your own sources and it answers, summarises, and builds study aids strictly from them — including the well-known Audio Overview feature.

Best for: Q&A grounded in your own sources

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Consensus

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://consensus.app>

Searches millions of peer-reviewed papers and answers yes/no research questions with an evidence meter showing where the literature actually lands.

Best for: What the science actually says

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Elicit

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://elicit.com>

Automates systematic literature reviews across 125M+ papers, extracting structured data from dozens of studies at once. Strong for reproducible, evidence-based synthesis.

Best for: Automating systematic reviews

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Scite

PAID PLANS

<https://scite.ai>

Citation-analysis tool that shows whether later papers support, mention, or contrast a given claim — useful for validating references before you publish.

Best for: Checking how a paper was cited

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Semantic Scholar

FREE

<https://www.semanticscholar.org>

A free discovery engine indexing 200M+ papers with AI-generated TLDRs and a powerful citation graph. The academic search backbone for many research workflows.

Best for: Free paper discovery at scale

21

ResearchRabbit

FREE

<https://www.researchrabbit.ai>

Maps the citation network around papers you already trust, surfacing related work and visualising how a field connects. Pairs well with reference managers.

Best for: Mapping a field's citation network

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Zotero

FREE · OPEN-SOURCE

<https://www.zotero.org>

The open-source reference manager that collects, organises, and cites sources, with a growing ecosystem of AI plugins. The trusted home for a verified bibliography.

Best for: Managing a verified bibliography

Coding & Software Development

AI has moved from autocomplete to agents that read a codebase, plan changes, run commands, and prepare pull requests. This is the most mature professional category — top tools now save many developers a full working day each week, and Cursor alone runs at roughly \$2B in annual revenue.

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Cursor

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://cursor.com>

The dominant AI-native code editor: a VS Code fork with fast autocomplete, codebase-aware context, multi-file edits, and background agents. The benchmark most professional developers measure against.

Best for: A professional AI-native IDE

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GitHub Copilot

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://github.com/features/copilot>

The enterprise standard, with the widest IDE support, IP indemnity, and deep GitHub integration. The easiest on-ramp for teams already living in VS Code or JetBrains.

Best for: Enterprise teams & broad IDE support

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Claude Code

PAID PLANS

<https://claude.com/product/claude-code>

Anthropic's terminal-, IDE-, and desktop-based agentic coding tool with persistent memory and skills, suited to supervised, complex engineering. Reportedly reached a \$1B annualised run rate within months.

Best for: Terminal-first agentic engineering

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Windsurf

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://windsurf.com>

An AI-native VS Code fork (now under Cognition) whose Cascade agent makes multi-file changes, runs commands, and auto-fixes errors. Codemaps add visual, AI-annotated code navigation.

Best for: Agentic editing with codebase memory

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Replit

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://replit.com>

A browser-based development environment whose Agent can spin up and deploy full applications with no local setup — a favourite for fast prototyping and learning.

Best for: Building apps in the browser

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Lovable

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://lovable.dev>

A prompt-to-app builder that generates full-stack web applications from natural language, popular with the vibe-coding crowd shipping products without writing much code.

Best for: Prompt-to-app for non-coders

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Bolt

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://bolt.new>

StackBlitz's in-browser builder that turns prompts into running full-stack apps you can edit, preview, and deploy instantly from the browser.

Best for: Instant full-stack apps in-browser

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v0

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://v0.app>

Vercel's generative UI tool that produces React and Tailwind components and front-ends from text or images, with one-click paths to deployment.

Best for: Generating React UI & front-ends

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Devin

PAID PLANS

<https://devin.ai>

Cognition's autonomous software engineer that takes a ticket and works asynchronously — planning, coding, testing, and opening PRs for human review.

Best for: Handing off whole tickets

32

Tabnine

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.tabnine.com>

A privacy-focused AI coding assistant with broad IDE support and options to run on private code, favoured by teams with strict data-governance needs.

Best for: Privacy-first coding on private code

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Aider

FREE · OPEN-SOURCE

<https://aider.chat>

An open-source, terminal-based pair programmer that edits your local git repo with the model of your choice — bring-your-own-key, no editor lock-in.

Best for: Open-source terminal pair programming

AI Agents & Automation

Platforms that let you hand over open-ended, multi-step work — from no-code workflow builders to autonomous horizontal agents. Searches for these tools grew roughly ninefold year over year as businesses moved from talking about agents to deploying them.

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Manus

PAID PLANS

<https://manus.im>

A fully autonomous horizontal agent that takes a goal and handles the whole workflow end to end — researching, browsing, and producing deliverables with minimal supervision.

Best for: Hands-off multi-step task delegation

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Genspark

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.genspark.ai>

A breakout general-purpose agent platform (a \$300M Series B and a \$100M revenue run rate) that lets consumers delegate open-ended tasks across the web.

Best for: A general-purpose consumer agent

36

Zapier

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://zapier.com>

The most widely used automation platform, now AI-infused, connecting thousands of apps with simple triggers and actions plus newer agent and MCP support. The default starting point for most teams.

Best for: App-to-app automation for everyone

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Make

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.make.com>

A visual automation builder with one of the largest integration libraries and credit-based pricing that scales economically as workflows grow more complex.

Best for: Visual, credit-efficient workflows

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n8n

FREE · OPEN-SOURCE · PAID

<https://n8n.io>

A source-available, self-hostable automation platform with real JavaScript and Python fallback. The clear choice for developers who need control, data sovereignty, and RAG pipelines.

Best for: Self-hosted, developer-grade automation

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Lindy

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.lindy.ai>

An AI work assistant that builds autonomous agents to handle inbox, meetings, CRM, and lead tasks on structured triggers with clear fallback logic.

Best for: Autonomous assistants for daily tasks

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Relevance AI

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://relevanceai.com>

An agent-first platform for building and orchestrating teams of collaborating AI agents — an 'AI workforce' for operations, sales, and support.

Best for: Building a fleet of agents

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Gumloop

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.gumloop.com>

A no-code, node-based builder for AI-powered workflows — scraping, content pipelines, lead qualification — with a deep template library for non-technical users.

Best for: No-code AI workflow building

Writing & Editing

Tools focused on the craft of words: grammar and clarity, paraphrasing, tone, and long-form drafting. Best used to accelerate first drafts and polish, with human judgement still doing the editing and the thinking.

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Grammarly

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.grammarly.com>

The ubiquitous writing assistant for grammar, clarity, and tone, available everywhere you write via browser extension, desktop, mobile keyboard, and Office and Docs integrations.

Best for: Grammar & clarity everywhere you write

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QuillBot

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://quillbot.com>

A popular paraphrasing and grammar tool for rewriting, summarising, and improving readability of existing drafts — a budget-friendly editing companion.

Best for: Paraphrasing & quick rewrites

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Wordtune

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.wordtune.com>

An AI rewriter that suggests alternative phrasings to adjust tone, shorten, or expand sentences while preserving your meaning.

Best for: Rephrasing for tone & length

45

Jasper

PAID PLANS

<https://www.jasper.ai>

A full marketing-writing platform with brand voice, templates, campaign planning, and team collaboration — built for businesses producing content at scale.

Best for: Marketing content at brand scale

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Copy.ai

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.copy.ai>

A go-to-market content engine for headlines, social posts, and sales copy, with a generous free tier for fast short-form marketing output.

Best for: Fast short-form sales & social copy

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Writesonic

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://writesonic.com>

An all-round platform spanning ad copy to long-form SEO articles, with templates, tone control, and built-in optimisation tooling for marketers.

Best for: SEO articles & marketing copy

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Sudowrite

PAID PLANS

<https://www.sudowrite.com>

A creative-writing assistant built for fiction — brainstorming, description, and continuation tools designed around novelists and storytellers.

Best for: Fiction & creative writing

Marketing, SEO & Sales

Tools that turn AI toward growth: search-optimised content, ad creative, conversion copy, and repurposing. Investing in video and workflow tends to beat standalone image apps for marketing ROI.

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Surfer SEO

PAID PLANS

<https://surferseo.com>

A content-optimisation platform that scores drafts against the SERP in real time, guiding keyword use and structure so pages are built to rank.

Best for: Optimising content to rank

50

Clearscope

PAID PLANS

<https://www.clearscope.io>

A premium SEO content grader that benchmarks coverage against top-ranking pages, widely used by editorial teams for topical authority.

Best for: Editorial-grade content grading

51

Frase

PAID PLANS

<https://www.frase.io>

Combines SERP research, brief generation, and AI writing so teams can go from query to optimised draft in one workflow.

Best for: Research-to-draft SEO workflow

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Semrush

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.semrush.com>

A comprehensive SEO and marketing suite — keyword, competitor, and backlink research — now with AI content and workflow features layered on top.

Best for: All-round SEO & competitor research

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AdCreative.ai

PAID PLANS

<https://www.adcreative.ai>

Generates conversion-focused ad creative and variations at scale, with performance scoring to predict which assets will perform before you spend.

Best for: Conversion-focused ad creative

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Anyword

PAID PLANS

<https://anyword.com>

Performance-driven copywriting that predicts and optimises messaging for conversions across ads, landing pages, and email.

Best for: Copy optimised for conversions

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Opus Clip

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.opus.pro>

Repurposes long videos into short, captioned, social-ready clips automatically — a fast path from a webinar or podcast to a week of social content.

Best for: Turning long video into shorts

Image Generation & Editing

Where the model giants invested heavily, standalone traffic compressed — but tools with opinionated aesthetics or specialist workflows endure. Note: OpenAI retired DALL-E 3 in May 2026 in favour of GPT Image (in ChatGPT), and Google's Nano Banana Pro (in Gemini) now leads many quality rankings.

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Midjourney

PAID PLANS

<https://www.midjourney.com>

Still the benchmark for artistic, cinematic image quality (v8 era). Rewards prompt craft with distinctive, beautiful results that checkbox features struggle to match.

Best for: The best artistic image quality

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Adobe Firefly

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://firefly.adobe.com>

Trained on licensed content and built for commercial safety, with deep Creative Cloud integration. The default where legal defensibility matters.

Best for: Commercially safe brand imagery

58

Ideogram

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://ideogram.ai>

The specialist for legible text inside images — logos, posters, and typography — where most other generators still stumble.

Best for: Legible text inside images

59

Leonardo AI

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://leonardo.ai>

A creative platform popular with designers and game developers for strong style and character consistency across a series of images.

Best for: Consistent characters & game art

60

FLUX (Black Forest Labs)

OPEN-WEIGHT · PAID API

<https://bfl.ai>

The FLUX.2 family from Black Forest Labs delivers near-frontier quality with open-weight options and a much lower price, including variants that run locally.

Best for: Open-weight, near-frontier quality

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Recraft

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.recraft.ai>

A design-oriented generator that outputs vectors and brand-consistent sets, including SVGs — built for production design rather than one-off images.

Best for: Vectors & brand-consistent sets

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Krea

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.krea.ai>

A real-time generation and aggregation canvas that fronts many top models, with live editing and enhancement for fast creative iteration.

Best for: Real-time, multi-model generation

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Stable Diffusion (Stability AI)

OPEN-SOURCE · PAID API

<https://stability.ai>

The open-source model family that can run free on your own hardware, anchoring a vast ecosystem of fine-tunes, tools, and local workflows.

Best for: Free, local, open-source images

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Freepik AI

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.freepik.com>

A creative hub bundling multiple leading image (and video) models, plus stock assets and editing, under one affordable subscription.

Best for: Many models plus stock assets

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Photoroom

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.photoroom.com>

AI photo editing focused on product imagery — instant background removal and replacement, batch editing, and clean studio-style shots from a phone.

Best for: Product photos & background removal

Video Generation & Editing

The fastest-moving category this year. Chinese-developed models often lead on output quality, avatar tools dominate corporate video, and editors are going transcript-first. Note: OpenAI has announced the Sora app and web experiences are winding down, with the API to follow later in 2026.

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Runway

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://runwayml.com>

A filmmaker-favourite with the deepest creative tooling — granular camera and motion control, upscaling, restyling, and bundled access to multiple frontier models.

Best for: Filmmaker-grade creative control

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Google Flow (Veo)

PAID PLANS

<https://labs.google/flow>

Google's AI filmmaking tool built on the Veo model, strong on realistic motion and native audio, with over 100 million videos generated. A top pick for high-quality marketing and YouTube video.

Best for: Top-quality marketing & YouTube video

68

Kling AI

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://klingai.com>

Kuaishou's model, praised for realistic humans and high-motion scenes at a fraction of competitors' cost — a price-per-quality leader for social and B-roll.

Best for: High quality at a low price

69

Pika

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://pika.art>

A fast, playful generator known for stylised effects and creative tools, with an accessible free tier for experimentation and short-form content.

Best for: Stylised effects & short-form

70

PixVerse

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://pixverse.ai>

A versatile generator with multi-shot generation, native audio, and meaningful free testing — a strong all-round option for cinematic clips.

Best for: Versatile cinematic clips, free testing

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Luma Dream Machine

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://lumalabs.ai>

Home of the Ray 3 'reasoning video' model with physically accurate motion and HDR output — a differentiator for premium brand work.

Best for: HDR, physically accurate motion

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HeyGen

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.heygen.com>

The market leader for AI avatar video — digital presenters speaking your script in 175+ languages with precise lip-sync, plus a Video Agent for automation.

Best for: AI avatar & multilingual video

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Synthesia

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.synthesia.io>

An enterprise avatar platform with the deepest template library for structured training and L&D content, including SCORM export for learning systems.

Best for: Enterprise training & L&D video

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Descript

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.descript.com>

Transcript-based audio and video editing: edit the words to edit the media, with overdub, cleanup, and a workflow built for podcasts and tutorials.

Best for: Editing video by editing text

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CapCut

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.capcut.com>

The hugely popular AI-assisted video editor (700M+ monthly mobile users) with auto-captioning, effects, and templates, and integrations with leading generation models.

Best for: All-round social video editing

Audio, Music & Voice

Voice and music remain defensible standalone categories where the big platforms have not invested heavily. Voice cloning, dubbing, music generation, dictation, and recording cleanup all live here.

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ElevenLabs

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://elevenlabs.io>

The leader in realistic AI voice — text-to-speech, voice cloning, and dubbing with class-leading realism and emotional range, plus a licensed music model and developer APIs.

Best for: The most realistic AI voice

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Suno

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://suno.com>

The best all-round AI music generator, producing complete songs with vocals from a text prompt, plus stem separation and DAW-friendly export on higher tiers.

Best for: Full songs with vocals

78

Udio

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://udio.com>

A music generator with fine-grained control — section-level inpainting and stem separation — that operates with major-label licensing in place.

Best for: Fine-grained music control

79

Murf

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://murf.ai>

A business voiceover studio for e-learning and corporate video, with a polished interface, video sync, and a large library of natural voices.

Best for: Business & e-learning voiceover

80

Adobe Podcast

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://podcast.adobe.com>

Best-in-class quick speech repair — its Enhance feature cleans up noisy, rough recordings into clear, broadcast-style spoken audio.

Best for: Cleaning up rough recordings

81

Krisp

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://krisp.ai>

Real-time noise cancellation plus AI meeting notes and transcription, keeping calls clean and producing a usable record afterward.

Best for: Noise-free calls & notes

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Wispr Flow

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://wisprflow.ai>

AI voice dictation that turns natural speech into polished text across any app — part of the shift toward voice as a mainstream input method.

Best for: Dictating polished text by voice

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Play.ht

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://play.ht>

Text-to-speech and voice tooling strong on multilingual voiceovers and dubbing, with solid API and integration support for scaled production.

Best for: Multilingual voiceover & dubbing

Presentations & Design

AI has cut deck-creation time dramatically and democratised design. These tools turn a prompt, an outline, or a document into polished slides, sites, and graphics — with humans refining the result.

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Gamma

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://gamma.app>

Generates polished, card-based presentations, docs, and web pages from a prompt in well under a minute, with live embeds. The fastest route to a usable first draft.

Best for: The fastest first-draft deck

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Canva

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.canva.com>

The mass-market design platform whose Magic Studio AI generates decks, social graphics, and assets from prompts, backed by a massive template and asset library.

Best for: All-purpose design for non-designers

86

Beautiful.ai

PAID PLANS

<https://www.beautiful.ai>

A presentation tool with automated layout guardrails that keep every slide polished — a strong choice when guaranteed design consistency matters.

Best for: Guaranteed slide polish

87

Tome

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://tome.app>

An AI-native storytelling format that builds narrative decks with automatic flow from intro to conclusion, integrating image generation for custom visuals.

Best for: AI-native narrative decks

88

Figma

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.figma.com>

The industry-standard interface design tool, now with AI (Figma Make and First Draft) that generates layouts and prototypes from prompts inside the design environment.

Best for: Professional interface design + AI

89

Framer

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.framer.com>

A design-to-publish website builder whose AI generates and edits production-ready, responsive sites from text — design and hosting in one place.

Best for: Design-to-published websites

90

Microsoft Designer

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://designer.microsoft.com>

Microsoft's graphic-design app that turns prompts into social posts, invitations, and brand graphics, powered by image models and tied into the Microsoft ecosystem.

Best for: Quick social & brand graphics

Productivity & Meetings

AI embedded into the tools people already use — workspaces and the meeting stack. Desktop notetakers alone draw tens of millions of users, and 'does a bot joining change what people say?' is now the key choice between visible and bot-free capture.

91

Notion AI

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.notion.com>

AI built into the popular all-in-one workspace — writing, summarising, Q&A, and an enterprise search and agent layer across your docs, tasks, and knowledge base.

Best for: AI inside your workspace

92

Fireflies

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://fireflies.ai>

A meeting assistant that records, transcribes, and searches calls with deep CRM integrations — the strong fit for sales teams that need data flowing into Salesforce or HubSpot.

Best for: Sales meetings & CRM sync

93

Otter.ai

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://otter.ai>

Best known for live, real-time captions and collaborative transcription during meetings, with summaries, action items, and team channels.

Best for: Live captions & collaboration

94

Fathom

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://fathom.video>

A top-rated notetaker with an unusually generous free tier — unlimited recording and sub-30-second summaries — ideal for individuals and small teams.

Best for: A generous free notetaker

95

Granola

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://granola.ai>

A bot-free notetaker (macOS-first) that captures device audio locally and enhances your own jotted notes — the pick for sensitive conversations where no visible bot should appear.

Best for: Bot-free notes on a Mac

96

Read AI

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://www.read.ai>

A meeting assistant that adds engagement and sentiment analytics on top of transcripts and summaries, spanning meetings, email, and messaging.

Best for: Meeting engagement analytics

Developer Platforms & Model Infrastructure

The foundations builders use to access, host, and run models. Essential for anyone building AI into their own products rather than only using finished apps.

97

Hugging Face

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://huggingface.co>

The hub of open-source AI: hundreds of thousands of models and datasets, plus hosting and tooling. The default home for the open model community.

Best for: The open-source model hub

98

Google AI Studio

FREE TIER · PAID PLANS

<https://aistudio.google.com>

Google's browser playground for prototyping with Gemini models — test prompts, tune parameters, and export to API. A fast, free entry point for developers.

Best for: Prototyping with Gemini, free

99

Replicate

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

<https://replicate.com>

Run and deploy thousands of open-source models via a simple API, with no infrastructure to manage — popular for shipping image, video, and audio features quickly.

Best for: Running open models via API

100

Groq

FREE TIER · PAY-AS-YOU-GO

<https://groq.com>

Inference infrastructure built on custom hardware for extremely fast, low-latency model serving — chosen when response speed is the priority.

Best for: Ultra-fast, low-latency inference

Quick-reference index

All 100 tools at a glance, grouped by category — with the sweet spot, pricing signal, and domain for each. Full links and descriptions appear in the entries above.

#	TOOL	BEST FOR	PRICING
GENERAL AI ASSISTANTS			
1	ChatGPT chatgpt.com	An all-purpose daily driver	Free tier · Paid plans
2	Claude claude.ai	Long-form writing, reasoning & coding	Free tier · Paid plans
3	Google Gemini gemini.google.com	Google-ecosystem users & huge context	Free tier · Paid plans
4	Microsoft Copilot copilot.microsoft.com	AI inside Windows & Office	Free tier · Paid plans
5	Grok grok.com	Real-time takes on current events	Free tier · Paid plans
6	DeepSeek deepseek.com	Strong reasoning at minimal cost	Free · Open-weight
7	Meta AI meta.ai	Quick AI in WhatsApp & Instagram	Free
8	Mistral Le Chat chat.mistral.ai	A fast, European, open-weight option	Free tier · Paid plans
9	Qwen Chat chat.qwen.ai	Open-weight multilingual & coding	Free · Open-weight

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10	Kimi kimi.com	Long-context, document-heavy work	Free tier · Paid plans
11	Poe poe.com	Comparing many models in one place	Free tier · Paid plans
AI SEARCH & BROWSERS			
12	Perplexity perplexity.ai	Cited answers you can trust	Free tier · Paid plans
13	Perplexity Comet perplexity.ai/comet	Letting a browser do the work	Free · Paid extras
14	You.com you.com	Cited search built for work	Free tier · Paid plans
15	Phind phind.com	Technical & coding questions	Free tier · Paid plans
RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE			
16	NotebookLM notebooklm.google.com	Q&A grounded in your own sources	Free tier · Paid plans
17	Consensus consensus.app	What the science actually says	Free tier · Paid plans
18	Elicit elicit.com	Automating systematic reviews	Free tier · Paid plans
19	Scite scite.ai	Checking how a paper was cited	Paid plans

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20	Semantic Scholar semanticscholar.org	Free paper discovery at scale	Free
21	ResearchRabbit researchrabbit.ai	Mapping a field's citation network	Free
22	Zotero zotero.org	Managing a verified bibliography	Free · Open-source
CODING & SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT			
23	Cursor cursor.com	A professional AI-native IDE	Free tier · Paid plans
24	GitHub Copilot github.com/features/copilot	Enterprise teams & broad IDE support	Free tier · Paid plans
25	Claude Code claude.com/product/claude-code	Terminal-first agentic engineering	Paid plans
26	Windsurf windsurf.com	Agentic editing with codebase memory	Free tier · Paid plans
27	Replit replit.com	Building apps in the browser	Free tier · Paid plans
28	Lovable lovable.dev	Prompt-to-app for non-coders	Free tier · Paid plans
29	Bolt bolt.new	Instant full-stack apps in-browser	Free tier · Paid plans
30	v0 v0.app	Generating React UI & front-ends	Free tier · Paid plans

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31	Devin devin.ai	Handing off whole tickets	Paid plans
32	Tabnine tabnine.com	Privacy-first coding on private code	Free tier · Paid plans
33	Aider aider.chat	Open-source terminal pair programming	Free · Open-source
AI AGENTS & AUTOMATION			
34	Manus manus.im	Hands-off multi-step task delegation	Paid plans
35	Genspark genspark.ai	A general-purpose consumer agent	Free tier · Paid plans
36	Zapier zapier.com	App-to-app automation for everyone	Free tier · Paid plans
37	Make make.com	Visual, credit-efficient workflows	Free tier · Paid plans
38	n8n n8n.io	Self-hosted, developer-grade automation	Free · Open-source · Paid
39	Lindy lindy.ai	Autonomous assistants for daily tasks	Free tier · Paid plans
40	Relevance AI relevanceai.com	Building a fleet of agents	Free tier · Paid plans
41	Gumloop gumloop.com	No-code AI workflow building	Free tier · Paid plans

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WRITING & EDITING			
42	Grammarly grammarly.com	Grammar & clarity everywhere you write	Free tier · Paid plans
43	QuillBot quillbot.com	Paraphrasing & quick rewrites	Free tier · Paid plans
44	Wordtune wordtune.com	Rephrasing for tone & length	Free tier · Paid plans
45	Jasper jasper.ai	Marketing content at brand scale	Paid plans
46	Copy.ai copy.ai	Fast short-form sales & social copy	Free tier · Paid plans
47	Writesonic writesonic.com	SEO articles & marketing copy	Free tier · Paid plans
48	Sudowrite sudowrite.com	Fiction & creative writing	Paid plans
MARKETING, SEO & SALES			
49	Surfer SEO surferseo.com	Optimising content to rank	Paid plans
50	Clearscope clearscope.io	Editorial-grade content grading	Paid plans
51	Frase frase.io	Research-to-draft SEO workflow	Paid plans

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52	Semrush semrush.com	All-round SEO & competitor research	Free tier · Paid plans
53	AdCreative.ai adcreative.ai	Conversion-focused ad creative	Paid plans
54	Anyword anyword.com	Copy optimised for conversions	Paid plans
55	Opus Clip opus.pro	Turning long video into shorts	Free tier · Paid plans
IMAGE GENERATION & EDITING			
56	Midjourney midjourney.com	The best artistic image quality	Paid plans
57	Adobe Firefly firefly.adobe.com	Commercially safe brand imagery	Free tier · Paid plans
58	Ideogram ideogram.ai	Legible text inside images	Free tier · Paid plans
59	Leonardo AI leonardo.ai	Consistent characters & game art	Free tier · Paid plans
60	FLUX (Black Forest Labs) bfl.ai	Open-weight, near-frontier quality	Open-weight · Paid API
61	Recraft recraft.ai	Vectors & brand-consistent sets	Free tier · Paid plans

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62	Krea krea.ai	Real-time, multi-model generation	Free tier · Paid plans
63	Stable Diffusion (Stability AI) stability.ai	Free, local, open-source images	Open-source · Paid API
64	Freepik AI freepik.com	Many models plus stock assets	Free tier · Paid plans
65	Photoroom photoroom.com	Product photos & background removal	Free tier · Paid plans
VIDEO GENERATION & EDITING			
66	Runway runwayml.com	Filmmaker-grade creative control	Free tier · Paid plans
67	Google Flow (Veo) labs.google/flow	Top-quality marketing & YouTube video	Paid plans
68	Kling AI klingai.com	High quality at a low price	Free tier · Paid plans
69	Pika pika.art	Stylised effects & short-form	Free tier · Paid plans
70	PixVerse pixverse.ai	Versatile cinematic clips, free testing	Free tier · Paid plans
71	Luma Dream Machine lumalabs.ai	HDR, physically accurate motion	Free tier · Paid plans

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72	HeyGen heygen.com	AI avatar & multilingual video	Free tier · Paid plans
73	Synthesia synthesia.io	Enterprise training & L&D video	Free tier · Paid plans
74	Descript descript.com	Editing video by editing text	Free tier · Paid plans
75	CapCut capcut.com	All-round social video editing	Free tier · Paid plans
AUDIO, MUSIC & VOICE			
76	ElevenLabs elevenlabs.io	The most realistic AI voice	Free tier · Paid plans
77	Suno suno.com	Full songs with vocals	Free tier · Paid plans
78	Udio udio.com	Fine-grained music control	Free tier · Paid plans
79	Murf murf.ai	Business & e-learning voiceover	Free tier · Paid plans
80	Adobe Podcast podcast.adobe.com	Cleaning up rough recordings	Free tier · Paid plans
81	Krisp krisp.ai	Noise-free calls & notes	Free tier · Paid plans
82	Wispr Flow wisprflow.ai	Dictating polished text by voice	Free tier · Paid plans

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83	Play.ht play.ht	Multilingual voiceover & dubbing	Free tier · Paid plans
PRESENTATIONS & DESIGN			
84	Gamma gamma.app	The fastest first-draft deck	Free tier · Paid plans
85	Canva canva.com	All-purpose design for non-designers	Free tier · Paid plans
86	Beautiful.ai beautiful.ai	Guaranteed slide polish	Paid plans
87	Tome tome.app	AI-native narrative decks	Free tier · Paid plans
88	Figma figma.com	Professional interface design + AI	Free tier · Paid plans
89	Framer framer.com	Design-to-published websites	Free tier · Paid plans
90	Microsoft Designer designer.microsoft.com	Quick social & brand graphics	Free tier · Paid plans
PRODUCTIVITY & MEETINGS			
91	Notion AI notion.com	AI inside your workspace	Free tier · Paid plans
92	Fireflies fireflies.ai	Sales meetings & CRM sync	Free tier · Paid plans

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93	Otter.ai otter.ai	Live captions & collaboration	Free tier · Paid plans
94	Fathom fathom.video	A generous free notetaker	Free tier · Paid plans
95	Granola granola.ai	Bot-free notes on a Mac	Free tier · Paid plans
96	Read AI read.ai	Meeting engagement analytics	Free tier · Paid plans
DEVELOPER PLATFORMS & MODEL INFRASTRUCTURE			
97	Hugging Face huggingface.co	The open-source model hub	Free tier · Paid plans
98	Google AI Studio aistudio.google.com	Prototyping with Gemini, free	Free tier · Paid plans
99	Replicate replicate.com	Running open models via API	Pay-as-you-go
100	Groq groq.com	Ultra-fast, low-latency inference	Free tier · Pay-as-you-go

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<https://dupple.com/learn/best-ai-for-literature-review>

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<https://diyai.io/ai-tools/audio-generation/best-ai-audio-tools/>

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