

AI coding tools cheat sheet

One page, 13 tools: price, free tier, where it runs and who it suits. Prices checked on official pages 2026-10-15.

Tool	Type	Price	Free tier	Runs in	Best for
GitHub Copilot	Coding tool	Free tier · Pro \$10/mo	Yes	ide, cli, web	staying in your current editor, GitHub users, cheap entry
Replit	App builder	Free mode · Core \$20/mo	Yes	web	non-coders, full-stack apps with backend, games/prototypes
Bolt.new	App builder	Free tier · Pro \$25/mo	Yes	web	non-coders, quick websites/prototypes
v0 by Vercel	App builder	Free (7 msgs/day) · paid \$30/user/mo	Yes	web	polished frontends/landing pages, Next.js/React
Cline	Coding tool	Free extension · pay per AI usage	Yes	ide, cli	budget control, open source fans, model choice
Kiro (AWS)	Coding tool	Free (50 credits) · Pro \$20/mo	Yes	desktop, cli, web	structured bigger projects, learning good practices
Lovable	App builder	check site	Yes	web	non-coders, MVPs/web apps fast, full-stack with backend
Cursor	Coding tool	Free tier · Premium \$30/mo (Plus \$8, Grok-only)	Yes	desktop	existing codebases, full control over code, daily coding
OpenAI Codex	Coding tool	In ChatGPT Plus \$20/mo · free tier: check site	check site	web, cli, ide	delegating tasks to cloud agents, ChatGPT subscribers
Zed	Coding tool	Free (own keys) · Pro \$10/mo	Yes	desktop	speed, using your own keys
Base44	App builder	Free tier · from \$16/mo (annual)	Yes	web	non-coders, internal tools/business apps
Claude Code	Coding tool	Needs Claude Pro \$20/mo	No	cli	autonomous multi-file changes, terminal users
Gemini CLI	Coding tool	check site	check site	cli	terminal users, free experimentation

Quick picks

- **Never coded:** Lovable, Bolt.new, Base44 or Replit (all in the browser).
- **Pretty front end / landing page:** v0.
- **Real codebase, editor:** Cursor, GitHub Copilot, Zed, Kiro.
- **Terminal agent:** Claude Code, Codex, Gemini CLI, Cline.

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