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Camunda

The Insider's Guide

BPMN process orchestration, self-hosted or as a cloud service



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among automation tools, read from Camunda's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Camunda's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Camunda's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 54 of the 134 other automation tools we grade

Camunda is a process orchestration platform built around BPMN process models and DMN decision tables, with a process engine, connectors, task management and monitoring. It runs self-managed on your own infrastructure or as Camunda SaaS, hosted by the vendor. The site now positions it for agentic process orchestration.

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

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> **Process models need BPMN skills, and the free edition means hosting it yourself.**

From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for BPMN process orchestration for engineers**

Camunda runs BPMN and DMN processes, self-hosted or as a cloud service.

2 **There is a free plan**

Self-Managed is free for local development and non-production use; production needs an Enterprise license.

3 It runs on Web

Web.

4 BPMN and DMN modeling

Process models in BPMN and decision models in DMN, built in a Desktop Modeler or a collaborative Web Modeler with version history and Git Sync.

5 Process engine and connectors

The Zeebe engine runs BPMN processes and the decision engine runs DMN, with connectors and an integration framework and SDK.

6 Operate and Tasklist

Operate inspects running processes and decisions, and Tasklist handles human tasks with form integration.

7 A 2.2 GPA, above 54 of 134

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

8 Keep it

To replace Camunda you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Camunda at a glance

PRICING
Free plan

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
30-day free trial of Camunda SaaS with full process execution, then a free account limited to modeling.

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Camunda, since 2008

CATEGORY
Automation

OUR GRADE
2.2 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for BPMN process orchestration for engineers

Camunda runs BPMN and DMN processes, self-hosted or as a cloud service. The free edition is for development only, production prices are not published, and the SaaS trial lasts 30 days before it drops to modeling only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Camunda	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No production prices are published, and both production options go through sales. It sits in the middle.
Free plan and trial	C	Self-Managed is free for local and non-production use only. The SaaS trial lasts 30 days, then a free account can model but not run processes.
Features	B	BPMN and DMN modeling, a process engine, connectors, Operate and Tasklist, reporting and document processing. Nothing in the listing shows a gap in the core work.
Ease of use	D	Process models need BPMN skills, and the free edition means hosting it yourself.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web tools with connectors to SAP, ServiceNow and Microsoft Teams. No desktop or phone app.
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 Camunda is for

- ✓ Fits if your team writes process logic and wants BPMN in a standard format
- ✓ Works for developers who start on the free local edition

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a published price, as production plans are sold through sales
- ✗ Not for you if you need the free edition in production, as it is for non-production use
- ✗ Watch out: after 30 days the SaaS account can model but not run processes
- ✗ Too heavy for a quick no-code job, as it expects engineers

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Engineering teams that model processes in BPMN and want to host the engine
- ✓ Companies that want a vendor-hosted process engine with support SLAs
- ✓ Developers prototyping locally before buying a production license

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No production prices are published; both production options are sold through sales.
- ⓘ The free Self-Managed edition is for development and non-production use only.
- ⓘ After the 30-day SaaS trial, a free account keeps modeling but cannot execute processes.
- ⓘ SaaS Console and Modeler are hosted in the EU, and clusters can be created in other regions.

What it costs

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

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plans to choose from

Camunda has a free plan.

> **No production prices are published, and both production options go through sales.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

DEVELOPMENT (SELF-MANAGED)

$0

Build and test on your own machine, with no license, for non-production use only. You host it yourself.

PRODUCTION (SELF-MANAGED)

Custom

Enterprise license to run in production on your own infrastructure, with 24x7 support and SLAs. Sold through sales.

CAMUNDA SAAS

Custom

Fully hosted by Camunda with the full orchestration platform and 24x7 support. Bought through sales or started with a trial.

The free plan

Self-Managed is free for local development and non-production use; production needs an Enterprise license.

Trying it first

30-day free trial of Camunda SaaS with full process execution, then a free account limited to modeling.

Read from camunda.com on Nov 12, 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

BPMN process orchestration, self-hosted or as a cloud service. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: self-hostable, workflow automation, AI agents, dashboards.

> **BPMN and DMN modeling, a process engine, connectors, Operate and Tasklist, reporting and document processing.**
>
> From our grade for features

BPMN and DMN modeling

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Process engine and connectors

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Operate and Tasklist

Operate inspects running processes and decisions, and Tasklist handles human tasks with form integration.

Optimize reporting

Custom process reports, dashboards and KPI-based monitoring and alerts are listed under Optimize.

Intelligent document processing

IDP and RPA, plus SAP and ServiceNow integrations, appear in the feature comparison; IDP is listed for the hosted SaaS edition.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

SAP

ServiceNow

Microsoft Teams

Camunda is made by Camunda, and has been around since 2008.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

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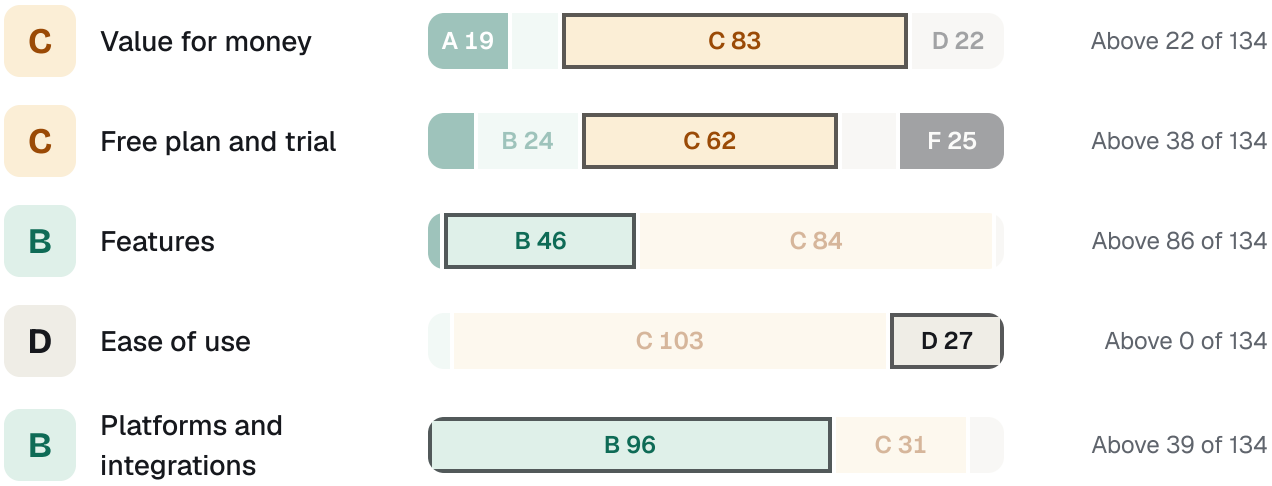
Other automation tools it is graded above

Camunda's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 54 of the 134 other automation tools we grade, and level with 35.

It stands best on features (B, above 86 of 134) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 135 automation tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Camunda's own letter is outlined.



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 Camunda you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

What you could not

- ✕ Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- ✕ An AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.
- ✕ Connections that pull numbers from dozens of other services.
- ✕ Sharing with other people, which means accounts and invitations.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Camunda'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



Appian, Pega, Kestra, Windmill and Workato

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

Appian

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Free plan

Low-code process automation platform for large enterprises.

- Camunda is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Camunda also covers dashboards.
- Appian also covers app builder, no-code and case management.

Camunda and Appian compared in full

Pega

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Free trial

Enterprise workflow, decisioning and AI agent platform.

- Camunda has a free plan. Pega does not, though it has a free trial.
- Camunda is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Camunda also covers dashboards.

Camunda and Pega compared in full



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Kestra

Free plan

Open-source workflow orchestration platform defined in YAML.

- Kestra is open source, according to its own site.
- Camunda also covers AI agents and dashboards.

Camunda and Kestra compared in full



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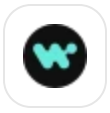
Windmill

Free plan · from $10/mo

Open-source platform for scripts, workflows and internal apps.

- Windmill is open source, according to its own site.
- Camunda also covers dashboards.
- Windmill also covers app builder.

Camunda and Windmill compared in full



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Workato

Paid

Enterprise integration and automation platform with AI agents.

- Camunda has a free plan. Workato does not.
- Camunda is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Camunda also covers dashboards.

Camunda and Workato 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 Camunda free?

Camunda has a free plan. Self-Managed is free for local development and non-production use; production needs an Enterprise license.

How much does Camunda cost?

Camunda lists 3 plans. Development (Self-Managed): $0.

What platforms does Camunda work on?

Camunda is available on Web.

Does Camunda have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Camunda is listed for Web.

Does Camunda have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Camunda is listed for Web.

Is Camunda open source?

Camunda is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

Can Camunda be self-hosted?

Yes. Camunda's own site says it can be run on a server of your own.

What does Camunda integrate with?

Camunda's listing names SAP, ServiceNow and Microsoft Teams. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Does Camunda have a free trial?

Yes. 30-day free trial of Camunda SaaS with full process execution, then a free account limited to modeling.

Who makes Camunda?

Camunda is made by a company of the same name. It dates from 2008.

What are the alternatives to Camunda?

The closest alternatives to Camunda in our directory are Appian, Pega, Kestra, Windmill and Workato.

How does Camunda compare with other automation tools?

Camunda's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 54 of the 134 other automation tools we grade, and level with 35.

Could I make my own version of Camunda?

To replace Camunda you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Camunda's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Camunda's own pages on 12 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 Camunda. Prices change, so check camunda.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.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Camunda, kept up to date

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

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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

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Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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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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