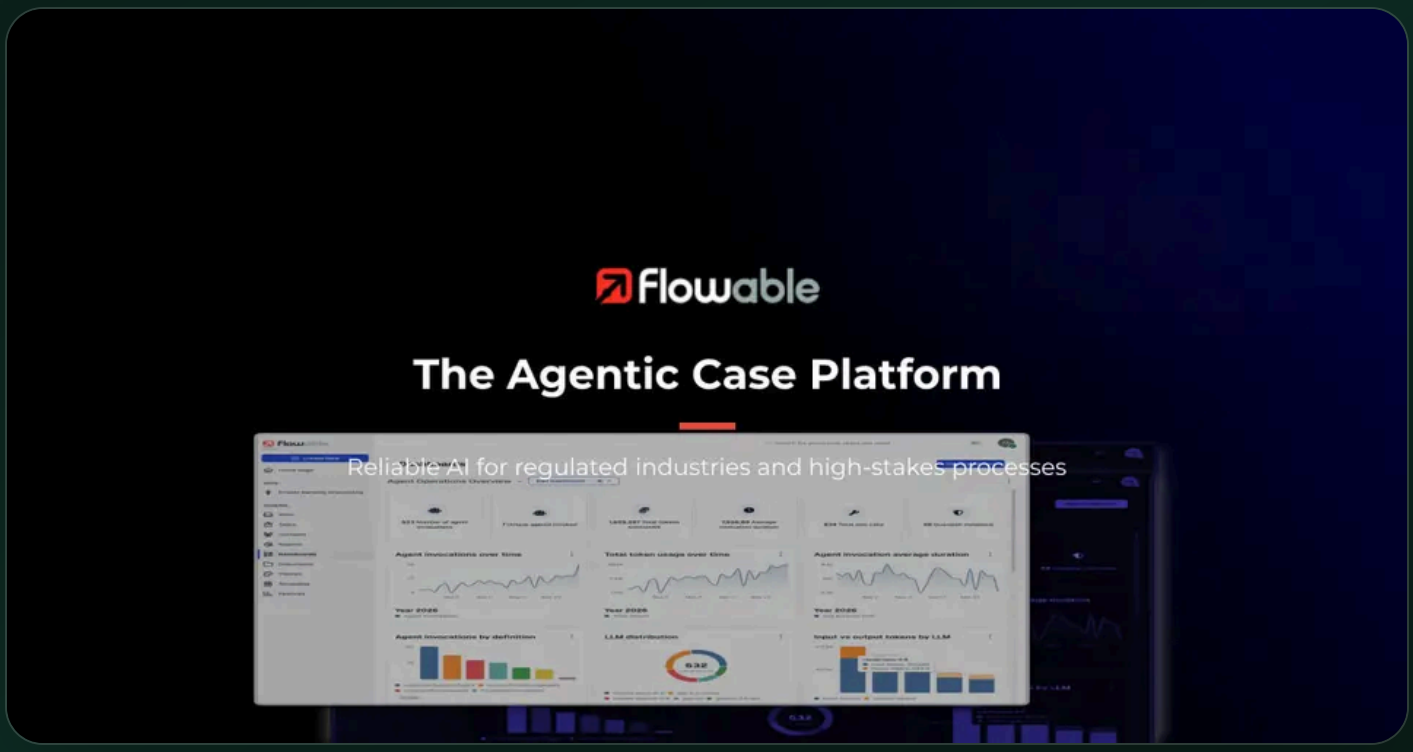
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Flowable

The Insider's Guide

Case and process platform with governed AI agents, on open standards



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

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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from Flowable's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Flowable'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 26 of the 134 other automation tools we grade

Flowable is a platform for running business processes and cases, aimed at regulated industries such as banking, insurance and government. It is built on open-source BPMN, CMMN and DMN engines and adds policy controls, an audit trail and AI agents that work alongside people. The engines can be downloaded; the enterprise platform has no published price.

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about Flowable**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **The site publishes no prices, its trial page said it was offline for upgrades, and building on it takes a Java team.**
>
> From our report card of Flowable

1 **Best for BPMN and case engines for Java teams**

Flowable is a set of open-source engines for BPMN, CMMN and DMN, with a paid platform for case work on top.

2 **It runs on Web**

Web.

3 **Process, case and rules engines**

Open-source engines execute BPMN processes, CMMN cases and DMN decisions, and expose Java and REST APIs for application code.

4 **Governed AI agents**

Agents run inside policy-bound workflows, with capability limits enforced at runtime and people involved for sign-off where it matters.

5 **Audit trail and observability**

Every decision and action is logged so it can be traced, and agents are monitored in real time.

6 **A 2.0 GPA, above 26 of 134**

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

7 **Keep it**

To replace Flowable 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.

Flowable at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Flowable	CATEGORY Automation
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Flowable	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price on record, so we can't place it. The open-source engines are free and the platform is a separate commercial product.
Free plan and trial	B	The open-source engines and Flowable Design are free to use. The trial page said it was offline for upgrades.
Features	C	BPMN, CMMN and DMN for audited case work. The Agentic Case Platform is a separate paid product.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. It's built by Java developers, with Spring as the listed integration.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only on the listing, with Spring as the one named integration.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

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 Flowable is for

- ✓ Fits if you have Java developers who need an embeddable process engine
- ✓ Makes sense if you're a bank, insurer or agency running audited case-based work

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if nobody on your team writes Java
- ✗ Not for you if you need a published price, because the site gives no plan list
- ✗ Watch out: the free trial page said it was offline for upgrades
- ✗ Tight if you want the case platform for free, as that is a separate commercial product

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Banks, insurers and public agencies automating audited, case-based work
- ✓ Java development teams that want an embeddable open-source BPMN engine
- ✓ Enterprises that want BPMN, CMMN and DMN standards rather than a proprietary format

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices are published for the platform, and the site gives no plan list.
- ⓘ A free trial is advertised on the homepage, but the trial page currently says it is offline for upgrades.
- ⓘ The open-source engines and Flowable Design are free to use; the Agentic Case Platform is a separate commercial product.

What it costs

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

Flowable's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No price on record, so we can't place it.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm Flowable's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. flowable.com has them.

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

Case and process platform with governed AI agents, on open standards. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, workflow automation, AI agents, diagrams, case management.

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BPMN, CMMN and DMN for audited case work.

From our grade for features

Process, case and rules engines

Open-source engines execute BPMN processes, CMMN cases and DMN decisions, and expose Java and REST APIs for application code.

Governed AI agents

Agents run inside policy-bound workflows, with capability limits enforced at runtime and people involved for sign-off where it matters.

Audit trail and observability

Every decision and action is logged so it can be traced, and agents are monitored in real time.

Case management

Long-running cases support dynamic routing and escalation, aimed at exceptions that fixed process flows handle poorly.

Low-code application building

Drag-and-drop design with expression builders, database and REST integrations, content management and fine-grained permissions.

Embedded or hosted engines

The engines can run embedded in a Java application, with Spring, or as a service on a server, cluster or cloud.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Spring

Flowable is made by Flowable.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

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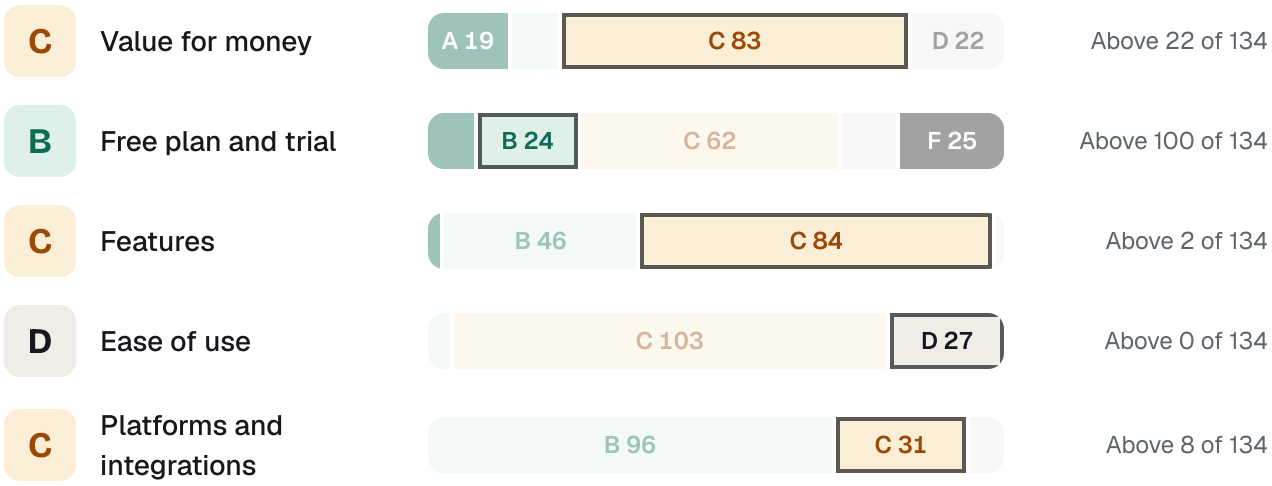
Other automation tools it is graded above

Flowable's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 26 of the 134 other automation tools we grade, and level with 27.

It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 100 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. Flowable'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 Flowable 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.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 81 of the 134 other automation tools grade higher. Flowable is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could make

- Case management: an app builder makes this well.

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.
- A diagram editor.
- What a company asks for before it lets staff use something: roles and permissions.

What this rests on. Flowable'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



Camunda, Bizagi, Appian, Pega and Kissflow

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

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Camunda

Free plan

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

- Camunda has a free plan. Flowable does not.
- Flowable is open source, according to its own site.
- Camunda is self-hostable, according to its own site.

Flowable and Camunda compared in full

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Bizagi

Paid

Process automation and low-code platform for large enterprises.

- Flowable is open source, according to its own site.
- Bizagi also covers app builder and no-code.

Flowable and Bizagi compared in full

2.0 GPA

Appian

Free plan

Low-code process automation platform for large enterprises.

- Appian has a free plan. Flowable does not.
- Flowable is open source, according to its own site.
- Flowable also covers diagrams.

Flowable and Appian compared in full

2.0 GPA

Pega

Free trial

Enterprise workflow, decisioning and AI agent platform.

- Flowable is open source, according to its own site.
- Flowable also covers diagrams.
- Pega also covers no-code.

Flowable and Pega compared in full

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Kissflow

Paid

Enterprise low-code platform for workflows, apps and portals.

- Flowable is open source, according to its own site.
- Flowable also covers AI agents, diagrams and case management.
- Kissflow also covers app builder, no-code and forms.

Flowable and Kissflow 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 Flowable free?

No. Flowable is a paid product.

What platforms does Flowable work on?

Flowable is available on Web.

Does Flowable have an Android app?

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

Does Flowable have an iPhone app?

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

Is Flowable open source?

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

What does Flowable integrate with?

Flowable's listing names Spring. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Flowable?

Flowable is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Flowable?

The closest alternatives to Flowable in our directory are Camunda, Bizagi, Appian, Pega and Kissflow.

How does Flowable compare with other automation tools?

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Could I make my own version of Flowable?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Flowable'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 Flowable'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 Flowable. Prices change, so check flowable.com before you buy.

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flowable.com/trial-maintenance

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Flowable, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/flowable

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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IFTTT Insider's Guide

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Open-source, flow-based programming tool for event-driven apps

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