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FME

The Insider's Guide

No-code data integration platform with spatial data support



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from FME's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on FME'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 1 of the 134 other automation tools we grade

FME, from Safe Software, is a no-code platform for transforming, converting and moving data, with a focus on spatial data. FME Form is the authoring environment for building workflows, and FME Flow deploys them as automations, web apps and event-triggered jobs, either on your own servers or as FME Flow Hosted. Pricing is set per customer.

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

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> **But no prices are published, nothing is free, and subscriptions are set per customer.**
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> From our report card of FME

1 **Best for moving and converting data, spatial data especially**

FME moves and converts data with no-code workflows, with a focus on spatial data.

2 **It runs on 4 platforms**

Windows, macOS, Linux and Web.

3 **No-code workflow authoring**

FME Form is a no-code environment for building data transformation workflows, with data inspection partway through a run to avoid reruns.

4 **Deployment with FME Flow**

FME Flow deploys workflows as automations, no-code web apps and event-triggered or real-time jobs.

5 **Hosted option**

FME Flow Hosted is a self-serve hosted deployment of FME Flow, so teams do not run the server themselves.

6 **A 1.6 GPA, above 1 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 FME 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.

FME at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Safe Software	CATEGORY Automation
OUR GRADE 1.6 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for moving and converting data, spatial data especially

FME moves and converts data with no-code workflows, with a focus on spatial data. But no prices are published, nothing is free, and subscriptions are set per customer.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	FME	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published. The pricing page says each subscription is tailored and sends you to sales.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial on the pages read; the site offers free workshops.
Features	C	No-code workflows, hosted or self-hosted deployment, and many data types. The vendor says it has unlimited web users and system connections.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. Building workflows in the authoring tool has a learning curve.
Platforms and integrations	C	Downloads for Windows, macOS, Linux and Docker, plus a web option. No phone app and no integrations list on record.
Grade point average		Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

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 FME is for

- ✓ Fits if you convert or move map and geographic data between formats
- ✓ Works for teams that buy through a sales call

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a price on the page, as none is shown
- ✗ Not for you if you want something free, since there is no free plan or trial listed
- ✗ Watch out: subscriptions are tailored per customer, so costs vary
- ✗ Too heavy for a one-off file conversion, since the plans are sold by quote

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ GIS and data teams that move and reshape spatial data
- ✓ Organizations that want unlimited users and connections under one subscription

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices are published; the pricing page says each subscription is tailored and directs buyers to sales.
- ⓘ The vendor says its subscription includes unlimited web users and unlimited system connections.
- ⓘ Downloads are offered for Windows, macOS, Linux and Docker.

What it costs

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

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

> **The pricing page says each subscription is tailored and sends you to sales.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

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

Ways to pay less

NONPROFIT

Free licenses through the FME Grant Program

Qualifying non-profit organizations, instructors and students can apply for free charitable licenses through the vendor's grant program.

Stated on fme.safe.com

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: Web, macOS, Windows and Linux

No-code data integration platform with spatial data support. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, workflow automation, no-code.

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> **No-code workflows, hosted or self-hosted deployment, and many data types.**
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> From our grade for features

No-code workflow authoring

FME Form is a no-code environment for building data transformation workflows, with data inspection partway through a run to avoid reruns.

Deployment with FME Flow

FME Flow deploys workflows as automations, no-code web apps and event-triggered or real-time jobs.

Hosted option

FME Flow Hosted is a self-serve hosted deployment of FME Flow, so teams do not run the server themselves.

Spatial and many other data types

The vendor positions FME for spatial data as well as other formats, covering ETL, replication and synchronization.

AI in workflows

The platform page says any AI can be integrated into workflows and describes a real-time authoring assistant.

Component library

Pre-built transformations from Safe Software and the FME community can be added to workflows.

Where it runs

Web · macOS · Windows · Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

FME is made by Safe Software.

Where it stands

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

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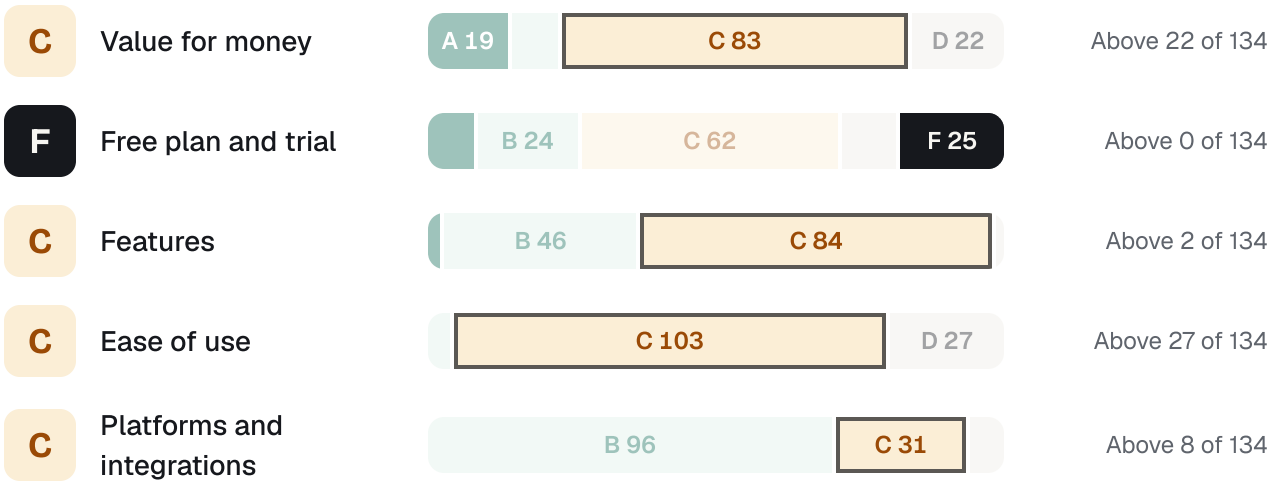
Other automation tools it is graded above

FME's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 1 of the 134 other automation tools we grade, and level with 8.

It stands best on ease of use (C, above 27 of 134) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 135 automation tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. FME'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 FME 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: 125 of the 134 other automation tools grade higher.

What you could not

- ✕ Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- ✕ A builder that other people can use without writing code.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. FME'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



Informatica, Knime, Apache NiFi and Boomi

The 4 tools FME is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Informatica

Paid

Cloud data management and integration platform, from Salesforce.

- Only FME lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- FME also covers no-code.

FME and Informatica compared in full

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Knime

Free plan · from €99/mo

Open-source visual workflows for data analysis and automation.

- Knime has a free plan. FME does not.
- Knime is open source, according to its own site.

FME and Knime compared in full



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Apache NiFi

Free

Open-source system for routing and processing data flows.

- Apache NiFi has a free plan. FME does not.
- Apache NiFi is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- FME also covers no-code.

FME and Apache NiFi compared in full



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Boomi

Free trial · from $99/mo

Integration, API management and AI agent platform.

- Only FME lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- FME also covers no-code.
- Boomi also covers AI agents.

FME and Boomi 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 FME free?

No. FME is a paid product.

What platforms does FME work on?

FME is available on Windows, macOS, Linux and Web.

Does FME offer any discounts?

FME publicly lists the following: Free licenses through the FME Grant Program.

Does FME have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. FME is listed for Windows, macOS, Linux and Web.

Does FME have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. FME is listed for Windows, macOS, Linux and Web.

Is FME open source?

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

Who makes FME?

FME is made by Safe Software.

What are the alternatives to FME?

The closest alternatives to FME in our directory are Informatica, Knime, Apache NiFi and Boomi.

How does FME compare with other automation tools?

FME's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 1 of the 134 other automation tools we grade, and level with 8.

Could I make my own version of FME?

To replace FME 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 FME'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 FME'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 Safe Software. Prices change, so check fme.safe.com before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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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

FME, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/fme

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

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Automation Insider's Guide

Every one of the 135 automation tools we grade, compared

Knime Insider's Guide

Open-source visual workflows for data analysis and automation

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IFTTT Insider's Guide

Simple trigger-and-action automations for apps and smart devices

3.0 GPA

Node-RED Insider's Guide

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

3.0 GPA

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