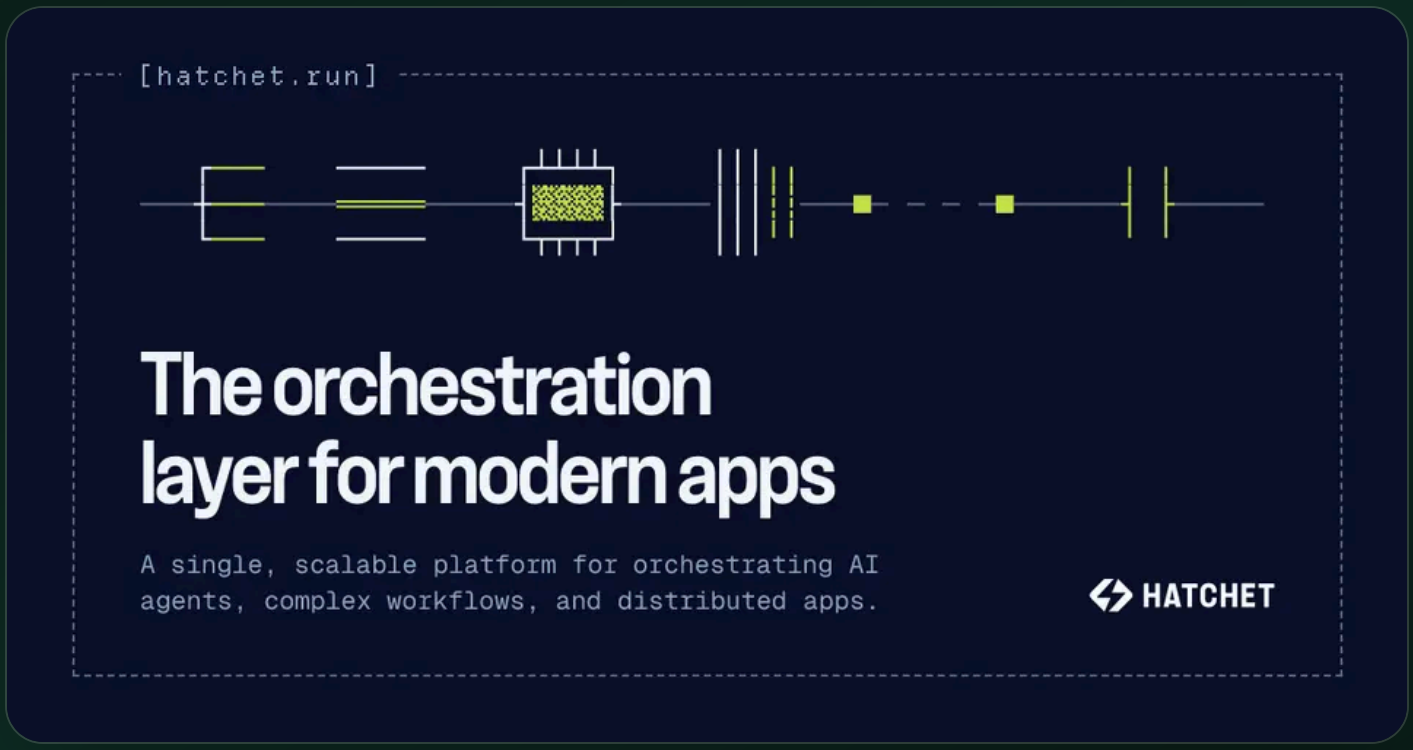
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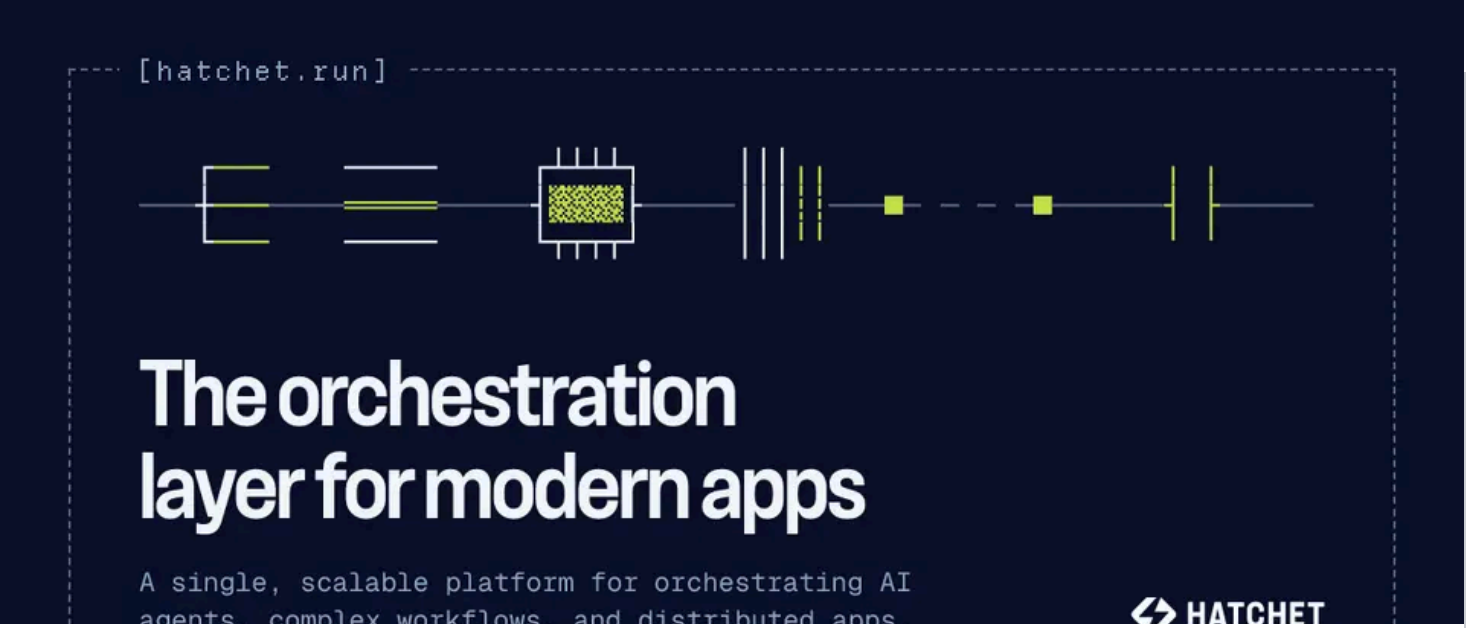
Open-source task queue and durable workflow engine



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among automation tools, read from Hatchet'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 Hatchet's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Hatchet'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 54 of the 134 other automation tools we grade

Hatchet is a task orchestration platform for background jobs, durable workflows, cron schedules and AI agents. Task runs are retried and can be replayed, with logs and traces in a dashboard. It is MIT licensed and can be self-hosted, or run on Hatchet Cloud, where billing is by runs and events.

> **You write the tasks in code and run workers.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Hatchet**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for background task queues for engineering teams**

Hatchet runs durable background tasks and workflows, and you pay by runs and events, $0 to start.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $0, then $30 per million runs and $5 per million events.

3 **There is a free plan**

Pay-as-you-go: 1M runs and 1M events free every month, 100 workers, 10 tenants and 50 users with a card on file.

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Durable execution**

Workflows and agents are checkpointed so work resumes after a failure. A failed task can be retried automatically or replayed by hand.

6 **Background tasks and cron**

Runs background jobs at scale and creates dynamic cron schedules for recurring workflows.

7 **Webhooks and events**

Events and webhooks can trigger workflows, and events can satisfy wait conditions inside a running workflow.

8 **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.

9 **Keep it**

To replace Hatchet 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.

Hatchet at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $0, then $30 per million runs and $5 per million events

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Hatchet Technologies, Inc.

CATEGORY
Automation

OUR GRADE
2.2 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for background task queues for engineering teams

Hatchet runs durable background tasks and workflows, and you pay by runs and events, $0 to start. Without a card on file the free tier is 2,000 task runs and 2,000 events a day with 1 day of retention, failed runs still count, and SSO, RBAC and audit logs are Custom only.

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Hatchet

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Starts at $0, then $30 per million runs and $5 per million events, with 1 million of each free a month when a card is on file.
Free plan and trial	B	With a card on file: 1M runs and 1M events a month free. Without one, 2,000 runs and events a day and 1 day of retention.
Features	C	Task queues and workflows. SSO, RBAC, audit logs and a HIPAA BAA are listed only on Custom.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. You write the tasks in code and run workers.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web dashboard only, and no integrations list on the listing.

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 Hatchet is for

- ✓ Fits if you're replacing a queue like Celery with durable workflows
- ✓ Works for engineers who want to start free and self-host later

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you don't write code, as tasks are defined in an SDK
- ✗ Tight if you won't add a card, because the free tier is 2,000 runs a day with 1-day retention
- ✗ Watch out: on the free tier, new tasks are dropped past the limit
- ✗ Watch out: failed runs count as runs, and SSO and audit logs need Custom

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Engineering teams replacing a queue like Celery with durable workflows
- ✓ Teams that want to start on the free tier and self-host later

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Without a card on file the free tier is limited to 2,000 task runs and 2,000 events a day, with 1-day retention.
- ⓘ If a limit is passed on the free tier, new tasks are dropped and creation errors appear.
- ⓘ Retries are not billed, but failed runs count as runs.
- ⓘ SSO, RBAC, audit logs and HIPAA BAA are listed only on the Custom plan.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$0

To start. There is a free plan too

Hatchet has a free plan. Paid plans start at $0, then $30 per million runs and $5 per million events.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

$0

to start, then usage-based

1M runs and 1M events free each month, then $30 per million runs, $5 per million events and $0.10 per GB of durable streams.

The free plan

Pay-as-you-go: 1M runs and 1M events free every month, 100 workers, 10 tenants and 50 users with a card on file.

CUSTOM

Custom

For 100M+ runs a month: dedicated capacity, SSO, RBAC, audit logs, HIPAA, SLAs, and self-hosted or BYOC support.

Read from hatchet.run on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

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

1

Place it runs: Web

Open-source task queue and durable workflow engine. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, workflow automation, AI agents, job scheduling.

"

SSO, RBAC, audit logs and a HIPAA BAA are listed only on Custom.

From our grade for features

Durable execution

Workflows and agents are checkpointed so work resumes after a failure. A failed task can be retried automatically or replayed by hand.

Background tasks and cron

Runs background jobs at scale and creates dynamic cron schedules for recurring workflows.

Webhooks and events

Events and webhooks can trigger workflows, and events can satisfy wait conditions inside a running workflow.

Observability

Traces, logs, metrics and alerts are available for each run, with 7 days of retention on the paid-card pay-as-you-go tier.

Self-hosting

The pricing page says Hatchet is 100% open source under the MIT license, and the Custom plan covers self-hosted and hybrid setups.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

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Where it stands

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

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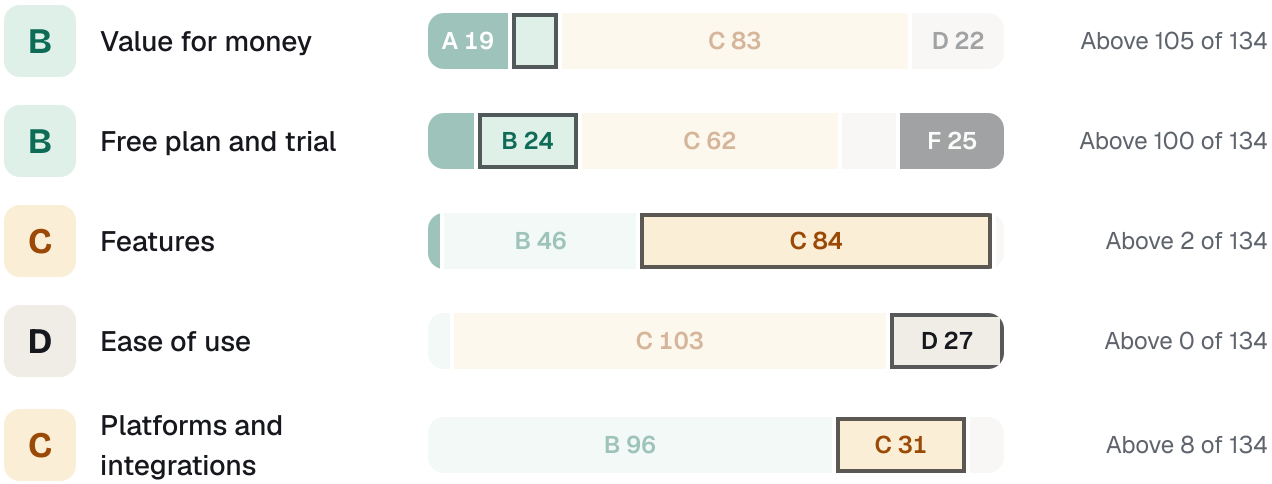
Other automation tools it is graded above

Hatchet'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 value for money (B, above 105 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. Hatchet'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 Hatchet 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.

Hatchet is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could make

- Job scheduling: 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.

What this rests on. Hatchet'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



Restate, Inngest, Trigger.dev, Prefect and Dagster

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

Restate

2.0 GPA

Free plan · from $75/mo

Durable execution runtime for backends and AI agents.

- Hatchet also covers job scheduling.

Hatchet and Restate compared in full

Inngest

2.4 GPA

Free plan · from $99/mo

Durable execution for background jobs, event-driven apps and agents.

- Hatchet is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Hatchet also covers job scheduling.

Hatchet and Inngest compared in full

Trigger.dev

2.2 GPA

Free plan · from $10/mo

Open-source platform for long-running background tasks and AI agents.

- Hatchet also covers job scheduling.

Hatchet and Trigger.dev compared in full



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Prefect

Free plan · from $100/mo

Python workflow orchestration with an open-source core and a cloud.

- Hatchet also covers job scheduling.

Hatchet and Prefect compared in full



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Dagster

Free trial · from $10/mo

Asset-based data orchestration platform, now part of Prefect.

- Hatchet has a free plan. Dagster does not, though it has a free trial.
- Hatchet also covers AI agents and job scheduling.
- Dagster also covers dashboards.

Hatchet and Dagster 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 Hatchet free?

Hatchet has a free plan. Pay-as-you-go: 1M runs and 1M events free every month, 100 workers, 10 tenants and 50 users with a card on file.

How much does Hatchet cost?

Hatchet lists 2 plans. Pay-as-you-go: $0 to start, then usage-based.

What platforms does Hatchet work on?

Hatchet is available on Web.

Does Hatchet have an Android app?

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

Does Hatchet have an iPhone app?

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

Is Hatchet open source?

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

Who makes Hatchet?

Hatchet is made by Hatchet Technologies, Inc.

What are the alternatives to Hatchet?

The closest alternatives to Hatchet in our directory are Restate, Inngest, Trigger.dev, Prefect and Dagster.

How does Hatchet compare with other automation tools?

Hatchet'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 Hatchet?

To replace Hatchet 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 Hatchet'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 Hatchet'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 Hatchet Technologies, Inc. Prices change, so check hatchet.run 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.

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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

Hatchet, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/hatchet

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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Every one of the 135 automation tools we grade, compared

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3.2 GPA

IFTTT Insider's Guide

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

3.0 GPA

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