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InvenTree

The Insider's Guide

Open-source parts and stock management you host yourself



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among inventory management tools, read from InvenTree's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from InvenTree's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on InvenTree'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 65 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade

InvenTree is an open-source inventory system for tracking parts, suppliers, stock locations and bills of materials. It is a web server you deploy yourself, and it can be extended with plugins and connected to other software. The project is run by contributors and is not sold as a subscription.

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

> **You deploy and maintain it yourself, which means a server, updates and reading the docs.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free, self-hosted parts and stock system**

InvenTree is open source under the MIT licence and tracks parts, suppliers, stock locations and bills of materials.

2 **It is free**

InvenTree has no paid plan at all. The whole system is open source under the MIT license and free to run on your own server.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Parts organized in categories**

Parts sit in structured categories so an inventory can be arranged to fit how a business or hobby shop works.

5 **Supplier management**

Suppliers and supplier items can be created, edited or deleted and linked to any part.

6 **Stock levels**

Shows current stock for a part, for a particular location, or as required by an individual build.

7 **A 2.6 GPA, above 65 of 72**

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

8 **Keep it**

InvenTree is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

InvenTree at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY InvenTree	CATEGORY Inventory Management
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a free, self-hosted parts and stock system

InvenTree is open source under the MIT licence and tracks parts, suppliers, stock locations and bills of materials. You run the server yourself, support

comes from public issue trackers, and the project says it is built in spare time with no fixed release dates.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **InvenTree** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Free outright but only if you host it yourself, which needs a server and someone to look after it, so it stays at the ordinary grade. The project sells no hosted plan.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole system is MIT licensed with no paid tier to hit. The cost is the server and your time.
Features	B	Parts in categories, suppliers, stock levels, bills of materials, plugins and several ways to deploy. The listing shows no gap in the core work of stock tracking.
Ease of use	D	You deploy and maintain it yourself, which means a server, updates and reading the docs. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web only, with a plugin system and connections to other software. There is no hosted version from the project.

Grade point average Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 InvenTree is for

- ✓ Fits if you are comfortable running your own server and want no licence fees
- ✓ Works for makers and small manufacturers who track parts and bills of materials

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you do not want to run a server, as the project lists no hosted plan
- ✗ Not for you if you need private support, since help comes through public issue trackers and docs
- ✗ Watch out: the project says it is built in spare time and has no fixed release timeline
- ✗ Tight if you want phone apps or a vendor to call, because the listing shows neither

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Hobbyists, labs and small manufacturers with someone who can run a server
- ✓ Teams that want to read and change the source code
- ✓ Parts-heavy work that needs a bill of materials

Worth knowing

- ⓘ You deploy and maintain the server yourself; the site lists no hosted plan from the project.
- ⓘ Support comes through public issue trackers and docs; private questions are generally not answered, and paid support goes through third-party developers.
- ⓘ The project says it is built in spare time and has no fixed release timeline.

What it costs

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

Free

No paid plan at all

InvenTree is free to use.

> **Free outright but only if you host it yourself, which needs a server and someone to look after it, so it stays at the ordinary grade.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

SELF-HOSTED

$0

The full open-source system under the MIT license, which you host and maintain yourself.

The free plan

The whole system is open source under the MIT license and free to run on your own server.

Read from inventree.org on Nov 13, 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

Open-source parts and stock management you host yourself. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, inventory.

> **Parts in categories, suppliers, stock levels, bills of materials, plugins and several ways to deploy.**
>
> From our grade for features

Parts organized in categories

Parts sit in structured categories so an inventory can be arranged to fit how a business or hobby shop works.

Supplier management

Suppliers and supplier items can be created, edited or deleted and linked to any part.

Stock levels

Shows current stock for a part, for a particular location, or as required by an individual build.

Bill of materials

BOM management lists the sub-parts needed to make a new part.

Plugins and integrations

Built to be extended: it offers several ways to connect to outside applications and to add custom plugins.

Several ways to deploy

Install with Docker, a one-line installer, AppJail on FreeBSD, a manual bare-metal install, or a 1-click DigitalOcean app.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

InvenTree is made by InvenTree.

Where it stands

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

65/72

Other inventory management tools it is graded above

InvenTree's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade, and level with 3.

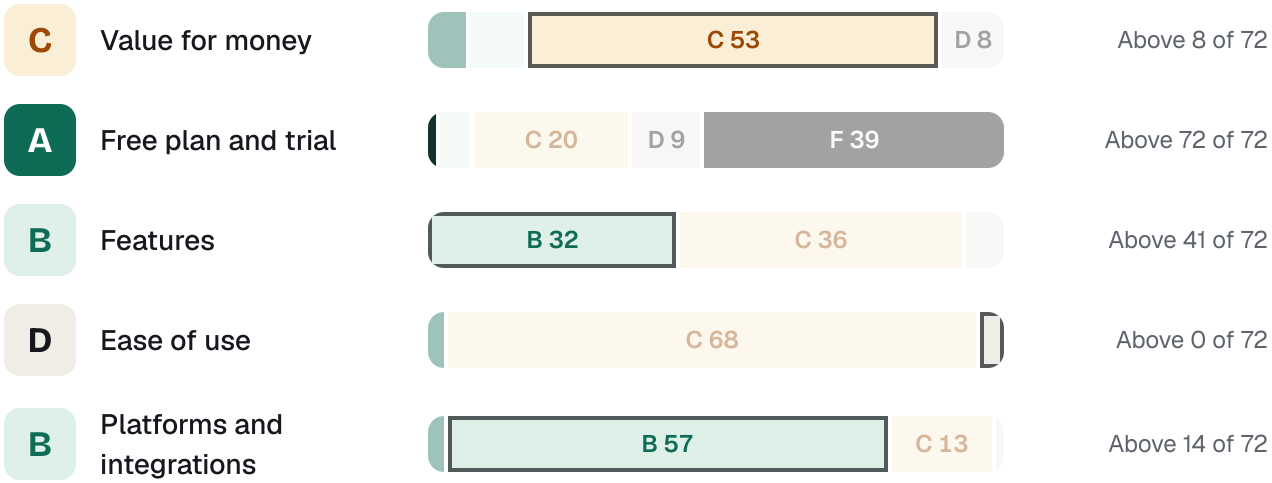
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 72 of 72) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

InvenTree has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

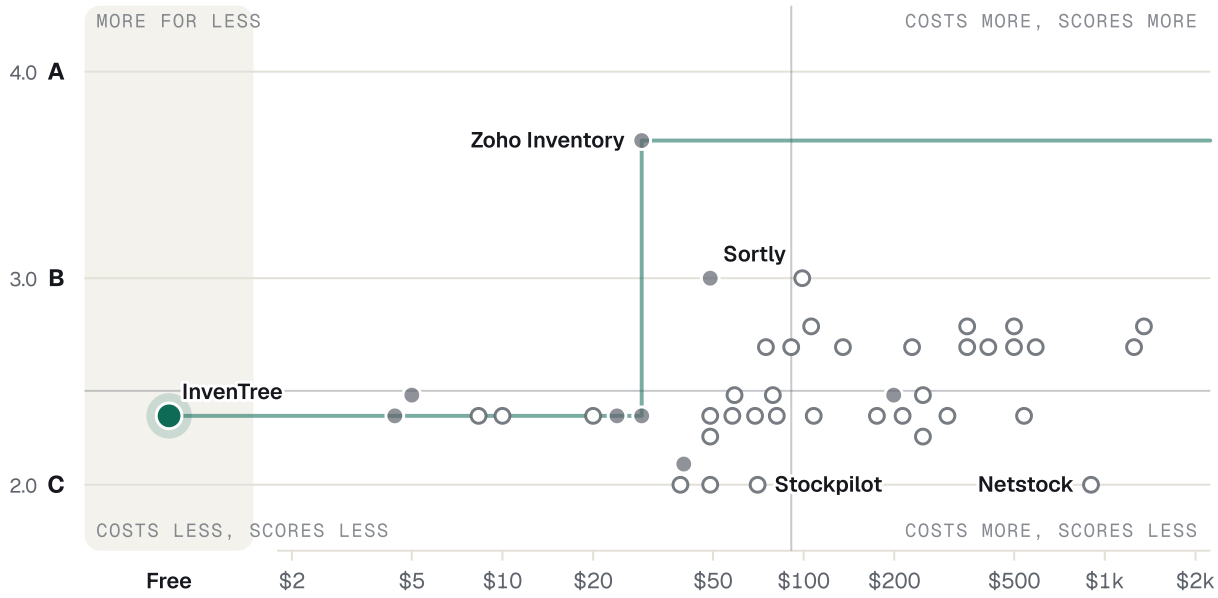
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 73 inventory management tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. InvenTree's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 44 inventory management tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. InvenTree is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

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

InvenTree is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade.

What you could make

- Inventory: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. InvenTree'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



Snipe-IT, Sortly, BoxHero and MRPeasy

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

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Snipe-IT

Free plan · from $39.99/mo

Open-source IT asset management you host yourself or have hosted.

- Snipe-IT also covers reports and barcode scanning.

InvenTree and Snipe-IT compared in full

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Sortly

Free plan · from $49/mo

Phone-first inventory app for tracking equipment, tools and supplies.

- Only Sortly lists iOS and Android apps.
- InvenTree is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Sortly also covers barcode scanning and qR codes.

InvenTree and Sortly compared in full



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BoxHero

Free plan · from $24/mo

Barcode-based inventory tracking for small teams.

- Only BoxHero lists iOS and Android apps.
- InvenTree is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- BoxHero also covers reports and barcode scanning.

InvenTree and BoxHero compared in full



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MRPeasy

Free trial · from $49/mo

Cloud MRP and inventory software for small manufacturers.

- InvenTree has a free plan. MRPeasy does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only MRPeasy lists iOS and Android apps.
- InvenTree is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

InvenTree and MRPeasy 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 InvenTree free?

Yes. InvenTree is free to use.

How much does InvenTree cost?

InvenTree lists one plan. Self-hosted: $0.

What platforms does InvenTree work on?

InvenTree is available on Web.

Does InvenTree have an Android app?

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

Does InvenTree have an iPhone app?

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

Is InvenTree open source?

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

Who makes InvenTree?

InvenTree is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to InvenTree?

The closest alternatives to InvenTree in our directory are Snipe-IT, Sortly, BoxHero and MRPeasy.

How does InvenTree compare with other inventory management tools?

InvenTree's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade, and level with 3.

Is InvenTree good value for money?

ToolGPA grades InvenTree C for value for money. InvenTree has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of InvenTree?

InvenTree is free, so making your own would save you nothing. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.6 is higher than 65 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from InvenTree'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 InvenTree'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 InvenTree. Prices change, so check inventree.org before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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

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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

InvenTree, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/inventree

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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Inventory Management Insider's Guide

Every one of the 73 inventory management tools we grade, compared

Zoho Inventory Insider's Guide

Online inventory and order management from Zoho, with a free plan

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Sortly Insider's Guide

Phone-first inventory app for tracking equipment, tools and supplies

3.0 GPA

Busy Insider's Guide

GST accounting and inventory software for Indian small businesses

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