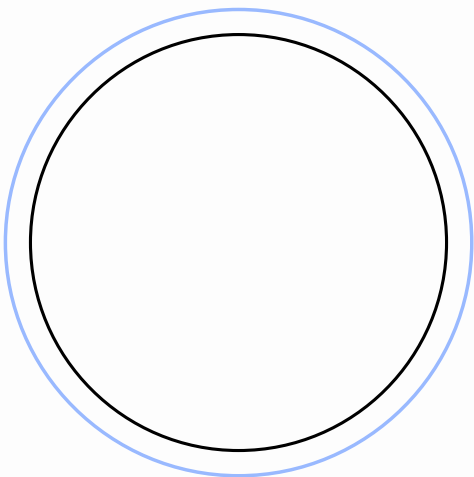


Is there such a  
thing as  
Enterprise-Grade  
Open Source?



# Preface

In today's rapidly evolving technological landscape, where open-source software plays a significant role, the question arises: can open-source projects meet the demanding requirements of large-scale enterprise environments? And is the reluctance by some executives justified?



# What is Enterprise-grade Open Source”?

Enterprise-grade open source refers to open-source software projects that are designed and maintained with a focus on meeting the requirements of large-scale enterprise environments. These projects possess characteristics such as scalability, reliability, security, performance, integration capabilities, support and maintenance, and compliance with industry standards and regulations.

Examples of enterprise-grade open-source software include:

- Linux: An operating system known for stability, security, and scalability.
- PostgreSQL: A powerful relational database management system.
- Kubernetes: An open-source container orchestration platform.
- Apache Hadoop: A framework for distributed storage and processing of big data.
- OpenStack: A cloud computing platform for building private and public clouds.
- Elasticsearch: An open-source search and analytics engine.
- Camunda: An open-source platform for workflow and decision automation.

It's worth noting that many of these solutions are already successfully adopted by organizations of all sizes, whilst some executives within these same organizations may express reservations when considering new propositions of the same open-source kind. An interesting paradox!

# What about support?

While open-source projects often have vibrant community support, enterprise organizations may require additional mission-critical support. This can be obtained through commercial support provided by the project's parent company or third-party support providers. These offerings may include SLAs, dedicated support teams, consulting services, and enterprise versions or add-ons with extended support lifecycles and advanced features.

The availability and extent of mission-critical support can vary, and organizations should carefully evaluate the support options to ensure they align with their specific business requirements.

## The Cost Factor

Enterprise-grade and battle-tested open-source projects, not only meet the rigorous demands of large-scale enterprises but also provide a cost-effective path to innovation and growth.

The absence of licensing fees and the ability to customize and tailor the software to specific business needs mean that enterprises can significantly reduce their expenses while enjoying top-tier performance.

This cost-efficient approach allows organizations to allocate resources strategically, investing in areas that directly impact their core objectives, making Enterprise-Grade Open Source a compelling choice for companies aiming to balance quality and cost-effectiveness in their technology infrastructure.

# Summary

In summary, Enterprise-Grade Open Source combines the transparency and flexibility of open source with the features, reliability, and support needed for enterprise environments, making it a viable alternative to proprietary software solutions.

At VFTee, we understand the growing need for cost reduction in today's business landscape and that is why we embrace an approach that carefully considers the requirements of our enterprise customers. Through meticulous selection, we offer “enterprise-grade open source” solutions like Camunda that are tailored to solve the complex business problems our clients face.

# About VFTee

VFTee is a boutique IT consulting firm that focuses on business optimization through digital transformation. Our practical approach to technology enables businesses across all industries to boost revenue, lower costs and risks, and enhance agility.

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