

GForge vs GitLab

Same Capabilities. Less Complexity. Fraction of the Cost.

GitLab can be overwhelming and expensive. Users consistently report steep learning curves, settings buried deep in menus, and surprise costs for CI/CD minutes and storage. GForge delivers the same core capabilities — project management, source control, CI/CD, wikis, and collaboration — without the complexity and hidden costs.

Feature Comparison

Feature	GForge	GitLab	Notes
Full Agile Support	✓	\$\$	GitLab requires Premium (\$29/user) or Ultimate (\$99/user)
Simple Installation	✓	✗	GForge: ~1 minute via Docker. GitLab: complex setup
Unlimited CI/CD	✓	\$\$	GitLab charges \$10 per 1,000 minutes after limit
Built-in Team Chat	✓	✗	GitLab requires Slack or other 3rd party
Document Management	✓	Limited	GForge has robust versioning; GitLab is basic
Service Desk	✓	\$\$	GitLab requires Premium tier
SSO / SAML	✓	\$\$	GitLab requires Premium or Ultimate tier
Portfolio Management	✓	\$\$	GitLab requires Ultimate tier (\$99/user)
Sprint Planning	✓	Limited	GForge has full sprint planning with burndowns
Pull/Merge Requests	✓	✓	
Wiki	✓	✓	
Kanban Boards	✓	✓	
REST API	✓	✓	

Pricing Comparison (30 Users)

	GForge	GitLab Ultimate
Base Platform	\$150/mo	\$2,970/mo
CI/CD	Unlimited (Jenkins)	+\$50/mo (minutes)
Team Chat	Included	+\$ (Slack/Teams)
Storage	Included	+\$60/mo
Service Desk	Included	Included at Ultimate
SSO	Included	Included at Ultimate
Annual Cost	\$2,160	\$35,640+

GForge saves over \$33,000 annually for a 30-user team.

Why Teams Switch from GitLab to GForge

Simpler Setup & Maintenance

GForge installs in about one minute via Docker. GitLab self-managed is notoriously complex, requiring significant DevOps expertise and ongoing maintenance. Users report frequent upgrade issues and downtime.

No Hidden Costs

GForge includes unlimited CI/CD via Jenkins integration — no "minutes" to buy. GitLab's CI/CD minutes run out quickly, then cost \$10 per 1,000 additional minutes. Storage and advanced features cost extra.

Less Overwhelming

GitLab users consistently complain about overwhelming UI, steep learning curves, and settings buried deep in menus. GForge provides a clean, intuitive interface where features are easy to find and use.

All Features Included

GForge includes agile planning, service desk, SSO, portfolio management, and team chat at one price. GitLab locks these behind Premium (\$29/user) and Ultimate (\$99/user) tiers.

Get Started with GForge

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