Alfresco Enterprise Edition vs. Community Edition

Alfresco Community Edition is intended for developers and technical enthusiasts who want to experience the latest Alfresco features in non-critical environments. It also serves as the research vehicle for new features and as the platform for community-driven development and contributions. An organization should only use Alfresco Community Edition in production if they are willing to invest the resources necessary to self support their deployment with testing, problem resolution, upgrades, maintenance while also adapting the product to the needs of the enterprise.

Alfresco Enterprise Edition is best suited for organizations that need enterprise-grade platform features related to scalability, performance, high availability, enterprise administration, and proprietary integrations. Alfresco Enterprise is recommended for corporations, governments and other organizations looking for an enterprise scale, production-ready ECM solution.

Platform Differences

Although the platforms share a common code base, Alfresco Enterprise Edition has enterprise-grade extensions that improve administration, increase scalability and performance, and enable greater connectivity required in enterprise deployments.

• Community Edition is a vanguard product with new features which are released in Enterprise Edition when proven stable and appropriate for enterprise-type deployments
• Community Edition is tested and released on a limited open source stack
• Community Edition is released under the OSI certified LGPL license, whereas Enterprise Edition is licensed on a per user and per server basis

Enterprise Edition also includes:
• Scalability and performance features such as clustering, high performance image transformations, JMX administration, enhanced mobile control (MDM and encryption)
• Synchronization between on-premises and cloud content with AlfrescoOne Hybrid Sync
• Integrations with proprietary products such as Outlook, enhanced Microsoft Office integration, Kofax, SalesForce.com
• Support for a broader deployment stack including proprietary databases such as Oracle DB and MS SQL Server
• Enterprise Edition undergoes an enhanced quality assurance process, including regression testing and additional upgrade testing
• Access to global, world class support including regular service packs and hot fixes
• Access to consulting and professional services from Alfresco Consulting or our Certified Partners

For a complete list of platform differences, go to
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Platform Support

	Enterprise Edition	Community Edition
Server O/S	Linux (RHEL/Ubuntu/Suse), Mac OSX, Solaris, Windows Server 2008 R2	Linux, Mac OSX, Windows
Client O/S	Linux (Ubuntu), Mac OSX, Windows XP/7	Linux, Mac OSX, Window
Database	MySQL, PostgreSQL, MS SQL, Oracle, DB2	MySQL, PostgreSQL
App Server	Tomcat, JBoss, WebLogic, WebSphere	Tomcat
Auth	Alfresco, OpenLDAP, Active Directory, NTLM, Oracle Directory Server, Kerberos, JAAS, etc.	Alfresco, OpenLDAP
Browser	Chrome, Firefox, Safari, IE 7/8/9	Chrome, Firefox, Safari, IE 7/8/9

About Alfresco

Alfresco helps teams share, manage and retain content across the extended enterprise with simplicity that end users love and smarts that IT can endorse. Alfresco enables organizations in more than 180 countries to collaborate more effectively, improve business process efficiency and ensure information governance. Across cloud, mobile, hybrid and on-premises environments, Alfresco is smart enterprise content made easy.

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