Comparison between GPL Edition and Enterprise Edition
(applies to GPL- / Enterprise Version 3.6.2)

function / property	Open-Source GPL-Edition	Enterprise-Edition
Platform & technology		
Architecture	Client – Server	
Database	MySQL 8.4 (LTS)	
Supported Server OS	Microsoft-Windows 10/11/Server 2016/2019/2022 (64-bit)	
Supported Client OS	MS-Windows 10 / 11, Server 2016 / 2019 / 2022 (64-bit)	MS-Windows 10 / 11, Server 2016 / 2019 / 2022 (64-bit), Browser Chrome, Opera, Firefox, Edge and Safari, Tablet / Smartphone with Android from V.5.1, iOS from V.12
OCR	Tesseract	Tesseract, OmniPage Ultimate
Barcode reader	-	Rdtifbar 1D, optional BCPlus 1D, QR-Code, Datamatrix
Supported file types	TIF, PDF, JPG, PNG, all MS-Office and Open-/Libreoffice, EML, MSG, Postscript, ZIP, XML XInvoice/ERechnung/ZUGFeRD with preview, every other without preview	TIF, PDF, JPG, PNG, all MS-Office and Open-/Libreoffice, EML, MSG, Postscript, ZIP, XML XInvoice/ERechnung/ZUGFeRD with preview, every other without preview. Some CAD formats with preview
Connectivity for document scanners	TWAIN (recommended) / WIA / Network attached scanners	
E-Mail Connectivity	Outlook / Thunderbird	Outlook / Thunderbird / POP3 / IMAP4 / SMTP (OAuth2)

Further import channels & data sources	Drag&Drop, Windows context menu, archive printer, watched folders, MS Office, Open/Libre Office	Drag & Drop, Windows context menu, archive printer, monitored folders, MS Office, Open/Libre Office, data import from SQL-based third-party applications (ERP, PPS, CRM, etc.), app with photo function
Data / document export	Multiselect-Dateiexport, CSV, XLS, Openoffice	Multiselect file export, CSV, XLS, Openoffice, XML, specific CSV export, self-supporting archive export
Installation / storage location	On Premise / Cloud	
Languages	Full support for German and English Machine translation (Windows client only, subject to change) for 20+ other languages	

Scalability		
Maximum number of archived documents	Limited only by the hard disk / storage capacity. Many millions of documents can be stored on standard storage systems (HDD, RAID, NAS, SAN, etc.).	
Document growth Documents / Day	Max. approx. 2,000 (with OCR)	Max. approx. 50.000 (with OCR-Clustering)
Number of users	Unlimited (1-5 recommended)	Unlimited (-5,000 recommended)
Multi-tenant capability	No	Yes
Multiple Sites / Databases	No	Yes
Terminal Server / Citrix	Yes (client only)	
Working via VPN / Home Office	Yes	
Local client / centrally controlled client update	No	Yes

Functionality		
Search	Universal search, full text, links, keywords, additional fields, status fields, users/groups, document type, GDocID, creation/modification/deletion date. Combinatorics AND/OR/NOT/LITERAL. Search in the document with graphic highlighting	
Saved searches (bookmarks)	Yes, local	Yes, local and global
Default user interface properties	Flexible area arrangement, context menus, auto-completion, documents in tab/separate window, multiselect list functions, sorting / filtering / grouping / calculations / reporting	
Filing organization	Freely definable tree structure of storage locations and archives, additional and status fields that can be freely defined per archive, authorizations per field, status and archive	
Storage functions (authorization-dependent)	Import, move, duplicate, delete documents	Import, move, duplicate, delete, store documents as symbolic links
Document functions (authorization-dependent)	Edit/save, open original file, save locally, print, email, copy to clipboard	
Document view	Scroll / zoom, open in separate window, page thumbnails, rotate / enhance document, notes, reference marking in full-text search, show stationery, reading mode (F11/Alt-F11)	
Graphical tools	Text notes, text and image stamps, pens, lines, highlighter, arrow, with copy and paste function, public and private slides (layers)	
Stamp functions	Stamps automatically set status buttons	Stamps automatically set status buttons and start plugins (for transfer to DATEV, others.)
Metadata	Full text, keywords, additional and status fields, table fields, creation/modification/deletion date, document type, creator, links, annotations, comments, edit history	
Editing	Exclusive editing mode, check-out/check-in, external editing, data fields with keywording help and selection lists, graphical tools and stamps, comments	
Organisation of work	Save documents, keep them open in window/tab, workstation function, follow-up, forwarding with feedback, create local bookmarks, create documents from templates, follow-up favorites, deadline monitoring (escalation)	
Active information for new tasks	Monitored tasks with automatic pop-ups	Monitored tasks and bookmarks with automatic pop-ups/email notifications

Editing files	Editing option configurable, check-out for editing, lock document audit-proofed	Editing option configurable, check-out for editing, lock document audit-proofed, with versioning, automatic notification in case of change (subscription)
Subscribe to documents	No	Yes
Versioning	No	Yes
Substitution in absentia	No	Yes
Supervisors / controllers	No	Yes
Contract management	No	Yes
Creation of self-supporting archives (e.g. on USB stick)	No	Yes
Usability Functions	Direct editing in the main mask, keyboard usability, quick hints, filters, autocomplete, automatic saving of interface and table settings, "do not show again" function, suggest recent shortcuts, hotkey search from other applications, drag and drop, multiselect, copy/paste notes, remember last tool, autozoom, favorites, multi-screen support	
Help for people with disabilities	Keyboard usability, high-contrast scheme, changeable color schemes as well as color + icons for status buttons, screen reader support (limited)	
Designs	bitfarm-Archiv GPL (8, 10, 12), Dark (8, 10, 12), Aluminium	bitfarm-Archiv Enterprise (8, 10, 12), Dark (8, 10, 12), Aluminium, High Contrast, Aqua, Candy, Cinnamon, Cloud, Cream, Grass, Jungle, Sand, Silver Blue

Business Logic & Automation

Regular expressions for the bookmark editor	Yes	Yes
Forwarding bookmarks and follow-ups in case of absence	No	Yes
Automatic document import	Yes, e.g. one-click batch scanning, file capture via monitored folder, automatic print data transfer	Yes, e.g. one-click batch scan with barcode sticker / separator sheet, file capture via monitored folder, automatic print data transfer
Automatic sorting	By content	By barcode and content
Automatic keywording	Qualified information can be read by rule from document types that have been defined once	Qualified information can be read by rule from document types once defined or by barcode.
Automatic keywording and file creation via regular expressions as search masks	Yes	Yes
Automatic linking (Records Management)	Different documents of a process / project / etc. are transferred via a common number / identifier circle automatically linked to each other	Different documents of a process / project / etc. are transferred via a common number / identifier circle automatically linked to each other
Automatic document transport (workflow)	Create, view, and edit follow-ups. Multi-level parallel, sequential and mixed with case distinctions, at user or group level	Create, view, and edit follow-ups. Multi-level parallel, sequential and mixed with case distinctions, at user or group level, global bookmarks with hint function
Individual, advanced business intelligence	Not available	Plugins allow the implementation of specific requirements. Basic plugins are included as a starting point for your own adjustments. Further customizing possible on request / after requirements analysis

Administration		
Integrated administrator interface	Yes	Yes
User account features	Add / change / block / delete / organize users into groups, assign roles	(AD-)Add / change / block / delete / organize users into (AD) groups, assign roles, absence with representatives, supervisors and controller function
Copy / paste objects / permissions across multiple archives / on user and group basis	Yes	Yes
Data field types	Yes/no status, alphanumeric, integer, currency, floating point, date, selection, Multi selection, table, DLM active fields	
Data field properties	Search methods Word beginning / end of word / word component. List fields are limited or expandable by the user. Link function, name function	
Permission level per field / data structure (users / groups)	Read, write, change	
Function permissions archive-related (users / groups)	View, Search, Change/Edit, Write, Email, Move, Print, Delete, Link, Import, History, Cancel Workflow, Admin, Log Reading, File Audit-proof, Read Note, Write Note, Change Note	View, Search, Change/Edit, Write, Email, Move, Print, Delete, Link, Import, History, Cancel Workflow, Admin, Log Read, File Audit-proof, Read Note, Write Note, Change Note, Export
Deletion Deadlines / Document Lifecycle (DLM)	Firmly integrated by document type/metadata or dynamically workflow	
Mandatory fields (input required)	Yes	Yes
User input plausibility check (check program)	No	Yes
Blacklist / whitelist for files and email attachments	Yes	Yes
Duplicate check	Simple (file comparison)	Advanced (via metadata)
Creating Reports	8 different user/group/archive and authorization reports, as well as exportable administrator log and history excerpts	

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Locally installed client with automated updates	No	Yes
AD integration, central maintenance of users and groups in AD	No	Yes
Troubleshooting	Server / client logs, adjustable log level	

Interfaces & Standards		
Client-server communication	SSL secured	SSL secured
Metadata transfer from other systems	No	ODBC, TXT, CSV or XML file, plugin scripting, access to other databases
Integration in Thunderbird	Yes	Yes
Archiving of David / Faxware e-mails and faxes incl. attachments and metadata	Yes	Yes
Integration in MS-Office	Yes	Yes
Converter	Libre Office	Libre Office, ACME-CAD Converter, ISBConverter, other third-party tools

Supported ERP/CRM/PPS systems, implementation of the ERP principle as a leading system	Applies to all systems with document output via print job and hotkey copiable screen mask. Additionally, the viewer can also be controlled via command line, and documents can be transferred via a monitored folder.	As before, specialized adaptations / interfaces available for SAP ERP, SAP B1, Microsoft Dynamics NAV and AX, Sage, Infor, PSD, GDI, KSR VCS, MACS, JD Edwards, MR Micro, MIV, Winsolvenz, Datev, Vogler & Hauke Professional ERP, AvERP, Ceos, Miclas, Eurotrade, Immoware24, PPeaSe, Brainstorm, IMAS, Agresso, TOPIX, OfficeWare, C-Logic, ZEB, Diamant, M3B, Inteos, Filemaker, Perfektfibu, Access, MR Micro, GeoVision, Lexware, E3, bäumer industry, FUPA, DINAS, TMS, VSB, COLD, System 2000, Carat, AS/400 based system and many more. [1]
Archiving of AS/400 CI / Cold Documents	No	Yes
SAP Interface / Content Server	No	Yes [2]
DATEV connection	No	Yes, export to ReWe and Enterprise Online
http API	No	Yes
Conformity to GoBD	Yes, process documentation and compliant IT landscape required [3]	
GDPR compliance	Yes, appropriate configuration / IT landscape required [4]	
Support for DIN EN ISO 9001 workflows / ISO 9001 ff. conformity	Yes	Yes
Plugin interfaces	No	Yes

Licensing, Support & Services

License costs per user / computer	None	No license costs, support costs according to number of users (named / concurrent)
License costs dependent on document volume	None	None
License costs per scan space / file capture	None	None
Optional fee-based add-on modules	None	If required: Barcode reader (2D/Datamatix/QR) Omnipage Ultimate
commercial use permitted without restriction	Yes	Yes
Built-in advertising/adware	No. The software and installer packages are digitally signed by "BITFARM Informationssysteme GmbH, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Deutschland". Make sure that this signature is valid if you use other software download sources	
License	GPLv2	GPLv2
Consulting, process analysis, planning, installation, test operation, admin and user training, individual adjustments, support during the "go live" (remote / on-site)	No	Yes
Support	Moderated forum on Sourceforge	Direct support from bitfarm GmbH or certified bitfarm partners

(1) Paid partner products

(2) Only available for installations managed directly by bitfarm GmbH

(3) The German GoBD prescribes procedural documentation for companies in the event of digital archiving of tax documents as a substitute, which must be prepared by the company and must be submitted on request. See also here (German language only)

(4) according to GDPR-compliant configuration of the deletion periods. For more information on legal deletion periods, please contact your data protection officer