**🚀 1. CI/CD (Continuous Integration / Deployment)**

| **Feature** | **GitHub** | **GitLab** |
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| **Built-in CI** | GitHub Actions (powerful, flexible but YAML-heavy) | GitLab CI/CD is natively integrated and very robust |
| **Runner setup** | Requires setup of GitHub runners | GitLab Runners are easy to manage and customizable |

✅ **Winner**: **GitLab** for native CI/CD.

**🔐 2. Security & DevSecOps**

| **Feature** | **GitHub** | **GitLab** |
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| SAST, DAST, etc. | GitHub Advanced Security (paid) | Built-in security scanning (SAST, DAST, Secret Detection, etc. in Free tier for some) |
| Dependency scan | Supported via Dependabot | Built-in |

✅ **Winner**: **GitLab**, especially for **DevSecOps pipelines**.

**🧑‍💻 3. Project Management**

| **Feature** | **GitHub** | **GitLab** |
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| Boards, Issues | GitHub Projects, Issues | Built-in Agile boards, Epics, Milestones |
| Roadmaps | Beta/limited | Available (Premium+) |

✅ **Winner**: **GitLab** for full Agile management in one tool.

**💰 4. Pricing**

| **Tier** | **GitHub** | **GitLab** |
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| Free Tier | Great for individuals & open source | Good for teams with free CI/CD |
| Paid Tier | Cheaper for small teams | Higher cost but more features |

✅ **Winner**: **Depends**. **GitHub** for individuals/startups; **GitLab** for all-in-one enterprise DevOps.

**🌐 5. Self-Hosting**

| **Feature** | **GitHub** | **GitLab** |
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| On-prem version | GitHub Enterprise Server | GitLab CE (Community) + EE (Enterprise) |
| Customization | Limited | Fully customizable |

✅ **Winner**: **GitLab**, especially for private infrastructure.

**🔁 6. Community & Ecosystem**

| **Metric** | **GitHub** | **GitLab** |
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| Community | Massive open-source community | Strong but smaller community |
| Marketplace | Large plugin & action marketplace | Smaller, but growing |

✅ **Winner**: **GitHub** for open source and integrations.

**🧠 Verdict**

| **Use Case** | **Best Platform** |
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| Solo developers, open-source focus | **GitHub** |
| Enterprise DevOps with built-in CI/CD | **GitLab** |
| Security & Compliance (DevSecOps) | **GitLab** |
| Deep GitHub ecosystem integration | **GitHub** |
| Full ALM (Agile + Dev + CI/CD) | **GitLab** |