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Feature	GitHub	GitLab
Owner	Microsoft	GitLab Inc.
Hosting	Cloud + Self-hosted (Enterprise)	Cloud + Self-hosted (Community & Enterprise)
Open Source	✖ Platform is closed source	✅ Core platform is open source
Primary Focus	Code hosting & collaboration	Full DevOps platform
CI/CD	GitHub Actions (separate workflows)	Built-in CI/CD (native)
Issue Tracking	Good	Very advanced
Project Management	Basic (Projects, milestones)	Advanced (epics, roadmaps)
Security & DevSecOps	Add-ons & marketplace tools	Built-in security scanning
Container Registry	Yes	Yes (more tightly integrated)
Package Registry	Yes	Yes
Marketplace / Extensions	Very large ecosystem	Smaller but integrated
UI / UX	Cleaner, simpler	More complex, powerful
Community Size	Largest developer community	Smaller but enterprise-focused

Feature	GitHub	GitLab
Public Repos	Free	Free
Private Repos	Free	Free
Self-Hosting Ease	More complex	Easier and common
License Options	Per-seat pricing	Per-user tiers, generous free tier

Platform	Hosted / Self-hosted	CI/CD	Key Strengths
GitLab	**Cloud + Self-hosted**	✅ **Built-in**	**Full DevOps suite, strong CI/CD**
Bitbucket (Atlassian)	**Cloud + Self-hosted**	✅ **Built-in (Pipelines)**	**Jira/Confluence integration**
SourceHut	**Cloud + Self-hosted**	✅ **Built-in**	**Lightweight, Unix-style, modular**
Gitea	**Self-hosted**	**Add-ons**	**Lightweight and simple**
Gogs	**Self-hosted**	**Add-ons**	**Very lightweight**
Azure DevOps Repos	**Cloud**	✅ **Built-in**	**Enterprise-grade, MS ecosystem**
AWS CodeCommit	**Cloud**	**Integrated with AWS**	**Secure, scalable**
Phabricator (archived)	**Self-hosted**	**Partial**	**Code review and project tools**
Codeberg	**Cloud**	**Integrates CI**	**Non-profit, open development**
SourceForge	**Cloud**	**Basic**	**Classic open-source host**