

Business Rules Engines Compared

Feature comparison of leading BRE platforms, Q1 2026



| Capability | DecisionRules | InRule | Decisions | Drools | Taktile | GoRules | Higson | FlexRule | Nected | RuleBricks |
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| Low-code/no-code | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| SaaS | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes Only cloud | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Dedicated Specialist (on request) | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Free trial | Yes | No | Yes on request | Yes It is open source | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Easy to Learn | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Partial Need a tutor for quick learning | No | Partial Need a tutor for quick learning | Yes |
| Case Study Templates | Yes | Yes | Yes | Partial Can find solutions on GitHub | No | Yes | No | No | Yes Small number of templates | Yes Small number of templates |
| Kafka Integration | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Integration Platforms | Yes N8N, Zapier | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes Zapier |
| Excel Add-In | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Lookup Tables | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes Only one output per key | Partial Load data to cache memory | Partial Required SQL knowledge | Partial Only in flow (cannot be reused) |
| AI-Assistant | Yes | Yes | No Only AI node in flow | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes limited to 5 free chats - beyond that, requires bringing your own A... | Yes |
| AI-Agent | Yes | Yes | Yes primary/sub-agent delegation, tool usage, agent-to-agent communication | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Partial AI Inference node inside a Flow, not a reusable AI Agent asset |
| Explainable AI | Yes | No | Partial decision history captures model, prompt, outputs etc. but no struct... | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| MCP Server | Yes | No | Yes | Yes Community implementation (not officially supported) | No | No | No | No | No | No |

Yes supported Partial supported with limitations (see note) No not supported

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What the capabilities mean

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| Low-code/no-code | Visual interface allowing non-developers to create and modify rules without writing code. |
| SaaS | Software as a Service. |
| Dedicated Specialist (on request) | Assignment of a dedicated Professional Services team member who guides you through implementation and onboarding. |
| Free trial | Availability of a public free trial period. |
| Easy to Learn | Ease of onboarding for new users; intuitiveness of UI; quality of documentation. |
| Case Study Templates | Availability of pre-built, production-ready rule templates covering common use cases. |
| Kafka Integration | Native Kafka support allowing event-driven rule execution. |

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| Integration Platforms | Pre-built connectors and nodes for automation platforms like N8N, Zapier, and Make for no-code integration. |
| Excel Add-In | Native Excel plugin allowing users to execute rules, test data, and interact with the platform directly from Microsoft Excel. |
| Lookup Tables | Reusable data dictionaries and reference tables that can be centrally managed and referenced across multiple rules without duplication. |
| AI-Assistant | AI capabilities for generating rules from natural language. |
| AI-Agent | AI components called as nodes inside a decision flow to handle tasks like document parsing, classification, or sentiment analysis. |
| Explainable AI | Surfaces the reasoning, confidence, and source evidence behind every AI-generated result, so decisions can be justified to regulators or auditors. |
| MCP Server | A Model Context Protocol endpoint that lets AI tools like Claude or Cursor query the platform's documentation and rules directly from the IDE. |