

Helical Insight: Completely Free Open Source BI with Built-in AI & Every Enterprise Feature at No Cost

Hyderabad-based Helical Insight offers AI analytics, SSO, embedded analytics, pixel-perfect reports, multi-tenancy & row-level security - all free.

HYDERABAD, TELANGANA, INDIA, August 28, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Helical Insight, the open source business intelligence and embedded analytics platform developed by Hyderabad-based Helical IT Solutions, has made its complete enterprise feature set permanently free in its Community Edition, including built-in AI-powered conversational analytics.

This makes Helical Insight a fully free, open source BI platform with AI analytics, SSO, embedded analytics, pixel-perfect paginated reporting, multi-tenancy, row-level security, white-labeling, scheduling, and flexible deployment in one platform.

Organizations looking for a free BI tool with AI, open source business intelligence software, self-hosted BI, or alternatives to Power BI, Tableau, Looker, SSRS, Crystal Reports, JasperReports, and BIRT can deploy Helical Insight Community Edition with \$0 licensing cost, no trial expiry, no feature restrictions, and no upgrade requirement for enterprise capabilities.

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Most BI vendors, including open source platforms, offer free versions to help organizations get started, then charge for the enterprise features needed to run analytics in production.”

Nikhilesh Tiwari, Director

The Problem With Existing Free BI Tools

The open source BI market often requires organizations to choose between zero licensing cost and production-ready capabilities. Features such as enterprise SSO, embedded analytics, advanced security, AI analytics, and pixel-perfect



reporting are frequently limited to paid editions.

Metabase's open source edition has limitations around enterprise SSO, row-level security, interactive embedding, and white-labeling. Apache Superset does not natively provide pixel-perfect paginated reporting required for invoices, financial statements, compliance documents, and operational reports. Neither provides built-in AI conversational analytics in its free edition.

Commercial BI platforms can also carry significant licensing costs. Power BI Premium Per User is priced at \$24 per user per month, while Tableau Creator is \$75 per user per month. Looker deployments can involve substantially higher annual contracts.

Helical Insight Community Edition costs \$0.

The banner for Helical Insight's Free Open Source BI with AI & Source Code. It features the Helical Insight logo and tagline 'Open Source Business Intelligence'. The main headline is 'Helical Insight Free Open Source BI with AI & Source Code'. Below this, it states 'The complete Business Intelligence platform. 100% Free. 100% Open Source.' and provides links to 'Download Now' (Feature-complete Community Edition), 'Get Source Code' (Build, customize & scale without limits), and 'Enterprise Support & Services' (SLA-backed support, implementation, consulting & white-labeling). A central image shows a 'Sales Overview' dashboard with various charts and tables. To the right, a green circle with a person icon says 'OPEN SOURCE'. At the bottom, there are links to 'Download Free' and 'Star on GitHub', along with deployment options (On-Premise, Cloud, Docker, Kubernetes), data connectivity (Connect to Any Data Databases, Data Warehouses, Big Data & More), security features (Secure & Scalable Enterprise-grade security & high performance), and website/GitHub links.

Helical Insight: Free Open source BI Tool

The banner for Helical Insight's 'The Complete BI Platform. Now 100% Free.' It features the Helical Insight logo and tagline 'Open Source Business Intelligence & Embedded Analytics'. The main headline is 'The Complete BI Platform. Now 100% Free.' and states 'AI-Powered. Open Source. Enterprise Ready.' Below this, it says 'Helical Insight Community Edition includes every enterprise feature permanently free – including AI analytics.' A central image shows a 'Sales Overview' dashboard with various charts and tables. To the right, a green circle with a person icon says 'OPEN SOURCE'. At the bottom, there are links to 'Download Free' and 'Star on GitHub', along with deployment options (On-Prem, Cloud, Docker, K8s), data connectivity (Connect to Any Data Databases, Data Warehouses, Big Data & More), security features (Secure & Scalable Enterprise-grade security & high performance), and website/GitHub links.

Free Open source BI Tool with AI analytics

What Helical Insight Community Edition Includes

The free Community Edition provides the complete BI platform without a trial period or feature expiration.

AI-Powered Conversational Analytics: Users can query connected datasets in natural language and receive answers as charts, tables, or summaries. The Bring-Your-Own-LLM (BYO-LLM) architecture supports providers such as OpenAI, Anthropic Claude, and Gemini. Query context passes directly from the organization's server to its selected LLM endpoint, keeping Helical Insight outside the data path.

Pixel-Perfect Paginated Reports: Generate multi-page, print-ready reports with precise formatting for invoices, balance sheets, profit and loss statements, regulatory documents, and operational reporting. This addresses reporting requirements traditionally handled by Crystal Reports, SSRS, JasperReports, BIRT, and Pentaho.

Interactive Dashboards: Create interactive dashboards with drill-down, drill-through, cross-

filtering, and multiple visualization options.

Embedded Analytics: Embed dashboards and reports into applications using REST APIs and JavaScript without per-viewer licensing fees, making the platform suitable for SaaS and customer-facing analytics.

Enterprise SSO: SAML, JWT, OAuth, Okta, and custom token-based authentication are included.

Multi-Tenancy: Support multiple isolated organizations, departments, or customers from a single deployment.

Row-Level Data Security: Restrict data access according to user identity, role, organization, or profile.

White-Labeling: Rebrand the analytics interface for OEM, client-facing, or reseller deployments.

Report Scheduling and Bursting: Automatically generate and distribute reports to recipients while providing each recipient with the appropriate data.

Flexible Deployment: Deploy on-premises, in the cloud, through Docker, Kubernetes, or hybrid environments. The platform is self-hosted by design, and data is not sent to external servers unless an organization explicitly connects an external LLM.

The Only Difference Between Free and Paid Editions

The Community Edition includes the same feature set as the Enterprise Edition. Its exports and embedded dashboards retain a non-removable “Helical Insight” attribution mark.

Enterprise Edition removes the attribution and provides dedicated enterprise support with an SLA. No BI capabilities are gated or reserved exclusively for paid customers.

Built for Different BI Use Cases

Helical Insight Community Edition is designed for:

SaaS companies embedding analytics into applications without per-viewer licensing costs.

Enterprises replacing Crystal Reports, SSRS, JasperReports, BIRT, or Pentaho with modern BI, dashboards, and paginated reporting.

Data teams requiring AI analytics while maintaining control of sensitive data through BYO-LLM architecture.

Regulated organizations in healthcare, financial services, insurance, and government requiring self-hosted analytics.

Startups and growing businesses seeking enterprise-grade BI capabilities without licensing

costs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a completely free open source BI tool with AI analytics?

Yes. Helical Insight Community Edition is a free, open source BI platform with built-in AI conversational analytics through its BYO-LLM architecture. The primary limitation is the non-removable attribution mark.

Which free BI tools include SSO and embedded analytics?

Helical Insight Community Edition includes enterprise SSO and embedded analytics without requiring a paid upgrade.

What is BYO-LLM analytics?

Bring-Your-Own-LLM allows organizations to use an LLM API controlled by them. Query context passes directly from their infrastructure to their selected LLM endpoint rather than through Helical Insight servers, supporting organizations with strict data-control requirements.

Can Helical Insight replace Crystal Reports, SSRS, BIRT, Pentaho, or JasperReports?

Yes. Its paginated reporting engine supports multi-page, pixel-perfect, print-ready reports alongside interactive dashboards and analytics.

What is the difference between Community and Enterprise Edition?

Both editions provide the same features. Enterprise removes the attribution mark and adds dedicated SLA-based support.

Is Helical Insight open source?

Yes. Helical Insight Community Edition is free and open source, with its source code publicly available on GitHub.

Availability

Helical Insight Community Edition is available immediately as a free download.

GitHub: <https://github.com/helicalinsight/helicalinsight>

Website & Documentation: <https://www.helicalinsight.com/>

Community Forum: <http://forum.helicalinsight.com/>

Professional Services: <https://www.helicalinsight.com/professional-services>

About Helical Insight

Helical Insight is an open source Business Intelligence and Embedded Analytics platform developed by Helical IT Solutions, headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

The platform combines AI-powered conversational analytics, interactive dashboards, pixel-perfect paginated reporting, embedded analytics, SSO, multi-tenancy, row-level security, white-labeling, report scheduling, and flexible deployment in a single self-hosted BI platform.

Helical Insight supports on-premises, cloud, Docker, Kubernetes, and hybrid deployments and is used by organizations across healthcare, banking, manufacturing, and enterprise software.

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