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Choosing the right loan management software is one of the most important decisions your lending business will make.

With dozens of platforms, feature lists, and pricing models out there, it's easy to feel overwhelmed.

This checklist simplifies the process — helping you compare vendors side-by-side and make a confident, data-driven choice.

Use this workbook to:

- Identify your must-have LMS features
- Evaluate vendors on consistency, scalability, and compliance
- Estimate your total cost of ownership (TCO)
- Prepare smarter questions for demo calls
- Spot the red flags before you sign a contract

# 1. 10-Point Vendor Scorecard

Rate each vendor from **1 (Poor)** to **5 (Excellent)** for every category below.  
Add your total score to see which platform delivers the best long-term value.

Category	Description	Vendor A	Vendor B	Vendor C
1. Core Features	Does it cover origination, servicing, collections, and reporting?			
2. Compliance & Audit Trail	Built-in compliance tools and data transparency?			
3. Scalability	Can it handle your growing loan volume and new products?			
4. Security	Encryption, data access controls, and GDPR readiness?			
5. Integration	Does it connect easily to CRMs, accounting, and payment gateways?			
6. User Experience	Is the interface intuitive for both teams and borrowers?			
7. Implementation Time	How long does it take to go live?			
8. Customization	Can workflows and products be configured without coding?			
9. Pricing Transparency	Is pricing clear, fixed, and aligned with usage?			
10. Support & Training	What level of onboarding, support, and updates are included?			

**Total Score (out of 50):** \_\_\_\_\_

Interpretation:

- **40–50:** Excellent fit — strong feature coverage and scalability.
- **30–39:** Worth exploring — good functionality, check implementation effort.
- **Below 30:** May not meet your long-term business needs.

## 2. Editable Comparison Table

Use this sheet to track the vendors you're considering and summarize your impressions.

Vendor	Strengths	Weaknesses	Best For	Pricing (Monthly/Annual)	Notes
LendFusion					
LoanPro					
HES FinTech					
Turnkey Lender					
Finastra					
BrightOffice					
Appello					
Nortridge					
nCino					
Blend					



### 3. Key Questions to Ask During Vendor Demos

Before you book demos, prepare these essential questions to get beyond the marketing pitch.

Question	Why It Matters	Your Notes
How do you handle regulatory updates and compliance changes?	Ensures future-proofing and risk reduction.	
What level of automation can we configure ourselves (without IT)?	Tests usability and scalability for your team.	
Is your platform cloud-based, on-premise, or hybrid?	Impacts cost, flexibility, and data control.	
What's your average onboarding time for clients our size?	Reveals implementation complexity.	
How is pricing structured — by loan volume, users, or modules?	Prevents surprises later.	
How do you support clients post-launch?	Checks long-term service quality.	

**Pro tip:** Take notes during each demo, then update your scorecard after each call while details are still fresh.

### 4. Calculate Your Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

Don't just compare monthly pricing — factor in all associated costs. Use this table to calculate your *real* investment over time.

Cost Component	Description	Estimated Cost (€/£)
Base subscription fee	Monthly or annual platform cost	
Implementation / setup	One-time configuration and onboarding	
Add-ons / integrations	API or module-based fees	
Training & support	Ongoing user enablement or premium plans	
Data migration	Importing existing loan and borrower data	
Internal labor costs	Staff time during setup and rollout	

TCO (12 months): \_\_\_\_\_

**Tip:** A transparent vendor should help you estimate your TCO upfront — if they can't, that's a red flag.

## 5. Quick Quiz: Which Type of LMS Fits Your Business?






Circle the option that best matches your lending model.

- A. You manage short-term, high-value property loans → *Bridge Loan Software*
- B. You issue personal or consumer loans → *Consumer Lending Software*
- C. You handle auto loans or secured products → *Auto Loan Software*
- D. You finance businesses or SMEs → *Commercial Lending Software*
- E. You manage multiple loan types under one brand → *Comprehensive LMS*

**If you checked more than one:**

You'll need a **configurable, all-in-one LMS** that adapts to multiple lending verticals.

## 6. Red Flags That Signal a Poor LMS Fit

1.  **Opaque pricing.** If it's hard to get a clear price breakdown, expect hidden costs later.
2.  **Lengthy setup times.** Anything beyond 3–6 months suggests complexity or poor onboarding.
3.  **Limited configurability.** You shouldn't need developers for every change.
4.  **Weak compliance tools.** Missing audit trails or regulation modules are major risks.
5.  **Unresponsive support.** If pre-sales is slow, post-launch will be worse.

## 7. Your Decision Snapshot

When you've completed the checklist, summarize your findings here:

Vendor	Score	Estimated TCO	Overall Fit	Next Step

## 8. Make Your Data-Driven Decision

You've done the hard work — now turn your insights into a confident decision.

### Final Tips:

- Revisit your top 2–3 platforms and request a tailored demo.
- Ask for client references from lenders similar to your size.
- Validate compliance and support promises before signing.

And remember:

The right LMS doesn't just manage loans — it scales your entire lending operation.

Ready to make your shortlist count?

You've compared the top platforms — now see what a unified, configurable LMS looks like in action.

[Book a personalized demo with LendFusion](#) and discover how modern automation can transform your lending operations from manual to effortless — all while reducing costs, boosting compliance, and freeing your team to focus on growth.