If you're developing applications on the IBM®i platform, there’s a good chance you already have a development or change management process in place. But as the needs of your users grow more complex, so do the processes required to meet them. These increased requirements can only be met successfully with a modern DevOps approach.

Here are 6 areas to consider when sizing up your current solution, and what to look for when you’ve decided to switch to one that’s more comprehensive.

### The Modern DevOps Approach
How to make sure your application lifecycle management solution is keeping up with modern business requirements

#### 1. Is web and mobile development in sync with IBM®i development?

Look for an ALM solution that takes a holistic approach. Ensure development schedules include mobile development processes and deadlines before users are impacted.

#### 2. Is deployment fully automated?

Leverage an ALM solution that enables you to bridge the gap between development and operations. An automated deployment process minimizes rework and allows you to manage deliverables at the highest quality level.

#### 3. Is my lifecycle management solution easy to implement, configure, and use?

Consider a lifecycle management solution that is flexible enough to adapt to the demands of any team, application, and IBM®i process. It should enable you to manage simple projects as well as complex requirements without having to create macros and scripts.

#### 4. Am I spending large amounts of time and resources on manual compliance reporting and audit preparation?

Search for a modern ALM software solution where DevOps best practices are enforced without requiring you to think about compliance. It should offer meaningful reporting of data or organizational metrics and provide special report templates designed specifically for your needs.

#### 5. Is my solution staying current?

Consider a software change management vendor that’s capable of meeting your business needs. A good vendor will embrace change by providing a flexible and sustainable technology framework, ensuring that your solution stays viable and relevant.

#### 6. Does my solution enable developers to leverage their preferred modern tools and languages?

Empower your developers with an ALM platform that supports the latest tools and technologies. Your ALM solution should integrate with industry-standard tools such as Git™, Jenkins, and Jira, so your team can continue using the tools they depend on to develop high-quality, innovative applications.

If your current solution doesn’t meet one or all of these modern requirements, it’s time to look elsewhere.

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