

A woman with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a grey blazer over a black top, is standing in a warehouse. She is holding a tablet computer and looking at the screen. The background shows rows of cardboard boxes on pallets in a warehouse setting.

Business Automation Fitness Test

Is a comprehensive intelligent business automation solution right for your business?

Most businesses can benefit from strategically automating business operations. But with all the technology choices out there, it can be challenging to know which automation software solution will work best to solve your problems or achieve business objectives.

This fitness test is designed to help you decide if a comprehensive automation software solution – one that combines a complete set of automation and AI capabilities with accelerators – is right for you.

Using the table below, check (✓) each business needs you're addressing now or plan to address in the next three years. Count each checkmark as 1 point. Calculate your points and use the scoring guide below to determine your fit.

Doing this now or planning to within the next 3 years	Business need
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduce time spent manually classifying and understanding content and documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extract information and data from different types of documents (structured or unstructured content)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enable collaboration across business users and IT to model business processes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase straight-through processing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve business rules and decision models using machine learning and AI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minimize the time spent performing manual activities involving multiple systems and business applications
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gain an accurate understanding of as-is process and task flows
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pinpoint operational inefficiencies and bottlenecks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use bots to automate repetitive tasks and enhance worker productivity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make adjustments to improve operations based on data-driven insights
Total _____	

Total 8-10: **Excellent fit for a comprehensive software solution.** Your organization is using, or will be using, many of the features that make up a business automation solution that offers a complete set of essential automation and AI capabilities for automating a wide range of business processes and use cases.

Learn more about the IBM Cloud Pak for Business Automation – a modular, complete set of integrated automation and AI capabilities for improving business performance.

Total 5-7: **Good fit.** While your organization may not yet need a full set of automation software capabilities offered by a comprehensive solution, you can benefit from the flexibility or integration it can afford to achieve scale when you're ready.

This may be a good opportunity to:

- Review current automation technologies, especially those that have been in place for several years, such as business process management or content management. For example, if you plan to move to cloud (SaaS) or containers as part of an IT modernization strategy, do you have what you need to deploy on a particular cloud platform? Does your current vendor have a plan or migration strategy to take you to the newest version of your software?
- Assess the balance of technology development goals for business optimization and those for client-focused innovation. If your goals require a combination of multiple capabilities, or if they may change in the near-term, a comprehensive solution may be worth considering.

[Schedule a workshop](#) with our automation experts to assess your current automation strategy, create a list of objectives and prioritize projects.

Total 1-4: **Potential fit.** While you may not need the full power of a comprehensive automation software solution, you may benefit from exploring automation accelerators and software capabilities offered by complete solutions that provide modularity, easy on-ramps, or proven methodologies for automating work.

A good place to start could be with a small-scale automation project. Learn more about how to identify where to best to start for greatest impact. [Watch webcast.](#)

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