

# The CPO's integration strategy assessment

Software companies already maintain a set of core integrations. In today's competitive market, many seek to add the 'long-tail' of integrations they have not yet built.

Below are questions for product leaders to ask their team before they commit to building more integrations.

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## Questions to ask

### Is there a business case?

How do we plan to measure the business impact of new integrations?  
How do we determine the ROI of our existing integrations?

### How are we scoping?

What is our prioritization criteria for new integrations?  
Where are we sourcing new integration requests from?  
Do we have a short and long-list of the next integrations we plan to build?

### What's our staffing plan?

How many resources (engineers / teams) do we have on our current integration offering?  
Do we plan to have these same teams build new integrations?

### What does the build look like?

How do we plan to adapt our code base to these new integrations?  
Is our existing architecture sufficient to handle the increase in data?  
Do we have an existing observability infrastructure we can leverage?

### Do we have maintenance resources?

How quick are we to respond to breaking issues in our integrations?

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## Additional questions

### What's our launch plan?

- What does our customer onboarding experience look like?
- How will we market and advertise these integrations to new prospects? Existing customers?
- How will our sales team need to be enabled?
- What technical training will our post-sales team require?

### Have we explored alternatives?

- Have we investigated third-party vendors, such as a unified API, for building these integrations?

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