

DECISION GUIDE

What should you require from an **AI platform?**

A guide to what it takes to bring together, govern and develop your organisation's AI on a shared foundation.

As AI adoption grows, new questions arise. How do you give the organisation access to different AI models without losing control of data? How do you build in security and governance? And how do you avoid today's choices limiting tomorrow's possibilities? This guide will help you understand when a shared AI platform becomes relevant and what you should expect from it.



AI takes more than a model

It often starts simply. One team tests an AI service. Another starts using a different model. Someone wants to connect AI to internal data and systems. At the same time, IT and the security organisation need to understand what information is being used, where it is processed and which rules apply.

Suddenly, it is no longer enough to ask which AI model is best. The question becomes how everything should work together.

How do you give the organisation access to the right AI without creating a patchwork of separate solutions? How do you maintain control over data? How do you apply the same security and governance principles when models and use cases differ? And how do you build for change as the AI market evolves?

As AI moves from experimentation to becoming part of business processes, the requirements become even more demanding. You need to know not only which model is best suited to the task, but also that it delivers the right level of quality and is available when the organisation needs it. Availability requirements and SLAs become important so that AI does not become a weak link in processes the organisation depends on.

This is when a **shared AI platform** starts to make sense. By AI platform, we mean the technical foundation that connects access to AI models with data, security, governance and the organisation's systems. Instead of every AI initiative becoming a separate solution, the organisation gets a shared foundation to build on.

But not all AI platforms offer the same capabilities. This decision guide will help you understand which requirements matter when evaluating the alternatives.

Advania ALT – our AI platform for a shared, governed foundation

Advania ALT (Advania AI Layer Technology) is Advania's sovereign AI platform. It acts as an intelligent, governed layer between the organisation and AI, connecting AI models, data, applications and the surrounding technical environment.

With Advania ALT, different use cases can be matched with different models, infrastructures and levels of control. A use case involving sensitive information may require a more controlled environment, while another may benefit from an external frontier model. The point is not to choose the same level of sovereignty for all AI, but to enable informed choices within a shared, governed foundation.

Technology is one part of the solution. Advania ALT provides the technical capabilities needed to put decisions into practice, but it does not replace the organisation's work on governance, skills and change management.



1. Can you choose the right model for the right task?

The largest or most advanced AI model is not automatically the right choice for every task.

One use case may require the highest possible model capability. Another may involve sensitive information. A third may need to be optimised for cost. These needs can also change as new models become available.

That makes one question particularly important:
Does the platform build your AI capabilities around a specific model, or does it give you the freedom to choose?

An AI platform should give the organisation access to multiple models and make it possible to match the choice of model to the requirements of the task.

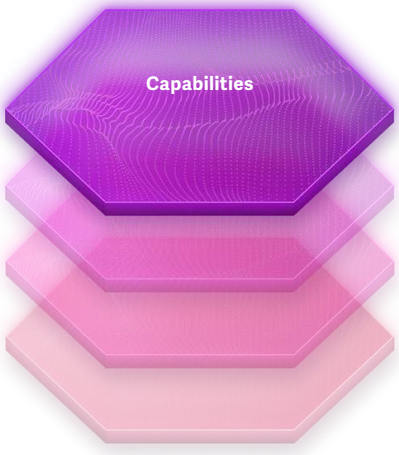
Questions to ask

- Can we use multiple AI models?
- Can we use both external and private models?
- Can model selection be adapted based on factors such as policy, performance, cost or data sensitivity?
- What happens if we want to switch models or providers?
- How much does the user need to understand about which model is appropriate?

How it works with Advania ALT

Advania ALT provides governed access to different AI models through a shared platform. The platform provides access to large open models and models designed for different applications. The organisation can also add its own models for company-specific needs and use external frontier models through its own consumption accounts.

This means different use cases can be matched with the AI best suited to the task, rather than building the organisation's entire AI capability around a single model or provider.



ALT layer: Capabilities

2. Can AI connect to your organisation?

Access to a powerful AI model does not automatically translate into business value.

This means the choice of platform also needs to take into account how AI connects to the existing IT environment.

Questions to ask

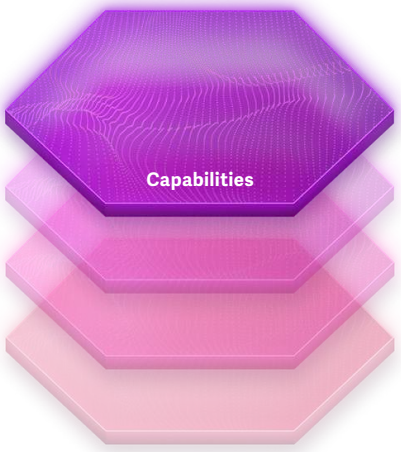
- Can AI connect to our existing systems and data sources?
- Can we reuse the same foundation for multiple applications and use cases?
- How is information protected when AI gains access to organisational data?
- How much custom integration is required for each new use case?
- Can new data sources and applications be connected as needs change?

How it works with Advania ALT

Advania ALT acts as a shared layer between the organisation and AI. The platform is designed to support integration with the organisation's applications, data and user interfaces, allowing AI to be used in the systems and workflows where it is needed.

Today, integration takes place through APIs and file handling, and the platform is designed to support connections to additional information sources in a controlled and secure way in the future.

ALT layer: Capabilities



3. Is governance built into the platform – or only documented in a policy?

An organisation can have a well-formulated AI policy and still lack control over how AI is actually used.

There is a difference between saying:
"This type of information must not be used here."
and being able to enforce that rule when an actual AI request is made.

As AI adoption grows, the question is how to turn governance on paper into governance in practice.

Questions to ask

- Can our AI policies be translated into actual controls?
- Can the same rules be applied across different AI services?
- Is AI usage logged?
- Can we review what happened afterwards?
- Can governance evolve as our requirements change?

How it works with Advania ALT

ALT is designed to make governance part of AI usage itself. The company's security function, CFO function and other governance functions can define how different AI models may be used. Policies and requirements can therefore be translated into controls that are applied when AI is used – both to meet legal and regulatory requirements and to enable more cost-efficient use.



At the same time, logging and traceability enable follow-up. This reduces the reliance on every individual user remembering and interpreting the organisation's rules during every AI interaction.

ALT layer: Compliance

4. Can you give the organisation a secure path to AI?

If the organisation's approved AI options are difficult to find or use, a different problem emerges.

Employees still need to get their work done. As a result, they may start using different AI services outside the organisation's established environment, leading to reduced visibility and control.

But secure AI is not just about blocking what is not allowed. Employees will use AI, so the approved route needs to be easy to find and easy to use. When doing the right thing is easy, it also becomes easier for the organisation to maintain control.

Questions to ask

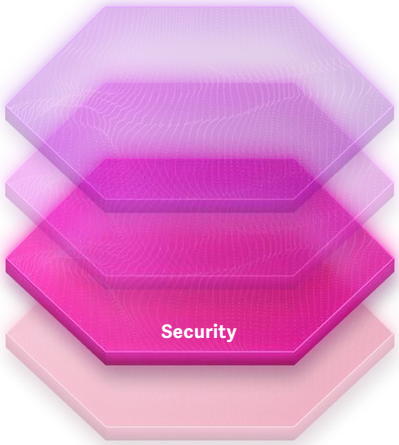
- Who gets access to which AI services?
- Can access be controlled based on user and role?
- Can security rules be applied before information reaches the model?
- Can we create a shared route to approved AI services?
- How do we manage different needs for different users and use cases?

How it works with Advania ALT

Advania ALT manages identity and access through the organisation's existing identity solution. Users sign in via single sign-on (SSO) through Entra ID, and the platform assigns permissions based on roles.

This means the right people get access to the right AI services and resources without having to manage separate logins or manual permission lists. All usage is logged and can be monitored at both individual and team level.

ALT layer: Security



5. Do you have control over your data?

When AI is used, model selection is only part of the equation. You also need to know what information is being used, where it is processed and which services have access to it.

This becomes particularly important when different use cases involve information with different levels of sensitivity. The same technical solution does not have to be right for everything. The platform should therefore give you control over how different AI workloads and data are handled.

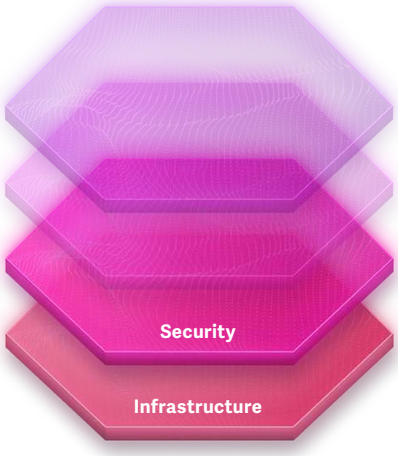
Questions to ask

- Do we know where our data is processed and stored?
- Can different types of data be handled in different ways?
- Can we control where different AI workloads run?
- How do we reduce the exposure of sensitive information to external AI services?
- How are our choices affected by data residency and sovereignty requirements?

How it works with Advania ALT

Advania ALT is designed to give the organisation control over where different AI workloads run and where data is processed. This makes it possible to meet different needs using different environments without losing control of the bigger picture.

A use case involving sensitive information may, for example, require a more isolated environment, while another can use external AI resources. For business-critical processes and AI workloads, capacity can also be adapted to the organisation's requirements. With ALT, the organisation can choose between dedicated and capacity-based AI capacity and enter into operating agreements with relevant SLAs.



ALT layers: Infrastructure + Security

6. Are you building for today's AI or for what comes next?

The AI market is moving quickly. Models that lead today may face competition tomorrow. New requirements may emerge. Costs change. New use cases place different demands on data and infrastructure.

Flexibility is both a technical requirement and a way to keep your options open.

When evaluating an AI platform, you should therefore consider not only what it can do today, but also how much freedom it gives you as your needs change.

Questions to ask

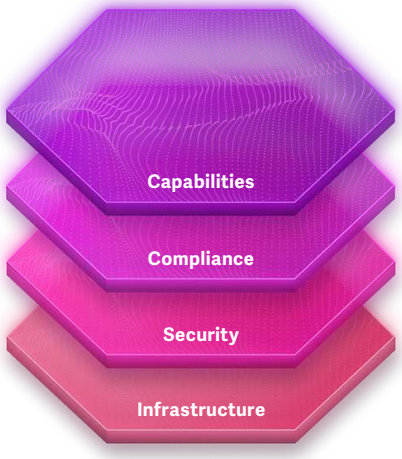
- How dependent will we become on a single model or provider?
- Can we add or switch models as our needs change?
- Can different use cases have different technical requirements within the same foundation?
- Can governance evolve without every AI solution having to be rebuilt?
- Can new use cases use the same shared platform?

How it works with Advania ALT

A central principle behind Advania ALT is that different AI needs should be accommodated within a shared, governed foundation.

The organisation therefore does not need to make a single technology choice that has to suit every use case. Different models, environments and levels of control can be used for different needs while governance remains unified.

ALT layers: Infrastructure + Security + Compliance + Capabilities



Checklist: 15 questions to ask when evaluating an AI platform

Take these questions to your next internal discussion or vendor meeting.

Models and flexibility

- ☐ Can we use multiple AI models?
- ☐ Can model selection be adapted to the use case?
- ☐ Can we switch or add models without rebuilding the entire solution?

Data and sovereignty

- ☐ Do we know where data is processed and stored?
- ☐ Can different types of data be handled in different ways?
- ☐ Do we have control over which AI services can access the information?

Security

- ☐ Can access be controlled based on user and role?
- ☐ Is there a shared, approved route to AI?
- ☐ Can security rules be applied before information reaches the model?

Governance and traceability

- ☐ Can the organisation's AI policies be translated into actual controls?
- ☐ Can usage be logged and monitored?
- ☐ Can the same governance be applied across multiple models and use cases?

Integration and development

- ☐ Can AI connect to our existing data, systems and applications?
- ☐ Can the same foundation be reused for new use cases?
- ☐ Can the platform evolve as our needs and the AI market change?

The more of these questions you can answer before choosing a platform, the better positioned you will be to choose a foundation that continues to work as AI adoption grows and evolves.

Advania ALT: four layers, one shared foundation

The requirements above cover different parts of the AI environment. But they also need to work together.

That is the starting point for **Advania ALT, Advania AI Layer Technology**. ALT acts as an intelligent, governed layer between the organisation and AI, bringing four areas together on a shared foundation.



Infrastructure: The foundation AI runs on
Provides a shared technical foundation for AI and the ability to control where different AI workloads run and where data is processed.

Value for your organisation: Different needs can be met with different environments without losing control of the bigger picture.



Security: Protects data and controls access
Controls access and applies security rules before information is sent to an AI model.

Value for your organisation: Employees get a secure route to approved AI while the organisation's safeguards and rules can be applied.



Compliance: Makes governance part of AI usage
Translates policies and requirements into governance that can be applied when AI is used, with logging and traceability for follow-up.

Value for your organisation: Rules do not have to exist only in a document. Governance can be built into AI usage itself.



Capabilities: Gives the organisation access to the right AI
Brings together access to different AI models and makes it possible to connect AI to the organisation's data, systems and applications.

Value for your organisation: You can use the AI that fits the task without building your entire AI capability around a single model or provider.



An AI platform should keep your options open

As AI adoption grows, the challenge is not simply gaining access to more AI. You need to be able to use different models, different data and different environments without creating separate solutions for every new need.

That is the idea behind Advania ALT.

Instead of requiring every use case to manage models, security and governance separately, ALT creates a shared foundation between the organisation and AI. It also changes the question you need to ask.
Not just:
Which AI should we choose?
But:
How do we build a foundation that allows us to keep choosing?

Next steps

Start with your requirements
There is no one-size-fits-all AI foundation. Your requirements are shaped by the data you handle, the use cases you want to enable, the systems AI needs to connect to and the level of control your organisation requires.

Use the checklist in this guide as your starting point. Identify which requirements matter most to your organisation and which questions still need to be answered.

Would you like to discuss how to turn your AI requirements into practice?
Talk to our AI specialists about your AI environment and how Advania ALT could fit in.

Talk to an AI specialist



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