

Have CM?

or, Do you really have complete, high quality configuration management?

A simple check list:

1. Can you find all the pieces? Is there a configuration item list / work breakdown structure? Include everything (documents, tests, example data, user manuals, tools...)
2. What is the version naming and numbering scheme?
3. Is the working system baselined? Do you know exactly the working version of each item in it?
4. Do you do regression testing when new changes / bug fixes are made?
5. Do you have a process for deciding what changes to make (and what to ignore?) Do you have an approval process for changes (Configuration Change Request)? Do you consider cost and possible impact on quality of a change?

NOTE: CM is *NOT* just being able to find the latest version of something!!