

SELF-ASSESSMENT

AI Readiness Scorecard

A six-part self-assessment for regulated and growing companies. In about ten minutes, get an honest read on where AI is worth deploying, where the governance gaps are, and what to do first.

Rate your organization honestly in each of the six areas. The prompts under each area are there to guide your rating, not to be answered one by one.

How to score. For each area, give yourself a single rating from 0 to 5 based on how true the statements feel today. Write it in the box. Add the six numbers at the end for a score out of 30.

0 · not true

2 · partly

3 · mostly

5 · fully true

1 Strategy & prioritization

YOUR SCORE

You know which problems are actually worth automating, and AI work is tied to business outcomes rather than to whatever tool is in the news.

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- We can name the top 3 AI use cases by business impact.
- Someone senior owns the AI agenda and its trade-offs.
- We say no to low-value AI experiments on purpose.

2 Governance & oversight

YOUR SCORE

AI does not act unsupervised where it matters. There are approval gates on consequential decisions and a clear owner for what the system is allowed to do.

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- High-risk actions require a human sign-off.
- We know which agents/tools can touch which systems.
- Someone is accountable when an AI action goes wrong.

3 Data foundations

YOUR SCORE

The data AI would rely on is accessible, reasonably clean, and you understand where sensitive data lives and who can reach it.

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- Key data is reachable without heroic effort.
- We know where regulated/sensitive data resides.
- Data quality is good enough to trust automated output.

4 Security & compliance

YOUR SCORE

You can deploy AI without inheriting new exposure. Access is scoped, actions are logged, and you can show evidence of how the system behaved.

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- Agents get only the access their job requires.
- Actions are recorded in a reviewable audit log.
- We could produce compliance evidence on request.

5 Talent & operating model

YOUR SCORE

Someone senior can own AI end to end, and the team can run what gets deployed instead of depending on a one-off vendor.

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- There is senior ownership of AI, not just enthusiasm.
- The team can operate and maintain what we deploy.
- We are not blocked waiting on a single vendor.

6 Tooling & integration

YOUR SCORE

AI can plug into the systems where work actually happens, and you are not locked into one model or vendor to make it function.

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- AI can integrate with our core systems of record.
- We are model-agnostic, not locked to one provider.
- Automations fit real workflows, not demos.

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Add your six scores.

Then find your band below.

24–30

Ready to scale

The foundations are there. The gap is execution and keeping governance intact as you expand. A fractional lead can accelerate without adding risk.

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Ready to build, selectively

Strong in places, exposed in others. Close the lowest-scoring areas (usually governance or data) before any broad rollout.

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Foundations first

Broad deployment now would likely create risk faster than value. Start with a senior read and put guardrails in before you build.

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Strategy stage