

AI readiness checklist

If an autonomous AI agent tried to access, understand, and act on your most critical information today, could it?

Check every statement that is true for your organization today. Every unchecked box is a gap between where your information lives now and what the agentic AI era requires.



Can AI agents REACH your information?

AI agents need information that is current, connected, and governed. Modernized environments make that possible at scale.

- ☐ Our critical information is hosted in cloud-native systems that AI agents can access.
- ☐ AI agents can retrieve our information through modern, governed APIs.
- ☐ We are on a current platform version that receives continuous innovation—not a frozen release.



Can AI agents TRUST your information?

Ungoverned information feeds hallucinations and erodes trust in AI outputs.

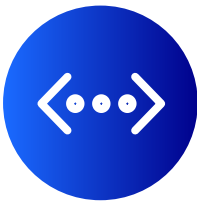
- ☐ We follow a unified, documented information governance approach across the enterprise.
- ☐ Our information is consistently classified, structured, and curated for AI use.
- ☐ We routinely retire outdated, redundant, and obsolete information.
- ☐ We have assessed the quality of our information for AI use.
- ☐ Our employees use only sanctioned AI tools, not unapproved consumer apps.



Can AI agents ACT on your information safely?

Every AI action must be governed, permissioned, and auditable from day one.

- ☐ Access permissions are consistently enforced and extend to govern AI agents.
- ☐ AI interactions with our information are auditable end-to-end.
- ☐ We have a compliance plan for AI-generated outputs (HIPAA, GDPR, EU AI Act, accessibility, industry-specific).



Can AI agents CONNECT to your systems of record?

AI agents need to reach across your systems of record, not just the content in one application.

- ☐ We have visibility into what connects to what across our information estate.
- ☐ Our integrations with core business systems (SAP, M365, Salesforce, Guidewire) are current and actively supported.
- ☐ Activating AI would not require rebuilding our integrations from scratch.



Can you AFFORD to scale AI?

Modernization has a cost. So does waiting. Understanding both is part of readiness.

- ☐ We know what we spend to maintain the systems that are blocking us from AI.
- ☐ We have modeled, or are open to modeling, the multi-year TCO of cloud versus on premises.
- ☐ Our decision makers recognize that every quarter without AI-ready information is a quarter competitors pull ahead.

What your answers tell you

This checklist is a starting point, not a score. The gaps you’ve identified can kickstart a structured readiness discussion. The more boxes you couldn’t check, the wider your AI readiness gap. Close that gap through cloud modernization.

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