

AI readiness checklist

AI is no longer a future bet—it's operational. As models and agents are embedded across the business, organizations face a new reality: scaling AI systems without visibility, ownership or control increases risk.

Without the right governance, AI can quickly create bias, security vulnerabilities and compliance issues, which can undermine the value it delivers.

So where do you start? We've created this AI readiness checklist with questions you, and your stakeholders, should be asking across your AI systems. If you can answer “yes” to these, you're on the right path.

- Do you have a shared business context (glossary, metadata) to describe and understand your AI systems?
- Do you have automated processes to register, update and govern AI systems as they are developed?
- Do your AI systems rely on trusted, high-quality and well-governed data?
- Do your AI systems clearly contribute to measurable business outcomes?
- Do your AI systems comply with internal policies and external regulations such as the EU AI Act or NIST AI RMF?
- Can you trace end-to-end lineage across your AI systems—from data to models to agents to outcomes?
- Can you continuously assess the trustworthiness of your AI systems (e.g. documentation, data quality, risk, compliance) through a standardized score?
- Do you have a clear process to classify AI systems by risk level and criticality?
- Can teams across your organization discover, reuse or collaborate on existing AI systems instead of rebuilding them?
- Are ownership, approvals and governance workflows defined early and enforced throughout the lifecycle?
- Do you capture signals (e.g. performance, usage, risk indicators) to detect issues and trigger actions in your AI systems?
- Do you have a unified, real-time view of your AI portfolio to monitor performance, risk and adoption?

This checklist is just the start of your AI journey. Scaling AI systems—especially with agents—requires more than governance frameworks. It requires automation, continuous traceability, trust signals and real-time oversight. With a unified view of your AI systems, continuous trust assessment and the ability to act on signals, organizations can move from fragmented experimentation to controlled, scalable AI.



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