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Al Readiness Checklist

10-Step Checklist to Prepare Your Business for AI Integration

Overview

This comprehensive checklist will help you assess your organization's readiness for AI implementation and identify areas that need preparation before starting your AI journey.

Business Readiness Assessment

Step 1: Strategic Alignment

- Al Vision Defined: Clear understanding of how Al will support business objectives
- Executive Buy-in: Leadership commitment and sponsorship secured
- **Budget Allocated**: Sufficient budget for implementation, training, and ongoing costs
- Success Metrics: KPIs and ROI expectations clearly defined
- 🔲 Timeline Established: Realistic implementation schedule agreed upon

Step 2: Use Case Identification

• Descent and analysis: Current business processes documented and analyzed

- Automation Opportunities: Repetitive, rule-based tasks identified
- **Value Proposition**: Clear understanding of expected benefits and savings
- **Priority Ranking**: Use cases prioritized by impact and feasibility
- Dilot Project Selected: Initial implementation scope defined

Step 3: Change Management Planning

- Stakeholder Mapping: Key stakeholders and their concerns identified
- Communication Plan: Strategy for announcing and explaining AI initiatives
- Training Strategy: Plan for educating staff on new AI-powered processes
- Resistance Management: Strategies for addressing employee concerns
- 🔲 Success Stories: Plan for sharing wins and building momentum

Technical Infrastructure Assessment

Step 4: IT Infrastructure Review

- Server Capacity: Adequate computing power for AI workloads
- Storage Systems: Sufficient storage for data and AI models
- 🔲 Network Bandwidth: Adequate network capacity for data transfer
- Security Infrastructure: Firewalls, VPNs, and monitoring systems in place
- Backup Systems: Reliable backup and disaster recovery procedures

Minimum Requirements Checklist:

- CPU: 8+ cores, 3.0GHz+ (16+ cores for advanced AI)
- RAM: 32GB minimum (64GB+ recommended)
- Storage: 1TB SSD minimum (2TB+ for large datasets)
- 🔲 Network: 1Gbps+ internet connection
- GPU: Optional but recommended for AI acceleration

Step 5: Data Infrastructure Assessment

- Data Quality: Clean, consistent, and well-structured data available
- Data Volume: Sufficient data volume for training AI models
- Data Accessibility: Data easily accessible from various systems
- Data Governance: Policies for data management and usage in place
- Data Security: Encryption and access controls implemented

Data Readiness Checklist:

- Data sources identified and catalogued
- Data quality assessment completed
- Data cleaning and preprocessing plan created
- Data integration strategy defined
- Data backup and archival procedures established

Step 6: Security and Compliance

- Security Policies: Comprehensive cybersecurity policies in place
- Compliance Requirements: Understanding of relevant regulations (GDPR, HIPAA, etc.)
- Access Controls: Role-based access control systems implemented
- **Audit Trails**: Logging and monitoring capabilities for AI systems
- Incident Response: Procedures for handling security incidents

Security Checklist:

- 🔲 Multi-factor authentication implemented
- 🔲 Regular security audits conducted
- Employee security training completed
- 🔲 Data encryption at rest and in transit
- Network segmentation and monitoring

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Step 7: Team and Skills Assessment

- Al Champion Identified: Dedicated project lead with Al knowledge
- Technical Skills: Staff with necessary technical skills available
- Training Plan: Strategy for upskilling existing employees
- External Support: Plan for working with AI consultants or vendors
- Cross-functional Team: Representatives from all affected departments

Team Roles Checklist:

- 🔲 Technical Lead identified
- 🗌 Data Analyst/Scientist available
- 🔲 IT Support team ready
- End-user representatives selected

Step 8: Process Documentation

- Current Processes: Existing workflows thoroughly documented
- Description Process Mapping: Visual representation of current state created
- Description: Bottlenecks Identified: Pain points and inefficiencies documented
- Integration Points: Connection points with other systems mapped
- 🔲 Future State Design: Vision for AI-enhanced processes defined

Step 9: Vendor and Technology Selection

- Requirements Defined: Technical and functional requirements documented
- 🔲 Vendor Research: Potential AI solution providers evaluated
- Droof of Concept: Small-scale testing completed
- Cost Analysis: Total cost of ownership calculated

• Contract Review: Legal and procurement teams involved

Vendor Evaluation Criteria:

- Droven track record in your industry
- Strong support and training offerings
- Transparent pricing model
- Data security and privacy commitments

Implementation Readiness

Step 10: Launch Preparation

- 🔲 Implementation Plan: Detailed project plan with milestones
- 🔲 **Risk Assessment**: Potential risks identified and mitigation plans created
- Testing Strategy: Plan for thorough testing before go-live
- Rollback Plan: Procedures for reverting if issues arise
- Go-Live Strategy: Plan for transitioning to AI-powered processes

Final Launch Checklist:

- 🔲 All team members trained and ready
- 🔲 Technical infrastructure tested and validated
- 🔲 Data migration and integration completed
- Security measures implemented and verified
- Support procedures established
- 🔲 Success metrics and monitoring in place

II Readiness Score Calculator

Scoring Instructions

Rate each item as:

- 3 points: Fully complete and ready
- 2 points: Partially complete, minor work needed
- 1 point: Started but significant work required
- **0 points**: Not started or not applicable

Score Interpretation

90-100 points (Excellent) Vour organization is fully ready for AI implementation. You can proceed with confidence.

75-89 points (Good) ^(A) You're mostly ready with some areas needing attention. Address gaps before proceeding.

60-74 points (Fair) Significant preparation work needed. Focus on major gaps before implementation.

Below 60 points (Needs Work) Substantial preparation required. Consider a phased approach starting with foundational work.

©* Quick Action Items by Score Range

If You Scored 90-100 (Ready to Proceed)

- 1. Schedule AI implementation kickoff meeting
- 2. Finalize vendor selection and contracts
- 3. Begin detailed project planning
- 4. Set up project governance structure

If You Scored 75-89 (Nearly Ready)

- 1. Address top 3-5 gaps identified in assessment
- 2. Complete missing documentation
- 3. Finalize team assignments and training
- 4. Conduct final infrastructure validation

If You Scored 60-74 (Preparation Needed)

- 1. Develop comprehensive preparation plan
- 2. Secure additional resources or expertise
- 3. Focus on data quality and infrastructure gaps
- 4. Plan pilot project to test readiness

If You Scored Below 60 (Foundation Building)

- 1. Start with basic IT infrastructure improvements
- 2. Invest in data management capabilities
- 3. Build internal AI knowledge and skills
- 4. Consider AI readiness consulting engagement

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Get Expert Guidance

If you need help with your AI readiness assessment or implementation planning:

Schedule a Free AI Readiness Consultation

- Comprehensive assessment of your current state
- Personalized recommendations and roadmap
- Implementation planning and support

Contact Primaroas AI Specialists:

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Download Additional Resources

- Local AI Integration Guide
- AI ROI Calculator
- Implementation Timeline Templates
- Vendor Evaluation Worksheets

This checklist is designed to help you assess your AI readiness. For personalized guidance and implementation support, contact our team of AI integration specialists.

