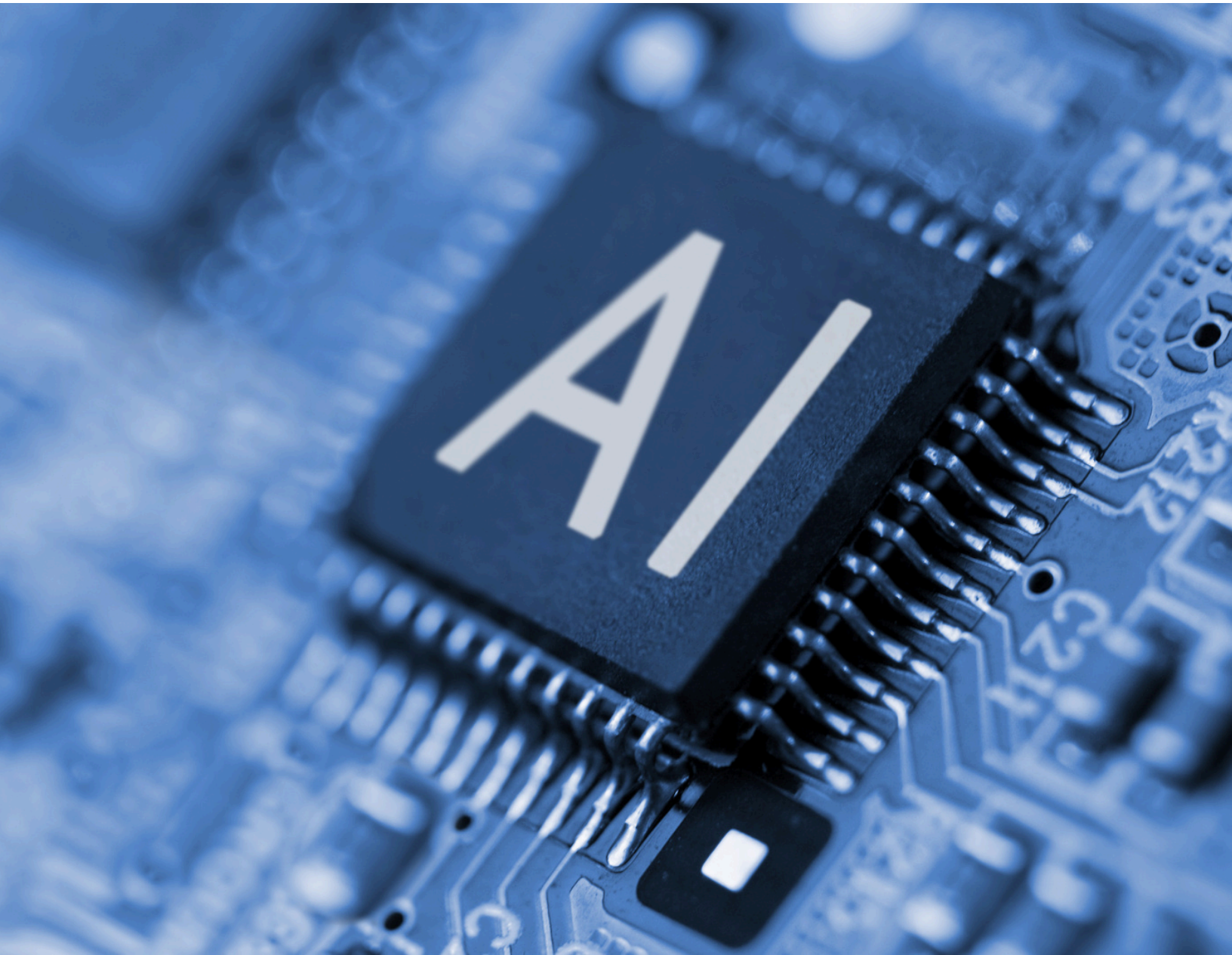# AI IMPLEMENTATION
ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS CHECKLIST

Unlock the Power of AI with Confidence

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This AI Implementation Organizational Readiness Checklist is designed for leaders who are preparing to implement an artificial intelligence (AI) system. The document also offers guidance for those who seek a starting point to adopt an AI system responsibly or to identify the most and least developed areas prepared for AI adoption.

HOW TO USE THIS CHECKLIST

This checklist serves as a tool to evaluate and mitigate the potential risks or negative consequences that could result from implementing an AI system. Its purpose is to guide users in identifying and addressing any harmful impacts the AI system might cause.

The checklist should be completed during the design phase of a project. To complete the questionnaire, assign a 1 "yes" or 0 "no" score to each field for the corresponding question. The sum of the scores will help assess the readiness of the organization's capability to effectively deploy an AI system. If the score for any given step is below 4, it signifies a need to reassess the viability or approach for the intended AI application. This prompts a step back to reevaluate and potentially modify the AI use case to ensure its feasibility and appropriate implementation.

This document is supported by a spreadsheet version in which users can generate a chart to illustrate the most/less developed areas. This scoring system is intended to support considering the various elements of responsible design and deployment of an AI system, and the organization's readiness to adopt such a system with minimal risk to stakeholders and the organization.

AI Implementation Organizational Readiness Checklist

Steps	Choose 0 if No, 1 if Yes
Step 1. Strategy and Vision	
1.1 AI implementation is aligned with the organization's strategic goals.	
1.2 Clear objectives for AI initiatives are defined.	
1.3 AI projects are prioritized according to their potential impact.	
1.4 A roadmap outlining AI initiatives over the next few years is established.	
Total Score per Step	0
Step 2. Leadership and Governance	
2.1 Leaders support and understand the value of AI.	
2.2 A governance framework for AI projects is in place.	
2.3 Roles and responsibilities for AI governance are clearly defined.	
2.4 Regular reviews and updates to the AI strategy by leadership are conducted.	
Total Score per Step	0
Step 3. Technology and Infrastructure	
3.1 The existing IT infrastructure is capable of supporting AI technologies.	
3.2 Plans for necessary upgrades or investments are made.	
3.3 A robust cybersecurity framework to protect AI systems is established.	
3.4 Data storage and processing capabilities are scalable to meet future AI demands.	
Total Score per Step	0
Step 4. Data Management	
4.1 A robust data management strategy is in place.	
4.2 Data sources are identified and accessible.	
4.3 Data quality is sufficient for AI model training and validation.	
4.4 Data governance and compliance measures are in place.	
Total Score per Step	0

Step 5. Skills and Capabilities

    5.1 Employees have the necessary skills for AI projects.

    5.2 There is a plan for training and upskilling employees.

    5.3 Initiatives to attract and retain AI talent are implemented.

    5.4 Cross-functional teams are equipped to collaborate on AI projects.

	Total Score per Step	0

Step 6. Resource Availability

    6.1 Sufficient resources (time, budget, personnel) are allocated for AI initiatives.

    6.2 A dedicated budget for AI projects and related activities is available.

    6.3 External partnerships and collaborations to support AI initiatives are in place.

    6.4 Contingency plans for resource reallocation if needed are prepared.

	Total Score per Step	0

Step 7. Culture & Change Management

    7.1 A culture of innovation and openness to change is fostered.

    7.2 The organization effectively handles change and resistance.

    7.3 Employees are encouraged to experiment and learn from AI initiatives.

    7.4 There is support for integrating AI into everyday workflows.

	Total Score per Step	0

Step 8. Communication

    8.1 A clear communication plan for AI projects is established.

    8.2 All stakeholders are informed and engaged.

    8.3 Transparency about AI project goals, progress, and outcomes is maintained.

    8.4 Success stories and lessons learned from AI projects are shared across the organization.

	Total Score per Step	0

Step 9. Leadership & Managerial Readiness

    9.1 Leaders are trained in emotional intelligence to effectively lead through change.

    9.2 Leaders demonstrate adaptability and resilience in the face of challenges.

    9.3 Managers are equipped to support their teams through the transition.

    9.4 Ongoing support for leadership development in change management is provided.

	Total Score per Step	0

Step 10. Learning Culture Development

10.1 Plans to foster a continuous learning culture within the organization are in place.

10.2 Employees are provided with regular training and development opportunities.

10.3 A system for knowledge sharing and collaboration is established.

10.4 Learning and development initiatives are aligned with AI implementation goals.

Total Score per Step | 0

Step 11. Risk and Compliance

11.1 Potential risks are identified and mitigated.

11.2 A contingency plan for AI projects is in place.

11.3 Ethical considerations and biases in AI models are addressed.

11.4 Ongoing monitoring of AI systems for performance and risk management is conducted.

Total Score per Step | 0

Step 12. Compliance and Ethics

12.1 AI initiatives are compliant with regulations and ethical standards.

12.2 A framework for ensuring ethical AI use is established.

12.3 Data privacy and security protocols are adhered to in AI projects.

12.4 Regular audits and assessments for compliance are conducted.

Total Score per Step | 0

Step 13. Measurement and Evaluation

13.1 Clear metrics to measure the success of AI projects are established.

13.2 A process for continuous evaluation and improvement is in place.

13.3 Performance metrics are aligned with business objectives.

13.4 AI projects are reviewed regularly for outcomes and impact.

Total Score per Step | 0

Step 14. Pilot Testing and Scalability

14.1 Pilot projects to test AI applications are planned.

14.2 A strategy for scaling successful pilots organization-wide is in place.

14.3 Pilot projects are designed to gather meaningful insights and data.

14.4 A process for iterating and improving based on pilot results is established.

Total Score per Step | 0

Step 15. Stakeholder Analysis

     15.1 All relevant stakeholders are identified.

     15.2 Stakeholders are categorized by their influence and interest.

     15.3 Stakeholder roles and expectations are clearly defined.

     15.4 A stakeholder map visualizing their relationships and impact is created.

	Total Score per Step	0

Step 16. Stakeholder Engagement

     16.1 Stakeholders are regularly engaged and consulted.

     16.2 A communication plan tailored to each stakeholder group is in place.

     16.3 Stakeholders' feedback and concerns are addressed promptly.

     16.4 A process for managing stakeholder conflicts is established.

	Total Score per Step	0

Step 17. Stakeholder Support

     17.1 Stakeholders understand the benefits of AI implementation.

     17.2 Initiatives to build stakeholder support and buy-in are implemented.

     17.3 Stakeholders are involved in the decision-making process.

     17.4 A strategy to maintain stakeholder engagement over time is in place.

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Step 18. Monitoring and Evaluation

     18.1 A mechanism to monitor stakeholder engagement and satisfaction is in place.

     18.2 Stakeholder interactions are documented and analyzed for insights.

     18.3 Periodic reviews of stakeholder strategies and approaches are conducted.

     18.4 A feedback loop for continuous improvement in stakeholder management is established.

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