

ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE READINESS

# Self-Assessment

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# Executive Summary

In today's fast-paced digital landscape, enterprise architecture (EA) is a critical bridge between your organization's IT assets and business strategy. As we outlined in our [blog post](#), EA provides the agility and resilience you need to thrive in an ever-changing business environment. It enables you to adapt, evolve and stay competitive by aligning technology investments with strategic priorities.

We designed this assessment to help you evaluate the current state of your enterprise architecture practices and identify areas for improvement. By completing this assessment, you'll gain valuable insights into your:

1

**Business strategy and IT strategies alignment**

2

**EA domains (business, information, applications, and infrastructure)**

3

**EA leadership structure maturity**

4

**EA governance practices and effectiveness**

Each question in this assessment is rated from 1 to 5, allowing for a scaled evaluation of your enterprise automation maturity that helps you determine the next steps.

Remember, this assessment is not a one-and-done activity. It's important to regularly evaluate your EA practices to maintain alignment with your business objectives and adapt to new or changing technology. Use this assessment as a starting point. Then connect with a third party for an in-depth assessment with specific insights and next steps based on your score.

# BUSINESS STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

1 To what extent is your business strategy defined?

(1 = Not at all, 5 = Fully defined)

1 2 3 4 5

2 How clearly do your IT strategies align with your business strategies?

(1 = Not aligned, 5 = Perfectly aligned)

1 2 3 4 5





## ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE DOMAINS AND STRUCTURE

3 How comprehensive is your map of business capabilities and their performance assessment?

(1 = No map exists, 5 = Detailed map with thorough assessment exists)

1 2 3 4 5

4 How developed is your map of information subject areas/assets, including assessment and data strategy?

(1 = No map or strategy, 5 = Comprehensive map with full assessment and strategy)

1 2 3 4 5

5 How complete is your inventory of applications and their respective owners?

(1 = No inventory, 5 = Comprehensive inventory with all owners identified)

1 2 3 4 5

6 How thorough is your inventory of infrastructure and its owners?

(1 = No inventory, 5 = Comprehensive inventory with all owners identified)

1 2 3 4 5

# ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE LEADERSHIP

7 How established is the role of chief EA architect in your organization?

(1 = Not established or appointed, 5 = Fully established and functional)

1    2    3    4    5

8 To what degree have chief architects been appointed for your EA domains?

(1 = No appointments, 5 = All domains have dedicated chief architects)

1    2    3    4    5





## GOVERNANCE

**9** To what extent do EA principles exist and align with business and IT leaders?

(1 = No principles exist, 5 = Principles fully exist and are perfectly aligned)

1 2 3 4 5

**10** How well-established is your standardization framework?

(1 = No framework exists, 5 = Comprehensive framework is in place and actively used)

1 2 3 4 5

**11** How transparent and effective is your technology introduction process?

(1 = No process exists, 5 = Highly transparent and effective process is in place)

1 2 3 4 5

**12** To what degree have you established and measured EA metrics?

(1 = No metrics exist, 5 = Comprehensive set of metrics exists and is measured at least annually)

1 2 3 4 5



# Enterprise Architecture Assessment Scoring System

## INDIVIDUAL QUESTION SCORING

Each question is scored on a scale of 1 to 5 and generally represents:

1 Not Implemented	2 Initial Stages	3 Partially Implemented	4 Mostly Implemented	5 Fully Implemented
— very low maturity	— low maturity	— medium maturity	— high maturity	— very high maturity

## OVERALL SCORING

Your total score is the sum of all question scores. The maximum score is 60 (12 questions times 5 points each). Your overall percentage determines your overall enterprise automation maturity level.

LEVEL 1 0-20%	LEVEL 2 21-40%	LEVEL 3 41-60%	LEVEL 4 61-80%	LEVEL 5 81-100%
<b>Not Implemented</b> — very low maturity	<b>Initial Stages</b> — low maturity	<b>Partially Implemented</b> — medium maturity	<b>Mostly Implemented</b> — high maturity	<b>Fully Implemented</b> — very high maturity

Calculate this by dividing your total score by 60 and multiplying by 100. For example, if you scored a 33 on the assessment, your maturity level would be **Level 3** at 55 percent mature.

## CONCLUSION

This quick, high-level assessment will provide an overview of your enterprise architecture maturity levels. Whether you're just getting started or have a fully optimized enterprise architecture in place, a third party can provide a more in-depth assessment to offer more specific insights. This information can help you bridge your IT and business functions, enabling your organization to align its technology investments and capabilities with its strategic objectives.



Our experts at Centric Consulting understand the pivotal role of IT in driving business value. We can work closely with leadership and IT teams to align technology with business strategy and help you mature your enterprise architecture.

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