



Thrive AI Readiness Four-Phase Assessment

Thrive's AI Readiness Assessment is designed to help organizations evaluate their current data, governance, and technology environment to determine their readiness to adopt and operationalize artificial intelligence (AI) solutions. This assessment identifies key data sources, analyzes their structure and quality, reviews existing security and compliance controls, and uncovers practical AI use cases that align with business goals.

Using these findings, Thrive delivers a roadmap that recommends the most suitable AI platforms and outlines the necessary preparatory steps, ensuring a secure, compliant, and high-impact AI deployment.

Thrive's Scope of Work

Phase 1: Use Case Discovery

Thrive will collaborate with key stakeholders to identify and prioritize business scenarios where AI can provide measurable value.

Activities include:

- Conduct three (3) stakeholder workshops.
- Map business functions (e.g., operations, sales, finance, compliance) to potential AI applications.
- Evaluate the feasibility and impact of identified AI use cases.
- Categorize use cases into short-term (low complexity) and long-term (strategic/transformational) opportunities.

Phase 2: Data Source Review

Thrive will conduct an inventory and assessment of the client's core data sources to determine data readiness for AI processing, integration, and training.

Activities include:

- Identification of primary and secondary data repositories (e.g., SharePoint, File Servers, CRM, ERP, SQL, Snowflake, etc.).
- Review of data volume, quality, format, and accessibility.
- Assessment of metadata completeness and data relationships.
- Identification of data silos, redundancies, and compliance-sensitive data.
- Evaluation of cloud vs. on-premises data locations and integration capabilities.

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Assessment Objectives

- Assess the current data landscape and data management maturity.
- Identify relevant AI use cases based on business priorities and available data.
- Evaluate existing governance, security, and compliance frameworks for AI alignment.
- Recommend the optimal AI platforms and deployment approach (e.g., Azure AI, Microsoft Copilot, Cloud AI).
- Define required prerequisites such as data restructuring, cloud data warehousing, or governance tool implementation (e.g., Microsoft Purview).

"AI-ready data is always a relative reference. Data that is ready for one AI use case may be completely inadequate for the next."*

Gartner

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Phase 3: Security & Compliance Review

Thrive will analyze the client's existing governance, compliance, and risk posture to ensure AI adoption aligns with internal and regulatory requirements.

Activities include:

- Review of security controls for data protection, access management, and identity governance.
- Assessment of regulatory requirements (e.g., HIPAA, SEC, GDPR, SOX, etc.) and how they impact AI adoption.
- Review of data residency and data sharing policies.
- Identification of gaps where governance or compliance controls (e.g., Microsoft Purview, Entra ID Conditional Access) are missing or insufficient.

Phase 4: AI Platform & Readiness Recommendations

Using the findings from the first three phases, Thrive will develop a tailored AI Readiness Report and Roadmap that includes:

- Recommended AI platform(s) (e.g., Azure AI Foundry, Microsoft Copilot for M365, Cloud AI, or other platforms).
- Prerequisite actions required prior to AI deployment, which may include:
 - Restructuring or curating data.
 - Migrating or consolidating data into a warehouse (e.g., Snowflake or Microsoft Fabric).
 - Implementing or configuring governance and compliance tools (e.g., Purview, Entra ID).
 - Establishing responsible AI frameworks and data access policies.
- A prioritized roadmap with actionable next steps, timelines, and resource estimates.

Assessment Deliverables

- AI Readiness Assessment Report summarizing findings, risks, and opportunities.
- AI Use Case Matrix ranking potential use cases by impact and feasibility.
- Data Source Inventory & Quality Assessment Summary.
- Security & Compliance Readiness Scorecard.
- AI Roadmap & Platform Recommendation Presentation for executive and technical stakeholders.

Estimated Duration

The typical project timeline is 3–5 weeks, depending on data volume, number of systems reviewed, and stakeholder availability.

About Thrive

Thrive is a NextGen global technology outsourcing provider that empowers small and mid-market organizations to transform their technology into a strategic advantage. Offering a breadth of services from AI and cybersecurity to cloud, compliance, and traditional MSP/MSSP solutions, Thrive's team of seasoned experts develop strategies that standardize, scale, and automate technology to achieve outsized ROI. From advisory services to a 24x7x365 SOC and NOC, Thrive provides end-to-end IT and cybersecurity management so clients can focus on innovation and growth. With Thrive, your business is always supported and always secure. Learn more at www.thrivenextgen.com or follow us on [LinkedIn](#).



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