IBM i Readiness Checklist

A Practical Framework for Budget-Conscious IT Leaders

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1. Environment Baseline

- Current inventory of IBM i hardware, OS levels, and key applications?
- Any unsupported OS, firmware, or application versions?
- When was the last performance and capacity assessment?

2. Stability, Security & Risk

- Are backups tested regularly for successful restores?
- Documented RPO/RTO targets that current DR design can meet?
- Recent security review completed (patches, profiles, network)?

3. Targeted Upgrade Opportunities

- Performance issues related to memory, storage, or network?
- IBM i technology refreshes and firmware reasonably current?
- Could selective upgrades solve pain points without full replacement?

4. Cloud & Hybrid Readiness

- Using cloud for IBM i backup, DR, test/dev, or analytics?
- Which non-critical workloads could move to cloud first?
- APIs or integration patterns to expose IBM i data securely?

5. Skills, Support & Continuity

- How many people truly understand your IBM i end-to-end?
- What happens if one key IBM i expert leaves?
- IBM i-experienced partner or MSP engaged today?

6. Roadmap & Governance

- Documented IBM i modernization roadmap aligned with business strategy?
- Recurring calendar for upgrades, cloud initiatives, and DR tests?
- Regular executive briefings on IBM i risk and resilience?

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build a phased roadmap