

Data sharing readiness checklist

Data is the lifeblood of your organization. But simply collecting data isn't enough. The key to becoming more data-driven lies in the ability to share and leverage data effectively across your organization. Creating a culture that encourages and facilitates data sharing across departments, teams and organizations can fuel innovation, increase agility, enhance customer experiences and drive operational efficiency.

However, the path to fostering a data sharing culture can have obstacles. **To get started, ask yourself these essential questions:**

- Have I clearly defined the “why” behind our data sharing initiative, linking it to our business objectives?
- Do I have leadership buy-in and support for fostering a data sharing culture?
- Have I established clear data ownership and accountability roles (e.g., data producers, owners, stewards, users)?
- Are there well-defined policies and processes in place to guide data sharing practices?
- Is there a centralized data catalog that provides an inventory of our data assets and relevant metadata?
- Have I created a business glossary to facilitate a common understanding of critical data concepts across the organization?
- Do I have tools in place to automate data lineage tracking, providing visibility into data's journey from source to consumption, enabling users to gain deeper insights into it?
- Are there mechanisms to assess and monitor data quality, ensuring the reliability of shared data?
- Have I established data sharing agreements and contracts that outline acceptable use cases and terms?
- Is there a user-friendly interface that allows data consumers to easily find, understand and request access to trustworthy data assets and data products?
- Have I set up an automated system for managing data access requests that streamlines the process while remaining compliant with external regulations and internal policies?
- Do we have tools that allow people to share knowledge, verify data, and talk about data-related issues?
- Have I defined key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the success of our data sharing initiative?
- Is there a feedback mechanism to gather insights from stakeholders and continuously improve our data sharing practices?

By addressing these questions, you'll be well on your way to building a strong foundation for a data sharing culture.



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