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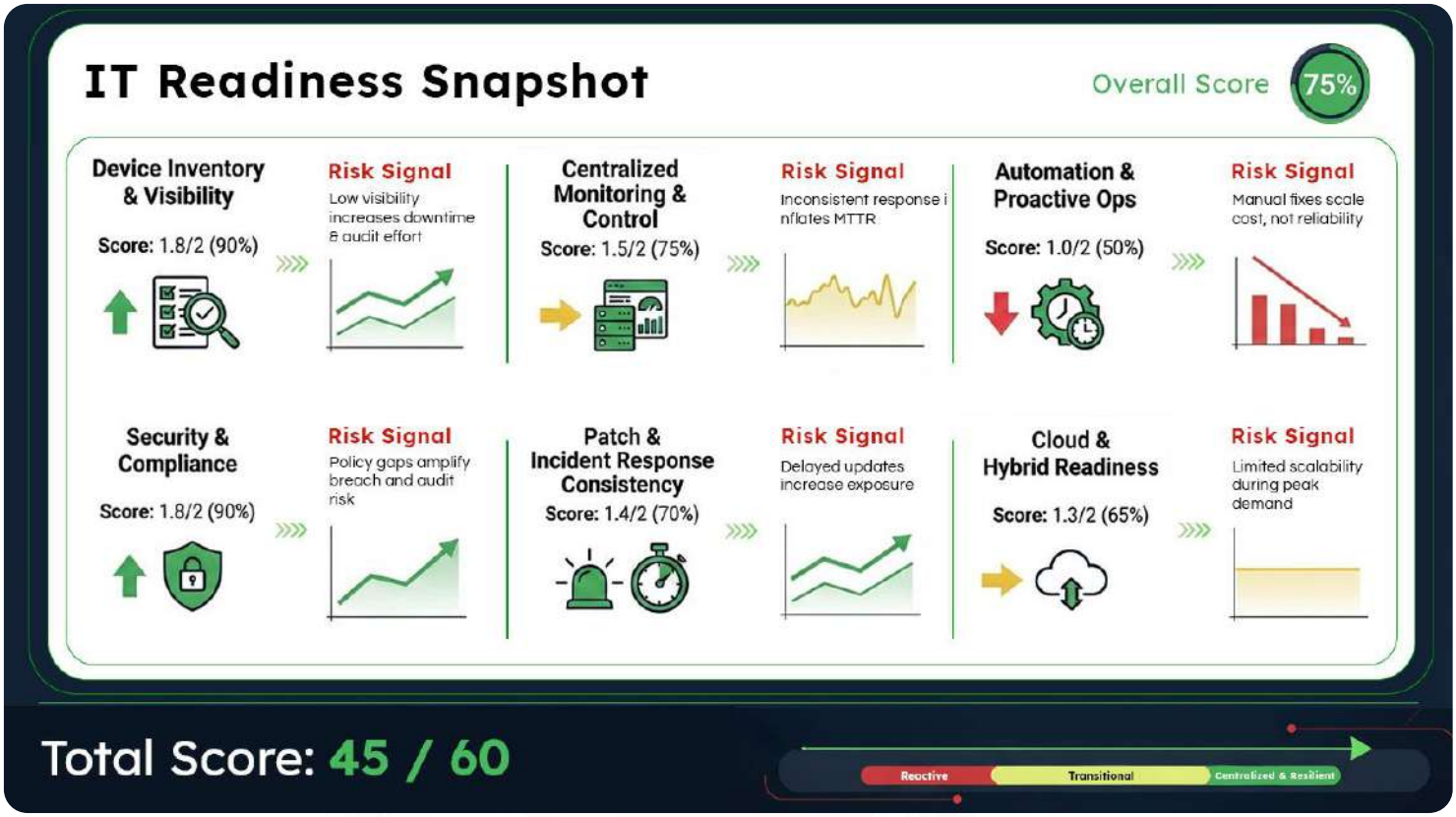
Hospitality IT **Device Management** Readiness Checklist

A practical self-assessment for U.S. hospitality IT leaders managing distributed, guest-facing device environments

Executive Summary: Readiness Scorecard

Purpose:

This scorecard allows CIOs and CISOs to quickly summarize device management maturity, surface risk exposure, and justify next-step investments to executive leadership.



Executive Interpretation (Example):

"Our current posture introduces elevated operational and security risk during peak occupancy and audit cycles. Centralization and automation should be prioritized."

Executive Context

? Why This Checklist Exists...

Centralized and remote device management is no longer an advanced capability—it is a baseline requirement for hospitality organizations operating at scale.

As guest-facing devices multiply across properties, IT leaders face increasing pressure to maintain uptime, enforce security policies, and support audits—without growing headcount or on-site dependency.

This checklist enables leadership teams to:

- ☑ Assess **current-state maturity**
- ☑ Surface **operational and security risk**
- ☑ Build justification for **remote-first, centralized operating models**

Tone:
Peer-to-peer, advisory

Assumption:
Multi-property, device -rich environments

Vendor-neutral:
Tools are not prescribed

How to Score Your Readiness

This structure allows CIOs to communicate risk and readiness succinctly to boards, audit committees, and executive peers.

Domain 1 Device Inventory & Visibility

Objective:
Establish a single source of truth across all properties.

Checklist Questions

- Do we maintain a centralized, real-time inventory of all devices?
- Are devices categorized by property, type, OS/firmware, and business criticality?
- Can IT instantly identify unmanaged or end-of-life devices?
- Is device ownership (internal vs vendor-managed) clearly defined?

What Good Looks Like

- One authoritative inventory across properties
- Immediate visibility into unsupported assets
- Clear classification tied to guest impact

High-Risk Signals

- Manual spreadsheets or property-level tracking
- Surprise devices discovered during incidents or audits

Cost Impact (Operational):

Poor visibility drives longer outages, higher audit effort, and increased on-site intervention.

Domain 2 Centralized Monitoring & Operational Control

Objective:

Reduce dependency on on-site IT support.

Checklist Questions

- Can IT monitor device health across all properties from one interface?
- Are alerts centralized and prioritized by guest impact?
- Can common issues be resolved remotely?
- Is monitoring aligned with SLAs and peak occupancy windows?

What Good Looks Like

- Central command view across properties
- Remote resolution as default response
- Guest-impacting alerts surfaced first

High-Risk Signals

- Issues detected by guests before IT
- MTTR varies widely by location

Operational Impact:

Fragmented monitoring inflates response time and undermines service consistency.

Domain 3 Automation & Proactive Operations

Objective:

Move from reactive support to predictive operations.

Checklist Questions

- Are failures detected before guests report them?
- Are workflows automated for health checks and configuration
- Is predictive maintenance used for high-impact systems?
- Are repeat incidents analyzed for prevention?

What Good Looks Like

- Automated detection and remediation
- Operational learning loops built into IT ops
- Fewer repeat incidents over time

High-Risk Signals

- Most fixes require manual intervention
- Same incidents recur across properties

Cost Impact

Manual operations scale linearly with devices—automation breaks that curve.

Domain 4 Security, Policy Enforcement & Compliance

Objective:
Maintain control in a high-turnover, guest-facing environment.

Checklist Questions

- Are security policies enforced consistently across endpoints?
- Do devices follow Zero Trust–aligned principles?
- Is patching centralized and time-bound?
- Can compromised devices be isolated remotely?
- Are logs retained for audits?

What Good Looks Like

- Uniform policy enforcement
- Fast containment of compromised endpoints
- Centralized visibility for audits

High-Risk Signals

- Policy exceptions by property
- Manual evidence collection for audits

CISO Lens:

Control gaps increase both breach exposure and audit fatigue.

Domain 5 Patch, Firmware & Lifecycle Management

Objective:
Shift from reactive updates to planned lifecycle control.

Checklist Questions

- Is provisioning standardized?
- Are updates tested and rolled out centrally?
- Are warranties and end-of-support tracked?
- Is replacement planning risk-driven?

What Good Looks Like

- Predictable update cycles
- Lifecycle decisions tied to guest impact
- No surprise end-of-life devices

High-Risk Signals

- Emergency patching during peak seasons
- Unsupported devices still in service

Domain 6 Incident Response & MTTR Consistency

Objective:
Ensure predictable response across properties.

Checklist Questions

- Is incident response standardized?
- Is MTTR consistent across locations?
- Are escalation paths clearly defined?
- Are incidents reviewed post-resolution?

What Good Looks Like

- Uniform playbooks
- Predictable MTTR regardless of location
- Continuous improvement loops

High-Risk Signals

- Local improvisation during incidents
- Escalation confusion under pressure

Domain 7 Cloud & Hybrid Readiness

Objective:
Scale operations during seasonal demand.

Checklist Questions

- Are device platforms cloud-enabled?
- Can monitoring scale during peak occupancy?
- Is DR defined for management systems?
- Are on-prem systems integrated cleanly?

What Good Looks Like

- Elastic scale without re-architecture
- Central resilience independent of property health

High-Risk Signals

- Performance degradation during peak seasons
- Manual scaling or visibility gaps

Results Interpretation

Example Outcome:

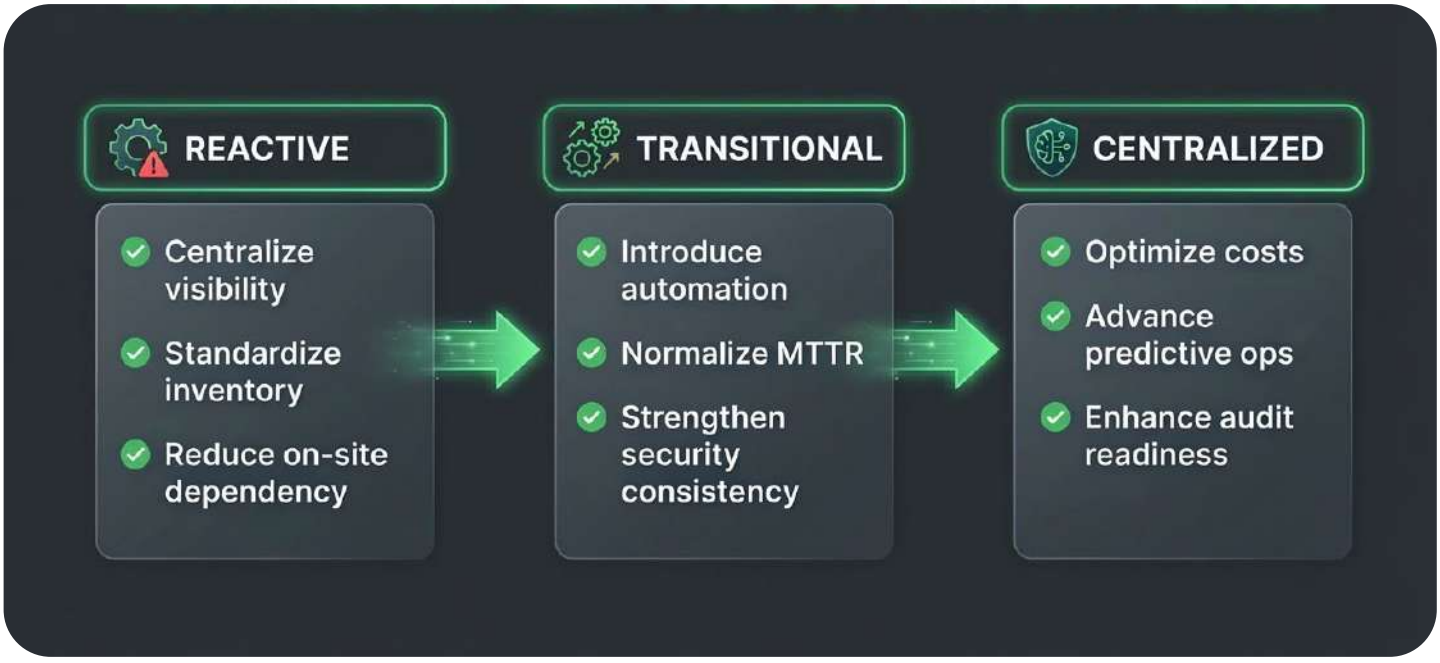
"Your score indicates a **Transitional** environment with elevated operational and security **risk** during peak seasons and audits."

Use this summary to:

- Justify centralization initiatives
- Prioritize automation and security consistency
- Align IT investment with guest experience outcomes

Recommended Next Steps by Maturity Level

Maturity Level



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