



Database Monitoring Maturity Self-Assessment

This self-assessment is designed to help you understand whether your current database monitoring approach still fits the size, complexity, and expectations of your environment.

No right or wrong answers here. This assessment will help you recognize patterns across your responses.

When did your team last formally evaluate its database monitoring approach?

- ☐ Within the last year
- ☐ 1-3 years ago
- ☐ More than 3 years ago
- ☐ Not sure

How do you pull together performance and health insights across your database?

- ☐ One unified monitoring tool with shared reporting
- ☐ 2-3 tools with some manual consolidation
- ☐ 4+ tools or heavy scripting
- ☐ Primarily homegrown or ad hoc checks

What most often slows your team down when something goes wrong?

- ☐ Limited estate visibility
- ☐ Slow detection or root cause analysis
- ☐ Too many alerts or too much noise
- ☐ Gaps in cloud or hybrid coverage
- ☐ Reports that don't clearly show what to do next

Roughly how many database servers or instances are you responsible for?

- ☐ Fewer than 25
- ☐ 25-50
- ☐ 50-100
- ☐ 100-250
- ☐ More than 250

Do you rely on any in-house or homegrown monitoring solutions?

- ☐ Yes, primarily
- ☐ Yes, alongside commercial tools
- ☐ No

How to interpret your answers

Rather than scoring your answers, look for recurring themes across them.

You may be in a **Reactive or Aware** stage if:

- Monitoring relies heavily on manual effort
- Visibility improves only after issues surface
- Alert noise or blind spots are common
- Monitoring has not been revisited in several years

You may be in a **Transitional** stage if:

- Some automation exists, but gaps remain
- Visibility depends on combining multiple tools or reports
- Detection has improved, but prioritization still takes time
- The environment has grown faster than tooling decisions

You may be in a **Proactive or Optimized** stage if:

- Issues are surfaced early, not discovered late
- The estate can be viewed holistically
- Alerts are meaningful and actionable
- Monitoring supports prioritization, not just observation

Most teams identify with more than one category – which is to be expected.

What's important is to get clarity on whether your monitoring approach still supports how your environment is operating today and how much it demands of your resources.

If this assessment surfaced uncertainty or highlighted gaps, maybe now is the time to take a closer look.

Many teams use this point as a starting place for a deeper, environment-specific conversation.

Disclaimer: This assessment is intended for general informational purposes only and reflects common patterns seen across organizations. Every environment is unique, and results should not be interpreted as prescriptive guidance or a definitive evaluation of your systems, risk posture, or tooling decisions. Organizations should evaluate their specific requirements, constraints, and objectives when assessing monitoring approaches.