

Measuring Digital Adoption Maturity

Brief Overview

The Digital Adoption Maturity Matrix is a self-assessment tool to help understand, measure, and plan how to achieve excellence in your Digital Adoption program. Use it to set goals and evaluate priorities, guide/organize improvement efforts, and communicate progress of your scaling DAP strategy.

Industry trend: Using Maturity Models

Executives are leaning into maturity models as a competitive differentiator. [Read more here.](#)

The Digital Adoption Maturity Matrix contains the following elements:

- **Stages:** The measurement of maturity from *Emerging* to *Transformational*
- **Categories:** The grouping of dimensions by type into strategic, tactical, or technical
- **Dimensions:** The focus areas relevant for scaling Digital Adoption (for example, executive sponsorship)



Tip: Pitch this to leadership

WalkMe recommends the Digital Adoption Maturity Matrix as a framework and a communication tool – but it's only as useful if it resonates with your leadership.

- Work with your Customer Success Manager to integrate it into an already-scheduled conversation, such as a quarterly business review or strategic planning session
- Pitch the industry trend of [executives using maturity models as a competitive differentiator](#)
- Offer the Maturity Matrix as a Best in Class example of a digital adoption-specific maturity model that can help with regular strategic planning and alignment

Using the Digital Adoption Maturity Matrix

Start with the Maturity Matrix. Then, move into defining, prioritizing, and executing on key activities related to each dimension. Finally, decide how you'll incorporate the Matrix into the set of governance tools you'll use on a recurring basis.

Step 1: Self-Assess

1. **Assess Current State:** Where are you now and why?
2. **Define Key Opportunities and Key Threats:** Evaluate your company's environmental factors. Where is the easiest to move the needle? Where is the most difficult?
3. **Prioritize:** Which of the five process areas do you want to focus on?
4. **Define Future State:** Given risks and competing priorities, where can you reasonably expect to be in 1 year? 2 years?

		Emerging	Formalizing		Scaling	Established	Transformational
Business Impact	Business Impact	Y0	Y1	Y2	Y2		
	Executive Sponsorship		Y0		Y2		
Program Governance	Program Governance		Y0		Y2		
	Technical Capacity		Y0	Y1	Y2		
Product Adoption	Product Adoption		Y0	Y1	Y2		

Step 2: Identify actions

Plan out steps you can take, to elevate your maturity in each dimension.

How do I know which actions to take?

Whether you're working as a team of one or aspire to have a Digital Adoption CoE, evolving from **Emerging to Formalizing** across the five Maturity Matrix dimensions will maximize the benefits you realize from a Digital Adoption Platform.

Visit the article [Formalizing Your Digital Adoption Strategy](#) for actionable steps to take (+ resources and discovery questions) to build a strong foundation.

Already have a mature Digital Adoption Program? Effective scale requires a stable core. Use the article above as a checklist to make sure the foundation of your strategy doesn't have any cracks.

Step 3: Prioritize actions

For each dimension, what are the specific activities that will advance your maturity? (See [Formalizing Your Digital Adoption Strategy](#) for recommended activities to move from the Emerging stage to Formalizing stage).

For each Activity:

- What is the scope of the activity?

- What is the “definition of done”?
- What resources/bandwidth are needed to complete this?
- What are the risks associated with completion of this activity?
- What are the dependencies for this activity? Is there a risk of dependencies delaying this activity?
- If completed successfully, what impact will this activity have (relative to others brainstormed) on advancing maturity?

Step 4: Take action

Use a cost/benefit approach:

- Which activities will advance maturity more than others, with the lowest cost and/or lowest risk?

Note

“Cost” here might include WalkMe Professional Services, partners, contracted employees, internal hires, etc. Lean on your WalkMe team for scoping support here.

Step 4: Operationalize how you use the matrix

A maturity model must be accompanied by an assessment protocol to ensure credibility, repeatability, and accountability of [Digital Adoption Program Managers](#).

Incorporate this matrix into a status meeting (recommended bi-annually) and consider the following:

Align on definitions.

- Have a “definition slide” handy for each Focus Area
- Have it up on the screen to reorient leadership as they only see this slide 2-4x per year

Use it as a career development opportunity!

- Invite individual contributors to “showcase” accomplishments 1-2 highlighted activities in front of executive leadership

Be open to change.

- Don’t assume the prioritized focus areas from the initial assessment are still all correct
- Ask, confirm, and adjust as-necessary

Get Started

Additional Resources & Peer Connections

Visit [the WalkMe Community](#) to put this knowledge into practice alongside your peers -

- Download slide decks, resources & tools from the [Champion Toolkit](#)
- [Join Strategy & DAPtics](#) - a peer-led group that meets monthly to share resources and discuss Digital Adoption strategy