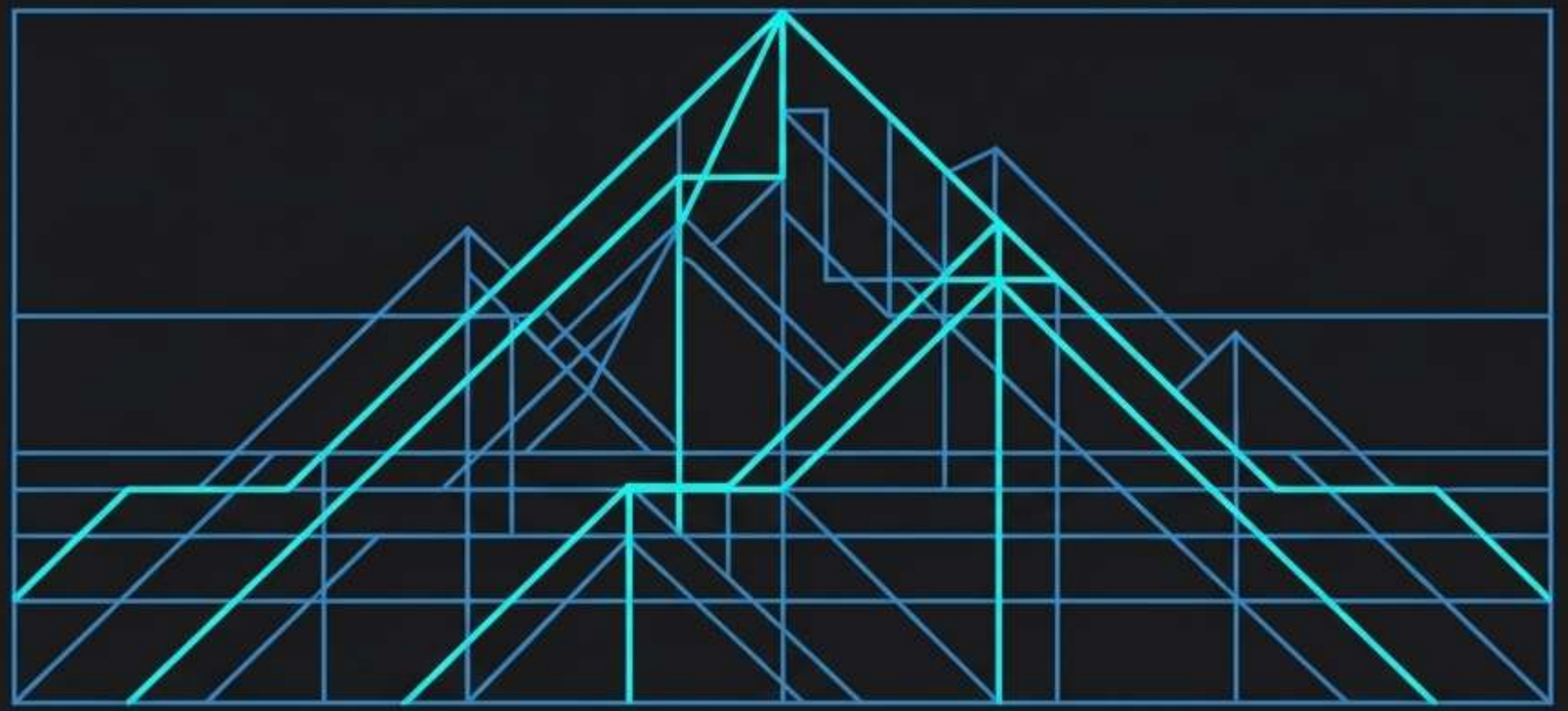
AI Readiness Assessment & Quick-Win Audit

How to identify quick wins and build a solid AI foundation for your business



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The enterprise AI implementation gap

95%

Enterprise AI initiatives fail to deliver measurable ROI (Gartner)

80%

AI projects never progress beyond the pilot stage (Deloitte)

Without readiness, AI becomes an expensive science project, not a strategic advantage.

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The difference between the unprepared and the ascending

Technology-First Focus

- ✗ Rush directly into pilots
- ✗ Fragmented, siloed data
- ✗ Lack CEO-level oversight

Readiness-First Focus

- ✓ Assess organizational maturity first
- ✓ Centralize risk via hub-and-spoke model
- ✓ Target strategic, low-effort quick wins

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Sustained value requires six foundational pillars



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Enter the quick-win audit

A rapid evaluation highlighting high-impact, low-effort use cases to build momentum.



Builds confidence by demonstrating tangible ROI to executives.



Funds future projects by freeing up budget for broader AI scaling.



Highlights barriers early by revealing data or talent gaps during small pilots.

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Map your initial path to value

01

Baseline maturity

Score current readiness across the six foundational pillars.

02

Identify candidate cases

Brainstorm repetitive, data-rich pain points aligned to strategy.

03

Evaluate impact and effort

Rate cases by ROI, data availability, and tech complexity.

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Prioritize high impact and low effort



Target rules-based processes

Utilize abundant historical data

Examples: Document summarization, finance access, chatbot routing

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Execute with precision and gather insights

04

Define metrics

Establish measurable goals and a defined timeline.

05

Assemble team

Unite diverse SMEs, data scientists, IT, and business owners.

06

Execute and iterate

Deploy agile cycles, monitor metrics weekly, and adapt.

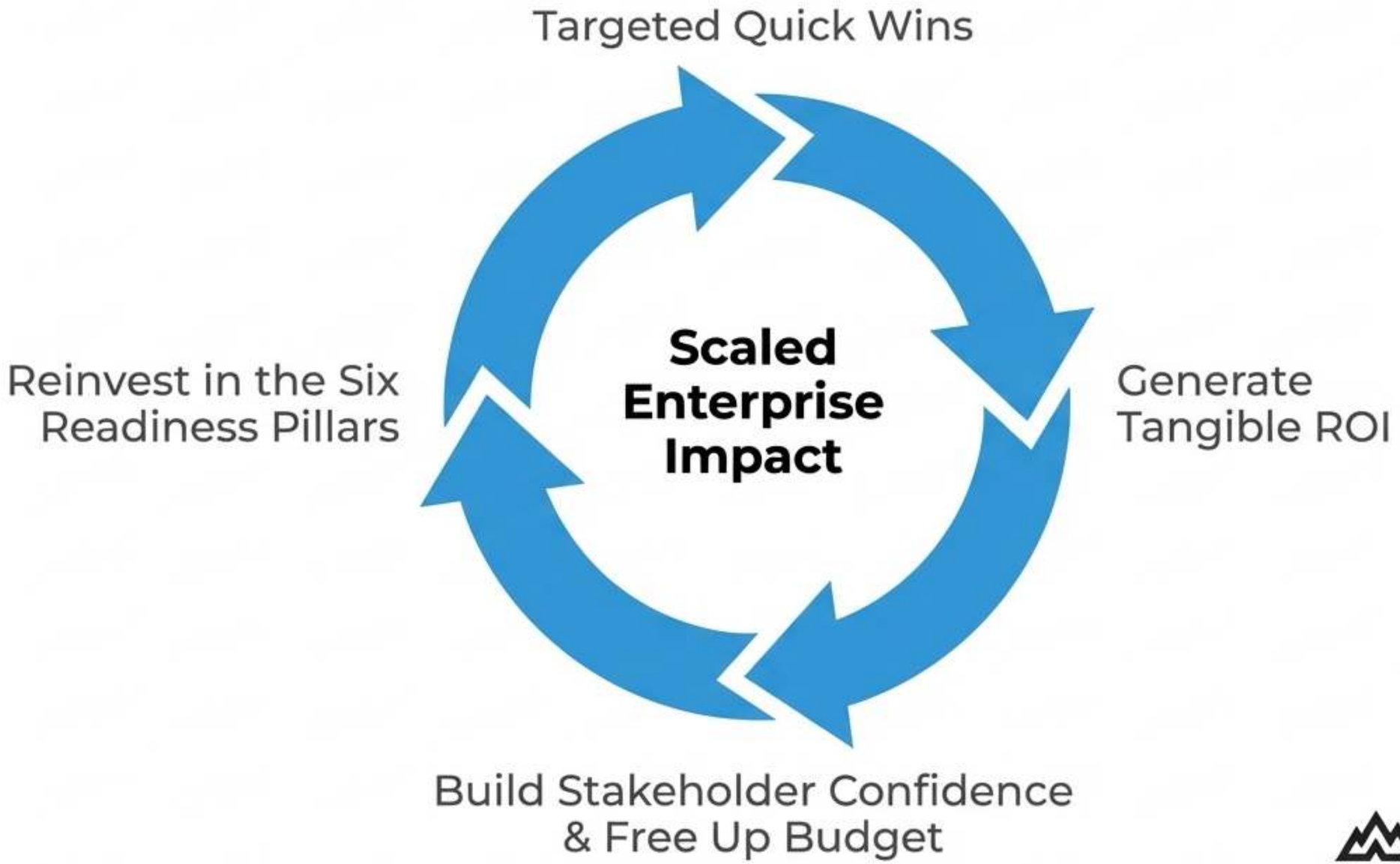
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Capture lessons

Document best practices to refine the readiness roadmap.

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The virtuous cycle of AI return on investment



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Readiness separates science projects from strategic advantages



Assess before building

Readiness across the 6 pillars prevents costly pilot-stage failures.



Start small to scale fast

Quick-win audits isolate low-effort projects that build crucial momentum.



Align at the top

CEO-level oversight correlates directly with the strongest financial outcomes.

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Start your AI readiness assessment

Build your AI capability roadmap and transition from isolated pilots to sustainable enterprise impact.

Contact AscendAI for a complimentary readiness consultation.

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