

A Structural Self-Assessment for Mid-Market IT Teams

SERVICE DESK PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

Evaluate whether your current service desk configuration
still reflects intended design.



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Designed for IT leaders managing multi-agent
service operations.

Why This Scorecard Exists

Most service desks do not struggle because of effort. They struggle because structure evolves over time.

As organisations grow:

- ⊘ Workflows are layered
- ⊘ Automation expands unevenly
- ⊘ Escalation paths adapt reactively
- ⊘ Reporting increases in volume

Over time:

- ⊘ Manual intervention increases
- ⊘ Visibility becomes fragmented
- ⊘ High-performing agents compensate for structural gaps

This scorecard helps you evaluate whether your current service desk configuration still reflects its intended design.

How to Use This Scorecard

Allocate 10–15 minutes.

Review each statement and score from 1 to 5 based on current operational reality, not intended design.

Score each section honestly. The gap between intended design and daily execution is where performance is often lost.

Total your score at the end to determine your structural maturity range.

Scoring scale:

01 — Not structured or inconsistent

02 — Informal, manual or reactive

03 — Defined but inconsistently applied

04 — Structured and regularly reviewed

05 — Optimised and performance-driven

STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT

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Workflow & Ticket Routing Structure

Workflow structure determines whether effort scales or compounds. As teams grow, routing logic is often layered rather than redesigned. Manual reassignment and informal escalation are early indicators of structural drift.

Evaluate whether ticket flow reflects current team design and service complexity.

- Ticket assignment is automated by category, priority or skill.
- Escalations are predefined, system-triggered & time-bound.
- Manual reassignment between agents or queues is minimal.
- Exception handling does not rely on informal workarounds.
- Workflow logic has been reviewed within the past 12 months.

Observations:

Automation Coverage

Automation determines whether ticket volume increases workload or scales predictably. In many environments, automation exists but is not fully refined or regularly reviewed.

Evaluate whether automation actively reduces manual effort and supports governance.

- Automation rules reduce manual triage and ticket reassignment.
- SLA timers and triggers are system-driven, not manually monitored.
- Categorisation or tagging is automated where appropriate.
- Notifications and alerts are purposeful and structured.
- Automation logic has been reviewed within the past 12 months.

Observations:

SLA & Escalation Governance

SLA performance is not only about response times. It reflects whether ownership, thresholds and escalation logic are clearly defined and system-visible.

Evaluate whether breaches are predictable, traceable and governed.

- SLAs are clearly defined and aligned to service categories.
- Escalation thresholds are system-driven and time-bound.
- When a breach occurs, the cause is identifiable within the platform.
- Breach patterns are reviewed and acted on regularly.
- Ownership during escalation is clearly defined.

Observations:

Agent Workload & Knowledge Dependency

Workload and knowledge distribution determine whether performance is system-supported or person-dependent.

Evaluate whether performance is system-supported rather than person-dependent.

- Ticket distribution reflects skill, service area or role.
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- Workload visibility exists at both team and individual levels.
- Knowledge is documented, accessible and actively maintained.
- High-performing agents are not compensating for structural gaps.

Observations:

Reporting & Business Impact Visibility

Reporting should translate operational activity into leadership-level clarity. Visibility determines whether service performance can be understood, prioritised and improved.

Evaluate whether reporting supports decision-making rather than simply tracking activity.

- Dashboards provide operational clarity, not just ticket volume.
- Reporting identifies bottlenecks, not only outcomes.
- Leadership summaries are concise and decision-oriented.
- Data accuracy is trusted by stakeholders.
- Reporting demonstrates business impact, not just activity levels.

Observations:

Score Summary

Add your scores across all 25 statements.

Total Score: ____ / 125

Divide your total by 25 to determine your average maturity score.

Final Score: ____ / 5

Interpretation

1.0 – 2.4

Structural friction is likely influencing performance and visibility. Review is advisable.

2.5 – 3.6

Core structure exists, but refinement opportunities remain. Most mid-market teams fall within this range.

3.7 – 5.0

Configuration reflects structured governance and scalable design. Maintain periodic review as complexity increases.

Common Structural Patterns in Mid-Market Service Desks

Across growing service environments, certain structural themes appear repeatedly.

- ⊘ Automation exists, but has not been redesigned as complexity increased.
- ⊘ Escalations are documented, but breach drivers require manual investigation.
- ⊘ Reporting tracks activity accurately, but does not surface bottlenecks.
- ⊘ Workflow logic reflects historic team structures rather than current ones.
- ⊘ High-performing agents compensate for configuration gaps.
- ⊘ Governance reviews are reactive rather than periodic.

These patterns typically emerge gradually rather than suddenly. Left unreviewed, they tend to compound.

If Your Score Surfaced Questions

If this assessment highlighted areas that warrant further review, a structured 30-minute validation assessment is available.

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Structural review is most effective before friction becomes visible to leadership.



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