

Free AI MVP Readiness Checklist

Use this checklist to decide whether AI should be part of your MVP before investing in development.

1. Define the User Problem

Question	Your Answer
What problem are you solving?	
Who experiences this problem?	
How are users solving it today?	
Why is the current solution not enough?	

2. Confirm Whether AI Is Needed

Readiness Question	Yes / No
Does AI make the product meaningfully faster or easier to use?	

Would the product lose its main value without AI?	
Is AI solving a real user problem instead of being added as a trend?	
Can a simple rule-based feature solve the same problem?	
Can the AI output be reviewed or corrected when needed?	

If a simpler feature can deliver the same value, AI may not be necessary for the first version.

3. Check Your Data Readiness

Question	Your Answer
What information will the AI need?	
Do you already have access to this data?	
Is the data accurate and organised?	
Does the data contain sensitive information?	

Do you have permission to use it?	
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4. Define the First AI Feature

Avoid adding several AI features to your first release.

Question	Your Answer
What is the one AI feature your MVP needs?	
What user action will trigger it?	
What result should the AI provide?	
How will users know whether the result is useful?	

5. Choose Your AI Approach

Your Situation	Recommended Direction
You need to launch quickly	Start with an existing AI API
You have limited data	Avoid training a custom model

Your use case is highly specialised	Test with an API before considering a custom model
You handle sensitive data	Plan privacy, security, and access controls early
AI mistakes could cause serious harm	Add human review and clear safeguards

6. Set AI MVP Success Measures

Metric	Your Target
Users who try the AI feature	
Users who receive a useful result	
Average response time	
Accuracy or acceptance rate	
Users who return to use it again	
Users willing to pay for the feature	

7. Final Readiness Check

Your AI MVP may be ready when:

- The user problem is clear.
- AI creates measurable value.
- The first AI feature is clearly defined.
- Required data is available.
- Accuracy can be tested.
- Risks and incorrect outputs can be managed.
- You have a realistic budget and timeline.

Founder Reminder

Do not build a complex AI product before validating one useful AI feature.

Start small, test with real users, measure the quality of the output, and improve based on feedback.

Ready to Plan Your AI MVP?

Use our free MVP cost calculator to estimate your budget based on features, platform, integrations, timeline, and development needs.

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