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The Software Debt Audit Guide

A free 12-point checklist to find out how much invisible debt is hiding in your software — and what it's costing you in speed, risk, and payroll. Score each item 0 (solid), 1 (shaky), or 2 (debt).

Code & Architecture

[0 / 1 / 2] Core business logic lives in code only one person understands.

[0 / 1 / 2] Upgrading a framework or language version has been postponed more than a year.

[0 / 1 / 2] There is no automated test coverage on the revenue-critical paths.

Delivery & Operations

[0 / 1 / 2] Releases require manual steps someone has to remember.

[0 / 1 / 2] A rollback has failed, or you've never actually tested one.

[0 / 1 / 2] Deploys happen less often than monthly because they feel risky.

Dependencies & Security

[0 / 1 / 2] Third-party libraries are more than two major versions behind.

[0 / 1 / 2] You have unpatched components with known CVEs in production.

[0 / 1 / 2] Credentials or API keys live in source code or shared docs.

People & Knowledge

[0 / 1 / 2] Documentation is missing or stale for anything that matters.

[0 / 1 / 2] Onboarding a new developer to productive output takes 6+ weeks.

[0 / 1 / 2] Estimates keep doubling because 'the codebase fights back.'

Your score (out of 24)

0–6	Managed debt. Keep paying it down deliberately — you're in the healthy zone.
7–13	Accumulating. Debt is now taxing every sprint; schedule a paydown plan this quarter.
14–24	Compounding. Debt is driving your roadmap. An outside assessment will pay for itself.

Scored 7 or higher? The EverSource Software Debt Assessment ($997) turns this checklist into a prioritized paydown roadmap — which debts to retire first, what each is costing you, and a 90-day plan your team can actually execute. eversourceitservices.com

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