

Check the service, not just the server.

Use a small set of operating checks that show whether people can complete important work and recover when it fails.

Operational health review

Check	What to verify
User journey	A representative customer task succeeds
Dependencies	External services and credentials are usable
Signals	Alerts explain an actionable symptom
Recovery	A restore has been tested beyond the backup job

Choose a useful observation window

A single successful request does not describe sustained reliability. Review traffic patterns, error distributions and the conditions that led to incidents.

Attach an owner to every failed check

A dashboard without a response path creates observation without control. Record the next action, the responsible team and the escalation condition.

Watch the business operation

Infrastructure measurements are useful, but a healthy process can still fail to complete its business task. Identify the operations users depend on, such as submitting a request, locating a document or receiving an order update. Choose measurements that reveal whether those operations succeed within an acceptable time.

For a background integration, monitor completed and failed records, the age of pending work and the growth of unresolved exceptions. A worker consuming CPU does not prove that it is making useful progress. Establish the expected pattern for ordinary periods and known peaks. Make the owner of each important signal visible so an alert does not become a message everyone assumes someone else will handle.

Connect alerts to an action

An alert should identify an actionable condition and help the responder find the affected workflow. Include a useful reference to the environment, dependency or queue, with a link to the relevant runbook. Avoid placing sensitive payloads directly in alert messages that may be copied across systems.

Review noisy and ignored alerts. If a condition frequently resolves without action, consider whether it belongs on a dashboard or needs a different threshold. If a small number of records remain stuck for hours, an average response-time chart may hide the issue entirely. Use the shape of the workflow to decide what matters. The goal is timely investigation of meaningful failures, not the largest possible set of metrics.

Review trends and close recurring problems

Use operational reviews to connect incidents, maintenance and planned improvements. Repeated failures in one integration may justify better validation or reconciliation rather than another retry. Rising cost may reflect a workload change, inefficient queries or a configuration issue. Investigate the cause before treating the symptom as an unavoidable operating expense.

Record what changed, what evidence supports the diagnosis and who owns the corrective action. Verify the result after the change reaches the relevant environment. Keep known limitations visible to the people using the system. Operational health improves when evidence changes the delivery backlog and day-to-day decisions, rather than being collected into reports that nobody uses.

Should every warning page someone?

No. Separate urgent user impact from conditions that can enter a normal maintenance queue.

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