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Customer Success Maturity:

A Self-Assessment for Services Organizations

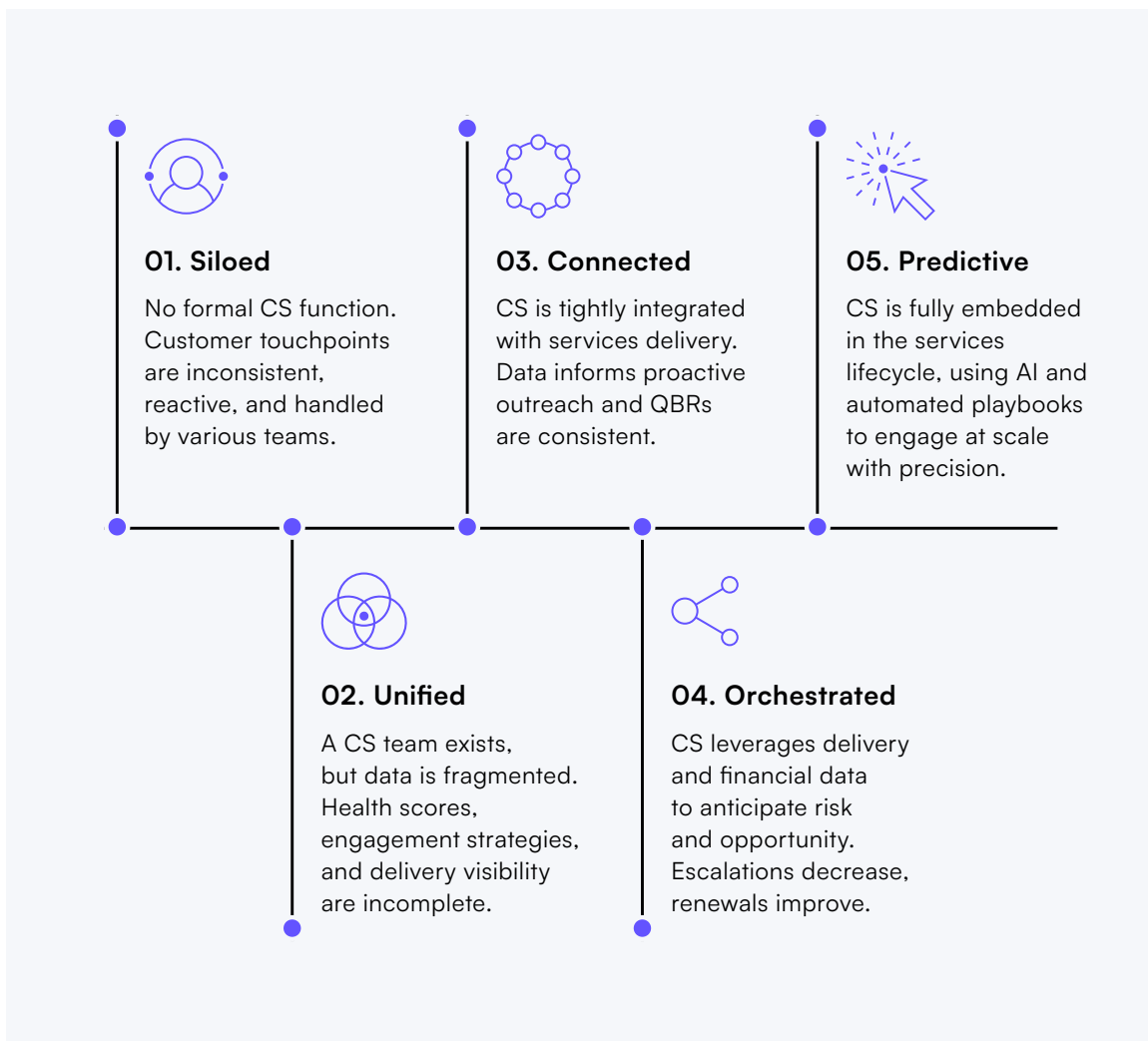A practical guide for services organizations ready to move from reactive to strategic

Customer Success isn't just a support function anymore. For services organizations, it's central to long-term revenue, customer advocacy, and operational scale. Yet many CS teams are stuck responding to issues instead of proactively managing value. Often, the problem isn't the people. It's the lack of connected systems, shared data, and repeatable playbooks.

In services businesses especially, CS teams struggle with fragmented visibility: project delivery data lives in one system, billing in another, and CRM in yet another. This disconnect creates real friction—from missed handoffs and delayed QBR prep, to risk signals that never get surfaced. The result? CSMs operate in reactive mode, firefighting rather than guiding customers forward.

This guide introduces a simple way to evaluate where your CS team stands today, what maturity actually looks like in a services context, and how to move up the curve with intention. The goal isn't perfection. It's progress that leads to outcomes.

The 5 Stages of Customer Success Maturity

We've identified five stages that reflect the evolution from tactical, disconnected CS work to a strategic, insight-driven function that fuels customer value and business growth.

01. Siloed

No formal CS function. Customer touchpoints are inconsistent, reactive, and handled by various teams.

02. Unified

A CS team exists, but data is fragmented. Health scores, engagement strategies, and delivery visibility are incomplete.

03. Connected

CS is tightly integrated with services delivery. Data informs proactive outreach and QBRs are consistent.

04. Orchestrated

CS leverages delivery and financial data to anticipate risk and opportunity. Escalations decrease, renewals improve.

05. Predictive

CS is fully embedded in the services lifecycle, using AI and automated playbooks to engage at scale with precision.

Self-Assessment:

Where Are You Today?

Use the questions below to identify which stage best describes your organization. Be honest. This isn't a test, it's a starting point.

→ Do your CSMs have access to real-time project delivery and billing data?

→ Is customer health scored using consistent, data-driven criteria?

→ Are QBRs driven by shared KPIs across CS, delivery, and finance?

→ Do you automate any part of your customer engagement journey?

→ Can you anticipate churn or expansion opportunities using predictive signals?

If you answered "no" to 3 or more questions, you're likely operating at Stage 1 or 2.

If you answered "yes" to most but still rely heavily on manual work, you may be at Stage 3, with opportunities to layer in automation and intelligence.

If your customer success motion is largely automated and proactive, congrats —you're likely moving into Stage 4 or 5.

What Progress Looks Like

Early-stage teams benefit most from establishing foundational visibility. Connecting delivery data to your customer record is a game-changer. From there, organizations can move into proactive outreach, automated task management, and, eventually, personalized engagement at scale powered by predictive intelligence.

This evolution doesn't require doubling your CS headcount. It requires aligning systems, surfacing the right insights, and giving your team time back to focus on relationships, not spreadsheets. And it means choosing a platform that doesn't bolt these systems together, but unifies them by design.

How Certinia Supports the Climb

Certinia brings professional services, customer success, and financial management together on a single platform—all natively on Salesforce. That means:

- ✓ One source of truth across delivery, billing, and engagement

- ✓ Real-time visibility into project status, margin, and customer health, all within Salesforce CRM

- ✓ Automation of low-touch engagement tasks so CSMs can focus on what matters

- ✓ Predictive analytics that surface churn risks and upsell potential before they become fire drills

- ✓ A future-ready foundation for AI-powered workflows and agent-based CS support

With everything on the Salesforce platform, your data is not only integrated, it's ready for the next generation of intelligent automation.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Book a tailored **CS maturity consultation** or explore **Customer Success Cloud** to see how Certinia helps services organizations transform Customer Success from reactive to resilient.

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