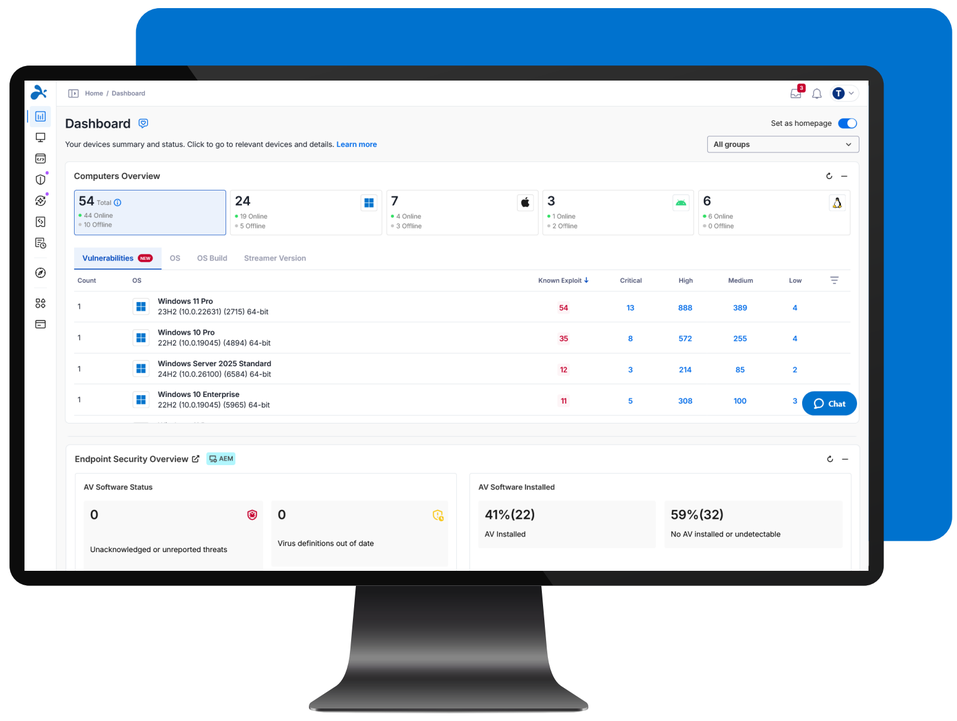
# Are You Ready to Move Beyond Manual Patch Management?

## A diagnostic checklist to assess your endpoint management maturity




Manual and semi-automated endpoint management is reaching its limits. As environments grow more distributed and complex, patching delays, blind spots, and tool sprawl increase risk and operational drag.

**Autonomous Endpoint Management (AEM)** is a way to reduce manual work, improve security posture, and simplify endpoint operations—no matter where you are today. Use the checklist below to evaluate how close your current environment is to what modern AEM can deliver.

## Autonomous Endpoint Management Self-Assessment

Check the statements that are **true today** for your organization.

- ☐ We have a complete, continuously updated inventory of all endpoints, operating systems, and installed software.
- ☐ We have real-time visibility into endpoint health, patch status, and vulnerabilities—without relying on manual reporting.
- ☐ Our patching process is standardized and automated, with clear policies for prioritization and exceptions.
- ☐ We can test patches or automated actions on a small group of devices before deploying broadly.
- ☐ We can monitor patch success and failures as they happen and remediate issues without waiting for tickets.
- ☐ Our endpoint strategy goes beyond patching to include proactive remediation, configuration management, and compliance reporting.
- ☐ Endpoint management integrates with remote access and remote support, allowing IT to resolve issues instantly when automation needs a human assist.
- ☐ We can manage and support non-traditional devices—such as POS systems, kiosks, or Android-based endpoints—without creating manual workflows.
- ☐ Our endpoint tools integrate with advanced security solutions (such as AV/EDR), rather than operating in isolation.
- ☐ We are confident we are using—and getting value from—the majority of the features we pay for in our endpoint management stack.

# What Your Answers Mean

## 8–10 checked

You're operating close to the promise of Autonomous Endpoint Management. Your focus should be on **simplifying your stack, reducing overhead, and ensuring automation is actually being used, not just licensed.**

## 4–7 checked

You have pieces of AEM in place, but gaps in visibility, integration, or execution may be slowing you down. This is where teams often struggle with **tool sprawl or underutilized platforms.**

## 0–3 checked

Manual processes and limited visibility are likely increasing risk and consuming IT time. AEM can help you establish control, consistency, and confidence without rebuilding your environment from scratch.

## Why This Matters

Gartner estimates that with Autonomous Endpoint Management, patching cycle times can improve from 55–94 days to 6–13 days.[1]

The real payoff includes:

- **Faster patch cycles** without constant oversight
- **Stronger security posture** through continuous visibility and automated remediation
- **Simplified compliance** with audit-ready dashboards and reporting
- **More efficient IT teams,** freed from repetitive, low-value work

**Pro Tip:** You can start anywhere—visibility, targeted automation, or specific use cases—and expand over time. This approach reduces risk, accelerates time to value, and builds momentum toward a more resilient IT model.

## How to Choose the Right AEM Approach

Many endpoint management platforms promise everything and then overwhelm teams with complexity, unused features, and high costs. The result? Tools are deployed but never fully adopted.

Splashtop AEM is designed differently:

- Automation without unnecessary complexity
- Unified endpoint management and remote support in one platform
- Faster time to value, without overpaying for features you'll never use

Whether you're just starting to automate or looking to simplify an existing setup, AEM should make endpoint management easier, not more complex.

See how Splashtop AEM can support your AEM journey.

**Schedule a demo today**

**Sources**

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