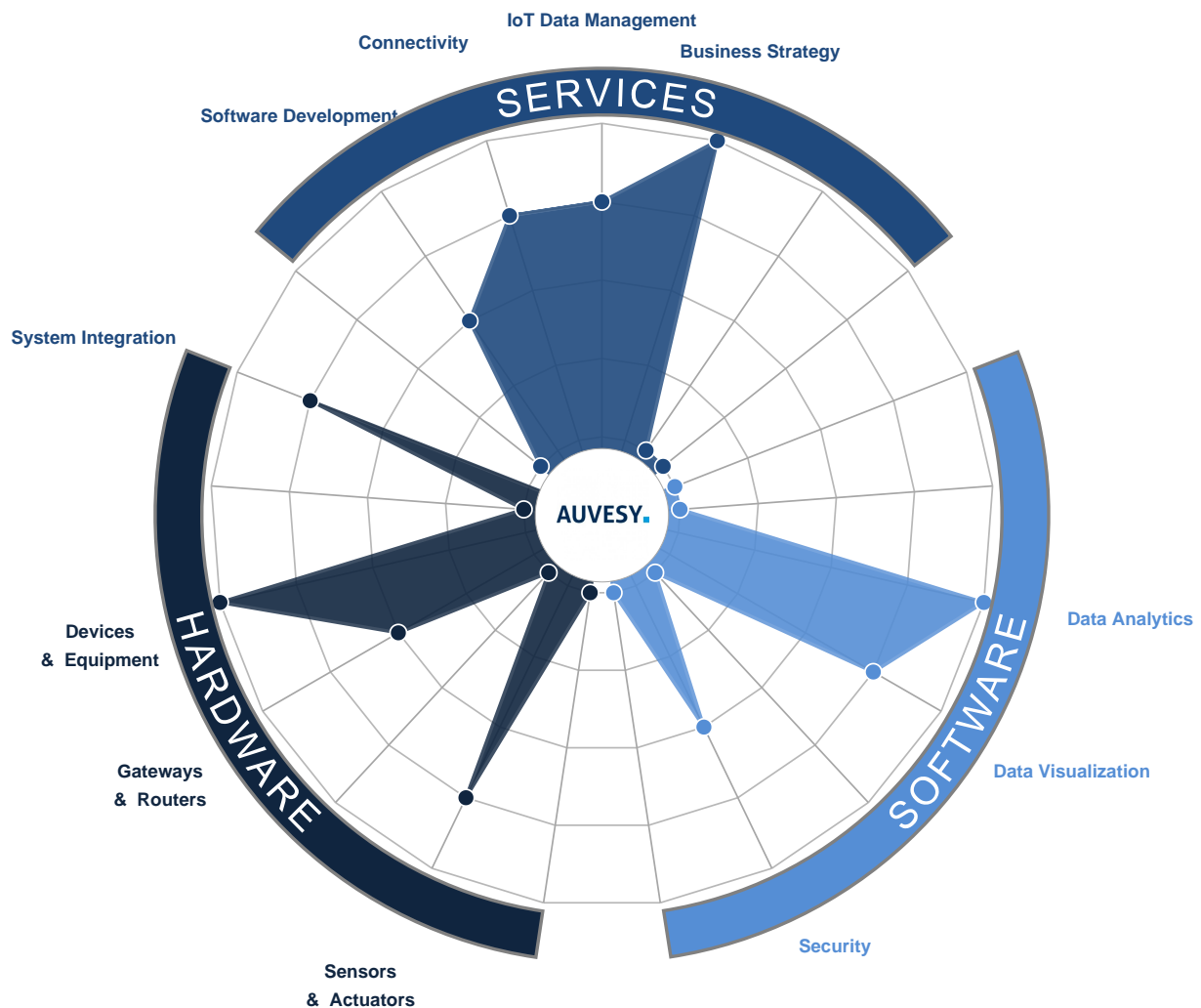




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# New Business Models in Maintenance



# Overview

## Applicable Industries



Automotive



Construction

## Applicable Functions



Facility Maintenance



Information Technology



Maintenance

## Challenge

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- Corrective Maintenance
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Customer

## The challenges that digitalisation presents for maintenance

In terms of cost-benefit, digitalisation is worth investing in. There are, however, challenges. For today's smart maintenance, the challenges lie in remote maintenance and in data analysis, both of which necessitate that hardware and network infrastructure be subject to ongoing updates in order to efficiently manage the ever-increasing volume of data. Furthermore:

- Managing data is an increasingly complex process
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But these tools alone are not enough. Maintenance also needs to be accompanied by new vocational and training opportunities. For example:

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Data Collected	Data from automated production, machines, robots, frequency changers, plcs, hmis, SCADA-systems,...
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Solution Type	IOT
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Solution Maturity

Mature (technology has been on the market for > 5 years)

## Operational Impact



Impact #1

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Impact #2

Advancing the process of standardisation in relation to digitalisation

## Quantitative Benefit



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Safety & security



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Flexible and customized production



Benefit #3

Economic efficiency

## Technology

## Software



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