

Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. (CTSH)

Nasdaq; business equipment; SIC 7371, Services-Computer Programming Services; CIK 0001058290

Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. CTSH; business equipment	
Grade	C A B C D E middle fifth of 497 graded peers percentile 52.2; sampling error 2.2 points; lower is stronger
Rank	260 of 497
Profitability	D percentile 73.9
Solvency	B percentile 23.8
Growth and financing	C percentile 49.0
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over \$2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over \$2.67B assets total assets \$20.7B
Standard universe	inside revenue above \$1M and assets above \$10M
Warnings	none active; fortress balance sheet
Inputs computable	9 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Feb 12, 2026 239 days before the rescans; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Jul 29, 2026
Last close	\$60.02 2026-10-08; market equity \$28.4B
Price used in grade	None



C, the tortoise

middle fifth of its sector; letters are fifths of the 497 graded peers

Share price, twelve months to the rescans

split-adjusted close; the letter is fixed at the rescans that set it



Rescans on file: D from Mar 21, 2024, D/E from Feb 21, 2025, D from Apr 21, 2025, C from Feb 21, 2026

Letter at every rescans

Jan 21, 2012 to Oct 9, 2026; sector percentile, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only



Business, in the company's words

opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Feb 12, 2026

-Competition." We compete on the basis of reputation and experience, strategic advisory capabilities, digital and AI capabilities, performance and reliability, responsiveness to customer needs, financial stability, corporate governance and competitive pricing of services. The less we are able to differentiate our services and solutions and/or clearly convey the value of our services and solutions, the more difficulty we have in winning new work in sufficient volumes and at our target pricing and overall economics.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; equal-weighted sleeves

Input	Percentile, 0 to 100	Value	Peer median	Percentile	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 73.9						
Gross profitability		not computable	28.5%			one or more required annual facts are missing
Return on invested capital		not computable	10.9%			latest aligned inputs end 2018-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31
Accruals ratio		(3.2%)	(7.4%)	73.9	621	2025-12-31
Gross margin stability, five years		not computable	2.4 pts			five annual gross margins are required; found 0
Solvency, sleeve percentile 23.8						
Twelve-month failure probability		0.03%	0.05%	13.0	101	2026-03-31
Altman Z double-prime		7.58	2.18	12.6	566	2025-12-31
Net debt to EBITDA		not computable	1.11x			latest aligned inputs end 2018-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31
Interest coverage		not computable	3.77x			latest aligned inputs end 2023-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31
Current ratio		2.14x	2.02x	45.9	666	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 49.0						
Revenue growth, three-year compound		2.8%	6.4%	59.8	538	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound		5.1%	17.2%	67.8	268	2025-12-31
Reinvestment rate		(1.0%)	14.3%	55.6	226	2025-12-31
Asset growth, three years		5.0%	5.0%	47.7	563	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year		(3.3%)	0.5%	14.0	407	2026-02-06

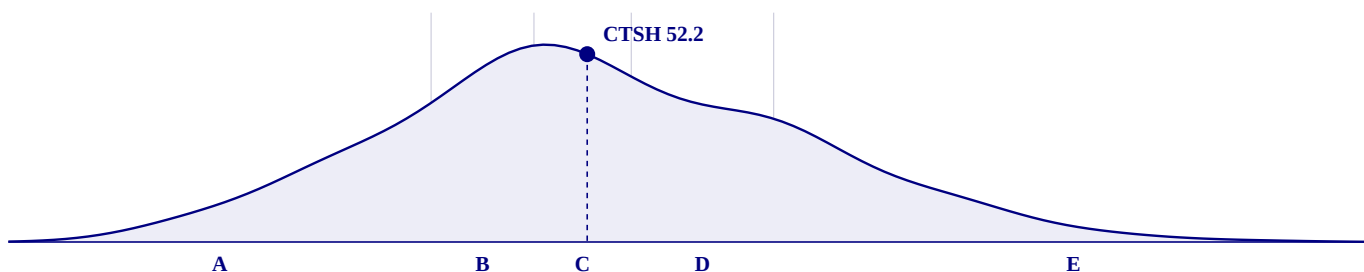
Warnings

1 of 7 checks triggered; none of them enters the letter

Check	Measured
Fortress balance sheet	cash minus debt is 411,000,000 USD; Altman Z is not used

Among 497 peers

business equipment; letters are fifths of this list



Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.

Rank	Company	Percentile	Letter	Warnings
255	Blackberry Ltd. (BB)	51.2	C	fortress balance sheet
256	Alarm.com Holdings, Inc. (ALRM)	51.4	C	
257	Evertec, Inc. (EVTG)	51.6	C	
258	Esco Technologies Inc. (ESE)	51.8	C	
259	Intrusion Inc. (INTZ)	52.0	C	short runway
260	Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. (CTSH) <	52.2	C	fortress balance sheet
261	Pioneer Power Solutions, Inc. (PPSI)	52.4	C	late filer, fortress balance sheet
262	Cisco Systems, Inc. (CSCO)	52.6	C	
263	Sanmina Corp. (SANM)	52.8	C	fortress balance sheet
264	Inve Technologies, Inc. (INVE)	53.0	C	
265	Broadcom Inc. (AVGO)	53.2	C	

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-08 close; none enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(1.5%)	2.2%	48
Distance from 52-week high	(30.8%)	(30.0%)	49
EBIT to enterprise value	12.2%	1.5%	96
Free cash flow yield	9.1%	2.7%	84
Book value to price	0.53	0.23	75
Sales to price	0.74	0.30	73
Composite equity issuance, five years	(20.8%)	3.9%	12
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.30)	(0.26)	48

Diagnostics

not in the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2025-12-31	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	pass
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	\$1.5B

Operating cash flow, four quarters	\$2.8B
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	72 (10-Q received Jul 29, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	\$369.3M

Sources

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#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$2.8B	2018-12-31	2021-02-12	10-K	0001058290-21-000031
2	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesMinorityInterestAndRelatedIncome	\$2.8B	2018-12-31	2021-02-12	10-K	0001058290-21-000031
3	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	\$698.0M	2018-12-31	2021-02-12	10-K	0001058290-21-000031
4	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	\$750.0M	2018-12-31	2019-02-19	10-K	0001058290-19-000009
5	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$11.4B	2018-12-31	2022-02-16	10-K	0001058290-22-000023
6	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$1.2B	2018-12-31	2020-02-14	10-K	0001058290-20-000008
7	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	\$800.0M	2017-12-31	2018-02-27	10-K	0001058290-18-000009
8	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$10.7B	2017-12-31	2021-02-12	10-K	0001058290-21-000031
9	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$1.9B	2017-12-31	2020-02-14	10-K	0001058290-20-000008
10	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	\$2.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
11	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$2.9B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
12	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$20.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
13	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$20.0B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
14	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$7.8B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
15	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$3.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
16	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	\$15.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
17	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$3.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
18	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$15.0B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
19	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	\$5.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
20	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	\$498.0M	2018-12-31	2021-02-12	10-K	0001058290-21-000031
21	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$2.7B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
22	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	\$41.0M	2023-12-31	2024-02-14	10-K	0001058290-24-000017
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$21.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
24	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$19.7B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
25	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$19.4B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
26	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$19.4B	2022-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	0001058290-25-000017
27	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$288.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
28	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$2.1B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
29	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$297.0M	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
30	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$2.3B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$317.0M	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$2.6B	2022-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	0001058290-25-000017
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$332.0M	2022-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	0001058290-25-000017
34	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	\$550.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
35	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesMinorityInterestAndRelatedIncome	\$3.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
36	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	\$1.3B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
37	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$7.5B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
38	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$3.6B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
39	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$18.5B	2023-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	0001058290-25-000017
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$17.9B	2022-12-31	2024-02-14	10-K	0001058290-24-000017
41	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	478,246,920	2026-02-06	2026-02-12	10-K	0001058290-26-000008
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	494,615,514	2025-02-07	2025-02-12	10-K	0001058290-25-000017