

MYTH BUSTING: LEGACY SOFTWARE MODERNISATION



WHAT IS LEGACY SOFTWARE?

Legacy software is defined as software that is outdated and is no longer receiving continuous updates from its original vendor.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO MODERNISE?

Legacy software modernisation is important to:

- Enhance efficiency
- Provide cost savings
- Improve security
- Gain a competitive edge

HOW CAN RESPONSIV HELP?

Responsiv has the specialist skills required to upgrade, support, and modernise legacy software.

Services include:

- **Responsiv Assist Extended Support** - for IBM software and middleware when you aren't ready to upgrade or are in the throes of a migration
- **IBM software upgrades** - providing you with licences and skills to upgrade your estate
- **Responsiv Cloud Platforms** - wraparound your legacy systems and access new integration and automation capabilities as well as a modernised look and feel whilst maintaining the core system

CONTEXT

Modernisation of legacy software is critical for organisations that want to streamline operations and improve cost and business efficiency.

Your legacy software may be business critical, but when left to run without updates, can cause bottlenecks, lower productivity, and create higher maintenance costs.

Let's explore some common myths about legacy software:

MYTHS

I don't need to worry about upgrading if my legacy software works

Although a legacy system works, there are hidden costs and concerns that can affect business as usual. These include security concerns due to outdated security protocols, compatibility issues with new technologies, and non-compliance with regulatory and legal requirements.

Legacy software cannot be modernised

Organisations can find success in completely replacing legacy systems but this is not the only option. Some use a more pragmatic approach by using one or more methods to re-platform software or merge/augment software with newer versions and products.

Legacy modernisation 'takes forever'

Modernisation may seem complex, but with the right project management, technical skills, and change management, companies can take advantage of new capabilities efficiently.

Modernisation is expensive

Cost of modernisation can make some organisations hesitate. Modernising legacy software can significantly decrease the total cost of ownership and remove hidden costs. There are also multiple ways to modernise, meaning organisations can decide to implement their project in a way that best suits business need.

I'll do what they're doing - it works for them

Businesses have different requirements for software projects, so having a specific strategy is important. Upgrading, seeking extended support, and re-platforming are a few legacy modernisation strategies organisations can use.