

LEGACY SOFTWARE: FAQS

OVERVIEW

Legacy software refers to outdated software or technology that is still being used by organisations. They typically use older programming languages, architectures, and hardware.

As the business landscape evolves, and new laws/regulations, threats, management styles, and budgets arise, organisations may need to quickly adapt. Legacy systems must be analysed to ensure they are meeting demand, and if they are not, register the risk and plan for mitigation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are legacy systems still in use?

Legacy systems are likely still in use if they are part of an organisation's core business processes. These may be bespoke, and tailored to an organisation's specific needs, making them difficult to replace without major changes.

When should organisations consider replacing legacy systems?

If the cost or risk associated with maintaining legacy systems outweigh the benefits, they should be modernised. Factors such as security vulnerabilities, performance, scalability, and availability should be considered when evaluating the need for upgrades or replacement.

Can legacy systems coexist with modern systems?

In short, yes. This can be done through integration and hybrid approaches, which allows organisations to slowly transition functionality from legacy systems to modern ones whilst maintaining continuity. Some issues may arise if integration protocols are incompatible.

How can organisations mitigate the risks associated with legacy systems?

Organisations can mitigate risks by ensuring proper maintenance of their systems. This includes implementing additional security measures, conducting regular risk assessments, and keeping patches up to date or upgrading the system.

Can legacy systems be modernised?

Yes. Some approaches involve updating the systems infrastructure, complete migration, or using modernisation techniques such as encapsulation.

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AT A GLANCE

CHALLENGES

- Outdated technology
- Increased business risk
- High maintenance costs

SOLUTIONS

- Updates and patching
- Migration
- Modernisation techniques such as encapsulation

HOW CAN RESPONSIV HELP?

Responsiv has a wealth of knowledge around legacy modernisation

- 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