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RECOVERY GUIDE

A Simple Guide to Help You Decide If It's Time to Modernise Your Legacy System.

INTRODUCTION



If you're relying on outdated systems to power your day-to-day operations, you're not alone. Many businesses "make it work" — even when their software is no longer fit for purpose. But just because it still functions, doesn't mean it's not costing you time, money, and missed opportunities.

This guide is here to help you take stock, get clarity, and make informed decisions about what to do next.

20-30% OF ANNUAL REVENUE IS LOST DUE TO INEFFICIENCIES

LEGACY SYSTEMS CONSUME 60-80% OF IT BUDGETS

60% OF SECURITY BREACHES IN 2022 WERE LINKED TO UNPATCHED LEGACY SYSTEMS





THE WARNING SIGNS

- 1. Does your software crash or freeze regularly?
- Are your staff relying on workarounds, spreadsheets, or manual data re-entry?
- Do updates break other parts of the system, or are updates no longer even possible?
- 4. Are you worried about security or compliance issues?
- 5. Does it take longer to do simple tasks than it should?

It's easy to dismiss these signs as temporary issues or things your team has just 'got used to'. But when small inefficiencies become daily frustrations, they add up, draining energy, damaging morale, and silently hurting your bottom line.

If you answered "yes" to two or more, your system may be due for a serious review.

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What's It Really Costing You?

Legacy systems don't just frustrate teams — they slow down the entire business. A report by IDC found that companies lose between 20% and 30% of their revenue each year due to inefficiencies, many of which stem from outdated systems.

Lost productivity

Outdated workflows slow everything down — causing bottlenecks, duplication of effort, and daily delays that hurt your team's output.

Employee morale

When tools get in the way of doing good work, staff become frustrated, leading to burnout, disengagement, and turnover.

Hidden costs

Behind-the-scenes expenses like constant patching, ongoing IT support, and licensing fees add up quickly with legacy tech.

Security risks

Older systems are more vulnerable to breaches, lack encryption standards, and often go unpatched for known threats.

Missed opportunities

Legacy systems struggle to integrate with modern platforms, limiting automation, innovation, and future scalability.





What Would a Better System Look Like?

When thinking about what you'd like your system to do better, it helps to be specific. This section is designed to help you look past day-to-day frustrations and think about what your ideal setup might actually look like.

Now ask yourself:

What are the top 3 things you wish your current software could do?

For example: Automatically assign tasks based on workload, send real-time updates to clients, or sync data between tools without manual input.

What manual processes do you wish were automated?

Think about repetitive admin, like invoice generation, customer follow-ups, onboarding checklists, or stock management.

How much time could you save with better reporting, integration, or user experience?

Would live dashboards give your team better insight? Could connecting other software reduce double entry or delays?

Write these down. These answers will help shape the foundation of your modernisation brief — and start turning frustrations into functional goals.

How to Start the Conversation

Modernising your software doesn't have to mean starting from scratch. At SourceCodeStudio, we guide businesses through the process, whether it's a phased rebuild, selective upgrades, or a full transformation.



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Start with a free consultation. We'll help you:

- Understand where your software is falling short
- Identify what's salvageable and what needs replacing
- Map out a realistic plan that aligns with your business goals

The longer you wait, the more it costs. But with the right partner, your software can go from liability to asset.