COUNTING THE TRUE COST OF LEGACY SYSTEMS

It's More Than Just Licences!

Most organizations think they understand their legacy system costs. They track licenses, hardware, and IT salaries. **But the real cost?** It's hiding beneath the surface, quietly draining budgets and blocking innovation.

The Underestimation Problem

70-80%

How much organizations underestimate their Total Cost of Ownership

License fees and hardware bills add up. Yet businesses consistently fail to account for hidden costs like inefficient processes and productivity drains. That's not a rounding error. That's a fundamental miscalculation that impacts every strategic decision.

The Maintenance Trap: Where IT budgets actually go

60-80%

spent on maintenance and "keeping the lights on"

20-40%

left for innovation and growth

Maintenance guzzles the majority of spending. Innovation and development languish at the back of the line. It's a cycle of compounding technological debt that leaves little room for the initiatives that actually drive business forward.

The Human Cost

Legacy systems don't just cost money. They cost time, energy, and opportunity. Every day, employees struggle with outdated tools that slow them down.

That's not just lost productivity. It's talent frustration, mental fatigue, and innovation that never happens.

50%
of office workers waste 3+ hours daily due to inefficient systems

$1M
lost annually for organizations with 25 developers

A Ticking Time Bomb

Legacy systems were built before modern cyber threats existed. Today, they're the weakest link in your security chain. The question isn't if these vulnerabilities will be exploited. It's when.

3x more security flaws than modern applications

43% of all data breaches target legacy systems

$4.4M average cost of a data breach

Stuck in the Past

Perhaps the most devastating cost is what never gets built. When maintenance consumes your budget, innovation becomes impossible. This isn't just about technology. It's about competitive survival in a digital-first world.

90% of IT decision-makers say legacy systems prevent digital innovation

43% of banks still rely on COBOL-based systems

75% are struggling to implement modern digital solutions customers expect

Time to Move Forward?

Don't let hidden costs dictate your future. Discover how Snapshot technology preserves your legacy data while freeing your budget for innovation.

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Data and Stats

All data and statistics are taken from the "Counting the True Cost of Legacy Systems: It's More Than Just Licenses" blog at SunsetPointSoftware.com.