

# 6 App Modernization Mistakes to Avoid to Reach the Finish Line Faster

When it comes to modernizing legacy applications, companies need to take a smart approach or risk wasting limited time and resources. Here are six common mistakes you can avoid through careful preparation:

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**1 Not gaining buy-in and commitment from stakeholders –** Creating a detailed business plan of what will be accomplished, why it's essential, and how all will benefit can help achieve buy-in from IT and business leaders.

**2 Thinking legacy application modernization is a one-time event –** Consider implementing "legacy maintenance" as a part of your modernization strategy, which includes making improvements to meet new business requirements.

**3 Assuming that you can meet all needs with off-the-shelf solutions –** By working with application modernization experts, you can combine the best mix of off-the-shelf and custom functionality to meet your unique needs quickly and cost-effectively.

**4 Not planning for changes in technology and user expectations –** In the first stages of preparing for modernization, planning for updates and additional development work can save time and resources.

**5 Forgetting to evaluate organizational readiness for change –** Using an assessment framework can help you understand your organization's current state, identify gaps across people, processes, and technology, and outline a roadmap for moving forward.

**6 Trying to modernize too many parts of your system at once –** Keeping a legacy system functional and running a new system in parallel can simplify the effort and therefore speed up the modernization process.

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