

5 STEPS



FOR KEEPING APP MODERNIZATION ON TRACK

As you prepare to begin a modernization project, make sure you keep your efforts aligned with business priorities. It will allow you to clearly articulate the business value of all your efforts. Here are five steps to keep your app modernization project on track.



1. Assess your applications

Categorize your applications as either traditional, composite or cloud native. Categorizing will give you a breakdown of your application landscape so you can start making some decisions about where to focus your efforts.

2. Be realistic with your scope

As you prepare to build your business case, keep your scope containable. For example, it's not advisable to create one massive business case to modernize hundreds of applications all at once and to create a project timeline that spans several years.

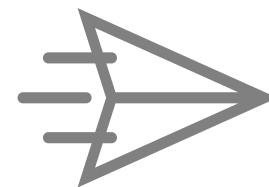


3. Build your business case

Not only will this step help keep you focused, it will, if needed, help you secure executive approval for the modernization project. Using your application assessment as a starting point, focus on the application that will provide the biggest ROI.

4. Begin executing the project

If along the way you realize that your initial assumptions about either the business value or amount of work the project would require were incorrect, revisit the business case and adjust the scope accordingly so you don't find yourself in a never-ending project.



5. Evaluate and repeat

As you complete each project, you'll learn a lot about the technologies, what worked well and what didn't. You'll have more DevOps experience and can use that knowledge to inform your next modernization project.

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