What Keeps IT Leaders Up at Night?

Rocket Software surveyed 275 U.S.-based IT directors and VPs in companies with 1,000+ employees to determine what keeps them up at night. Their biggest nightmare? Managing IT risk.

Risk management is a critical focus for technology professionals, and they're starting to take a more proactive and less reactionary approach — especially as it relates to cybersecurity. But, IT risks extend beyond cyberthreats. Hardware or software failures, natural disasters, maintenance interruptions, and even human error all pose threats to organizations’ IT health.

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How often do IT leaders think about IT risk?

IT leaders lack confidence in their organization’s ability to execute an IT management approach based on the technology, processes, and people in their organizations. To improve confidence, organizations need the right tools, processes, and people in place to effectively manage risk both on the mainframe and in the cloud.

IT leaders said the top three risk mitigation processes and tools include:

- To regulatory pressures like Sarbanes-Oxley, Basel III, and other governance obligations.
- 63% of IT leaders measure success by their ability to reduce risk.
- A whopping 13% do not have tools deployed to mitigate risk.

IT leaders believe automation can provide their organization with the following benefits — some of which reduce IT risk:

- Reducing human error in processes
- Reducing operating expense
- Speeding up repetitive tasks
- Repurposing (human) resources

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No matter where you are in your risk management journey, Rocket Software has the right solutions and expertise to get you there. It’s time to take control of your risk. Talk to one of our modernization experts to help get you going in the right direction.

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When it comes to mainframe data management:

- 63% of IT leaders said their current primary focus is on compliance.
- 51% of respondents said compliance and business agility are of equal importance.
- 32% of respondents said compliance and business agility are of equal importance.

When it comes to cloud storage:

- 62% of respondents said compliance and business agility are of equal importance.
- 47% of respondents said compliance and business agility are of equal importance.

When it comes to cloud processes:

- 63% of respondents said compliance and business agility are of equal importance.
- 47% of respondents said compliance and business agility are of equal importance.

When it comes to storage processes:

- 63% of respondents said compliance and business agility are of equal importance.
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