



# IT Modernization Without Disruption

Leverage Trusted Partners to Guide Your Modernization Journey

IT modernization aligns technology with business goals, enhancing the value of current and future tech investments. Effective modernization requires adaptability to new technologies and streamlined data access for authorized users.

In 2024, Rocket Software commissioned Forrester Consulting to survey over 300 global decision-makers responsible for modernizing mainframe environments.

**IT teams are under pressure to modernize without disruption. Roughly seven in 10 decision-makers said that within the next year, they must:**

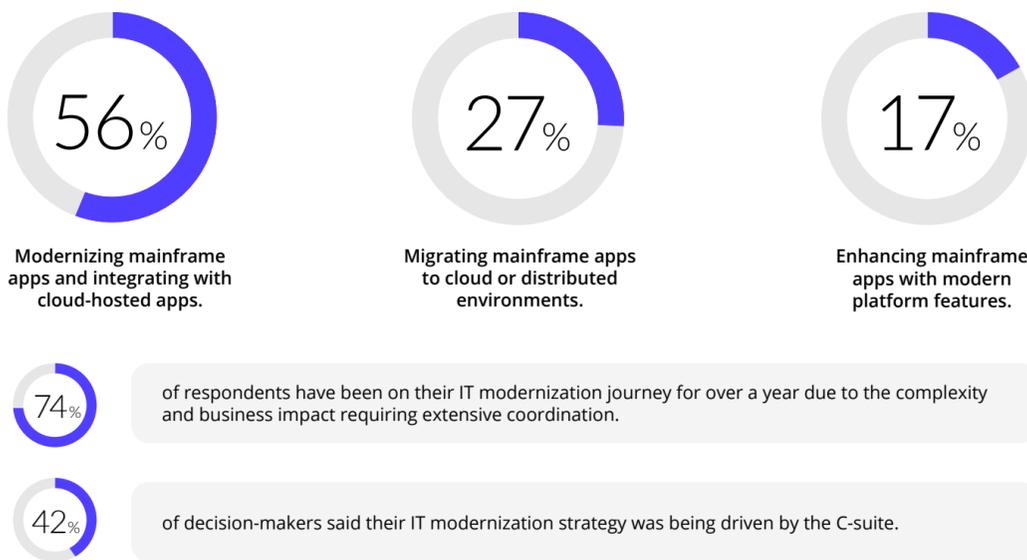
-  Meet measurable commercial growth targets.
-  Improve their organization's ability to innovate.
-  Reduce enterprise risk.
-  Increase operational resilience.

## 01 The benefits of IT modernization



Successful IT modernization is directly tied to stronger technological and business outcomes. This is why 69% of respondents stated that IT modernization is very or extremely important in helping to achieve business objectives over the next year.

Respondents who are modernizing their mainframe environments, are either:

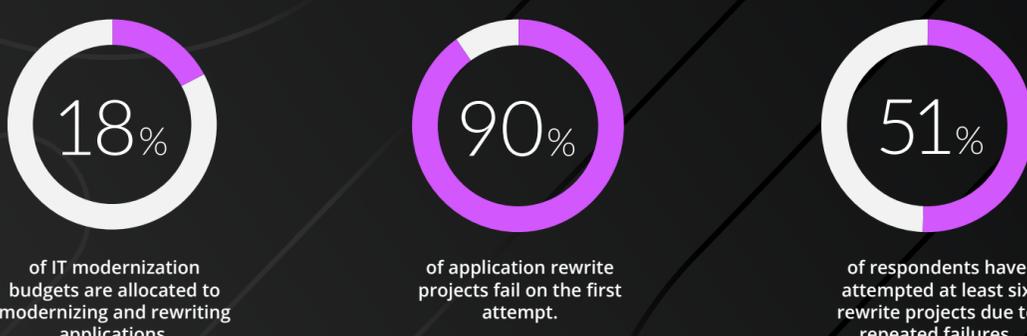


The biggest IT modernization challenges according to decision-makers are:

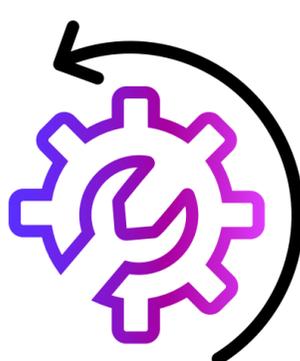
-  **41%** Concerns over security and risk.
-  **38%** Lack of talent/skills.
-  **34%** Complex integration strategies.
-  **30%** Inadequate software tools/platforms and the ungoverned use of new technology like AI.

## 02 The biggest IT modernization challenges

There are several challenges significantly impacting businesses, preventing IT modernization success and slowing progress. IT teams must be aware of these challenges to help prepare for them.



## 03 The key to a successful IT modernization journey



To be successful with IT modernization, it's imperative to have the right strategic partners involved. A trusted partner can fill any gaps an organization might have regarding skills, expertise, or solutions. All respondents relied on a partner for their IT modernization journey.

The primary reasons for IT decision-makers to leverage external partners for IT modernization include:



Source: IT Modernization Without Disruption, a commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Rocket Software, August 2024.

### Ready to take the next step?

Read the full study to learn more about how a trusted partner can help you on your IT modernization journey.

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