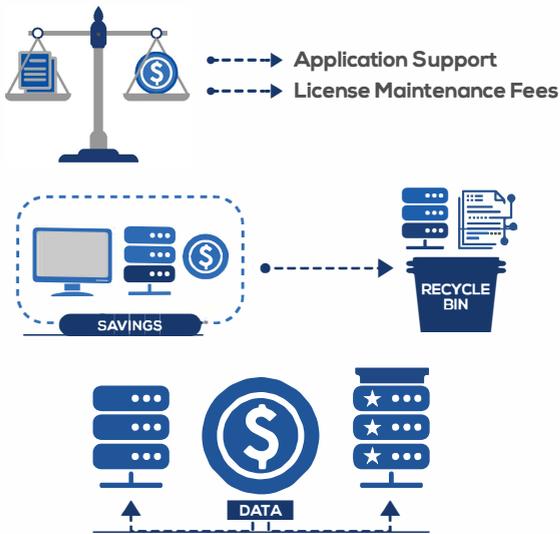


Application Decommissioning ROI Opportunities and Risk Factors

Are you trying to understand what your organization can gain by decommissioning outdated, unsupported applications? Or are you wondering what you could lose if you just hold onto them?

Here are some tips for identifying the **return on investment** for application decommissioning, and insights on **risks** from delaying.

1. HOW TO GAUGE ROI



To gauge your ROI, consider the **number of applications** that are candidates for decommissioning and the **amount** your organization pays **annually** in **application support** and **license maintenance fees**.

You can also estimate your **hardware** and **data storage** savings. To do this, identify the total number of **physical servers** or **mainframe systems** to be retired along with their **annual cost**.

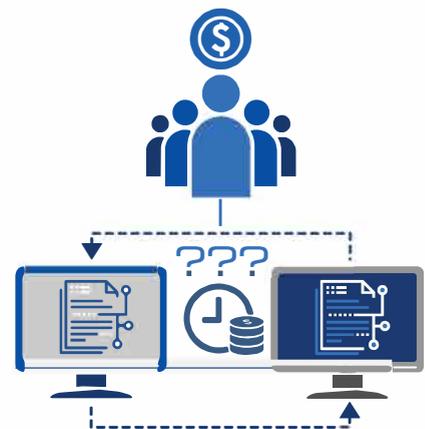
The amount of savings will be impacted by whether data from the systems is stored on a **high-end** or **mid-tier** storage array and the annual cost of the production storage on which this data is typically stored.

2. CONSIDER HUMAN RESOURCES SAVINGS

Human resources savings also contribute to the ROI of application decommissioning.

These savings come from freeing up **full-time employees** who currently manage and use these systems. What are the **annual salaries** of these IT administrators and end users?

What is the value of reducing the time they spend logging into multiple legacy systems and the time spend **switching between systems**?



! RISK FACTORS !

While **cost** and **time savings** are part of the ROI of application decommissioning, you also should think about the **consequences** of **delaying** application retirement.

For example, what would happen if an unsupported system had a catastrophic failure?

Is there a risk that decision makers will not be able to access data properly from your legacy systems?

And what are the risks of a personal information or HIPAA breach due to the complexity of managing compliance across your legacy systems?

Any metrics you may have related to application failures, access restrictions, and compliance breaches are critical.

WHAT IT ALL MEANS



- Application Maintenance
- Server
- Storage

By understanding the potential **return on investment** for application decommissioning, you can uncover **considerable savings** in reduced application maintenance costs, server and storage costs, and productivity gains from reallocating staff to more strategic projects.

By the same token, understanding **the tangible risks** of **delaying** the retirement of legacy systems can provide motivation to get started now.