

# Top ten reasons application modernization projects fail

Are we done yet? With "modernizing" our applications, that is?

It seems so long ago that someone came up with the clever concept of application "modernization" as a response to how outdated AS/400 applications looked in comparison with graphical Windows applications.

But now, even after years of screen-scraping, "refacing" and crash courses in Java, there still exists an unfathomable mountain of monolithic RPG applications that – dolled up or not – simply don't serve modern business needs.

Why have so many attempts at "modernization" failed to deliver?

Read Paul Conte's full Blog (see link below) to find out his view on the "top ten" reasons why so many application modernization projects fail in IBM i organizations. Paul lists the following reasons:

1. Focusing just on the user interface
2. Trying to solve the problem with "better RPG"
3. Trying to solve the problem by switching from RPG to Java (or C# or PHP or ...)
4. Not capitalizing on the value of current application assets
5. Developing without an application architecture in place
6. Not following a business-driven approach to goals and priorities
7. Not delivering real value early and often
8. Not using an iterative and incremental project structure
9. Ignoring interoperability
10. Not getting the right people on the bus and in their right seats

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