

# Six Reasons to Rationalise your Application Estate

At any point in time, your business's portfolio contains applications that are 'current' serving the needs of your business well, and others that are out of date sustaining features that are detrimental to you.



## Technology Obsolescence

Symptom:

Your technology estate may not be supported well, or at all, by the original developers/vendors as the technology you are managing is end of life, out of favour or difficult to upgrade. Your users are frustrated with failures or difficulty in responding to problems. There may be opportunities to innovate in the marketplace which could provide some form of competitive advantage.

## Operational Obsolescence

Symptom:

The technology you rely on to run your core business operation is no longer required, or able, to support the business needs they originally served. You have seen a marked uplift in the use of manual inputs or workarounds which have become essential to keep the process operating. Line of business teams have bought systems that are standalone.

## Duplication

Symptom:

More than one system does essentially 'the same thing' for the business, this can highlight some shortfalls in your governance approaches. One or more may be retired without loss of business process support and their may be opportunities to introduce a better service fit from a preferred supplier.

## Unstable or Unreliable

Symptom:

A number of your core systems have a poor availability level, you are seeing high failure rates and/or time to recover from failure. From an operational and customer service perspective your systems are struggling, leading to potential financial and reputational risks. These systems are potentially increasing your exposure to cyber attacks.

## Expensive to Maintain

Symptom:

The run costs associated with your application estate (licensing, hosting, support, scarce technical expertise, workarounds etc) are increasing with no sign of abatement. The ability to invest in other technologies is constrained.

## Avoid Vendor Lock-in

Symptom:

You are over reliant on technology provision from one or multiple vendors. Your ability to negotiate better commercial terms for support, upgrade, consultancy etc is severely restricted.

## RATIONALISE TO DELIVER OUTCOMES



### Save on maintenance and support costs

By reducing the number of applications that you need to support and maintain, you can focus your teams on delivering new capabilities.



### Decrease the risk of reputational damage and costs

By reducing your application footprint you can reduce risk exposure of your estate and therefore reduce contingency funding for risks.



### Simplify and standardise supplier relationships

By reducing or eradicating duplication you can promote consistency, reduce inefficiencies and focus on supplier relationships that matter.

If any of your applications are showing symptoms in any of these 6 areas then it may be time to rationalise your applications. Peru has a proven approach to helping you decide and plan your remediation efforts.



- 1 Discover**  
What's in your portfolio?
- 2 Analyse**  
Get the details and classify
- 3 Decide Fate**  
What happens to each application?
- 4 Plan**  
Agree with the business
- 5 Execute**  
...and prepare to be flexible

