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Introduction to Gartner

Gartner is a leading research and advisory firm, providing valuable insights into technology and business strategy for enterprises globally, helping decision-makers navigate the complexities of IT transformation.

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Gartner's 6R Strategy for IT Modernization

KEY APPROACHES TO SUCCESSFUL CLOUD MIGRATION/MODERNIZATION MANAGEMENT

Understanding Gartner's 6R Strategy for IT Modernization

REHOST: LIFT AND SHIFT

Migrate without changing architecture

REPLATFORM: OPTIMIZE FOR CLOUD

Improve codebase/architecture

REFACTOR: RE-ARCHITECT APPLICATIONS

Improve functionality in cloud





Refactor

- Improved Maintainability
- Reduced Technical Debt
- Time-Consuming
- Limited Transformation



Replatform

- Improved Performance
- Reduced Risk
- Limited Transformation
- Technical Debt

Gartner's 6R Strategy: Repurchase, Retire, Retain

REPURCHASE- DROP AND SHOP

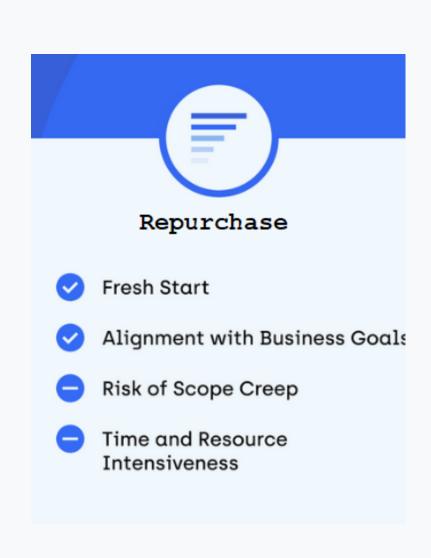
Moving to a new cloud/SaaS instead of migrating the existing application

RETIRE OUTDATED APPLICATIONS

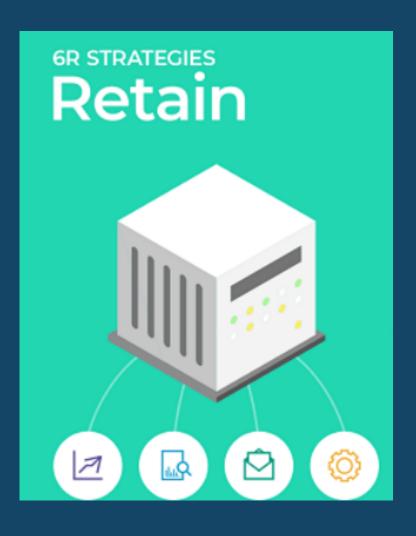
Decommission non-essential systems

RETAIN ON-PREMISES SYSTEMS

Justify the need to keep







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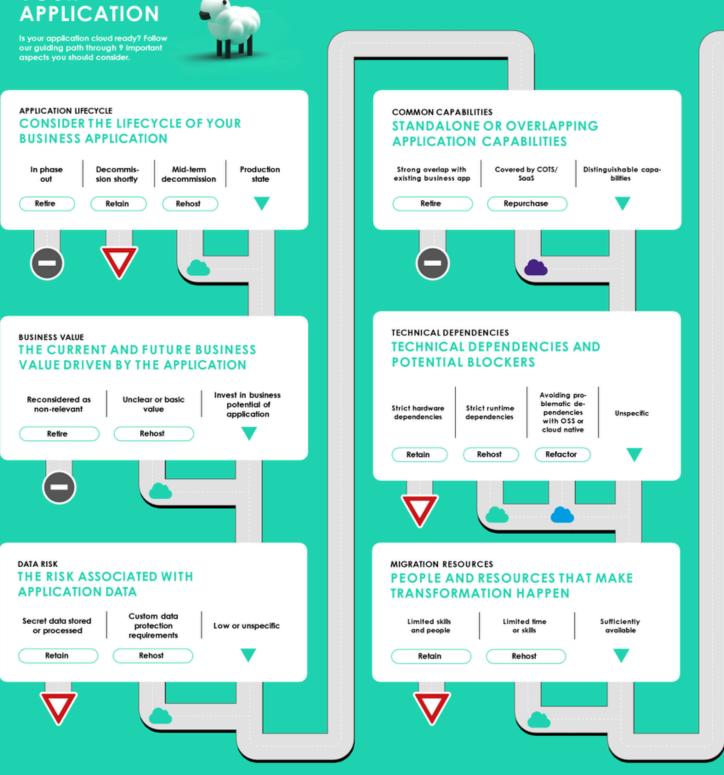
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6 R CLOUD MIGRATION DECISION GUIDE









6 Rs of Cloud Migration

YOUR

Retire = the application is phased out

Retain = decision for application migration is taken at a later stage

Rehost = "lift & shift", application is simply copied as-is to a cloud provider

Replatform = the application's core architecture is the same, some cloud platform adoptions are made

Refactor / Rearchitect = the application is refactored using an alternative application architecture