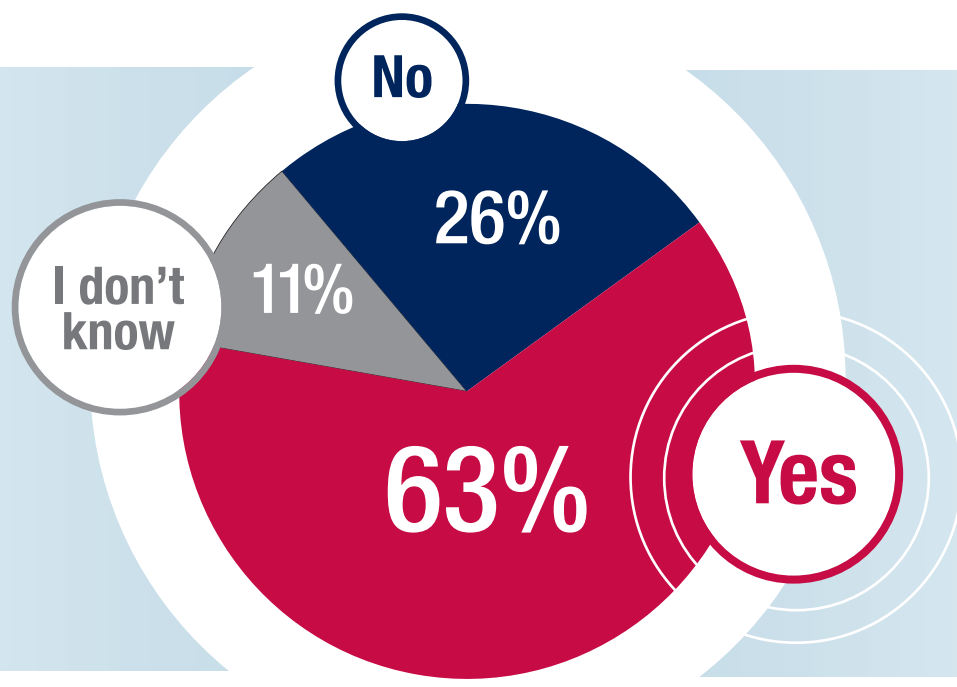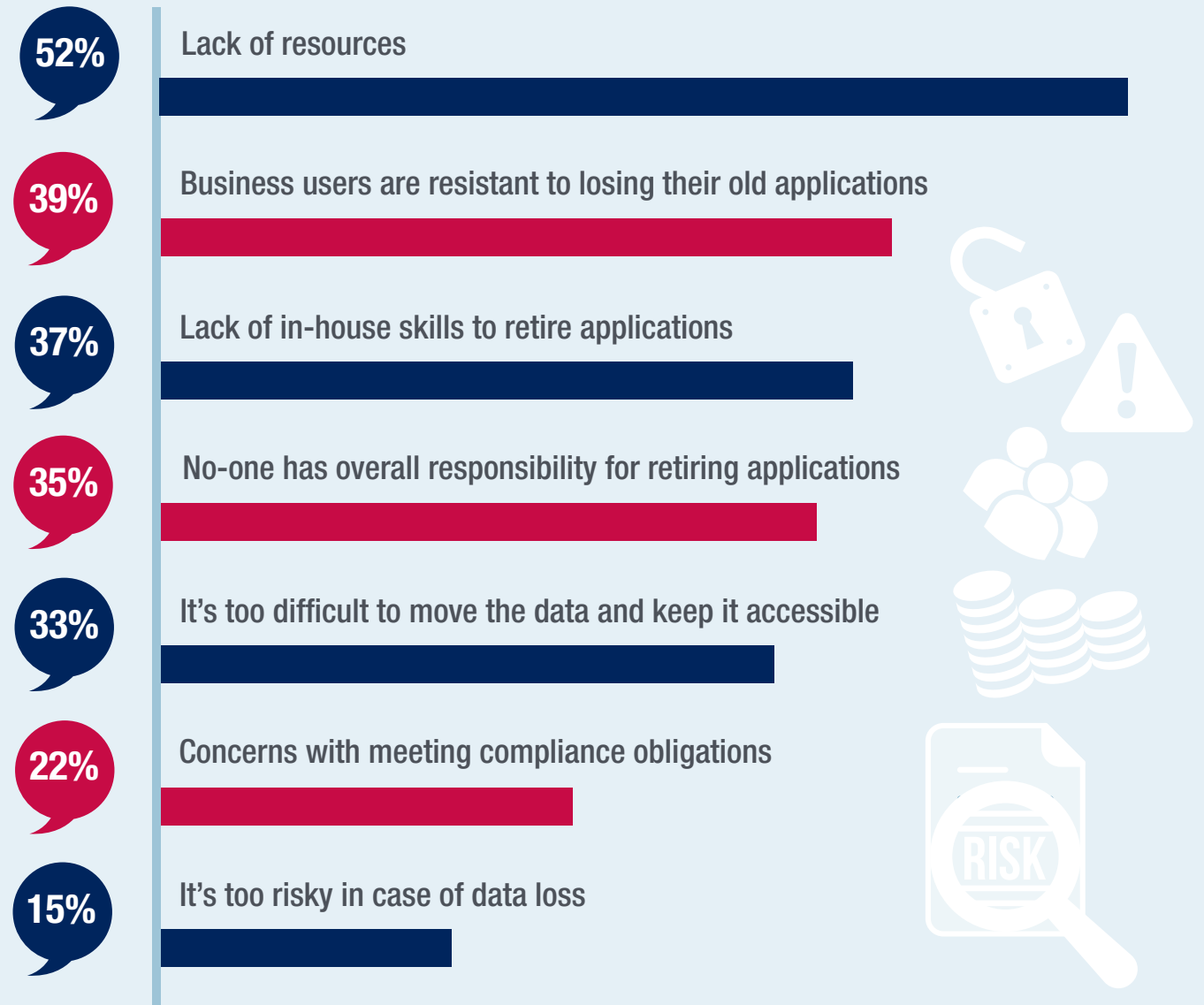# Legacy Application Decommissioning

A survey of IBM i user organizations by SoftLanding Systems
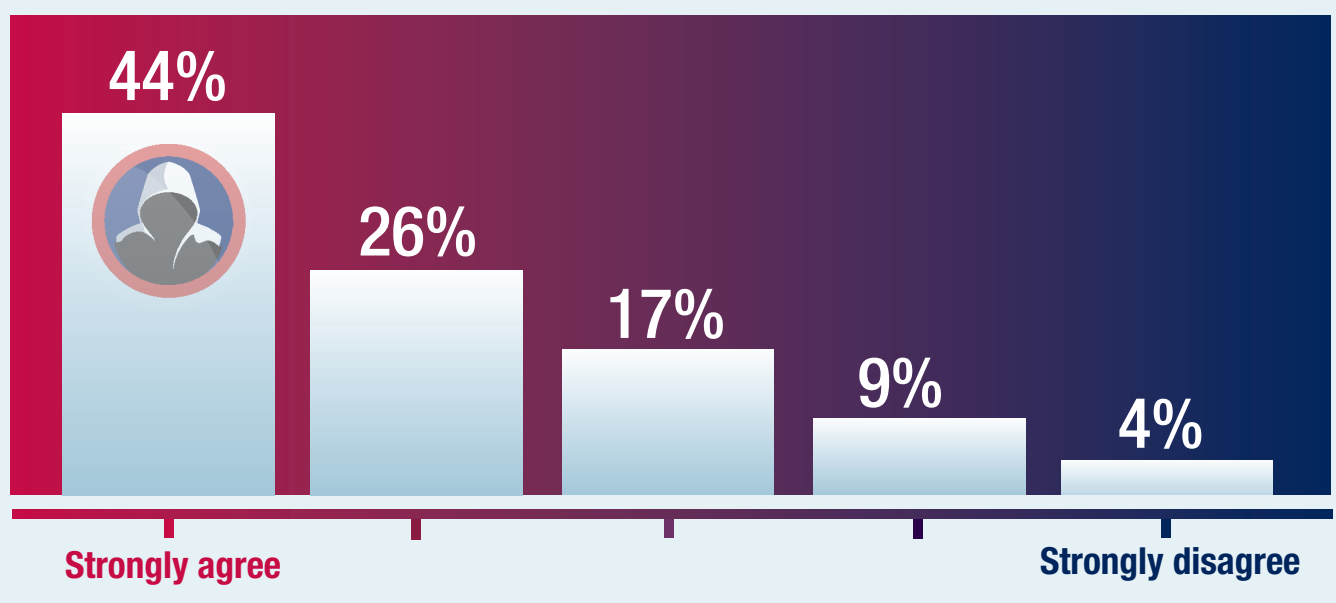
Q Does your organization have any legacy IT applications (either on IBM i or other platforms) that are kept running because the historical data is still useful?
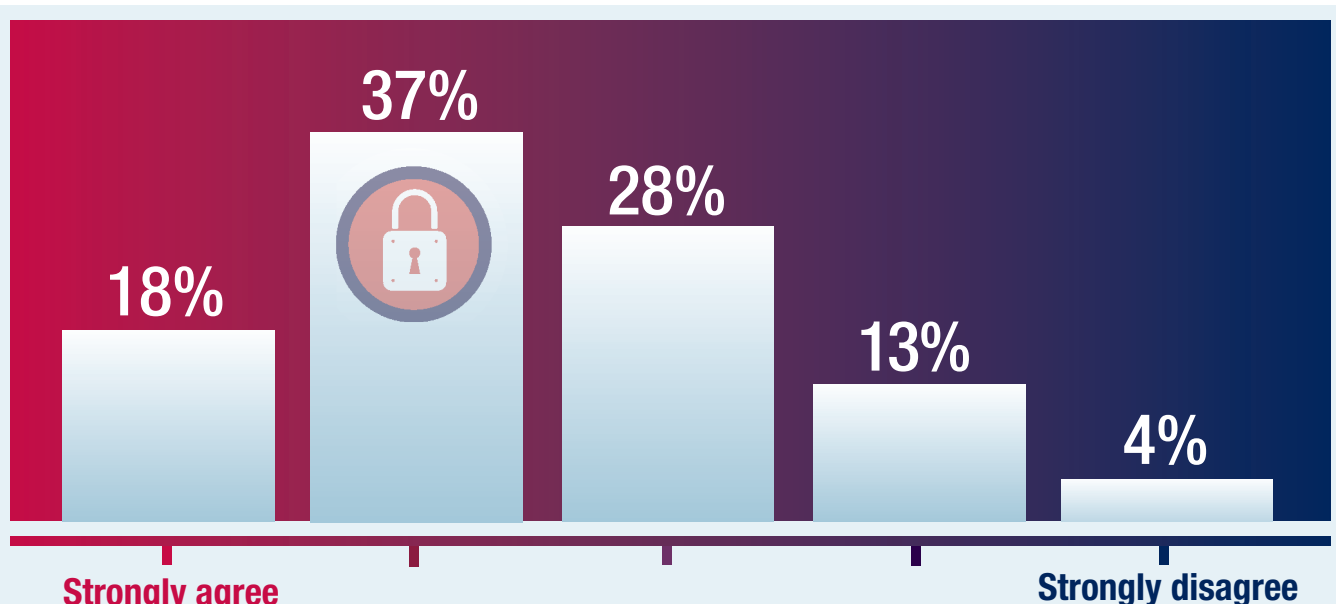
- No **26%**
- I don't know **11%**
- Yes **63%**

Q In your opinion, why do organizations keep applications running to maintain access to historical data, instead of moving the data elseware?
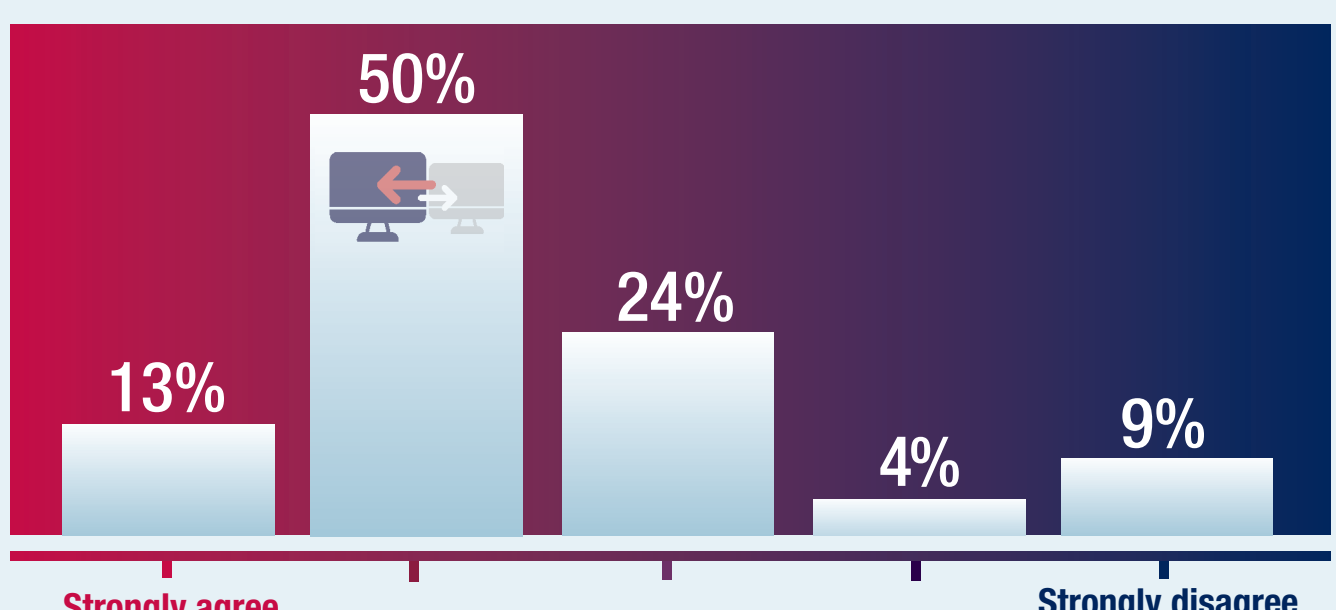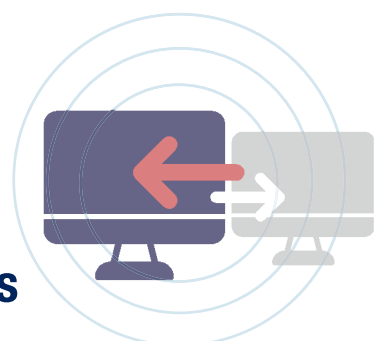
- **52%** Lack of resources
- **39%** Business users are resistant to losing their old applications
- **37%** Lack of in-house skills to retire applications
- **35%** No-one has overall responsibility for retiring applications
- **33%** It's too difficult to move the data and keep it accessible
- **22%** Concerns with meeting compliance obligations
- **15%** It's too risky in case of data loss

Q Legacy applications running on older operating systems are more vulnerable to security threats

- **44%** Strongly agree
- **26%**
- **17%**
- **9%**
- **4%** Strongly disagree

Q It is harder to control access to sensitive data on legacy applications in line with data privacy regulations such as GDPR*

- **18%** Strongly agree
- **37%**
- **28%**
- **13%**
- **4%** Strongly disagree

Q Legacy applications are often difficult to integrate with newer systems introduced as part of digital transformation strategies

- **13%** Strongly agree
- **50%**
- **24%**
- **4%**
- **9%** Strongly disagree

* General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

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