

Extinguishing Tech Debt From Your Environment



The drive to modernization is critical and can seem urgent. But when adoption of new technology is rushed and legacy systems remain in place and unintegrated, technical debt builds like a wildfire.

Read on to see why it's important to understand how tech debt works — and how to stop it.



Tech debt:

The off-balance-sheet measure of the cost of reworking an approach caused by choosing an easy, yet limited, solution

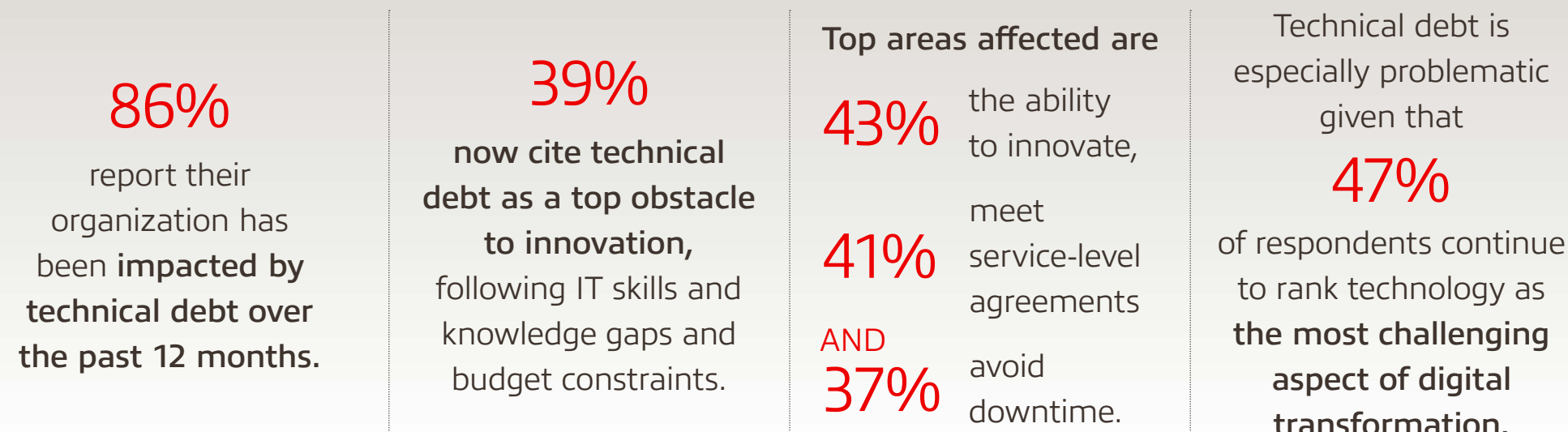
Technical debt is the consequence of development teams prioritizing speed or release over perfect code. It's often the result of applying quick fixes instead of full-scale solutions.

Put simply, tech debt is the enemy of efficiency. It takes the focus away from strategic initiatives. Organizations end up spending more resources, time and energy on maintaining legacy systems rather than on innovation. And unless you tackle it, the debt continues to accumulate and becomes a bigger challenge over time.

Extent of the damage

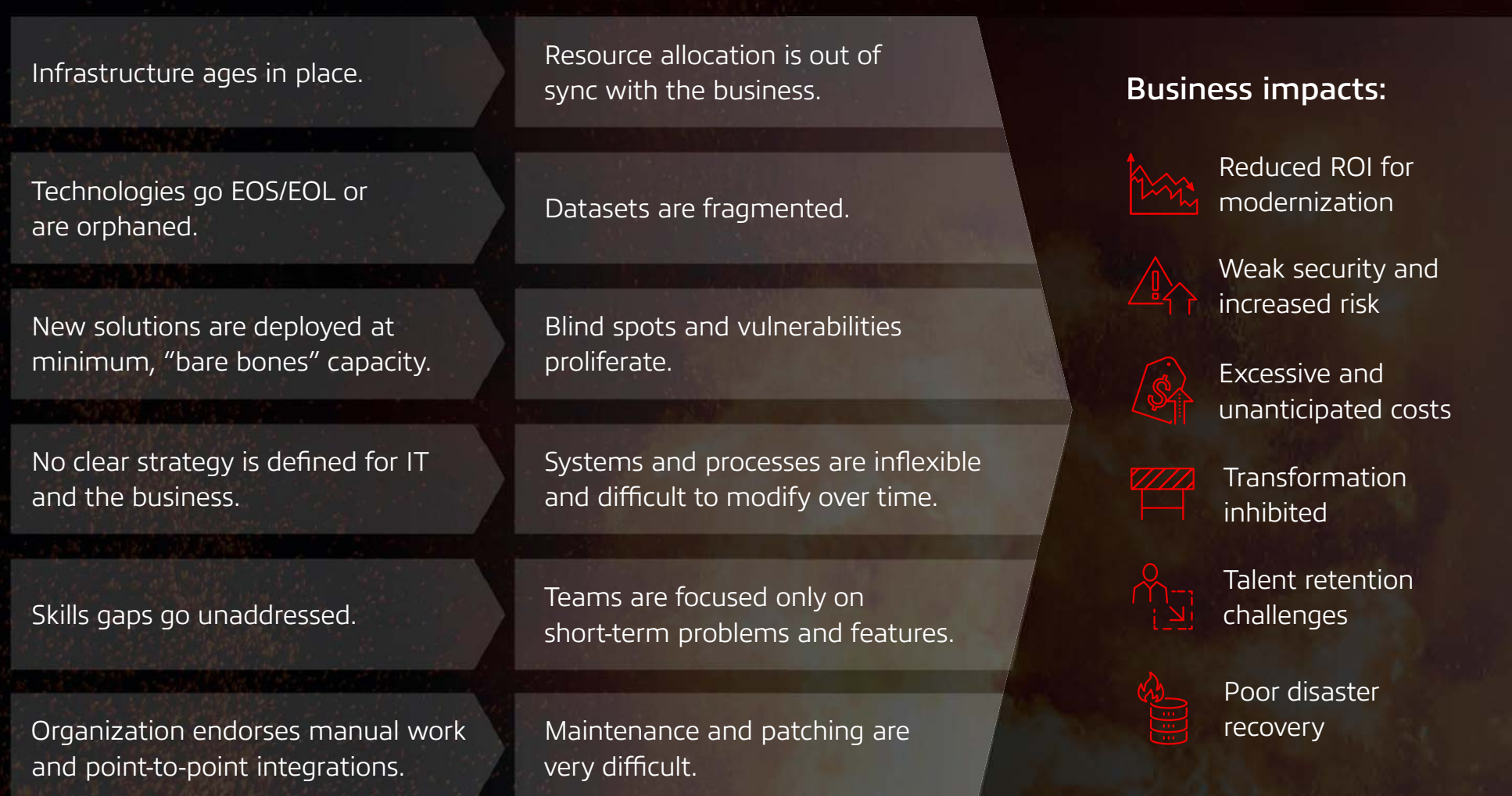
Largely uncontained, technical debt burns throughout many IT environments, diverting attention away from strategic initiatives and hampering innovation and progress.

According to the annual Insight-commissioned Foundry survey:



Tracking the burn




Technical debt is complex. The way it starts and spreads is complex.



How to put it out

Stamping out tech debt isn't easy, but it is possible with steady efforts — and well worth it. Managing your tech debt will boost your organization's efficiency, competitive advantage and ability to innovate.

Start with these three steps:

 <p>Identify tech debt in your environment.</p> <p>Change starts with awareness. Bring your attention to the root causes of tech debt and its impacts on the business. Ensure all stakeholders share in this understanding.</p>	 <p>Define a plan and allocate resources.</p> <p>Come to a consensus about processes, define a workable plan, and dedicate proper funding and skilled talent for execution.</p>	 <p>Bring in outside support.</p> <p>Expert groups like Insight can help your organization clarify issues, create a workable plan, perform the work that needs doing and stay accountable to a timeline.</p>
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Proof point

A major enterprise tech company was failing audits due to more than 6,000 servers that were unpatched for five years. Read this client story to see how Insight helped the company get perspective, fix the problems and embrace new approaches.

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Get started by working with our architects to perform prevention measures and determine the most critical areas to cover first.

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