

# FIVE MYTHS

## of JD Edwards modernization

With a long history in the ERP market, JD Edwards (JDE) has offered deep and comprehensive functionality that has enabled many companies to manage their diverse operations for over 50 years. These companies face increasing pressure to modernize from vendors, shareholders, and those competing for market share.

And while modernization strategies can make room for vital new business opportunities, it's important to understand the common misconceptions surrounding digital transformation today so that you're not simply upgrading the same old problem set.

Here we'll explore the top 5 myths of modernizing JDE, and how an Enterprise Applications Platform (EAP) can help debunk them.



### MYTH Modernizing = ripping and replacing

In order to take advantage of modern technological advancements, you must completely replace JDE, and start from scratch with a new software solution.

Reality

While some degree of disruption is inevitable, incremental modernization not only reduces downtime, but also allows your business to focus on the most immediate business needs first. Whether you just want to be able to make bulk updates to sales orders, or give infrequent JDE users a friendlier interface for certain processes, an EAP can increase speed to value while leaving your general ledger and other core JDE functions untouched.

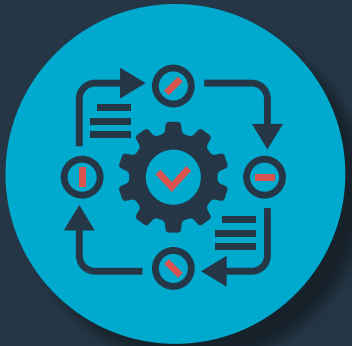
### MYTH Don't fix what isn't broken

If what my team does today works, why change anything?



Digital modernization is no longer a "nice to have" for very forward-thinking companies. Rather, businesses in every industry are continuously tasked with modernizing their processes to remain competitive. Adding an EAP allows JDE to remain at the core of your business functions, but also uncovers opportunities to enhance visibility, automate workflows, and remove inefficiencies. Even something as seemingly small as reducing the number of spreadsheets your team uses to manually store and manipulate data can lead to big returns.

Reality



### MYTH Stick to standard to prevent customization pitfalls

Customizing JDE should be avoided at all costs because it leads to more expensive and complex maintenance.

Reality

Some level of customization is almost always necessary to meet specific business requirements that out-of-the-box solutions can't address. An EAP offers freedom from the common constraints and maintenance requirements associated with customizing JDE. In fact, an EAP allows for unlimited customizations while maintaining the core integrity of your JDE instance, and without worrying about future updates, upgrades, or changes in technology.

### MYTH One solution can – and should – meet all your needs

Tech stack consolidation is a best practice and adding additional software solutions only causes complexity.



Using point solutions to meet your specific business requirements can be a strategic move, but your tech stack is only as good as its ability to work cohesively. An EAP eliminates the effort and errors in collecting and coordinating information across diverse systems. With pre-built connectors, data transformation tools, and security features, layering on an EAP ensures seamless integration, real-time data synchronization, and operational efficiency.

Reality



### MYTH Modernizing means recruiting and upskilling technical talent, which is near impossible

Getting your legacy JDE system up to speed with current technology requires learning new coding and developing skills, and your IT team is already stretched too thin with other projects.

Reality

With an enterprise-level no-code solution, employees in any department can become Citizen Developers – business users with little to no coding experience who build purpose-driven applications and solutions.

While there are challenges associated with the process of modernizing legacy ERP software, leveraging an EAP can bridge the functional gaps, dispel myths, and facilitate a successful transition. By embracing modern solutions, your business can unlock the full potential of your JDE system and drive long-term growth and success.

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