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The cost of not
managing your *tech*
spend leaves less
room to *build*
your future“

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Common challenges when reducing tech spend

Common challenges ...

...and how to address them

	External IT spend is tied to internal people	➤	Split spend by function — development, helpdesk, operations — not internal vs external
	Cost ownership is unclear: IT buys, others use	➤	Map ownership, mandate and usage for every system, then bring those owners into the room
	Systems and data flows are tightly intertwined	➤	Map the current architecture and track dependencies, then address inefficiencies piece by piece
	Budget trimming does not lead to expected impact	➤	Simplify processes, retire & consolidate systems; all 3 factors help lower cost without losing service quality
	Strategic investments often not sufficiently planned for	➤	Put strategic investment in the cost plan — not only direct cost-out
	Much tech spend is CAPEX, not OPEX and hence missed out on	➤	Model CAPEX and OPEX together in one financial picture when revising tech spend

Five *levers to effectively work* *on reducing* tech spend



Simplify apps & platforms

Consolidate overlapping tools · Cut unused licenses · Retire legacy applications



Prioritise the portfolio

Re-assess the pipeline · Stop low-value work · Concentrate on high impact



Optimise the external workforce

Revise outsourcing mix · Standardize roles & rates



Tighten cloud infrastructure & compute efficiency

Automate recurring tasks · Optimize code to reduce compute



Modernise the architecture

Simplify integrations · Replace costly dependencies · Standardize for reuse

Unlocking tech saving potentials requires a structured approach

1



Ambition & Targets

Set the ambition, break it down per area

2



Planning & Design

Build, size and prioritize the initiatives

3



Execution & Tracking

Govern, track and protect stability