

Modernization Risk Review

A pre-commitment review for legacy Microsoft modernization risk, parity evidence, reversibility, and decision ownership.

Buyer problem

A modernization proposal exists, but the organization has not established what behavior, data, integrations, reporting, and operational constraints must remain intact.

Behavior and data

- Identify critical calculations, approvals, permissions, exceptions, and reports
- Trace rules across code, stored procedures, jobs, configuration, and manual workarounds
- Define reconciliation and parity scenarios
- Mark known, unknown, disputed, intentional, and accidental behavior

Architecture and operations

- Inventory dependencies, vendors, environments, and integrations
- Identify unsupported components and key-person risk
- Define observability, rollback, and continuity constraints
- Separate stabilization, seam creation, migration, and replacement

Commercial decision

- Name the decision owner and acceptance basis
- Estimate by bounded seam rather than whole-system optimism
- Require explicit exclusions and client responsibilities
- Prefer reversible phases with evidence between commitments

Related engagement

Service	AI-Ready .NET & SQL Modernization Blueprint
Duration	3-5 weeks
Starting investment	\$30,000
Payment	40% at start; 30% at midpoint; 30% at delivery
Decision supported	What must be preserved, where reversible seams can be created, and how modernization should be sequenced.

Usage boundary: A planning aid, not a substitute for source review, testing, security assessment, or a scoped modernization blueprint.

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