

Top 4 risks your ERP migration should solve

Ungoverned content puts AI at risk.
Here's what your ERP migration needs to fix first.



Every legacy archive and unmanaged repository your organization carries into an ERP migration is inherited risk. And with AI initiatives now running on top of that same content, the exposure isn't just growing, it's compounding faster than most governance programs can keep pace with.

- 1 **Close the governance gap before AI outpaces it.**
Eighty-nine percent of organizations say the need to adopt AI has accelerated their focus on information governance, yet 78% still describe their governance practices as developing and inconsistent.¹ Modernization is the moment to close that gap, not inherit it.
- 2 **Make AI adoption defensible.**
Seventy-two percent of organizations admit they face foundational challenges with information sprawl and inconsistent data quality even as they ambitiously pursue AI.² Feeding AI ungoverned content doesn't just create bad outputs, it creates liability. Governed content is what makes adoption defensible instead of a risk you're absorbing blindly.
- 3 **Shrink your attack surface.**
Fragmented legacy systems make it progressively harder to maintain consistent security configurations and enforce access controls as they age.³ Decommissioning and consolidating as part of the migration closes exposure you'd otherwise carry forward.
- 4 **Automate audit readiness.**
Automated retention, deletion, and lifecycle management turn audit response from a fire drill into a standing capability, with a single governed source of truth instead of records scattered across systems nobody fully owns anymore.

The bottom line: Modernization only reduces risk if governance is designed into the information layer from the start. Security and data leaders who make that a condition of the migration keep the organization audit-ready and close exposure instead of relocating it.

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To support AI at scale, IBM implemented rigorous governance frameworks to ensure data privacy, access control, and compliance.

"Every solution goes through strict governance and validation. If you don't have the right role or access, you won't see the data. That level of control is critical."

Elaina Chan
Senior Delivery Lead,
Automation and AI, IBM

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