

## The IT Modernization Guide for Manufacturers

Proven Strategies for Strengthening Resilience,  
Operations, and Supply Chain Efficiency

Manufacturing is entering the era of Industry 4.0, where digitalization and automation are redefining how goods are produced, managed, and delivered. Modern IT systems enable real-time insights, more efficient processes, and secure data sharing, creating a solid foundation for sustainable growth and innovation.

This guide presents practical strategies to assess IT readiness, achieve early wins, and adopt a structured modernization plan. By leveraging security, automation, and data-driven solutions, manufacturers can enhance resilience, streamline operations, and stay competitive in a dynamic market.

### Recognizing IT Challenges in Manufacturing

Legacy IT often creates more challenges than it solves. Outdated systems introduce security risks, hinder scalability, and slow down operations. Recognizing these pain points early is key to staying secure, efficient, and competitive.

#### Signs It's Time to Modernize:

- Disconnected ERP and supply chain systems
- Growing cybersecurity threats to Operational Technology (OT) networks
- Manual data entry slowing production and logistics
- Difficulty meeting industry compliance and security standards
- Frequent system downtime disrupting production lines
- Rising maintenance costs for legacy systems and hardware
- Limited scalability to support automation and smart factories
- Inefficient access controls across IT and OT environments

### Assessing IT Readiness for Legacy Modernization

Before transitioning from legacy systems, understanding existing IT strengths, risks, and gaps is critical for a smooth process.

#### Key Questions to Evaluate IT Readiness:

Are current systems secure against cyber threats targeting OT and IT environments?

Can ERP, MES, and supply chain systems be better integrated for real-time visibility?

Are disaster recovery plans aligned with production continuity and compliance needs?

Do existing IT systems support automation, IoT, and predictive maintenance?

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## IT Modernization Priorities for Manufacturers

Manufacturers face distinct IT challenges that require tailored solutions. Addressing supply chain security, regulatory compliance, and automation is crucial for boosting production efficiency and maintaining business continuity.

### Key Modernization Drivers:

- **Cybersecurity & Compliance:** Protect sensitive production data and meet industry regulations
- **System Integration:** Enable seamless communication between ERP, MES, and supply chain systems
- **Automation & IoT:** Leverage smart manufacturing and predictive maintenance to reduce downtime
- **Supply Chain Resilience:** Enhance visibility, efficiency, and adaptability in global operations

Aligning IT strategy with manufacturing-focused goals helps organizations strengthen security, streamline operations, and optimize production workflows.

**“92% of manufacturers say digital transformation is a top priority. But only 16% have real-time monitoring of the entire manufacturing process.” (Zebra Technologies Study<sup>1</sup>)**

## Quick Wins: Steps to Start Modernizing IT Today

Modernization doesn't have to be overwhelming. Small, strategic improvements can deliver immediate benefits while laying the groundwork for larger transformation.

### Steps You Can Take Now:



#### **Cloud Migration & Cost Optimization**

- Strategically migrate workloads to optimize performance and costs
- Adopt hybrid or multi-cloud for flexibility and resilience
- Use FinOps strategies to manage cloud spend efficiently

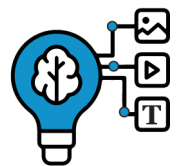
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#### **Security & Zero Trust Enhancements**

- Deploy AI-driven threat detection to improve real-time security monitoring
- Strengthen identity security with Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and least-privilege access controls
- Implement network segmentation to limit risk and contain breaches

[Explore Zero Trust Security](#)



#### **Automation & AI Pilots**

- Leverage AI analytics to enhance decision-making and predictive maintenance
- Automate manual IT tasks to improve efficiency and reduce errors
- Deploy self-healing infrastructure that optimizes performance in real-time

[Explore AI & Application Modernization](#)



#### **Disaster Recovery & Resilience Planning**

- Conduct business continuity testing to identify IT gaps before disruptions occur
- Implement automated failover solutions to minimize downtime and data loss
- Ensure disaster recovery plans align with compliance and operational needs

[Explore Disaster Recovery Services](#)

## Assessing and Expanding Expertise

- **Evaluate in-house capabilities** in cybersecurity, compliance, automation, and AI
- **Identify gaps in expertise** that could slow or complicate modernization
- **Consider managed IT services** for specialized support, scalability, and continuous optimization

## Prioritizing a Phased Approach



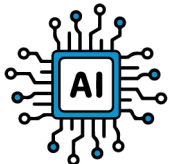
### Phase 1: Strengthen Security & Resilience

- Implement Zero Trust frameworks and disaster recovery planning
- Address cyber risks and compliance requirements



### Phase 2: Optimize With Cloud & Automation

- Migrate key workloads to hybrid or multi-cloud environments
- Automate manual IT processes to improve efficiency



### Phase 3: Scale AI & Advanced Technologies

- Deploy AI-driven security, predictive analytics, and self-healing systems
- Modernize legacy applications to support long-term innovation

## Why InterVision?

InterVision delivers IT modernization strategies that drive measurable business outcomes. Our expertise spans security, cloud, automation, and AI, ensuring transformation efforts are secure, scalable, and aligned with business priorities.

From securing OT networks and automating supply chains to cloud-based ERP solutions and AI-powered manufacturing analytics, InterVision helps manufacturers future-proof IT and drive efficiency at scale.

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## Final Thoughts: Moving from Strategy to Execution

IT modernization in manufacturing ensures technology drives efficiency, rather than creating bottlenecks. A secure, agile foundation enables manufacturers to optimize production, protect against cyber threats, and maintain seamless supply chain operations. With a structured approach, businesses can enhance security, improve operational efficiency, and adapt to industry demands with greater resilience.

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