
Platforms: The backbone of Insurance Technology

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Product Introduction

A brief

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Basic Core Insurance Platform

Policy Admin

Billing

Claims

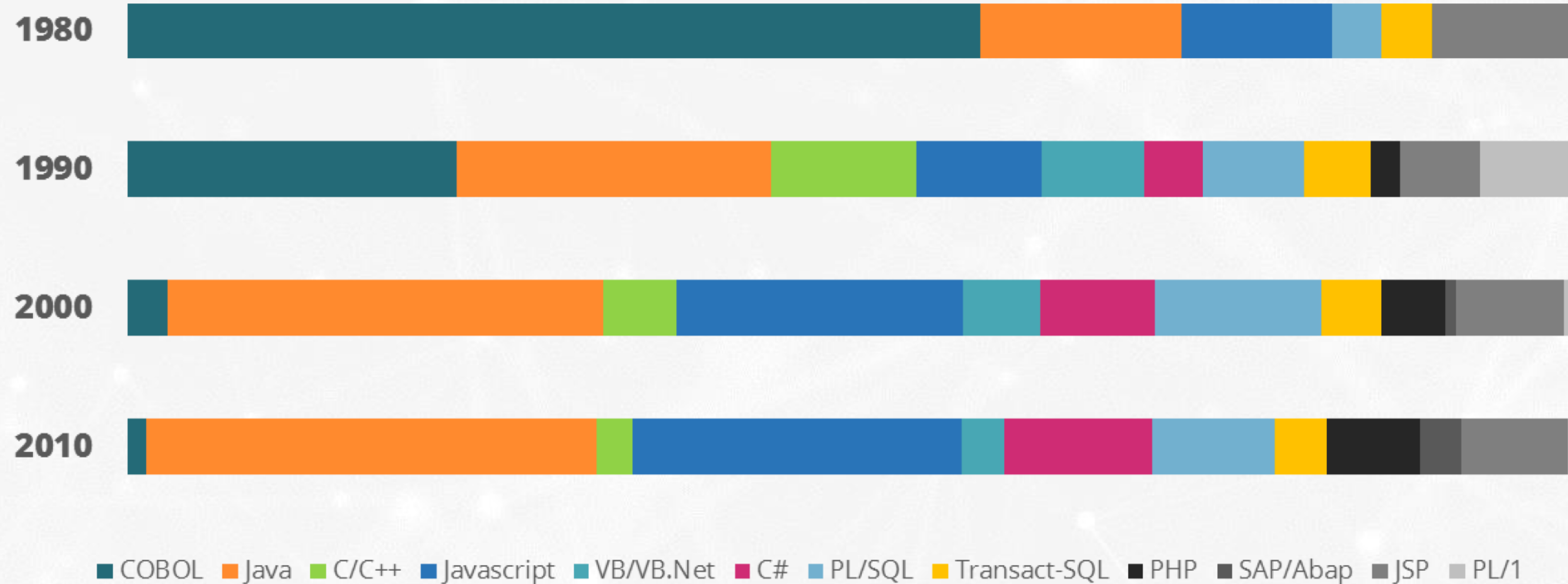
Common Pain Points in Core Insurance platforms

ONE

Inflexibility

- DIFFICULTY IN CREATING NEW PRODUCTS
- AGEING TECHNOLOGY STACK
- LEGACY ENVIRONMENTS MORE COSTLY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THAN MODERN SYSTEMS

Application Count per Technology by Decade



TWO

Inaccessibility or accuracy of data

- LIMITED REPORTING
- BLACK BOXES – PARTICULARLY RATING MODELS
- RESTRICTIVE ACCESS TO UNDERLYING DATA IN INSURANCE PLATFORMS

THREE

Regulatory Changes

- FLEXIBILITY WITHIN PRODUCT
- DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS
- CUSTOMER PROTECTION REGULATIONS

FOUR

Security

- **MANUAL PROCESSES HAVE AN INHERENT SECURITY RISK**
- **LEGACY APPLICATION SECURITY CONCERNS**
- **DATA STORAGE**

Some lapses when **maintaining** existing platforms

Maintenance Lapses

- **HAVING MULTIPLE SOURCES OF TRUTH**
- **INCURRING TECHNICAL DEBT**
- **FEAR OF CHANGE**

Some lapses when **moving** to new platforms

New Implementation Lapses

- **FIGHTING THE PRODUCT**
- **FIXED MIGRATION DATE**
- **NOT SETTING GOALS AND PRIORITIES AGAINST NONFUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

A few important

Areas to Focus on your technology strategy

ONE

Create an open Environment

- EMBRACE RUNNING MULTIPLE PLATFORMS WITHIN YOUR ENVIRONMENT.
- OWN YOUR OWN DATA – DON'T RELY TOO HEAVILY ON VENDORS
- PRACTICE FAILURES

TWO

Document your processes

- PRETEND YOU ARE GOING TO MIGRATE TOMORROW
- PAY BACK YOUR TECHNICAL DEBT
- ENFORCE YOUR DATA MASTER MODELS

THREE

Data Security

- BE AWARE OF EMERGING ATTACK MODELS
- DO REGULAR PENETRATION TESTING
- ONLY EXPOSE CUSTOMER DATA IF THERE IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT TO DO SO
- KNOW YOUR DATA

Thank you

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