

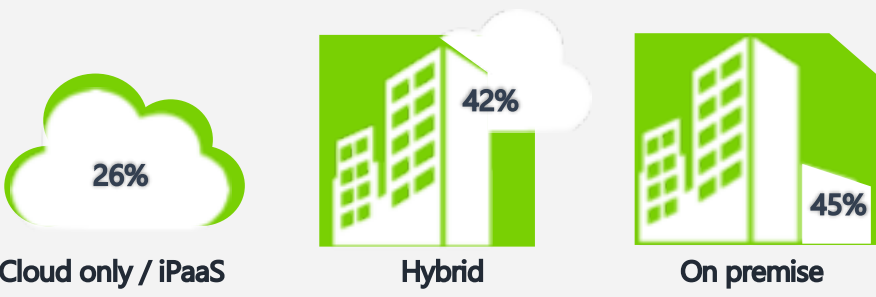
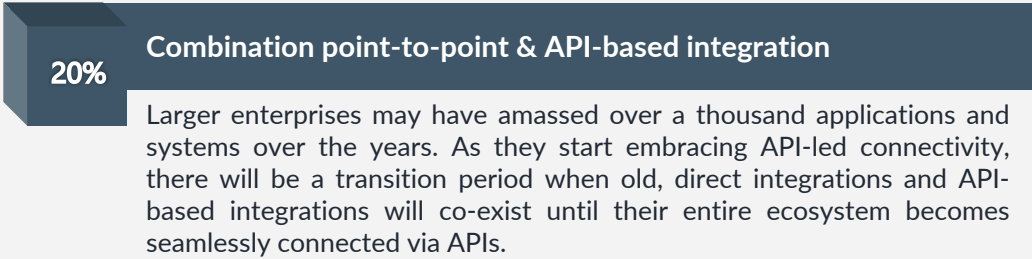
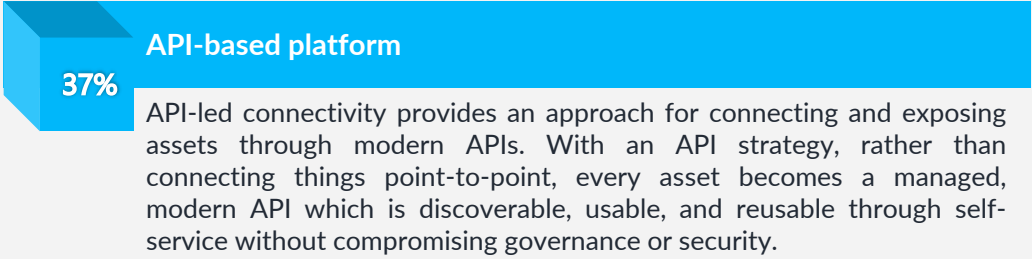
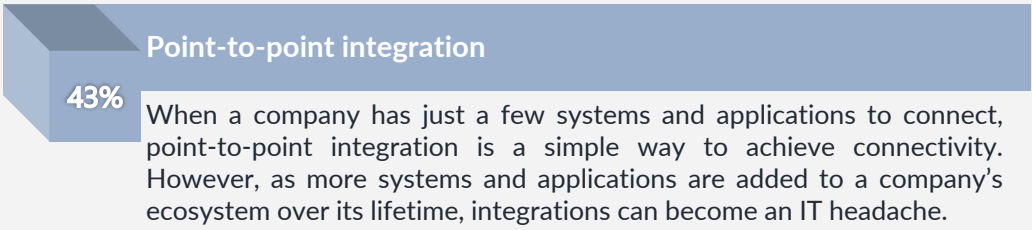


# INTEGRATION

## SNAPSHOT 2018/2019

During the November MuleSoft Summit, we asked delegates to tell us about their progress with integrating their systems and applications. Here is what they told us:

### How do you currently connect your systems & applications?

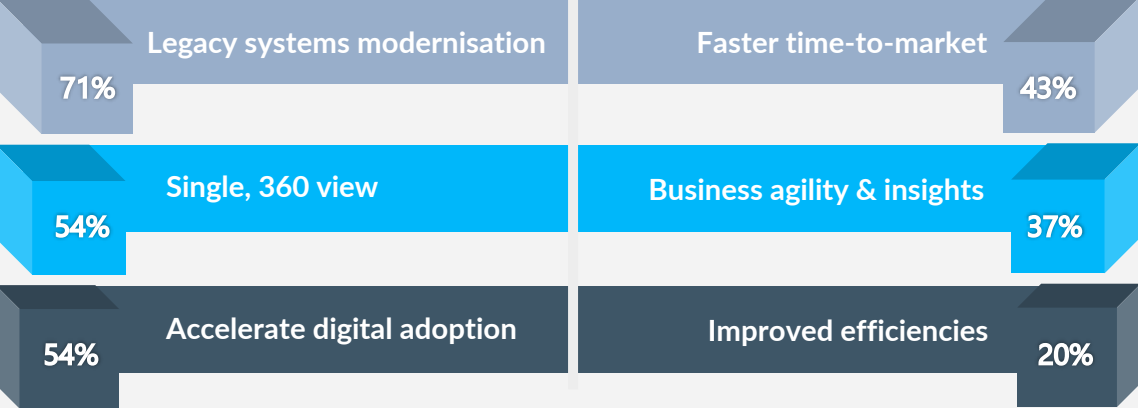


Although cloud integration has made big strides on the security front, there can be latency issues if a company wants to exchange data between cloud and on-premise applications. In such cases a hybrid approach would help not only as a transitory solution, but also by better managing traffic between applications on the cloud and on-premise.

### What are the main drivers for API-led integration?

#### Technology drivers

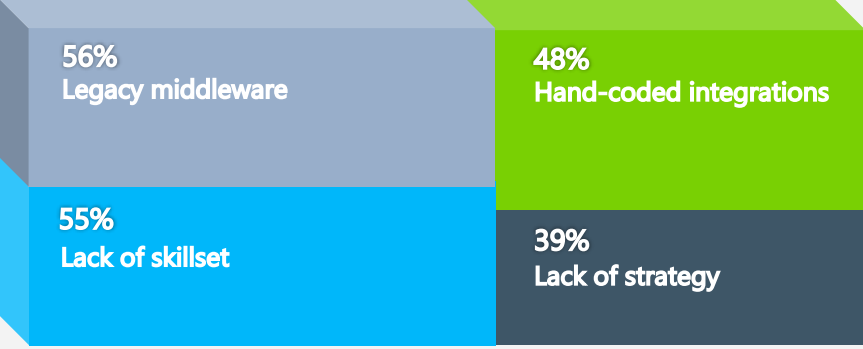
#### Business drivers



Legacy systems can present a real barrier to modernising the entire business. Siloed data, workflow issues, unknown dependencies, downtime and re-coding requirements are only some of the challenges IT departments face, and comes as no surprise that the modernisation of legacy systems was selected as the number one priority for IT.

In the era of on-demand culture and instant gratification, speed and agility are key to continuous success. Creating a fully connected ecosystem, means that data are accessible in real-time and therefore the business can make faster, more informed decisions and considerably reduce time-to-market.

### Challenges to becoming a connected business



Already highlighted under the technology drivers for adopting an API-led approach to integration, legacy middleware and hand-coded integrations can seriously hinder efforts to gain a competitive edge and to meet changing business initiatives. APIs expose data in a way that protects the integrity of legacy systems and enables secure and governed access to the underlying data. This allows organisations with older systems to adapt to modern business needs and, more importantly, quickly adopt new technologies and platforms.

Although legacy systems may prevent an organisation from achieving its goals, it is the lack of strategy and skillset that can cause more long-term obstacles even after the implementation of an API-based platform. With no strategy in place, initiatives may soon lose their focus and consequently provide little or no ROI. Similarly, lack of skillset can also damage the expected ROI by not integrating with reusability and scalability in mind.



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