The survey results indicate that the mainframe is evolving to meet and exceed the business needs of executives and IT teams today. Of executives continue to believe in the long-term viability of the platform.

Top Findings

Mainframe Growth

Digital business is driving growth in the mainframe in five key categories.

- **Availability**
- **Security**
- **Centralized data serving environment**
- **Transaction throughput**
- **Ability to fully utilize system capacity**
- **New technology available on platform**
- **Consolidate distributed workload**
- **MIPS supporting new apps**
- **Leverage legacy apps to create new bus. apps**
- **Consolidate distributed workload**

Mainframe’s Top Priorities

Priorities are aligned and show commitment to keeping the mainframe as the backbone of their digital environments.

- **Ensuring “application availability”** is consistently a top priority and improvement focus areas most cited were faster problem determination, improved automation, visibility into workloads, and reducing the time to resolve of planned outages.

- **Modernization**
  - Respondents agree application availability and modernization are top priorities for their organizations.
  - Executing on these two top priorities is essential to integrating with new techniques and technologies and rapidly adapting to a changing digital environment.
  - Executing and technical staff agree that “cost reduction/optimization” and “data privacy/compliance/security” are the top two priorities.

- **Staffing and skills** are viewed as more critical than “implementing cloud technology” and “data recovery”.

Today’s mainframe is well-positioned to lead organizations in an ever-evolving digital environment.

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