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Companies choose to outsource software development for different reasons, many of which have to do with streamlining IT infrastructure. When core business processes have little to do with technology, devoting internal resources to software development is not always practical. It can lead to overspending and wasting valuable employee time. Especially in today's fast-paced software development industry, your in-house IT team may not have the skills and certifications required to keep pace with competition. In situations like these, outsourcing is often the answer.

According to Flat World Solutions, outsourcing is "the process of delegating a company's business process to third parties or external agencies." With benefits ranging from lower cost to improved quality and faster innovation, it is common knowledge that outsourcing can have a significant impact on your company's bottom line. Though there are many pros and cons of outsourcing, the practice has become a central part of many successful companies' strategy. The following are some of the best reasons to outsource software development and other tech-based services.

• Experienced professionals: According to co contributor Janice Noel, "when you outsource your software development, you hand it over to people who are more experienced in this field." This is why it's important to choose a company that specializes in development. To manage things in-house, it is a good idea to designate a point of contact to oversee the project and ensure both quality and outcomes stay on track. When you find the right outsourcing partner, you have access to top skill sets and relevant strategies that may not be available internally. According to Flat World, you'll be able to "tap into and leverage a global knowledge base," with access to top skill sets.

- Lower costs: While it shouldn't be the only factor you consider when choosing to outsource, cost savings is of course a benefit that is easy to pitch to stakeholders and leadership. Especially when the core processes of your company don't involve software development, you'll be able to reduce the overhead, infrastructure and resource costs required for the project. Noel notes that you'll also be streamlining, which increases productivity. Another benefit is that outsourcing may help you "expand and gain access to new market areas by taking the point of production or service delivery closer to end users," Flat World says.
- High-level thinking: When you task development experts to complete your project, you will be better
 able to focus on the big picture. Consider the various tools and licenses required for successful software
 development. Noel points out that, when your company is inexperienced with the ins and outs of
 development, it's easy to overlook regulations and other key factors. However, when outsourcing is part of
 your business strategy your partner will have the expertise and experience needed to maintain these
 details.
- Prioritized core processes: As we mentioned above, grappling with software development projects can
 distract from your company's main goals. But when you free up your resources through outsourcing the
 project, you are better able to maintain (and even improve) core products and services. As Noel puts it,
 "When you concentrate on the core, you can easily develop new technologies, and offer diverse products
 and services to your end users."

As these factors make clear, companies choose to make outsourcing part of their business model for a wide variety of reasons, depending on specific goals and outcome requirements. While the motivations might vary based on industry, company size and more, outsourcing software development can be an ideal way for businesses to focus on what they do best while remaining competitive and committed to ongoing innovation. When it is successfully incorporated into daily business strategies, outsourcing is a smart way to save money while maximizing benefits.