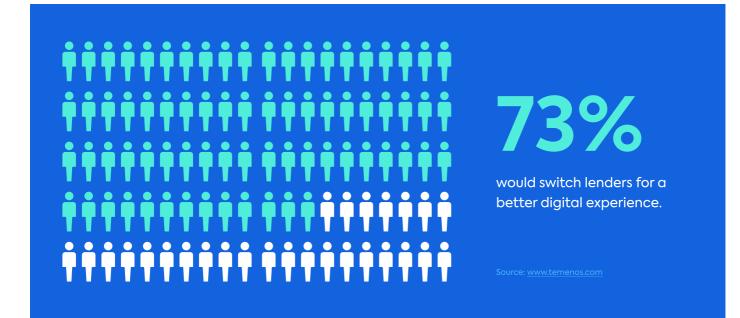


Transforming Lending Operations

How Customized ERP Solutions Drive Efficiency and Growth Customer expectations are evolving unprecedentedly. Borrowers, accustomed to the instant gratification of online giants like Amazon and Apple, now expect the same frictionless experience from their financial institutions (FIs). Paper-based processes, sluggish loan cycles, and siloed data are relics of a bygone era. Today, speed, efficiency, and a seamless digital journey are the new table stakes.

For lenders, this translates to a critical need for agility, automation, and a holistic view of their lending operations. A study by Temenos revealed that <u>73% of millennials</u> would switch lenders for a better digital experience.



Financial institutions, both established and emerging, require a new operational paradigm to thrive. This white paper explores the transformative power of customized Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions specifically designed for the lending industry. We will delve into the critical challenges faced by lenders today and demonstrate how modular ERPs can empower institutions.

The High Costs of Disconnected Systems

Unfortunately, many financial institutions (FIs) are hindered by a legacy of disparate systems. These isolated software programs, often implemented over time to address specific needs, create significant roadblocks to optimal performance. Research by <u>Deloitte</u> underscores the crippling effect faced by financial institutions with disconnected systems. This inefficiency translates into:

Data silos

Critical borrower information resides in isolated pockets across disparate systems, hindering informed decision-making and a holistic view of the customer. Imagine a loan officer needing to juggle multiple logins and interfaces just to assess a borrower's complete financial profile. This hinders efficiency and limits the ability to personalize loan offerings or identify potential cross-selling opportunities. A study by Experian revealed that <u>88% of business owners</u> believe data fragmentation is a major obstacle to effective customer experience

management.

Manual processes

Time-consuming manual tasks—from data entry to document verification—bog down loan applications, approvals, and servicing. This not only frustrates borrowers forced to navigate a bureaucratic maze but also exposes lenders to human error and delays. The average loan application takes ten days to process manually. This can add weeks to loan approval times, significantly impacting customer satisfaction and lender profitability.

Limited scalability

Legacy systems, often designed for a bygone era, struggle to adapt to the evolving needs of a lender's business and the market's everchanging demands. As your loan portfolio grows or new lending products are introduced, these rigid systems hinder growth and innovation. Capgemini reported that <u>63% of lenders</u> believe their legacy systems are a barrier to innovation and growth. Additionally, manual data entry and reconciliation are error-prone and resourceintensive. A 2023 study by <u>IBM</u> found that manual data entry errors cost businesses an average of \$4.45 million annually.



These challenges can stifle growth and lead to a poor customer experience. Reportedly, 77% of lenders indicated challenges in integrating new technologies due to legacy infrastructure. **What is the solution?**

The Power of Customized ERP Solutions

Customized ERP solutions that address a financial institution's specific needs offer a powerful antidote to these challenges. Unlike one-size-fits-all solutions, modular ERPs allow you to choose the functionalities that directly correspond to your lending operation's workflows.

This level of customization unlocks a multitude of benefits:

- Streamlined origination process: Automating tasks like document collection, credit checks, and underwriting decisions significantly reduces processing times.
- Enhanced operational efficiency: Integrated workflows eliminate data silos, minimize manual intervention, and improve data accuracy.
- Improved agility: The modular architecture allows financial institutions to add new functionalities or integrate third-party applications as needed easily.
- Superior customer experience: A unified platform provides a 360degree view of the borrower, enabling FIs to personalize loan offerings and deliver exceptional service.

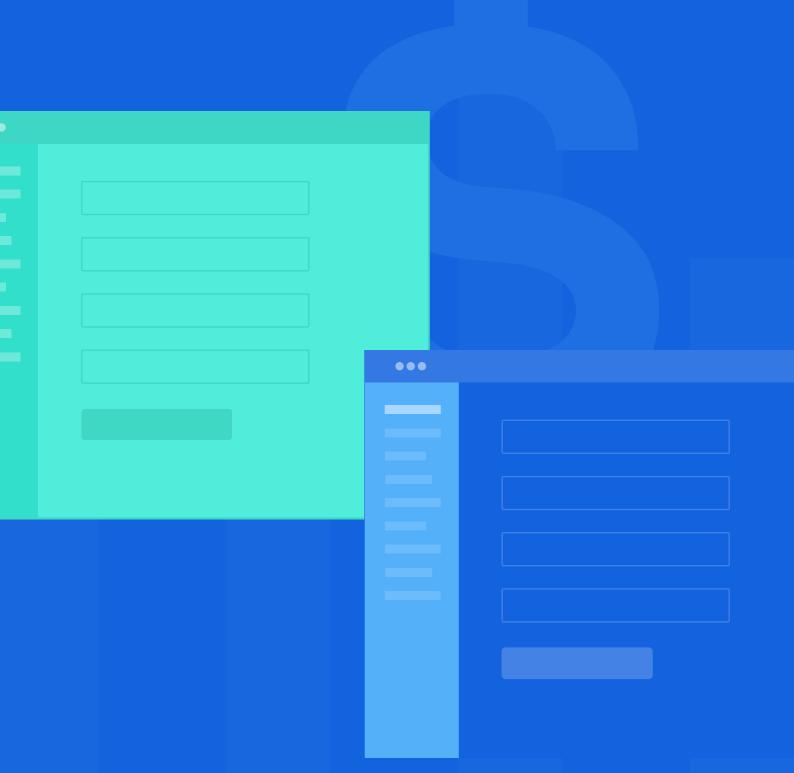
The Benefits Extend Beyond Efficiency

The advantages of customized ERP solutions go beyond streamlining operations.

These systems empower financial institutions to:

- Drive revenue growth: Faster loan processing and improved customer experience lead to higher loan origination volume and customer retention.
- Mitigate risk: Automated decision-making tools based on real-time data can help identify potential risks and improve portfolio quality.
- Gain a competitive edge: By providing a superior customer experience and faster loan decisions, financial institutions can attract new borrowers and differentiate themselves in the marketplace.

Partnering with Evolve Credit



To embark on the journey of transforming lending operations through customized ERP solutions, financial institutions need a trusted partner with deep industry expertise and a proven track record of success. <u>Evolve Credit</u> emerges as the ideal collaborator, offering:

Modular ERP Platform

Evolve Credit's "Configure Core Lending Software" is a modular ERP platform that can be customized to meet the specific needs of banks and non-bank financial institutions. With modules spanning origination, mobile apps, admin dashboards, and integrations, the platform offers unparalleled flexibility and adaptability.

Domain Expertise

With a team of seasoned professionals with extensive knowledge of the financial industry, Evolve Credit understands the unique challenges and opportunities lending institutions face. This expertise ensures that the customized ERP solution aligns perfectly with the organization's goals and requirements.

Collaborative Approach

Evolve Credit follows a collaborative approach, working closely with clients to understand their needs, map out their processes, and design a tailored solution that maximizes efficiency and drives growth. This partnership-driven approach ensures a seamless implementation and long-term success.

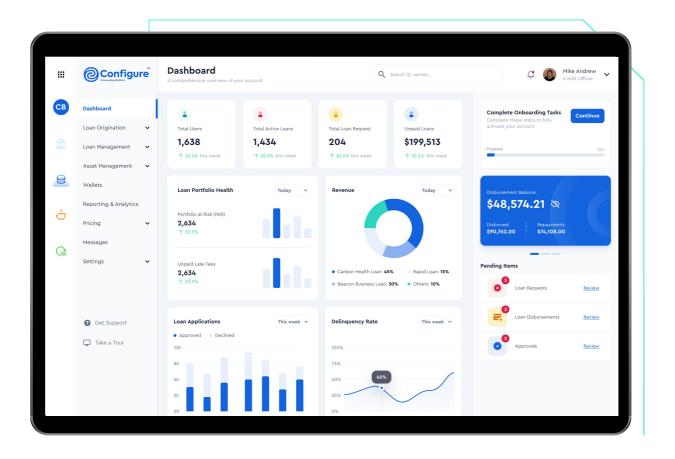
Continuous Support and Evolution

Evolve Credit provides ongoing support and maintenance to ensure the smooth operation of the customized ERP solution. As the financial landscape evolves, Evolve Credit works hand in hand with clients to continuously enhance and adapt the platform, keeping them at the forefront of industry trends and best practices.

Conclusion

Financial institutions cannot afford the limitations of legacy systems in today's world. Customized ERP solutions offer a transformative path to increased efficiency, growth, and a competitive edge. A customized ERP solution is not just an operational upgrade; it's a transformative investment in your financial institution's future, one you can consider a foundation for continuous improvement. Don't settle for incremental improvements; embrace the power to revolutionize your lending operations.

Schedule a free consultation with <u>Evolve Credit</u> today and discover how a customizable solution, Configure, can propel your financial institution toward a digital future of growth and success.



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