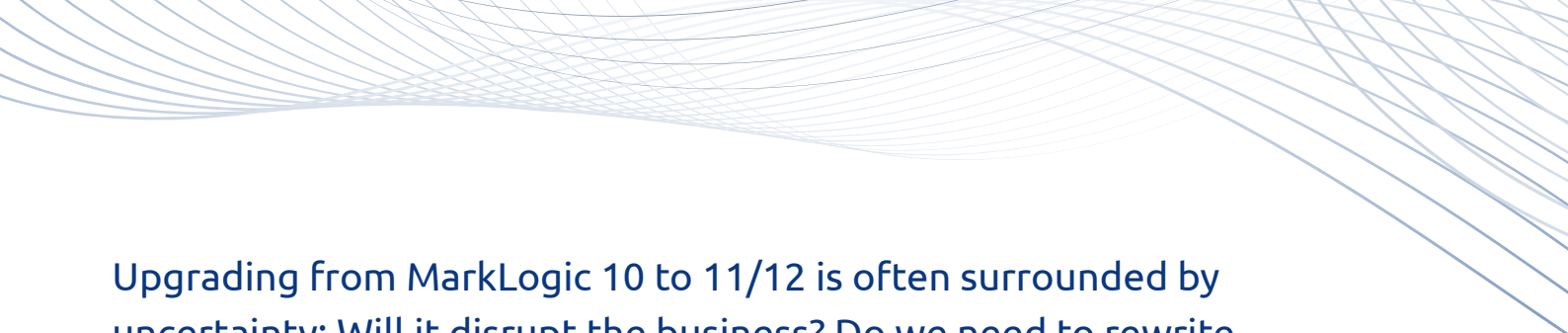


MarkLogic Upgrade Myths vs. Reality: From ML10 to ML11/12

Don't let misinformation stall your upgrade. See what really happens in enterprise projects.





Upgrading from MarkLogic 10 to 11/12 is often surrounded by uncertainty: Will it disrupt the business? Do we need to rewrite applications? Can it really be done without risk?

At Datavid, we've guided global publishers, standards bodies, and life sciences organizations through these very questions.

What we've seen is simple: **the myths create more risk than the upgrade itself**. When you separate fact from fiction and follow a proven framework, upgrading becomes a controlled, predictable process often unlocking better performance, stronger security, and faster delivery cycles.

In this guide, we'll unpack the most common misconceptions, share the realities we see in practice, and point you to resources that help you plan with confidence.

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Myth: Upgrades always disrupt the business.

- ✓ **Reality :** Disruption comes from not upgrading. Security vulnerabilities, unpatched bugs, and incompatibilities cause the real fire drills. With rehearsed cutovers (read-only windows, delta sync, rollback), you can upgrade with planned, predictable downtime.



Myth: If ML10 runs fine, we don't need to move.

- ✓ **Reality :** As versions progress through later lifecycle phases (Sunset and Retired), support becomes limited. MarkLogic 11/12 hardens security, strengthens stability, and reduces incidents ensuring your applications continue to behave correctly.



Myth: We'll have to rewrite the application.

- ✓ **Reality :** Most changes are configuration or dependency updates. With early compatibility checks (DHF, APIs, indexes), rewrites are the exception, not the rule.



Myth: Going straight to ML 11/12 is risky.

- ✓ **Reality :** A cumulative upgrade path through dev → QA → staging de-risks the jump. This is exactly how global enterprises are upgrading today.



Myth: It's just an infra task.

- ✓ **Reality :** Successful upgrades require platform, app, data, and testing owners aligned under a proven framework. Treat it as a program, not a weekend project.



Myth: We can fit it into one weekend.

- ✓ **Reality:** Real-world data volumes and code dependencies need dry runs and buffers. A 90-day phased plan makes the go-live boring in the best way.



Myth: Backups are enough.

- ✓ **Reality:** Backups alone don't guarantee continuity. Tested replication, failover, and failback drills are what protect you during an upgrade.



Myth: We'll do it right before the Maintenance Sunset date.

- ✓ **Reality:** Waiting until the deadline creates a resource crunch and magnifies risk. Early movers get expert capacity, change windows, and stress-free cutovers.

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