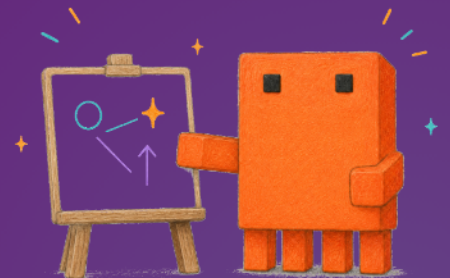


FREE GUIDE

Nobody Uses It

Why teams quietly abandon the tool you paid for, and the four things that decide whether the next one sticks.



How it actually fails

It is never a dramatic rejection. That would be easier — you could argue with it.

What happens is quieter. The tool gets set up. Everyone uses it for two or three weeks. Then one busy Thursday somebody does it the old way because it is faster **right now**, and nobody says anything. The next week two people do. A month later the team is back on WhatsApp and the subscription is still renewing.

Nobody complained. Nobody refused. It just stopped.



The four reasons

And all four are decided **before day one**.

1. It was harder on a bad day

Every tool is evaluated during the demo, on a calm Tuesday. It gets abandoned on the worst day of the month, when three things are on fire. On that day people use the one they trust to work in ninety seconds.

2. It solved a problem the team did not have

The owner sees the reporting gap. The team sees the customer on the phone right now. If it does not make somebody's day easier in week one, it runs on goodwill — and goodwill runs out.

3. One person understood it and then left

Or went on holiday. Every abandoned system has a moment where the one person who knew it stopped being available. This is a knowledge problem wearing a software costume.

4. Nobody said the old way was over

If both paths stay open, people use both — and a system used half the time is worse than none, because now the information is in two places and neither is complete.

The real test

Would this be easier on your worst day? Not your average day. Your worst.

If the new way needs four clicks and a login and the old way is a message they can send with their thumb, the old way wins — permanently, because that is the day the habit gets re-set.

What it really costs

Not the subscription. The subscription is the cheap part.

2x

harder to get adoption on the second attempt. Every abandoned tool teaches the team that these things come and go.

By the third attempt you are not selling a tool internally — you are arguing against **your own track record**.

The four things that make it stick

Decide	Why
One task , not the whole workflow	A tool that does one thing visibly well earns the right to do the second
One owner , a person not a committee	Somebody who answers questions and has the standing to end the old way
An end date for the old way	Said out loud, with a date. This single sentence does more than any training
A visible win in two weeks	«Better data» does not survive a busy week. An hour back does

Notice that none of the four is about the software. All four are decisions you make before anyone logs in.

How to tell in week one

- 1 Are people using it when nobody is watching?** Check usage on a day with no meeting about it
- 2 Do questions arrive?** Silence in week one is bad news — it usually means nobody is trying
- 3 Has anyone used it for something you did not plan?** The best sign there is

If all three are absent by day ten, do not push harder. Stop, move the task back, and pick a different one. Much cheaper than discovering it in month six.

And if it already happened

Do not relaunch the same tool with more training. The team has formed a view and training does not change it.

Name the previous attempt out loud

«The last one asked too much at once, this is one thing.» The team is already thinking it, and saying it first buys you the credibility to try again.

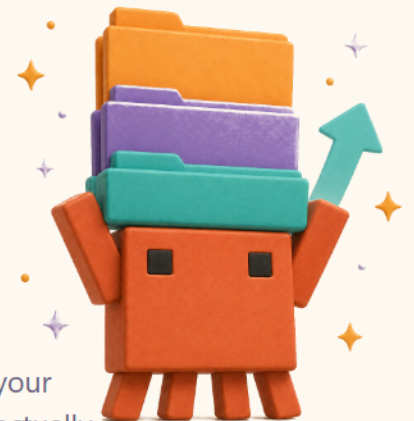


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