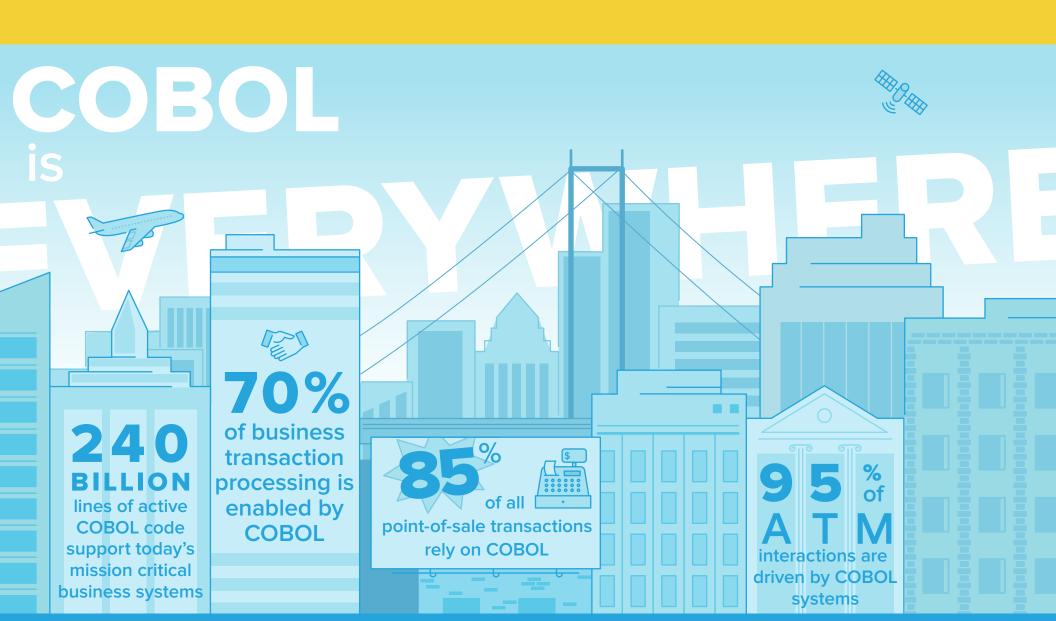
## So why care about

## COBOL?

Isn't it an outdated language from a bygone era? What use is a 50 year old programming language in today's web and mobile world?

Funny you should ask, because it turns out that



Right now, there are more active lines of application code written in COBOL than any other programming language,

65% ap

of ALL enterprise application code to be precise.

With COBOL serving as the foundation for so many businesses, how much does it get done in 24 hours?



receive care, thanks to COBOL apps

COBOL connects

500

MILLION

mobile phones

retirement plans are managed on COBOL based applications

In just one

clay...

200x
MORE
transactions are

processed via COBOL than all of the Google and YouTube searches

COMBINED

COBOL helps

5.5

MILLION
home buyers
move in

96,000
vacations get booked using COBOL based software

shipping containers

**COBOL** programs manage

every day. What does this mean?

COBOL is everywhere—quietly powering the systems we rely on

For the aspiring developer, there's a unique opportunity ahead—a growing corporate need for skilled

In order to meet the need for more modern COBOL developers, Micro Focus created a free academic program to help educators teach this valuable skill and equip students to learn the ins and outs of

programmers to support and maintain critical COBOL systems. But also a need to modernize these systems for the future using .NET, Java, and Cloud technologies. With the right skillset, a lasting and

COBOL within the familiar surroundings of a modern IDE such as Visual Studio or Eclipse.

Micro Focus has more than 40 years of COBOL experience, servicing more than 15,000 customers and over a million licensed users with its technology. The Micro Focus COBOL Academic program currently supports over 400 global academic partners with a focus on creating greater engagement

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