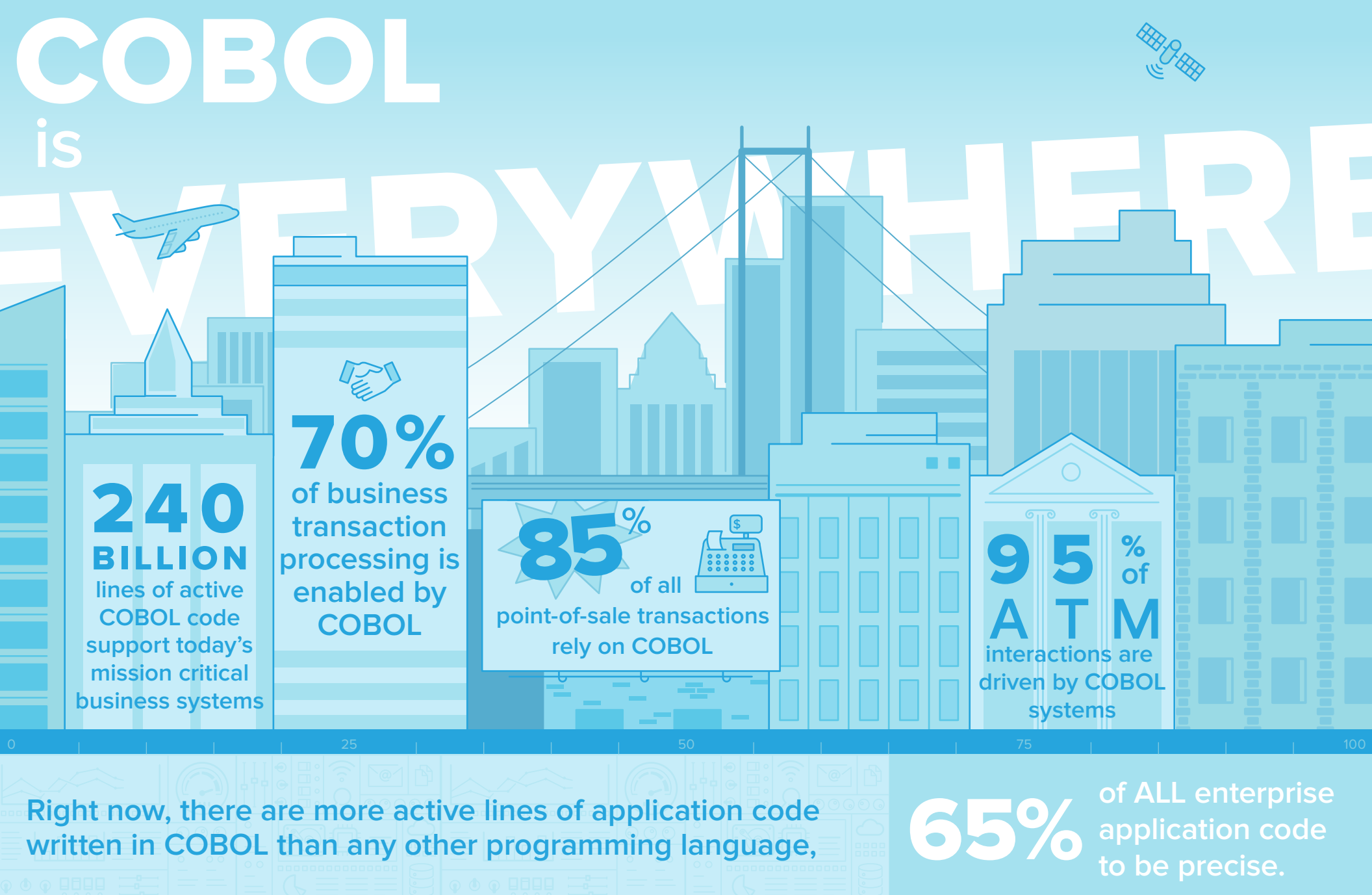


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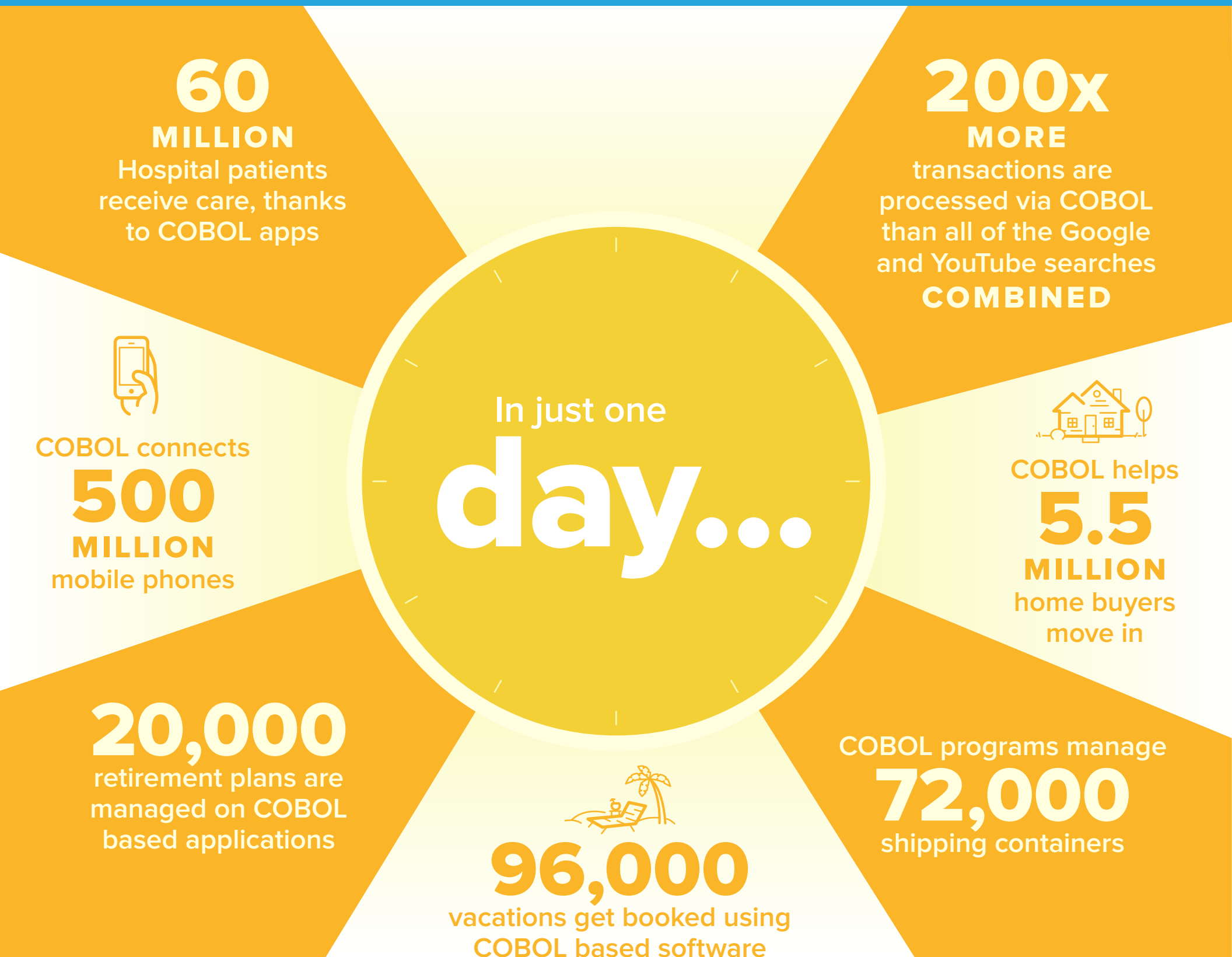
COBOL?!

Isn't it an outdated language from a bygone era?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



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



COBOL is everywhere—quietly powering the systems we rely on every day. What does this mean?

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

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

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