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"Francis ANDRE" <[francis.andre@easynet.fr](mailto:francis.andre@easynet.fr)> wrote

- > *It does not matter so much to count included lines by copy....compare to the*
- > *figures I got from the net....My question is more to understand if the*
- > *Gartner's evaluation is more or less close to the "reality"...200 billions*
- > *of Cobol lines!!!*

It is impossible to know.

- > *75% of business data is processed in COBOL (Source: Gartner).*

That is a completely different thing as well, and has no relationship to the number of Cobol lines (as long as there are some). It may also be that some of the same data may also be processed for different things in different languages.

- > *There are 180 billion to 200 billion lines of COBOL in use worldwide*
- > *(Gartner).*
- > *15% of new applications are written in COBOL (Gartner).*
- > *Replacement costs for COBOL systems estimated at \$25 per line are in the*
- > *hundreds of billions of dollars (Tactical Strategy Group).*