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Release Notes 11.7.0.a IR - Configuration Changes

The Alfabet Enterprise solution configuration has been updated to enhance the functionalities and classes that Alfabet users are familiar with.

New

The following enhancements to the Alfabet Enterprise solution configuration are available with this release.

Update to Strategic Portfolio Management

The **Strategy Validation** capability is available to users with the extension package **Strategic Portfolio Management**.

Capture your company's business strategies. The **Investment Architecture** section of the navigation panel includes the new section **Strategy Network**. The strategy hierarchy includes **Visions, Goals, Objectives**, and **Strategic Themes**. Data workbenches and content areas are available to capture and analyze data for these assets. The visualization of the strategy network is available at all levels as well as reports about the impact to the architecture.

Capture project baselines to track project changes. The **Baselines** page has been added to the project content area to monitor deviation from the original project scope over time in terms of the total project costs, project evaluations, and achievement of project milestones.

Business question "Which demands should be realized?" The business question **Which demands should be realized?** is available in the **Business Relationship** section of the navigation panel and helps to prioritize demands. The business question includes a portfolio analysis showing the weighted scores of the demands' business value and architectural impact, and a doughnut chart displaying the distribution of demands based on their business values.

Support for Enterprise Architecture Management

The following is available for users with the extension package **Enterprise Architecture Management**.

Manage applications via ICT objects and ICT object categories. The object classes **ICT Object** and **ICT Object Category** are available in the **Application Architecture** section of the navigation panel. Data workbenches and content areas are available to capture and analyze data for ICT object and ICT object categories. Associate applications to an ICT object to manage

the architecture on a more abstract level and analyze the application costs for all ICT objects bundled in a content-specific ICT object category.

Track targets via time series evaluations. Time series evaluations allow users to define and track the evolution of target values for specified indicator types for a specific object over time. Time series evaluations are now available in the new **Time Series** page in the **Reference Data** section available for the user profile **Portfolio Admin**.

New business question Where are our project dependencies?

The business question Where are our project dependencies? is available in the **Transformation** section of the navigation panel. The business question provides full transparency about project dependencies when prioritizing projects for funding and/or execution. Dependencies can be analyzed across multiple programs to foster communication before project approval.

This Kanban-like matrix report shows the programs on the Y-axis, the project status on the X-axis and the projects assigned to the programs in the cells of the matrix based on their current statuses. The projects are colored based on their average RAG Status (Red, Amber, Green) which is derived from the project monitoring indicators for time, budget and resource. Project dependencies are visualized by connecting lines between the projects.

The business question can be accessed by users with the base package IT Transformation Server - Enterprise.

New BPMN diagram

Alfabet now supports modeling business processes using the Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN). The **BPMN Diagram** view is available in the **Diagrams** page in the business process content area. The view provides access to the diagram designer where users can add a pool with lanes and create or add existing business processes and tasks in the context of the diagram as well as specify events, sequence flows, and message flows.

The **BPMN Diagram** view can be accessed by users with the base package IT Transformation Server - Enterprise.

New content area for operational business supports

Users can navigate to a content area for operational business supports via the business question **What is our target architecture?** as well as via the **Business Support Matrix** view available in the content repository for the business capability, organization, application, demand, and project content areas.

The content area for operational business supports displays the basic data about an operational business support including the application, organization, and business capability that is supported as well as the possibility to specify responsibilities for the business support.

Improvements

Better performance for What is our application landscape?

Performance for the business question **What is our application landscape?** has improved. To support performance, the heat index and the **Edit** buttons embedded in the matrix cells have been removed. Edit capabilities are available via the new button **Edit > Edit Applications of Business Capability**.

Enhanced data source for What is our technical debt?

The **Data Source** page of the business question **What is our technical debt?** has additional columns as well as a **Structure** button that allows columns to be added or removed from the data table. The following columns are available:

- The **Application Manager** column provides information about who to talk to in case of end-of-life issues.
- The **Business Owner** column displays the organization owning the applications.
- The **Component EoL Status** column displays indicates whether the column is outside of the standard period of support.

Affected architecture reports for projects, demands, and strategic themes

Reports showing the affected architecture of projects, demands, and strategic themes have been added to the respective data workbenches. The reports can be opened via the analysis section in the **Visualize** menu of a data workbench and show a Kanban-like matrix with lanes showing the affected architecture according to class.

Additional ArchiMate Viewpoint diagrams

Diagram types have been added for the following ArchiMate Viewpoint diagrams for Alfabet Enterprise and Alfabet FastLane:

- Capability Map Viewpoint visualizes business capabilities
- Resource Map Viewpoint visualizes business capabilities and projects
- Project Viewpoint visualizes projects, work packages, organizations, and persons
- Requirements Realization Viewpoint visualizes demands, business processes, business capabilities, applications, deployments, and servers (Alfabet Enterprise only)
- Migration Viewpoint visualizes projects and project scenarios (Alfabet Enterprise only)

Updated capability to clear the sample data

The **Clear Database** functionality available in the **Portfolio Admin** user profile is enhanced to clear the sample data in the database provided with the IT Transformation Server - Enterprise base package.

Known Limitations

For Alfabet Enterprise customers who are migrating to Alfabet release 11.7.0 IR (Innovation Release), please note that the technical names of business questions and some Alfabet-configured reports were changed due to technical reasons. This may impact favorites (bookmarks) or other links to Alfabet-configured reports. If you find that the target of a bookmark no longer opens in Alfabet 11.7.0 IR, please recreate it.

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