

Release Notes 11.8.1 Solution 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 is introduced to the Alfabet Enterprise solution configuration this release.

Interoperability with Horizon

The new interoperability between Alfabet and Horizon - both now part of Bizzdesign's product portfolio - allows you to leverage Horizon's business process management and Alfabet's application portfolio management capabilities. The combination of both tools provides a comprehensive management of the IT that relies on the masterful business process modelling capabilities in Horizon and the powerful strategic portfolio management capabilities in Alfabet.

Integration with Horizon provides a seamless interaction between the Horizon and Alfabet repositories so that business processes can be maintained in Horizon, and applications can be managed in Alfabet. Data can be pushed and pulled from both Alfabet and Horizon to ease data maintenance and ensure data consistency. The following is available in Alfabet to support interoperability with Horizon

- A new **Horizon** functionality is available in the **Integrations** section of the navigation panel for the **Portfolio Admin** user profile. Here you can set up your integration connection to Horizon's API client. No further configuration is required and you can immediately start working with the out-of-the-box functionalities.
- Users can begin importing Horizon data to Alfabet via the easy-to-use buttons in the header: **1. Import Collaborations**, **2. Import Business Processes**, and **3. Import Application Support**. These functionalities import all Horizon collaborations, the business process models including their business process hierarchies, and the relations between the business processes and the applications specified in Horizon via the **servd by** attribute.
- Each business process imported to Alfabet has a **Horizon Link** attribute available in its content area that navigates you to the business process in Horizon where you can view its business process model diagram. The BPMN diagram provides full functionality so that you can maintain and update the data on the spot.
- Changes made to business processes in Horizon can be pushed back to Alfabet at any time via new functionalities in Horizon that support the integration. Changes made to the data in Alfabet will be automatically pushed to Horizon via background events, thus keeping both repositories consistent. Applications in Horizon will be updated with relevant application data captured in Alfabet including start and end dates, lifecycle information, etc.

This is the first chapter of Bizzdesign's Alfabet-Horizon interoperability. Stay tuned for further functional developments and enhancements to interoperability between Horizon and Alfabet.

Alfabet-Horizon Interoperability is available with the base packages **IT Transformation Server - FastLane** and **IT Transformation Server - Enterprise**.

Data-triggered actions to automate data maintenance

New data-triggered actions are available to improve data completeness, consistency, and productivity by automating data maintenance tasks. Actions to create, edit, and delete assets, trigger workflows, or import/export data can be automatically triggered via rules configured by an administrative user. For example, an end date for an application may be set based on the definition of its start date, or an approval workflow may be triggered when a new application is created.

A new **Data-Triggered Actions** functionality is available in the **Configuration** section of the navigation panel for the **Portfolio Admin** user profile. Data-triggered actions may be based on SQL queries to define UPDATE rules or on existing event templates that allow specified events to be automatically triggered in the background. SQL queries may be specified to define the data conditions that must be met in order to trigger the action.

The data-triggered action capabilities can be accessed by users with the base package **IT Transformation Server - Enterprise**.

Capture and analyze peripheral applications

Data about peripheral applications that are outside of the core scope of the IT landscape can be captured in the new **Capture Peripherals** data workbench and content area. A peripheral typically represents an application that is managed by business partners, such as an EDI gateway or a B2B marketplace. Peripherals are connected to applications in the IT landscape by means of information flows. In contrast to an application, a peripheral's local components or business services as well as the details of its technical platform are not relevant to the IT landscape. The business question **What is our application roadmap?** has been extended with a filter to include peripherals in the analysis.

Peripherals can be captured and analyzed by users with the extension package **Enterprise Architecture Management**.

Improvements

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

Extended scope for application diagrams

Application landscape diagrams have been enhanced to include a larger scope of applications. If an application is directly referenced by an asset displayed in the **Asset Relations** view, then the applications will also be displayed in the **Application Landscape Diagram**. For example, if the **Asset Relations** view for a project includes affected applications, then these applications will be automatically included in the application landscape diagram for the project.

Capture business process - business capability relationships

The relationship between business processes and business capabilities can be specified directly from either the perspective of the business process or business capability. The following has been added to make this possible:

- The **Supporting Business Capabilities** field is available on the **Overview** page of the business process content area.
- The **Business Processes** view is available on the **Overview** page of the business capability content area.

Enhanced usability in the business question What is our technical debt?

New icons with explanatory tooltips are displayed in the **End Date Conflict** column and legend of the business question **What is our technical debt?**

Link to IT-Pedia's My Product Catalog

A new **Link to IT-Pedia** attribute is available on the **IT-Pedia** page of the component content area. Clicking the link opens a URL that takes the user to **My Product Catalog - Models** in IT-Pedia® from Eracent. The attribute can also be added to the component data workbench.

Fixes

- The role relationship was not created between business actors and business objects in the ArchiMate diagram **Business Process Cooperation Viewpoint**.
- If the **Search Category** field for the global search was set to **Component** and the **View More** link was clicked in the results list, an error occurred in the **Search Result** view.
- The **Server Locations** view in a device's content area showed server locations for all devices and not only the server locations for the relevant device.
- The **External ID** attribute was not visible to administrative users in order to maintain authorization via the active directory. The attribute is now visible in editors and content areas for user groups and user profiles as well as in the content area for persons.