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Release Notes 11.9.0 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.

New project manager user profile

The new **Project Manager** user profile is for users who are responsible for capturing data relevant to document the project portfolio. The project manager has write permissions for the classes editable with a **Data Steward** license and read-only permissions to all other relevant classes in the business, application, technology, and investment architectures. Reports display all projects according to their status, an overview of projects with data quality issues, and a data workbench where the project manager can create and maintain projects.

Requested and current costs in cost management

For customers upgrading from Alfabet FastLane to Alfabet Enterprise, cost management will be extended to capture requested and current costs in addition to budgets. Upgrade of the license will automatically change the views for cost management to provide the additional capabilities.

Deployment management in Alfabet FastLane

Also customers with an Alfabet FastLane license can optionally capture which applications are installed on which server via deployments as intermediate definition. A deployment is the logical set of installed elements that constitute one instantiation of the application. Customers interested in deployment management should contact Alfabet BD GmbH support and ask for activation of the feature.

Definition of platform layers and tiers

Customers with an Alfabet Enterprise Architecture Management license can define own platform layers and tiers for platform templates in the **Reference Data** functionality of the **Portfolio Admin** user profile.

Improvements

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

Improved usability in platform architecture

A **Remove from Matrix** button has been added to the **Platform Architecture** view in the application content area. The button allows the user to remove the component from the matrix visualization. The component however is not removed from the application and is still displayed in the **Components Lifecycle** and **Used Components** views for the application.

Extension to business objects

A new **Data Attributes** view has been added to the business object content area that allows characteristics of a business object to be captured. A business data attribute will have a type definition (CHAR, BLOB, REFERENCE, etc.) as well as a size specification. By means of data attributes, you can track a selected business object's references to other business objects across the entire information network.

BPMN diagram available in Alfabet FastLane

A new BPMN diagram is available in the **Diagrams** page in the business process content area in Alfabet Fastlane. Business applications and data objects (=Business Objects) can be added to the BPMN diagram. Business data usage can be specified in the diagram by adding a message flow connection between a data object and a business process. Please note however that if the business data usage already exists in the database, then two arrows will be displayed for the message flow. The input or output arrow that is not required must be manually hidden in the diagram via the context menu for the message flow.

Automatic update of information flow names

The names of information flows are created from the names of the source and target application. When the name of the source or target application changes, the information flow name will automatically adapt to the change.

Alignment of object filter fields

The **Object State** filter has been reviewed and aligned across business questions and views. It has also been added to views where it was missing.

More intuitive filters in Where are our business priorities?

The filters in the business question **Where are our business priorities?** have been revised. The fields to select evaluation types and the time period to assess maturity

gaps for business capabilities have been renamed **Maturity Assessment** and **Maturity Assessment Time Series**. These filter captions are now aligned with the business analysis type **Maturity Assessment**.

New inline editing option for indicators and roles

Users with access to the **Portfolio Admin** user profile can specify that roles and indicators are editable in object class property groups. A new **Property Group** field is available in the editors for indicator types and for assigning a role type to an asset.

Buttons for information flow to business object relations

In the content areas of information flows and business objects, **Add** and **Detach** buttons have been added to the toolbar of the embedded data workbenches for managing the relation between information flows and business objects.

Enhanced captions of views and property groups

The captions of the views for the definition of subordinate categories have been changed to include the name of the object class the category is defined for.

Captions of object class property groups and Gantt charts for lifecycle management have been changed to better reflect the content.

Better visibility of SLA definition for service products

In the class-based content area for service products, the functionalities for managing service level agreements have been moved from the three-dots menu to a **SLA** button directly visible in the main toolbar.

Enhanced usability for creating business support

When a user creates a business support for an application, business capability, or organization, the name of the current application, business capability, or organization is automatically set in the **Providing Application**, **Supported Business Capability**, or **Supported Organization** field in the editor.

Standard Application Diagram added

The **Standard Application Diagram** view is available in the content repository of the content areas for applications, application groups, business data, business objects, business processes, business process models, domains, locations, and organizations. The diagram shows the application architecture of the selected object.

Detailed license overview

Users with access to the **Portfolio Admin** user profile can drill down from the pie charts with license usage statistics in the **Home** content area to detailed information about the data the statistic is based on.

Improved usability for user profiles administration

In the content area for user profiles in the **User Profile Administration** functionality of the **Portfolio Admin** user profile, the **Type** attribute displays as text whether the user profile is a Read Only or Read/Write user profile. In prior releases, the information was displayed as a number with 1 for ReadWrite and 0 for ReadOnly.

Improved usability for integration solutions

Portfolio Admin user profile, the **Integration Connection** view in the content areas for the **IT Pedia** and **Horizzon** integration solutions only display the relevant integration connection. The **Integration Connections** menu option opens an overview of all integration connections.

RESTful access to all relevant asset classes

Read/Write access via RESTful service calls is granted for all relevant asset classes.

Automatic adaption of class configuration to stereotype handling

On migration to Alfabet 11.9, class configurations from previous releases done on the object class are automatically moved to the object class stereotype for applications, projects, and organizations. They will then be correctly visible in the object class stereotype-based explorer for class configuration in the **Portfolio Admin** user profile.

Fixes

- The **Standardization** attribute for a component has been enhanced. The value **Not Classified** has been changed to **Unknown** to align with other attributes.
- An error occurred in the business question **What are our architectural dependencies?** when the color rule filter was not set.
- The **Layout** filter was missing for the business questions **What are our architecture dependencies?** and **How will IT failure impact our business?** and the **Strategy Network** view.
- Project baselines and project scenarios were displayed in the **Affected Architecture** view of a project.
- In the **Information Context** of business capabilities, business data was shown instead of business objects.
- The **Description** property was not migrated from business data to business objects.
- Private editors were displayed in Alfabet Expand.