



Alfabet 11.11.0, 11.11.1

Product Announcement

Introduction

Strategic portfolio management is growing in use across companies intent on accelerating their digital transformation. With each new release, Bizzdesign Alfabet ensures that every stakeholder can effectively contribute to and significantly benefit from the transformation program – from strategy to execution. Alfabet 11.11.0 and 11.11.1 provide powerful new features and significant enhancements to familiar features for cross-functional collaboration and surefire strategy execution.

Here are the highlights of Alfabet 11.11.0 and 11.11.1:

- **Board Visualization:** An information-rich, highly interactive way to show and work with data in a data workbench presenting portfolio data as cards arranged in user-defined columns. Collaborate and manage teamwork easier with instant clarity and flexible prioritization through drag-and-drop reordering.
- **User Collaboration and Comments:** A simple yet effective way to spark dialog, accelerate decision-making, and leverage the collective expertise of the organization. Drive platform adoption across the business with automated email notifications that keep architects and stakeholders connected to vital updates and cross-role discussions.
- **Embedding of External Content:** Makes Alfabet your organization's primary entry point for enterprise transformation by centralizing portfolio, financial, and asset data from multiple external tools into a single, cohesive view.
- **Resource Planning and Management:** New capabilities make resource planning more articulate, methodical and uniform throughout the entire project lifecycle, from early planning through execution. Resource planning begins directly within the work breakdown structure and is carried over into subsequent planning and management activities.
- **Alfabet Publication Framework:** Provides the means to define document templates for combining information from Alfabet's reservoir of information. Create attractive reports with contextual relevance to support all planners and strategists in the enterprise transformation process.
- **New Business Question: How are we executing our strategy?** Shows the people, systems, workstreams necessary for executing on strategy. Get the whole picture and identify gaps that could cause delays in delivery.
- **New Business Question: What is our investment landscape?** Displays a mapping of demands and projects to business capabilities. Coloring and icons denote KPIs that help understand if critical demands are being invested in.
- **User and Platform Enhancements:** Various enhancements to improve collaboration, system performance, user experience and productivity.

Board Visualization

New board visualizations introduce an information-rich, highly interactive way to show data in a data workbench. Board visualizations present portfolio data as cards arranged in user-defined columns, giving teams an immediate, intuitive view of task status, ownership, and upcoming work. Inspired by Kanban boards, they offer instant clarity, support easy prioritization through drag-and-drop reordering, and strengthen collaboration by ensuring everyone sees the same information during shared decision-making processes such as application portfolio rationalization or strategic prioritization.

Use the Board Settings editor to determine which columns appear on the board, using criteria such as roles filled by a person or organization, release statuses, enumerations, reference-type properties, and indicators with range definitions. Cards can be colored based on enumeration values or indicator ranges and users can configure up to three attributes to appear in the card header, and display and order up to seven additional attributes and three icons within the card body.

Users can switch between expanded cards, which display full details, and collapsed cards for a more compact view. A single click on any object or referenced object shown on a card opens it in the object inspection pane for preview and editing, while a double-click navigates directly to its content area. Cards can also be dragged between columns, automatically updating the object's value associated with that column.

Board visualizations can be saved and added to the content repository, making them available in other content areas and for sharing with colleagues. Saved board visualizations always display the most up-to-date data for the objects included in the report.

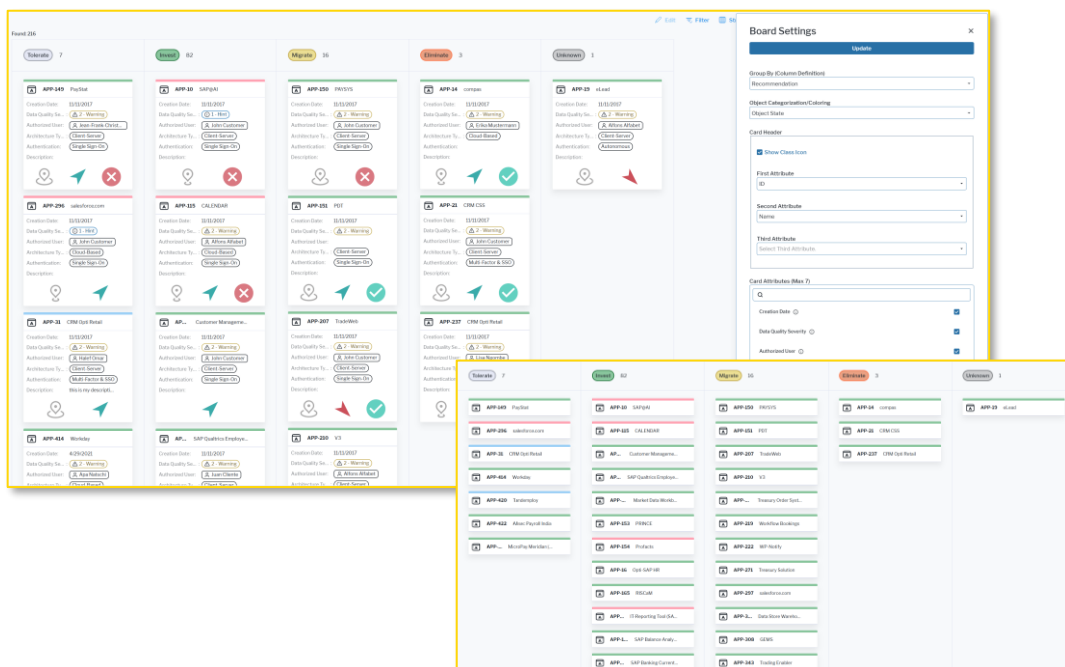
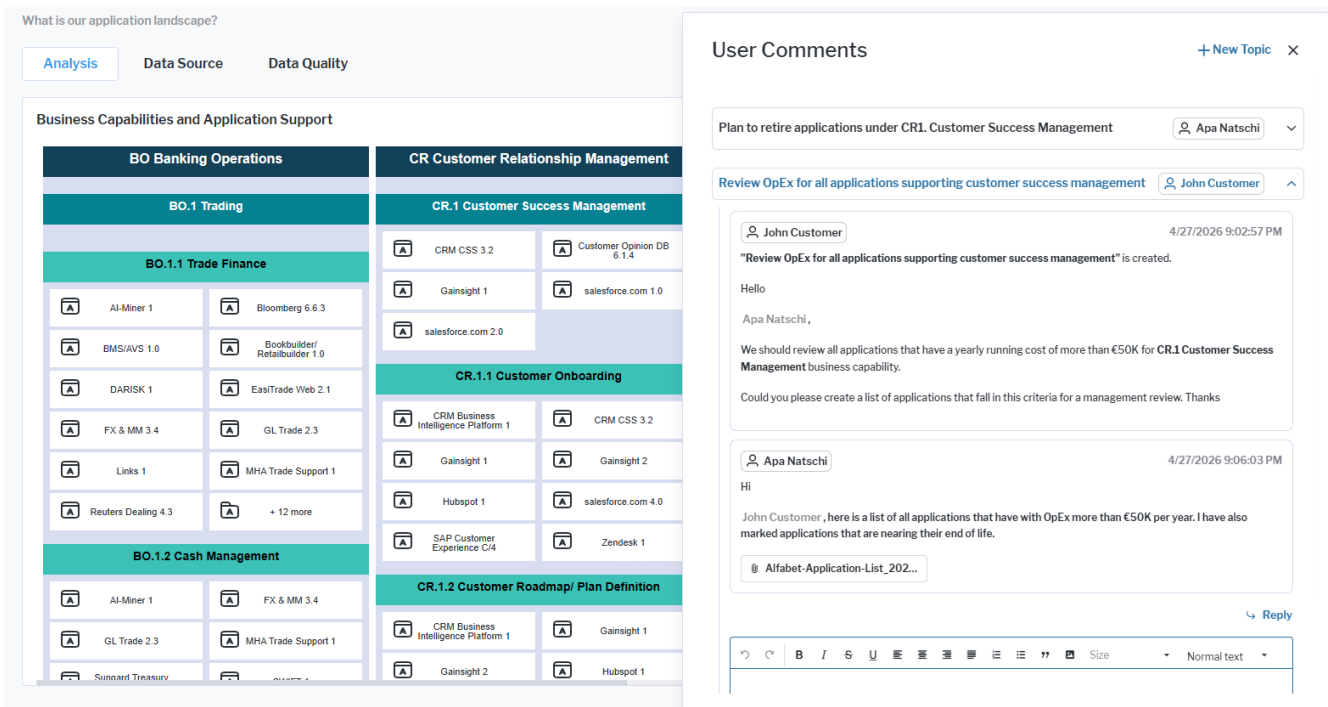


Figure 1: Board visualizations of data workbench data provide a clear overview of portfolio data and an easy way to interactively work with the presented data.

Integrated User Collaboration and Comments

This new integrated collaboration feature enables free-form discussion and idea sharing across the user community in a familiar, social-media-style experience. Initiate collaboration topics from any data workbench, content area, or view by opening the User Topics window, where multiple topics can be created and managed. Each topic can be expanded or collapsed, making it easy to focus on a single discussion or switch between several in parallel.

Any user can start a collaboration topic and invite colleagues using @mentions to trigger an email notification containing a direct link to the topic. Users can make multiple posts per topic using an HTML editor as well as upload attachments to a post.



The screenshot displays two main components: a data view on the left and a 'User Comments' window on the right.

Data View (Left): Titled 'What is our application landscape?', it features tabs for 'Analysis', 'Data Source', and 'Data Quality'. The main content is 'Business Capabilities and Application Support', divided into two columns: 'BO Banking Operations' and 'CR Customer Relationship Management'. Under 'BO', there are sub-sections for 'BO.1 Trading' (including 'BO.1.1 Trade Finance' and 'BO.1.2 Cash Management') and 'BO.2 Cash Management'. Under 'CR', there are sub-sections for 'CR.1 Customer Success Management' (including 'CR.1.1 Customer Onboarding' and 'CR.1.2 Customer Roadmap/ Plan Definition') and 'CR.2 Customer Roadmap/ Plan Definition'. Each sub-section contains a grid of application icons with labels like 'Al-Miner 1', 'Bloomberg 6.6.3', 'CRM CSS 3.2', and 'Salesforce.com 4.0'.

User Comments Window (Right): Titled 'User Comments', it has a '+ New Topic' button. It shows two topics:

- Topic 1:** 'Plan to retire applications under CR1. Customer Success Management' by 'Apa Natschi'.
- Topic 2:** 'Review OpEx for all applications supporting customer success management' by 'John Customer'.

 The second topic is expanded, showing a discussion:

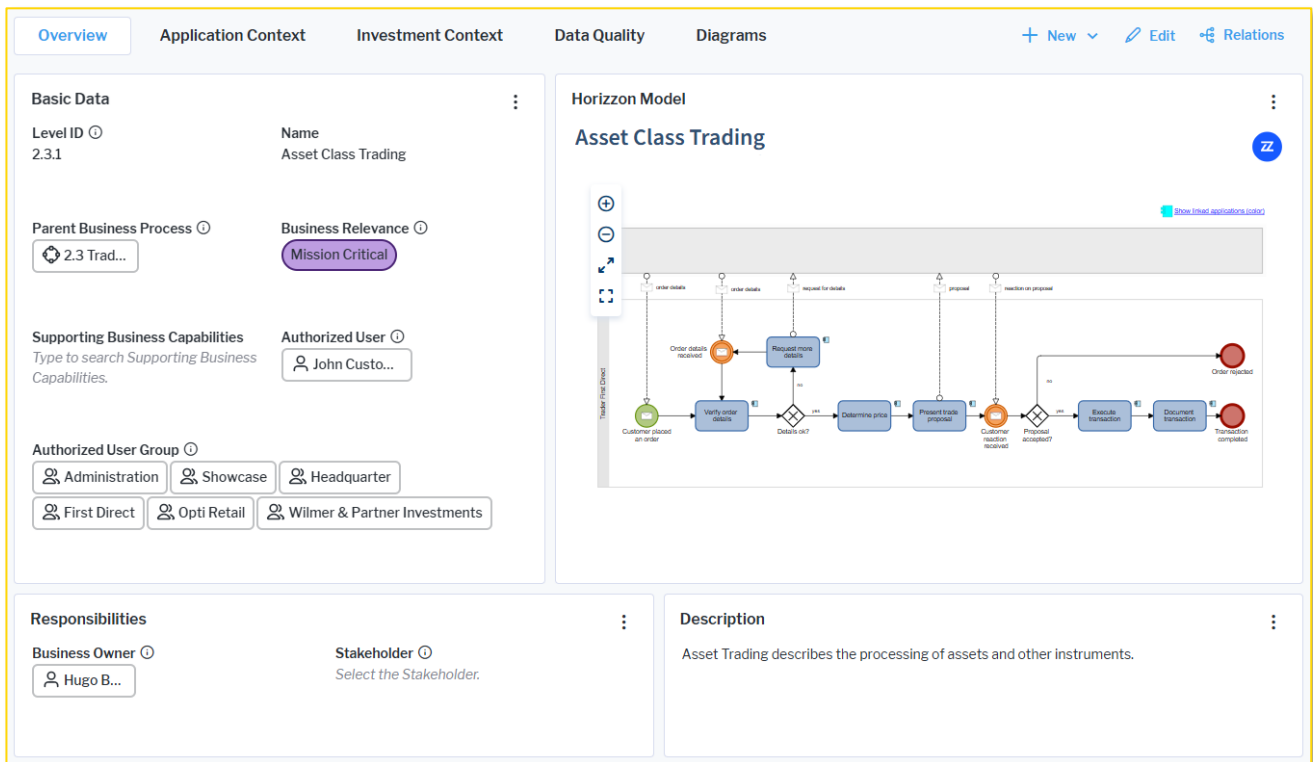
- Post 1 (John Customer, 4/27/2026 9:02:57 PM):** "Review OpEx for all applications supporting customer success management" is created. Hello Apa Natschi, We should review all applications that have a yearly running cost of more than €50K for CR1 Customer Success Management business capability. Could you please create a list of applications that fall in this criteria for a management review. Thanks
- Post 2 (Apa Natschi, 4/27/2026 9:06:03 PM):** Hi John Customer, here is a list of all applications that have with OpEx more than €50K per year. I have also marked applications that are nearing their end of life. (Attachment: Alfabet-Application-List_202...)

 The window includes a rich text editor at the bottom with standard formatting options (bold, italic, underline, link, etc.) and a 'Reply' button.

Figure 2: Collaborate with peers ad hoc and directly in the relevant view with Alfabet's new Collaboration and Comments feature.

Embedding of External Content

Strategic portfolio management tools have a rich ecosystem of information sources. Being able to view current information from those sources directly in its contextual framing greatly improves efficiency in amalgamating data for decision-making. This new Alfabet release lets you see live, up-to-date views of external applications right inside the content area without switching systems or opening additional windows. At runtime, the system opens the URL in a read-only mode, ensuring that users always see the current state of the external interface. This is especially valuable when integrating with third-party applications, as it gives users immediate visual insight into the latest information or UI changes.



The screenshot displays the Alfabet interface with the following components:

- Navigation Bar:** Overview (selected), Application Context, Investment Context, Data Quality, Diagrams. Action buttons: + New, Edit, Relations.
- Basic Data Panel:**
 - Level ID: 2.3.1
 - Name: Asset Class Trading
 - Parent Business Process: 2.3 Trad...
 - Business Relevance: Mission Critical
 - Supporting Business Capabilities: Type to search Supporting Business Capabilities.
 - Authorized User: John Custo...
 - Authorized User Group: Administration, Showcase, Headquarter, First Direct, Opti Retail, Wilmer & Partner Investments.
- Horizon Model Panel:**
 - Title: Asset Class Trading
 - Diagram: A process flow diagram showing steps like 'Customer placed an order', 'Verify order details', 'Request more details', 'Determine price', 'Present trade proposal', 'Customer reaction received', 'Proposal accepted?', 'Execute transaction', 'Document transaction', and 'Transaction completed'. It includes decision diamonds and swimlanes.
- Responsibilities Panel:**
 - Business Owner: Hugo B...
 - Stakeholder: Select the Stakeholder.
- Description Panel:** Asset Trading describes the processing of assets and other instruments.

Figure 3: View current information from external data sources directly in its contextual framework in Alfabet. Here we see a modelling view from Bizzdesign Horizon.

Resource Planning and Management

Alfabet’s Resource Planning and Management supports the planning of enterprise resources for project portfolio management, operating model planning and enterprise release planning. In this new Alfabet release, project planning can begin directly within the work breakdown structure, where initial resource needs are assessed and estimated costs can be transferred into the project’s business case. This provides an early resource demand outlook and enables a more structured, transparent, and methodologically aligned planning. Here are the new features:

New Work Breakdown Structure (WBS): A new Gantt view delivers a clear project hierarchy of projects and sub-projects, allowing teams to create both resource requests and skill requests in the same hierarchical context. It includes a Count and Daily Rate column that shows the total number of days requested with the associated cost per day. A Resource column displays the organization or the individual expected to provide the resource or skill. To support the transition from high-level planning to more detailed staffing, “Derive Skill Request” creates a subordinate skill request, automatically carrying over key information ensuring consistency and reducing manual entry.

New Project Resource Planning View: Another new Gantt view aligns with the WBS to transfer skill requests defined in the context of the WBS to the Project Resource Planning view. This ensures resource planning flows both top-down and bottom-up for seamless synchronization across planning layers. Users can create new skill requests or refine existing ones by splitting them across multiple providers, breaking them down into more detailed skill sets, or specifying staged delivery timelines.

Improved Business Case Cost Integration: New functionality includes cost estimates generated in the project's WBS, allowing those values to flow directly into the business case. Costs calculated for resource and skill requests are based on the count and daily rate. All project cost types can be populated from defined skill requests or, when no skill requests exist, from the corresponding resource requests.

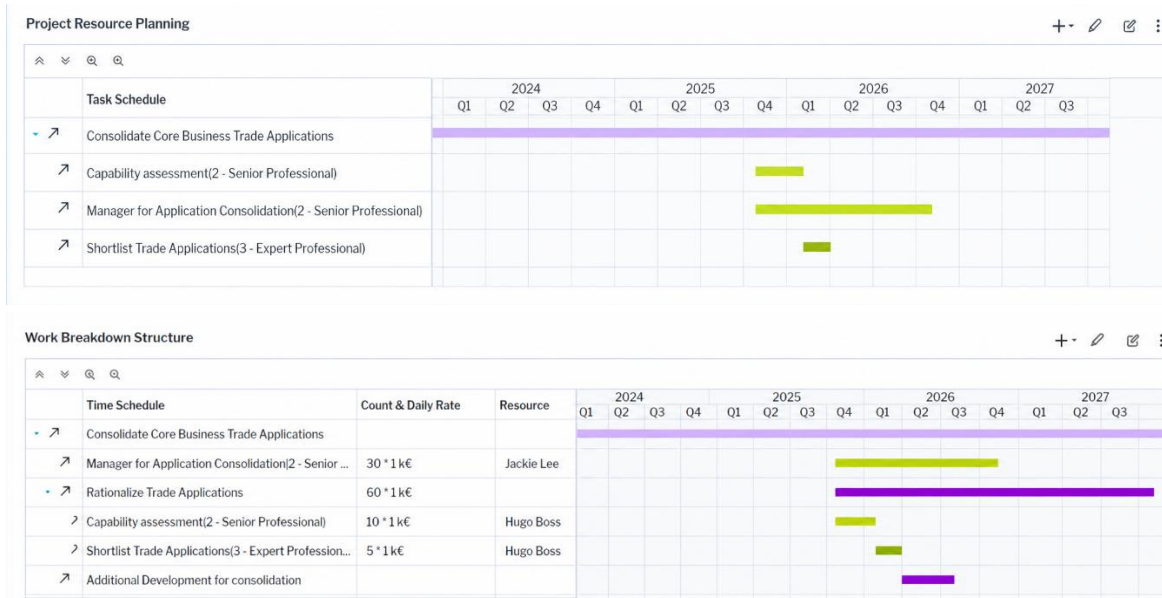


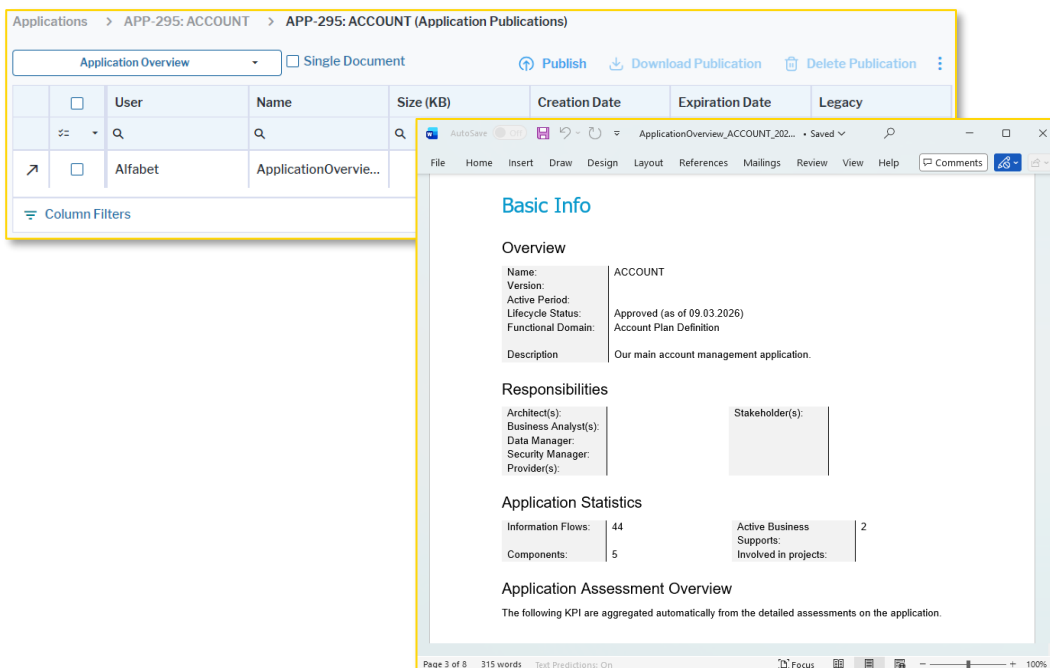
Figure 4: The Work Breakdown Structure and Project Resource Planning views are connected to ensure synchronization across planning layers.

Alfabet Publication Framework

In many organizations, Alfabet is one of the central systems for IT, organizational and business planning. More and more stakeholders maintain their planning data in the system and use it to collaboratively plan with others. Documents are an important means of collaboration, necessitating:

- a flexible way to amalgamate information so that the results are relevant to the purpose in terms of content, format, usability and attractiveness
- a standardized procedure for creating publications to enable user self-sufficiency
- compatibility with corporate documentation standards to easily collaborate with non-Alfabet users, management, auditors and other external stakeholders

The Alfabet Publication Framework enables you to create Microsoft® Word or PDF documents that automatically include up-to-date data from the repository. Complete data sheets for one or multiple objects can be generated using a layout in MS Word designed specifically for the solution. Users define templates determining text layout, creating static and dynamic fields, and formatting the document according to corporate standards or other publishing guidelines. Dynamic fields are filled with content from Alfabet such as the names of ICT objects, applications, domains and business processes as well as any standard or custom report related to an object. The template can hold a nested structure of separate documents on different objects. Once created, the template is uploaded into Alfabet for generation of the publication.



The screenshot displays the Alfabet Publication Framework interface. On the left, a table titled 'Application Overview' is shown with columns for User, Name, Size (KB), Creation Date, Expiration Date, and Legacy. The table contains one entry for 'Alfabet' with the name 'ApplicationOvervie...'. On the right, a detailed report for 'ACCOUNT' is displayed, including sections for Basic Info, Overview, Responsibilities, Application Statistics, and Application Assessment Overview.

User	Name	Size (KB)	Creation Date	Expiration Date	Legacy
Alfabet	ApplicationOvervie...				

Basic Info

Overview

Name:	ACCOUNT
Version:	
Active Period:	
Lifecycle Status:	Approved (as of 09.03.2026)
Functional Domain:	Account Plan Definition
Description:	Our main account management application.

Responsibilities

Architect(s):		Stakeholder(s):	
Business Analyst(s):			
Data Manager:			
Security Manager:			
Provider(s):			

Application Statistics

Information Flows:	44	Active Business Supports:	2
Components:	5	Involved in projects:	

Application Assessment Overview

The following KPI are aggregated automatically from the detailed assessments on the application.

Figure 5: Use the Alfabet Publication Framework to collect various reports, views, and information into one body of work for reporting to non-Alfabet stakeholders and external parties.

Business Question: “How are we executing our strategy?”

This new business question is available in the Transformation section of the navigation panel. It provides a detailed focus on how high-level strategic themes are executed in the context of an agile methodology. The matrix report shows strategic themes on the X-axis and maps their stakeholders and the operational and developmental value streams, epics, and agile release trains (ARTs) that contribute to the strategy. By making these connections visible, the business question showcases which core strategies are being supported, where gaps or misalignments exist, and how investment and capacity are distributed across the portfolio. The visualization helps decision-makers gain the clarity needed to steer the portfolio toward the outcomes that matter most for the company’s long-term direction and value delivery.

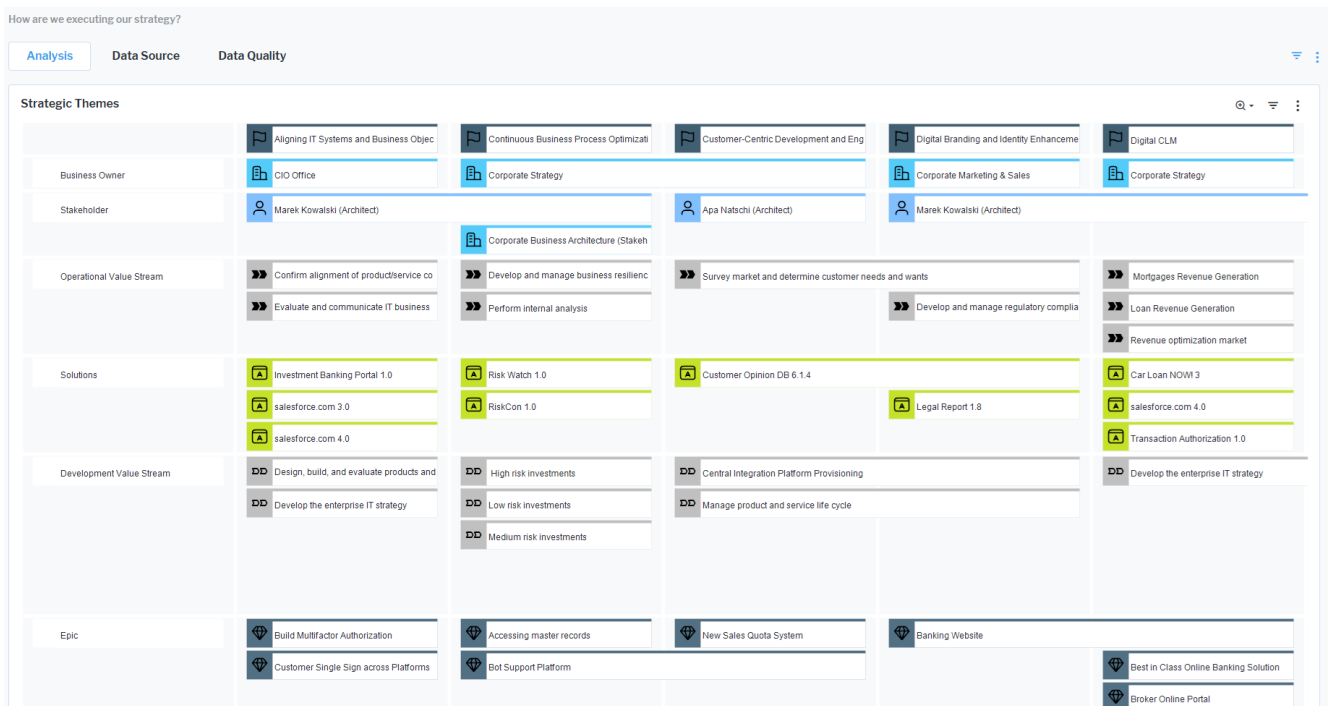


Figure 6: Understand the people, systems, workstreams and their interdependencies using the new business question “How are we executing our strategy?”

Business Question: “What is our investment landscape?”

This business question is available in the Roadmapping section of the navigation panel. The nested matrix report shows the organization's business capabilities and the demands and projects that impact them. The visualization exposes overlaps and redundancies of investments and helps to eliminate waste and improve coherence. With this business question, prioritization becomes more rational and transparent, ensuring that resources are directed toward the initiatives that most effectively enhance the company's ability to compete and execute its strategy. By understanding which initiatives strengthen critical business capabilities, the company can focus investment where it creates the greatest long-term value and ensure alignment with strategic priorities.

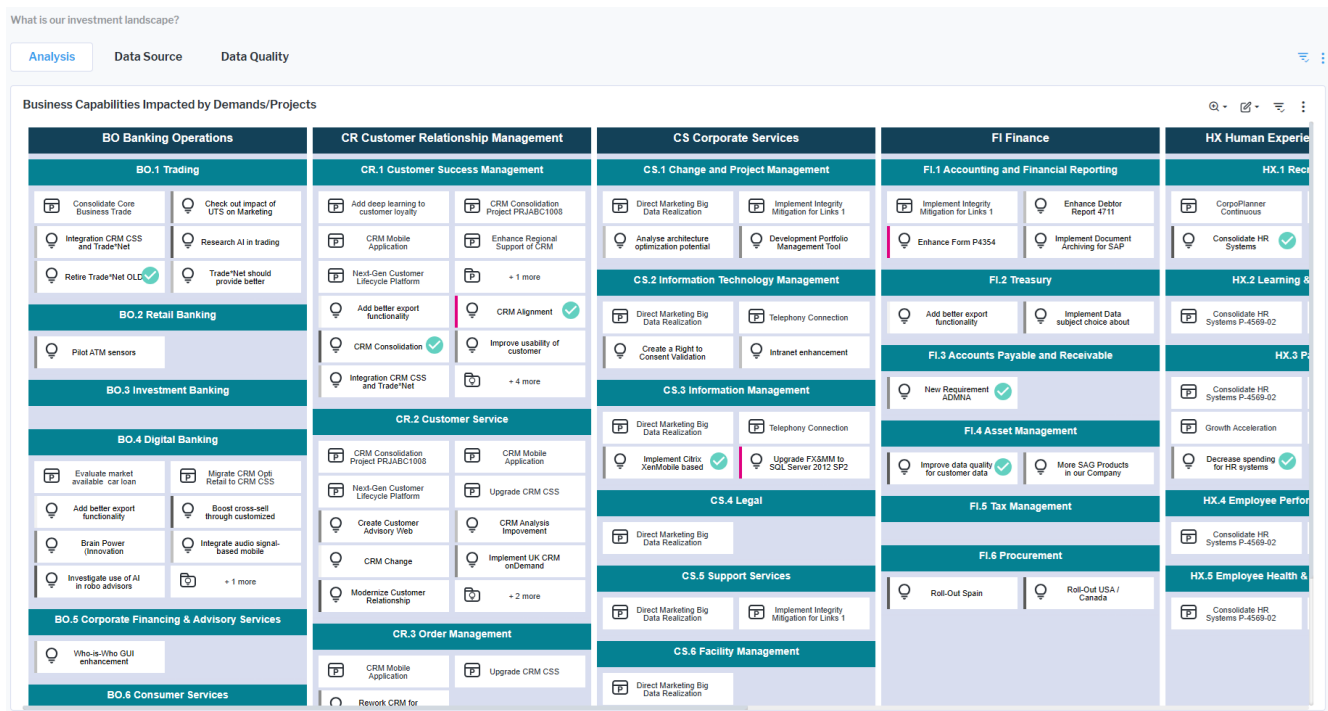
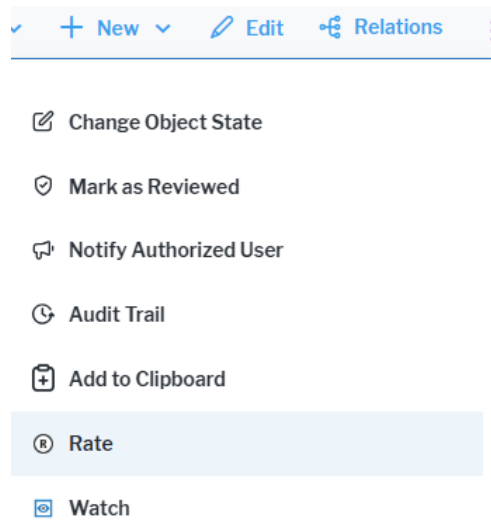


Figure 7: The business question “What is our Investment Landscape?” helps identify if critical demands are being funded adequately. The analysis view shows Projects (denoted by a “P”) and Demands (denoted by a lightbulb) as they relate to Business Capabilities. Demands show a prioritization (dark grey = high, light grey = low, pink = mandatory). The checkmark indicates whether the demand is assigned to a project.

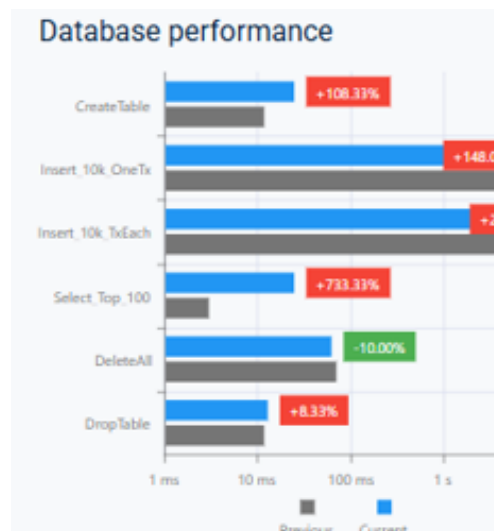
User and Platform Enhancements

The following features are new in Alfabet 11.11.0 and 11.11.1:

Rate, like, and follow objects: Interact with objects and generate meaningful reports around object utilization.



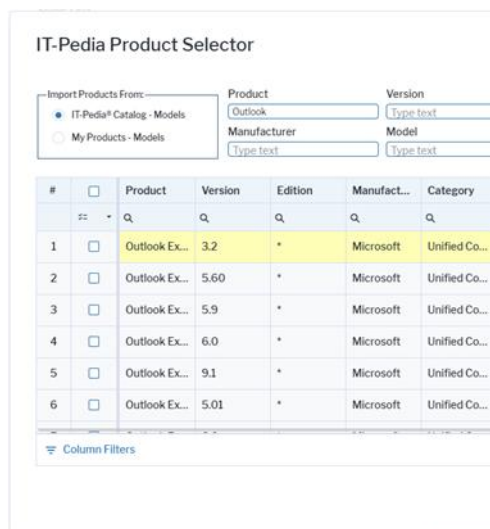
Performance Benchmark (Beta): Generate platform performance reports and compare results



Login Screen (Warning): Display compliance-related screens prior to user login.



Streamlined IT-Pedia Selector: Identify matching components directly in the IT-Pedia selector.



Other Enhancements

Quick Access to Recently-Searched Objects: The global search field in the masthead now displays a Recent Objects section, making it easy for users to return to frequently accessed items.

Sharing of User Content: Data workbench visualizations added to the content repository of content areas can be shared with other users. This sharing capability can now be disabled for specific user profiles through a new Enable Users to Share Content Items attribute in the user profile configuration.

Easy AI Assistant Access Control: The Alfabet AI Assistant can be deactivated for specific user profiles in the User Profile editor directly in the Alfabet user interface, giving administrators fine-grained control over its availability.

Improved AMM File Generation: The AMM generation editor has been enhanced with a new setting that allows users to exclude objects tagged with one or more selected tags.

Usability Enhancements for Class Settings: The display of modified controls in editors, custom editors, and standard views within the Class Settings explorer has been updated to show both the control's Name and Caption.

Enhanced Logging for SAML: If authentication is done via SAML, the Alfabet Web Application will enforce the SAML component to provide log messages with the debug log level. This ensures that certificate information relevant for support is logged correctly.

