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Release Notes 11.11.1.B Solution Configuration Changes

The Alfabet 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 solution configuration this release.

New business question **What is our investment landscape?**

The business question **What is our investment landscape?** is available in the **Transformation** section of the navigation panel. The nested matrix report provides a structured view of the business capability hierarchy and shows where active demands and projects currently impact the organization. It enables transparency across the demand and project landscape by highlighting which demands exist per business capability, which projects are running, and how demands are assigned to projects. Optional KPIs can be enabled to support investment analysis, prioritization, and informed decision-making across the business capability landscape.

The license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** is required to work with this business question. The use case **Project Portfolio Governance** must be activated.

New business question **How are we executing our strategy?**

The business question **How are we executing our strategy?** is available in the **Transformation** section of the navigation panel and 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, solutions (applications and components), 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.

The license package **Lean Portfolio Management** is required to work with this business question. The use case **Agile Transformation** must be activated.

Improvements

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

Enhanced measurement and analysis for **What is our strategic progress?**

Revisions have been made to the specification of performance measures for strategic themes and the analysis of business question **What is our strategic progress?** These enhancements provide a clearer view of progress toward strategic targets, as well as the execution status of strategy-related programs and projects. Performance measurement has been strengthened through refined and more expressive measure types.

Enhanced measure types to capture performance measurements. A new **Direction** attribute has been introduced for measure types to clarify how a measure's rating should be interpreted in relation to the performance of a strategic theme. The available values **Lower Is Better** or **Higher Is Better** can be selected in the **Measure Types** editor as well as in the **Objectives and Key Results** view.

Streamlined data workbench to capture measure types. To further simplify data management, the data workbench for defining measure types has been streamlined. A new data workbench is now available in the **Objectives and Key Results** view within the content area of a strategic theme. This workbench enables efficient specification of measure types, including their unit of measurement and measure type category. The new **Direction** column is fully integrated into this workbench.

Improved insights to target achievement in **What is our strategic progress?** The nested matrix report has been enhanced with new indicators on strategic theme performance measures to provide clearer visibility into how well strategic targets are being achieved. The following may be visible on a matrix cell for a performance measure:

- A **Rating Target** indicator displays a green checkmark when a performance target is met and a red X when it is not. A tooltip provides additional context by showing the most recent rating along with the previous rating.
- A **Rating Trend** indicator visualizes whether the performance rating trend is improving, stable, or declining. Its tooltip displays the latest rating with the date of the most recent update, as well as the previous rating and its date.
- A **Gap** indicator highlights whether the gap between the current performance rating and the target is increasing or decreasing. The tooltip explains how the

gap between rated and target values is measured and whether it is widening or narrowing.

- For deeper analysis, users can double-click any matrix cell for a performance measure to open a line chart. This chart visualizes the rated performance over time alongside the target performance over time for the selected strategic theme.

Improved transparency of program and project completion in What is our strategic progress? Matrix cells representing programs and projects contributing to a strategic theme have been enhanced to provide deeper visibility into completion status. The following may be visible on a matrix cell for programs and projects.

- Matrix cells for programs now display a dedicated Program icon along with a % **Complete** indicator that reflects the overall completion status of the program. When projects are defined for a program, a Project icon is also shown. Double-clicking this icon opens a data workbench listing all projects assigned to the program. In the data workbench, a % **Complete** column allows users to update project-level completion values, supporting more accurate and up-to-date analysis of program progress.
- Matrix cells for projects have also been enhanced to visualize a % Complete indicator, enabling quick assessment of individual project progress directly within the matrix.

The license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** is required to work with the business question **What is our strategic progress**. The use case **Strategy Validation** must be activated.

Usability enhancements for policy management

A revised **Policy Groups** data workbench is available aligning with the modern look-and-feel of content areas in Alfabet 11. The data workbench can be accessed by going to **Investment Architecture > Policies** in the navigation panel and clicking the root node of the **Policy Groups** explorer. It presents an overview of all policy groups with information about their parent policy groups and all policies assigned to the policy group. With this revision, the obsolete **Unassigned Policies** view has been removed from the user interface.

A new **Affected Architecture** view is available in the Policy content area offering a user experience consistent with other architecture views across the interface. The matrix allows applications, business capabilities, business objects, business processes, components, demands, ICT objects, and organizations to be specified

as impacted by the policy. As part of this update, the obsolete **Affected Architecture Elements** view has been removed from the user interface.

The license package **Enterprise Architecture Management** is required to work with policy groups and policies. The use case **Architecture Governance** must be activated.

Improved architecture impact analysis for epics

The **Affected Architecture Overview** has been redesigned with an epic-centric focus to improve filtering and data analysis. It displays all assets impacted by the epic, as well as other epics that also affect those assets. The information can be filtered by asset class, affected assets, epic name, and epic status.

The license package **Lean Portfolio Management** is required to work with epics. The use case **Portfolio Backlog Management** must be activated.

Fixes

- If a class had a different technical name than the class name, the stored procedure did not provide a correct query for the REST API report and an error occurred in the REST API request.
- The obsolete **Cost Aggregation** view has been removed from the ICT Object Category content area.
- It was not possible to specify responsibilities for principles. The roles **Business Owner** and **Stakeholder** are available per default.
- In the **Value Stream Map** view, the **Developmental Value Stream** row showed operational value streams instead of developmental value streams.
- It was not possible to add a Solution:Application, Solution:Component, or Developmental Value Stream in the **Value Stream Diagram** due to obsolete selectors. The selectors have been updated.
- Evaluation types are not configured for the class Story so the **Evaluation Types** view has been removed from the Story content area but is still available in the content repository..
- Misleading button captions in the **PI Planning** view have been corrected.
- **54736**Hints on the enumeration items for the **Recommendation** attribute have been corrected.

Release Notes 11.11.0.A Solution Configuration Changes

The Alfabet solution configuration has been updated to address the following issues:

New

Rate and follow assets

A new content-voting capability similar to familiar social-media interactions is available. A **Rate** button in the 3-dots menu of the application content area allows users to rate an application based on a 5-star rating from 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent). The **KPI/MetricAsset Metrics/5-Star Score** can be added to the content area to show the average score for the asset based on all user ratings. Clicking the content item opens a report showing which users have rated the application with their scores.

The **5 Star Score** rating is currently implemented in the Application content area but can be configured by a portfolio administrator for any of the following classes: Business Capability, Business Process, Organization, Location, Vendor, Application Group, Business Data, Business Object, Information Flow, IT Capability, Component, Physical Server, Virtual Server, Project, and ProjectGroup. To make the **5 Star Score** rating available to any of these classes, a portfolio administrator must assign the **Asset Metrics** evaluation type to the class in the **Class Configuration** functionality. The indicator **5 Star Score** requires a new computation rule with a **Base Class** definition and **Indicator Computation Method** = ValueByQuery. Other rating concepts may be configured by the portfolio administrator as needed.

Improvements

Richer insights in information flow diagram report

The **Information Flow Diagram** available in the application data workbench through the **Visualize** menu has been enhanced. A new **Incoming Data** filter allows users to display information flows that deliver business data to the downstream applications in the selected dataset. The **Outgoing Data** filter highlights information flows in which the upstream applications consume business data. These additions make it easier to understand how data moves across the application landscape and to analyze dependencies more precisely.

User-friendly maintenance of policies

A policy is a formal guideline or rule of business conduct that the enterprise and its stakeholders should follow. Policies and policy groups can now be captured directly through data capture templates, making it easier to document and maintain them in a structured way.

Additionally, the content area shown when selecting the root node of the **Policy Groups** explorer has also been expanded. It includes a **Policy Groups** page, where policy groups can be created and managed, and a new **Policies** page, which lists all policies along with their start, end, and target dates as well as the policy group to which each policy is assigned. This provides a clearer overview of the policies in the repository and improves governance across the policy framework.

This enhancement is a resolution for ASD-9983.

The class Policy and Policy Group can be accessed by users with the extension package **Enterprise Architecture Management**. The use case **Architecture Governance** must be enabled.

Clearer license usage visualization

The three doughnut charts for **Business User License Usage**, **Data Steward User License Usage**, and **Analysis User License Usage** on **Home > User Statistics** available in the **Portfolio Admin** user profile have been redesigned to provide a clearer and more accurate view of license consumption in Alfabet.

When no usage data is available for a license type, each chart displays the total number of licenses used. When usage data does exist, the total number of purchased licenses is shown in the doughnut hole and the slices indicate how many licenses are used and how many are still available. If usage exceeds the permitted number, an additional red **Overdrawn** slice highlights the number of excess users.

Each slice is interactive and opens the **User License and Profile Assignment** view. This view lists all users consuming each license type, along with the user profiles they use to access Alfabet and the license type associated with each profile. This transparency helps administrators understand exactly how the usage values shown in the charts are calculated. License counting follows a highest-entitlement principle. If a user has multiple profiles such as one requiring a **Data Steward** license, one requiring a **Business User** license, and one requiring an **Analysis User** license—the system counts only the **Business User** license as it grants the broadest access. As a result, the user appears only in the **Business User License Usage** chart and not in the **Data Steward User License Usage** and **Analysis User License Usage** charts.

Enterprise customers must click the **Refresh Content Item** option in the chart's three-dots menu to update the current license usage in the doughnut chart. Please note that the doughnut charts for license usage are only valid if the user profiles and view schemes in the standard solution configuration are used.

This enhancement is a resolution for ASD-9847.

Better transparency to access in user administration

The **User Administration** view available in the **Portfolio Admin** user profile has been improved with two new read-only columns that display all user profiles and all user groups assigned to each user. This provides a clearer, more immediate overview of user access in Alfabet and makes it easier to understand how permissions are structured across the system.

Extended class scope for Horizon integration

Until now, Alfabet-Horizon Interoperability was available for the Alfabet classes in the base packages **IT Transformation Server - FastLane** and **IT Transformation Server - Enterprise**. The integration logic for Horizon has been extended and the scope is determined directly by the customer's licensed modules, activated uses cases, and the corresponding classes available in the product. These are visible in the **License Overview** view available to the **Portfolio Admin** user profile. This ensures that the integration reflects the customer's actual activated functionality more accurately.

Fixes

- For Enterprise customers: The **Portfolio Analyst** user profile was erroneously set to Read/Write access permissions. This has been corrected and the user profile is changed to Read-Only.
- Project costs and application costs can be imported via data capture templates for projects and applications. Mandatory reports **Application Cost** and **Project Cost** have been added to the **Dataset Provider** field in the **Data Capture Template** editor. The report **Next Three Years as Dataset** can be selected in the **Annual Cost Buckets Provider** field.
- The **Business Capabilities** data workbench has a **Providing Applications** column which, in addition to applications, also displayed business process and business objects. The caption of the column has been corrected to **Contributing Assets** to align with the standard configuration of the Associated Objects property for the class Business Capability. This enhancement is a resolution for ASD-9367.
- Users can include business objects in the **Information Flow Diagram** for an application group by selecting the new **Data** option in the **Information Flow Attribute** filter field. For Enterprise customers: If the **Advanced Data Management** use case is activated, business data will be displayed instead of business objects. This enhancement is a resolution for ASD-9625.
- The weighting of goals, objectives, and strategic themes can now be updated both in the **Strategy Network** views available for the **Strategy Network** explorer and in the content areas for visions, goals, and objectives. A new **Update Weights** option appears when a node is selected in the network diagram. Selecting it opens an editor where users can assign relative weights to the subordinate nodes of the selected node, ranking them from most to least important. For example, if a vision is selected, the vision's goals can be weighted in the editor. After adjusting the values, the **Recompute Weights** action updates the network diagram to reflect the new weighting structure.
- Error resolved in the **Who owns our technologies?** when selecting a value in the **IT Capability** filter field.
- Error resolved in the **Who contracts should we review?** when selecting a value in the **Contract Group** filter field.
- The value selected in the **Business Object** filter was not shown in the business question **Where is our data processed?**

- The data workbench in the **My Projects** page of the **Project Manager** user profile is correctly displayed and no longer truncated.
- The erroneous **Value Nodes** page displayed in the **Assign Demand to a New Project** editor that can be accessed in the demand content area has been removed.
- Missing hints are available for the release statuses for programs, projects, work packages, and tasks.
- Error fixed when editing a project in the **Impacting Projects - Lifecycle** view in the content area of a strategic theme.
- The **Milestone Tracking** view showed all milestone templates in the legend. This has been corrected so that only milestone templates assigned to the project are displayed in the legend.
- The content area was missing for project milestones.
- The **Show Enterprise Milestones** option in the **View** menu has been removed from the **Work Breakdown Structure** since enterprise milestones are not supported.
- The **Architecture Overlap Report** view for a demand has been reworked to show a **Class** column listing the classes that similar assets are based on and the statuses are colored to show a better overview about current active demands. The class stereotype Business Capability is now shown instead of the class Domain.
- The hint for the read-only **Service Level Agreement** field in the content area for business services is improved to direct the user to the **SLA** button in the toolbar of the content area to define the service level agreement.
- The **Component Catalog** filter was removed from the **Components Lifecycle** view in the content area for standard platforms since the class Component Catalog is not currently supported.
- The fields **Start Date**, **End Date**, and **Object State** were missing for the object inspection for components displayed in the **Component Lifecycle** view in an application's content area.
- An error was fixed when importing IT-Pedia products if the last modified date had a day and month made up of single digits.
- The caption of the report available in the **ICT Object Category** data workbench > **Visualize** > **ICT Object Category Analysis** menu was erroneously labeled

Standard Platform Category Landscape This has been corrected and changed to **ICT Object Category Landscape**.

- Some strings were not translated if the user interface language was rendered in a language other than English.