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Release Notes 11.13.B Solution Configuration Changes

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

> **IMPORTANT**
> Please note that the 11.13.B Solution Configuration database requires Alfabet platform 11.13.1 to function correctly.

New

The following is introduced to the Alfabet solution configuration this release.

Strategic target architecture planning

With the introduction of the **Target Architecture Design** use case, enterprise and solution architects can define, evaluate, and govern future-state architectures that align business objectives with the organization's long-term IT direction. The target architecture is captured in an IT strategy, which serves as a strategic blueprint describing the desired future state of the IT landscape rather than a detailed implementation plan. IT strategies provide a structured framework for documenting architectural objectives, strategic principles, constraints, dependencies, assumptions, and design alternatives, enabling informed decision-making and effective communication with stakeholders. By establishing a clear target state before implementation begins, organizations can ensure that transformation initiatives, solution designs, and investment decisions contribute consistently to the achievement of their strategic architectural goals.

New classes IT Strategy, IT Strategy Folder, IT Strategy Map, and Strategic Business Support are introduced to model the long-term target architecture and support the development of strategic architecture scenarios based on different business assumptions and planning perspectives. An IT strategy provides the strategic direction for medium-term master plans, which define the incremental transformation from the current architecture to the to-be architecture. Each IT strategy can contain multiple IT strategy maps, enabling strategic planning to be organized by organizational unit, business capability, or other business dimensions. IT strategy maps define the target business support

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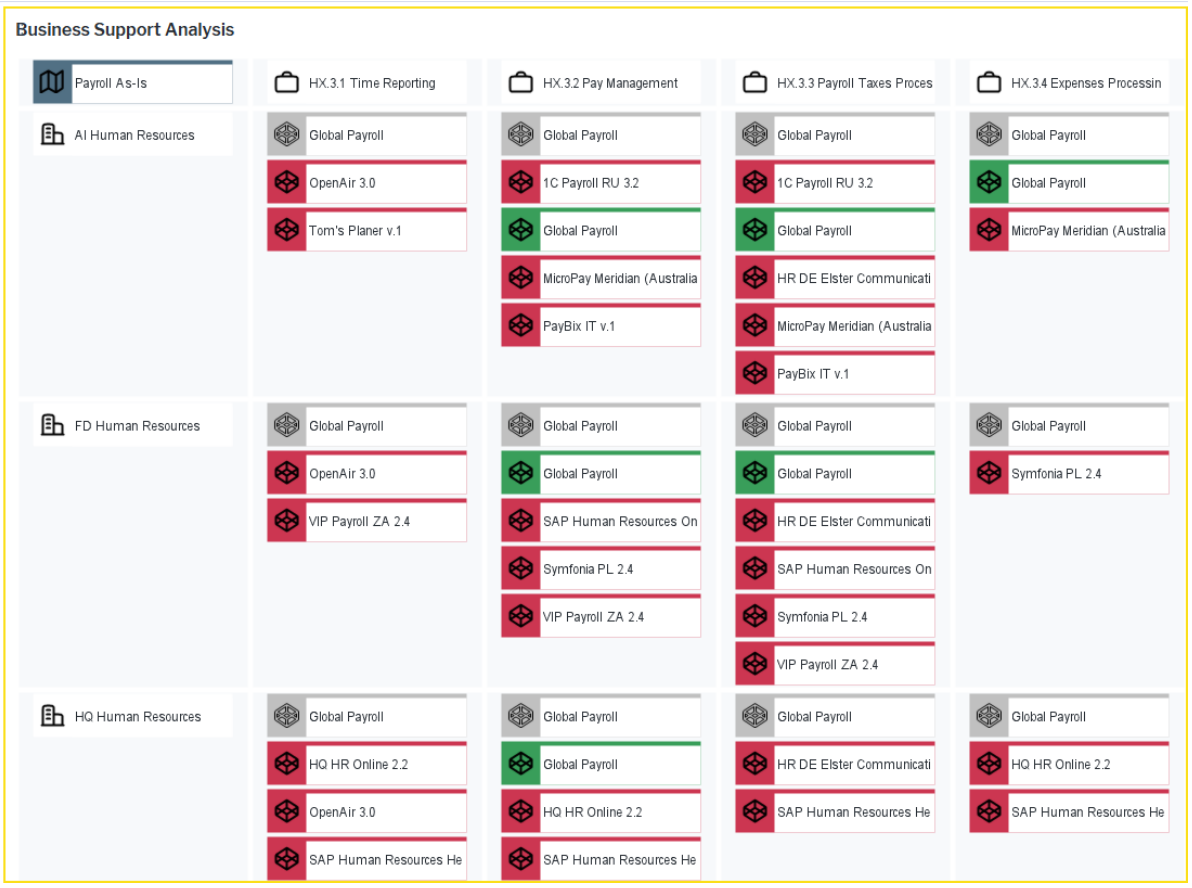
landscape through strategic business supports, enabling organizations to plan and govern the evolution of their business support landscape.

New data workbenches and content areas enable users to catalog and manage IT strategies and their IT strategy maps. The new **IT Strategies** data workbench is available via the **Application Architecture** section of the left navigation panel. Content areas for IT strategies include the means to capture responsibilities including the roles **Architect**, **Business Owner**, **IT Owner**, and **Stakeholder**.

To support transformation planning, multiple IT strategy maps can be specified in the **IT Strategy Maps** data workbench. The **Strategic Business Support Definition** view allows strategic business supports to be planned and maintained in a business support matrix for an IT strategy map. Strategic business supports represent prescribed business support configurations in the context of the target architecture, which can be based on explicitly preferred ICT objects or even placeholder objects, which can later be specified as concrete applications used to enable and support business capabilities.

Target architecture extended to master planning. The **Business Support Definition** and **Business Support Analysis** views available for a master plan map have been renamed and enhanced to incorporate IT strategies and their strategic business supports into master planning. This allows the master planner to understand the IT strategy and defined target architecture and provides the direction for the master plan, which represents the incremental transformation from the current architecture to the target state. A new **IT Strategy** filter is available in the **Business Support Analysis** view that allows the IT strategy to be visualized in the matrix for the master plan map if it has at least one organization and one business capability that overlaps with the current master plan.

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In the **Business Support Analysis** view, operational business supports are highlighted as strategy-compliant when their supporting applications conform to the strategic business supports defined in the IT strategy. Operational business supports can be aggregated to applications or to ICT objects in order to analyze the business supports in the master plan. This provides transparency into the alignment of current business supports with the target architecture, enabling organizations to identify gaps, prioritize transformation initiatives, and guide architectural evolution toward the desired future state.

The license package **Target Architecture Planning** is required to work with these capabilities. The use case **Target Architecture Design** must be activated to work with IT strategies, and the use case **Master Planning** must be activated to work with master plans.

End-to-end project resource and cost planning

New resource management capabilities now strengthen the entire project lifecycle, from early planning through execution. Project planning can now begin directly within the work breakdown structure, where initial resource

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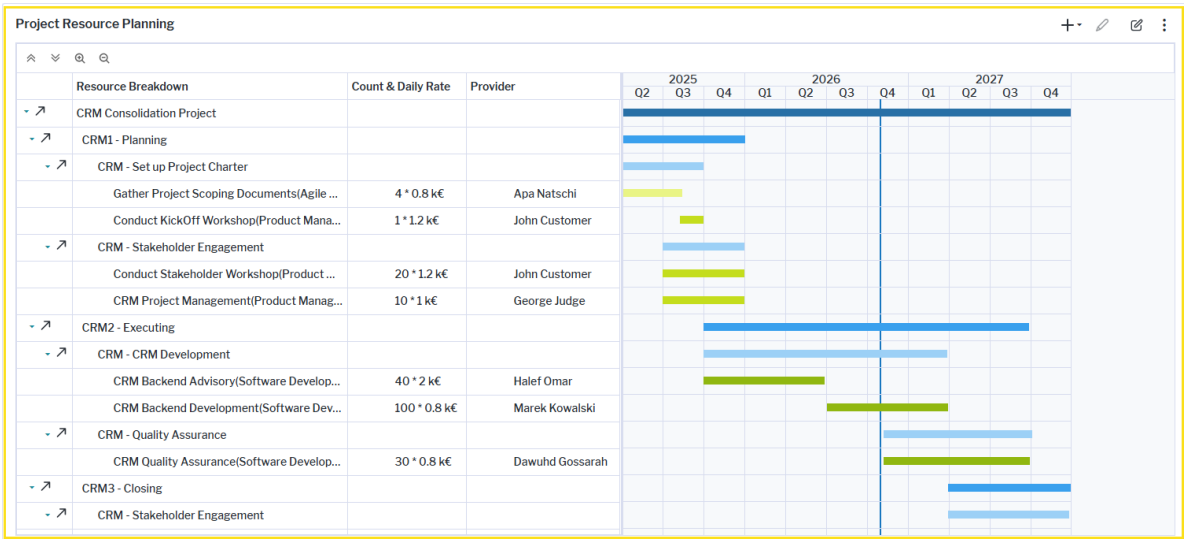
needs are assessed and estimated costs can be transferred into the project's business case.

Better high-level planning of work breakdown. A new **Work Breakdown Structure** view is available in the **Overview** page that allows teams to create both resource requests and skill requests for projects, work packages, and tasks. The Gantt view features a new **View** menu where includes a **Count and Daily Rate** column that shows the total number of days requested with the associated cost per day. A **Provider** column displays either the organization or the individual expected to provide the resource or skill, giving clearer visibility into who is supplying the work.

The **Show Skill Requests** and **Show Resource Requests** options are available in the **View** menu to allow users to visualize existing skill and resource requests in the Gantt chart and provide access to the functionality required to create new requests, improving the management and tracking of staffing demands. To support the transition from high-level planning to more detailed staffing, a **Derive Skill Request** option is available for any selected resource request. This creates a subordinate skill request and automatically carries over key information, including the resource request's name and the providing organization, ensuring consistency and reducing manual entry. Skill requests are displayed with the task name first, followed by the skill name in brackets, making it easier to scan and understand the specific requirements associated with each task.

Detailed resource planning of skills and resources. A new **Project Resource Planning** view is introduced to the **Execution** page to ensure that the resources, time, and costs can be realistically managed for transformation projects.

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Skill requests defined in the context of the work breakdown structure can be transferred to the **Project Resource Planning** view ensuring 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. If the project scope changes or becomes more complex than originally anticipated, users can also clear the current project resource plan and revert to the original workflow breakdown structure.

Accurate business case cost planning. The **Business Case** view allows the cost estimates generated in the project's work breakdown structure to flow directly into the business case. Costs calculated for resource and skill requests can be transferred using the **Transfer from Skill Requests/Resource Requests** option. All project cost types can be populated from defined skill requests or, when no skill requests exist, from the corresponding resource requests. Whenever updates are made to the work breakdown structure or to skill requests in the **Work Breakdown Structure** view, the business case can be refreshed to reflect the revised values for the relevant cost categories. The transferred costs can be edited and refined directly in the **Business Case** view.

Fast implementation of new architecture governance classes

To support customers with extended architecture governance requirements, preconfigured setups are now available for the following

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classes **Network**, **Network Route**, **Organization Group**, and **Vendor Product**.

While these classes are not included in the standard offering, they can be enabled on demand to support customer-specific architecture governance requirements. These predefined configurations allow organizations to rapidly introduce additional governance structures while minimizing implementation effort.

The provided default configuration includes:

- Meta-model property settings
- Anonymization settings
- Runtime editors
- Class icons
- Class settings
- Default workbenches
- Content areas with predefined main views

To enable data maintenance for these classes, administrative users can add the following data workbenches/explorers to a user profile in Alfabet Expand:

- **Capture_Network**
- **Capture_NetworkRoute**
- **ORGG_Function_Main**
- **Capture_VendorProduct**

The license package **Enterprise Architecture Management** is required to work with the classes **Network**, **Network Route**, **Organization Group** and **Vendor Product**. The use case **Architecture Governance** must be activated. The class **Organization Group** is also available with the license package **IT Transformation Server - Enterprise** and the use case **Application Portfolio Governance**.

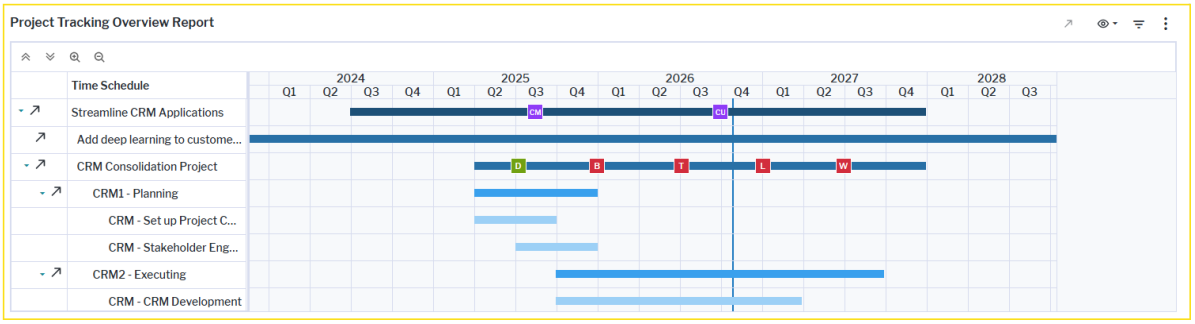
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Improvements

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

Better visualization of project stereotypes in Gantt reports

Project stereotypes are now displayed using distinct, consistent colors across Gantt-based reports. The stereotypes **Program**, **Project**, **Work Schedule**, and **Task** each have a distinct color making it easier to distinguish between different project elements at a glance.



This enhancement improves readability and navigation in reports such as the **Work Breakdown Structure**, **Project Tracking Overview**, **Monitoring** reports and the business question **What is the status of our project portfolio?**

The colors are also applied to the current project in the **Project Baselines - Lifecycle** view, whereby the base line projects show a grey bar.

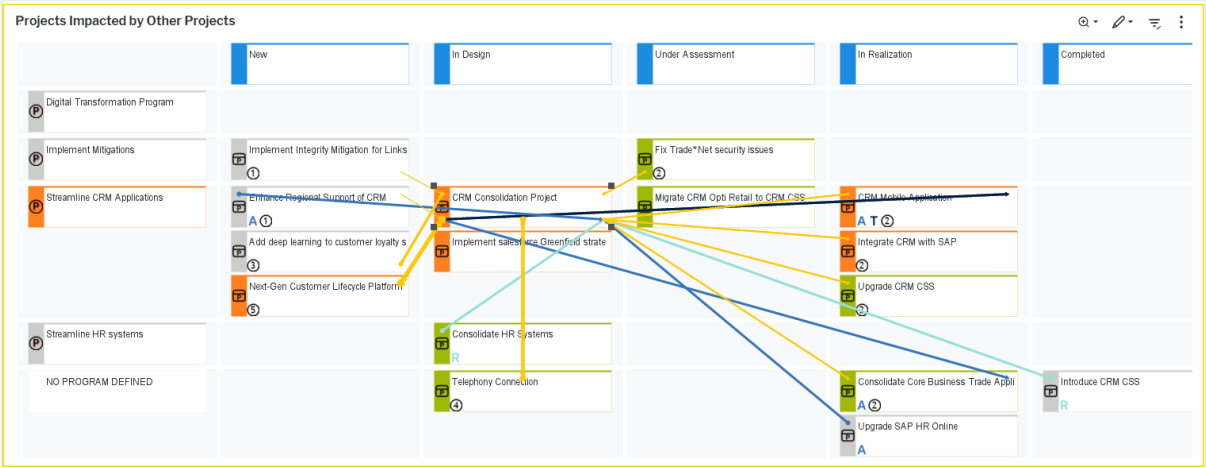
Greater visibility and maintenance of project dependencies

Better project dependency specification and management. Project dependency management has been expanded in project content area > **Monitoring** > **Project Dependency Map**. The matrix-based view now includes a runtime editor and object inspection capabilities, allowing users to review and maintain project dependencies directly in the visualization. Dependency-specific comments are available in the object inspection pane, providing additional context for analysis and decision-making. For dependencies of the type **Architecture**, affected architecture elements can be defined either directly in the object inspection pane or through the **Edit** action, streamlining the maintenance of architectural impacts. Users can select any affected architecture element that has been specified for both projects.

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The **Project Dependency** view previously available on the **Overview** page has been moved to the content repository. Its primary functionality is now provided by the **Project Dependency Map**, which offers a more intuitive and efficient user experience for analyzing and maintaining project dependencies. The view remains available for managing projects that are dependent on, or affected by, the current project.

Improved analysis of project dependencies in business question Where are our project dependencies? The **Where are our project dependencies?** business question has been extended to provide greater context and faster access to project and dependency details. Programs and projects can now be distinguished more easily through dedicated class icons.



When the **Dependency Type** filter is set to **Affected Architecture**, users can double-click the dependency count displayed on a project to open a report showing the architecture elements affected by both projects. For dependencies of the types **Resource**, **Time**, and **Architecture**, users can click the corresponding dependency indicators (**R**, **T**, and **A**) directly within the visualization to open the object inspection and review detailed dependency information. Maintenance of architecture-related dependencies has also been streamlined. When creating or editing a project dependency of the type **Architecture**, affected architecture elements can be defined directly in the object inspection pane or through the **Edit** action, which opens a dedicated wizard.

The color coding of dependency connections has been aligned with the corresponding dependency type indicators (**R**, **T**, and **A**) to make project dependencies easier to identify and distinguish within the visualization. In addition, the visualization of affected architecture dependencies as yellow

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connections has been refined to provide a more consistent representation of relationships between projects and the number of shared affected architecture elements. This makes architectural dependencies easier to interpret and compare across the project landscape.

Additional contextual information is now available through tooltips. Hovering over a project or program displays its description, while tooltips for project dependencies show the dependency type. For **Architecture** dependencies, the tooltip also identifies the affected architecture element.

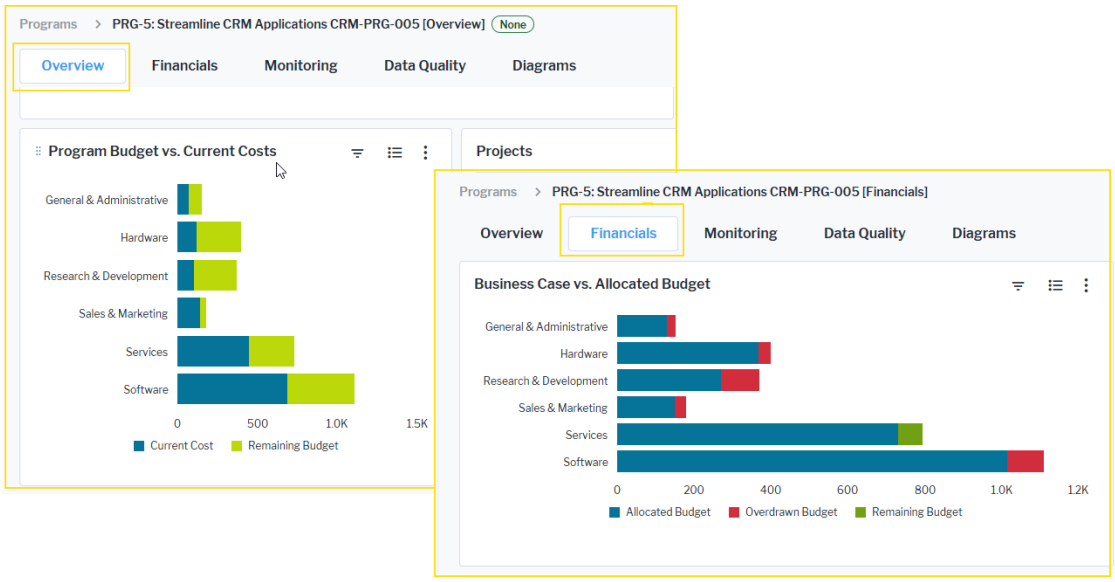
Improved visibility of project dependencies in business question What is the status of our project portfolio? The **What is the status of our project portfolio?** business question has been extended with additional project dependency information to improve transparency and simplify dependency analysis. Tooltips are now available for project dependencies and display the dependency type at a glance. For dependencies of the type Architecture, the tooltip also identifies the affected architecture element, providing users with immediate access to relevant dependency details without requiring additional navigation.

The license package **IT-Transformation Server - Enterprise** is required to work with the business question **Where are our project dependencies?** The use case **Project Portfolio Design** must be activated.

Clarified budget control reports for programs

To improve clarity, two budget control reports for programs that previously shared the same caption have been renamed to better reflect their purpose.

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The report on the **Overview** page is now titled **Program Budget vs. Current Costs** and compares the aggregated current costs against the aggregated approved budget of all projects in the program. The report on the **Financials** page is now titled **Business Case vs. Allocated Budget** and compares the aggregated business case values of all projects within the program against their allocated budgets. These updated captions make it easier to distinguish between the two analyses and understand their respective focus areas.

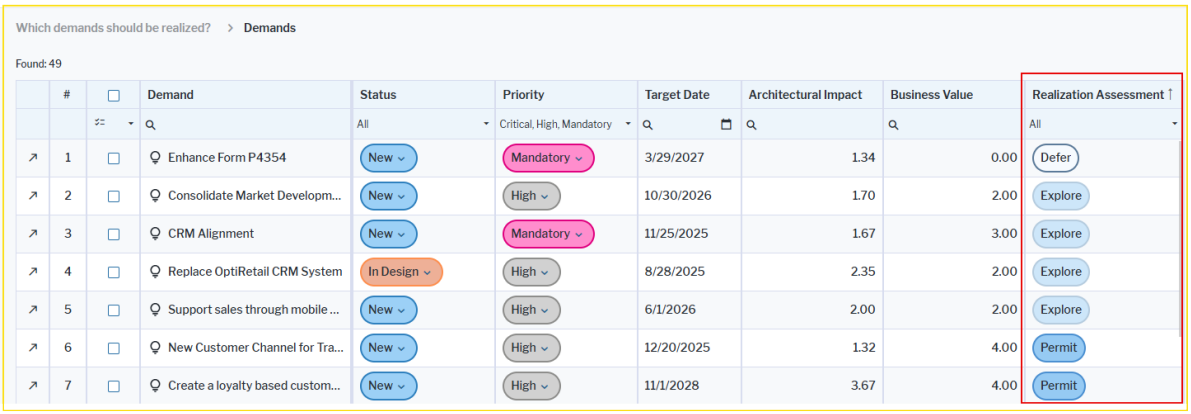
The license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** is required to work with programs. The use case **Project Portfolio Governance** must be activated.

More flexibility for demand prioritization

The demand assessment capabilities in the business question **Which demands shall be realized?** have been significantly enhanced to provide greater transparency and control when evaluating and prioritizing demands. The **Demands - Business Value** chart has been replaced by two dedicated doughnut charts: **Business Value Prioritization** and **Architectural Impact Prioritization**. Users can now customize prioritization criteria through the new **Edit Weightings** functionality. For **Business Value Prioritization**, the weighting of **Cost Savings Potential**, **Market Opportunity**, and **Strategic Value** can be adjusted. For **Architectural Impact Prioritization**, users can modify the weighting of **Complexity Reduction**, **Standardization**, and **Innovation**. Weightings are configured through interactive sliders and the business question immediately reflects the prioritization results and visualizations.

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To further improve analysis capabilities, a new **Demands** data workbench has been added to the business question. The workbench displays all demands included in the portfolio and introduces dedicated columns for **Business Value**, **Architectural Impact**, and the new calculated property **Realization Assessment**.



#	Demand	Status	Priority	Target Date	Architectural Impact	Business Value	Realization Assessment
		All	Critical, High, Mandatory				All
1	Enhance Form P4354	New	Mandatory	3/29/2027	1.34	0.00	Defer
2	Consolidate Market Developm...	New	High	10/30/2026	1.70	2.00	Explore
3	CRM Alignment	New	Mandatory	11/25/2025	1.67	3.00	Explore
4	Replace OptiRetail CRM System	In Design	High	8/28/2025	2.35	2.00	Explore
5	Support sales through mobile ...	New	High	6/1/2026	2.00	2.00	Explore
6	New Customer Channel for Tra...	New	High	12/20/2025	1.32	4.00	Permit
7	Create a loyalty based custom...	New	High	11/1/2028	3.67	4.00	Permit

Realization Assessment dynamically evaluates each demand based on its current **Business Value** and **Architectural Impact** scores, taking the configured prioritization weightings into account. Depending on the assessment outcome, demands are categorized as **Permit**, **Explore**, **Defer**, or **Unassessed**, enabling organizations to make more informed and transparent investment and realization decisions.

The license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** is required to work with demands. The use case **Demand Management** must be activated.

Easier maintenance of the strategy network

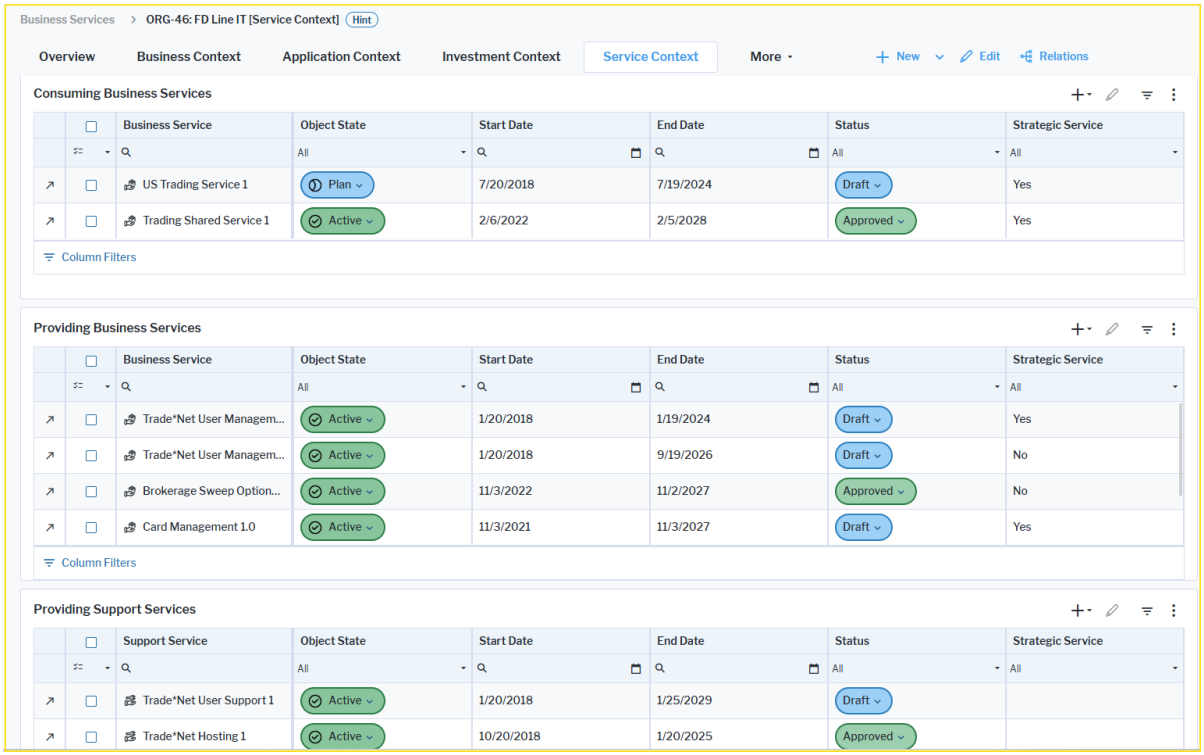
New data workbenches have been introduced to replace the graphical views previously used to capture and maintain strategy network nodes. The **Goals** data workbench in the vision content area, the **Objectives** data workbench in the goal content area, and the **Strategic Themes** data workbench in the objective content area provide comprehensive data maintenance capabilities in a tabular format.

Each workbench includes a **Strategic Weighting** column that displays the weighting distribution across all subordinate nodes, with the total allocation equalling 100%. An **Update Weights** action enables users to update and recalculate node weightings directly within the workbench, simplifying the maintenance of strategy networks and ensuring weighting consistency.

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Streamlined management of service delivery and consumption

New data workbenches are now available in the new **Service** page in the organization content area that simplify the management of service delivery and consumption from an organizational perspective.



- **Consuming Business Services > Assign Business Services Consumed by Organization**
- **Providing Business Services > Assign Business Services Provided by Organization**
- **Providing Support Services > Assign Support Services Provided by Organization**

These data workbenches provide a dedicated and streamlined way to maintain service relationships, making it easier to manage which organizations consume services and which organizations provide business and support services. This improves transparency, reduces administrative effort, and helps keep service assignments accurate and up-to-date.

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The license package **Enterprise Architecture Management** is required to work with these data workbenches. The use case **Service Portfolio Management** must be activated.

Asset-centric contract management

New **Contract Deliverables** data workbenches are available for all assets that can be specified as a deliverable for a contract or contract item. These data workbenches replace the previous graphic views and make it easier to capture, manage, and analyze the obligated deliverable that must be provided to fulfill the terms of a contract or contract item.

Available in the **Business Context** page in content areas for applications, components, business services, support services, physical devices, and virtual devices, these data workbenches enable users to quickly associate the current asset with one or more contracts and define related one-time costs, recurring monthly costs, and currency information. Contracts associated with assets defined as a deliverable are also displayed, providing complete visibility of existing relationships, although these associations cannot be created or modified in the **Contract Deliverables** data workbenches.

The **Contracts - Lifecycles** view complements the data workbench by displaying contracts together with their contract items that are linked to the asset through contract deliverables, providing a comprehensive overview of the asset's contractual context. By offering clear visibility into the contracts linked to each asset, these new data workbenches enable stakeholders to make more informed architectural and investment decisions while ensuring alignment with agreements established with IT suppliers and service providers.

The license package **Contract Management** is required to work with contract deliverables. The use case **Contract Alignment** must be activated.

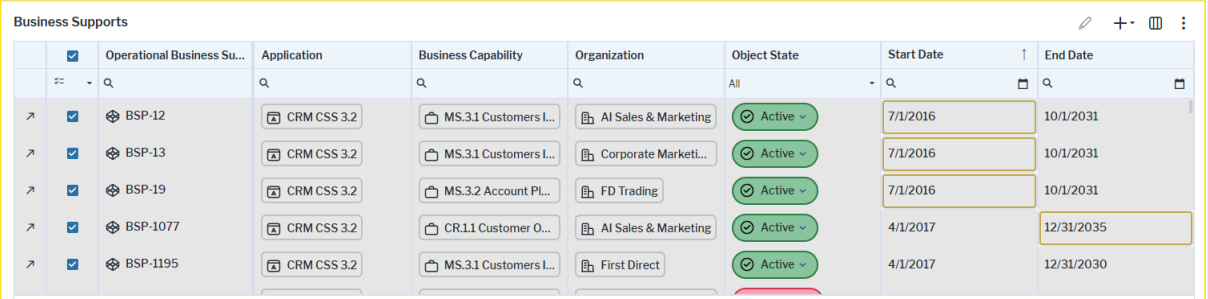
Validation of business support definitions

New data quality rules have been introduced to help ensure the accurate definition of business supports. These rules validate that business supports are aligned with the lifecycle of the application providing the support. When a violation is detected, it is displayed in the **Business Supports** data workbench available in the content areas for applications, organizations, and business capabilities. To review all violations, all

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objects must be selected in the data workbench. The following new data quality rules are available:

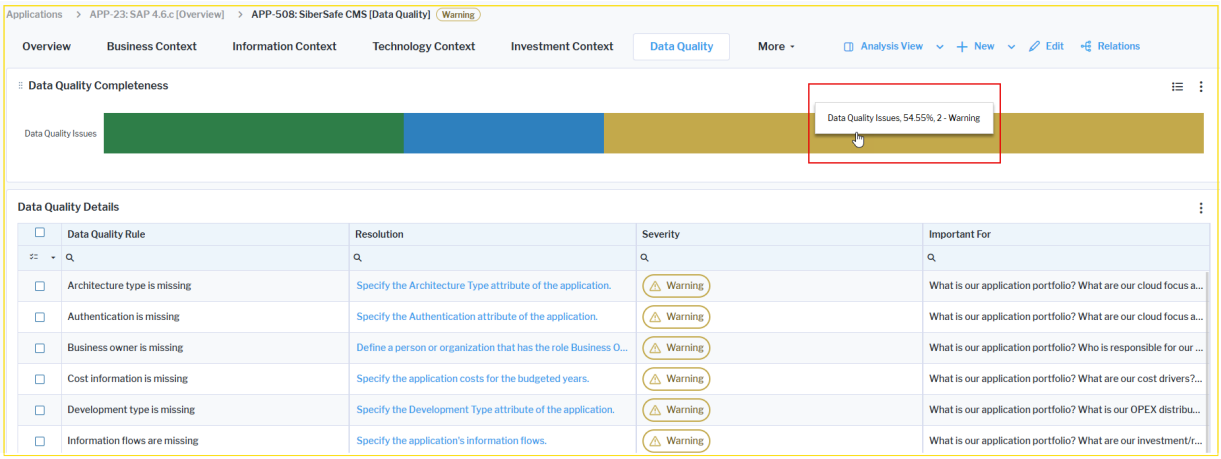
- **DQR-262: Business support start date not aligned with application** validates that the start date of a business support is the same as or later than the start date of the application providing it. Violations can be resolved by updating the business support start date to align with the providing application's lifecycle.
- **DQR-263: Business support end date not aligned with application** validates that the end date of a business support is the same as or earlier than the end date of the application providing it. Violations can be resolved by updating the business support end date to align with the providing application's lifecycle.



Enhanced readability of data quality completeness

The **Data Quality Completeness** report on the **Data Quality** page in an asset's content area has been enhanced to make key information easier to understand and faster to interpret. Axis labels in the bar chart have been improved for greater clarity, and the chart tooltip now is easier to understand. The tooltip shows the percentage of all data quality issues represented by the selected severity level of the violation and the name of the severity level (**1-Hint**, **2-Warning**, **3-Error**). These improvements help users quickly assess the distribution and impact of data quality issues.

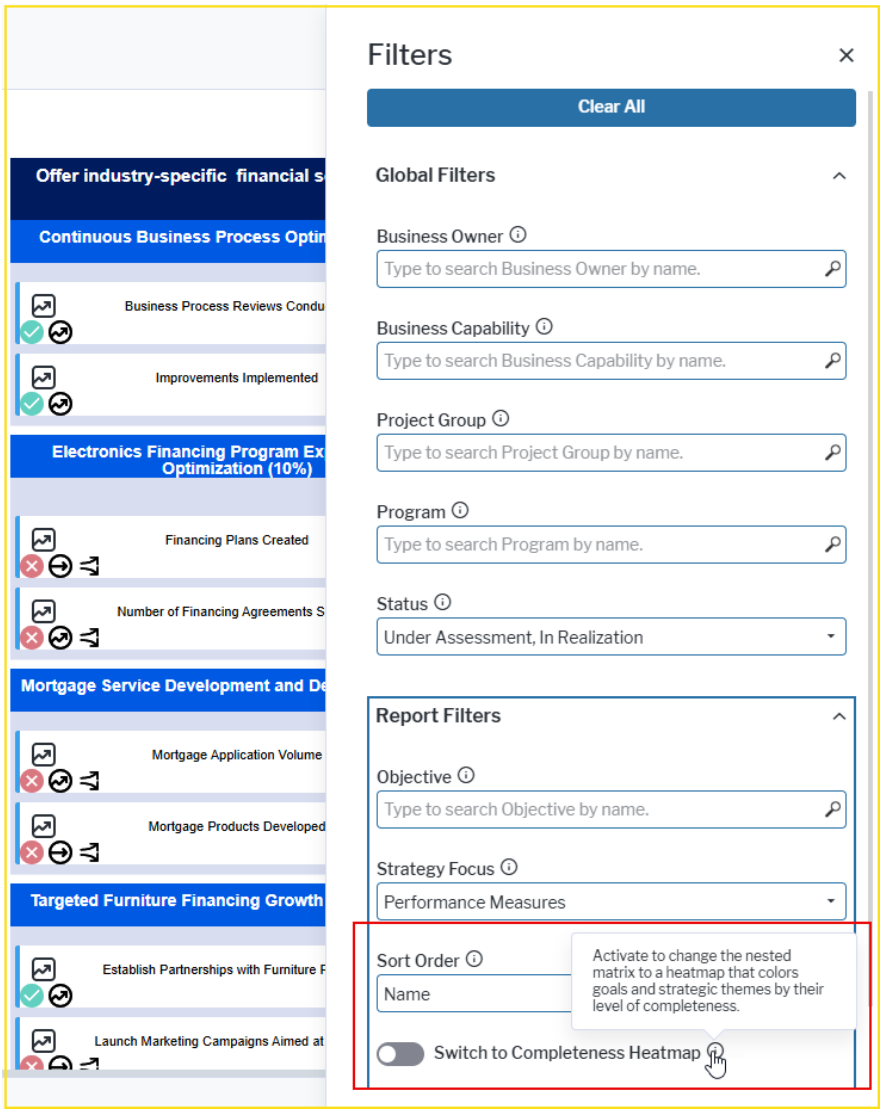
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Improved filter guidance and accessibility

Filter hints have been standardized and enhanced across all business questions, making it easier for users to understand the purpose of each filter, select appropriate values, and navigate the application using screen readers.

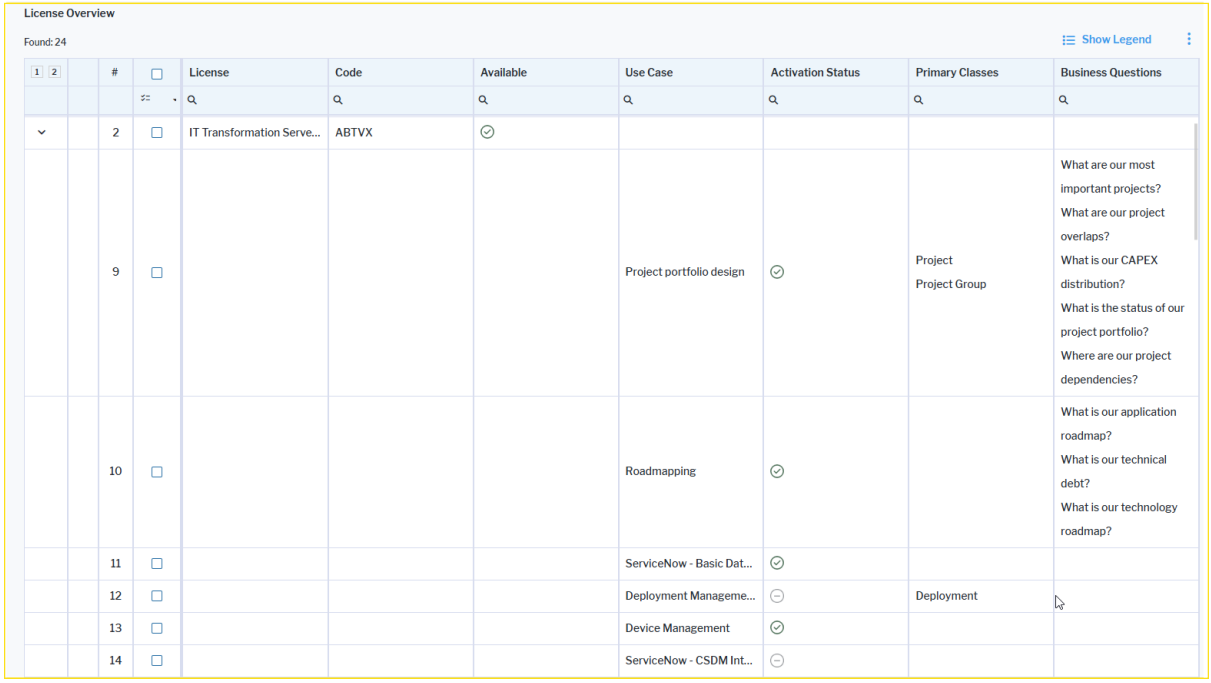


Clearer insight into licensed user cases

The **License Overview** available to administrative user profiles has been redesigned to provide clearer visibility into license packages and, more importantly, help users understand which use cases are available, enabled, or still under development. The former **Active** column has been renamed **Activation Status** and now uses intuitive icons to indicate the

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status of each use case: **Enabled** (green check), **Disabled** (grey dash), or **Under Construction** (tool icon). This makes it easier to identify at a glance which capabilities are available for use within the licensed solution. In addition, the **Classes** column has been renamed **Primary Classes** to clarify that these key classes are affected when a use case is deactivated.



#	License	Code	Available	Use Case	Activation Status	Primary Classes	Business Questions
2	IT Transformation Serve...	ABTVX	✓				
9				Project portfolio design	✓	Project Project Group	What are our most important projects? What are our project overlaps? What is our CAPEX distribution? What is the status of our project portfolio? Where are our project dependencies?
10				Roadmapping	✓		What is our application roadmap? What is our technical debt? What is our technology roadmap?
11				ServiceNow - Basic Dat...	✓		
12				Deployment Manageme...	–	Deployment	
13				Device Management	✓		
14				ServiceNow - CSDM Int...	–		

Improved performance for administrative reports

The reports available to administrative users via the **Portfolio Admin** user profile have been revised to improve performance. Query execution has been optimized throughout the reporting framework, with particular focus on data usage reports that process large volumes of personal data. All administrative reports have been reviewed, optimized where applicable, and validated against multiple database configurations to ensure improved responsiveness and scalability.

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Fixes

- Resolved an issue where users with portfolio management permissions could edit strategy network nodes when an **Authorized User** was defined but no **Authorized User Group** was assigned. In these scenarios, authorization checks were not applied consistently across object types. Authorization behavior for strategy network nodes has been aligned and users can now edit nodes only when they are explicitly authorized through the assigned user or user group, ensuring consistent access control across the platform.
- The business question **What is our vendor roadmap?** has been revised to improve performance if there are a high number of contracts.
- The captions of the indicators in the **Cloud Assessment** evaluation type have been aligned with the naming conventions used across the product to ensure a more consistent user experience. The indicator caption **Does the app have peaks in the workload?** has been changed to **Workload Peak Frequency** and the indicator **Is the license eligible for cloud?** has been changed to **License Portability**. In addition, the tooltip texts for both indicators have been revised and enhanced to provide clearer guidance and improve usability.
- Error fixed regarding the **Objective** filter in the business question **What is our strategic progress?** Setting the filter now visualizes only the goals and strategic themes associated with the selected objective.
- Performance has been improved for the business question **Which contracts should we review?** The report filter **Exclude Predecessor / Successor Contracts** has been changed to **Include Successor Contracts** and shows all existing successor contracts of the contracts displayed in the business question.
- Applications with no defined start or end date caused an error in the business question **What is the status of our rationalization plan?** Applications without a start date and end date are now correctly interpreted as having an indefinite lifecycle.
- The **Class** column has been added to the **Data Source** page of the business question **What are our service costs?** to identify which services are business services vs. support services.

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- The following data quality rules have been updated:
  - The resolution page for the data quality rule **DQR-216: Define the metrics of the SLA** opened a page that required further navigation to define the indicators of the service level agreement. Now, selecting the data quality rule opens a dedicated data workbench where users can define the **Availability**, **Backup Frequency**, **Responsiveness**, and **Security Breach Alert** indicators.
  - The data quality rule **DQR-141: Lifecycle is missing** targeting the class **Component** has been removed from the business questions **What is our application roadmap?** and **What are our cloud focus areas?** since this is not relevant to the analyses provided by these business questions.
  - The data quality rules used by the business question **What are our service overlaps?** have been refined to improve the relevance of its findings. The scope of **DQR-220: Provider is missing** has been extended to include objects based on the **Business Service** and **Support Service** stereotypes. In addition, the severity levels of two data quality rules have been adjusted: **DQR-118: Start Date is missing** has been changed to **Warning**, while **DQR-217: Lifecycle is missing** has been changed to **Hint**.
  - The target property **Object State** has been added to the data quality rule **DQR-155: Object state must be Retired if end date has elapsed**.
- The following has been corrected regarding the **Data Roundtrip** functionality:
  - Resolved an issue where some business questions were missing in the **Business Question**. These gaps have been addressed and any business question included in the company's licenses can be selected, enabling administrative users to visualize the network of classes relevant to the selected business question. For reasons of performance, only one business question should be selected in the **Business Question** field.
  - The business questions **What are our project overlaps?** and **Where are our project dependencies?** have been updated to include the classes **Business Service** and **Support Service** as affected architecture classes.

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- The following data workbenches and reports have been changed so that they are only accessible by a user with an administrative user profile:
  - **User Profile Administration**
  - **User Administration**
  - **Business Questions**
  - **Horizzon Variables**
  - **Analytics Dashboard Data Providers**
  - **Generic Reference Data**
  - **Events Overview**

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Release Notes 11.13.A Solution Configuration Changes

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

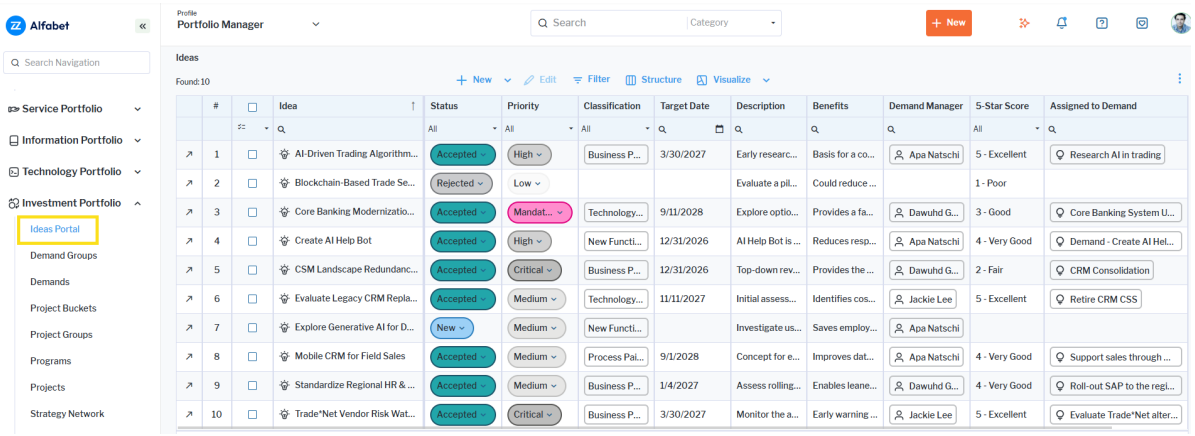
> **IMPORTANT**
> Please note that the 11.13.A Solution Configuration database requires Alfabet platform 11.13.0 to function correctly.

New

The following is introduced to the Alfabet solution configuration this release.

Ideas portal for strategic portfolio management

To support earlier-stage innovation and demand intake processes, Strategic Portfolio Management has been extended with a new **Idea** phase that precedes the creation of a formal demand. Ideas constitute lightweight predecessors to demands, allowing organizations to document, assess, and prioritize opportunities before committing to the full demand management process.



Ideas can be captured in the new data workbench via **Investment Portfolio** > **Ideas Portal** where organizations can collect ideas from various sources. An idea can contain key information such as its priority, target date, and the benefits of the ideas. Users can rate ideas, whereby all user ratings are averaged to generate a score for the idea.

Once an idea has gained traction and been approved, a demand can be created based on it, allowing it to seamlessly enter the standard planning and execution lifecycle. A new **Assigned Ideas** view in the demand

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content area ensures that relevant users understand a demand's evolution. This approach helps organizations to promote innovation, improve demand quality, and ensure that only sufficiently evaluated initiatives progress into the portfolio management process.

The license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** is required to work with ideas. The use case **Demand Management** must be activated.

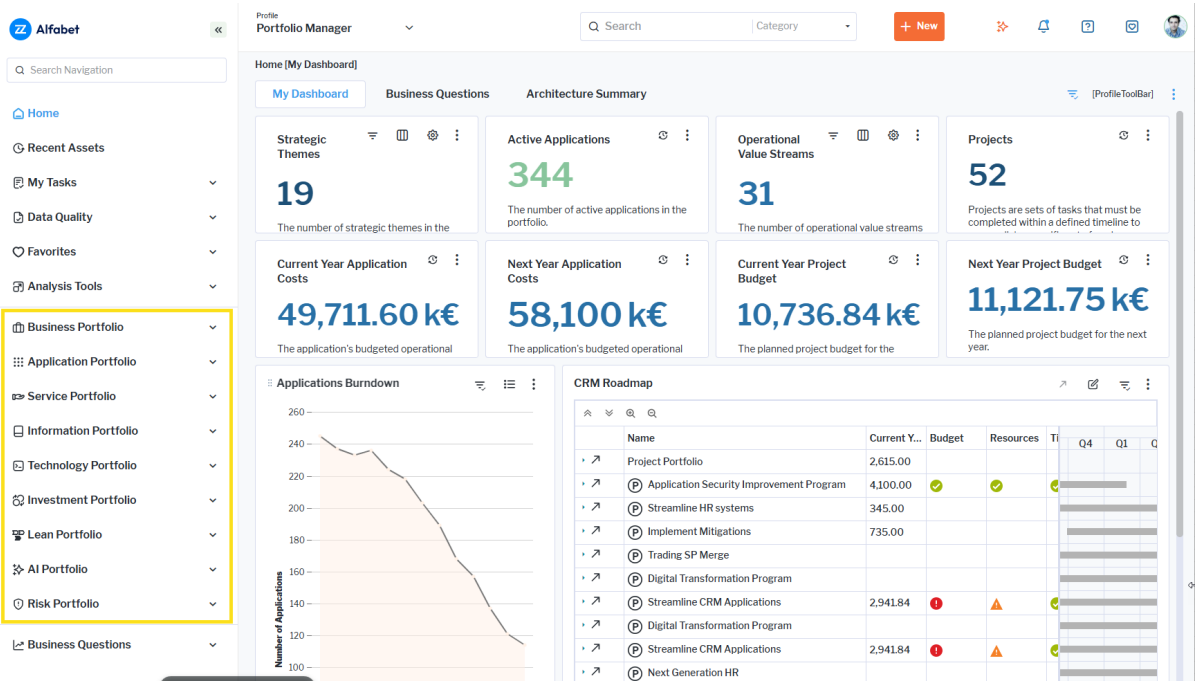
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Improvements

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

Optimized alignment with SPM

To better align the product experience with Alfabet's strategic positioning as a strategic portfolio management solution, the navigation terminology has been updated in the navigation panel.



Previously labelled architecture-focused areas have been renamed to portfolio-focused areas, providing a more consistent experience for users. The updated navigation entries are:

- **Business Portfolio**
- **Application Portfolio**
- **Service Portfolio**
- **Information Portfolio**
- **Technology Portfolio**
- **Investment Portfolio**
- **Lean Portfolio** (formerly **Agile Architecture**)
- **AI Portfolio**

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Deeper insights into strategic investment

Complex relationships can now be managed more easily directly from supported assets. To improve usability and transparency, new data workbenches have been introduced across project portfolio management and strategic planning that allow complex relationships to be more easily managed. These improvements simplify the management of relationships between strategic assets and make it easier to capture and analyze the connections that drive strategic decision-making and investments.

Capture projects for asset classes

A new **Impacting Projects** data workbench is available in the **Investment Context** page of content areas of applications, business capabilities, business processes, components, information flows, and organizations, allowing users to create, add, and detach projects directly from the asset.

The view displays demand criticality, status, the underlying business or technology pain points driving the demand, and whether the demand is planned to be realized through a project. This helps stakeholders understand the drivers behind the change requests impacting their assets, prioritize investments, anticipate upcoming changes, and align application roadmaps with business needs.

To support relationship management from both perspectives, the project content area now has asset-specific workbenches, such as **Affected Applications**, which provide clear visibility into the different types of assets impacted by a project. These new data workbenches enable users to create, manage, and maintain a project's architecture scope from either the asset or project context. By making project relationships more visible and accessible, this enhancement reduces navigation effort and simplifies mapping of projects and assets.

Capture demands for asset classes

A new **Relevant Demands** data workbench simplifies the management of demand-to-asset relationships by providing direct visibility into the demands that affect an asset.

Available in the **Investment Context** page of content areas of applications, business capabilities, business processes, components, information flows, and organizations, the **Relevant Demands** data workbench replaces the standard view with enhanced relationship management capabilities. Users can create new demands, add existing

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demands, and detach irrelevant demands directly from the asset record, eliminating the need to navigate between multiple views.

This enhancement streamlines demand relationship management, reduces administrative effort, and makes it easier to maintain accurate and up-to-date demand information.

The **Relevant Demands** data workbench is only available with the license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** with the use case **Demand Management** activated.

Capture strategic goals for principles

A new **Impacting Goals** data workbench makes it easier to establish and maintain relationships between principles and strategic goals.

Available in the content area for principles, the **Impacting Goals** data workbench replaces the previous **Impacting Strategy** view with a more focused and intuitive approach to relationship management. Users can create new goals, add existing goals, and detach goals directly from a principle, reducing the effort required to maintain strategic relationships. By connecting goals and principles in a single, dedicated workbench, organizations gain greater transparency into how strategic objectives are supported in the enterprise architecture.

The **Impacting Goals** data workbench is only available with the license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** with the use case **Strategic Validation** activated.

Capture demands and projects for strategic themes

New **Demands** and **Impacting Projects** data workbenches make it easier to capture, manage, and analyze the investments that support strategic themes.

Available in the **Investment Context** page of the strategic theme content area, these workbenches enable users to create, add, and detach related demands and projects directly from the strategic theme. By providing greater visibility into related demands and projects, users can more efficiently assess strategic impact and maintain a clearer understanding of how initiatives contribute to organizational priorities.

A **Strategic Themes** view is also available in the content areas of projects and demands, providing direct visibility into the strategic themes they support. This helps users understand how individual initiatives

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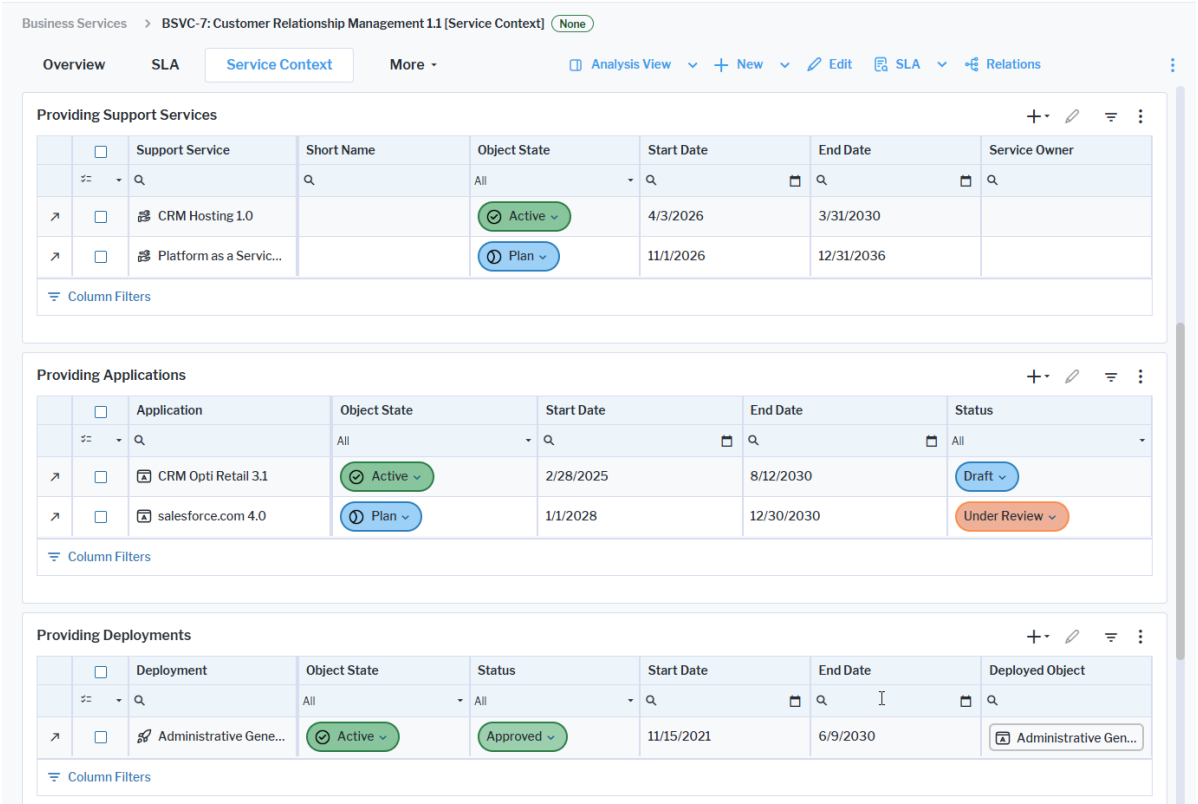
contribute to organizational objectives and ensures alignment between execution activities and strategic priorities.

These data workbenches are only available with the license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** with the use case **Strategic Validation** activated.

Comprehensive view on service delivery

New data workbenches have been introduced to better describe how assets deliver and support business services and support services. The standard **Service Items** view has been replaced with dedicated data workbenches that provide direct visibility into service relationships.

Business services: In the **Service Context** page of the business service content area, users can capture and manage **Providing Applications** and **Providing Support Services**. For users with the **Deployment Management** use case scope enabled, the **Providing Deployments** data workbench allows the deployments that deliver the business service to be captured and maintained. In addition, a new **Consuming Organizations** data workbench is available on the **Business Context** page.



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Support services: The **Service Context** page of the support service content area now includes dedicated workbenches for **Providing Components**, **Providing Physical Servers**, and **Providing Virtual Servers**.

This redesign delivers a more intuitive and user-friendly approach to relationship management and analysis. By exposing the actual related assets rather than intermediate service items, the new workbenches provide greater transparency, richer analytical capabilities, and a more efficient way to maintain service relationships. As a result, service management is simplified and users gain a clearer view of the organizational, application, and infrastructure landscape that supports each service.

These data workbenches are only available with the license package **Enterprise Architecture Management** with the use case **Service Portfolio Management** activated.

Streamlined contract renewal process

A **Create Successor** action has been introduced to the **New** menu in the **Contracts** data workbench to simplify contract renewal for contract management. The option allows users to create a successor contract from an existing contract while preserving the relevant contract structure and key information. This reduces manual effort and accelerates the creation of follow-on contracts.

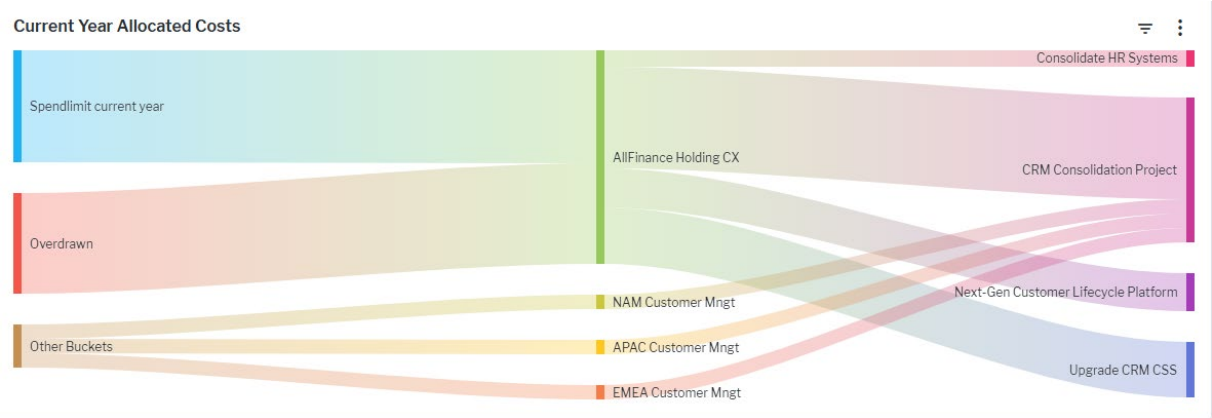
When a successor contract is created, all mandatory contract attributes are copied from the source contract. The successor contract automatically receives the suffix **- Copy** in its name and contract number. All associated contract items are duplicated and linked to the successor contract, with each copied contract item also receiving the **- Copy** suffix in its name. In addition, all associated contract deliverables are copied and linked to the new contract.

To support a seamless renewal process, the start date of the successor contract and its contract items is automatically set to the end date of the predecessor contract. After creation, the successor contract and all copied contract items can be modified as required.

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Richer Sankey data for project buckets

The Sankey diagram **Current Year Allocated Costs** in the content area of a project bucket has been revised to provide a clearer picture when a budget is overdrawn for a project bucket as well as the current spend limit.



The visualization of the Sankey report has been enhanced to illustrate the current year spend limit for the project bucket, how much of the budget is overdrawn, and how much budget is available for other project buckets.

Hovering over a flow displays a tooltip showing the project bucket name, the project consuming the budget, and the corresponding allocated cost. Projects that exceed their allocated budget are highlighted in grey, and the tooltip clearly indicates that the project is overdrawn.

By visualizing current-year spend limits, overdrawn budgets, and available funding capacity, the enhanced Sankey report provides greater transparency into budget utilization across project buckets. This helps users quickly identify funding shortfalls, understand where budget is available, and make more informed investment and portfolio planning decisions.

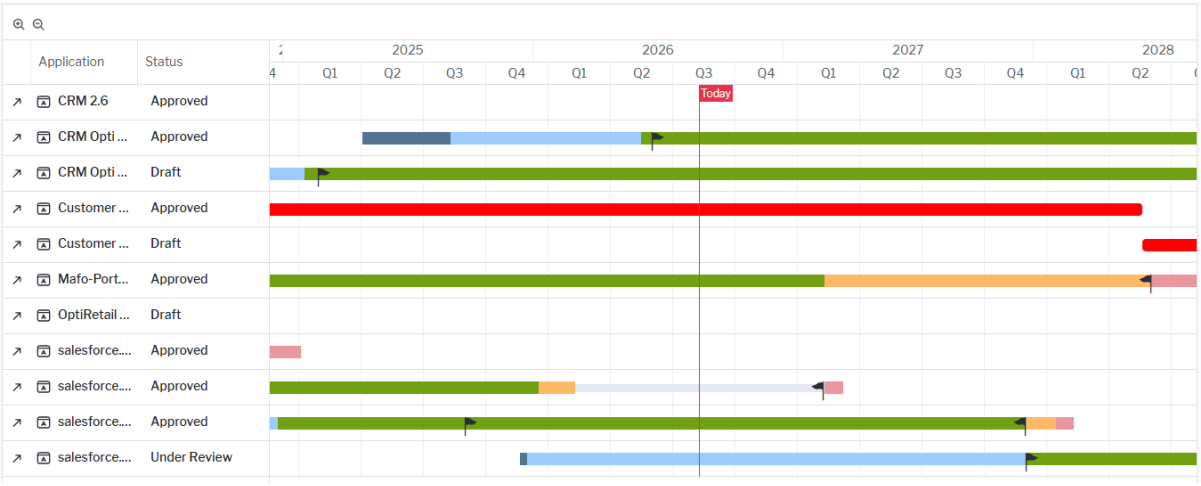
The license package **Strategic Portfolio Management** is required to work with project buckets. The use case **Investment Optimization** must be activated.

Modernized Gantt visualizations

The Gantt chart experience has been modernized with the introduction of a new DHTMLX-based Gantt component, replacing the legacy solution for Fastlane customers. The new component is available in Gantt reports available for data workbenches as well as time schedule reports for projects, applications, and other assets. The new Gantt chart component

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delivers faster loading times, improved responsiveness, and a smoother user experience when navigating, scrolling, expanding, collapsing, and highlighting timelines.



In addition to matching the functionality of previous Gantt visualizations, the new component introduces enhanced timeline editing capabilities. Start and end dates are now displayed directly as draggable flags on Gantt bars, eliminating the need for a separate active lifecycle bar and allowing users to adjust dates with greater precision directly within the chart.

This release represents the first phase of a broader modernization effort to provide a more reliable and performant Gantt experience. Therefore, the new component is currently only available with the license package **IT Transformation Server - FastLane**.

More intuitive rendering for project costs

The **Project Costs** view for projects automatically displays the report based on the respective start year to end year of the current project. The filter that was used to specify the start and end year for the view is therefore obsolete and has been removed from the view.

Streamlined role type configuration

Portfolio administrators can now configure a default role type that is automatically assigned to the user who creates a new asset. A new **Default Role Type** field is available below the **Role Types** in the **Class Configuration** section. The field displays the role types currently assigned to the class.

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The **Role Types** view has also been redesigned as a data workbench, providing greater flexibility when managing role type data. From the data workbench, users can navigate to a dedicated content area that displays the most important details of a selected role type.

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Fixes

- The data quality rule **DQR-170: Supported business process is missing** erroneously targeted the wrong view. This has been corrected and the link opens the application content area with the focus on the **Supported Business Process** field.
- The **Has Access to Diagram Designer** attribute is now available in the **User** editor within **User Administration**. Users with an administrative user profile can use this attribute to grant or revoke permissions for designing and editing diagrams.
- The **Detach** button in the **Standard Platform Usage** page was erroneously labelled Action. This has been changed.
- It was not possible to navigate to the content area of a value stream step from the **Value Stream Diagram** of an operational value stream. This has been fixed.
- Fixed a limitation in generic API reports where reference arrays containing over 100 objects could result in an SQL error and prevent the report from being generated.

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