Alfabet FastLane 11.2 IR

Alfabet FastLane release 11.2 IR (**Innovation Release**) continues Alfabet's journey to provide an easy and joyful end-user experience aimed to remove the barriers of adoption in the user community. The functional scope of Alfabet FastLane release 11.2 IR has been extended and new functionality has been integrated in the user interface to further ease data maintenance and analysis. With Alfabet FastLane 11.2, you can make informed business decisions about your IT architecture based on up-to-date and accurate data. Out-of-the-box analytics address business questions that provide meaningful insight to your IT architecture and the interdependencies of applications and technology in the business.

Alfabet FastLane release 11.2 IR is available as a cloud-based application and accessible via Microsoft® Edge®, Chrome™, Firefox™ 109 and higher versions, and Apple® Safari® web browsers. No system set-up is required. Minimal configuration allows you to extend the indicators, roles, and custom attributes that reflect you company's needs. You can begin straightaway.

Alfabet 11 introduces a completely overhauled, clean, modern, and intuitive user interface:

- Standardized navigation provides immediate access to your favorites and your most recently touched objects and ensures you can quickly get your hands on all IT assets captured for your company's business, application, information, and technology architectures. Easy search capability allows you to find any IT asset in your repository directly in the home page.

- Powerful and smart data workbenches enable you to capture and maintain your data as a single source of truth in the company. Sorting and moving columns in the data workbench as well as advanced filtering options gives you the control to see the data how you want to see it, and global settings ensure that you don't need to repeatedly set the same filters in other views in Alfabet FastLane.

  Data workbenches support inline editing and the simultaneous update of multiple data entries at once (bulk update) in order to streamline the efforts of keeping data up-to-date and accurate. Dedicated data quality reports are available for every data workbench and provide links that take you directly to the location where you can promptly fix the data quality issue.

  Every data workbench includes a data table - where you decide which data is relevant for you at the moment - and additional out-of-the-box graphics that allow you to visualize your data according to your needs. Graphic visualizations include Kanban reports, Gantt charts (timelines), bar charts, pie charts, doughnut charts, line charts, spline charts, radar charts, area charts, spline area charts, and waterfall charts. Kanban reports and Gantt charts support drag-and-drop to simplify planning efforts of the IT architecture.

- Analytics focus on the most business-relevant questions in order to help you know where to focus change efforts to execute your company's strategy. Business questions are out-of-the-box visualizations that provide answers about the as-is state of your application, technology, and investment portfolios. Each business question includes analytics that provide answers to your most critical issues as well as views that allow you to understand and update the relevant data. To name just a few business questions in Alfabet FastLane:

  - **What should we be focusing on?**

  - **What is our technical debt?**

  - **What are our investment/retirement candidates?**

- **What is our roadmap?**

- **How will IT failure impact our business?**

- **What is our cloud migration strategy?**

- **What is our project budget?**

- Preconfigured user profiles allow the right user to access the right functionalities and the right data. The following user profiles are available with Alfabet FastLane:

  - `Portfolio Admin`

    This user profile is for superusers who are responsible to carry out administrative tasks. It provides exclusive access to views that are required for user and account management, data import for all relevant IT assets, and the customization of indicator types to evaluate your data, role types to capture responsibilities for IT assets, and custom attributes that are relevant to your company's data requirements. Notifications provide easy access to administrative users to log information about maintenance jobs that run in the background.

  - `Portfolio Manager`

    This user profile is for users who are responsible to input and maintain data relevant for IT portfolio management. It provides access to analytics based on relevant business questions and to the data workbenches that allow that data to be maintained and understood in detail. Users with this profile have read/write permissions to all objects that they have authorized access to via the user group definition.

  - `Portfolio Analyst` (formally **Viewer**)

    This user profile is for users who are interested in seeing up-to-date analytics about the IT portfolio in order to understand the most business-relevant questions and make informed strategic decisions. Users logging in with this user profile have read-only access permissions to all business questions and can see the detailed data for all objects that they have authorized access to via the user group definition.

  - `Application Manager`

    This user profile is for users responsible for capturing and maintaining data relevant for the application portfolio management.

  - `Technology Manager`

    This user profile is for users responsible for capturing and maintaining data relevant for the technology portfolio management.

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In future releases, the data and analytics documented in Alfabet FastLane can be migrated to Alfabet Accelerator or integrated in Alfabet Enterprise Edition for complete enterprise architecture management and IT portfolio management. For details regarding the maintenance policy for innovation releases at Software AG, see https://empower.softwareag.com/rz_images/SAG%20Maintenance%20Policy.pdf

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Have thoughts, suggestions, or ideas for Alfabet FastLane ? Let us know at https://alfabet-software-ag.ideas.aha.io/

System Administrator Relevant Changes

Alfabet FastLane 11 IR is only available as cloud application and therefore the following, system administration relevant information is for informational purposes only:

- Alfabet FastLane 11 IR is configured for use on context-insensitive databases.

- The command line tools `RescanIndicatorsConsole.exe`, `RescanAutoIndicators.exe`, and `RescanColorRules.exe` are no longer provided. The functionality has been moved to ADIF schemes that can be executed via the command line tool `ADIF_Console.exe`.

- The version number in the URL of the documentation has changed. To open the online help via the Help button in the Alfabet FastLane application, `https://documentation.softwareag.com/alfabet/fastlane/afl11-2/webhelp/afl-webhelp` must be entered in the **Help Server** attribute of the server alias of the Alfabet Web Application

- If you encounter problems rendering Alfabet FastLane 11.2 IR in Mozilla® Firefox®, upgrade to the newest FireFox version 109 or use other supported browsers. If this is not possible, you can request the Cloud team to add `"disableContentSecurityPolicyHeader":true` in the `AlfabetWebConfig` field of the `alfasettings.json` file to fix the issue. This setting is not required for security reasons.

- The third-party component DevExtreme, Version 22.1.5., Copyright © 2023 Developer Express Inc., All Rights Reserved, has been embedded in the software.

- The embedded third-party component DevExpress.NET has been updated to a licensed version of DevExpress.NET, Version 22.1.6, Copyright © 2000 - 2022 Developer Express Inc., All Rights Reserved.

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Please open a ticket in the Empower eService for any service request as well as all non-standard support incidents such as training requests, scripting, or data integration:

https://empower.softwareag.com

When you submit a ticket for a service request, you should include the main release number and patch version of your Alfabet FastLane product. This information can be accessed by clicking **Help** < **About Alfabet**. Tickets will be recorded and transferred to the relevant team.

Empower eService also includes:

- tracking ticket statuses

- local telephone numbers for support.

In addition to the local support telephone numbers, you can use the following toll-free number:

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