ALFABET IT PLANNING &
PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

"Whole view" IT planning and management

Ensure IT powers mission success

Support your FITARA efforts and reduce transformational risks by understanding when, where, how and why to make changes in the IT portfolio.

Key benefits

- Align IT portfolios to mission strategy, required capabilities and requested demands
- Manage changes to IT portfolios in a consistent and transparent manner
- Expose dependencies and impacts between different IT portfolios–current and future
- Provide relevant stakeholders with a collaborative planning platform

Features

- Cross-portfolio analytics for a high-level view of how the various IT portfolios—application, project, technology, demand—interrelate
- Collaborative planning facilitated through road mapping, stakeholder-oriented views and reporting
- Process workflows to ensure alignment to policies and timelines to maintain governance and keep IT up to speed in the demand and portfolio processes
- Portfolio assessment according to any number of indicators to base portfolio decisions on the value, cost and risk across a number of possible IT investment alternatives
- Future-state planning and change management including on-demand generation of views of the IT landscape for any desired date or timeframe
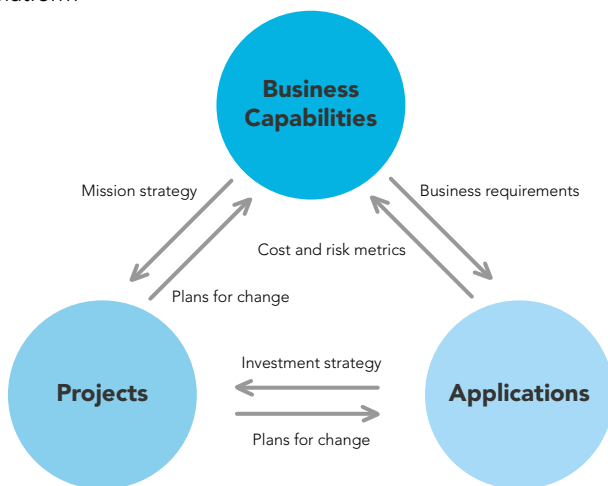
Application portfolio management

Application inventory

- Manage the inventory data using intuitive wizards and workflows
- Capture the mission, technology, information and functional perspectives as they relate to applications
- Use monitors and reports to ensure inventory completeness and data quality

STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT

- Use web- and mobile-based portals to enable immediate access to information on the IT landscape for portfolio, application, technology and project managers
- Communicate portfolio choices using portfolio diagrams and the many other report types delivered out of the box
- Answer any stakeholder question on the IT portfolio using ad-hoc reporting

PORTFOLIO GOVERNANCE

- Create manageable portfolios that show clear responsibility for capturing information, assessing portfolios and making decisions
- Implement standard portfolios—for example, along business capability or organizational responsibility, and create ad-hoc portfolios as needed
- Use workflows and monitors to ensure that all required information is available and assessed before decisions are made and to make approval decisions transparent and auditable

DATA CAPTURE AND MAINTENANCE

- Use the Alfabet import/ export facility for initial load and synchronization with other sources to ensure that the inventory is complete and up to date
- Use wizards, workflows and surveys to capture data ensuring the IT landscape is documented with a consistent quality and categorized according to organizational conventions

Portfolio assessments

- Analyze the application portfolio along multiple dimensions such as cost, risk, usage, technology health and fit
- Add new information attributes on the fly to perform ad-hoc application assessments
- Equip technology owners with application lifecycle reports to align their technology support plans and to understand application road-map impacts

Project portfolio management

Project inventory

- Create a central project inventory and configure the program and project breakdown structure to fit your organization's needs
- Understand the relationship of projects to strategies, demands, business capabilities, applications and technologies
- Enforce minimum standards for project documentation and assessment using wizards and workflows

Portfolio assessments

- Organize project portfolios along business structures, for example, organizations and business capabilities
- Create ad-hoc portfolios for specific, non-standard assessments
- Use portfolio scenarios to make trade-offs transparent for decision-makers

Project planning

- Document how projects change applications and technologies and perform impact analysis of projects on application and technology roadmaps
- Prioritize projects by cost, value and risk to improve project planning

Technology portfolio management

Technology inventory

- Manage technologies from a central inventory supporting single and composite technologies as well as multiple taxonomies
- Understand the relationships between various IT-related elements

Portfolio assessments

- Combine and aggregate KPIs to create technology rankings
- Assess future technology innovations, for example, mobile or cloud, to improve operations
- Perform impact assessments on the current landscape when planning transformation programs to detect conflicts and identify potential synergies

Demand management

Demand inventory

- Provide all IT stakeholders with a central inventory of the information required to assess demands and build an IT strategy

Demand assessments

- Associate demands to strategies and business capabilities
- Ensure alignment of demands to mission and IT goals using KPIs measuring issues such as value contribution and cost
- Use portfolio diagrams and other analytical techniques to ensure that only the demands leading to the best mission outcomes are approved

Impact analysis

- Document impacted capabilities, processes, applications, technologies and information objects to be able to assess demand impact early in the approval process
- Consolidate demands by automatic identification of similar demands and thus reduce implementation effort and avoid conflicts during project execution

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