

2019 Spring Release

Change is constant, yet faster than ever before. Rapid change impacts the way agencies conduct business and interact with their customers. Fast and agile digital development is required to avoid getting behind on your competitors.

In order to support our partners and customers better in meeting today's requirements, we want to enable them to build applications with the Be Informed platform easier, lower the learning curve and make it effortlessly to rollout. With this in mind, we started working on this year's Spring Release.

Packed with improvements to accelerate digital development faster, easier, better, and more agile on a cloud-enabled platform, this release is a major step forward.

Improvements

In the past few months we worked jointly with our partners and customers to deliver the next iteration of the Be Informed Platform. We are proud to tell you all about it! In this spring release we introduce:

- A new back office user interface;
- The pattern engine;
- Improved support for dynamic processes; and
- Many smaller updates and improvements

Benefits

New back office user interface

After a long-lasting service of the Ready 2 Run user interface, we noticed that this interface did not live up to its expectations anymore. It was difficult to customize and building a model-driven interface from scratch would be too resource intensive for our partners and customers.

With the new back office interface, the Be Informed platform has attained a modern and attractive look and feel. It is easily adaptable and extendable, which allows you to customize it to your desire. We are convinced that this new interface will enhance the user experience of your customers and will provide your employees with an attractive out-of-the-box user interface. This back office

layout is based on the general layout and modular UI services.

Pattern engine

The Be Informed platform already offered the capability to provide excellent solutions for agile digital development to enterprises and governments. In order to match up with today's rapidly changing world, we have added valuable functionality which enables a faster and qualitatively better transformation of business designs into model-driven applications: the pattern engine.

By capturing lessons learned we can transfer existing knowledge by applying it to new, agile, future-proof solutions. Together with the capability of expansion with custom patterns, the pattern engine reduces the time to create applications and increases the success rate.

Improved support for dynamic processes

Be Informed approaches processes in a goal-oriented, constraint-based way. This means that there is no need to predetermine the different routes through a process.

Traditionally, modeling different routes in workflows with activities and/or stages was very common to handle the required flexibility. Since all supported alternatives have to be described, the risk of modeling workflows is that it limits the necessary flexibility and that it decreases the maintainability of the process. The new features added to the Be Informed platform allow to create dynamic processes with the required flexibility.

By just focusing on what should be accomplished in a case (a.k.a. the post-conditions), and when something may be accomplished (a.k.a. the preconditions), the Be Informed platform allows you to mitigate these risks.

Platform update

In December 2018 we already announced that we are going to switch from Oracle Java to OpenJDK as the runtime environment of the Be Informed platform. Java OpenJDK (see <http://openjdk.java.net>) is free to use for development and production systems and is constantly updated with the latest security patches and updates. Also, we have chosen Apache Tomcat as our future application runtime platform. Apache Tomcat (<http://tomcat.apache.org>) has the biggest market share in the Java application server market.

Apache Tomcat is also better suitable for containerized deployment, so this switch makes us in fact instantly cloud enabled. Combined with the new pattern engine we can deliver an almost ready to run solution which only needs the for your client specific adjustments. This shortens the time needed to create an up-and-running solutions from months to weeks.

Next steps

This year's spring release is the first step in lifting our platform to the next level.

From model driven applications to model driven solutions

- Together with our partners we started looking at the needs of different companies in the same sector. With these combined needs we will create specialized meta models, patterns and UI's that make up strong foundations which, through minor changes, can easily be used by different organizations to increase development speed and success rate significantly.

Automated deployment and testing

- To eliminate errors made by humans and allow organizations to continuously improve digital development, we are enforcing the capabilities to build a DevOps infrastructure and perform automated deployment and testing.

Various platform improvements

- Lower the burden for consultants when implementing solutions
- Improved cloud adoption starting with cloud deployment and cloud integration

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We will get in touch with you to tell you all about our new release and schedule a 'what's new' session for your technical leads.

Have a great day!

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