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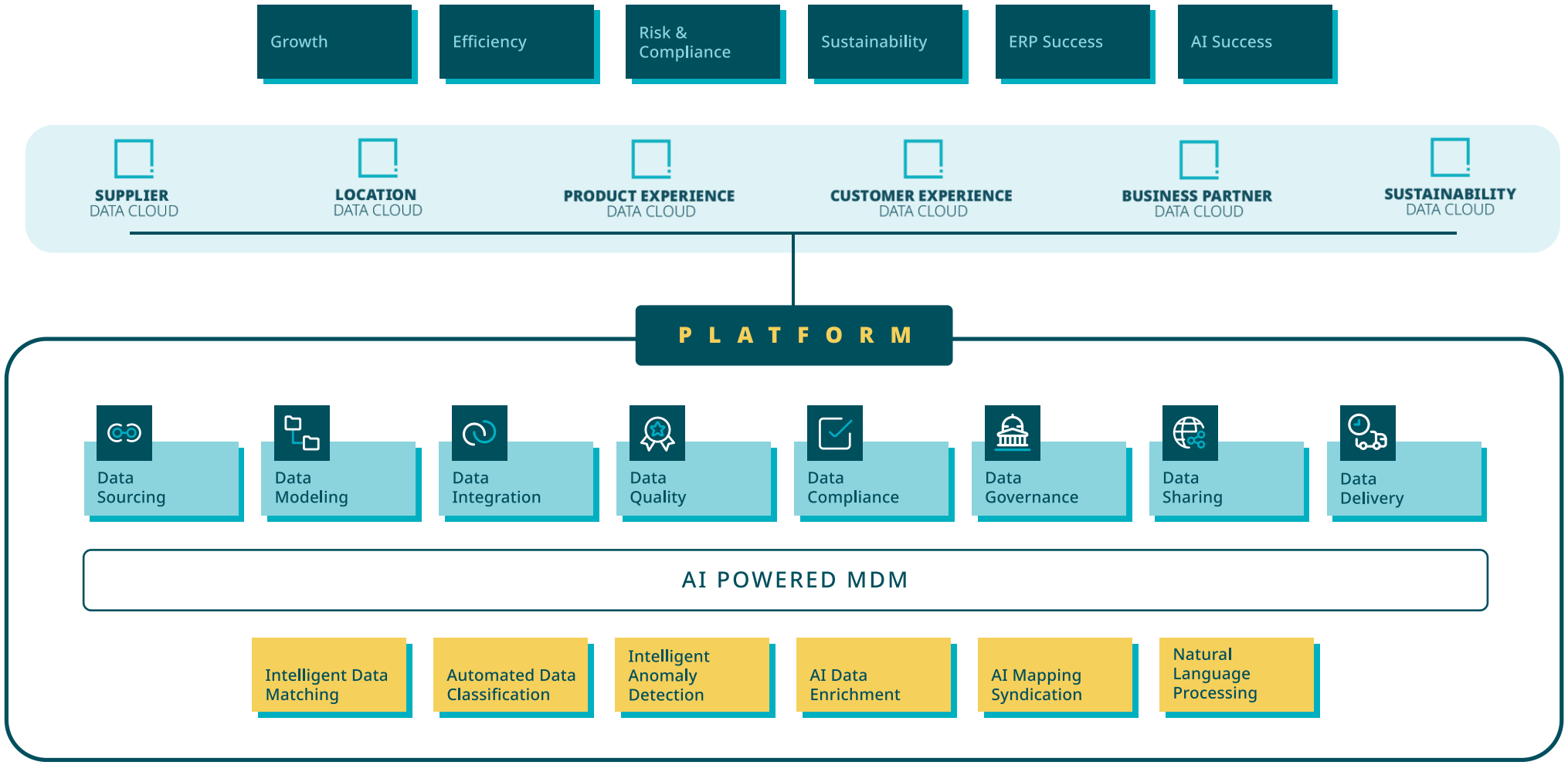

2026.1 Update Initiative Map

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Modular Service API

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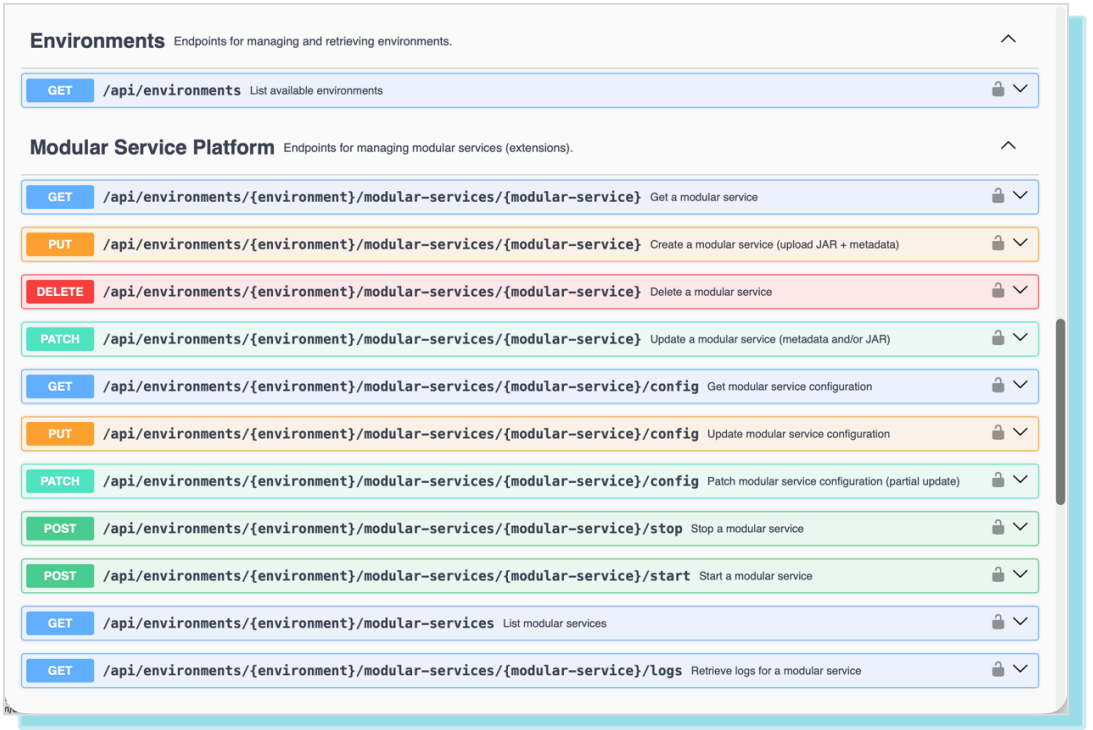
Current Situation | The Modular Service Platform (MSP), introduced in 2025.3, allows plug-ins such as 'Receivers' and 'Business Functions' to run independently of the Stibo Systems Platform, improving overall stability and scalability.

Challenge | Managing large numbers of endpoints is manual and inefficient; MSP lacks automated tools for monitoring and control.

What's New | With 2026.1, a new Control Service API enables REST-based management of MSP services. This includes creating, updating, starting/stopping services, checking status, and retrieving filtered logs.

Expected Benefits | This will simplify system management, reduce manual effort, improve operational visibility, and support automation for large-scale environments.



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Test Function in Visual Studio Code

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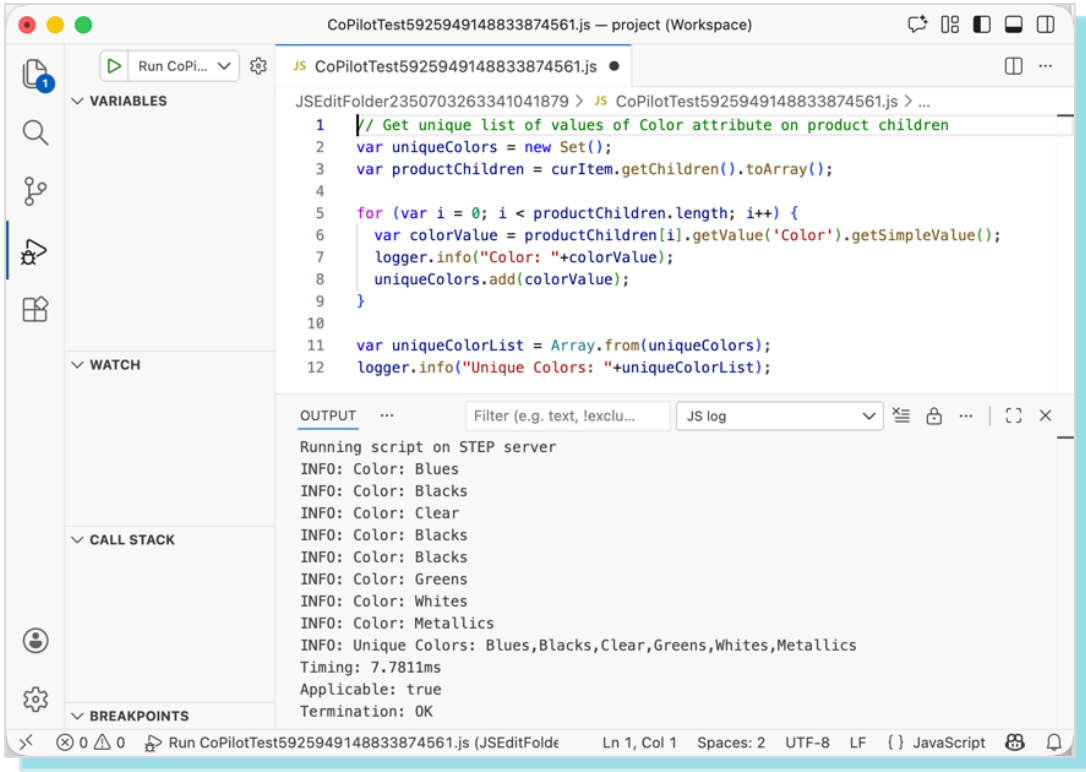
Current Situation | Workbench allows users to test JavaScript business rules directly, but Visual Studio (VS) Code users must switch back to Workbench to run tests. This constant back-and-forth slows iteration and disrupts development flow.

Challenge | The lack of direct testing in VS Code creates inefficient context switching for even small changes, reducing productivity and breaking developer focus.

What's New | With 2026.1, we are introducing a lightweight VS Code plugin that enables test execution of rules against the Stibo Systems Platform via REST, without committing any changes. Errors and output from the business rule are presented in VS Code. The plugin features a minimal UI and is distributed as a manually installed VSIX package.

Expected Benefits | Faster feedback loops with no context switching, safer testing without permanent saves, clearer debugging in a single environment, and smoother development of complex rules.



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OneQueue Background Process Framework Improvements

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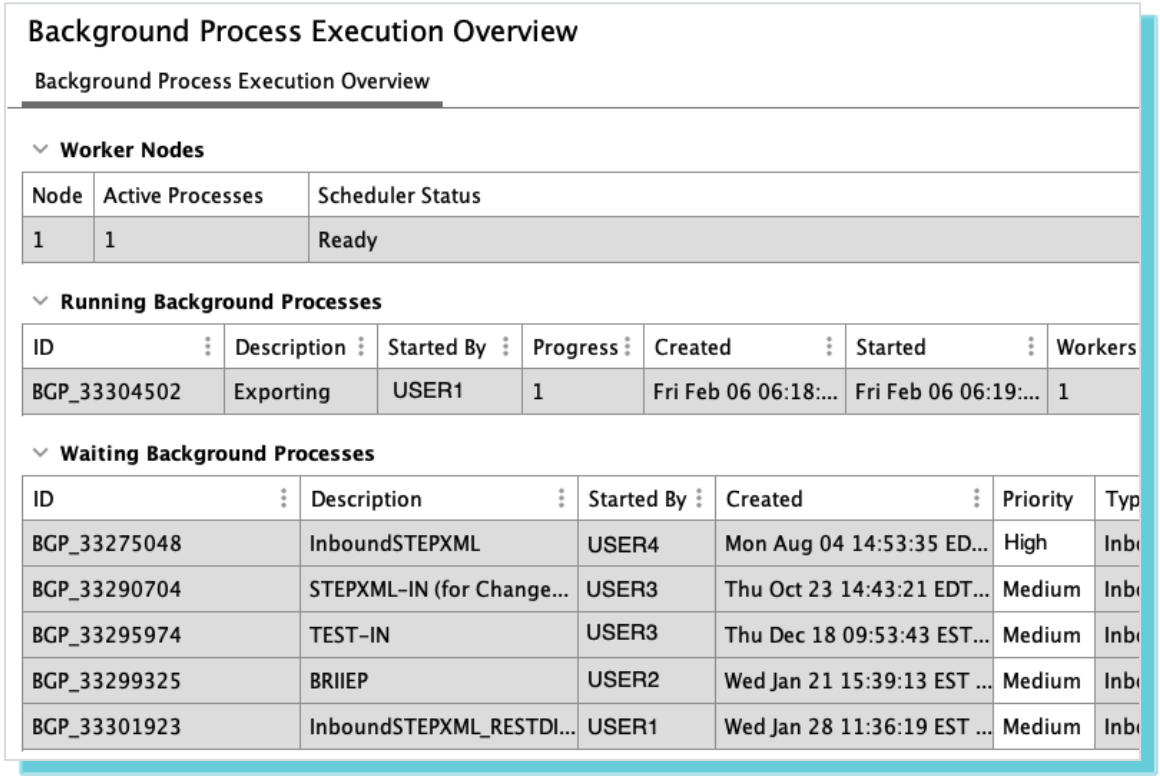
Current Situation | The OneQueue background process framework is widely used as it comes with significant advantages, but certain limitations observed across customer solutions have hindered wider adoption.

Challenge | Specific processing scenarios identified across customer solutions led to uneven capacity distribution, causing delays in processing in key solution areas.

What's New | With 2026.1, we are introducing several improvements:

- A streamlined execution overview, now including a Scheduler Status that highlights reasons why processing may be temporary paused.
- A new fairness mechanism to prevent any single user or process type from consuming disproportionate capacity.
- Overall throughput improvements allowing more processing to be handled at the same time.

Expected Benefits | Improved insights, reduced wait times and optimized resource use without compromising stability.



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Self-Service UI - sFTP Access Privileges

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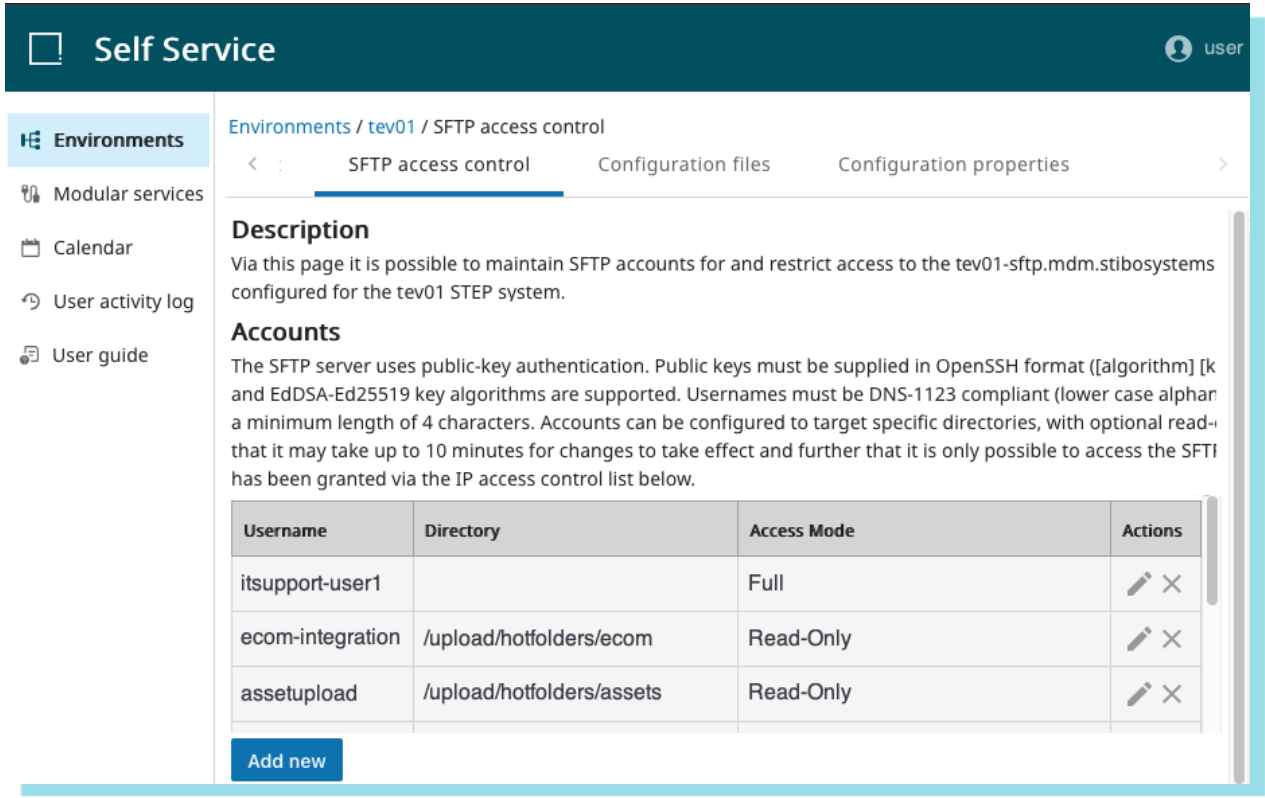
Current Situation | The Self-Service UI allows customers to manage sFTP user accounts; however, it currently does not support assigning differentiated access permissions to individual users.

Challenge | Customers rely on sFTP-based integrations for a wide range of use cases, many of which require strict separation of access. Without user-level segmentation, sFTP users may be able to access locations beyond what their role or process requires.

What's New | In the 2026.1 Self-Service UI update, administrators can now define directory access and access modes when configuring sFTP user accounts, enabling precise, per-user control.

Expected Benefits | Enhanced security and compliance through granular, tightly controlled sFTP data access, reducing risk and ensuring users only interact with the locations they are authorized to use.



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Basic e-Signature

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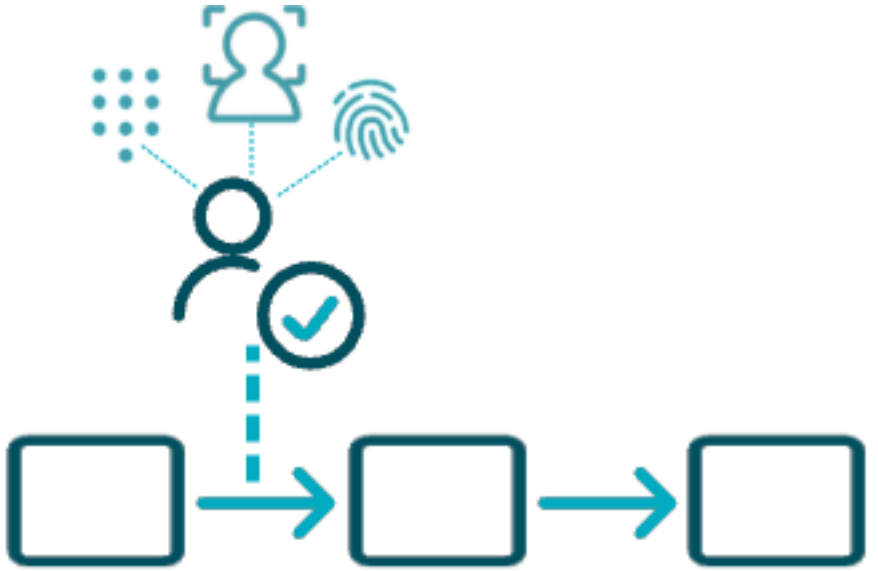
Current Situation | Basic e-Signature was deprecated in 2024.4 due to limited usage and compatibility issues with external authentication methods.

Challenge | Some customers must meet regulatory requirements that demand verification of the authorized user performing key workflow steps.

What's New | In 2026.1, basic e-Signature support is reintroduced, now with optional external authentication through a dedicated re-authentication flow.

Expected Benefits | Restores important customer-requested functionality, supports compliance and workflow continuity, and offers enhanced flexibility to enforce stronger re-authentication security.



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API Extension

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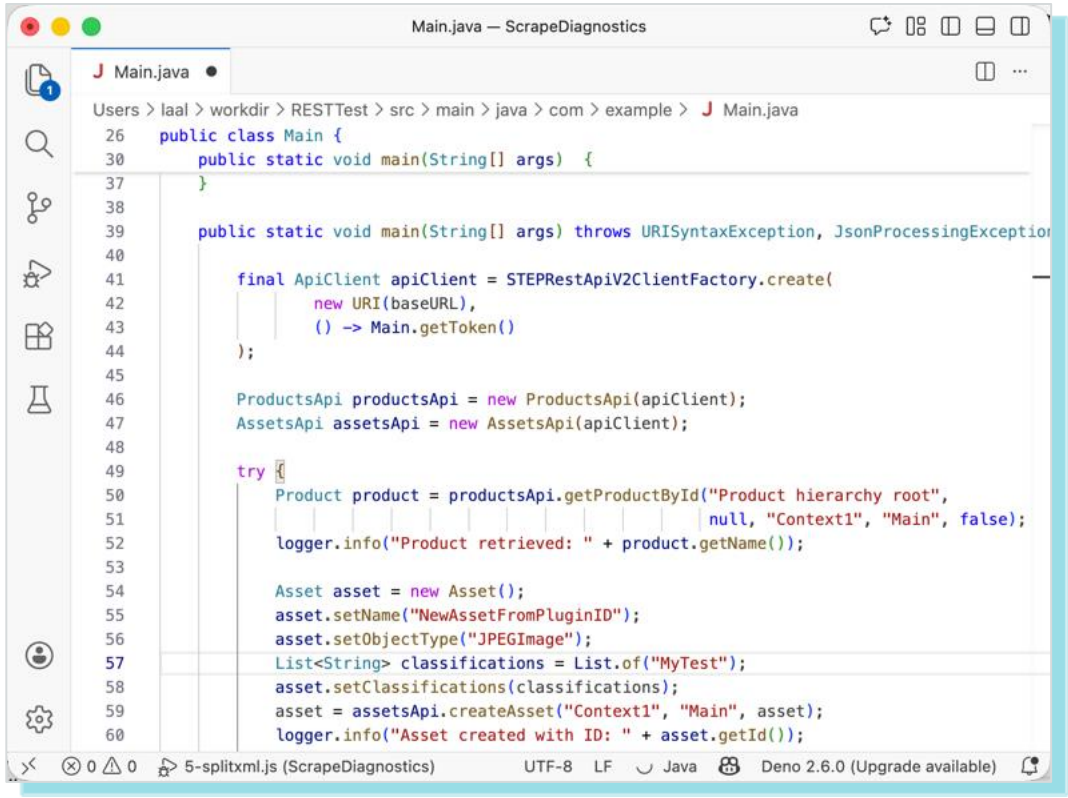
Current Situation | Microservices interact with the Stibo Systems Platform using the existing REST/GraphQL API.

Challenge | Current APIs supports basic data operations but lack broader system-setup capabilities. Developers must also implement low-level REST calls manually.

What's New | With 2026.1 we are introducing:

- Service API client stubs, enabling REST calls directly from Java/MSP code, eliminating the need for low-level network-handling code.
- REST API v2 enhancements, including new and updated endpoints.

Expected Benefits | Broader and safer API access for microservices; easier development through typed client stubs; and more consistent, non-breaking REST improvements that enhance performance and coverage without affecting compatibility.



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Onboarding: Enhanced Content Validation & Review

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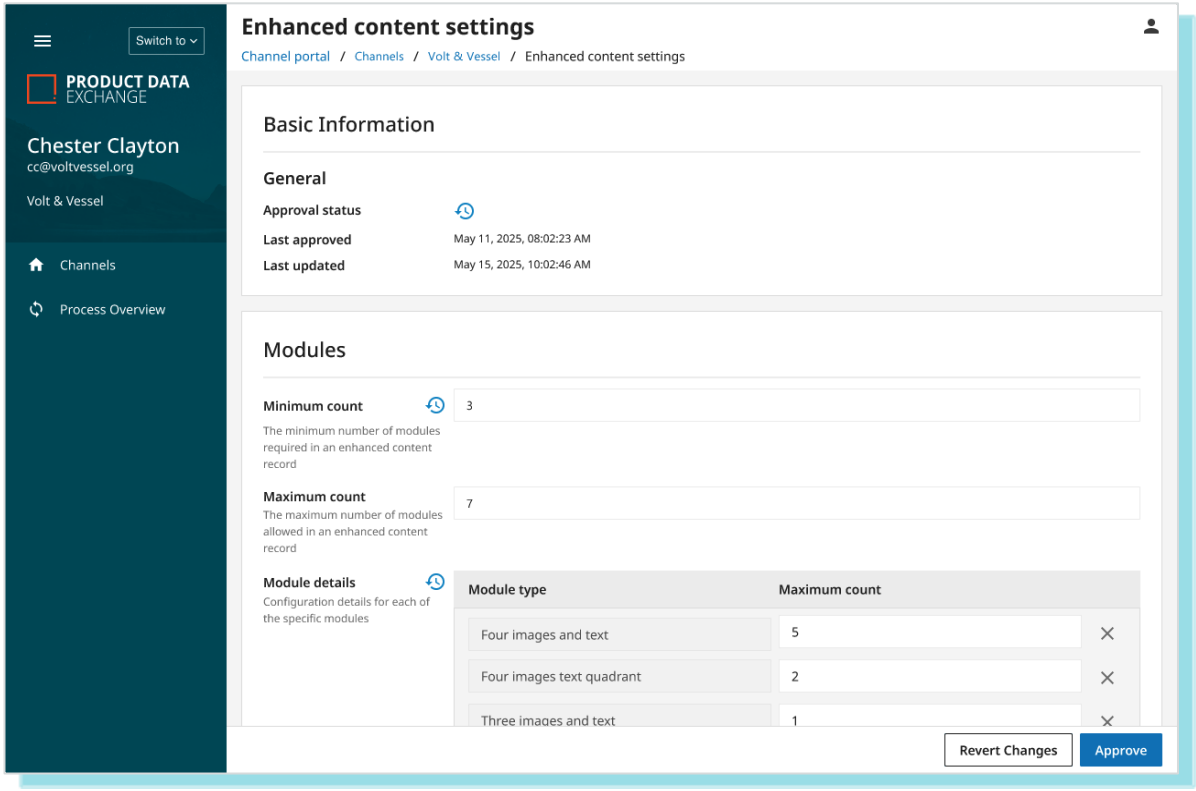
Current Situation | Inconsistent formats, quality issues, and limited validation tools require major manual effort from retailers when onboarding supplier content.

Challenge | Retailers incur significant operational costs when attempting to achieve high-quality listings.

What's New | With 2026.1, we are extending the onboarding flow with three new capabilities:

- retailer-defined content requirements *(see screenshot - for Admin users)*
- clerical review before publication *(for Business users)*
- feedback loop to Enhanced Content Syndication *(for Business users)*.

Expected Benefits | Increased retailer control over what content is accepted, greater content consistency, and streamlined collaboration with suppliers—ultimately enhancing the quality of Product Details Pages and driving customer engagement.



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Expanded Product Status Notifications

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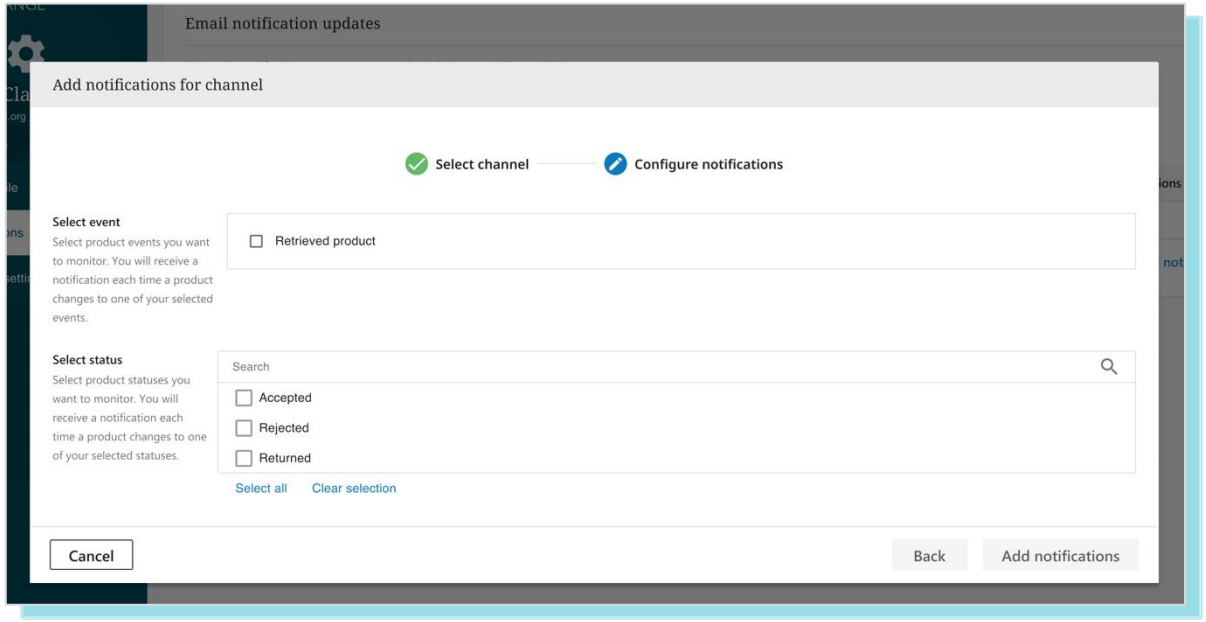
Current Situation | Email notifications currently cover limited statuses, providing minimal visibility into product progress.

Challenge | Users lack confirmation when products are accepted or retrieved, making it harder to track onboarding and maintenance flows efficiently.

What's New | With 2026.1, we are expanding email notifications to include:

- Accepted status when products move from submitted to accepted
- Retrieved status when products are added to a channel from a retailer's PIM

Expected Benefits | Improving transparency and user confidence, streamlining tracking of product lifecycle, and enhancing operational efficiency with actionable notifications.



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System Responsiveness for Suppliers

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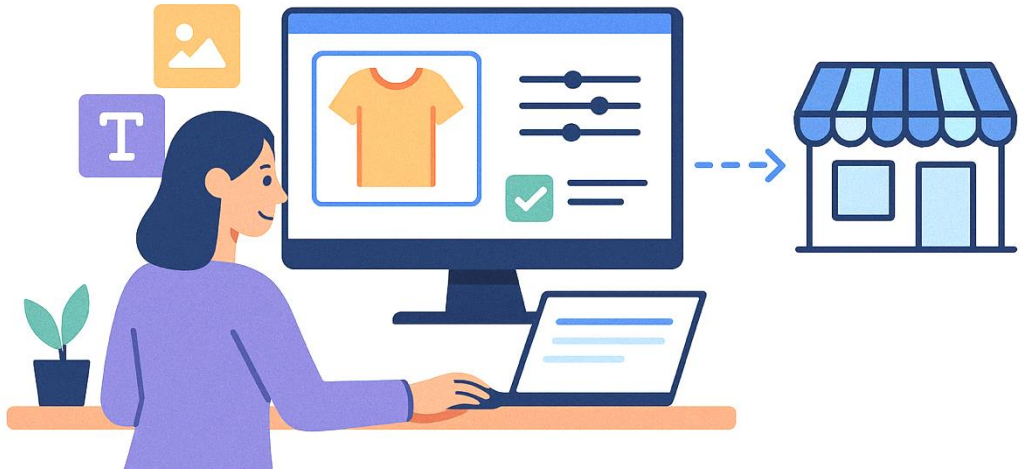
Current Situation | Brands working with a small set of products experience a waiting time disproportionate to the size of the task started, making the system seem unresponsive.

Challenge | Slow system feedback disrupts the workflows of brands and reduces confidence in the application.

What's New | With 2026.1, we are changing how job queues are processed, which significantly improves the responsiveness of the system when working with a small set of products.

Expected Benefits | More efficient and enhanced user experience for smaller brands.



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Auto Care Schema Changes

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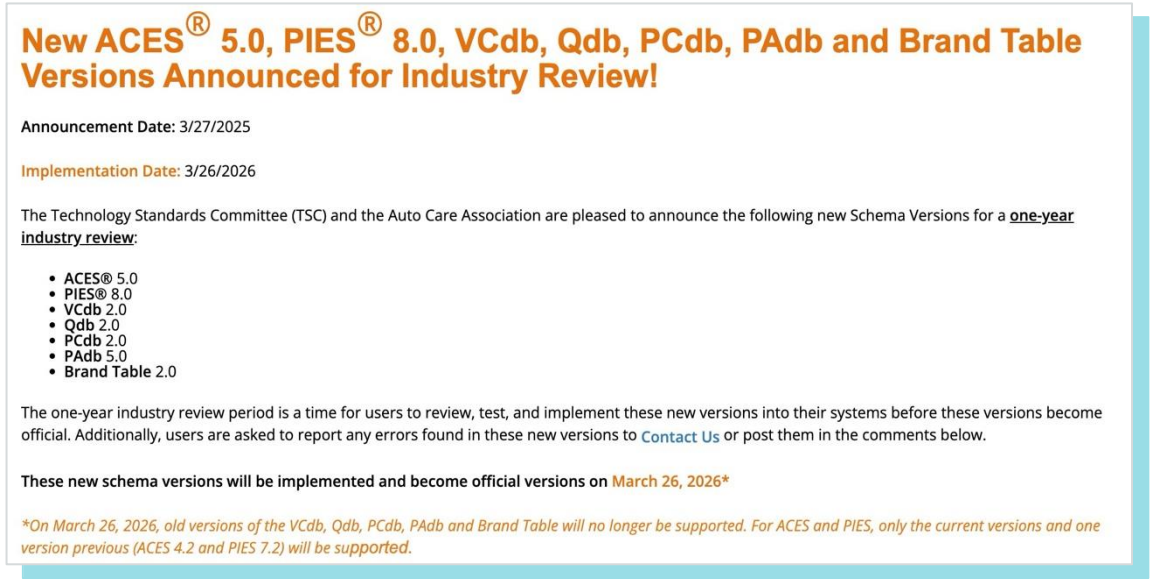
Current Situation | Automotive data is increasingly complex, global, and content-heavy, but today's standards (reference data, ACES and PIES) lack strong multilingual support, detailed packaging data, and advanced asset management.

Challenge | Outdated standards leads to manual work, duplicated effort, and delays in delivering complete, accurate product information across markets.

What's New | With 2026.1, we are introducing support for latest schema changes done to Auto Care reference data (VCdb, Qdb, PCdb, PAdb, and Brand tables), which will be followed by full support of latest ACES and PIES standards in the subsequent releases.

Expected Benefits | These updates will enable more accurate and consistent data, speed up onboarding and product changes, and expand global reach through multilingual support.



New ACES® 5.0, PIES® 8.0, VCdb, Qdb, PCdb, PAdb and Brand Table Versions Announced for Industry Review!

Announcement Date: 3/27/2025

Implementation Date: 3/26/2026

The Technology Standards Committee (TSC) and the Auto Care Association are pleased to announce the following new Schema Versions for a **one-year industry review**:

- **ACES®** 5.0
- **PIES®** 8.0
- **VCdb** 2.0
- **Qdb** 2.0
- **PCdb** 2.0
- **PAdb** 5.0
- **Brand Table** 2.0

The one-year industry review period is a time for users to review, test, and implement these new versions into their systems before these versions become official. Additionally, users are asked to report any errors found in these new versions to Contact Us or post them in the comments below.

These new schema versions will be implemented and become official versions on March 26, 2026*

**On March 26, 2026, old versions of the VCdb, Qdb, PCdb, PAdb and Brand Table will no longer be supported. For ACES and PIES, only the current versions and one version previous (ACES 4.2 and PIES 7.2) will be supported.*

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Match Tuning by Data Owners

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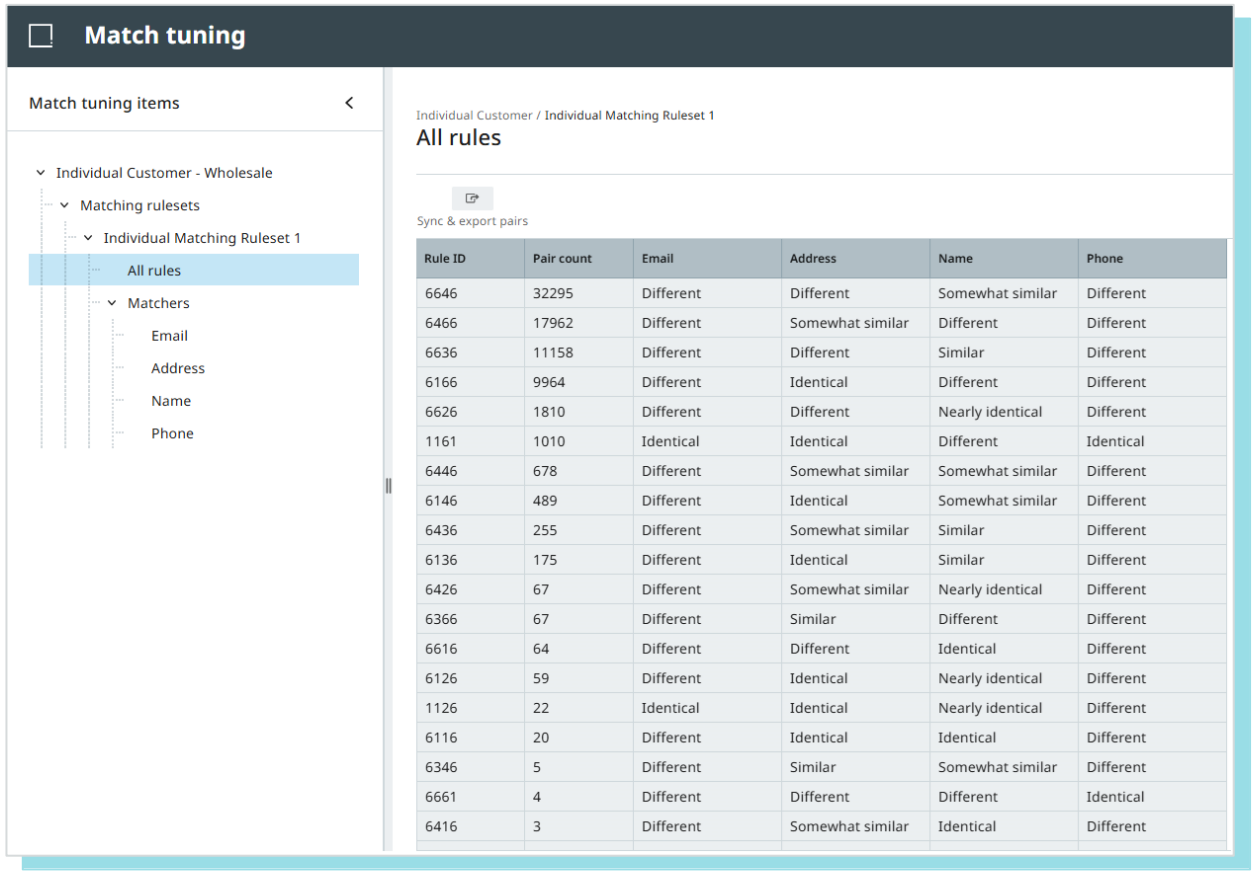
Current Situation | Super users maintain matching algorithms with limited visibility into rule accuracy and underlying data quality issues, making collaboration with data owners difficult.

Challenge | This lack of shared insight leads to slow tuning cycles, inaccurate match results, complex ownership, and heavy manual review—while still requiring technical expertise for every adjustment.

What's New | With 2026.1, a shared overview of match accuracy and data quality issues lets super users and data owners review potential matches together and refine the algorithm more effectively. Future updates will allow data owners to directly create and manage match rules.

Expected Benefits | Faster tuning, fewer errors, and reduced manual effort. Improved collaboration and a path toward business-driven matching without relying on technical specialists.

Express your interest in this early adopter release by emailing simplifymatching@stibosystems.com



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Self-Service Onboarding Channel Enhancements

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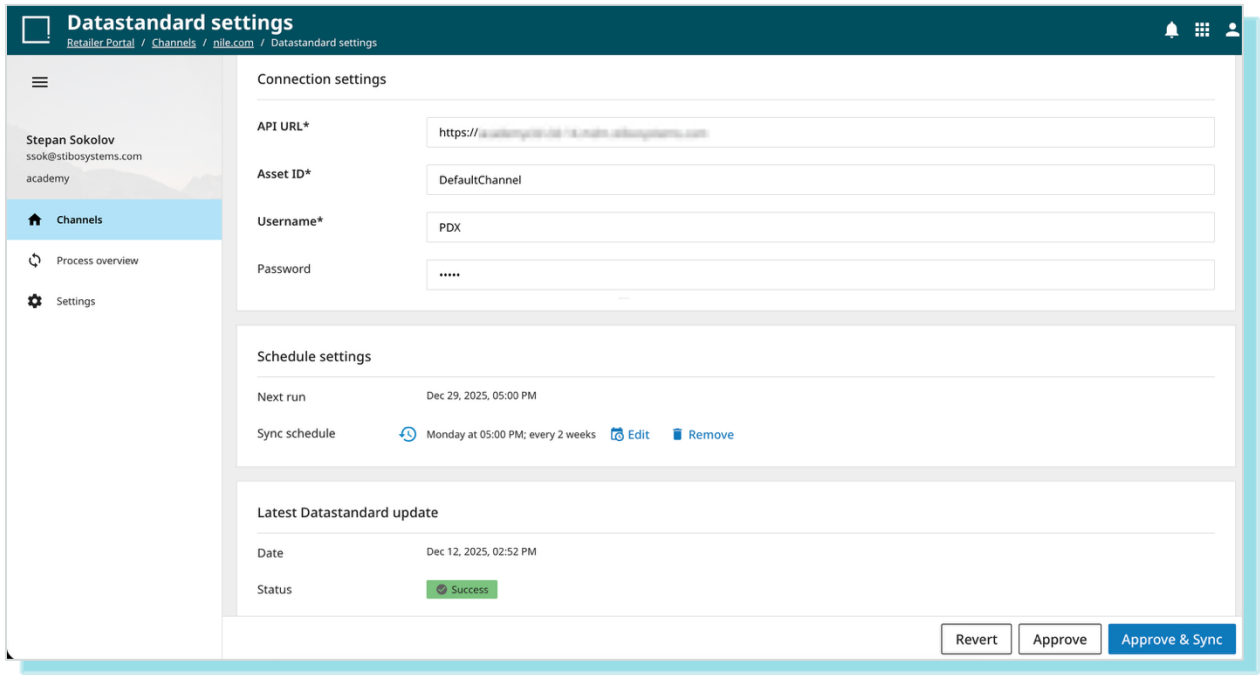
Current Situation | Channel Portal offers basic Data Standard (DS) sync and channel viewing but lacks full self-service and clear visibility into DS generation.

Challenge | Retailers and partners face limited automation, poor transparency, and complex troubleshooting, slowing onboarding and scaling.

What's New | 2026.1 enhancements include:

- Adding self-service tools for channel refresh and scheduling
- Email notifications for DS generation status (success, warnings, failures)
- Improved UI for monitoring and troubleshooting

Expected Benefits | Simplifying channel management, improving visibility, reducing manual effort, and enabling scalable onboarding with proactive alerts.



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Expand Conditional Expressions

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Current Situation | Users work with complex data but lack dynamic validation, making attribute requirements static and prone to errors.

Challenge | As business rules become more complex, users need richer conditional logic to cover common comparison scenarios that the current expression language cannot support.

What's New | In 2026.1 we are introducing additional comparison operators in conditional expressions, such as less than, greater than, less than/equal to, and greater than/ equal to.

Expected Benefits | Users can solve more real-world conditional scenarios without JavaScript, reducing complexity, improving maintainability, and enabling more powerful yet approachable configuration of conditional logic.

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Partner-Managed Channels

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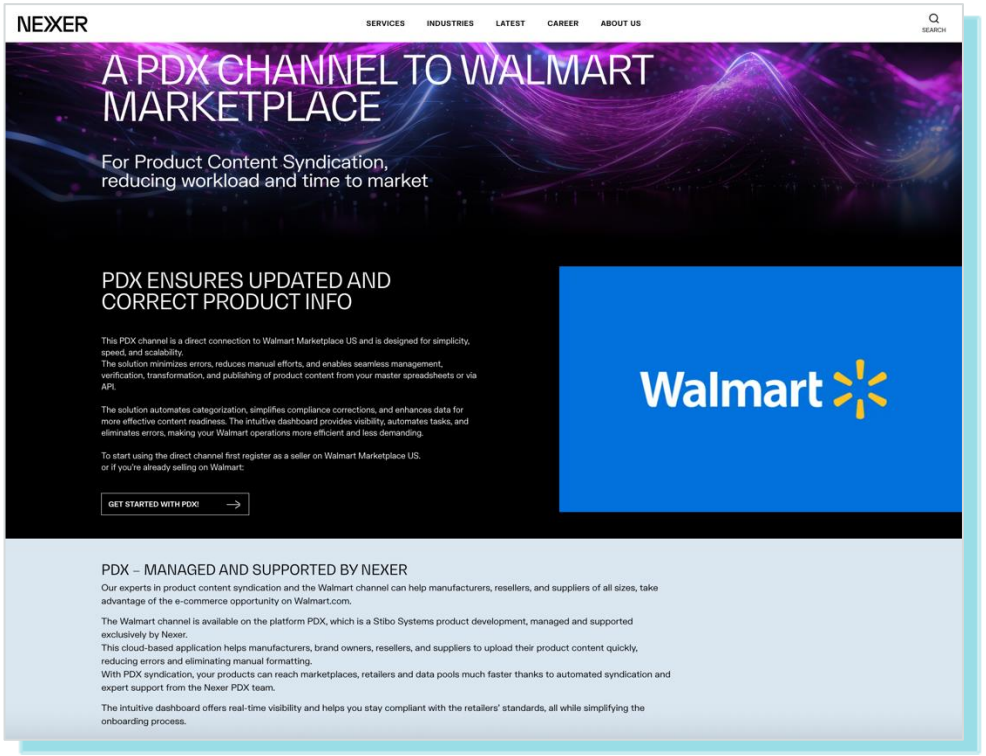
Current Situation | The PDX platform enables brands to syndicate product data using Channels. Direct Channels are API based integration points that define the content, format and delivery mechanism of data syndicated to receivers such as retailers (e.g., Home Depot), marketplaces (e.g., Amazon), or data pools (e.g., 1WS, Brandbank). Direct Channels in the PDX Channel Marketplace are developed and maintained by Stibo Systems.

Challenge | Syndication customers need access to new channels with complex integrations. Configured Channels might not be able to handle these advanced requirements. Partners see opportunities to serve clients who need these integrations but lack a formal way to build and publish channels.

What's New | The PDX Channel Developer Program opens up the development of Direct Channels to external developers and partners. Key components include a Channel API with documentation and a Channel SDK.

Expected Benefits | Partners can now build advanced channels and publish them in the PDX Channel Marketplace, creating new revenue streams and expanding channel availability for all PDX users.



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Requires Channel Revenue Sharing Agreement and PDX SDK License Agreement

Enhanced Content Display

Current Situation | An increasingly competitive marketplace requires brands to deliver more engaging, high-quality experiences across all channels.

Challenge | Existing content formats limit brands' ability to create compelling digital experiences that capture attention and drive engagement.

What's New | 2026.1 introduces three enhancements to help brands deliver premium, channel-agnostic experiences:

- visual overhaul across all modules
- 50% increased content width to accommodate larger imagery for enhanced storytelling
- responsive content design ensuring high-fidelity presentation across all devices

Expected Benefits | Enhanced visual appeal that helps products stand out on the digital shelf, improved storytelling capabilities, and consistent brand experiences across all devices.

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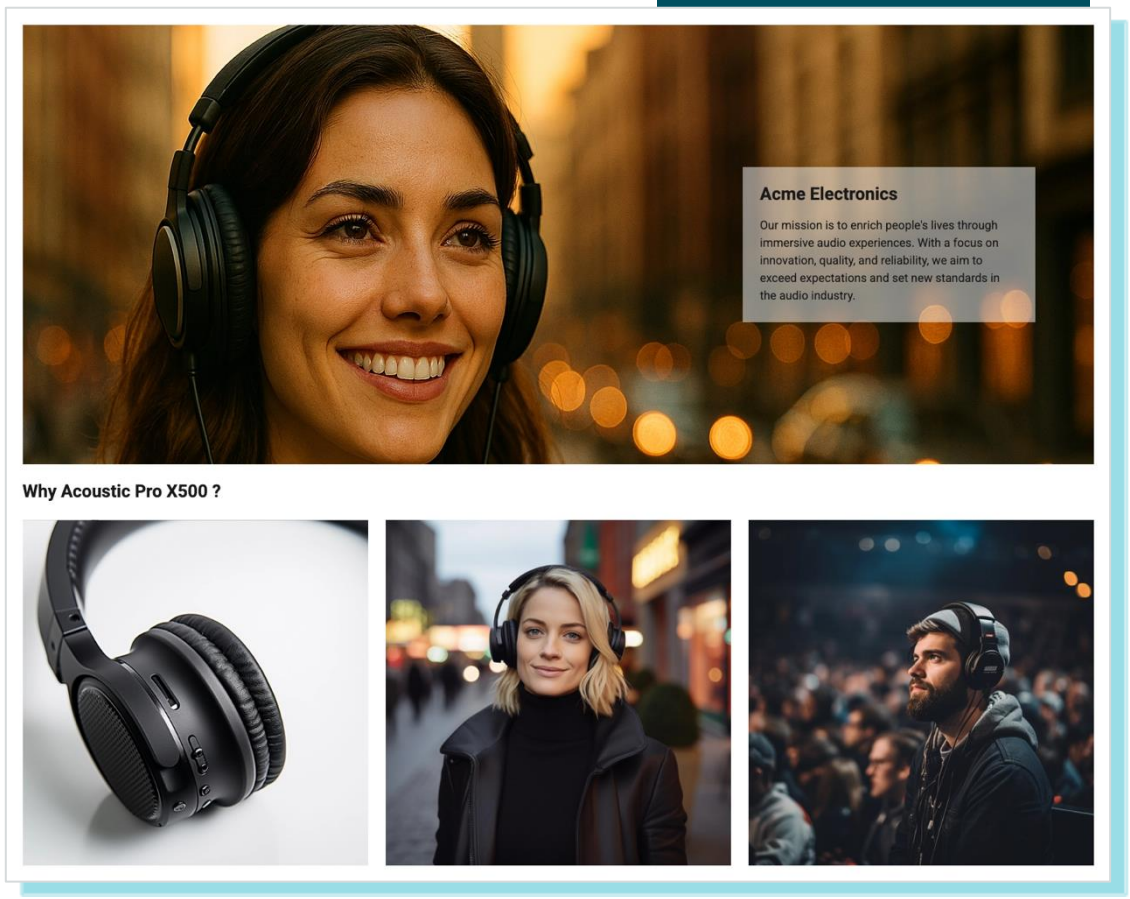

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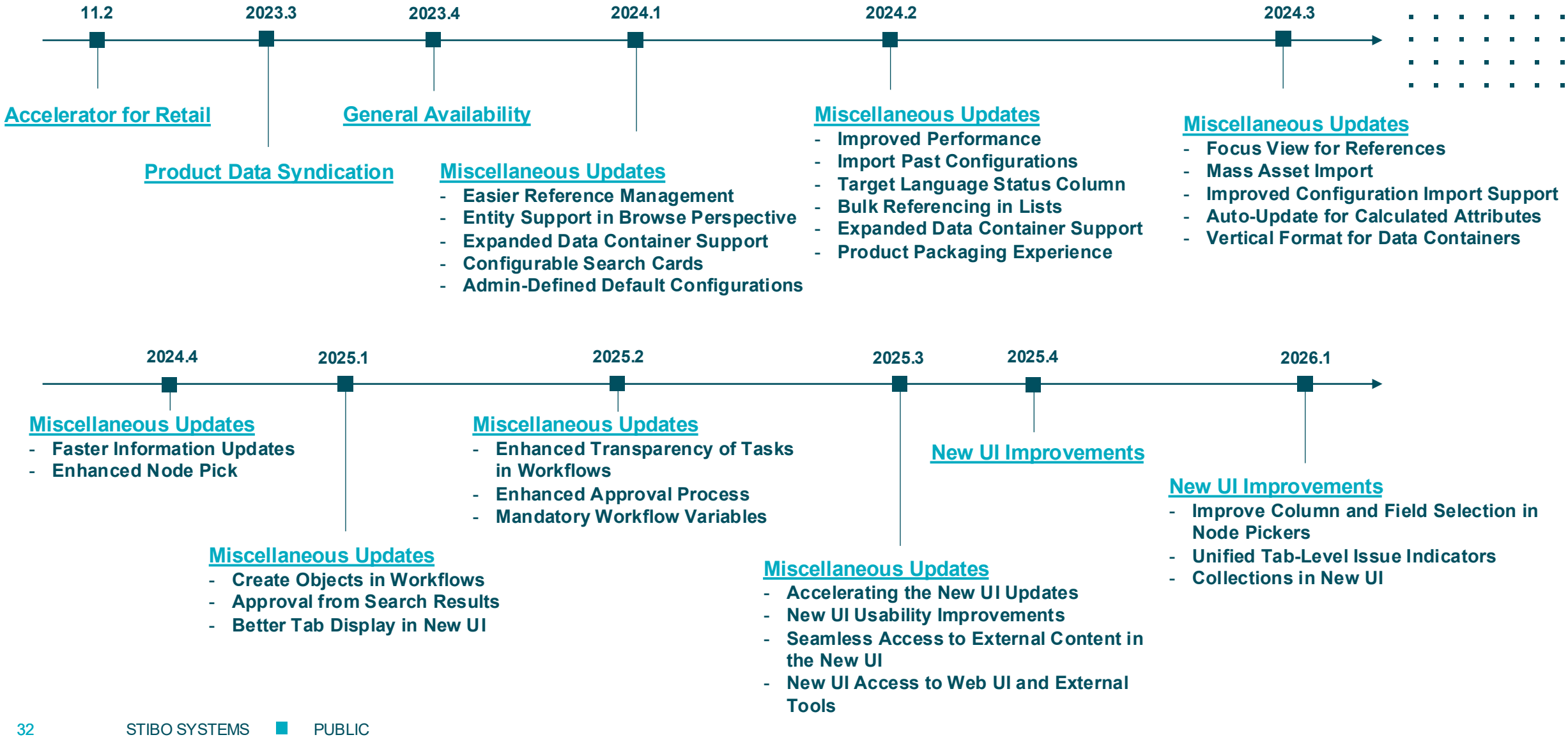
New UI Evolution



Improve Column and Field Selection in Node Pickers

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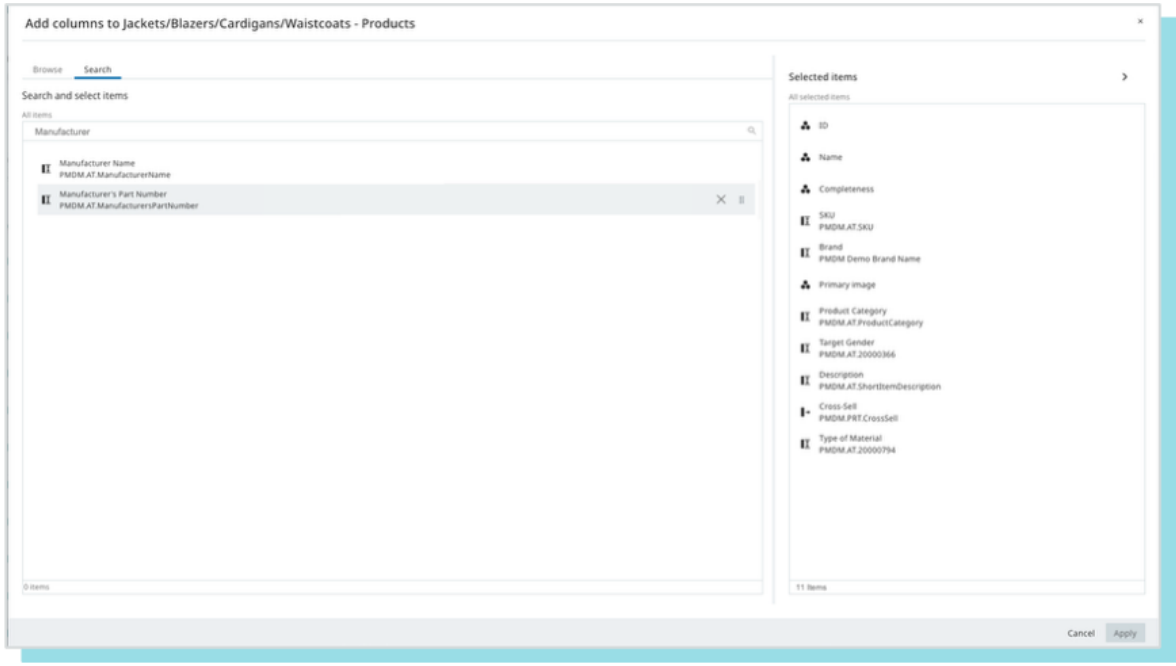
Current Situation | Content managers and administrators struggle to find the right columns, fields, and attribute groups because node pickers offer no effective search. Browsing hierarchies is slow, and identical names in typeahead make selection unreliable.

Challenge | Increasing data volume and overlapping naming make manual browsing inefficient and error-prone. Users cannot quickly identify the correct items, leading to slower configuration, inconsistent setups, and a higher risk of choosing the wrong element.

What's New | With 2026.1, a search tab is added to Customize View and all configuration node pickers, allowing to search by name and ID with clear icons. Typeahead shows both name and ID, and results respect "Show in Workbench" rules. Searches cover all relevant column and field types.

Expected Benefits | Users will quickly locate the right items without navigating deep hierarchies. Configuration will become faster, more accurate, and more consistent, especially in environments with many similar names.



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Unified Tab-Level Issue Indicators

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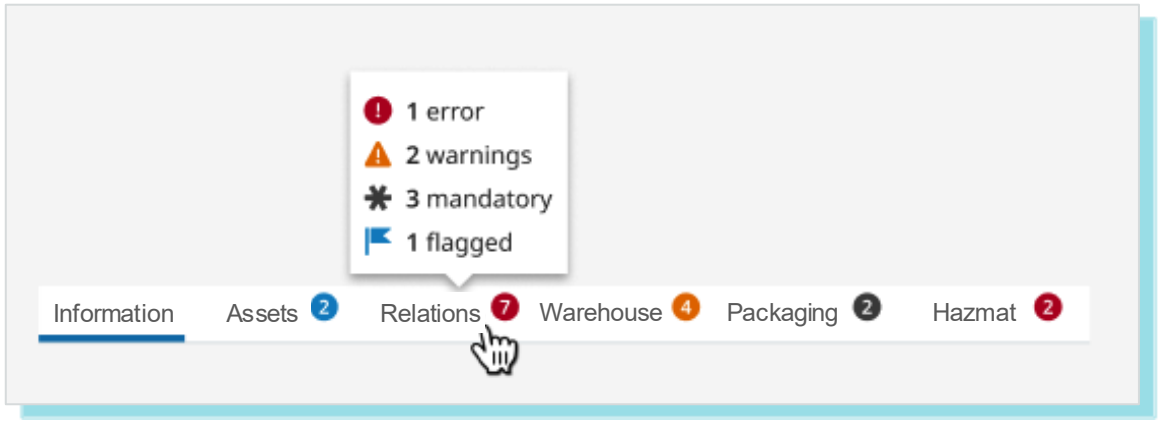
Current Situation | Users lack a clear overview of an object's data quality. Validation signals are scattered, and increasing complexity makes it hard to understand what is wrong without deep manual inspection.

Challenge | Complex structures and dynamic validation make it difficult for users to assess completeness and trust that all issues have been identified. This creates uncertainty, slows workflows, and increases the chance of missed problems.

What's New | With 2026.1, a unified indicator now presents all stored validation issues in a single counter per tab, reflecting the highest severity and updating automatically as issues are resolved. A tooltip summarizes issue types, and the indicator covers tables, reference structures, and invalid or orphaned data while excluding temporary input feedback.

Expected Benefits | Users will quickly see where issues are and how severe they are, reducing time spent searching, improving data quality, and creating a smoother, more confident workflow for complex objects.



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Collections in New UI

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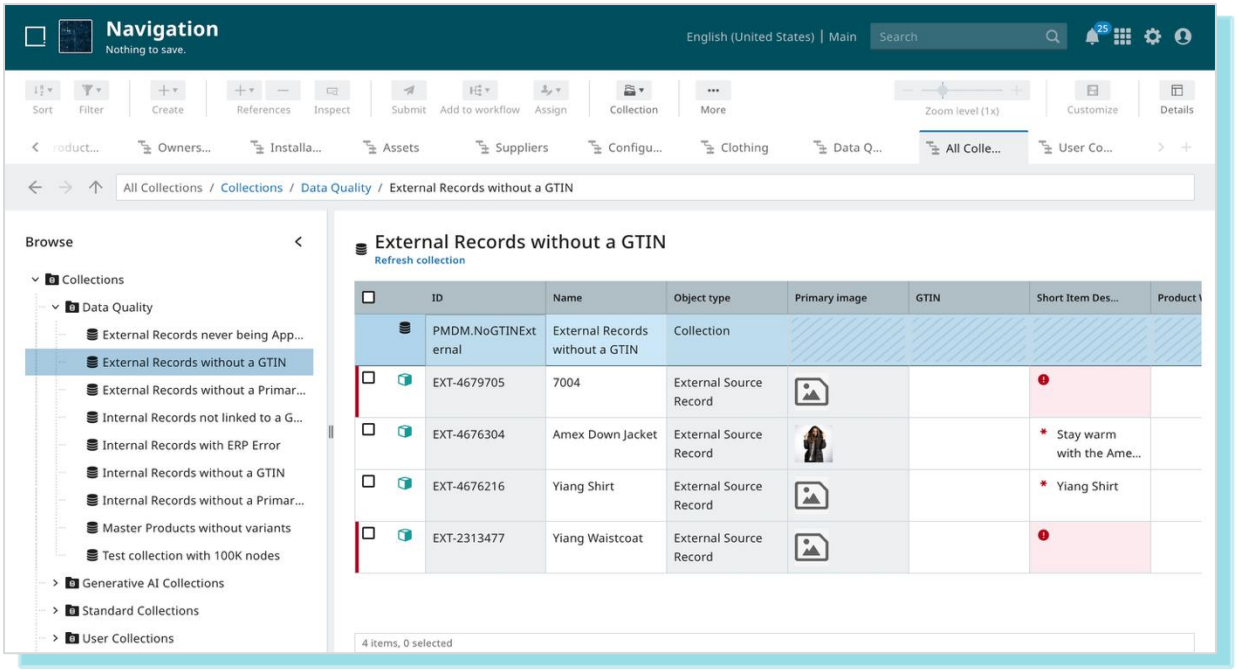
Current Situation | Users often work with massive datasets, but only need a small, relevant subset for their tasks. Today, they lack an efficient way to create, monitor, and manage collections in the New UI, leading to distractions, manual effort, and delays.

Challenge | Users struggle to stay focused and collaborate effectively without the ability to work with collections. The absence of curated data sets increases operational overhead and slows down decision-making.

What's New | With 2026.1, we are introducing Collections support in the New UI. Users are now able to browse and work with search-based collections, refresh them, and manage non-search-based collections by directly adding or removing items.

Expected Benefits | Improves focus and collaboration by allowing users to work with the most relevant data sets. It further enhances operational efficiency and accelerates decision-making across teams.



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How to Update

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First Step to Updating

Have you seen something that sparked an interest? Are you ready to update and to experience the full potential of 2026.1? Use the SaaS Self-Service UI to create an Update Preview Sandbox and/or update one of your existing environments.

⚠ **Continuous Updates**
Customers on Continuous Updates should have their production environment updated before June 12.

⚠ **On-Premises customers**
2026.1 is only available on SaaS. Reach out to your Stibo Systems representative to initiate the process to migrate your solution to SaaS and to benefit from all these improvements.

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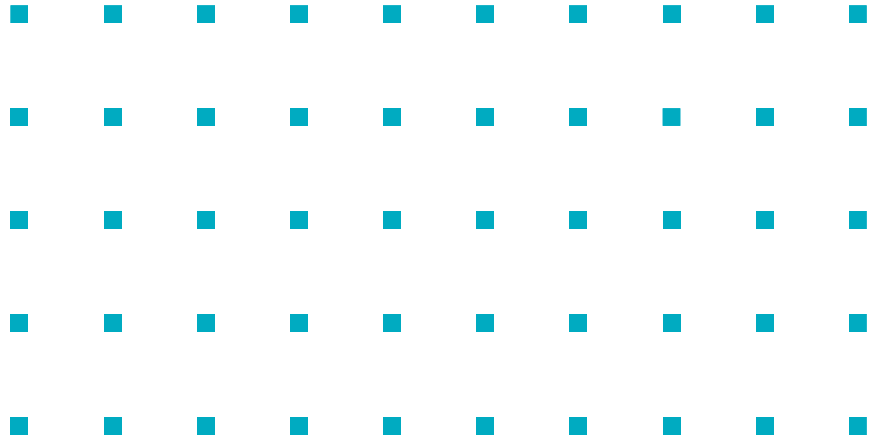

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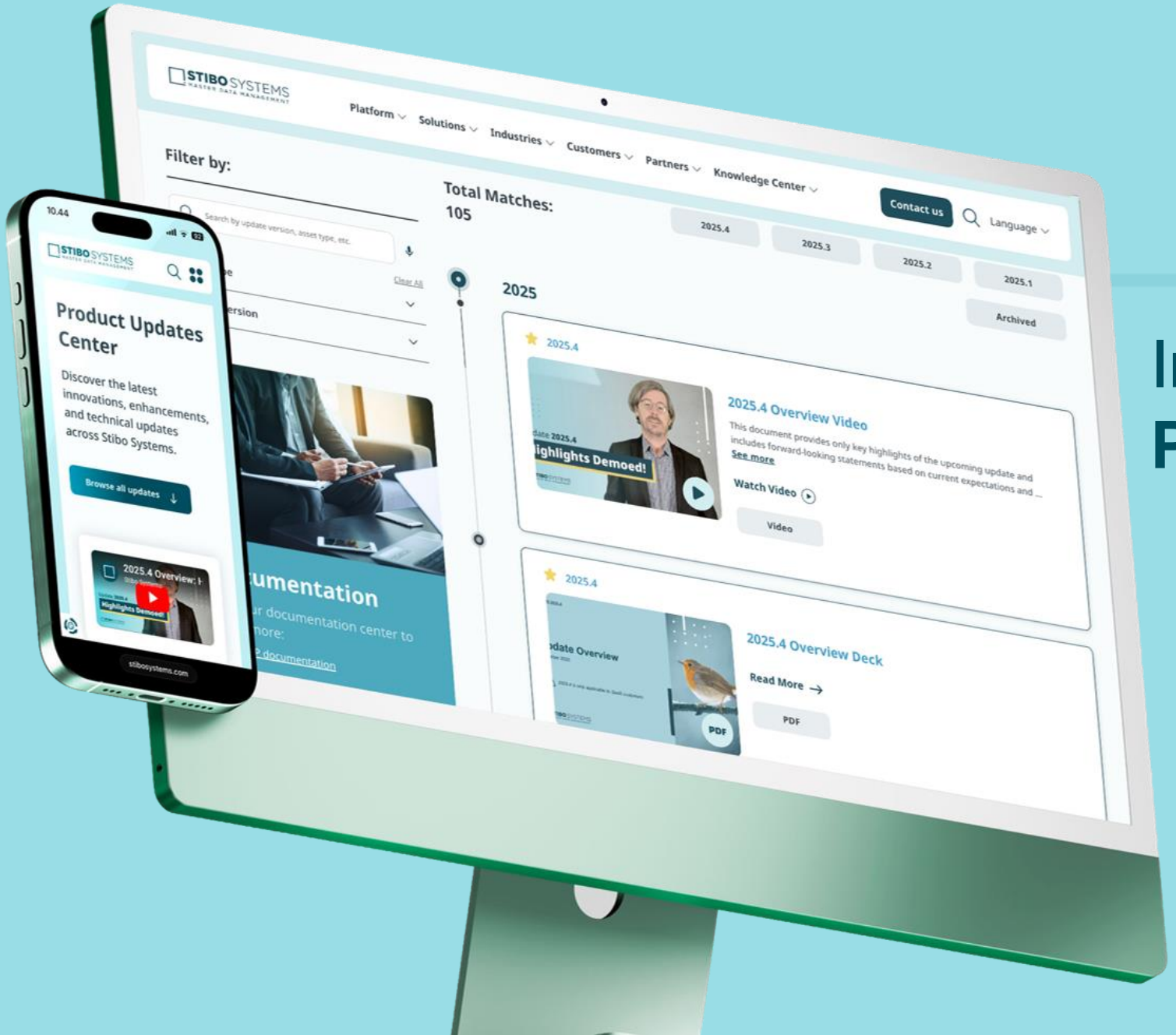

Introducing our new **Product Updates Center!**

- Easy access to updates
- Integrated into stibosystems.com
- Modern look & feel
- Scalable by design

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Help Others Build Trust in Their Data

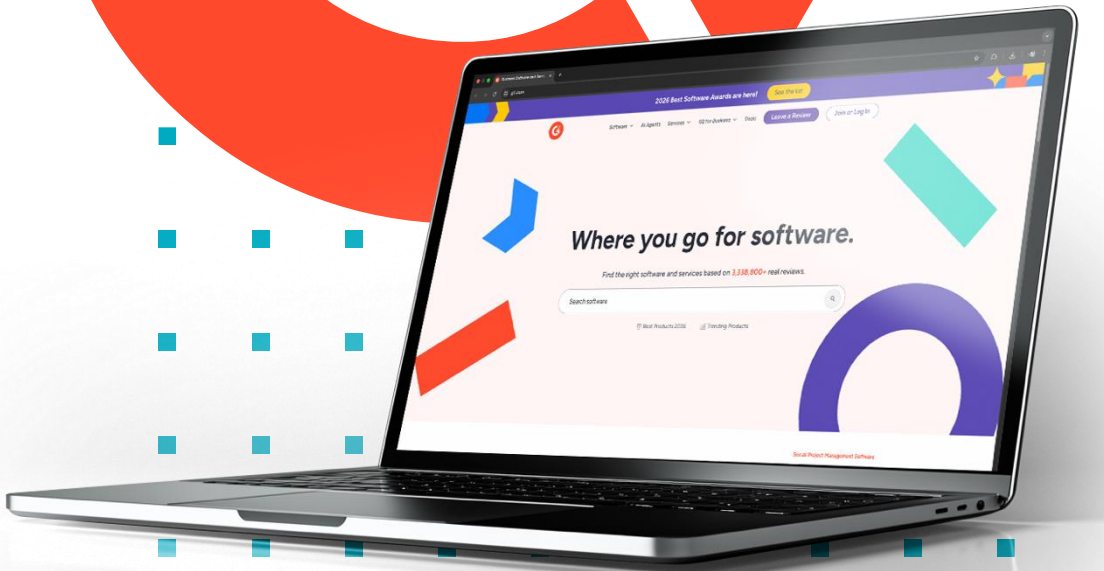
Your experience helps other organizations:

- ✓ Make informed decisions about enterprise MDM
- ✓ Understand real-world implementation and adoption
- ✓ Evaluate what works well and where improvement is needed
- ✓ Compare platforms based on practical use, not marketing claims
- ✓ Build greater transparency in the data management ecosystem

Whether your feedback is positive, neutral, or constructive, it helps future buyers and enables us to continue improving.

All verified reviews are entered into a quarterly drawing for a **$25 gift voucher**, offered equally and not tied to review sentiment!

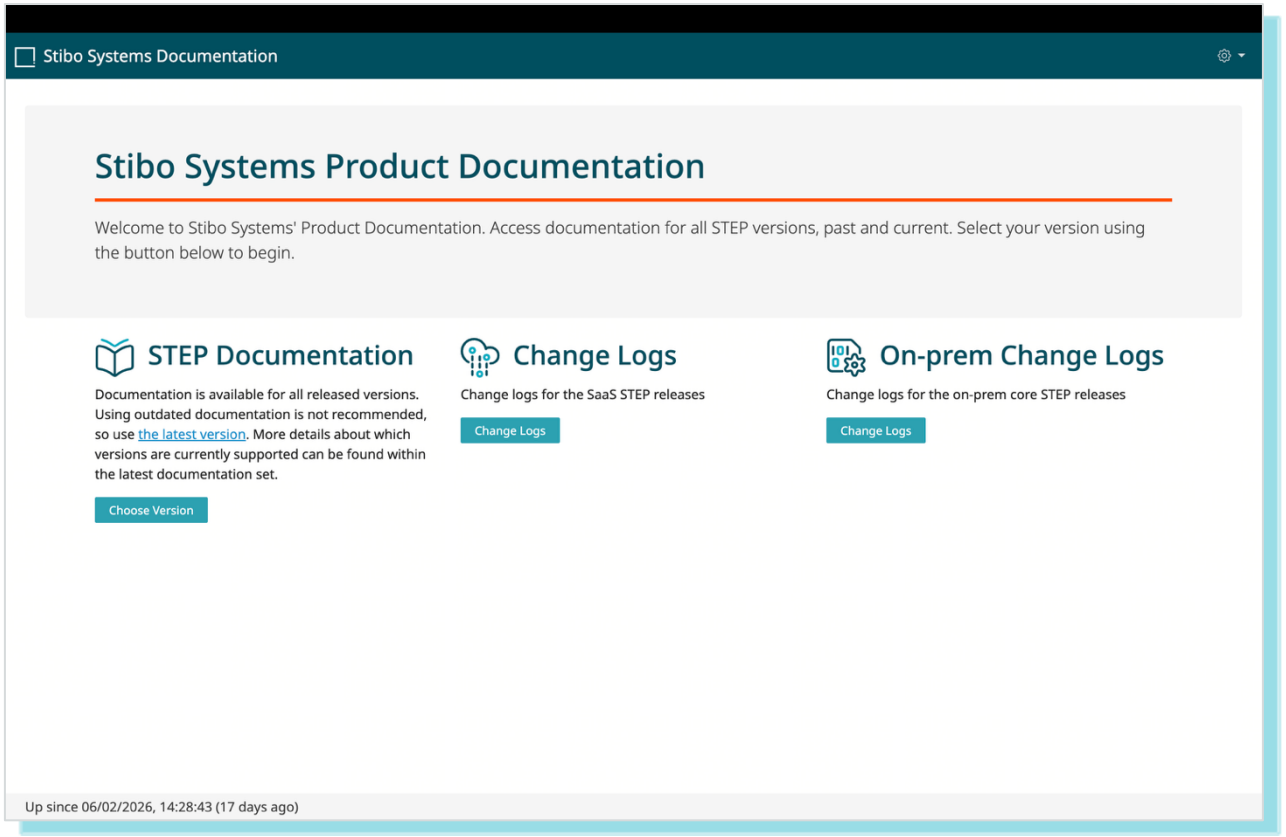
Share your experience on G2!



Product Documentation

With each new update comes updated Documentation* including

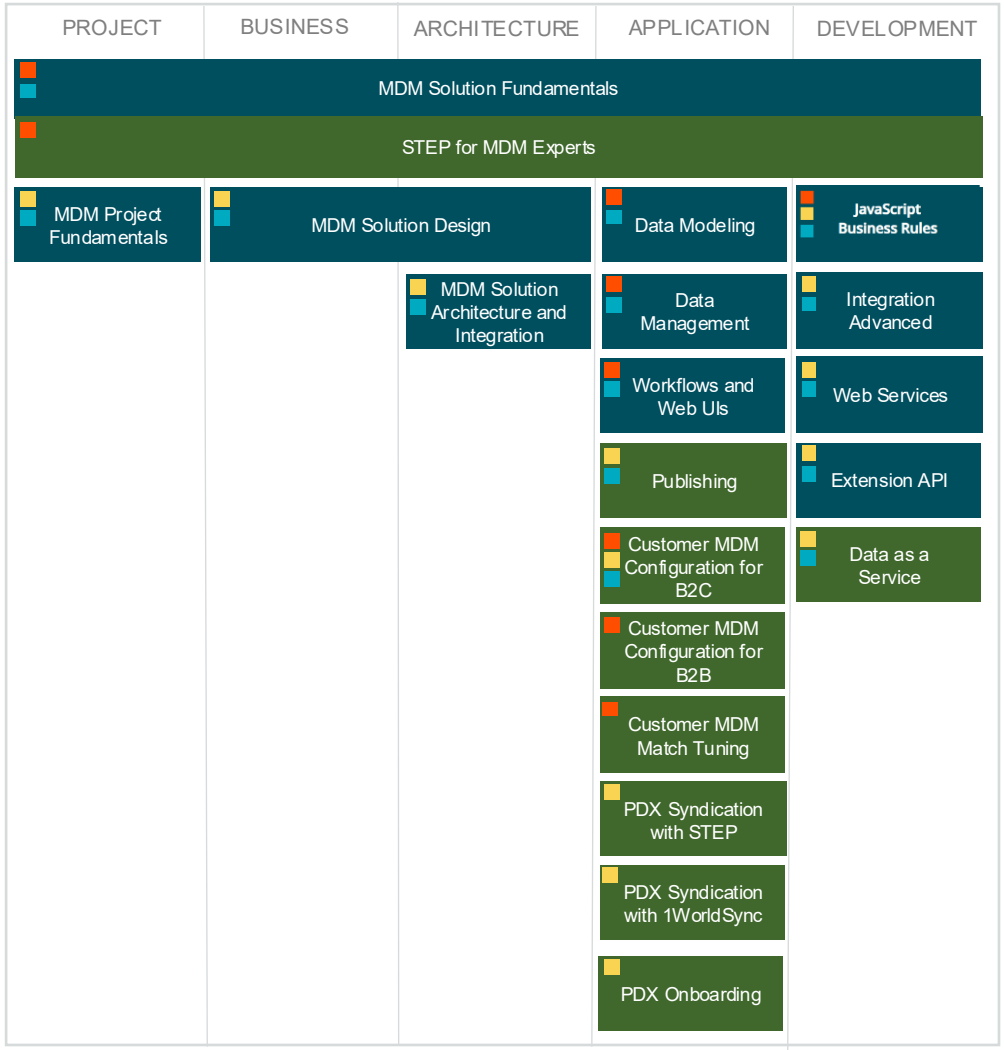
- Update Notes
- Online Help
- Enablement Topics
- Client Requirements
- STEP Update Information



*Note that with our new quarterly update cadence, we stopped Maintenance Patches, starting with 2023.3. However, ad hoc patches will be available in case of hotfixes.

MDM Academy Offerings

You want to connect and learn with Stibo Systems? Reach out to our MDM Academy!
Find below our full interactive offering (click on courses for more info), including new courses in our program:



Launched

- Self-paced online Business Rules

Next

- Sys admin course for SaaS installations
- New solution design course for Business Partner & Customer Experience Data Cloud

Later

- New UI fundamentals course
- New Business Partner & Customer Data configuration courses

Part of Track Certification
Not Part of Track Certification

Available as self-paced online course
Available as virtual classroom course
Available as a in-person classroom course

New Academy Offering!

New: 30-Minute Consultant-Led Deep-Dive Sessions!

- Book 30-minute, expert-led sessions that build directly on Academy online course content
- Deepen understanding, ask follow-up questions, and close knowledge gaps after training
- Ideal for exam preparation and reinforcing key concepts
- Short, targeted guidance designed to maximize learning value and improve exam success

Book Now!

Stibo Systems Online Communities

With the Online Partner and Customer Communities get exclusive access to a wealth of opportunities:

- Participate in peer-to-peer forums and groups
- Pose questions, provide answers and share first-hand knowledge
- Connect directly to Stibo Systems' experts to get the latest software updates
- Grow expertise by building your MDM network
- Share and vote on new ideas
- Follow update communications (download update decks, read update notes, watch update videos and more!)
- Attend Community Live webinars

Next up, 2026.2 in June 2026!

- 2026.2 – June 17
- 2026.3 – September 23
- 2026.4 – December 9

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