

NEMO Release Letter

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Summary

As of August 19, 2022, proALPHA has released NEMO version 2022-08-19.

NEMO – standing for Natural Enterprise Management Optimizer – is a new breed of AaaS – Analytics-as-a-Service – offering from proALPHA. NEMO analyzes all sorts of event data. In particular NEMO analyzes business processes as performed with proALPHA ERP. The objective of NEMO is to enable better daily decisions by relating operational activities (input factors) with financial results (output factors).

NEMO 2022-08-19 features various error corrections and performance improvements. Also, various housekeeping improvements have been implemented.

Furthermore, NEMO 2022-08-19 provides new and improved capabilities triggered by customers:

- Comprehensibility improvements (NEW and IMPROVED)
- More and more precise Metrics (NEW and IMPROVED)
 - Sales
 - Dunning Rate
 - Procurement
 - Average Deviation Purchasing Confirmation Date
 - Average Deviation Confirmation Dates
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- Focus (NEW and IMPROVED)
 - NEMO Reports Infoscape (NEW)
 - Autocompletion support for searching in Value Lists (IMPROVED)

In addition, we are seeking early feedback customers for emerging new product capabilities:

- Project Management
 - After having tested it a while we are confident that customers who use the proALPHA Project Management could benefit from this capability now. Especially we seek customers who want to discuss their requirements towards new metrics with us.



Process Mining

This is a rather new facility. Process Maps can be created flexibly on the fly now.
Now before ironing out the last kinks, we'd be interested to solicit feedback from you.

Panels

This is brand-new! We are attempting to reach a new level of dashboards. Our goal is to be able to create and monitor the necessary, and not only the possible KPIs, without IT involvement and on the fly. We'd love to discuss our approach with interested customers at any point in time.

Please apply for being part of this early adopter program because the mentioned new capabilities are not directly accessible to customers.

Signature Features

Natural Performance Index (NPI)

The NPI measures and ranks the fitness of a business. High NPIs indicate a significant improvement potential which is likely to be achieved. They help the user find and decide between the available optimization opportunities and are key to the daily decision support provided by NEMO.

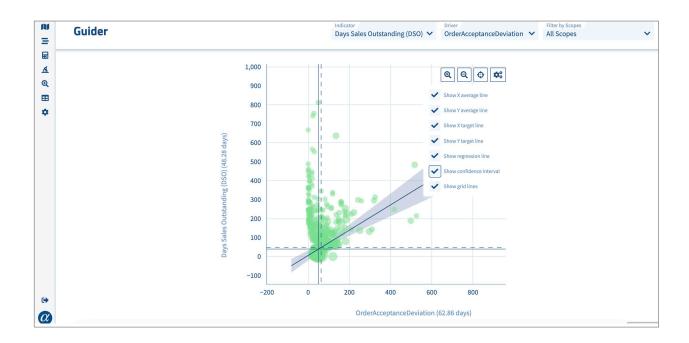
Natural Leverage Index (NLI)

The NLI measures and ranks the degree of efficiency ("Wirkungsgrad") of a certain operational measure. High NLIs indicate a significant leverage which is likely to be achieved. They help the user find and decide between the available opportunities and as such facilitate the daily decision support provided by NEMO.

Unsupervised Learning

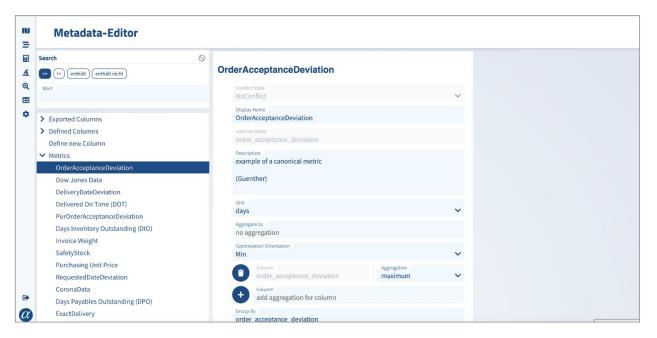
Since there is no optimum for business process optimization typical machine learning approaches don't apply. Hence NEMO leverages robust advanced statistics out of the so-called space of unsupervised learning algorithms.





Meta-data Driven

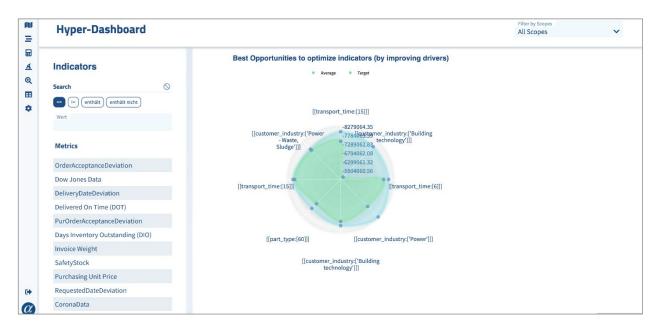
NEMO is not only data- but also metadata-driven. This means that virtually all metrics and scopes can be formed – either manually or automatically.





Hyper-Dashboard

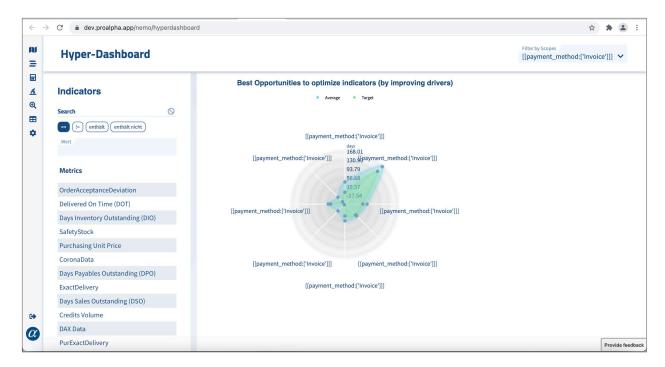
NEMO continuously ranks all business process correlations. This enables dynamic dashboards which are complementing classical dashboards.



All Details

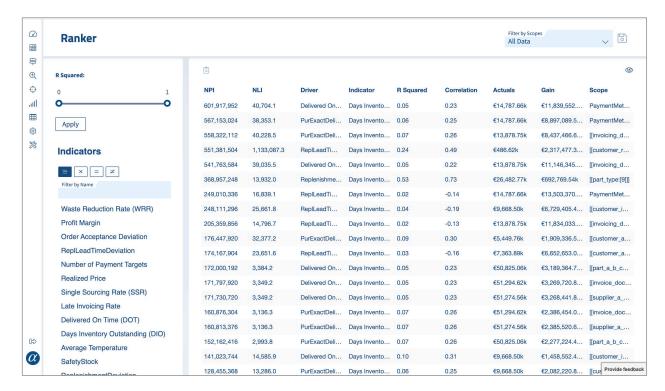
NEMO works always on details. There is no need to do any pre-aggregations at all. This means that the user can drill down to the detailed business documents at any point in time and instantaneously.

Here an example for the Payment Method Invoice. The Hyper-Dashboard provides an overview of the top measures for process improvements.

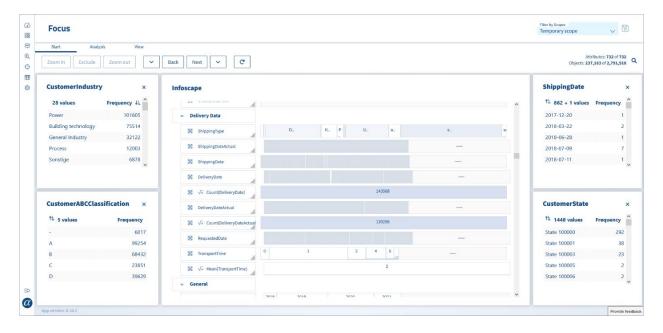




The Ranker table gives the details behind the Hyper-Dashboard.



And the Focus view gives the details behind the Ranker table. And all within seconds.



Instantly Live

NEMO doesn't need any customization. Even chart-of-account or financial calendar are not needed for NEMO to function.



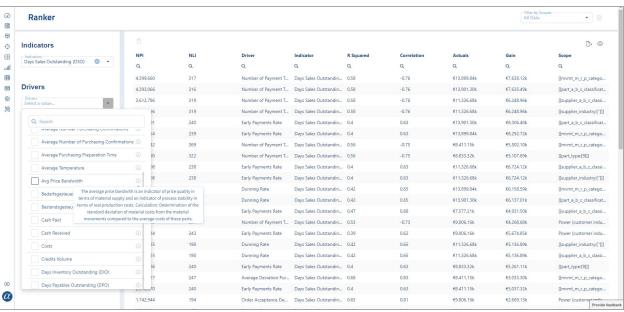
New and Changed Features

Comprehensibility improvements (NEW and IMPROVED)

The layout of all NEMO apps is much cleaner now. Also new and more up to date ui components are used e.g., searching is now available in a lot more parts of NEMO then before.

All lists are sorted alphabetically in ascending order. And tooltips in various places help understanding NEMO better.



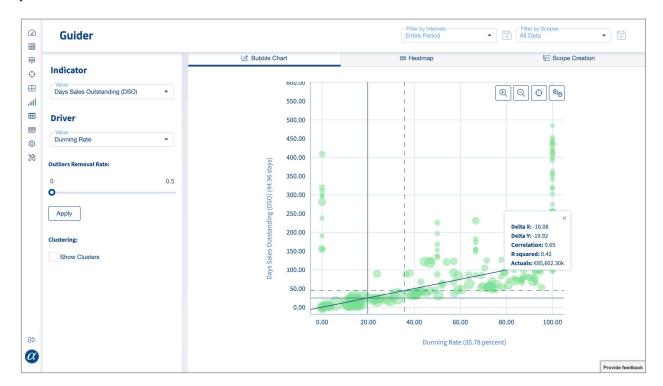




More and more precise Metrics (NEW and IMPROVED)

Dunning Rate (NEW)

Dunning is a critical process in every enterprise. But due to its sensitive nature it is hardly assessed with respect to its effect on the company performance. Hence, we enabled its qualitative and quantitative analysis with NEMO.

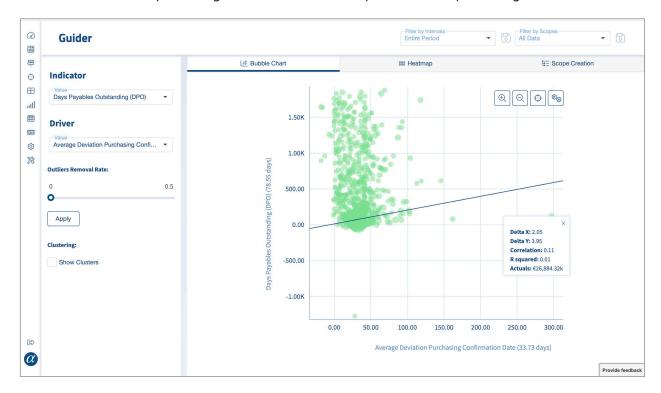


The qualitative effect on DSO is probably no surprise as such. But the quantitative effect is typically unknown today.



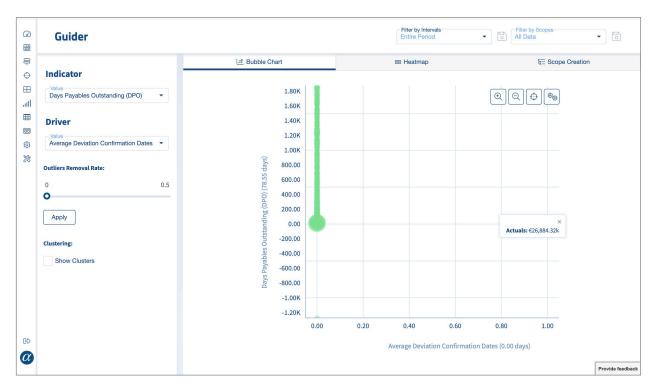
Average Deviation Purchasing Confirmation Date (NEW)

Deviation between last purchasing confirmation date to requested date in purchasing order.



Average Deviation Confirmation Dates (NEW)

Average time between first and last confirmation dates of purchasing order.



Please note that there is only little deviation in the reference data set.



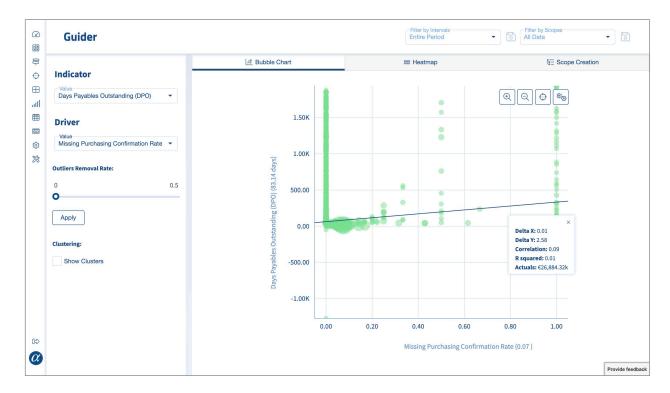
Average Purchasing Preparation Time (NEW)

Preparation time difference between requested date and creation date in purchasing order.



Missing Purchasing Confirmation Rate (NEW)

Reflects the average number of purchasing order lines without purchasing confirmations due to planning certainty. Calculation: Purchasing orders without a purchasing confirmation are determined from the process data.





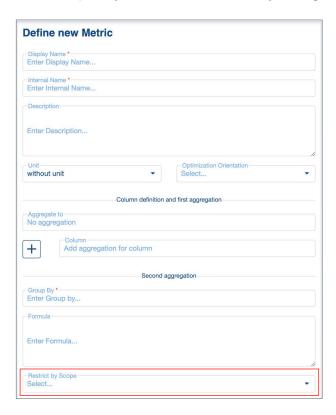
Average Number Purchasing Confirmations (NEW)

Average number of purchasing confirmations per order line.



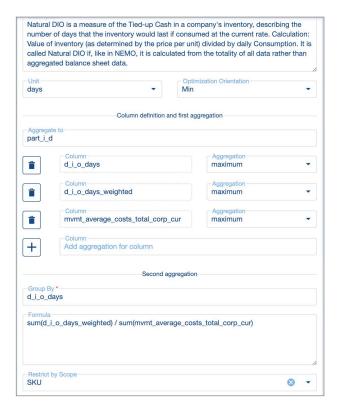
Scopes in Metrics (NEW)

In order to enable more precise metrics, we extended the implicit data restriction with an explicit restriction capability now. This is facilitated by adding a scope in the metric definition where desired.





Case in point is the amended metric DIO.

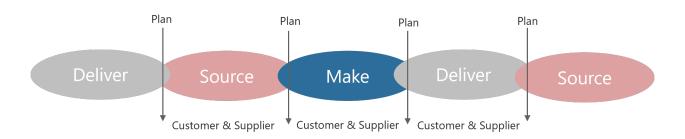


Here we restricted the evaluation of the metric to stock keeping units only. This yields more precise results, especially gain, though changing the numbers slightly in this case of DIO.

Canonical SCOR processes Scopes

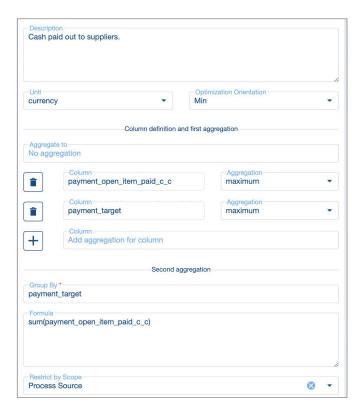
The SCOR model depicts the workings of an enterprise in a standardized manner. Example would be the supply chain.

A Supply Chain

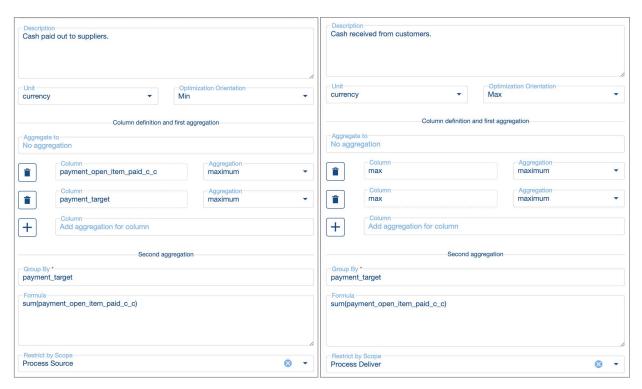




Reflecting this process structuring can be helpful in creating more precise metrics. Hence, we introduced "Process Source", "Process Make" and "Process Deliver" as standard scopes.



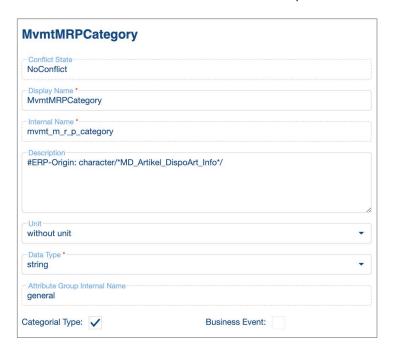
We made use of some of these new standard scopes to make the metrics Cash Paid and Cash Received more precise.





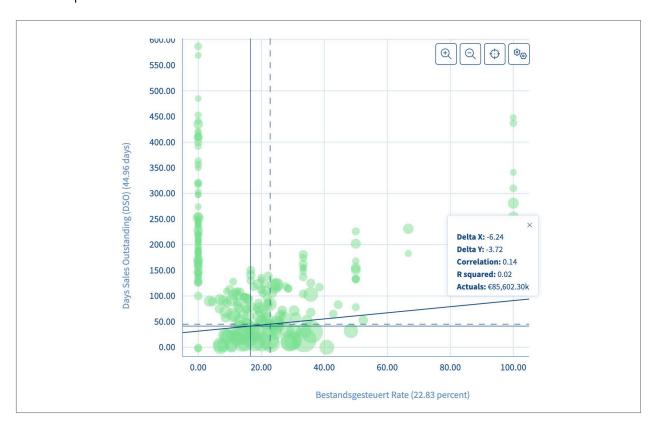
Auto crawling of MvmtMRPCategory (NEW)

Based on customer feedback we enabled the exported column McmtMRPCategory for auto crawling.

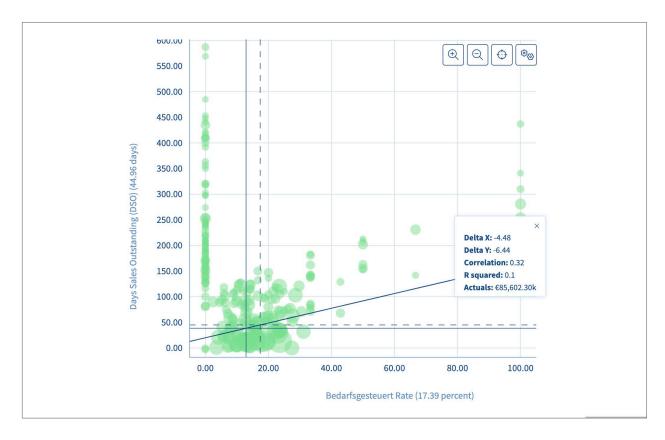


This way new maybe custom-specific metrics can be derived leveraging the ranker results.

Two examples would be:



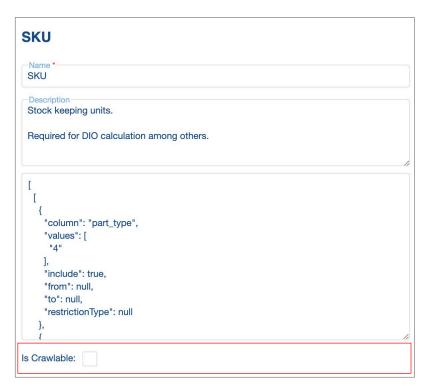




Such metrics might come in quite handy for dealing with the currently brittle supply chain conditions.

Scope "Is Crawlable" Flag (NEW)

Only if the "Is Crawlable" flag is set on (check mark set) in the scope definition this scope will be crawled. Otherwise, it will be ignored by the crawler.



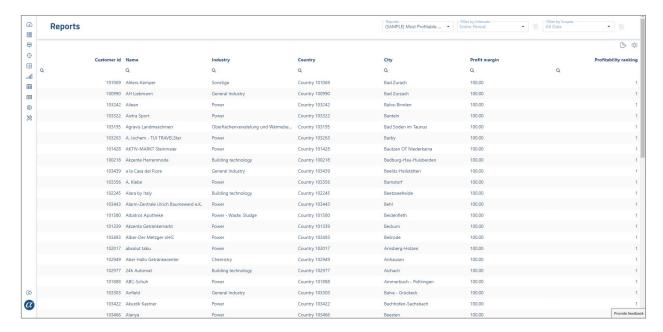


The scope SKU will not be crawled with this setting of the "Is Crawlable" flag.

Reports (NEW and IMPROVED)

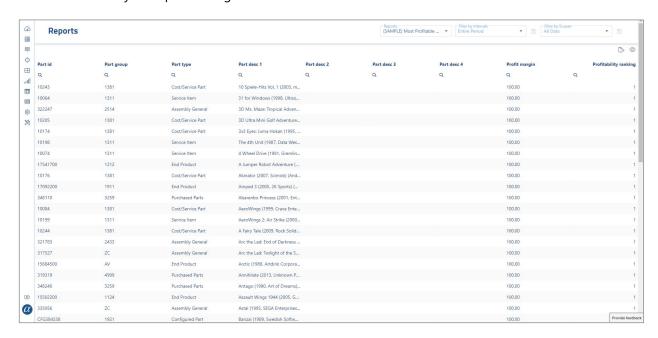
(SAMPLE) Most Profitable Customers (NEW)

Customers are ranked by their profit margin.



(SAMPLE) Most Profitable Parts (NEW)

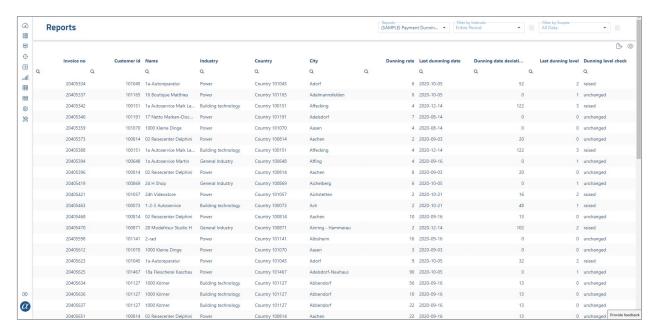
Parts are ranked by their profit margin.





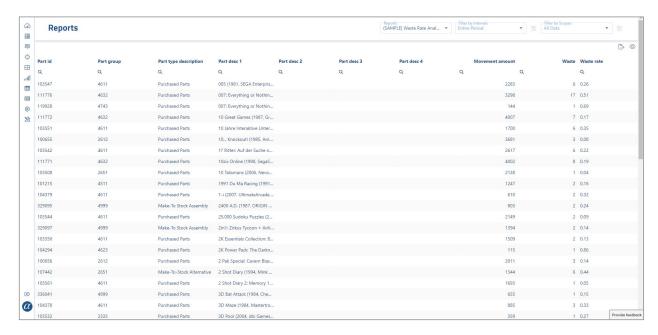
(SAMPLE) Payment Dunning Analysis (NEW)

The main purpose of this report is to display information about specific customers who have experienced payment dunning.



(SAMPLE) Waste Rate Analysis (NEW)

This report contains some parts with a high percentage of waste. Therefore, the main purpose of this report is to inform the customer which part IDs need more attention.





(SAMPLE) Customer ABC Classification (IMPROVED)

An error in Profit Margin calculation has been fixed.

(SAMPLE) Operating Cash Flow (IMPROVED)

There was a discrepancy between the definition of metrics (cash paid and cash received) and key figures in reports. The way the key figures are calculated has been adjusted and now the values are consistent.

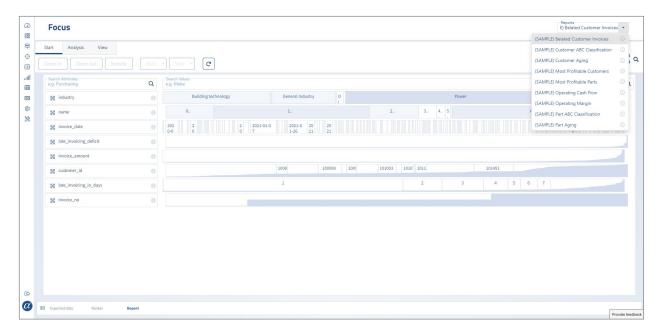
(SAMPLE) Replenishment Time Analysis (IMPROVED)

The Replenishment time analysis has been simplified. Previous versions of reports had problems with too many columns and complex calculations making them difficult to read. Therefore, we redesigned the report by selecting only the practical columns.

Focus (NEW and IMPROVED)

NEMO Reports Infoscape (NEW)

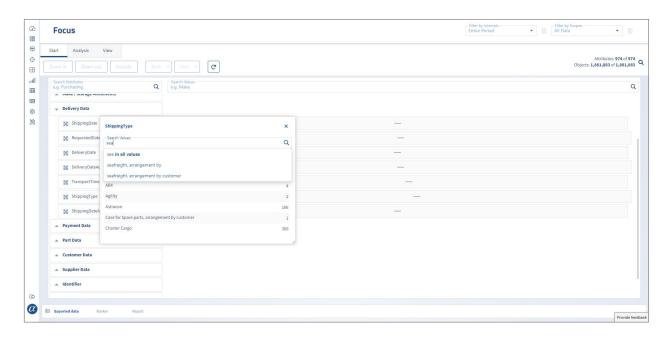
In addition to the Default Infoscape NEMO Reports data can now be analyzed with Focus as well.



Searching in Value Lists (IMPROVED)

Searching in Value Lists now supports autocompletion.





Compatibility and Limitations

Compatibility

NEMO is compatible with all ERP releases from 6.1 onwards.

Functional Limitations

Following functionality is restricted as of now:

- WRR doesn't comprise production waste yet.
- Updating of Reports is not supported yet.
- Calculations of Driver and Indicators are not based on Intervals yet.

Component Status

- Project Management support is only available as beta currently.
- Qlik integration doesn't function yet.

Known Issues

None



Documentation

Apart from this Release Letter, the following documentation is available from pAWorld (https://paworld.proalpha.com/display/RN/Knowledge).

- NEMO Glossary 2022-06-24 (no update)
- NEMO Data Structure 2022-05-13 (no update)
- NEMO Formula Syntax 2022-07-22 (no update)

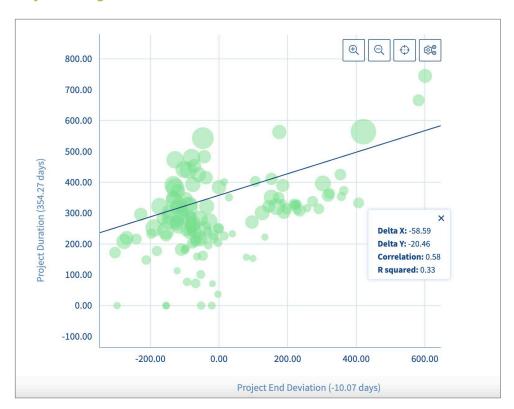
Availability

All customer environments as well as DEMO have been updated already.

Early Adopter Program

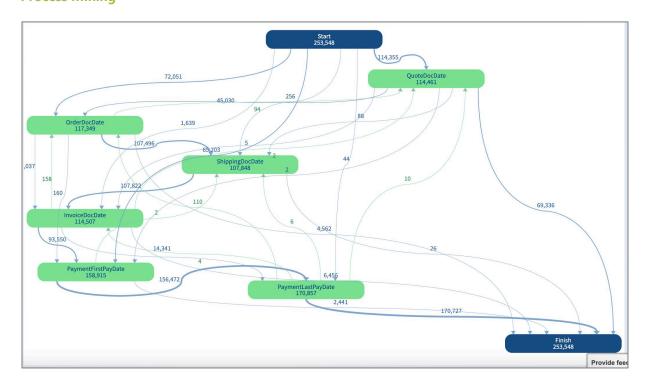
Here a sneak preview of our new emerging capabilities.

Project Management





Process Mining



Panels

