



# **Application Portfolio Management - Rationalizing Applications**

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Today's agenda

Setting up your application portfolio

Identification of elimination candidates

Managing the application rationalization process

### The need to manage Application Portfolios increases with company size





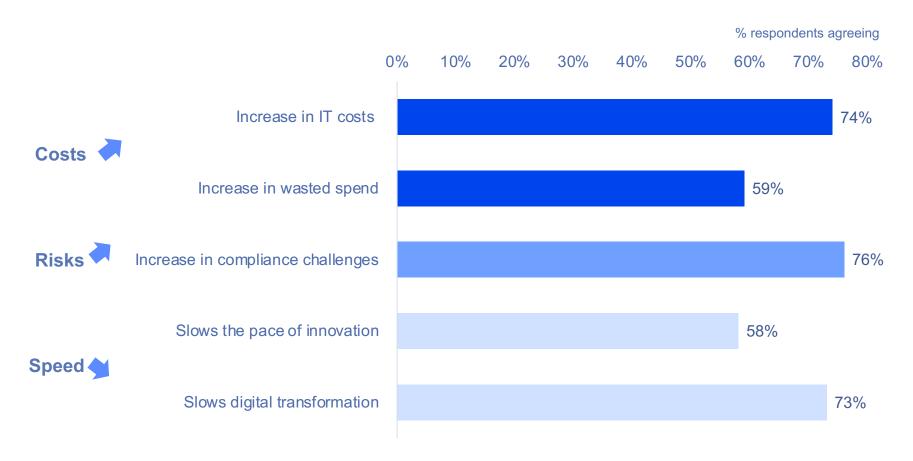
#### REVENUE VS. SIZE OF APPLICATION PORTFOLIO



#### Unmanaged IT Complexity has a major impact (>> LeanIX on key IT success factors





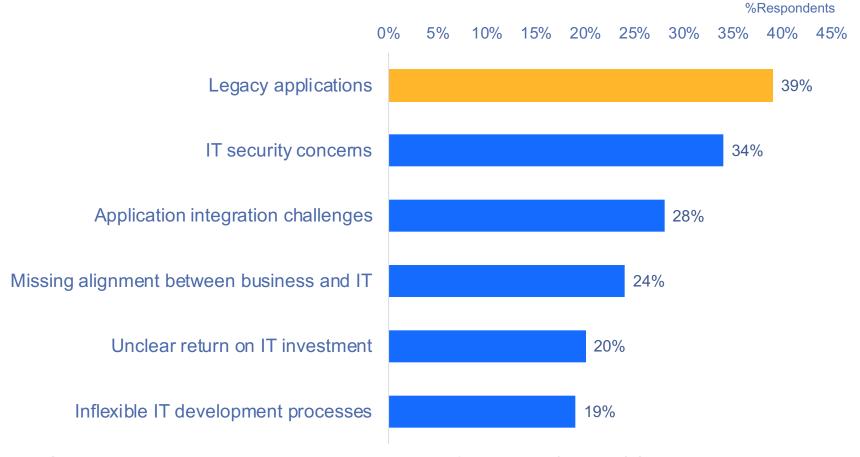


Question: Which of the following do you see as a consequence of unmanaged IT Complexity? Select for each whether you agree or disagree.

### Legacy applications are a main blocker for digital transformation







**Question**: Which are major obstacles to your organization's digital transformation? Select all that apply.

Source: LeanIX EA Insights Study, 2019



# Companies without established Application Portfolio Management ...

... buy Applications to **solve urgent problems** (not following IT strategy)

... run and pay for

- multiple similar Applications completing the same tasks
- Applications that are unstable or are no longer used
- outdated Applications that have never been uninstalled

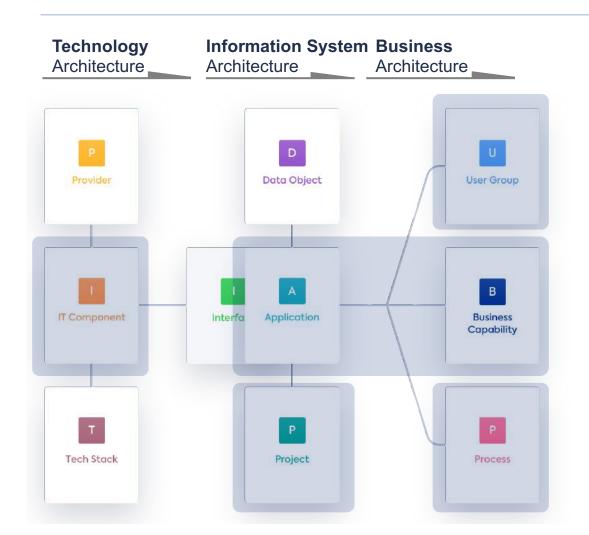
... are vulnerable to compliance and security breaches

## Generating business value from Application Portfolio Management in 4 steps





#### **Fact Sheets in Scope**



#### **Best Practice steps in LeanIX**

- 1 Establish a lean business capability model
- Adapt the best-practice application definition to your needs with clear separation from IT components
- 3 Collaboratively evaluate functional fit and technical fit of your applications
- Manage rationalization process and prove business value

### 1 Establish a lean business capability model ( Lean IX based on proven best practices









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Bundle Order

Steer Order

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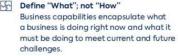








#### **BEST PRACTICES** Business capability modeling is a technique for the representation of an organization's business anchor model independent of the organization's structure, processes, people or domains Don't overlap Good capabilities do not overlap; they are mutually exclusive. A good test is to check whether you can assign Level 2 capabilities without ambiguity.





#### Cross-organizational Don't focus too much on business units Capabilities should remain the same and

be independent of the current structure of the organization.

7 to 10 capabilities in top level The highest level capabilities should be a complete description of your business. Aim to make your categories reflect key aspects of what the business actually does.

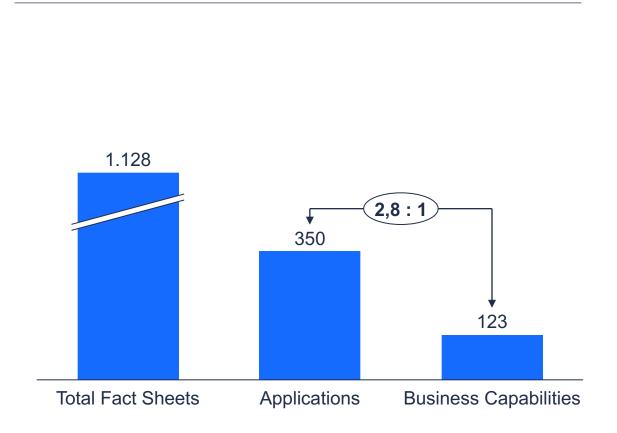
- Best Practices for industries energy, manufacturing, and finance available
- Make sure to focus on quick results and rather than long discussions

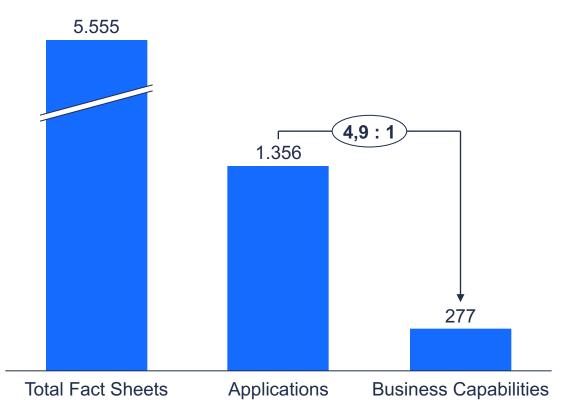
# 1 Customers in smaller editions have a higher (>) LeanIX granularity in App to BC mapping



Smart / Advanced Edition (Ø # of Fact Sheets)

**Prof / Ultimate Edition (Ø # of Fact Sheets)** 

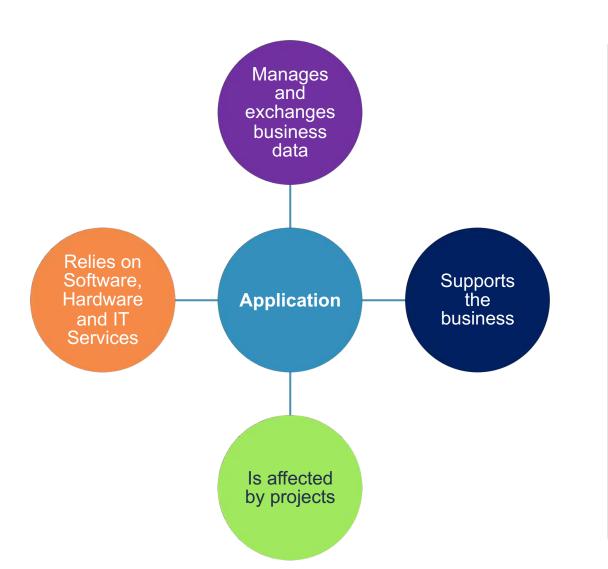




#### 2 Establish an Application definition that fits your environment based on best practices





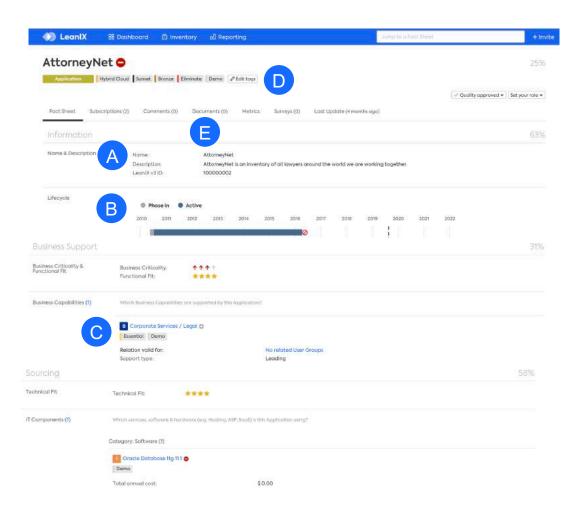


- **Business first**: The application list needs to be understandable by everyone
- Be realistic: If an XLS or a Sharepoint application is supporting your business, it's likely an application
- Keep it simple: Use hierarchies only when really needed. Don't be shy to leave out modules or other details at least for the start

### **2** Focus on the most important Application attributes at the start





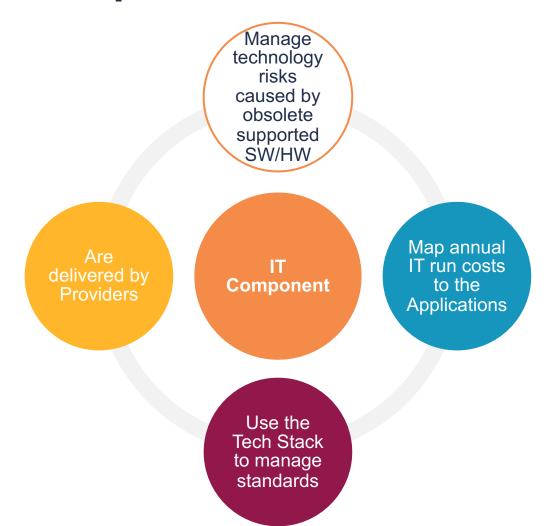


- Assign application name & description for easy identification
- B Set basic **lifecycle** information
- Assign applications to business capabilities
- Add your most important application attributes (e.g. Hosting, TIME, PII) as tag groups
- Define major **responsibilities** (e.g. Application Owner) as base for further data collection & maintenance

# 2 Keep the right granularity for IT Components







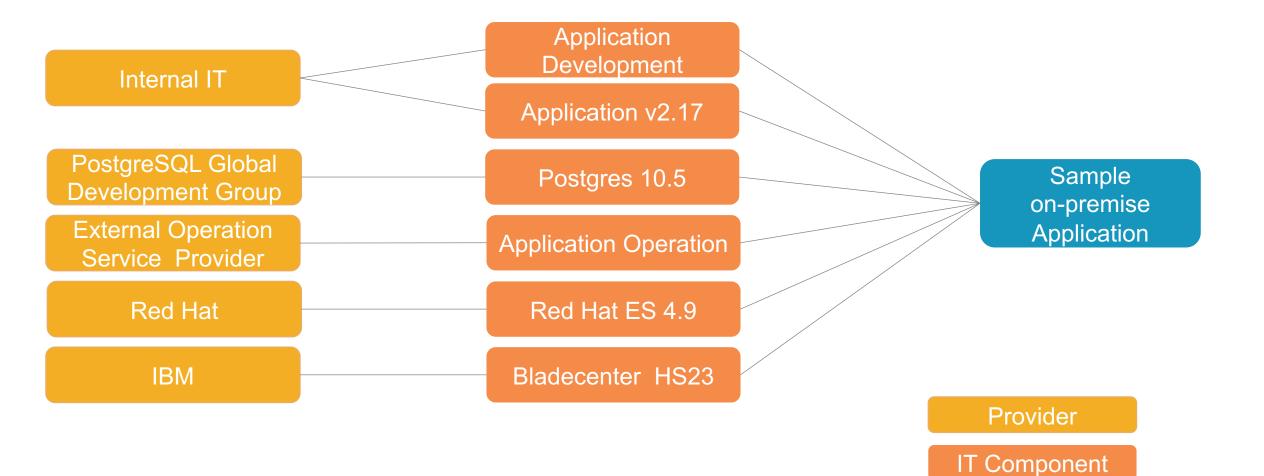
- Use-Case first: It's easy to get lost in details only maintain in LeanIX what creates value
- LeanIX is no CMDB: As rule of thumb, it is mostly recommended to work with abstraction / product models, not instances
- Use relations with care: IT
  Components can be interlinked via
  "hierarchy" and "requires/required
  by", but often there is an easier way
- Build-up blueprints: Use typical settings / examples to establish a common view throughout your company

### 2 Modelling Example: On-Premise Application 🗘 LeanIX



**Application** 

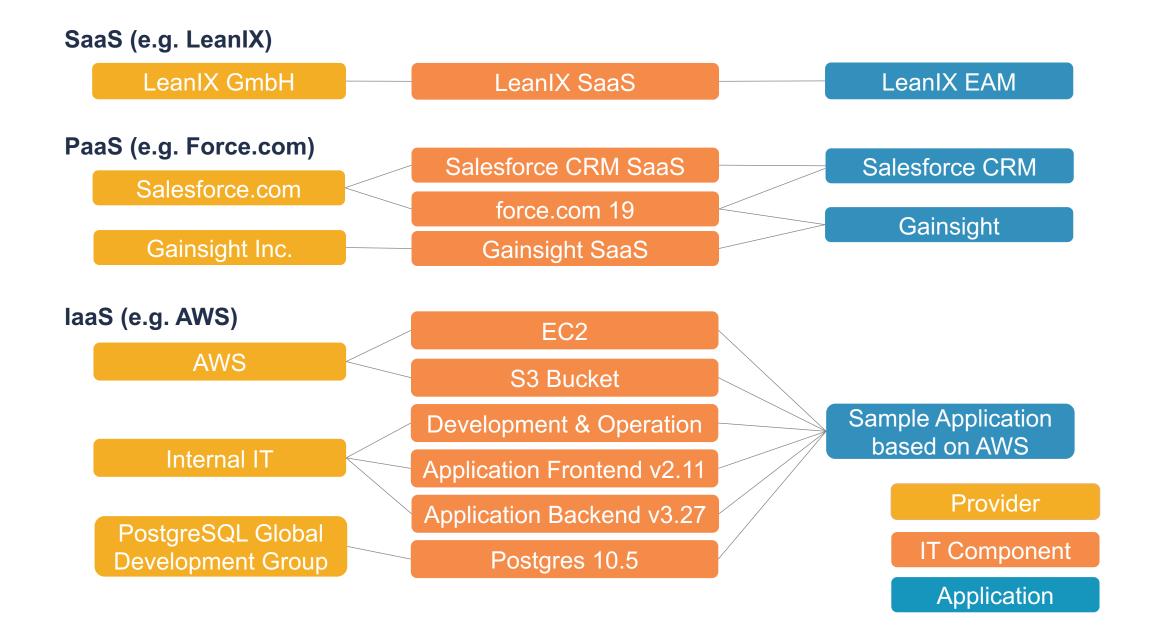




#### 2 Modelling Example: Cloud Applications



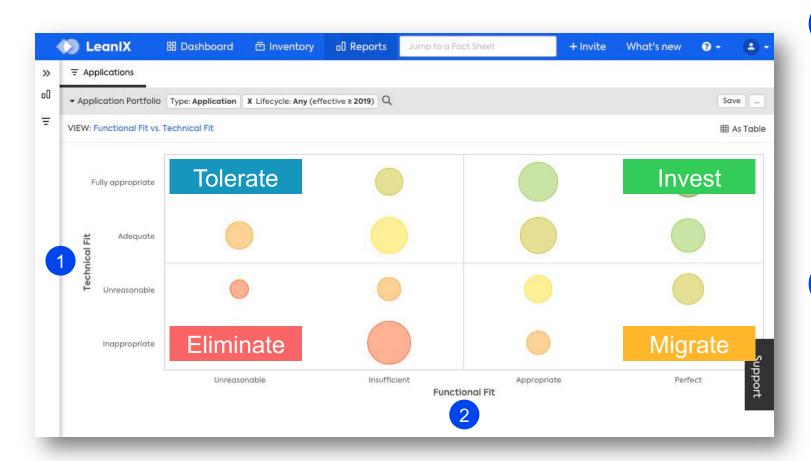




### Build your Application evaluation model – take Gartner's TIME model as a reference







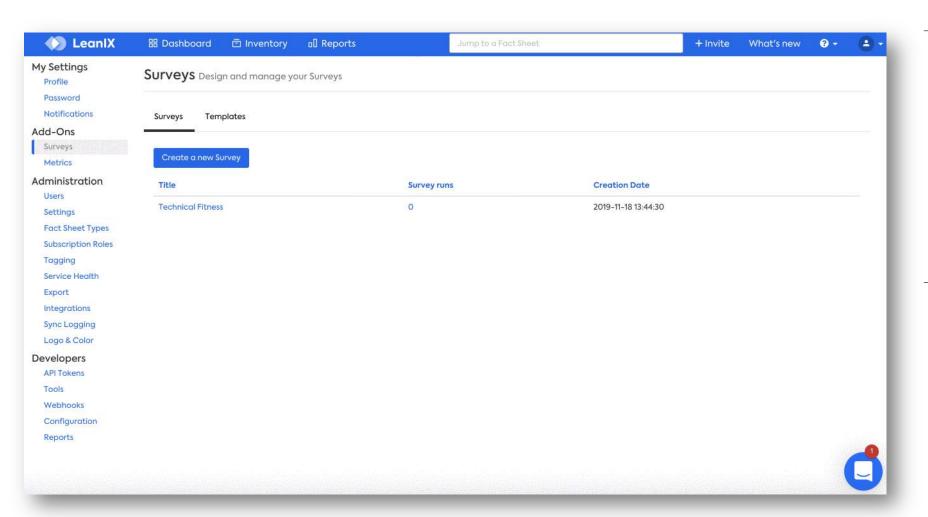
- 1 Technical Fit
  - Support for Application
  - Data Quality
  - Source Code Quality / Availability
  - Reliability / Security
  - Response Time / Ease of Change
  - Technology
- 2 Functional Fit / Business Value
  - Business need fulfillment
  - Support of operational efficiency
  - Provision of critical function
  - Utilization
  - User Experience
  - Revenue Generation / Cost Saving

Source: Gartner. Intellinet

# Reach out to your organization for the evaluation and prepare for a regular process







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- Collaborative input for Application Evaluation
- Limited overhead for EA and Application / Business Owners
- Regular runs possible

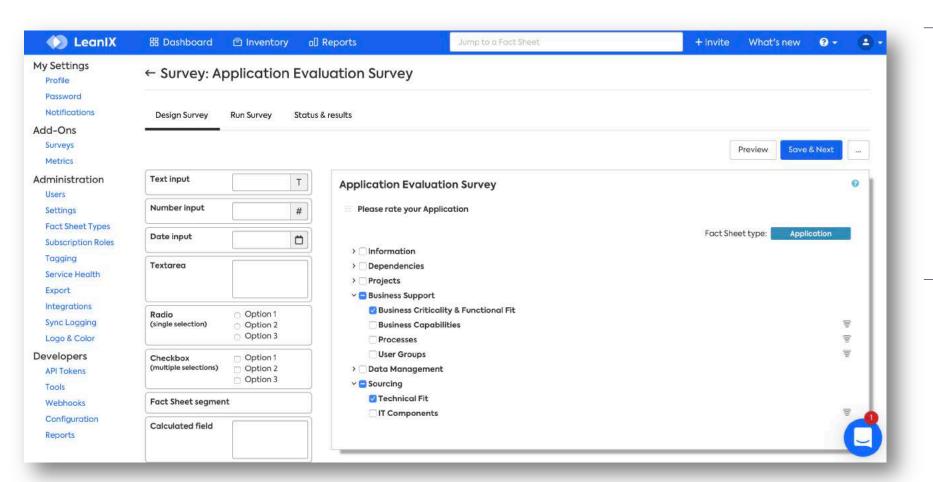
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#### 3 User receive an email notification directing 🕠 LeanIX them to the relevant





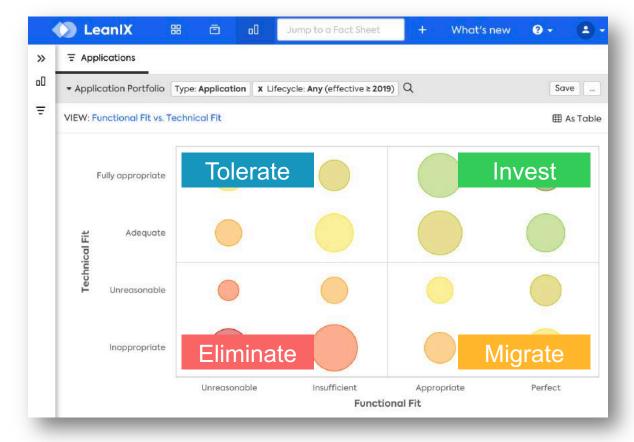
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## 3 Setup projects, adopt lifecycles and successor relations based on TIME evaluation





### Assign Tags to Application Fact Sheets according to TIME Model



#### **Implications**

Tolerate

- Setup functional enhancement projects where necessary
- Look for existing Applications / Platforms solutions which might cover business need

Invest

- Setup investment projects
- Establish Applications as Successor of Migration and Elimination candidates

Migrate

- Document "Phase Out" of Applications via Lifecycle
- Fill in Successors where possible
- Setup migration projects

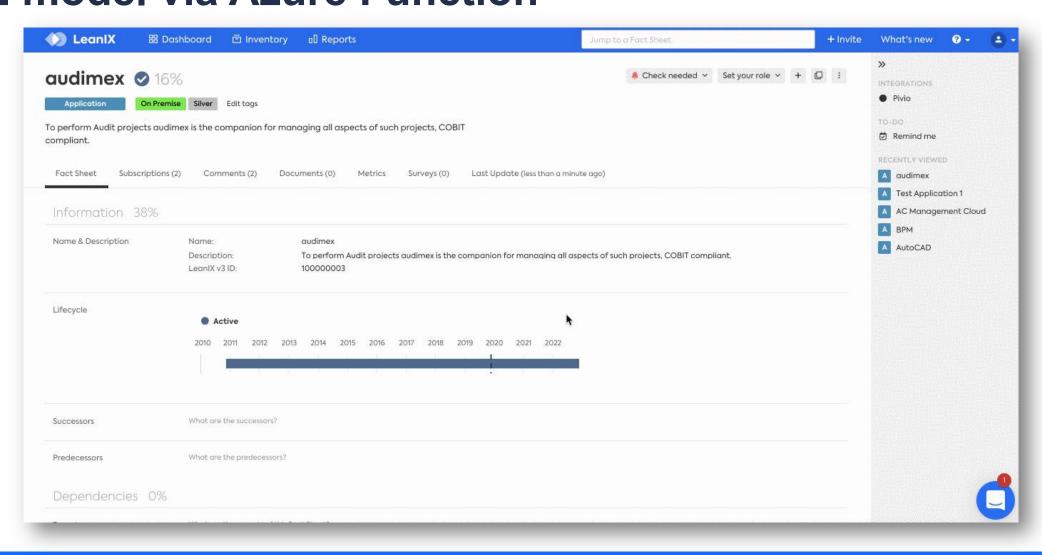
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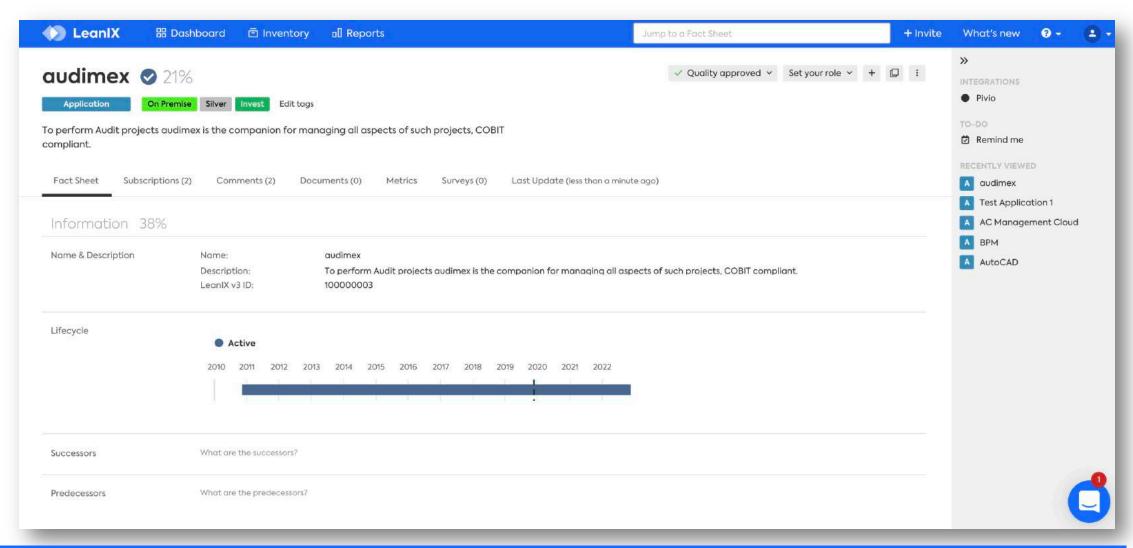




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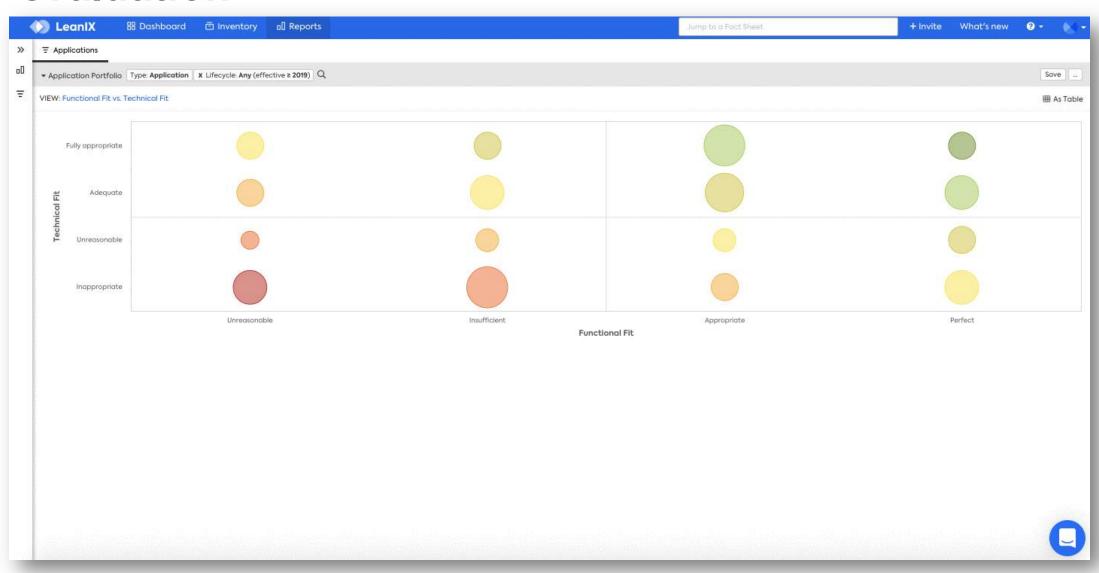




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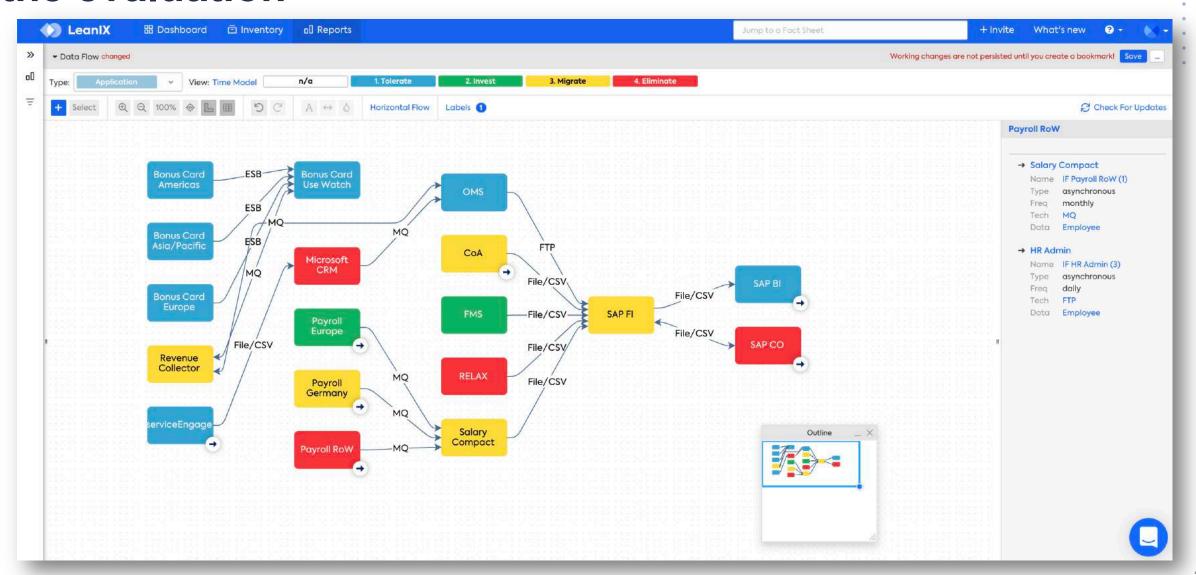




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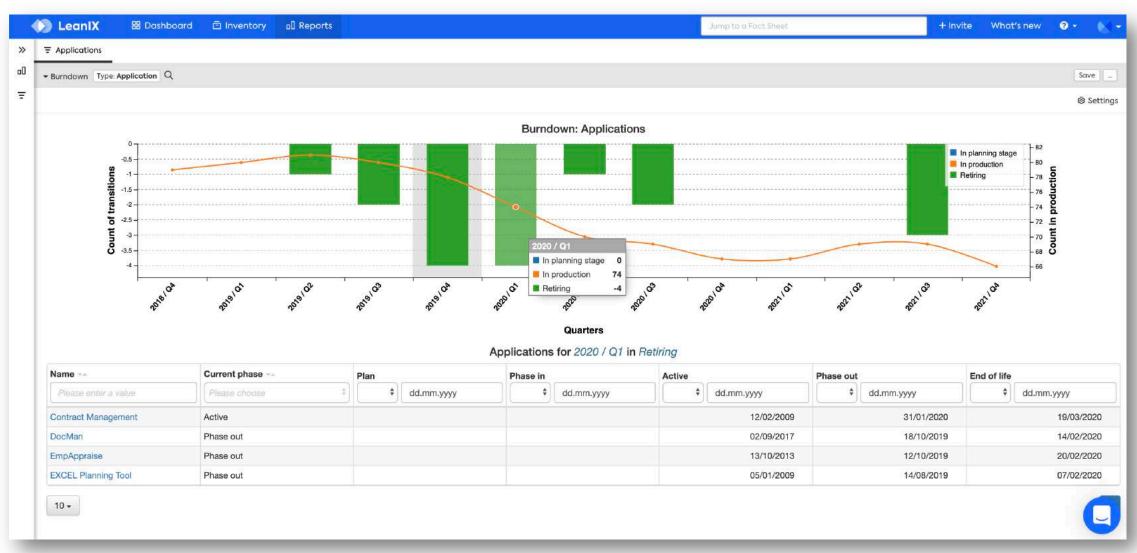




# 4 Quantitatively analyze the impact of your evaluation on the overall Application Portfolio





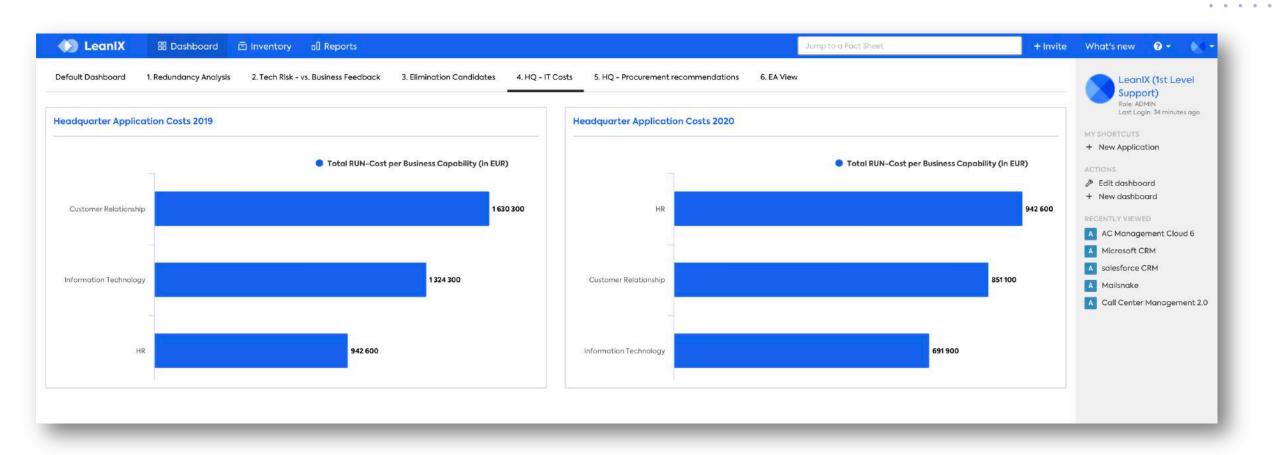


# 4 Document cost savings on business capability level





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### Summary

Application Rationalization efforts prove tangible business value

Enterprise Architectures are in the driver's seat to help their ClOs, CFOs, and CEOs realize efficiency gains while not negatively impacting the business

LeanIX fosters a collaborative and data-driven approach towards evaluating and managing the Application Portfolio

#### Thank you!





