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Mastering Increasingly Complex Integration Architecture

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Today's agenda

Setting the Integration architecture scene

How to model Interfaces in LeanIX

**Examples how to foster discussions regarding
your Integration Architecture**

The IT world will get more complex and businesses need to be fast



Number of point-to-point relations



- Landscapes are already complex: >2,000 applications (14%)
- Microservice architecture increases complexity: 29% agree



Shift to Cloud and virtualization



- Cloud architecture increases IT complexity: 59% agree
- # of cloud applications will still increase by 26% → 38%



Business transformation towards more agility and efficiency



- From Project IT to Product IT
- Continuous everything

Our customers heavily make use of LeanIX to manage their integration architecture



Total number of **interfaces** in LeanIX: **76,205**

Average number of **interfaces per customer**: **328** (Advanced: 152, Ultimate: 611)

Highest number of interfaces of one customer: **7,981**

Average ratio of **applications to interfaces**: **2:0.8**

Fewest unique log-ins per 1 view of the **interface circle map**: **0.9**

Fewest unique log-ins per 1 view of the **data flow**: **1.2**

LeanIX helps you to answer the pressing questions around Integration Architecture

Stakeholder questions



CIO

- How are our applications interconnected?
- What prevents us from phasing out applications?
- Are certain applications a point of failure due to their high number of interfaces?



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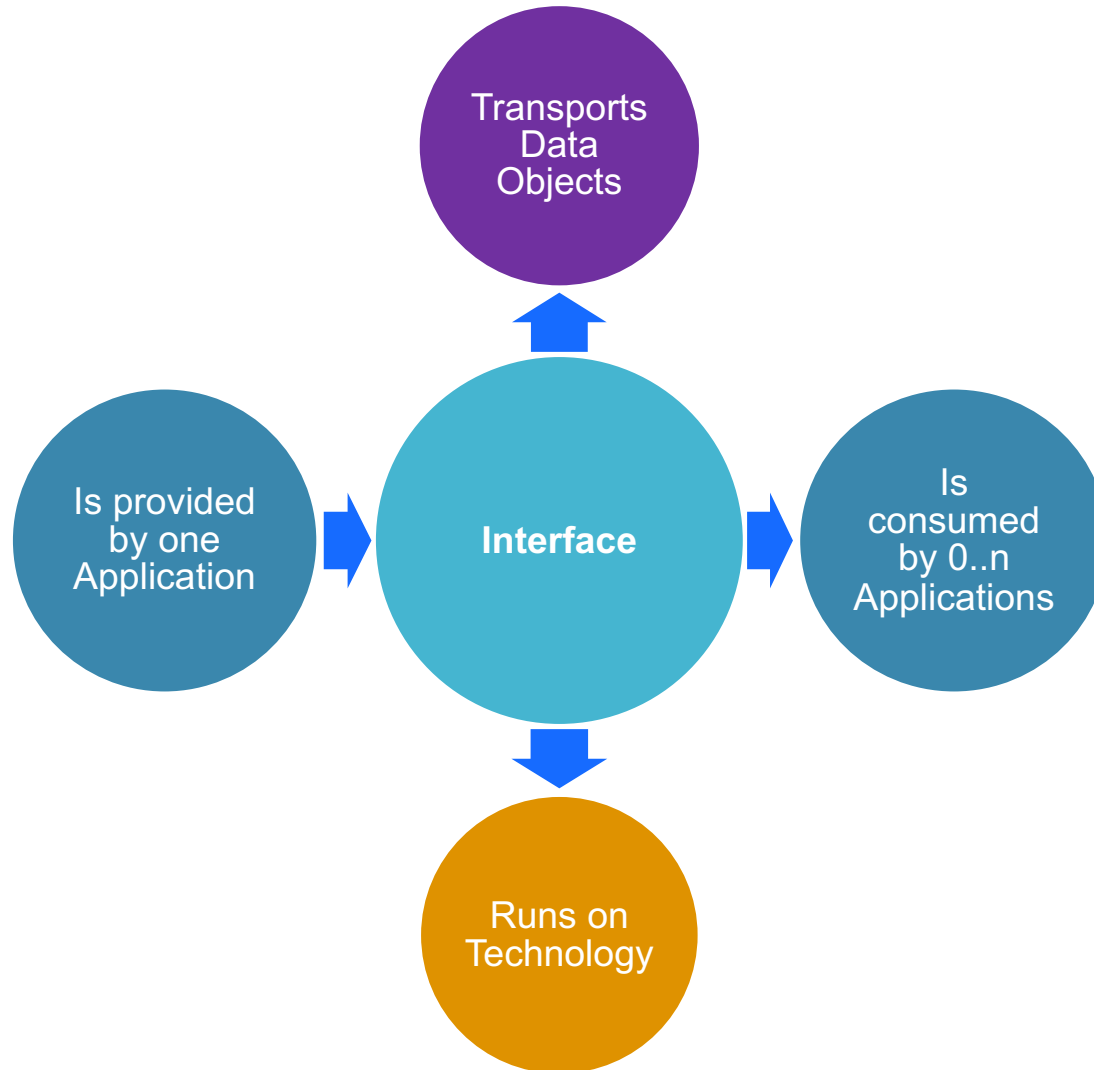
- How critical are the applications in my data flow?
- Which applications handle critical / personal data?
- How does my current interface landscape compare to my future state?



IT Delivery

- How are applications interacting with each other and how often?
- Is the data flow compromised by outdated applications or technologies?
- How reliable are my integrations?

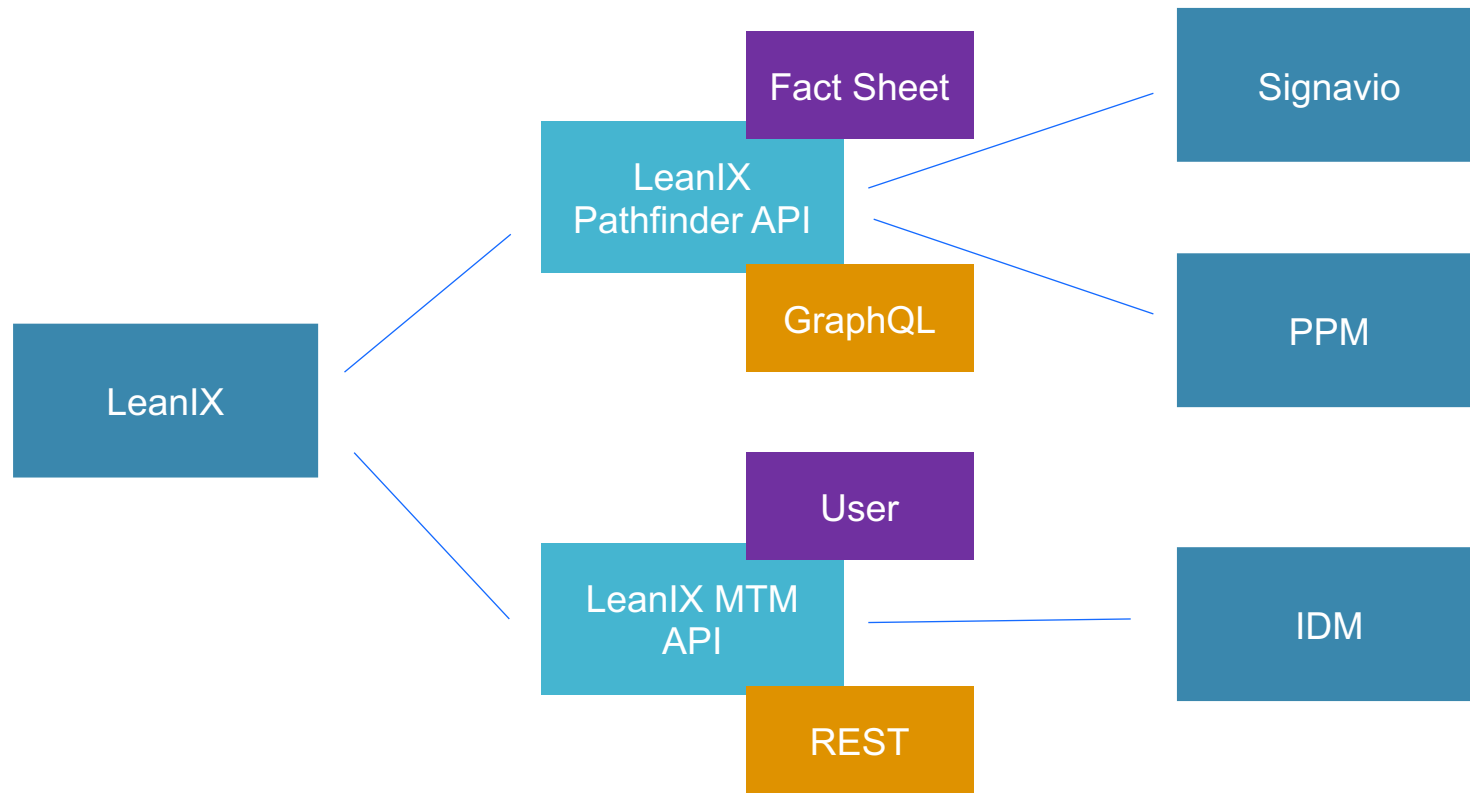
With a business-driven view on interfaces LeanIX enables data-driven impact analysis



LeanIX guidance:

- **Business first:** Start with top-level view, only drill-down where this creates value
- **End-to-end data flow:** In most cases, use e.g. middleware as technology to focus on end-to-end data flow
- **Define Ownership:** Providing Application “owns” the interface (e.g. offers the API)
- **Use attributes:** Data Flow Direction, Frequency and other aspects can be added easily

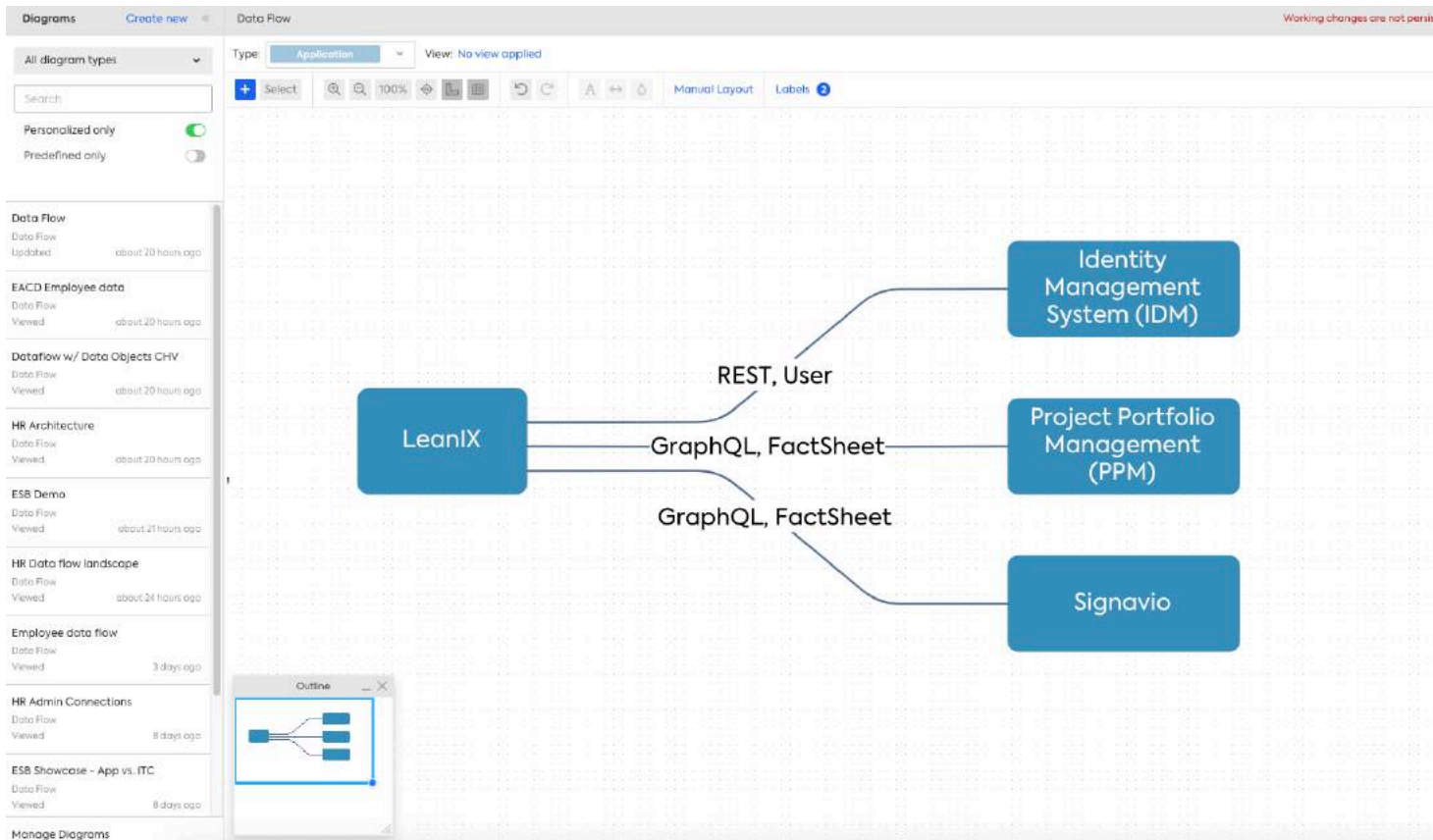
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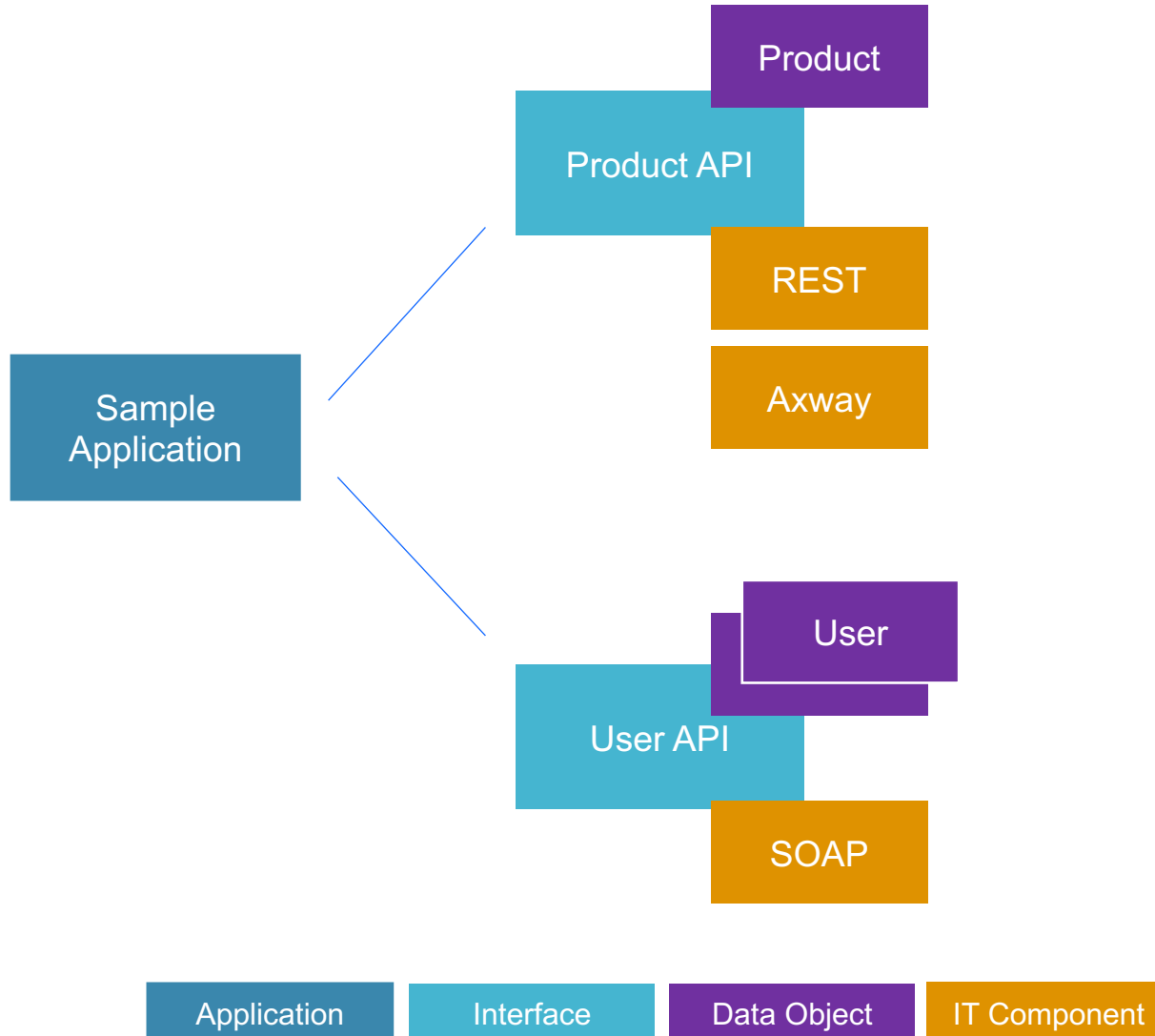
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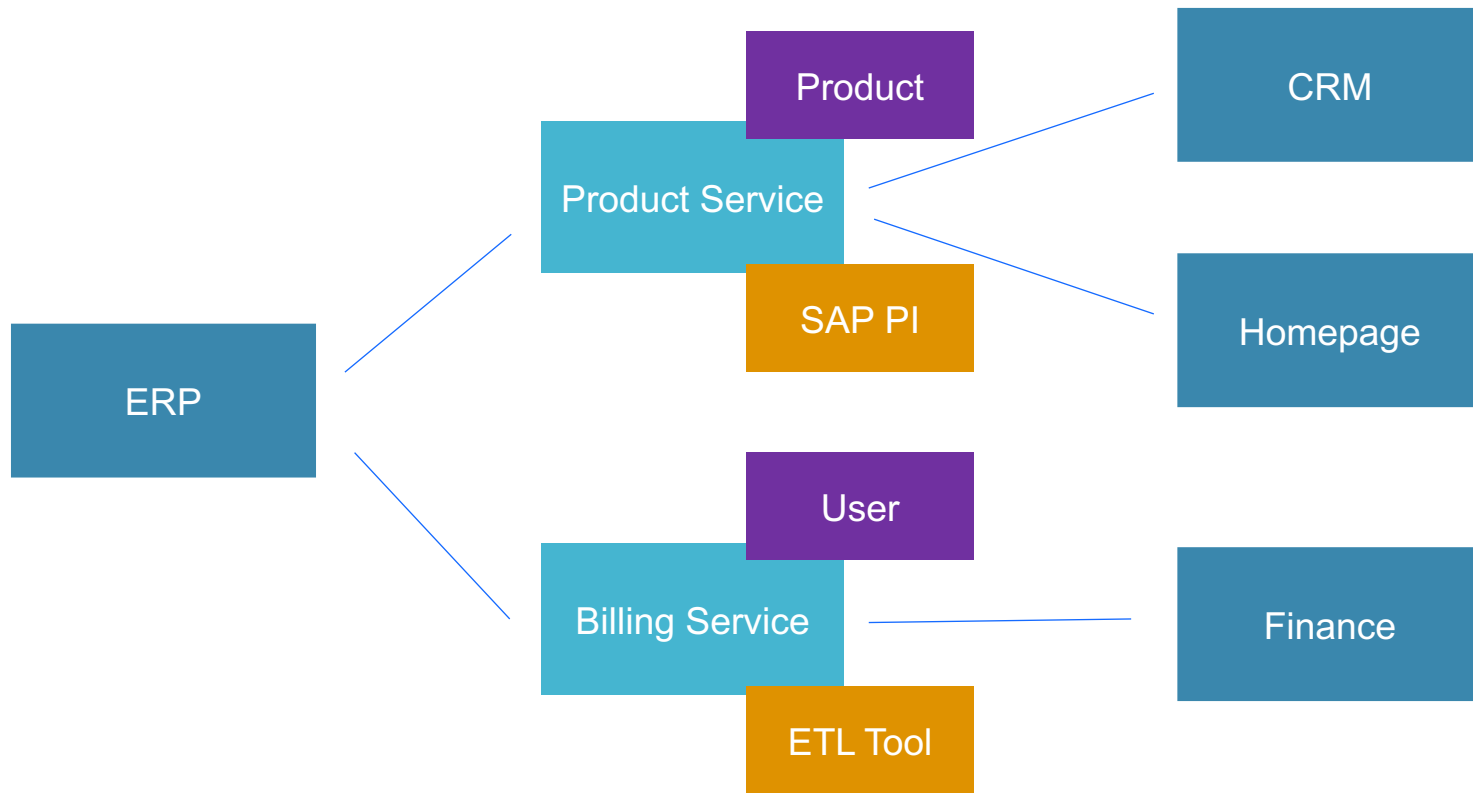
Example 2: Open APIs



LeanIX guidance:

- **Include APIs without consumer** if you don't know them / don't want to know them
- **Include more than one IT Component or Data Object** if this provide extra value (e.g. which interfaces are already managed by an API Management tool)

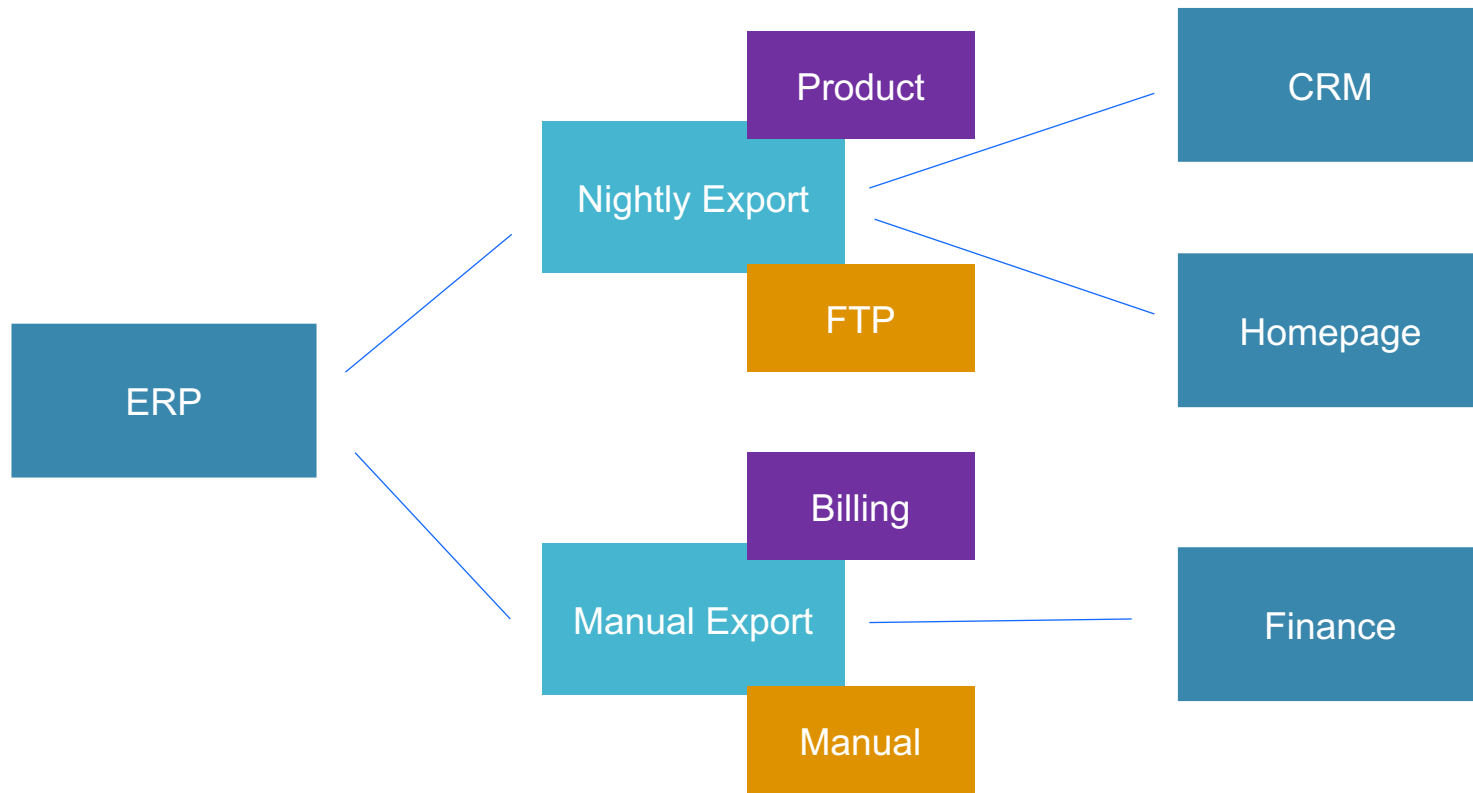
Example 3: Middleware / ETL tools



LeanIX guidance:

- In most scenarios, **middleware should not be an Application** in order to focus on end-to-end data flow
- **Decompose the IT Component** (e.g. Parent / Child) to include more detailed information, e.g. on the consumed middleware module
- **Consider to integrate** with the middleware (e.g. SAP PI) as source for interfaces

Example 4: Legacy & Manual interfaces

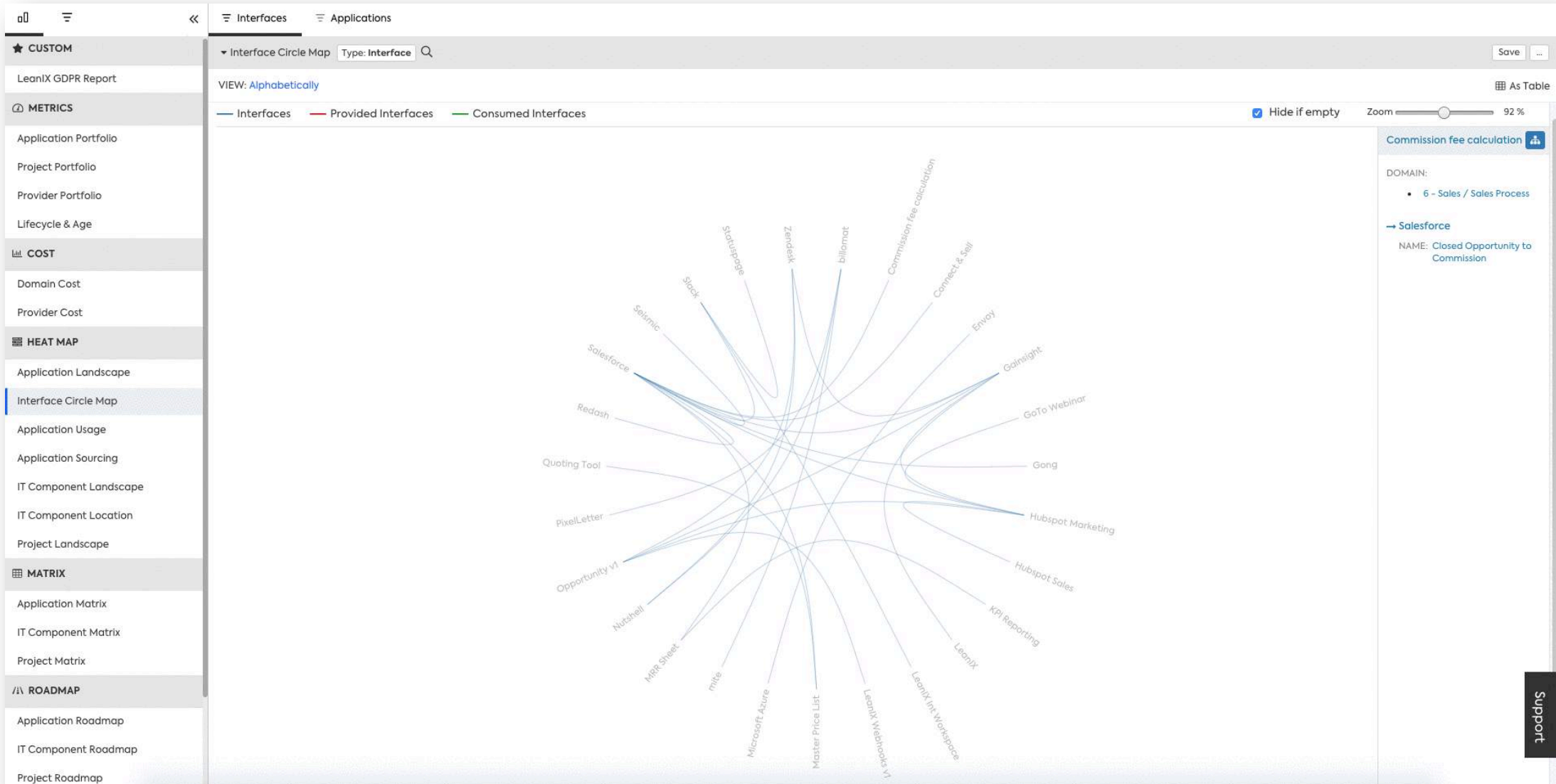


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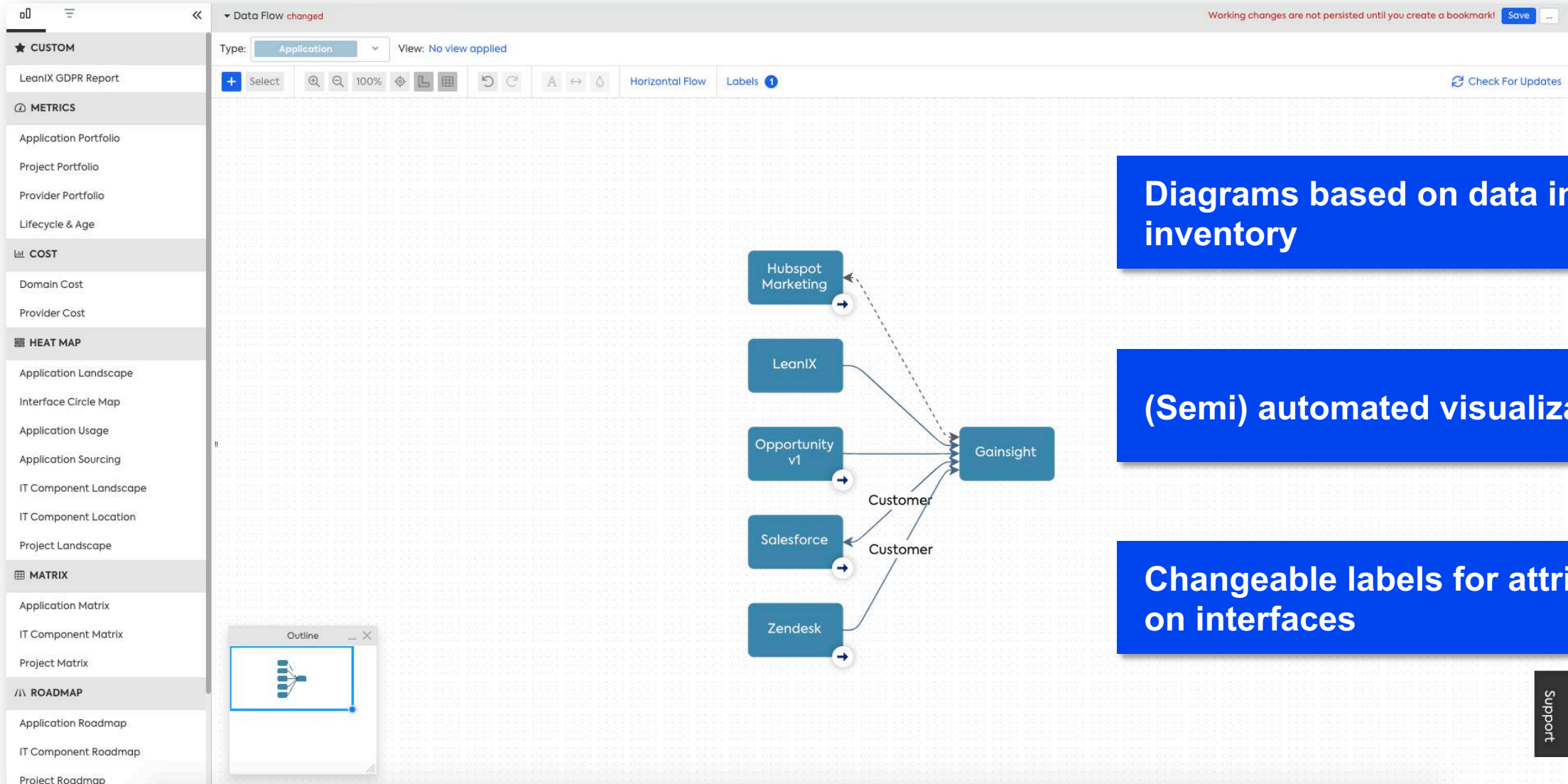
- For legacy interfaces (FTP, CSV export), it's important to **define the owning application** – often responsibilities provide good information
- **Include manual interfaces** if they are important from a business point of view – this information is valuable when **consolidating** or starting your next **project**

Example 1 : LeanIX runs LeanIX

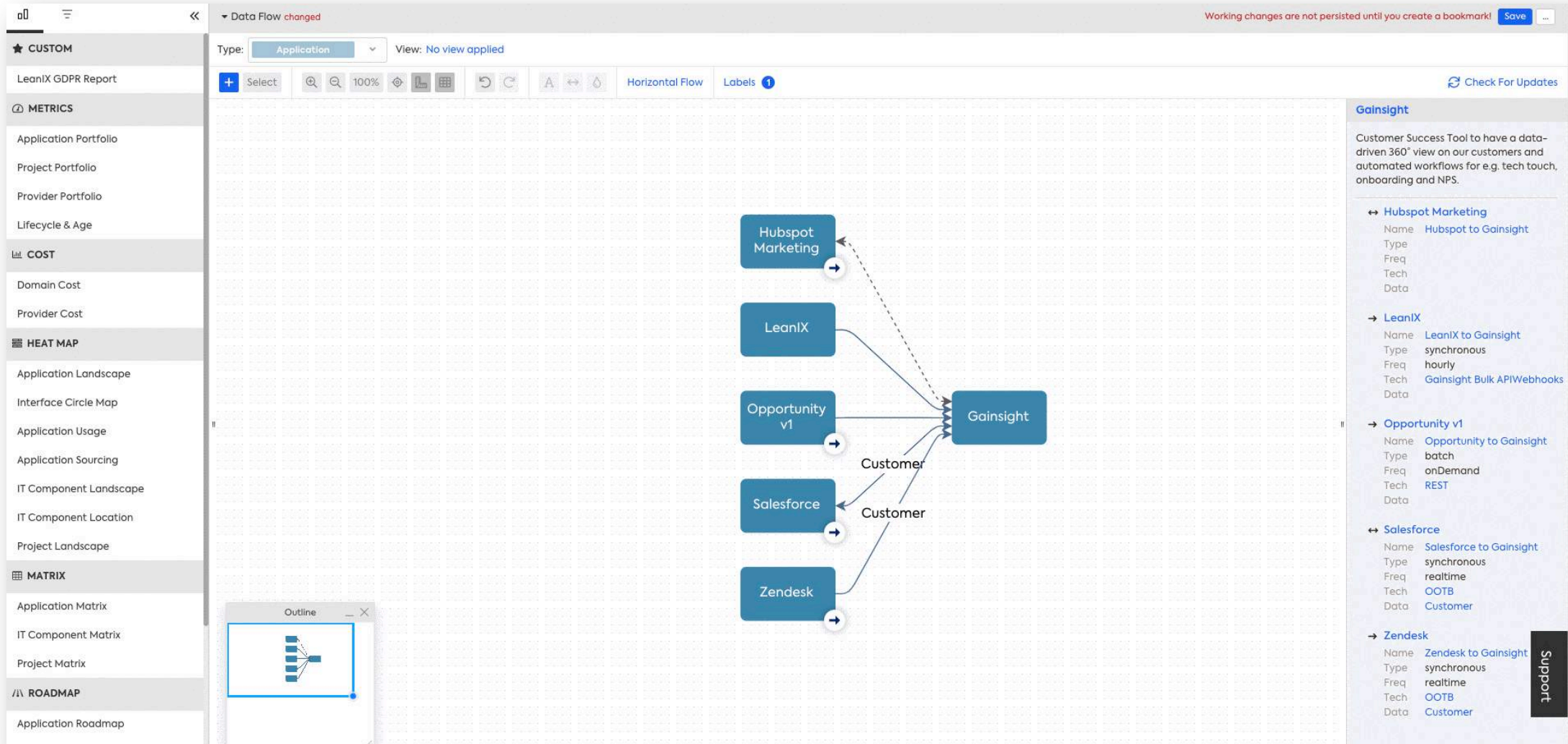
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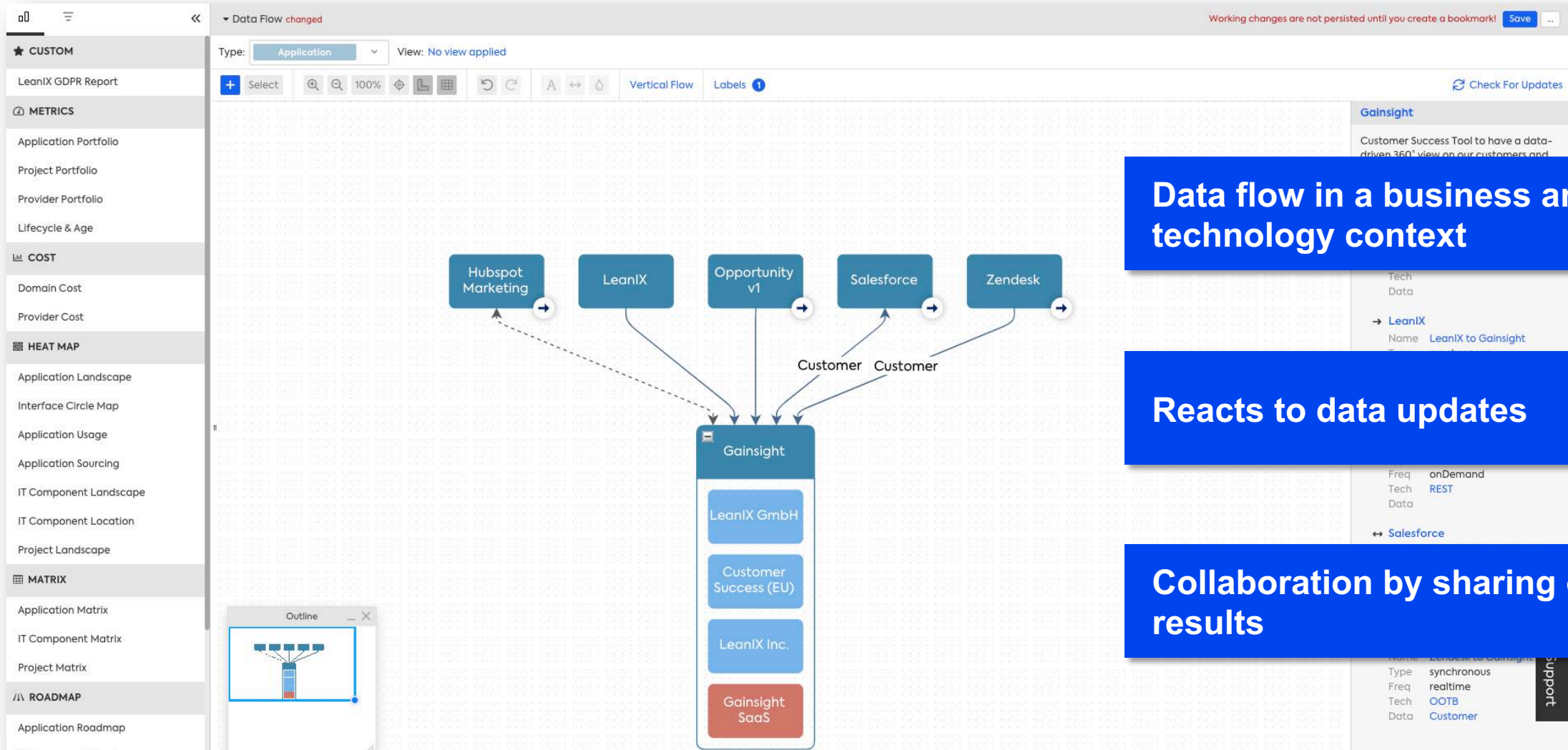
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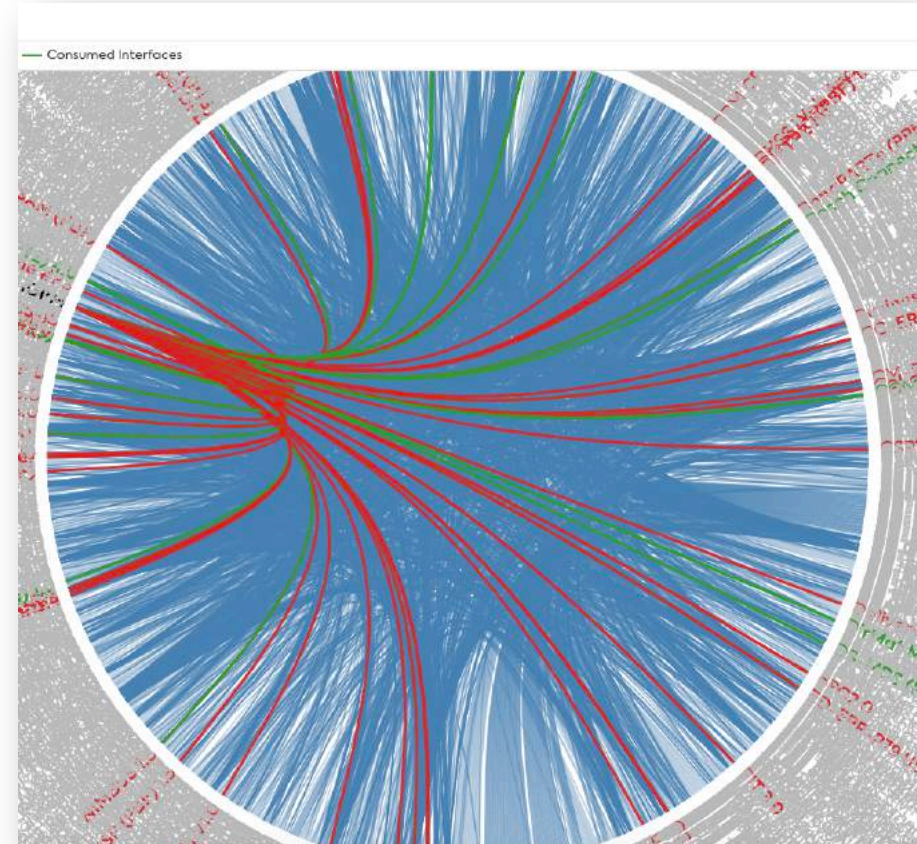
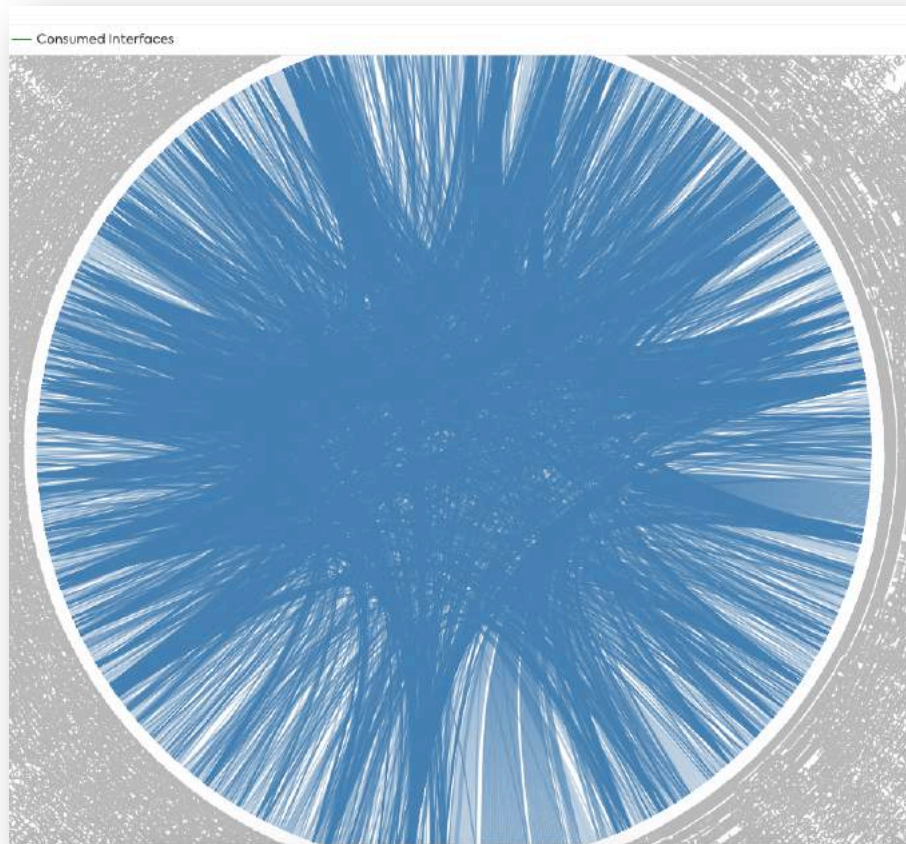


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Example 2 : Identify critical / personal data

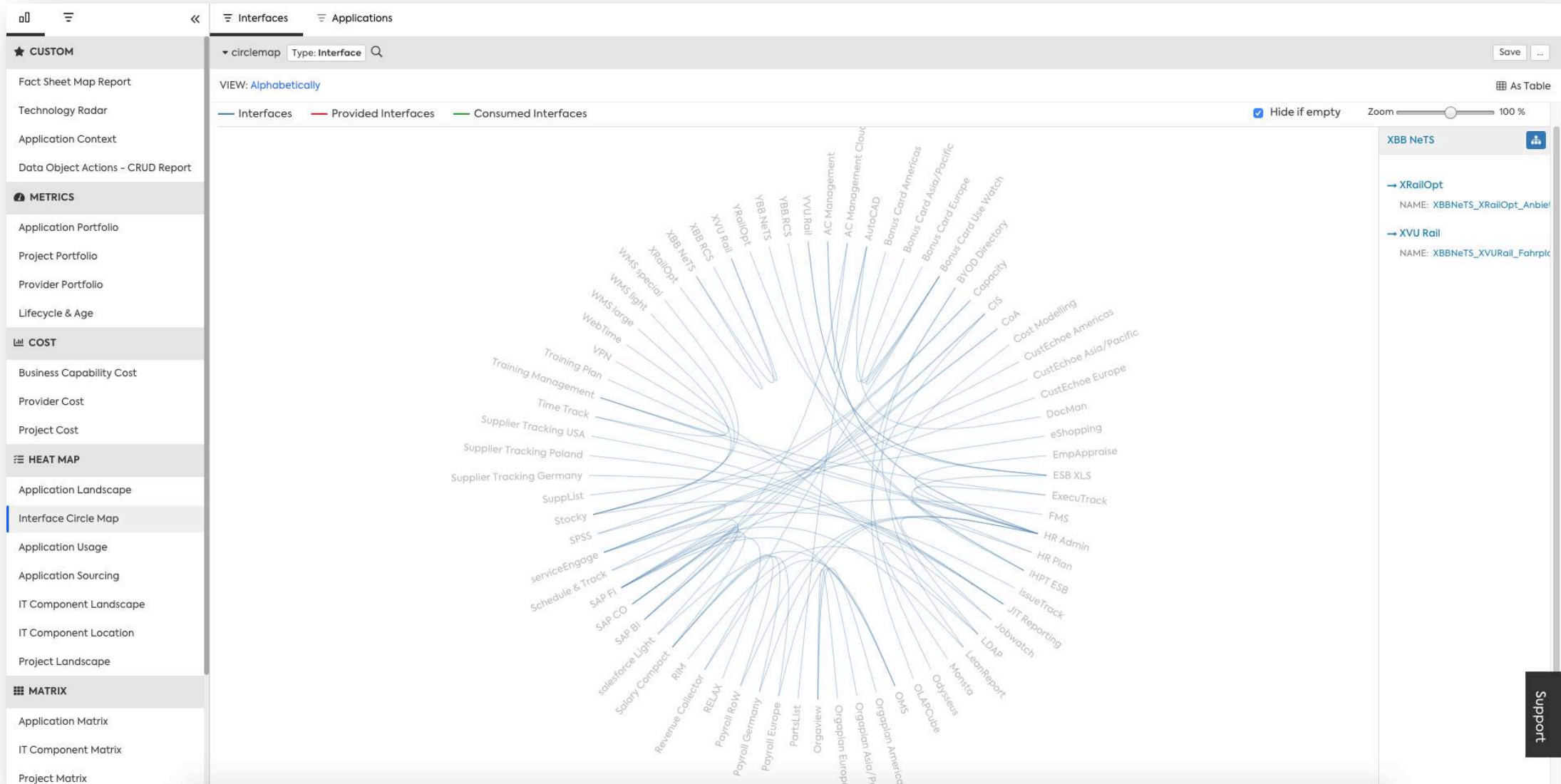
You might feel lost in the complexity of your integration architecture



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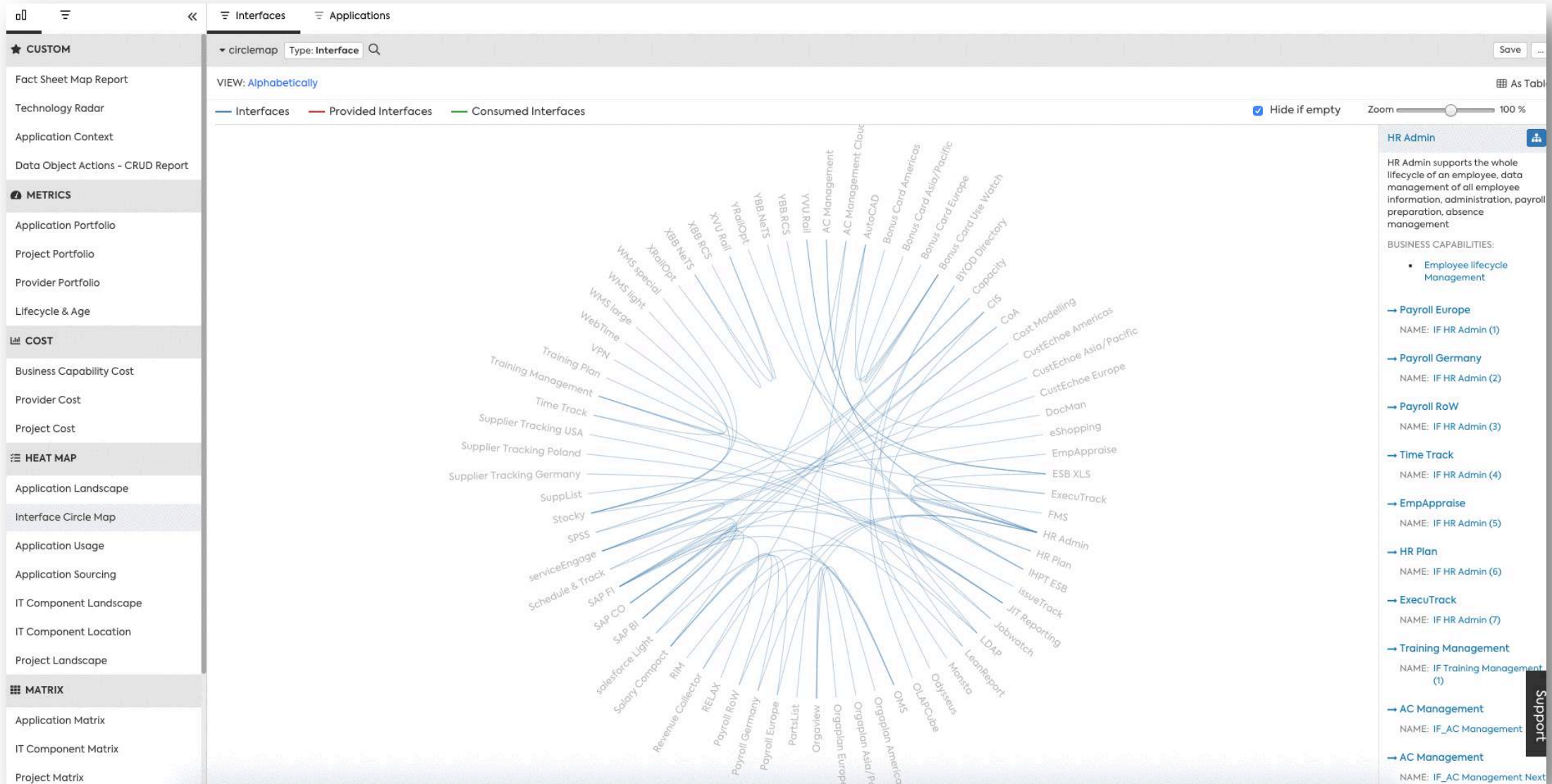


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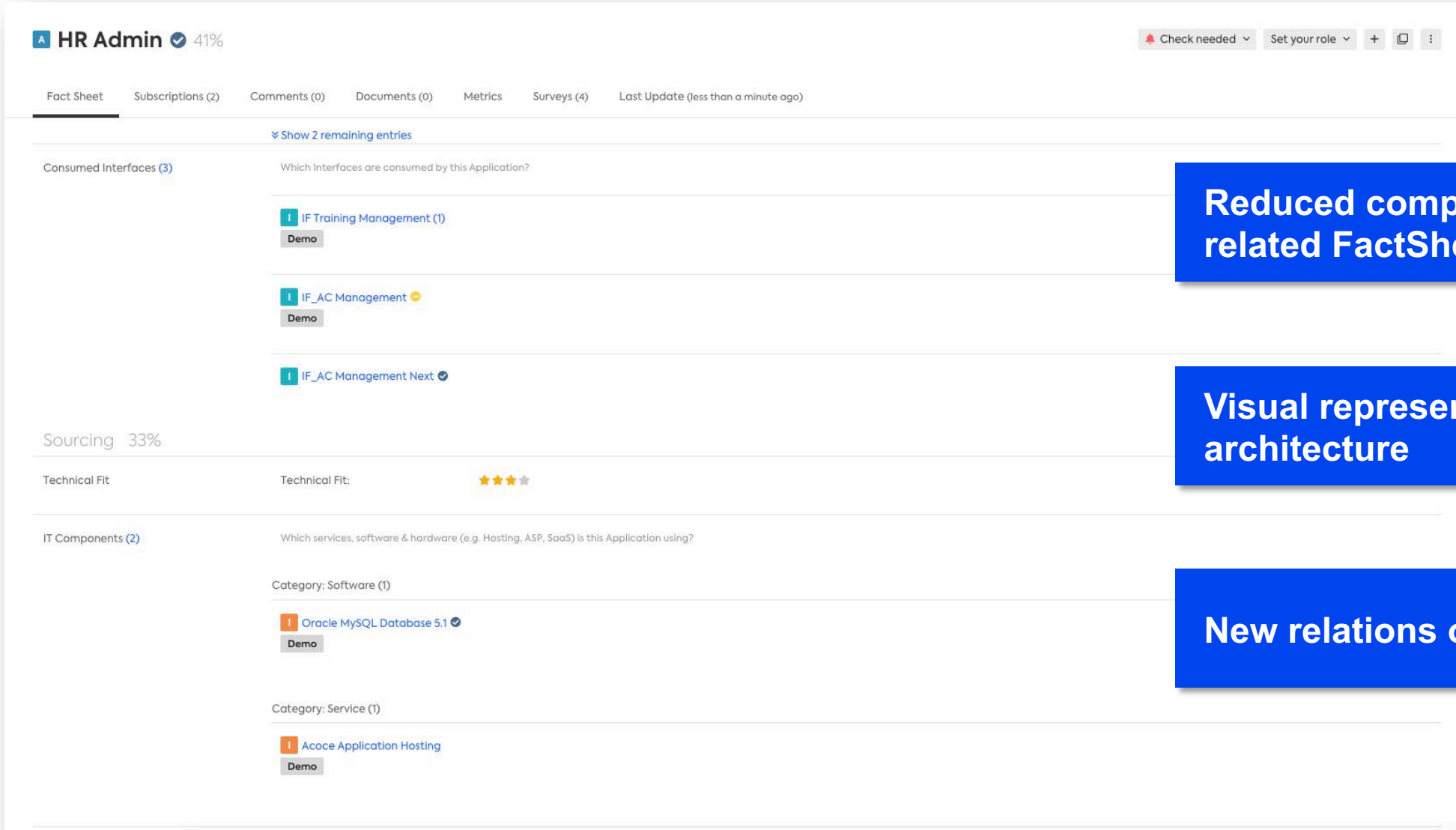


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You can add or remove new relations ad hoc to LeanIX reflect the current state of your architecture

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The screenshot displays the LeanIX HR Admin interface. At the top, the user 'HR Admin' is logged in with a 41% completion status. A navigation bar includes tabs for Fact Sheet, Subscriptions (2), Comments (0), Documents (0), Metrics, Surveys (4), and Last Update (less than a minute ago). A 'Check needed' alert is visible. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Consumed Interfaces (3)' with a filter 'Show 2 remaining entries', 'Sourcing 33%' with a 'Technical Fit' section showing a 4-star rating, and 'IT Components (2)' with a filter 'Which services, software & hardware (e.g. Hosting, ASP, SaaS) is this Application using?'. The IT Components section lists 'Category: Software (1)' with 'Oracle MySQL Database 5.1' and 'Category: Service (1)' with 'Acoce Application Hosting'. Each item has a 'Demo' button.

Reduced complexity via filters on related FactSheets

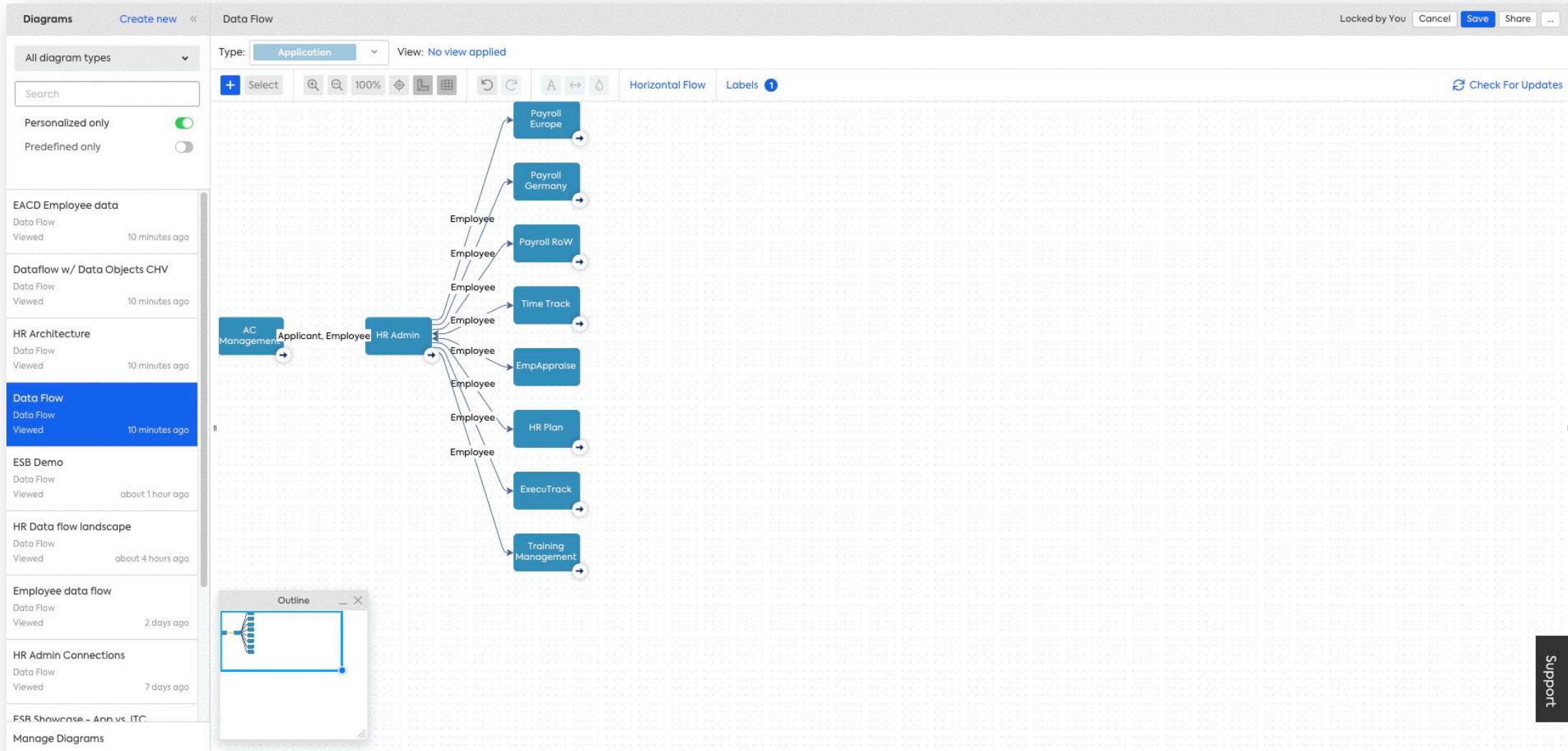
Visual representation of outdated architecture

New relations on the fly

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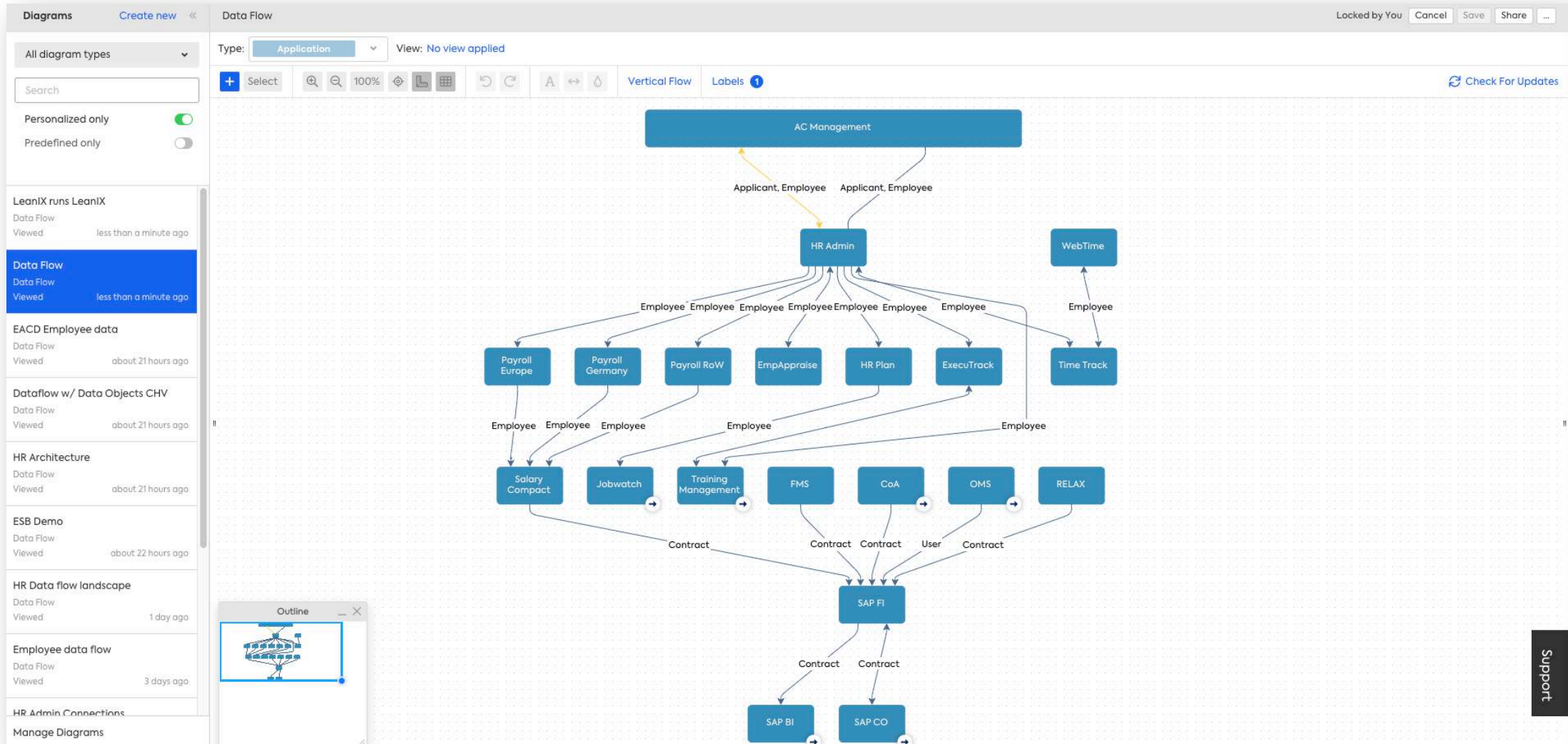
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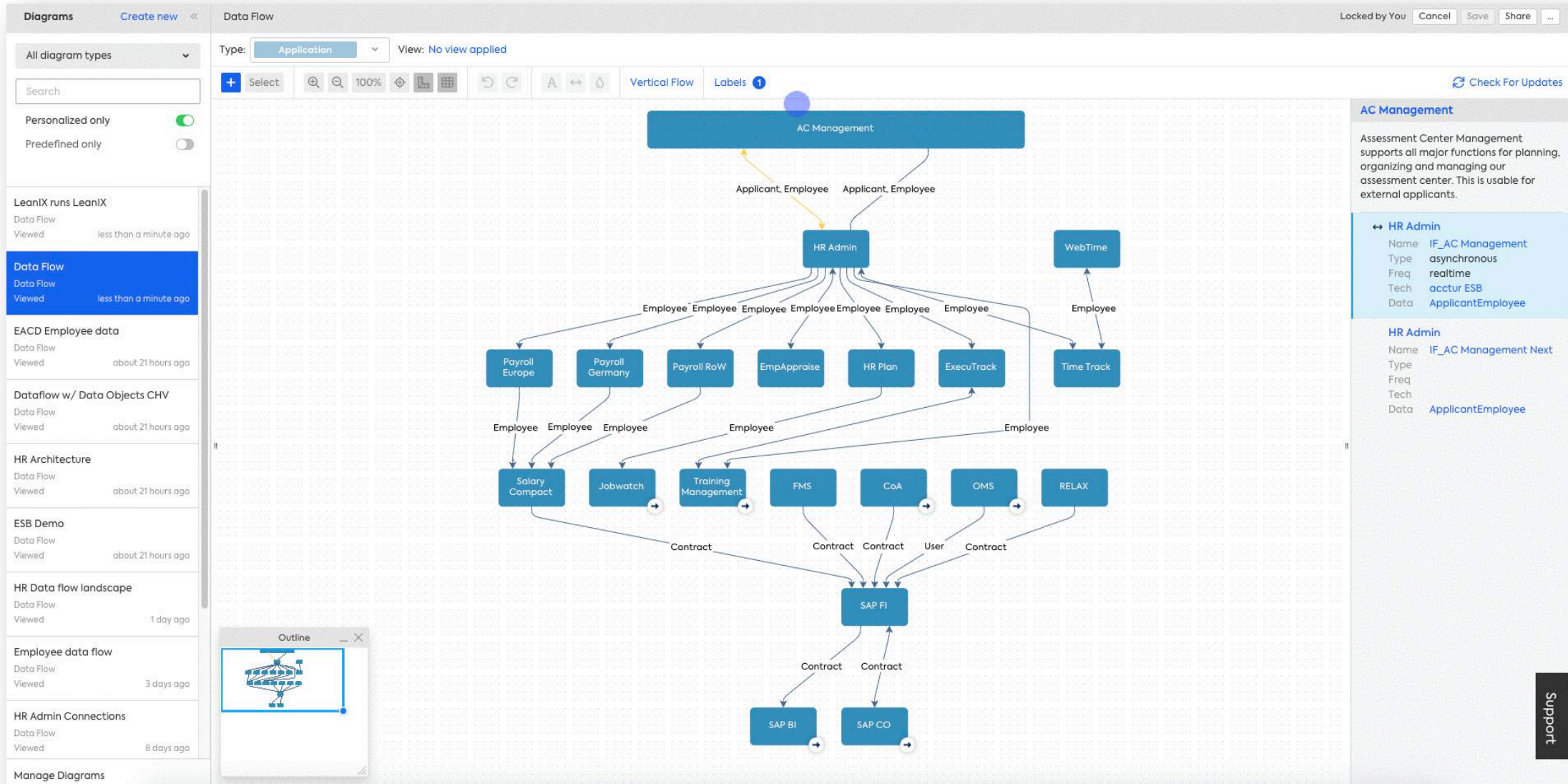
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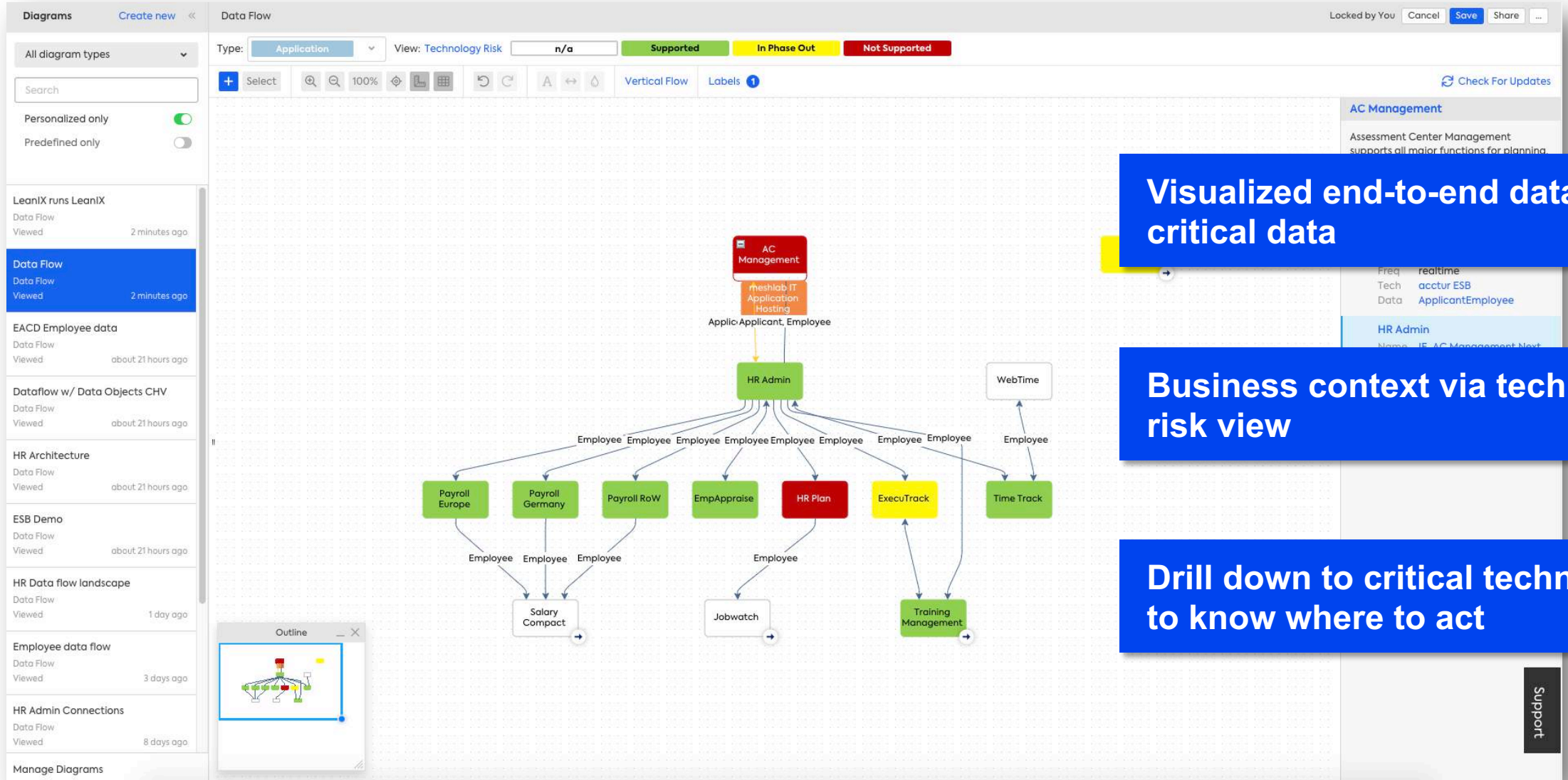
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Summary

A focus on integration architecture will change the role of IT and EA from supplier and fire fighter to a **strategic advisor to the business**

Actively managed integration architectures are **less likely** to cause **major business failures or compliance issues**

LeanIX fosters a **data-driven and (semi-) automated approach** towards **end-to-end visibility** of your integration architecture

Thank you!



Any questions?

LeanIX Cloud Native Suite relies on the same platform as the Enterprise Architecture Suite

