

# Blue 9.6 Release Webinar

# ❖ Agenda

- Productivity
  - General Administration Enhancements
  - Report Generation Performance Enhancements
  - DIG Enhancements
- Analytics
  - MLY in Blue Reports
- Miscellaneous Enhancements

# **Grid Usability Enhancement**

**Boosting Productivity: Drag & Drop for filters, trigger conditions and better visibility for large lists.**

# ❖ Why

- Previous grids displayed only 10 items per page, making large lists slow and cumbersome.
- Moving items required multiple clicks and behaved inconsistently across screens.

Info Questionnaire **Definition** Subjects Members Triggers Access Tasks Language Publish

General Organizational Links Group Shared Group **Subject Filter** Secondary Subject Filter Group Filter

**Subject Filter (Courses)**

Select Subject Source Courses Add Filter Courses Date ( ) And Or Not

Results: 1 - 10 of 14 Item(s)

	Filter Condition
<input type="radio"/>	Courses.Name Contains Science
<input type="radio"/>	And
<input type="radio"/>	Courses.Name Contains human origins
<input type="radio"/>	Or
<input type="radio"/>	Courses.Name Contains Maths
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	And
<input type="radio"/>	(
<input type="radio"/>	Include by date of Courses.Course_End_Date Less than or equal to + 0 day(s)
<input type="radio"/>	Or
<input type="radio"/>	Include by date of Courses.Course_End_Date Less than or equal to + 2 day(s)

Delete Delete All

# ❖ What

- All items visible in one scrollable list; drag-and-drop reordering.
- A standardized *Move To* box for exact placement; checkboxes for multi-select actions (replace radio buttons).

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for a 'Subject Filter (Course)'. The interface is organized into several sections:

- Navigation Bar:** Includes tabs for Overview, Settings, Questionnaire, Definition (selected), Subjects, Members, Triggers, Access, Tasks, Language, and Publish.
- Sub-sections:** Under the 'Definition' tab, there are sub-sections for General, Organizational Links, Group, Shared Group, **Subject Filter** (selected), Secondary Subject Filter, and Group Filter.
- Filter Configuration:**
  - Select Subject Source:** A dropdown menu set to 'Course'.
  - Add Filter:** A row of buttons for 'Course', 'Date', '(', ')', 'And', 'Or', and 'Not'.
  - Move to position:** A text input field followed by a 'Go' button and directional arrows.
- Filter List Table:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Index	Filter Condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	BEC-Courses.Term Contains Summer
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Or
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	BEC-Courses.Name Contains Maths
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	And
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	BEC-Courses.Enrollment Greater than or equal to 6
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	And
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	(
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	BEC-Courses.Dept Contains Graphics
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Or
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	BEC-Courses.Dept Contains Mordern Art
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	)
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	And
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Include by date of BEC-Courses.EvalStart Less than or equal to + 0 day(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	Or
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Include by date of BEC-Courses.EvalEnd Less than or equal to + 10 day(s)
- Actions:** 'Delete' and 'Delete All' buttons at the bottom.

# **Apply button Enhancement**

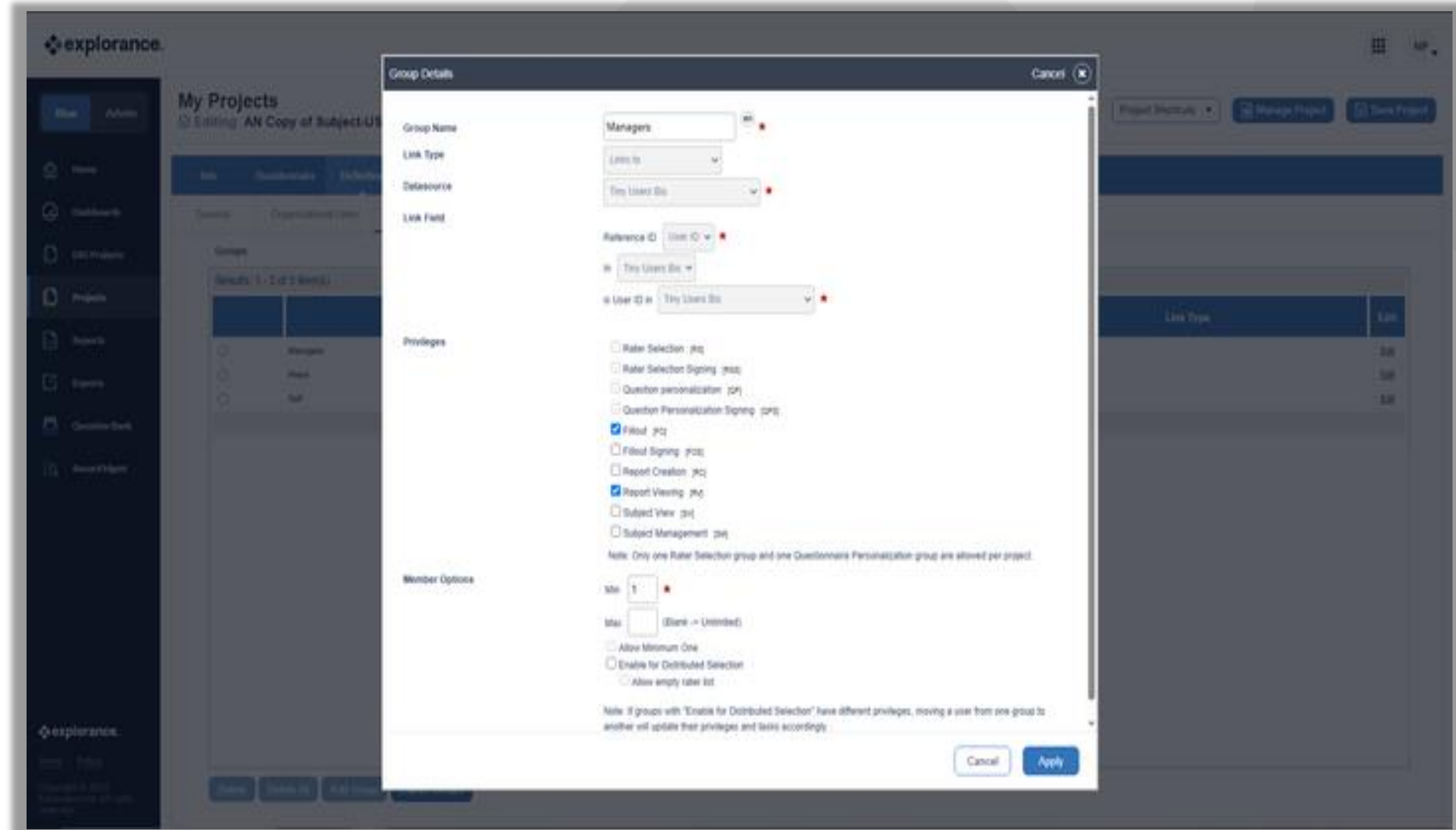
**Make updates confidently with a guided  
Apply workflow**

## ❖ Why

- Admins often missed the *Apply button* hidden at the bottom of edit panels. Admins to overlook it and mistakenly believe their changes are saved when they click "Save."
- This issue leads to lost changes, operational errors, and a poor user experience. It can take a while before Admins realize their modifications were not applied, increasing the risk of incorrect project configurations being used in production.

# ❖ What

- Introducing a modal for Apply actions to prevent missed changes
- Apply and Cancel buttons always visible and accessible in the modal
- Modal blocks access to other page areas until changes are applied or canceled
- Enhancements apply to existing projects and work across multiple Blue areas (Project, DIG Project, Report, Admin/Definition).



# **Project Admin Overview**

**A centralized view of project status and settings to confirm readiness before publishing.**

# ❖ Why

## ➤ Fragmented Information

Admins must navigate multiple tabs to validate project status and settings.

## ➤ Time-Consuming Validation

Cross-checking data across tabs is inefficient and slows down project readiness.

## ➤ Increased Risk of Errors

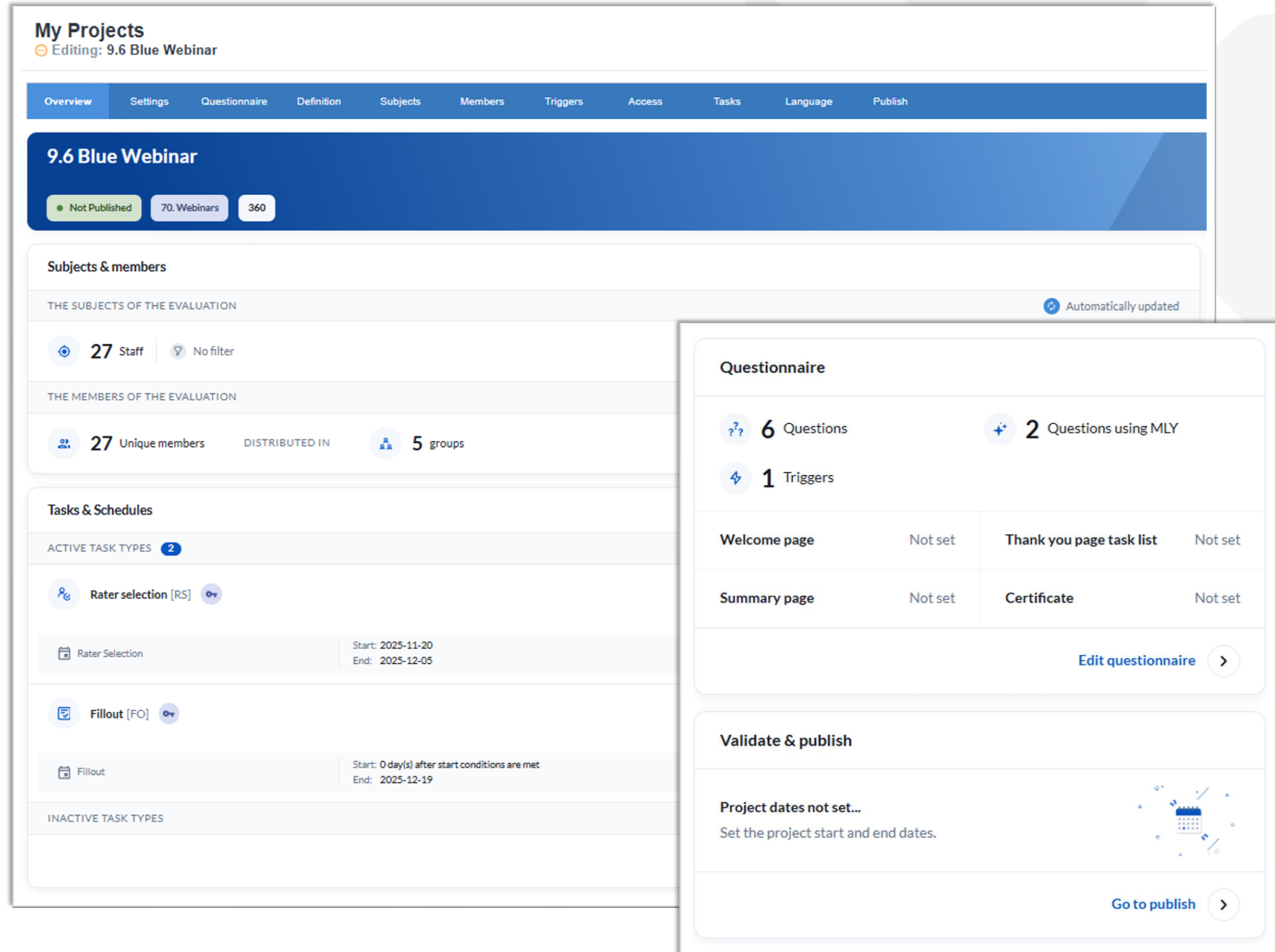
Manual checks heighten the chance of missing critical settings or steps.

## ➤ Admin Anxiety

Lack of a central overview leads to uncertainty and stress during validation.

# ❖ What

- The new Project Overview centralizes key functions, helping administrators manage project setup validations and workflows more efficiently.
- Centralized Overview for Project Admins that consolidates all critical project information into a single, easily accessible page. It replaces the old "Info" tab as the project landing page.



The screenshot displays the 'My Projects' interface for a project named '9.6 Blue Webinar'. The interface is organized into several sections:

- Navigation:** A top bar with tabs for Overview (selected), Settings, Questionnaire, Definition, Subjects, Members, Triggers, Access, Tasks, Language, and Publish.
- Project Header:** '9.6 Blue Webinar' with status 'Not Published', '70 Webinars', and '360'.
- Subjects & members:** A section titled 'THE SUBJECTS OF THE EVALUATION' with '27 Staff' and 'No filter'. Below it, 'THE MEMBERS OF THE EVALUATION' shows '27 Unique members' and '5 groups'.
- Tasks & Schedules:** A section titled 'ACTIVE TASK TYPES' with '2' items:
  - Rater selection [RS]:** Start: 2025-11-20, End: 2025-12-05.
  - Fillout [FO]:** Start: 0 day(s) after start conditions are met, End: 2025-12-19.
- INACTIVE TASK TYPES:** A section for inactive tasks.
- Questionnaire:** A section showing '6 Questions' and '2 Questions using MLY', with '1 Triggers'. It includes a table for page configurations:

Welcome page	Not set	Thank you page task list	Not set
Summary page	Not set	Certificate	Not set
- Validate & publish:** A section with a warning 'Project dates not set...' and a 'Go to publish' button.

# ❖ Key Elements

## ➤ Live Updates

Changes are reflected instantly to validate the modification before saving.

## ➤ Widgets for Quick Access

Project Info: Title, Status, Category, Tags, and Language settings.

## ➤ Subjects & Members

Overview of subjects, groups, and unique members.

## ➤ Tasks & Schedules:

Active/inactive tasks, schedules, and notifications.

# ❖ Key Elements

## ➤ Questionnaire:

Number and type of questions, triggers, and FO settings.

## ➤ Validate & Publish:

Project dates and quick navigation to publish actions.

## ➤ Backward Compatibility:

Available for projects created in Blue8 and above.



# **Smarter Report Copy**

**Experience effortless duplication where your filters, conditions, and structure automatically stay intact.**

# ❖ Why

## ➤ Copying Reports (Before 9.6)

- Manual configuration of filters and validation of triggers was time-consuming and human error-prone process.
- Invalid or missing filter conditions could cause issues during generation or publishing.
- Admins had to check each tab individually to ensure ALL-settings transferred.

# ❖ What

## ➤ Copying Reports

- Automatically copy all filters and triggers when duplicating a report.
- Validate during the copy process and flag invalid conditions, with clear warnings and links.
- Allow saving progress even with flagged items; guide fixes before publishing.

# **MLY in Blue Reports Integration Updates**

**Delivering deeper insights and safer communities through Alerts categorization and contextualized.**

## ❖ Why

- Lack of in-depth insights as Alerts didn't have the categories.
- Alerts relied on general percentage-based thresholds.
- Limited Flexibility in MLY comment block for Alerts.
- Lack of context in comment analysis leads to shallow insights.
- Lack of Redaction performance sync.

## ❖ What

- Enable Blue to leverage the same categorized alert framework already deployed in MLY that includes robust, category-based alert tagging for precise reporting.
- Flexible display (Reports MLY comment block): show all, only alerts, or only non-alerts.
- Comment contextualization involves including the question title along with the comments sent from Blue to MLY.
- Optimized redaction sync performance in the backend.

# ❖ Key Benefits

- MLY analyzes comments, tags them with relevant alert categories (e.g., Harassment, Discrimination, Safety).
- Admins can filter, group, and display comments by alert category in real time.
- Blue 9.6 is compatible with latest MLY release 3.2

Please suggest how the instructor could effectively facilitate learning by all students

Comments

Abbas Agarwal:  
Professor Bush is not a nice person. She's mean to students of color. She's a racist.

Original comment

La professeure Bush n'est pas une personne sympathique. Elle est méchante envers les étudiants de couleur. Elle est raciste.

Discrimination

Abbas Agarwal:  
This stupid course won't take me anywhere in my career. Bad teaching

Inappropriate Language

Sophia Adler:  
Bernie is an idiot who has absolutely no pedagogy at all. It's a waste of time to attend his course

General Concern

Sophia Adler:  
Kash Massa had a fuckin bad attitude towards some students to whom she gave bad marks. Not willing to stop here we will complain to the Students affairs

General Concern

Athena Justine Belchere:  
I should have never taken this course with this stupid professor

General Concern

Athena Justine Belchere:  
Kent Knightly is an idiot with a sexist attitude rarely seen in a teaching environment.

Original comment

Kent Knightly est un idiot avec une attitude sexiste qu'on a rarement vue dans un environnement d'enseignement.

Discrimination

Ye Alma:  
Holly Roy is a despicable human being with a big ego

General Concern

Ye Alma:  
James Scott is an idiot with no knowledge of his subject. We've learned nothing from him.

Original comment

James Scott est un idiot qui n'a aucune connaissance de sa matière. On n'a rien appris avec lui

General Concern

# **DIG 3.1: Enhanced Administration**

**Empowering users with a more flexible, multilingual, and intuitive interface for efficient data preparation.**

## ❖ Why

- The current DIG user experience (UX) has several limitations that affect usability and flexibility. These include the lack of multilingual support, manual processes for managing split subjects, limited filter conditions, and inadequate support for specific ID formats. Additionally, there are challenges with column management, bulk editing, and displaying warnings. Enhancements are needed to improve the overall UX, making it more flexible and user-friendly.

# ❖ What

- Empowers global teams with true multilingual support.
- Saves time and reduces errors with unified bulk editing and smart selection logic.
- Boosts productivity through advanced filtering, searching, and exporting.
- Enhances user experience with a more intuitive, responsive UI.
- Future-proofs data management for evolving institutional needs.

# ❖ What

- Multilingual UI - Empowers global teams to work in their language.
- Bulk editing for merge and splits saves time and reduces error.

➤ Enhances searching

➤ RegE

The screenshot displays a software interface with a table and search filters. The table has columns for 'Program\_Level', 'Questionnaire', 'Long\_Text1', and 'Long\_Text2'. A search filter is visible with a 'Search...' input and 'Advanced filters' link. A 'Copy to Clipboard' tooltip is shown over a cell in the 'Long\_Text1' column.

Program_Level	Questionnaire	Long_Text1	Long_Text2
Bachelors	Custom	hUmAn rEsOuRcEmAnAgEmEnTiNvOIVeSrEcRultMeNt,tRaInInG,pE...	hUmAn rEsOuRcEmAnAgEmEnTiNvOIVeSrEcRultMeNt,tRaInInG,pE...
PhD	Custom	Data Science and Analytics uses big data, statistics, and...	Data Science and Analytics uses big data, statistics, and...
Masters	Custom	[COURSE] Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning → focus...	[COURSE] Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning → focus...
PhD	Custom	nursing and allied health trains professionals to care for p...	nursing and allied health trains professionals to care for p...

# Miscellaneous



# ❖ Faster Report Generation for Timely Decisions

## ➤ Why

- Administrators face significant challenges due to lengthy report generation times.
- Delays increase workload and hinder timely decision-making.

## ➤ What

- Reduced report generation time by 50% to 200% depending on your settings.
- Admins can now deliver reports promptly, empowering viewers to act faster without compromising accuracy.

# ❖ Enhancements

## ➤ Report Filenames (Before 9.6)

- Blue appended a hash/GUID to filenames, creating confusion for admins and end-users.
- Customers expected downloaded filenames to match the configured report name.
- Use a simple numbering system—“(1)”,“(2)”—for duplicates.

## ➤ Display Evaluation Completion Date in Reports

- Adds completion date and time for each evaluation response, meeting accreditation requirements
- Applies to all projects and all report types that support Response Sheets.

# ❖ Enhancements

## ➤ New “Is” filter for Comment

- Enables precise filtering for exact text matches in triggers and report filters
- Addresses real-world needs, like filtering student group IDs, where “Begins with”, “Ends with”, or “Contains” were insufficient

## ➤ Security and Infrastructure Improvements

- Ensures compliance with Canvas security update and prevents 403 errors.
- Keeps Blue-Canvas integrations uninterrupted and fully compliant.

# ❖ Enhancements

## ➤ Canvas API Enhancement

- Blue does not automatically include a valid User-Agent header, which will become a required field for Canvas API requests once the new security measures take effect.
- Solution has been implemented for all the clients irrespective of the Blue version.
- Update Blue to align with the upcoming Canvas API security enhancements scheduled for deployment to Canvas production environments in January 2026.

## ❖ Next...

### ➤ WCAG 2.2 AA Certification (coming in Blue 9.6.1)

- Ensures compliance with accessibility standards required by U.S. regulations by April 2026..
- Enhanced Accessibility by Improving the usability for all users, including those with disabilities, aligning with global accessibility best practices.
- A single Voluntary Product Accessibility Template simplifies compliance verification for customers.
- Regulatory Compliance & Improved UX: Meets legal requirements while enhancing overall user experience and reducing risk of non-compliance.

# Upgrade Details



# ❖ Planning your upgrade to 9.6

## To upgrade to 9.6

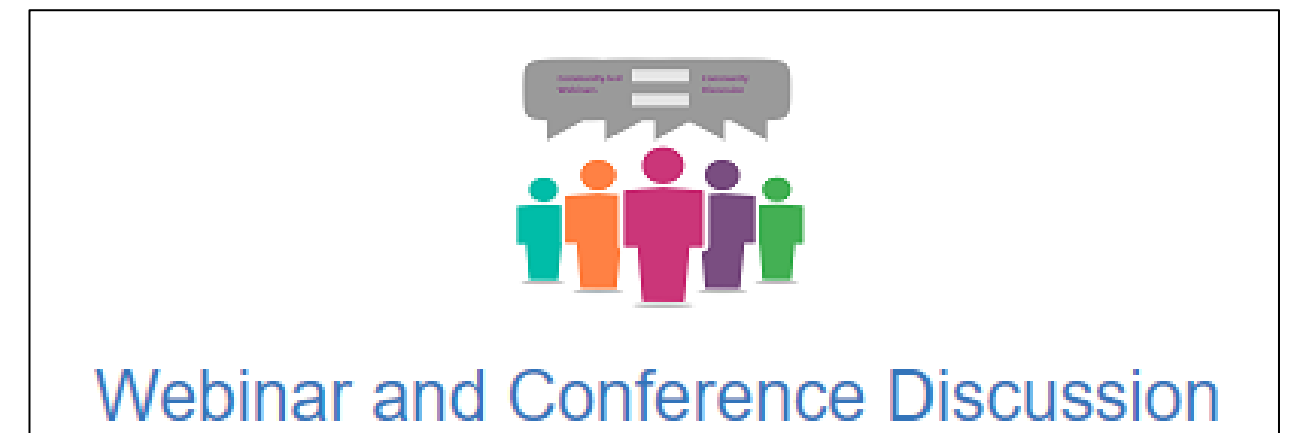
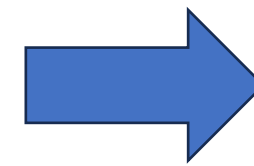
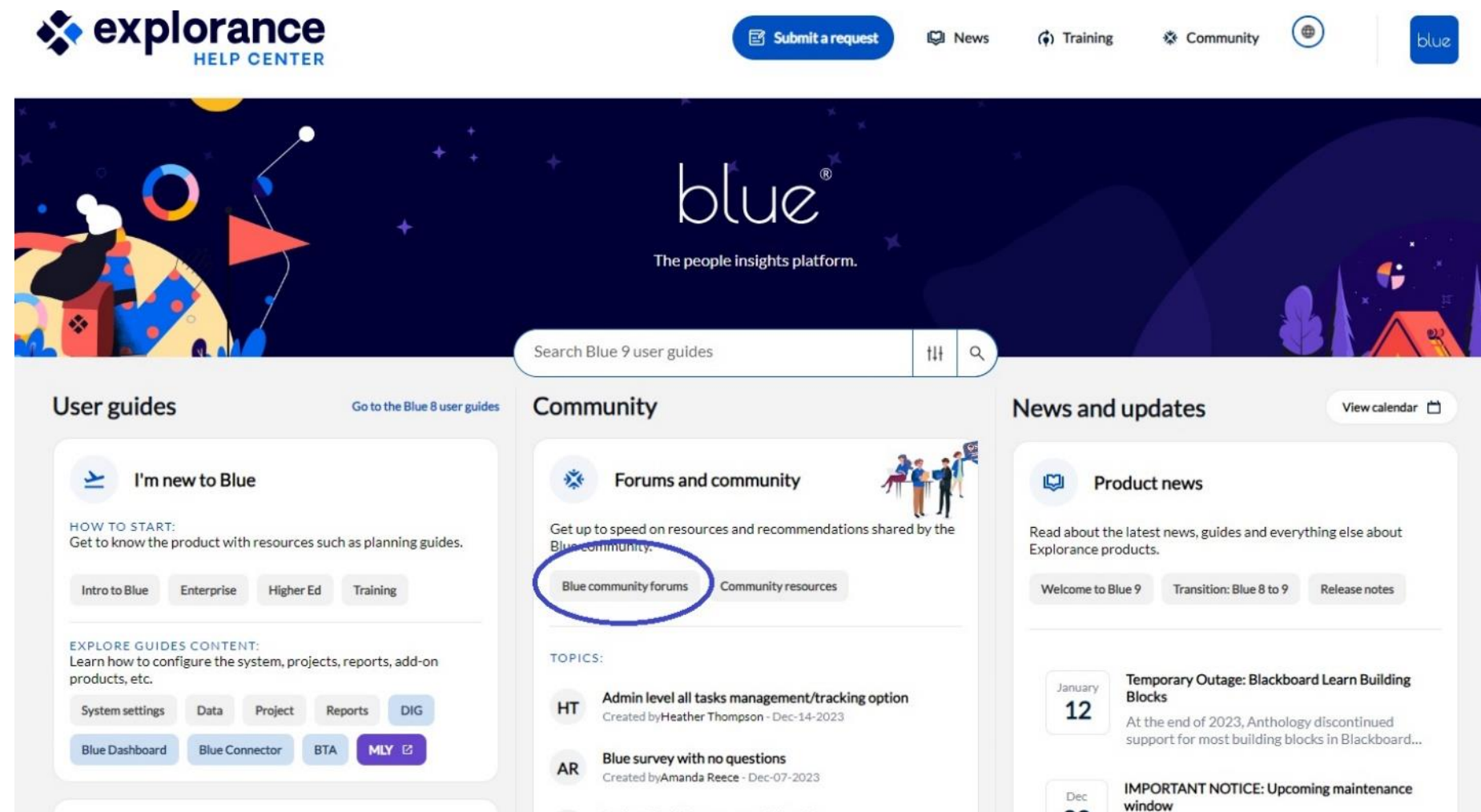
- Submit upgrade request to Customer Support (support@explorance.com).  
*(if upgrading from 8 to 9, please refer to [resources available](#) in the Help Centre)*
- Report Generation Early Access Program
  - Sign-up available until the end of Jan 2026. To sign-up access the form via the link below.
  - [Access to the help center to register for early access.](#)

# Community Resources



# ❖ Q&A from today's webinar

Questions and Answers will be posted to the Webinar and Conference Discussion Community Forum



[\[Learning Webinar - Questions, Discussions, & Post-Webinar Follow-up\] December 17: Blue 9.6: Elevating Analytics and Data Management](#)

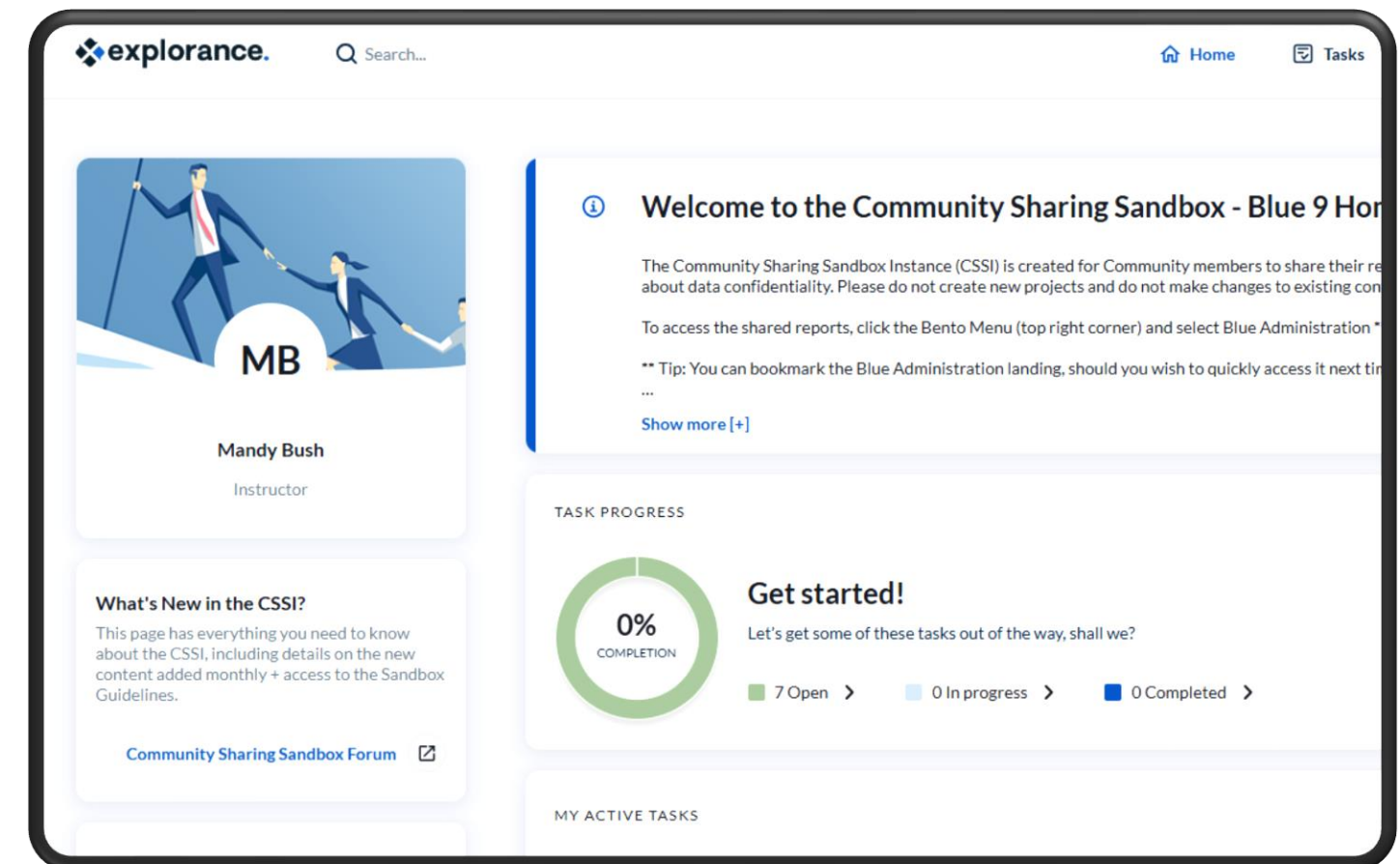
# ❖ Community Sharing Sandbox Instance (CSSI)

Co-developed by the Community, with the Community, for the Community

- Experience the latest version of Blue9
- See the monthly [“What’s New”](#) forum posts for details on what’s available in the CSSI
- Join today!

[Guidelines to using the Bluenotes CSSI](#)

*(visit the Guidelines for details on how to request access)*



## ❖ Join us for the next one!

Upcoming webinar: January 28th.

[Get Ready for Explorance World 2026: Wired to Know](#)

A follow-up learning webinar to this Blue 9.6 release webinar will be planned for February. Stay tuned!



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