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1 Lab Introduction

In the labs, you will learn how to build and use Business Performance Center dashboard to provide insights into a mortgage application solution for line of business users.

This lab will consist of one Exercise:

1. Create Mortgage Solution Dashboard

1.1 Introduction to IBM Business Automation Insights

IBM Business Automation Insights uses Flink jobs and Kafka to ingest events and process events from IBM Cloud Pak for Business Automation platform runtimes such as processes, cases, decisions, or custom events from other applications. The captured events can be visualized in Business Performance Center or used data science applications. More information about BAI: <https://ibm.box.com/v/IBM-BAI-Tech-Intro>

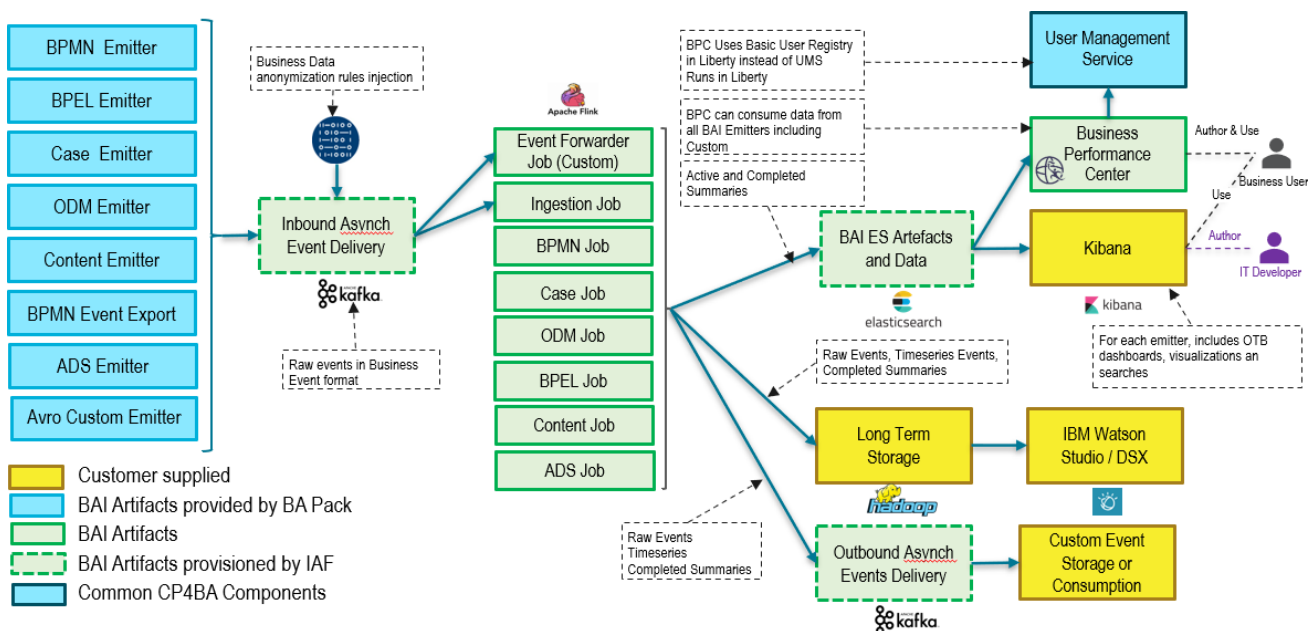


Figure 1. IBM Business Automation Insights 20.0.1 Architecture

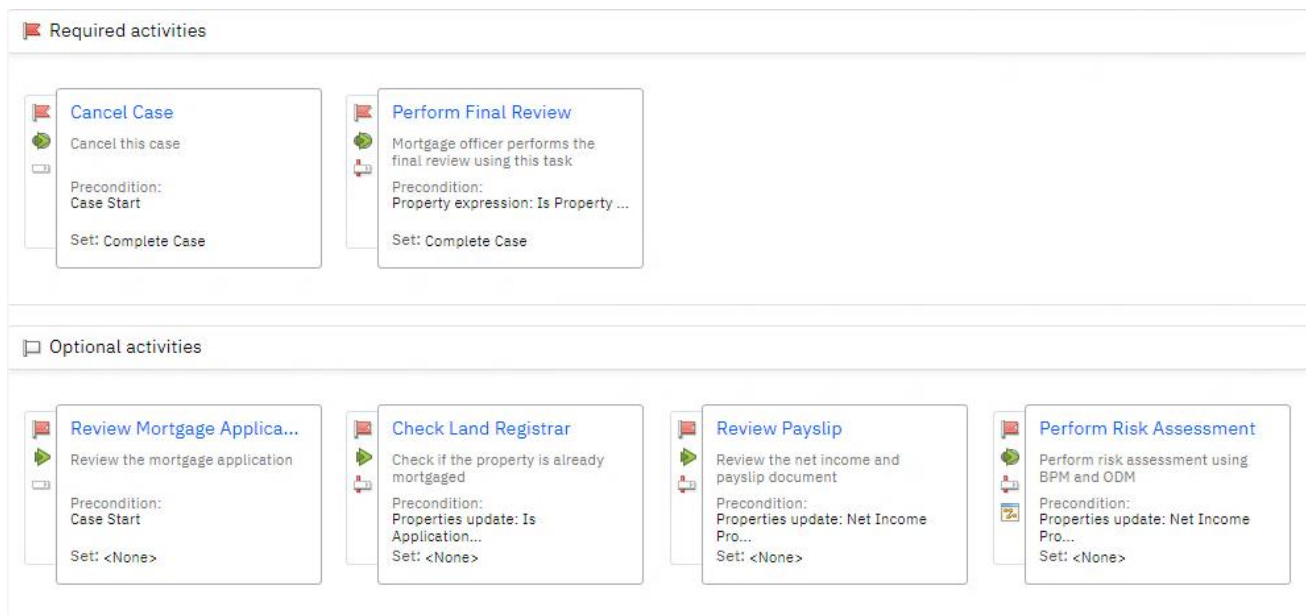
Business Performance Center (BPC), shown in Figure 1 above, is the no-code business monitoring application native to IBM Cloud Pak for Business Automation. Using BPC business users (with no IT assistance) can:

- design and share dashboards in minutes that capture business data in near real time and provide awareness of important business activities and processes.
- prepare, track, and design visualizations of *metrics*, *key performance indicators (KPIs)*, and other measurements of business performance in customizable dashboards.

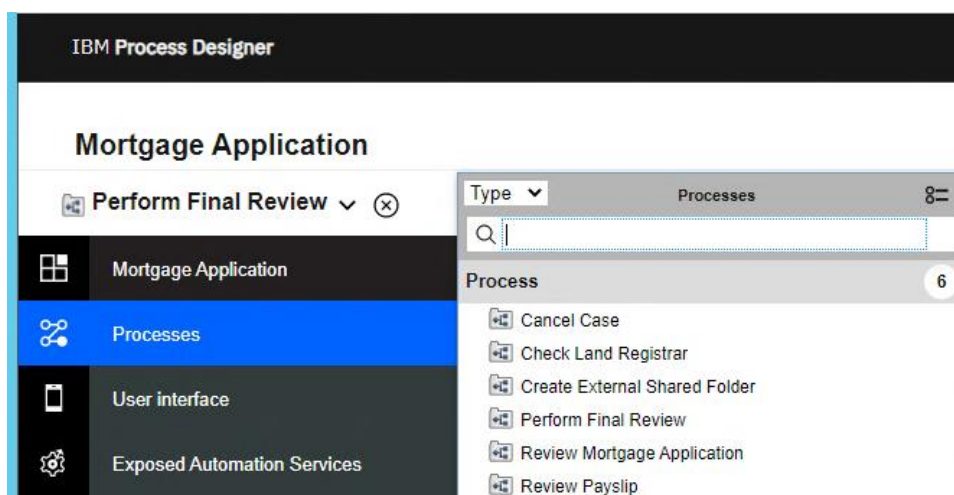
More information about BPC: <https://ibm.box.com/v/BusinessPerformanceCenter>

1.2 Lab Overview

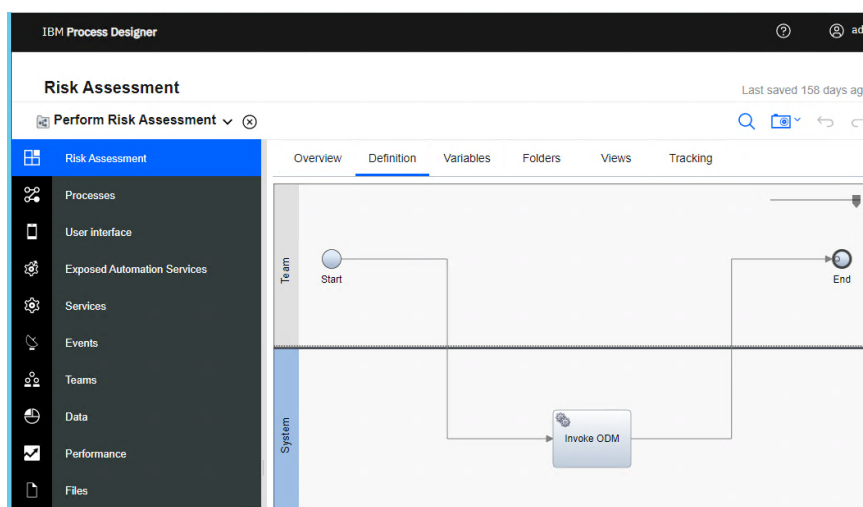
The solution used during the labs is *Mortgage Application* Case Solution. The core of the solution is a Case called *New Mortgage Application* Case Type, containing activities which need to be performed, data, documents and conditions driving the processing.



The first five Case Activities are implement using automatically generated Process App (Mortgage Application)



The Perform Risk Assessment Activity is implement using a standalone Process App. This activity invokes an ODM decision.



The ODM Decision (called *compute borrower scores*) is implemented as a table.

compute borrower scores > salary score

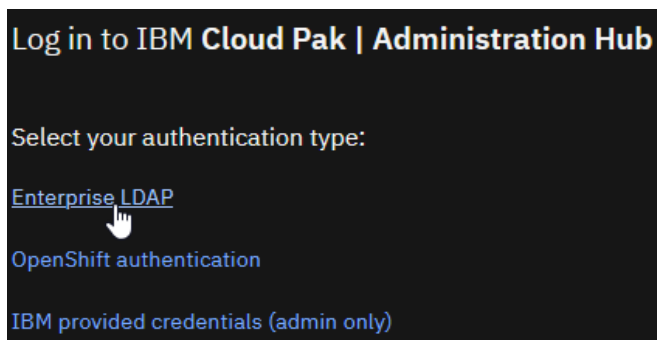
	Yearly income		Salary score
	min	max	
1	< 10,000		21
2	10,000	20,000	50
3	20,000	30,000	80
4	30,000	50,000	120
5	50,000	80,000	150
6	80,000	120,000	200
7	120,000	200,000	250
8	≥ 200,000		300

1.3 Lab Setup Instructions

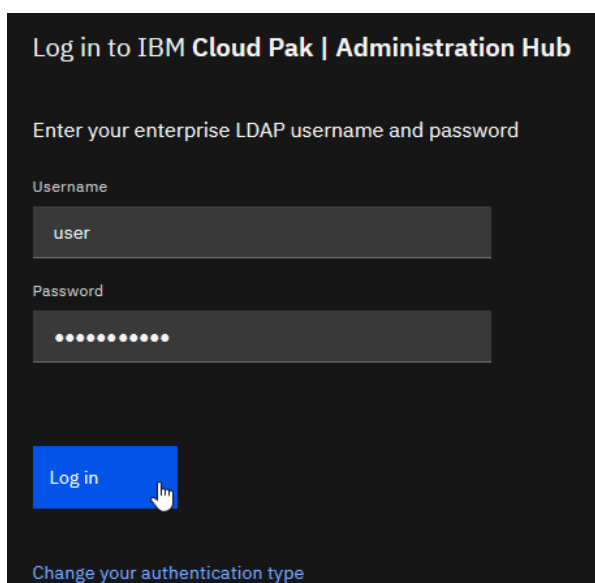
_1. If you are performing this lab as a part of an IBM event, access the document that lists the available systems and URLs along with login instructions. For this lab, you will need to access **IBM Business Performance Center**.

_2. Paste the Business Performance Center URL to your web browser.

_3. Select **Enterprise LDAP** login option



_4. Enter the supplied to you *Username* and *Password* and then click **Log in**



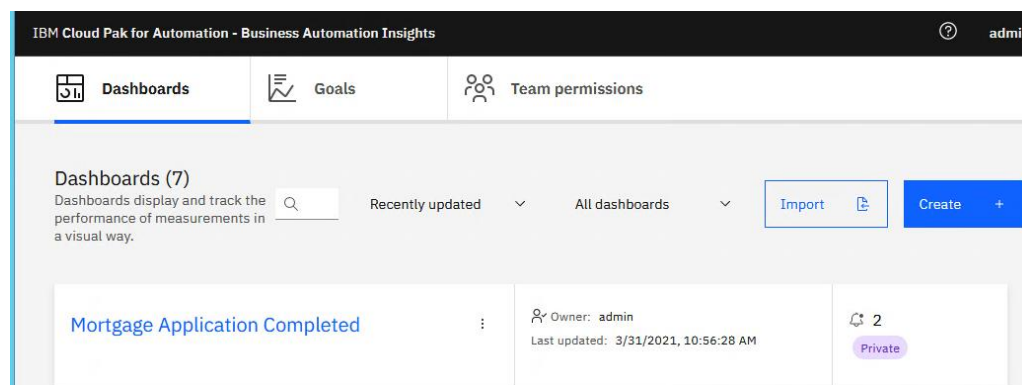
2 Exercise: Create Mortgage Solution Dashboard

2.1 Introduction

In this lab exercise you will use BPC to create a business dashboard that will enable a business user to get a real time business insight into mortgage processing.

Note that all the events (including the BPMN Processes, the Mortgage Application Case and the ODM Decision) were already generated for you.

A reference version of the dashboard you will be building in the lab exercise (called **Mortgage Application Completed**) has already been built for you. If you like, you can refer to it when building your own version of the dashboard.



2.2 Exercise Instructions

In this lab exercise you will author and configure the following BPC artifacts:

- A Mortgage Application **Dashboard**
- **Charts** used in the Mortgage A dashboard
- A Chart **Alert**
- A **Goal** to group related Charts

2.2.1 Create a Dashboard

_1. Click **Create +**



_2. For **Name** enter **Mortgage Application** and click **Save**

Dashboards

Create dashboard

Details

Name

Mortgage Application

Description (optional)

I want to see the average duration of processes completed last month.

Time range

Shortcuts

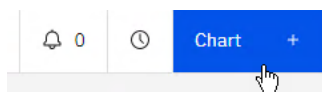
☐ Fixed date ☐ Sliding date ☒ No range

No time range selected. The dashboard will display the full data set.

Cancel Save

2.2.2 Create “Approvals by country” Chart

_1. Click **Chart +**



_2. Enter the following and then click **Create**

Item	Value
Name	Approvals by country
Select measurement	Metric

Mortgage Application

Create chart

Name

Approvals by country

Description (optional)

Select measurement

Metric ☒ **Period metric** ☐ **KPI** ☐ **Period KPI** ☐ **Data** ☐

A performance indicator based on data items, constants, and other metrics that helps you monitor your business activities.

A representation of metric values measured over time.

A type of metric that shows the degree to which business objectives are on track.

A representation of KPI values measured over time so that you can spot historical trends.

A set of data items presented in a table.

Cancel Create

2.2.2.1 Select Data

_1. For *Monitoring source* select **Workflow (BPMN) – ALL**

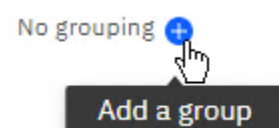
Monitoring context

Monitoring source

Workflow (BPMN) - ALL

This will select events from all the BPMN Processes. To restrict the data to the BPMN Processes associated with the Mortgage Application Solution, we will filter the data in the Filters tab.

_2. Click **Add a group +** button **twice** to add two Group by entries.



_3. For each group select the following values from the dropdown list:

Group	Value	Description
1	country (data > TG_MA) – (keyword)	Country of the mortgage application
2	finalReview (data > TG_MA) – (keyword)	Boolean value indicating if the application was approved or rejected

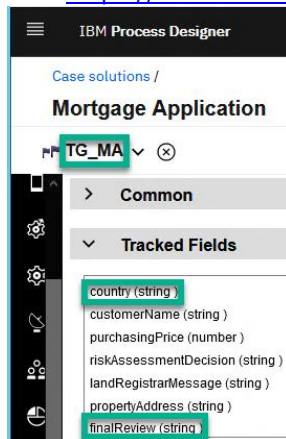
Your *Group by* setting should look exactly like this:

Group by +

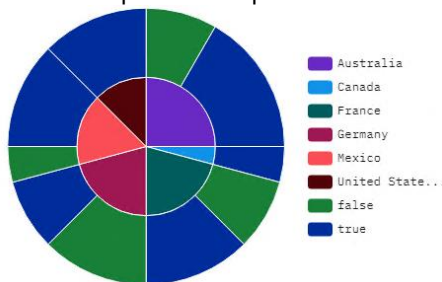
country (data > TG_MA) - (keyword)	↑	↓	🗑️
finalReview (data > TG_MA) - (keyword)	↑	↓	🗑️

Notes:

- The TG_MA is the name of the Tracking Group in the Mortgage Application Process App
- To learn more about Tracking Groups in Business Automation Workflow see:
<https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/baw/20.x?topic=data-tracking-groups-process-variables>



- The **Group by order** setting reflects nesting of a measure in the pie. The group on top (country) is the inner part of the pie.



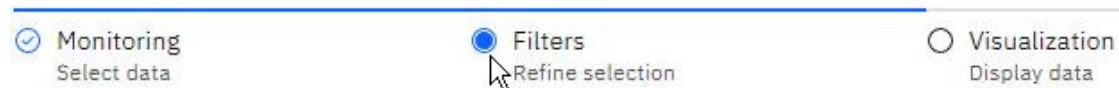
2.2.2.2 Filter Data

When selecting Monitoring source you specified **Workflow (BPMN) – ALL**. This setting allows you to work with the data from all the BPMN processes. Filters allow you to select specific data you want to display in your Chart.

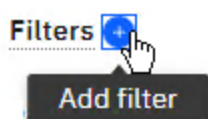
_1. Select **Filters** tab

Approvals by country

No description added



_2. Click **Filter +** button **3 times** to add three Filters.



_3. For each group select the following values from the dropdown list:

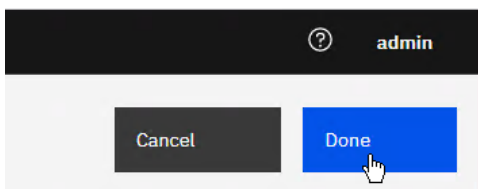
Group	Data item	Value
1	type – (keyword)	process
2	state – (keyword)	Completed
3	processApplicationName – (keyword)	Mortgage Application

Your Filters setting should look exactly like this:

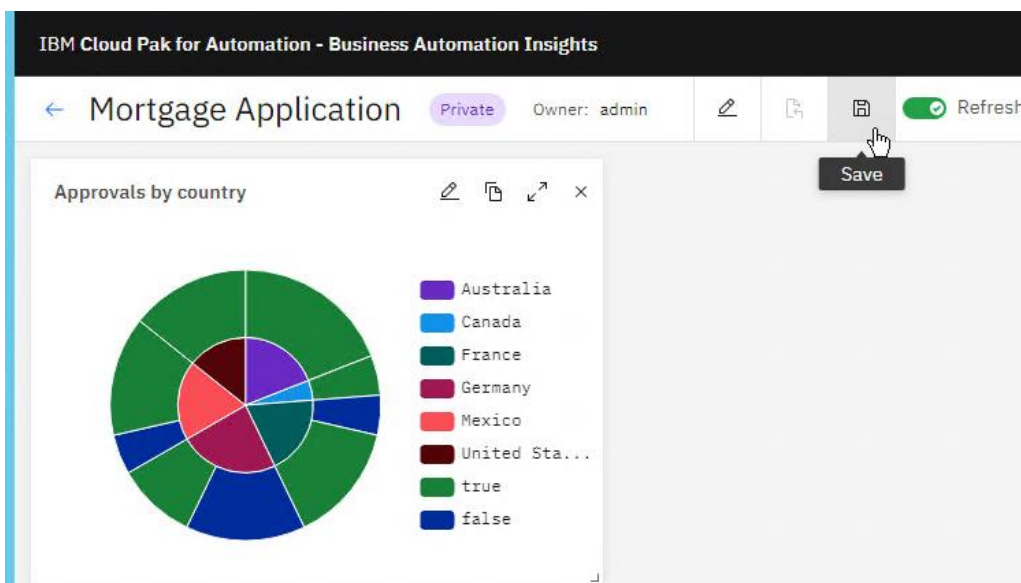
Filters +

Data item	Operator	Value
type - (keyword)	=	process
AND		
state - (keyword)	=	Completed
AND		
processApplicationNam	=	Mortgage Application

_4. Click **Done**

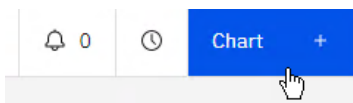


_5. Click **Save** to save your work!



2.2.3 Create “Trend of approvals by country” Chart

_1. Click **Chart +**



_2. Enter the following and then click **Create**

Item	Value
Name	Trend of approvals by country
Select measurement	Periodic Metric

Mortgage Application

Create chart

Name

Trend of approvals by country ✓

Description (optional)

Select measurement

Metric

90%

A performance indicator based on data items, constants, and other metrics that helps you monitor your business activities.

Period metric ✓

A representation of metric values measured over time.

KPI

A type of metric that shows the degree to which business objectives are on track.

Period KPI

A representation of KPI values measured over time so that you can spot historical trends.

Data

A set of data items presented in a table.

Cancel Create ✓

2.2.3.1 Select Data

_1. For *Monitoring context* select the following:

Item	Value
Monitoring source	Workflow (BPMN) – ALL
Timestamp	completedTime

Monitoring context

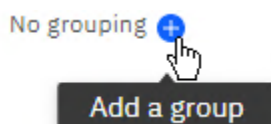
Monitoring source

Workflow (BPMN) - ALL

Timestamp

completedTime

_2. Click **Add a group +** button



_3. For *Group by* select **country (data > TG_MA) – (keyword)**

Group by

country (data > TG_MA) - (keyword)

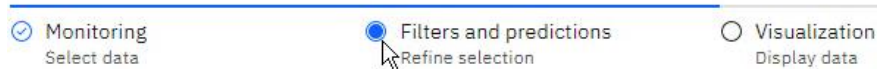


2.2.3.2 Filter Data

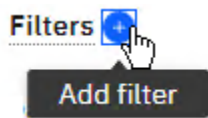
_1. Select **Filters and predictions** tab

Trend of approvals by country

No description added



_2. Click **Filter +** button **3 times** to add three Filters.



_3. For each group select the following values from the dropdown list:

Group	Data item	Value
1	type – (keyword)	process
2	state – (keyword)	Completed
3	processApplicationName – (keyword)	Mortgage Application

Your Filters setting should look exactly like this:

Filters

Data item	Operator	Value
type - (keyword)	=	process
AND		
Data item	Operator	Value
state - (keyword)	=	Completed
AND		
Data item	Operator	Value
processApplicationNam	=	Mortgage Application

_4. Click **Prediction on** and for *Perdition time range* select **Next month**

Prediction

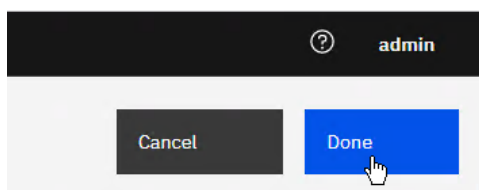
☒ Prediction on

Prediction time range

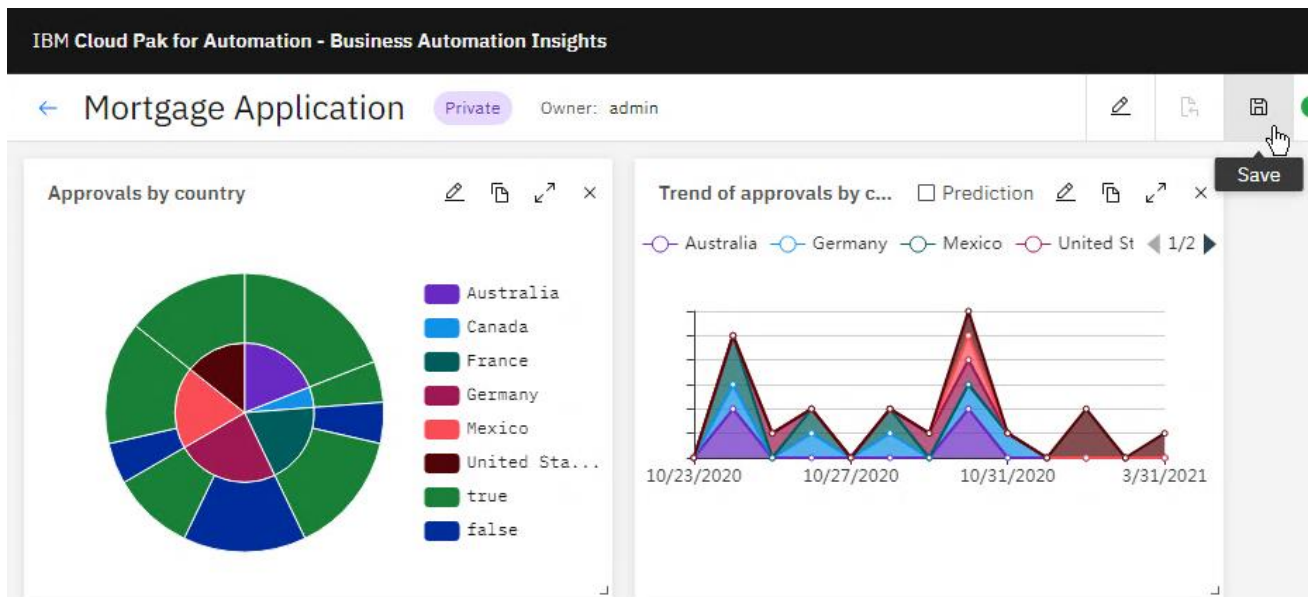
Next month

A prediction for period metrics and KPIs projects your historical data into a possible future, and provides you a visual representation of past, current, and potential trends. Knowing these trends can inform your decisions and actions before an eventual situation arises.

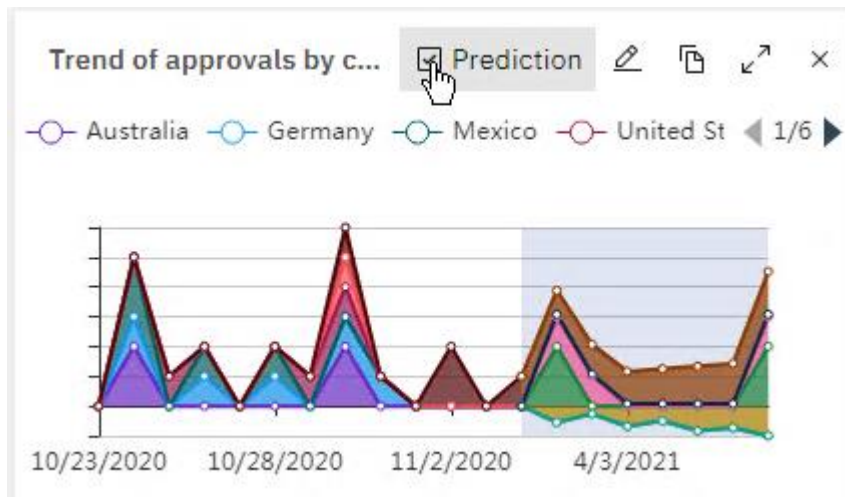
_5. Click **Done**



_6. Click **Save** to save you work!



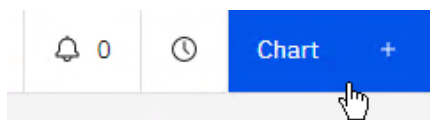
_7. Click **Prediction** check box to enable KPI prediction



Note the negative KPI prediction value. When there is a clear downward trend, the model will continue to follow the trend and you end up with negative values even for variables that cannot be negative.

2.2.4 Create “Daily application approvals” Chart

_1. Click **Chart +**



_2. Enter the following and then click **Create**

Item	Value
Name	Daily application approvals
Select measurement	Periodic KPI

Mortgage Application

Create chart

Name

Daily application approvals

Description (optional)

Select measurement

Metric

90%

A performance indicator based on data items, constants, and other metrics that helps you monitor your business activities.

Period metric

A representation of metric values measured over time.

KPI

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Period KPI

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Data

A set of data items presented in a table.

Cancel

Create

2.2.4.1 Select Data

_1. For *Monitoring context* select the following:

Item	Value
Monitoring source	Workflow (BPMN) – ALL
Timestamp	completedTime

Monitoring context

Monitoring source

Workflow (BPMN) - ALL

Timestamp

completedTime

_2. Click **Targets +** button

Targets

Add target

_3. For *Value* enter 2

Label

Target

Value

2

_4. In the top right corner select the **Bar Chart** icon

KPI trend

Bar



2.2.4.2 Filter Data

_1. Select **Filters and predictions** tab

Daily application approvals [🔗](#)

No description added

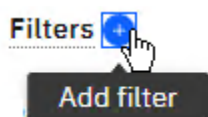
☒ Monitoring
Select data

☒ Filters and predictions
Refine selection

☐ Visualization
Display data

☐ Thresholds
Label ranges

Click **Filter +** button **4 times** to add three Filters.



For each group select the following values from the dropdown list:

Filter	Data item	Value
1	type – (keyword)	process
2	state – (keyword)	Completed
3	processApplicationName – (keyword)	Mortgage Application
4	finalReview (data > TG_MA) – (keyword)	true

Your Filters setting should look exactly like this:

Filters +

Data item	Operator	Value
type - (keyword) ▼	= ▼	process
AND		
Data item	Operator	Value
state - (keyword) ▼	= ▼	Completed
AND		
Data item	Operator	Value
processApplicationNa ▼	= ▼	Mortgage Application
AND		
Data item	Operator	Value
finalReview (data > TG ▼	= ▼	true

2.2.4.3 Define KPI Thresholds and Alerts

_1. Select **Thresholds** tab

Daily application approvals [🔗](#)

No description added

☒ Monitoring
Select data

☒ Filters and predictions
Refine selection

☒ Visualization
Display data

☒ Thresholds
Label ranges

_2. Click **Thresholds +** button two times.



_3. For each group select the following values from the dropdown list:

Threshold	Data item	Value
1	Threshold name	Below
	Range name 1	Poor
	Range name 2	Good
2	Threshold name	Above
	Range name	Excellent

Your Thresholds setting should look exactly like this:

Our threshold setting should look exactly like this:

Below	1	Poor	min	1
		Range name	Start	End
		Good	1	2
Threshold name	Value	Range name	Start	End
Above	2	Excellent	2	max

_4. Click **Purple Color patch**



_5. Click **Red color patch** from the palette



_6. To close the palette dropdown click the **Red Color patch** on the Threshold



_7. For the remaining Threshold use the steps above to change the colors

Threshold	Range name	Color
Below	Good	orange
Above	Excellent	green

Your Thresholds' color setting should look exactly like this:

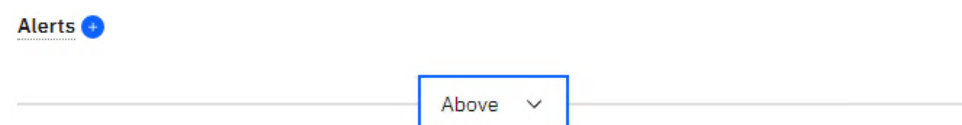
Below	1	Poor	min	1	
		Range name	Start	End	
		Good	1	2	
Threshold name	Value	Range name	Start	End	
Above	2	Excellent	2	max	

_8. Click **Alerts +** button

For Alert target change the value for Below to **Above**




The new alert target should look exactly like this!




_9. For each group select the following values from the dropdown list:


Alert field	Data item
Alert if the value	Reaches or exceeds the threshold
Message	Rate of daily application approval exceeds 2.
Priority	High

The alert should look exactly like this!


Alerts 

Above 


Alert if the value

reaches or exceeds the threshold 


Message


Rate of daily application approval exceeds 2. 

Priority

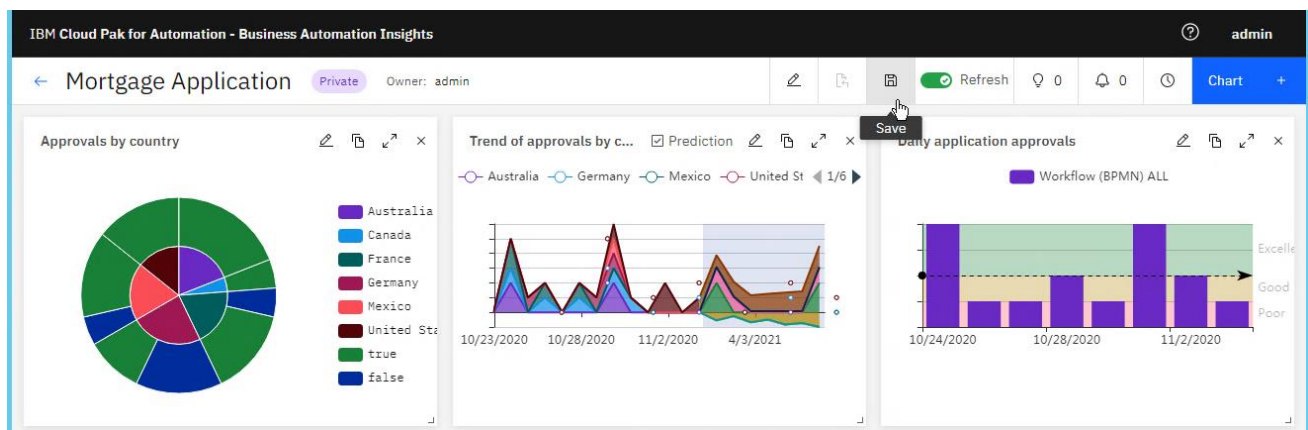
High 

_10. Click **Done**

 admin

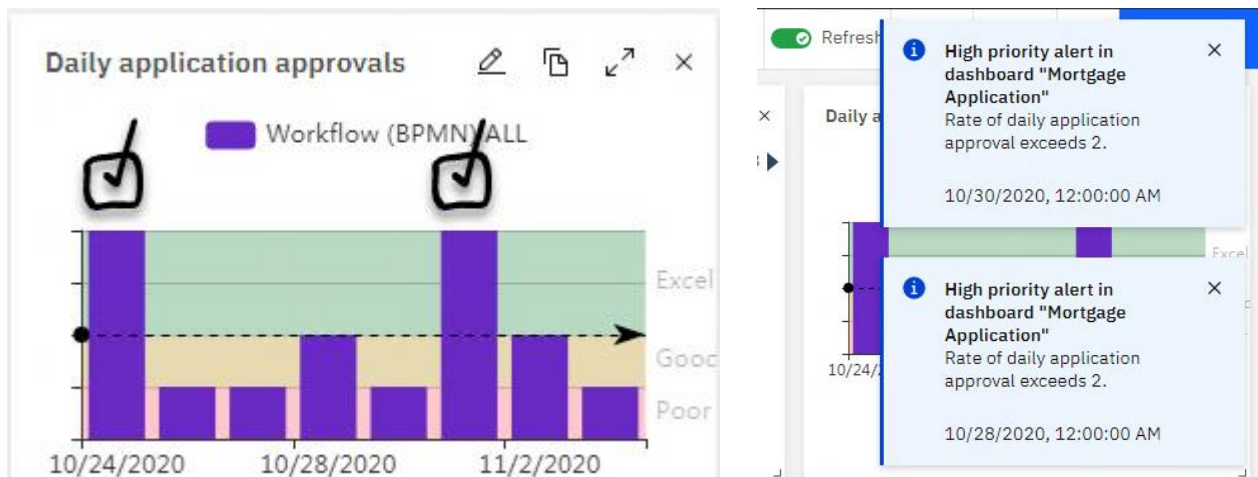
Cancel Done 

_11. Click **Save** to save you work!



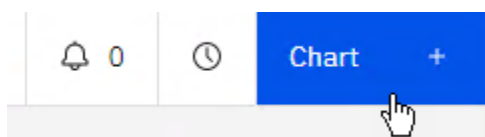
Because on two separate days the application approval reached and exceeded two, you should now see two alerts!

Note: you may need to wait a bit for the alerts to show up.



2.2.5 Create “Application approval information” Chart

_1. Click **Chart +**



_2. Enter the following and then click **Create**

Item	Value
Name	Application approval information
Select measurement	Data

Mortgage Application

Create chart

Name

Application approval information ✓

Description (optional)

Select measurement

Metric

90%

A performance indicator based on data items, constants, and other metrics that helps you monitor your business activities.

Period metric

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KPI

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Data

A set of data items presented in a table.

Cancel

Create ✓

2.2.5.1 Select Data

_1. For *Monitoring source* select **Workflow (BPMN) – ALL**

Monitoring context

Monitoring source

Workflow (BPMN) - ALL

2.2.5.2 Filter Data

_1. Select **Filters** tab

Application approval information 

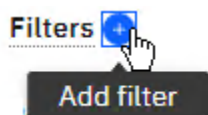
No description added

☒ Monitoring
Select data

☒ Filters
Refine selection

☐ Visualization
Display data

_2. Click **Filter +** button **3 times** to add three Filters.



_3. For each group select the following values from the dropdown list:

Group	Data item	Value
1	type – (keyword)	process
2	state – (keyword)	Completed
3	name – (keyword)	Perform Final Review


Your Filters setting should look exactly like this:

Filters

Data item	Operator	Value
type - (keyword) ▾	= ▾	process
AND		
Data item	Operator	Value
state - (keyword) ▾	= ▾	Completed
AND		
Data item	Operator	Value
name - (keyword) ▾	= ▾	Perform Final Review

2.2.5.3 Visualize Data

_1. Select **Visualization** tab

Application approval information 

No description added

- ☒ Monitoring
Select data
- ☒ Filters
Refine selection
- ☒ Visualization
Display data

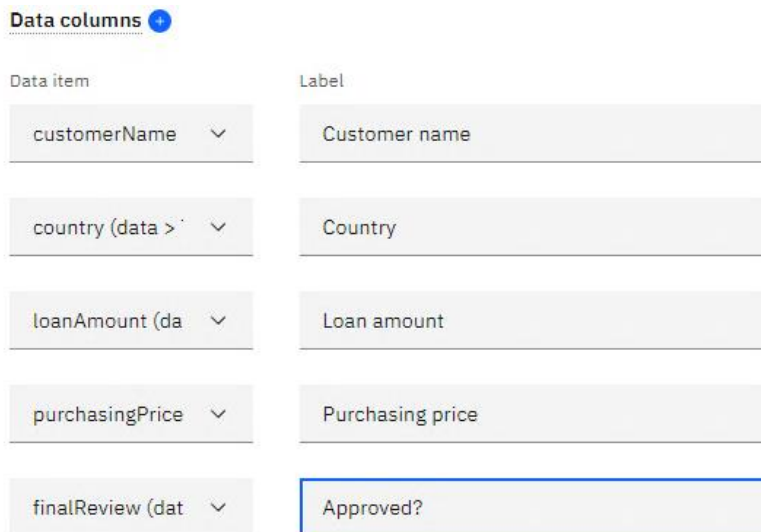
_2. Click **Data columns +** button **5 times** to add five data columns



For each group select the following values from the dropdown list:

Data column	Data item	Label
1	customerName (data > TG_MA)	Customer name
2	country (data > TG_MA)	Country
3	loanAmount (data > TG_MA)	Loan amount
4	purchasingPrice (data > TG_MA)	Purchasing price
5	finalReview (data > TG_MA)	Approved?

Your *Data columns* setting should look exactly like this:



Data item	Label
customerName	Customer name
country (data > TG_MA)	Country
loanAmount (data > TG_MA)	Loan amount
purchasingPrice (data > TG_MA)	Purchasing price
finalReview (data > TG_MA)	Approved?

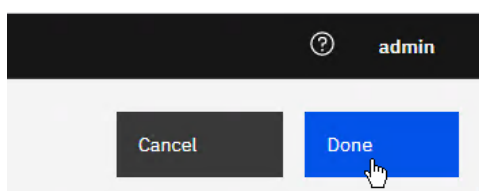
Also you should see the 21 rows of data!

Data

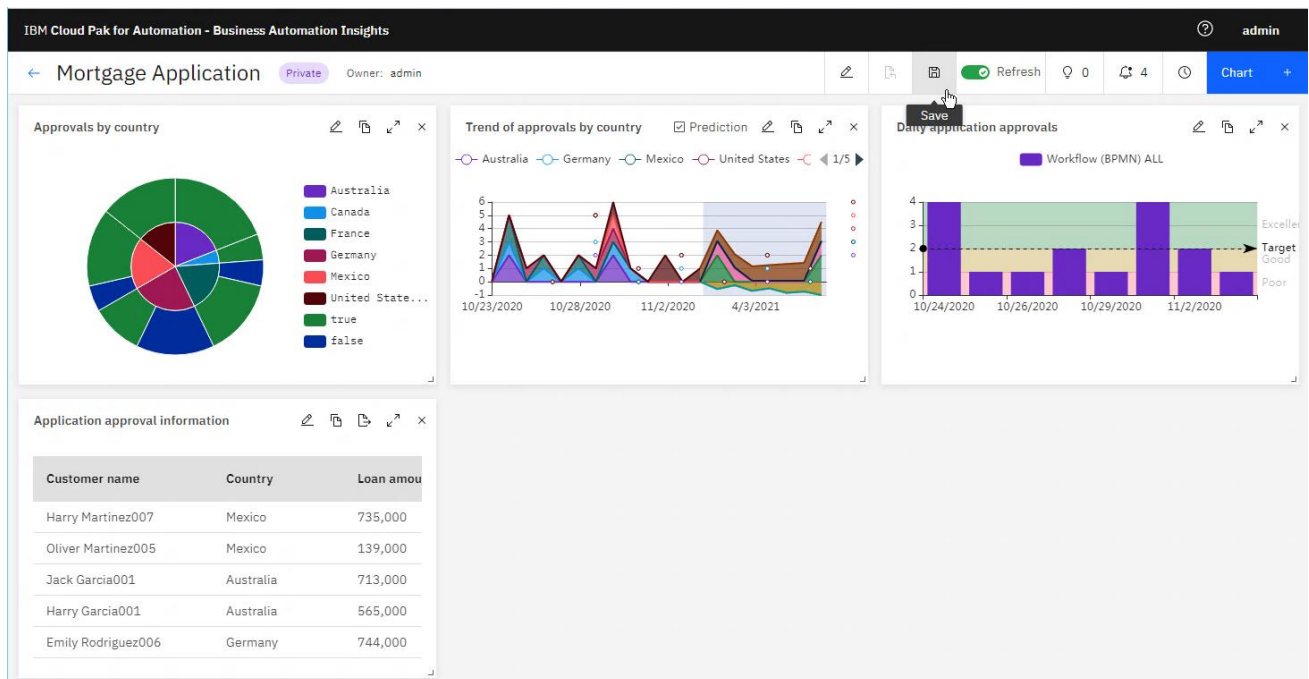
5 columns, 21 rows

Customer name	Country	Loan amount	Purchasing price	Approved?
Harry Martinez007	Mexico	735,000	740,000	false
Oliver Martinez005	Mexico	139,000	251,000	true
Jack Garcia001	Australia	713,000	729,000	true
Harry Garcia001	Australia	565,000	649,000	true
Emily Rodriguez006	Germany	744,000	857,000	true

_3. Click **Done**



_4. Click **Save** to save your work!



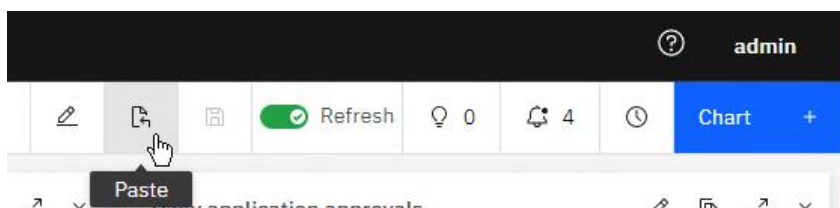
2.2.6 Create “Approvals by country heatmap” Chart

Since this chart is almost identical to the *Approval by country* chart, we will use copy-and-paste technique to create this chart from the *Approvals by country* chart.

_1. On the *Approval by country* chart click **Copy**



_2. On the BPM main toolbar click **Paste**



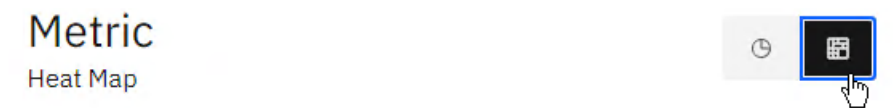
_3. On the copy of *Approval by country* chart click **Edit**

_4. Click **Edit configuration**

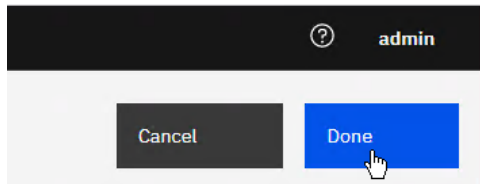


_5. For Name enter **Approvals by country heatmap** and then click **Apply**

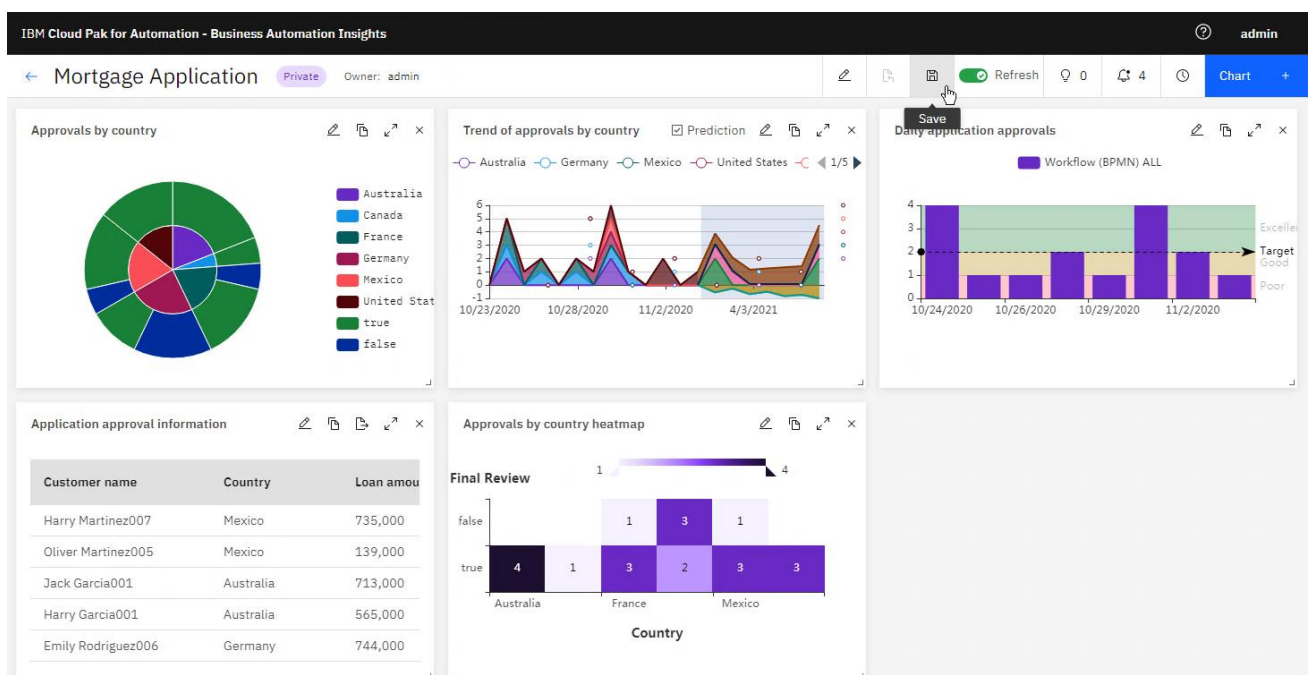
_6. Click **Heatmap** button to change the visualization type from *Pie* to **Heatmap**



_7. Click **Done**



_8. Click **Save** to save you work!

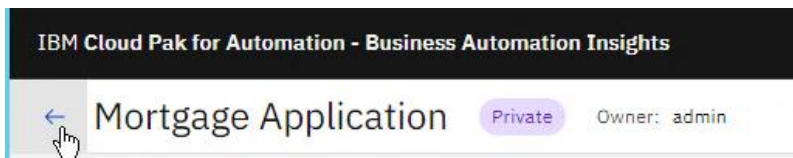


2.2.7 Create a Configure Goal

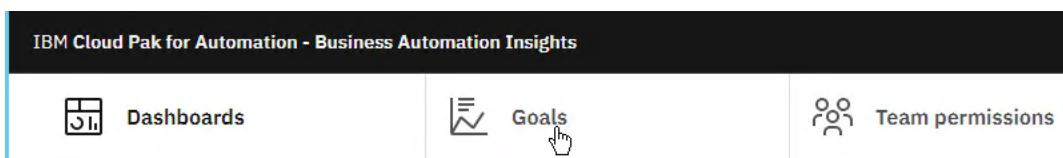
A Goal is a business statement that brings purpose and scope to your dashboards. Goals are used to aggregate charts within a dashboard and to give dashboards a business purpose. Goals definition include the details of a specific objective you want to achieve, the time-frame for achieving an objective, and identifiers (categories and colors) for the goal.

2.2.7.1 Create a Goal

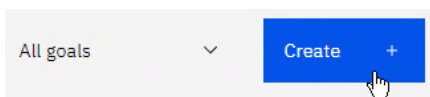
_1. Click the **Arrow** to the left of Mortgage Application dashboard



_2. Click **Goals**



_3. Click **Create**



_4. For *Name* enter Track mortgage approval rates by country

Details

Name

Track mortgage approval rates by country

_5. For *Priority* select **High**

Priority

☐ Low ☐ Medium ☒ High

_6. Click *Goal color* purple color patch

Goal color



_7. Select **red** color patch

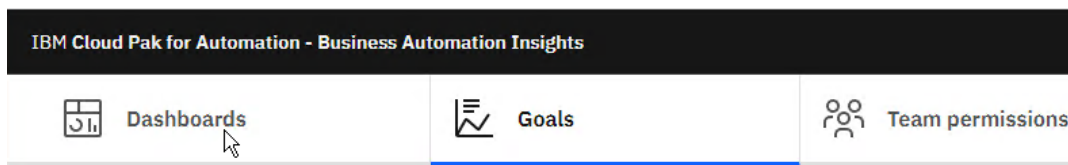


_8. Click **Save**

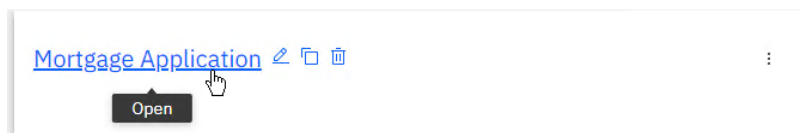


2.2.7.2 Set business goal for selected charts

_1. Click **Dashboards**



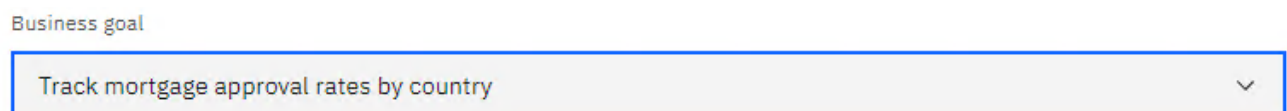
_2. Click Mortgage Application dashboard



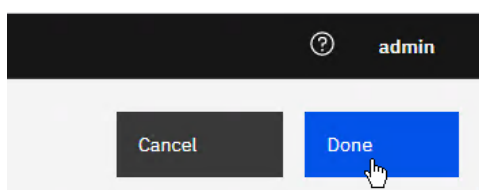
_3. On *Approvals by country* dashboard click **Edit** button



_4. For Business goal, from the drop-down list select **Track mortgage approval rates by country**

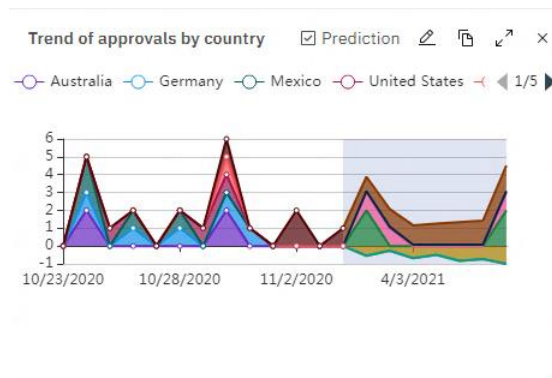
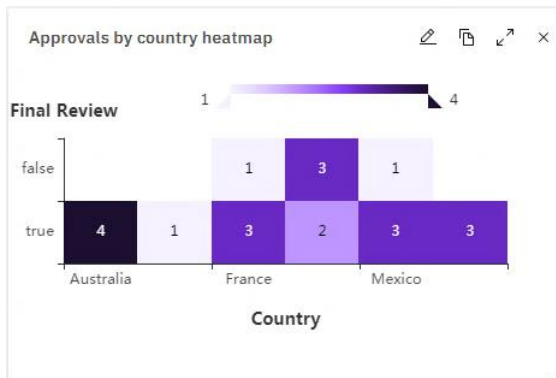


_5. Click **Done**



_6. Repeat the above steps to add a *Business Goal* to these two *Dashboards*:

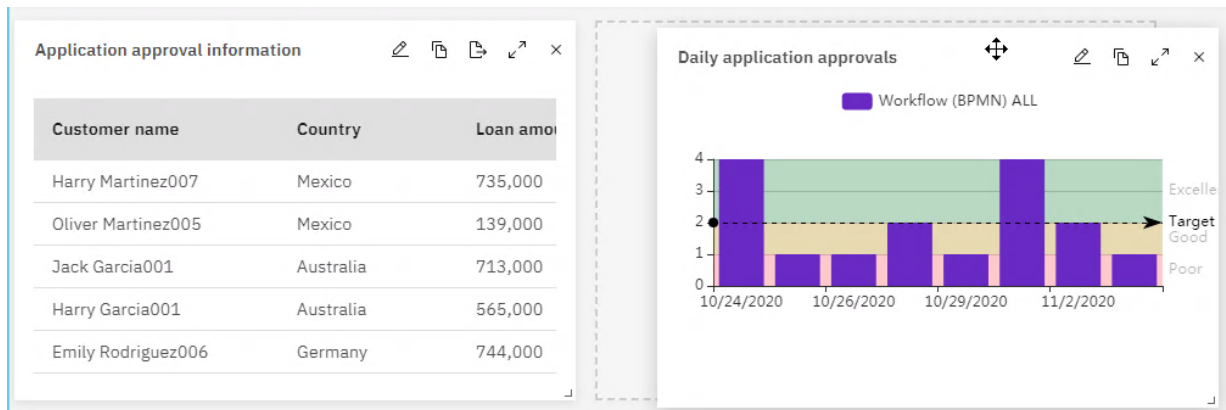
- *Approvals by country heatmap*
- *Trend of approvals by country*



2.2.7.3 Change dashboard layout

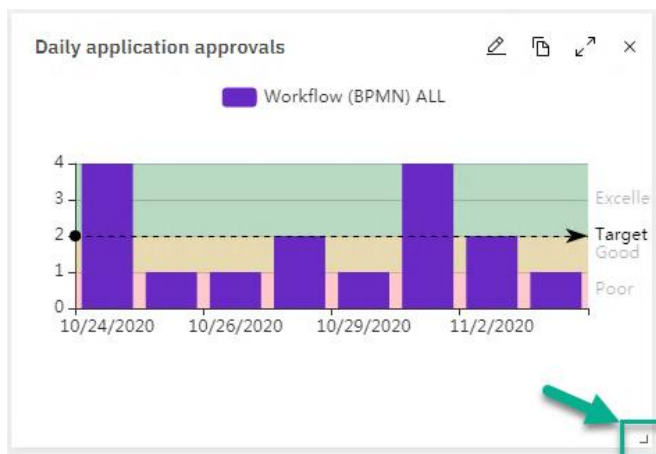
_1. Move **Daily application approvals** dashboard using these steps:

- Click on it
- When the crosshair cursor appears, hold the left mouse button
- Drag the dashboard just to the right of the *Application approval information* dashboard

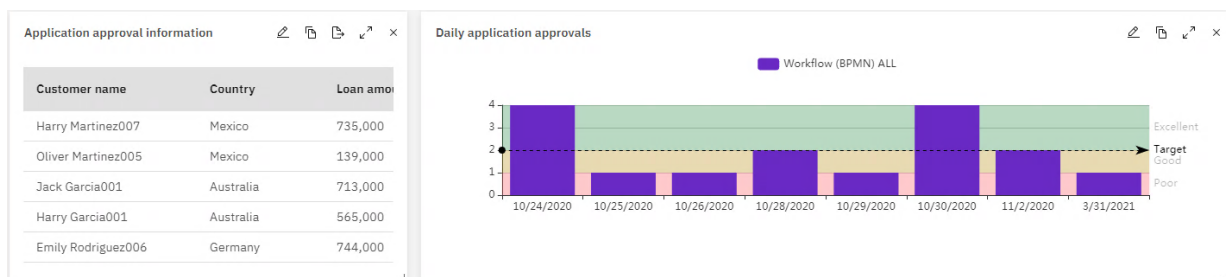


_2. Expand horizontally the **Daily application approvals** dashboard using these steps:

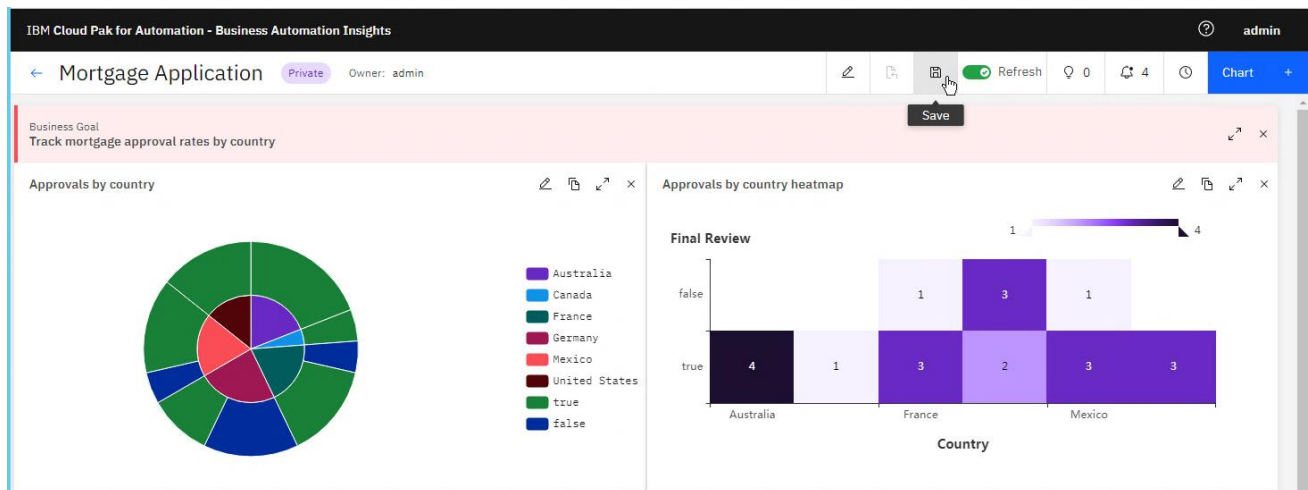
- Click **sizing icon** in the bottom right corner



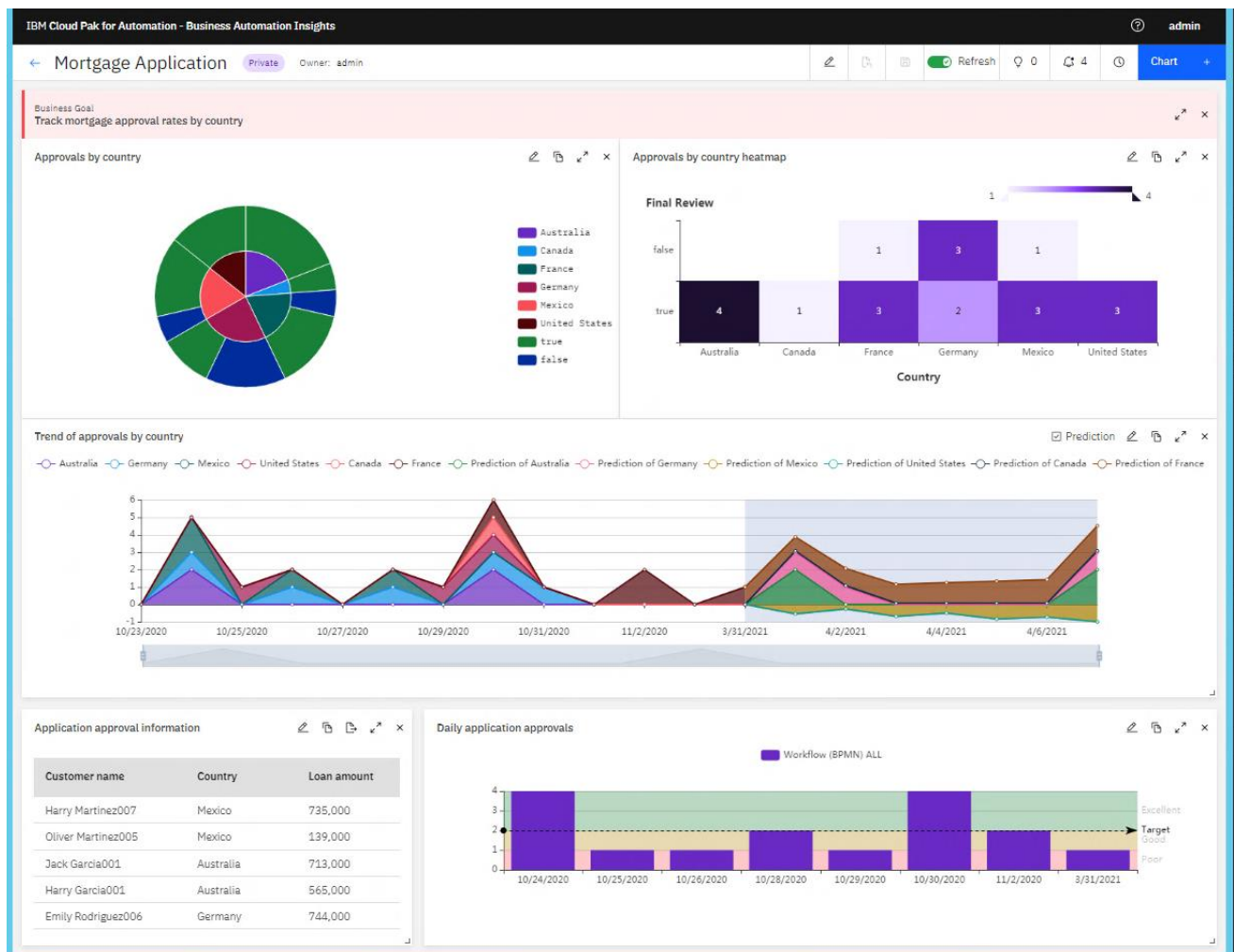
- Hold the left mouse button
- Move the Dashboard to the right until the dashboard fills up the horizontal space



_3. Click **Save** to save your work!



_4. Adjust the web browser's resolution (using **Ctrl -** keys) to fit the entire dashboard on the screen



2.3 Summary

In the labs, you will learn how to build and use Business Performance Center dashboard to provide insights into a mortgage application solution for line of business users. Specifically you learned how to create and configure the following BPC artifacts: Dashboards, Charts, Chart Alerts, and Goals.