

# ALM Business Views

## Introduction to Business Views

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## What are Business Views?

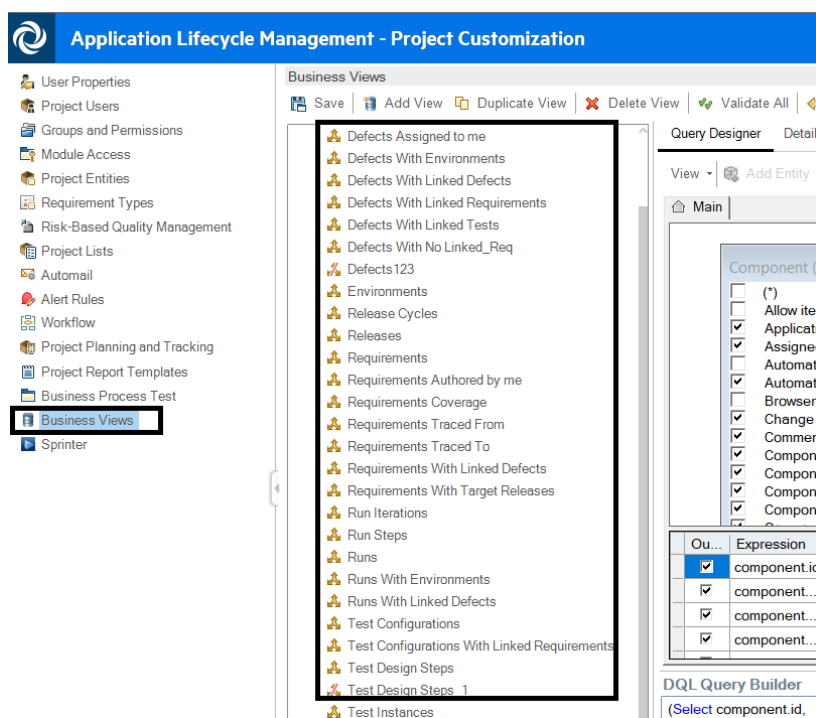
A business view is a data layer that exists on top of the database, and which reflects only those project entity fields that represent information that is useful from a business perspective.

## When to use Business Views?

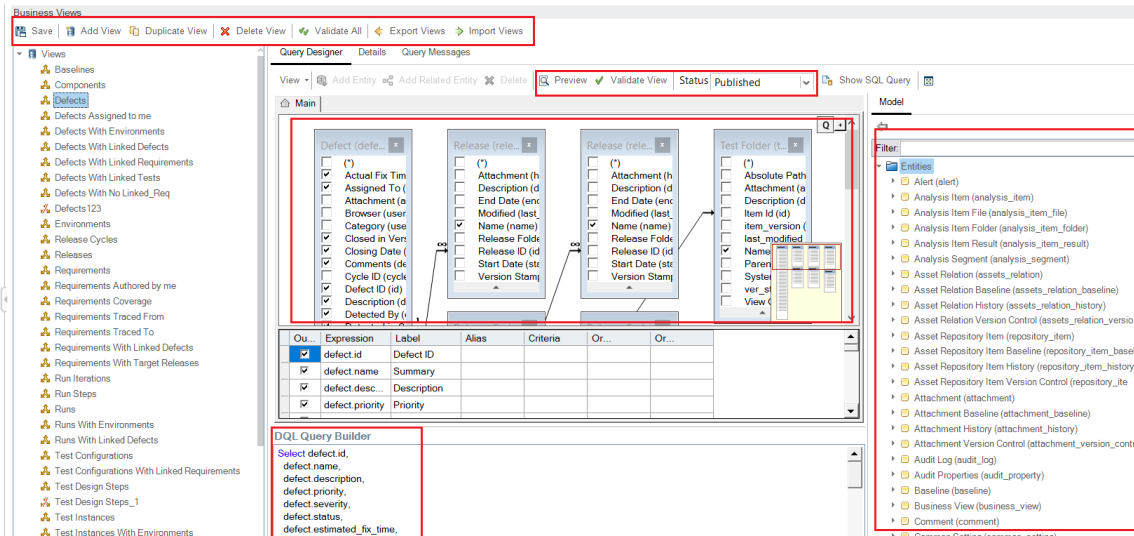
Business Views is used from reporting perspective. To generate Graphs and Excel reports for subset of data chosen from business perspective. Example - a business view based on the Baselines entity could contain the **Name**, **Description**, and **Baseline ID** fields. This is because these fields convey information that could be of importance to the consumer who needs to understand baseline information from a business perspective only. By the same logic, the same business view would not include the **Attachment** and **Auto complete type** fields, as they are of little business significance.

## What are Business View Reports based on?

Business View reports are created based on Business Views. ALM provides 30+ out of the box Business Views and can be accessed from Project Customization → Business Views.

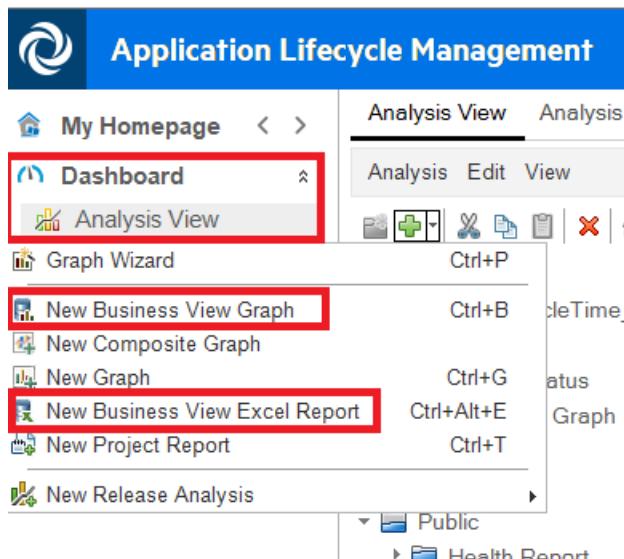


Customized Business Views can be created by duplicating existing Business View or by using Add View option. Views can be created by selecting different entity tables, tables can be linked, fields can be selected through UI or DQL can be created to extract the data.



## How to create Business Views Reports?

Business view reports can be created from Dashboard → Analysis View by selecting Business View Graph or Business View Excel Report



## What are the different types of reports that can be created using Business Views?

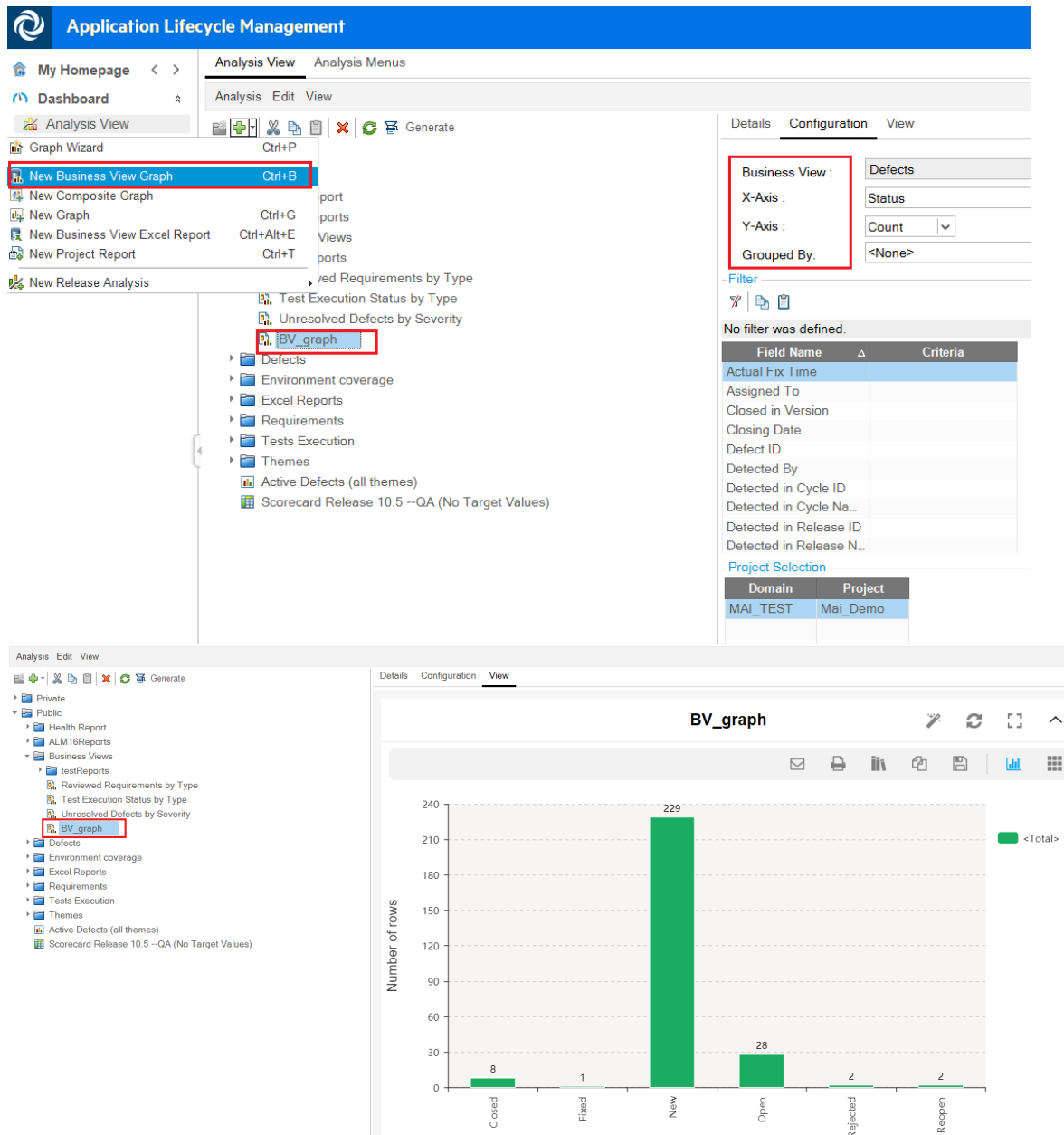
Two types of reports can be created

1. Business View Graph Reports

## 2. Business View Excel Reports

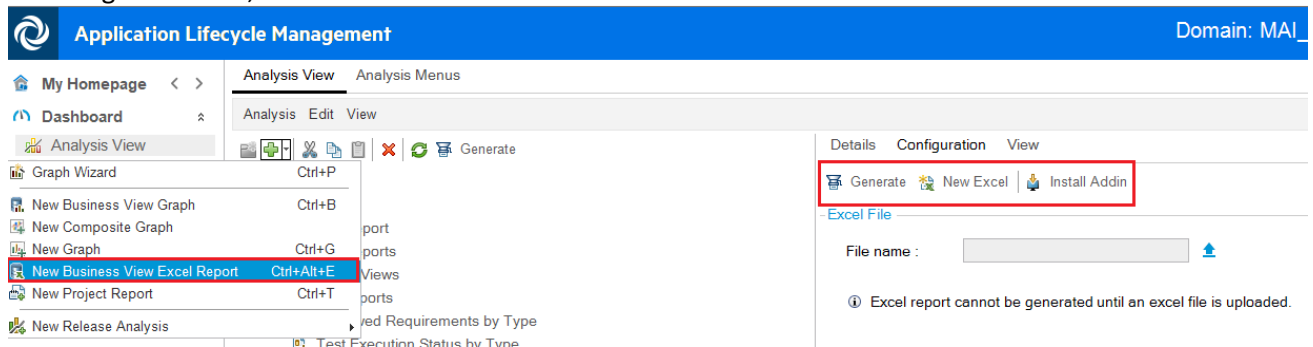
### Business View Graph Reports

Displays data in graphical format where Business View is selected along with other configurations like X-Axis , Y Axis , Grouped By , Filters etc. The graph can be viewed in View Tab.

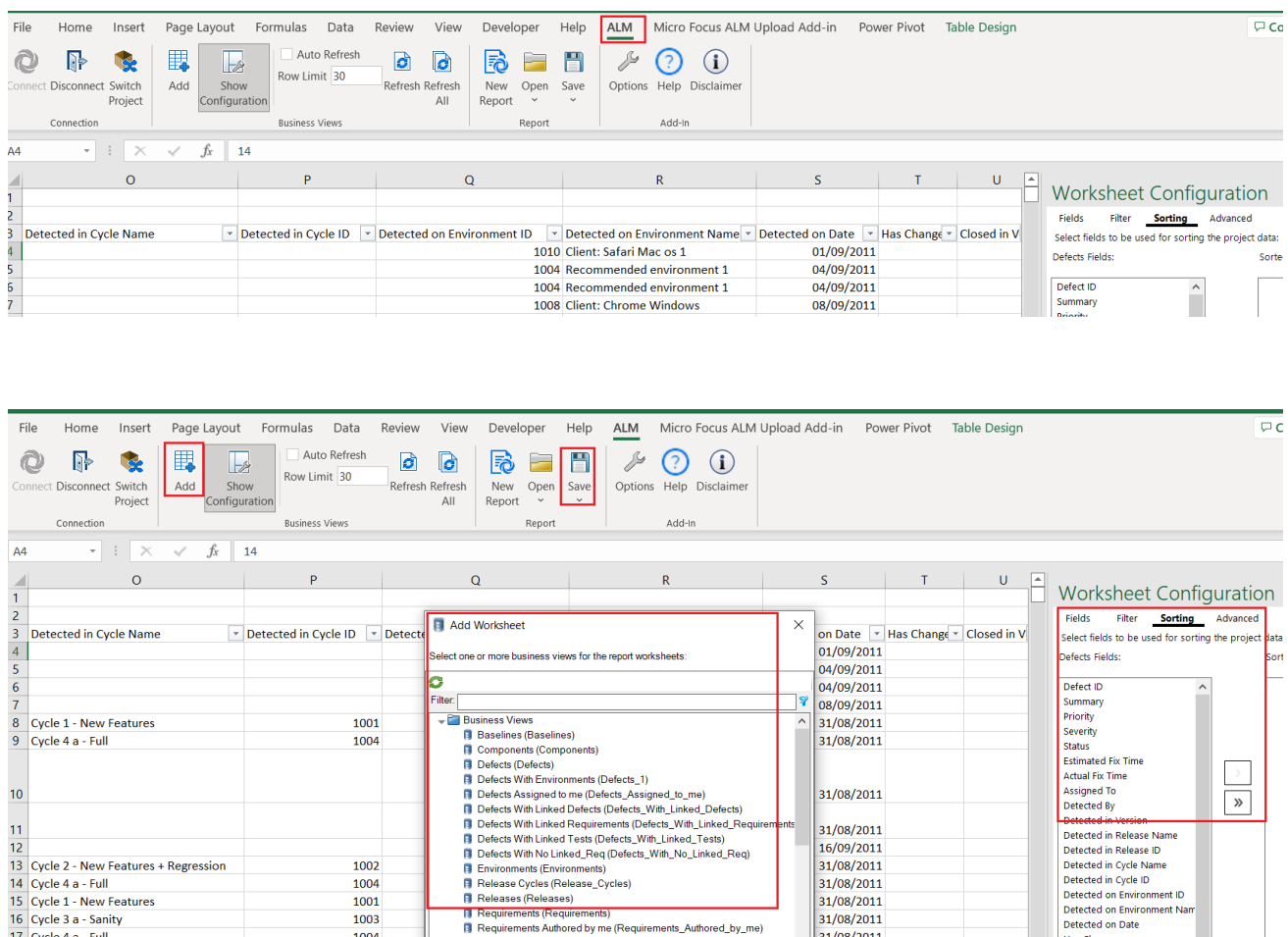


## Business View Excel Reports

Business View Excel Reports uses Business Views and generates the reports in Excel Format. The requirement for generating this report is we need Business View Excel Add in installed on the machine. By installing the Add-in, ALM tab is seen in Excel



By installing the Add-in, ALM tab is added to Excel and this tab provided multiple functionalities to configure the Business View excel report



## For more information refer to

### Creating Business Views

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### Business View Excel Reports

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### Business View Graph Reports

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## Who to contact –

Raise a request with SaaS support team for any queries or concerns.