

How Fusion helps with Impact Analysis

Impact Analysis includes defining business processes, performing tasks related to data collection for and documentation of business impact analyses, and prioritizing the most important business processes to focus on. Fusion can help in the following ways and more:

Scheduling Interviews

How Fusion helps: With Fusion, scheduling interviews for BIAs can be eliminated. Instead, employees will be alerted automatically to the BIA update cycle and can be provided a direct link to the process information that they are being asked to update. (up to 80%)

Data Collection (interviews and response compilation)

How Fusion helps: Fusion improves the BIA data collection process by having process owners enter information directly in the system where the data improves over time rather than starting from scratch every cycle when BIA's are typically refreshed. Interviews requiring participation of multiple people are eliminated in favor of direct data entry by the process owner in an engaging, tailored user experience. (up to 50%)

Data Collection (survey preparation, conduct survey and response interpretation)

How Fusion helps: If surveys are the current method for gathering BIA process information, this is replaced in Fusion with direct entry of process information into Fusion Framework. Each process owner will build up their own Information Foundation over time. The double entry of a survey that must be recompiled to understand the results is eliminated as the data will be directly in the Fusion system and interpretation will be much easier with Fusion's Analytics. (up to 50%)

Initial Mapping of Dependencies

How Fusion helps: Determining what each business process is dependent upon still involves discussion with subject matter experts, but the process will be more efficient with Fusion as the system allows easy linking of processes to other processes, sites, applications and virtually any asset or entity. The Visual Relationship Browser allows exploring which relationships already exist as a powerful tool to speed the process. (up to 20%)

Follow-up Interviews for Clarification

How Fusion helps: Follow-up efforts to obtain clarification of responses to surveys is virtually eliminated with Fusion Framework. As process owners enter data firsthand into a system, the need to clarify survey responses goes away. Instead, Fusion provides guided paths, tailored help text and the ability to configure the system to contain data fields and descriptive names that your organization understands. (up to 80%)

Criticality & Impact Analysis (scoring, tiering, ranking)

How Fusion helps: The Fusion Framework will automatically rank BIAs and business processes based on criticality and impact. BIA data is entered in a consistent way based on your selected methodology and this translates into immediate analytics that score, tier and rank your business processes or IT applications without any manual effort. (up to 90%)

Gap Analysis

How Fusion helps: Gap analysis is no longer a manual effort with Fusion Framework. Recovery time objectives and recovery time capabilities can be compared in real-time as they are entered based on dependencies. Gaps can be flagged and alerted to interested parties automatically and immediately when changes are detected. (up to 90%)

Strategy Identification and Cost Analysis (understanding impacts)

How Fusion helps: Once your BIAs are complete, you will typically determine strategies that will address the biggest areas of risk impact in cost effective ways. Fusion improves your ability to understand the real impact and prioritize efforts by taking data risk and impact data and tying these to BIAs and process criticality to build strategies that make sense with the limited resources available. (up to 20%)

Regular Reporting (building spreadsheets, PowerPoints, etc.)

How Fusion helps: Fusion Framework will improve your Impact Assessment reporting process by taking inputs and generating reports and dashboards directly and immediately. No translation into spreadsheets is required. In addition, reports can be generated into documents such as PDFs or PowerPoint slide decks for sharing with executives and others who are not regular users of the Fusion system. (up to 35%)

Ad hoc Reporting

How Fusion helps: Respond to virtually any request for information using the Fusion Information Foundation Fusion's exploratory and reporting tools. Understanding impact of the loss of virtually any asset or process can be done with a few clicks. Become a center of excellence on how your organization operates as you respond quickly to virtually any request. (up to 75%)

Ongoing Maintenance of BIA

How Fusion helps: Reduce time spent on BIA maintenance cycles because process owners will not be starting from a new survey or interview every year. Process definitions are retained and get better year after year. Maintenance is faster as process owners are familiar with their own information and can enter updates in far less time because they are engaged and get something back from the data. (up to 40%)

Other

How Fusion helps: Fusion Framework can be adapted to your methodology to improve things that could benefit from automated workflows, alerts, analytics and more. Conservatively, a 5% gain is estimated from applying Fusion to your unique processes, but the benefits are usually far greater. (conservative estimate 5%)