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# IFS FSM™ INTRODUCTION & SOLUTION OVERVIEW

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This is the agenda for the week’s course.  
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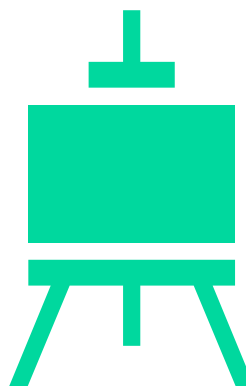


# OUR TRAINING APPROACH

## HOW WE LIKE TO DELIVER TRAINING

### Learning Activities

Facilitator-led instruction  
System Demos  
Take home Exercises  
Knowledge Tests



#### LEARNING ACTIVITIES

##### Facilitator-led Instruction

We try not to do too much of this, but it's inevitable that some of that we do during the course will involve me taking you through some slides and providing some information about how the system is structured, is designed to work and to show you how to configure the solution.

##### System Demos

Then, of course, we'll show you what this looks like in the system so that you can fully appreciate what we've been talking about

##### Hands-On

The most important part of what you'll do while you're here is get the opportunity to do some hands-on work in the training environment. This will always be a bit artificial compared to what you'll do back in the real world, but it's really important to have a go

##### Activities

These will be designed to give you a break from the screen and add a bit of fun!

##### Review sessions

This is where we'll aim to consolidate the learning that we've covered and make sure everyone has the basis they need to move on to the next steps

##### Knowledge Tests

Nothing heavy, just a little self-assessment so that you can check your learning progress and understand where your knowledge gaps are

#### LEARNING APPROACHES

##### Outcomes-based

For each lesson we'll set out, at the beginning, what we anticipate you'll be able to do by the end of the course – this means we're focused on what you'll be able to do with the training, not just on the training itself

##### Field service context-based

Field service is quite a distinctive business area and if you understand a bit about that context, it will really help you to appreciate what IFS customers are looking for when they implement this solution

##### Practically, functionally-based

We want to teach you things that are useful; whilst the code behind the scenes might be interesting to some, this course is about a practical, functional knowledge base that will allow you to implement the solution

##### Peer learning

There are people here from different backgrounds, with different experiences; if you get the opportunity to hear and share some of that, you'll find it makes the course more useful and more interesting

## UI PERSONALIZATION

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this lesson, you should have:

- Understood there are several UI Themes
- Known that the Home page can be personalized
- To know how to setup activity feeds and personalize the lobbies



UI PERSONALIZATION

OVERVIEW

Themes


Screen Settings

Saved Searches

Shortcuts

Lobbies

Activity Feed



Personalization is the ability of individual users to personalize certain aspects of their user experience and to save the settings for future sessions. This is separate from the ability of administrators to configure the environment for all users.

There are several ways a user can personalize the application.

**Themes** allow users to change the overall look and feel of the user interface. The themes have different colors and a flat or 3D look.

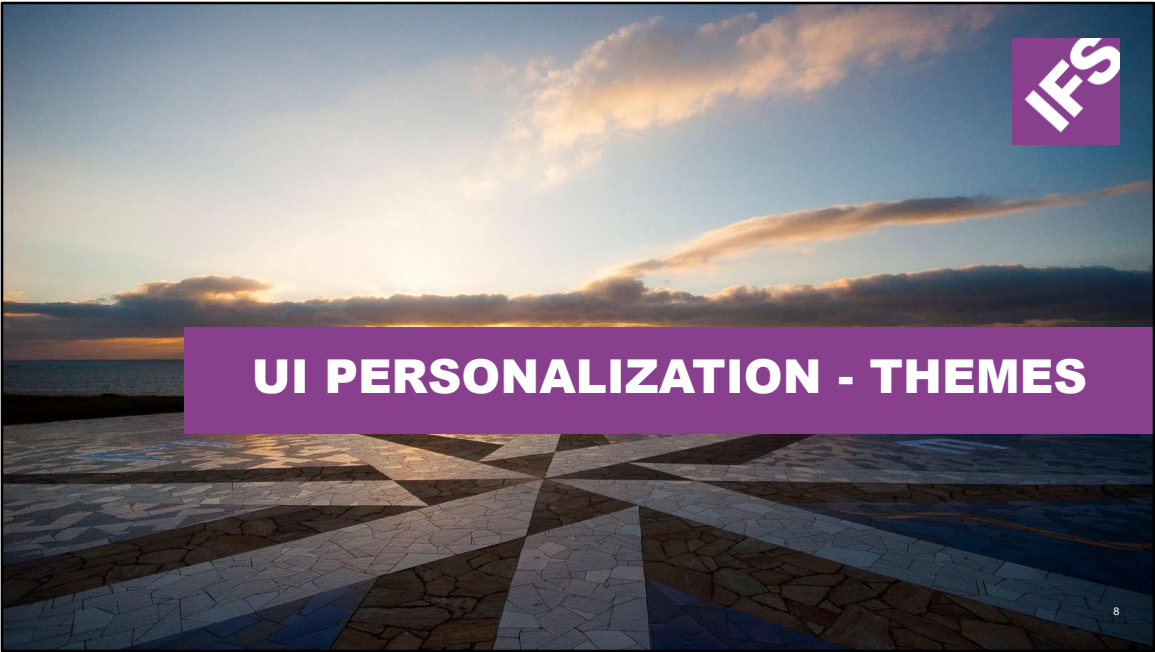
**Screen Settings** on screens can be personalized.

**Saved Searches** by individual users to save search criteria for individual screens. Saved Searches are not covered in this lesson, but will be covered in the “Search” lesson.

**Shortcuts** allows the user to quickly access frequently used screens and data.

**Lobbies** is a personal dashboard that can be adjusted to your needs, showing you what’s happening in your business, what you need to do and what you need to monitor.

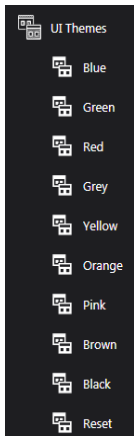
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## UI PERSONALIZATION

### AVAILABLE THEMES



UI Themes

- Blue
- Green
- Red
- Grey
- Yellow
- Orange
- Pink
- Brown
- Black
- Reset

#### Color Changes

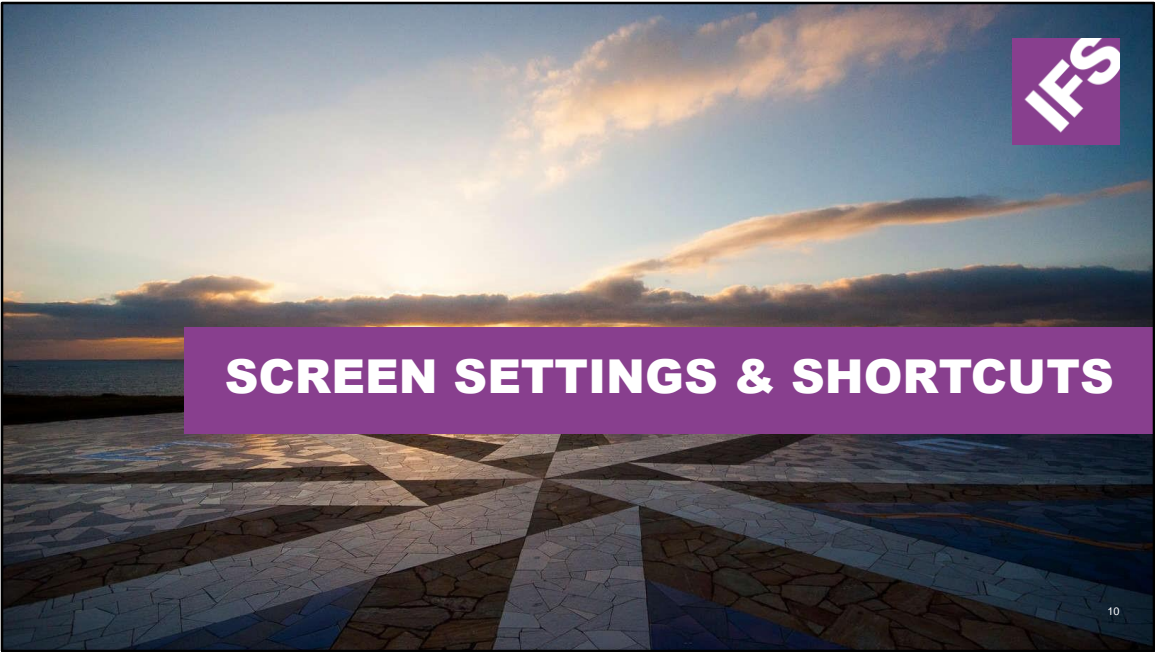
- Banner
- Screen Titles
- Colored Expanders

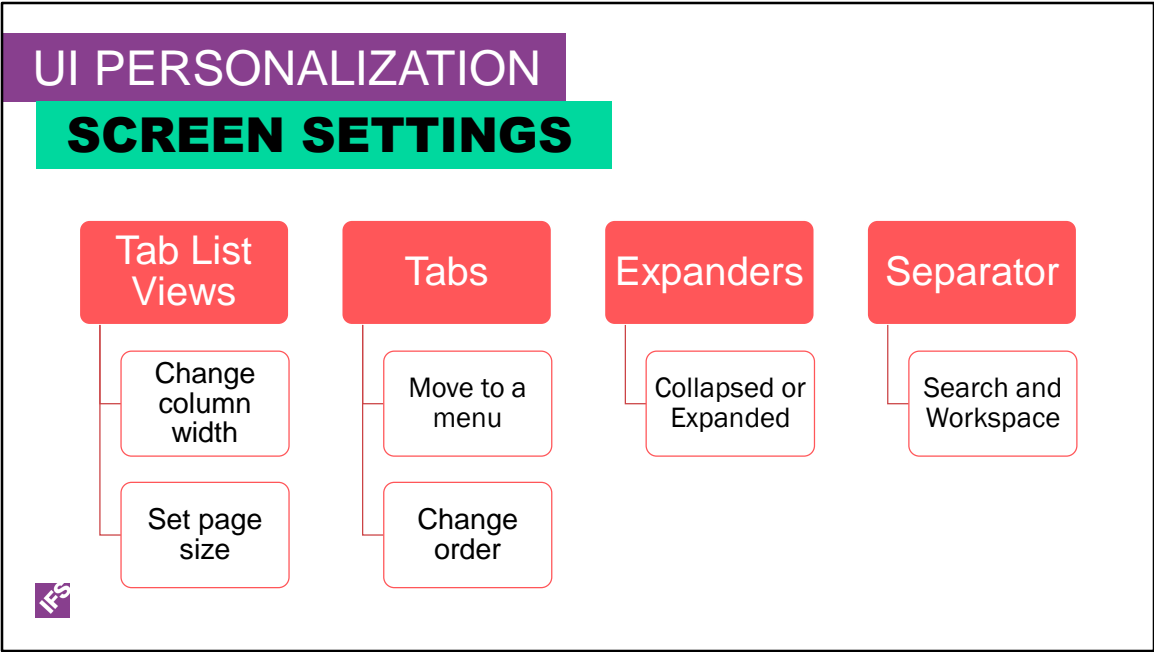
#### No Changes

- Tabs
- Tab Counts
- Hyperlinks

Individual users can change their UI Theme if the **allow\_user\_theme\_change** application parameter is set to Y. Changing themes saves automatically, and the default theme can be returned by clicking **Reset** on the UI Themes submenu. Themes are found on File, UI Themes. Note, only the banner at the top of the application, screen titles and the colored expanders will change with the different themes. The tabs and tab counters remain purple. The hyperlinks remain blue.

An application parameter, **use\_gradient\_styling**, controls gradient styling on things like Tab items, Schedule Board task cards, and other UI elements that use gradients when using custom colors. The default is “N” upon installation.





Many **Screen Settings** can be saved. Click on Save Screen Settings from the Help menu. To remove personal screen settings, click No on the dialog box that pops up. **My Settings** is used in conjunction with **Save Screen Settings**. My Settings can be editable or view only based the role function, MYSETTINGS.

Within **Tab List Views**, the column width of record lists in the tabs can be changed by dragging the column header’s border. Also, right-click to Set Page Size to the number of records you want to see on each page. Selecting All will increase vertical scrolling, but will eliminate the need to scroll between pages with the arrow buttons or mouse. **Tabs** on a screen can be moved to the Tab Menu and their order can be changed by right-clicking on the tab.

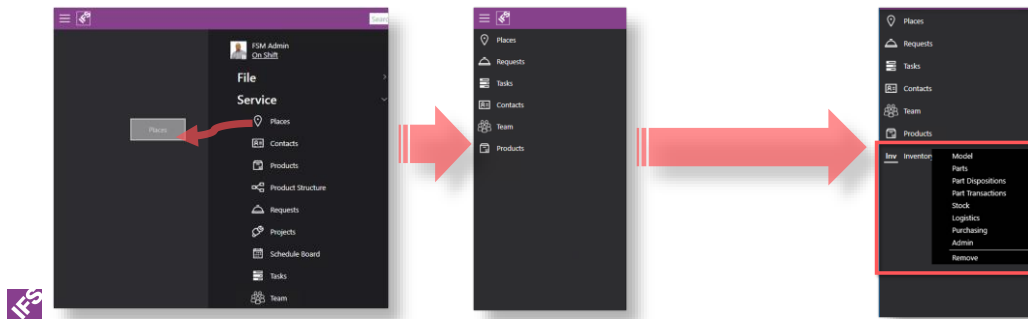
**Expanders** toggle buttons are used to collapse or expand sections of the screen or switch between List and Detail view of record lists. Point to the **Separator** between the Search and Workspace panels, which becomes a crosshair, to drag the column to the desired size.

## UI PERSONALIZATION

### SHORTCUT TOOLBAR

Each user can personalize their own Shortcut Toolbar

- Shortcut can be added via drag and drop
- List of Personalized shortcuts
- Submenu Groups can also be added, these are shown Underlined



The Shortcut Toolbar can be personalized to each individual. The toolbar is on the left side of screen.

You must have the application parameter set **enable\_shortcut\_toolbar** to enable Shortcut and Recent Screens Toolbar. It does require a Relogin or Exit to take affect after refresh cache.

On Roles, you can have the function "**SHORTCUTTOOLBAR**" disabled.

You are allowed to have functions and menus added to toolbar adding via drag and drop functionality. You will get a scrollbar for more functions and menus then visible on the shortcut menu.

#### Process:

1. Search from menu. Click and hold. Drag and drop on menu (becomes a tile).
2. If the screen is already opened, right mouse click on the tab to open a menu to "Add to Shortcuts".

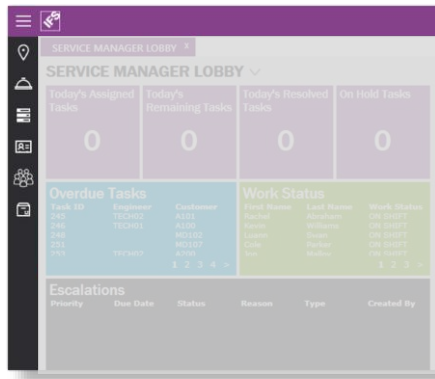
#### To Remove a tile:

1. Right mouse click to get the "Remove" on the tile. Click to remove.
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- Icons for shortcuts remain visible when working



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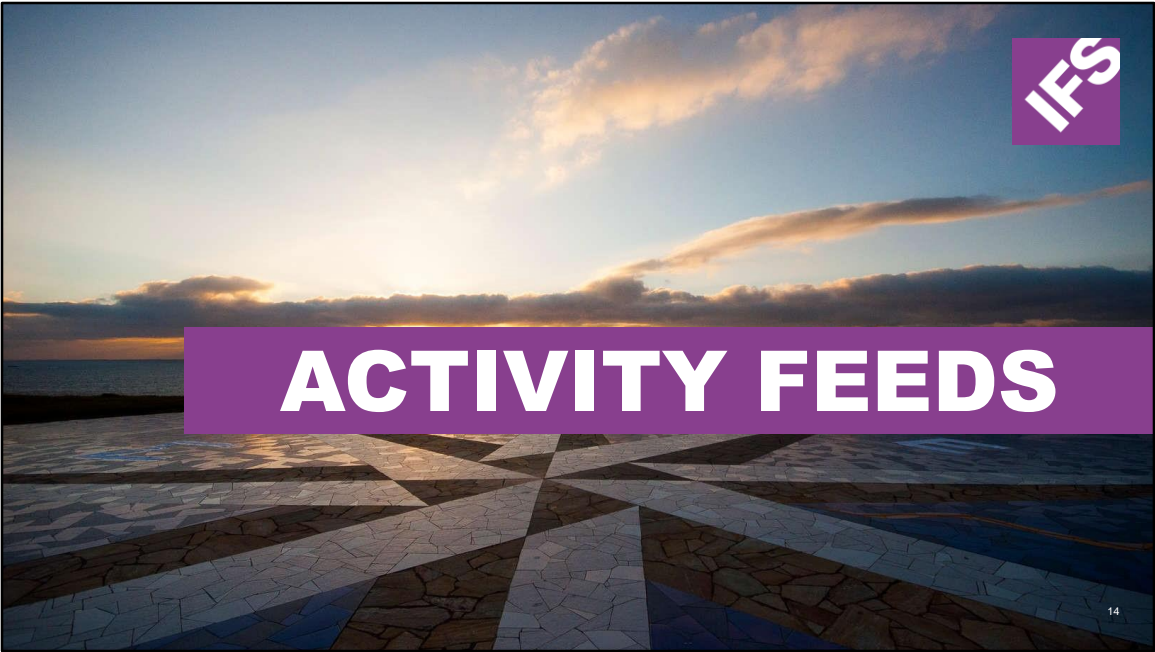
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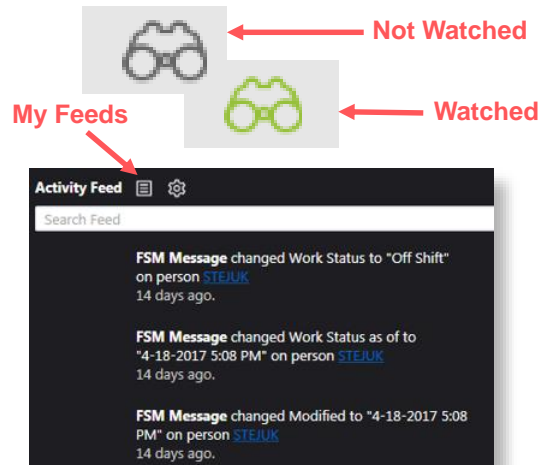
## UI PERSONALIZATION

### ACTIVITY FEED OVERVIEW

Track and monitor changes on a record

Binoculars icon changes color on monitored record

Activity Feed on menu provide changed records



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#### Setup:

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##### Person record

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# UI PERSONALIZATION

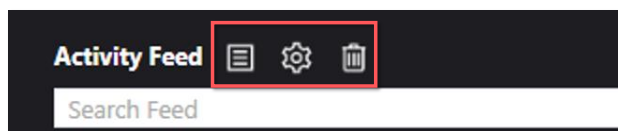
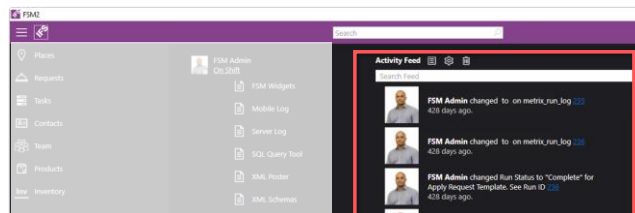
## ACTIVITY FEED OVERVIEW

- The Activity Feed is the third column in the main menu
- The feeds shown can be customized by the individual user

 My Activity Feeds

 Settings

  Mark All as Read



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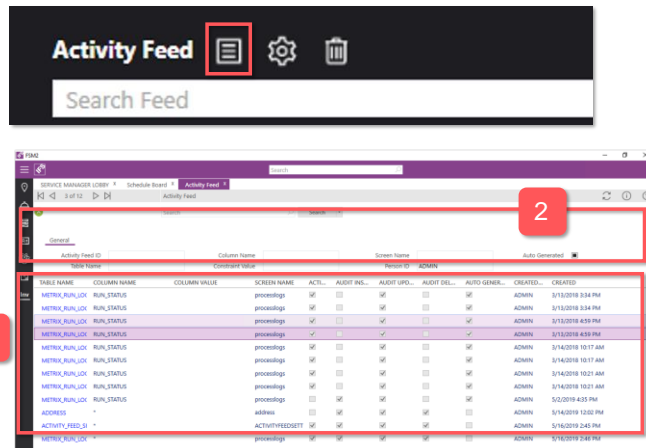


## ACTIVITY FEED OVERVIEW

## My Activity Feeds

- 1 Clicking on the Icon displays a list of all Feed Items

2 These can be filtered using the Search Fields



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# UI PERSONALIZATION

## ACTIVITY FEED

- To change the settings or constraints that make a feed appear

1 Select the setting

2 Make changes to the Activity Feed settings

The screenshot shows the 'Activity Feed' configuration window in IFS. The window has a sidebar with navigation icons. The main area displays a table of activity feeds. A red box labeled '1' highlights the 'Table Name' column. Below the table, there is a section for 'Activity Feed Settings' with a red box labeled '2' highlighting the 'Send Notification' checkbox.

Activity Feed ID	Table Name	Column Name	Column Value	Screen Name	Person ID	ADMIN	Auto Generated
1399	REQUEST	request					

Activity Feed Settings

Activity Feed 1399

1399

Table Name: REQUEST

Screen Name: request

Active: ☒

Audit Insert: ☒

Audit Update: ☒

Audit Delete: ☒

Send Notification: ☒

Column Name: -

Column Value: -

Expiration Date: -

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Auto Generated: ☐

This window is used to select the fields and enter the constraints that cause a record to appear in your activity feed. Instead of deleting a field from the feed, you can choose to deselect it instead. It will remain, deselected, in the feed. If it is not selected again within 14 days, it is automatically removed from the feed.

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**Expiration Date** identifies when this feed expires.



## UI PERSONALIZATION

### ACTIVITY FEED OVERVIEW



#### Settings

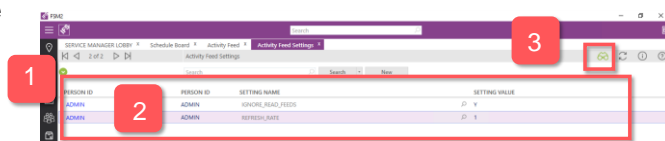
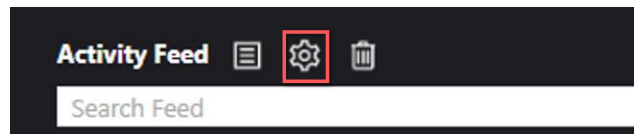
- 1 Clicking on the Icon displays a list of users Activity Feed Settings

- Each Setting can be made active/Inactive

- 2 Select setting from list



- 3 Click Glasses Icon



Active



Inactive

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## UI PERSONALIZATION

### ACTIVITY FEED SETTING

- Settings are added to enable the Feed per user
- In this example, the refresh rate for the feed is set
- Select the setting name
- Then add the setting value



The screenshot shows the 'Activity Feed Settings' interface. At the top, there is a table with the following data:

PERSON ID	PERSON ID	SETTING NAME	SETTING VALUE
ADMIN	ADMIN	IGNORE_READ_FEEDS	Y
ADMIN	ADMIN	REFRESH_RATE	1

Below the table is a form titled 'Activity Feed Settings'. It contains a 'Person ID' field and a dropdown menu for 'Setting Name'. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of setting names: 'Number of days to display a Feed', 'Days before an Auto Generated Feed expires', 'Maximum Number of parent rows to Follow', 'Number of minutes before refreshing Feed', and 'Ignore feeds which have been read'. The 'Number of minutes before refreshing Feed' option is highlighted with a red box.

The Activity Feed Setting is used to create the settings per user. If needed, one record will need to be created for each of the values in the Setting Name field.

Select the Setting Name and enter the Setting Value.

For example:

Setting Name = Number of Minutes before Refreshing Feed

Setting Value = 5

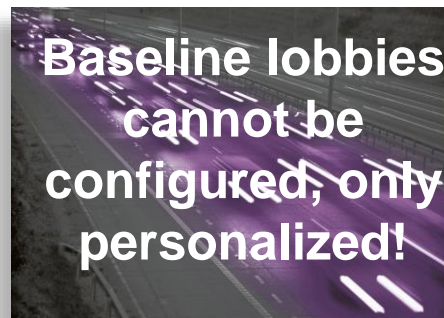


## UI PERSONALIZATION

### LOBBIES

Baseline  
Lobbies

- Receiving/Shipping Worker Lobby
- Dispatcher Lobby
- Repair Bench Engineer Lobby
- Repair Manager Lobby
- IoT Business Connector Lobby
- Field Service Engineer Lobby
- Finance Manager Lobby
- Performance Lobby
- Purchaser Lobby
- Contract Manager Lobby
- Warehouse Manager Lobby
- Call Taker Lobby
- Inventory Manager Lobby
- Service Manager Lobby



Lobbies is a personal dashboard that can be adjusted to your needs, showing you what's happening in your business, what you need to do and what you need to monitor. With the **appropriate licensing and Studio access**, you can create or edit Lobbies. Before Lobbies you had to work from numerous screens. With Lobbies, it possible to work from one dashboard. Lobbies can be created per individual, per role and even per process or business area. It is used for operational and analytical information. Lobbies are NOT supported in the XBAP web client.

We supply the following Lobbies to you:

**Receiving/Shipping Worker Lobby**

**Dispatcher Lobby**

**Repair Bench Engineer Lobby**

**Repair Manager Lobby**

**IoT Business Connector Lobby**

**Field Service Engineer Lobby**

**Finance Manager Lobby**

**Performance Lobby**

**Purchaser Lobby**

**Contract Manager Lobby**

**Warehouse Manager Lobby**

**Call Taker Lobby**

**Inventory Manager Lobby**

**Service Manager Lobby**

**Baseline can't be configured but can be personalized.** We will discuss how to create Lobbies in an another . In this lesson, we will discuss how to personalize the baseline lobbies.

**To personalize baseline:**

Click the Personalize icon (far right hand corner).

Gears will appear.

Click on a gear to personalize colors (text and background), background image, or image URL.

You can also reset personalization.



Change UI Theme and Reset the theme.

Open the Request screen.

Change the search results to List view, and move the position of the separator.

On the Part and Labor tab, enter a part need and expand part need details. Collapse the Part Usage and Labor and Expenses list views.

Move the Events tab and change column widths. Set page size to All. Move a tab to the tab menu.

Save Screen Settings and open a new screen to verify the settings.

Delete the screen settings and open a new screen to verify the original settings have returned.

Add screens and menus to the Shortcut menu

Set an Activity Feed for a change of description on a request. View what happens when the description is changed.

Show how to personalize the Service Manager Lobby.



# WRAP-UP





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