Forsta

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Product Release

Customer Success

Welcome!

In the month of March, we added new features for you to check out for the following products:

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Keep reading to learn about these improvements!

You can also now review previous months' product updates at any time via the knowledge base!

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Surveys (Decipher)

1. Al Compute Logic Node!

The Al Compute logic node enables Al-driven text classification across 20 different dimensions, including language translation and various types of sentiment analysis. It works by transmitting data from Forsta Surveys to the <u>Microsoft's Azure OpenAl Service</u>, with the resulting insights displayed in Crosstabs and View Edit responses. This feature offers enhanced insights on collected data, including basic topic-based data coding, supplementary data for improved cleaning, translations for open-ended responses, and simple sentiment analysis for a quick overview.

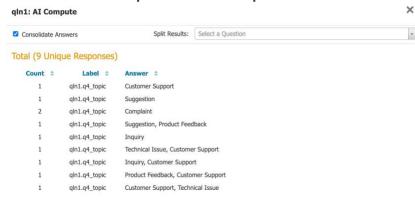
Learn More about the AI Compute Logic Node

Note: The AI Compute is currently behind a feature flag, please reach out to your Customer Success Manager if you are interested in having this enabled!

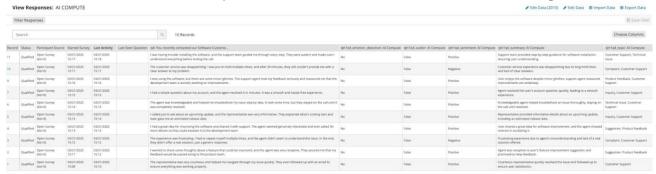
Data Viewed in Crosstabs:



Data Viewed for Topic from AI Compute



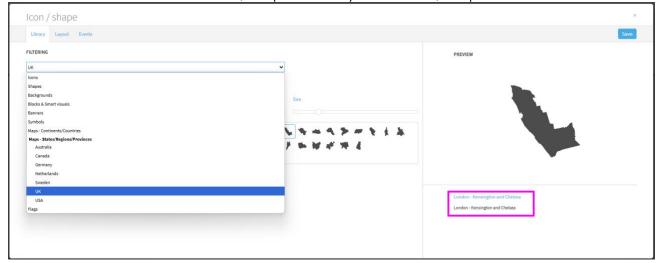
Data Viewed in View / Edit Responses for Quick Review and/or Data Cleaning



Forsta Visualizations

1. New regional icons for UK

We've added new map icons representing UK regions and London city areas. These icons are available in both "Icon/Shape and "Dynamic Icon/Shape."



2. Hierarchy updates in the cross-table tool

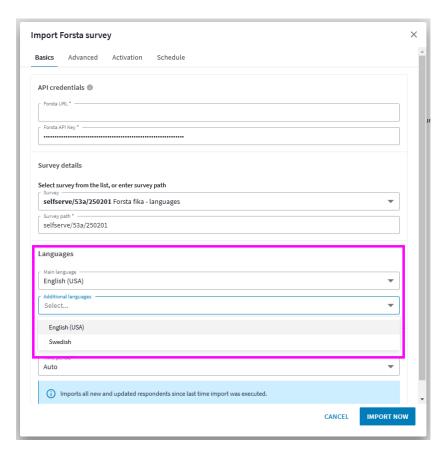
We have implemented a change in the Cross-Table Tool regarding the calculation of the Total column when Hierarchy filters (H-filters) are used as splits. Previously, as stated in our manual, the Total column considered all filters applied to the table. However, when H-filters were moved to splits, they were no longer treated as filters, resulting in the Total column reflecting the "project total." Consequently, the Total column may vary between users within the same workbook, depending on their access rights defined by the H-filter.

With the new update, when H-filters are used as splits and a Total is added to the table, the Total will now represent the "user total," which includes all nodes accessible to the user.

Note: This change will affect all existing saved tables that include a Total, meaning that any calculation involving the Total will be updated, and values may differ from previous calculations.

3. Importing languages from Forsta Surveys (Decipher)

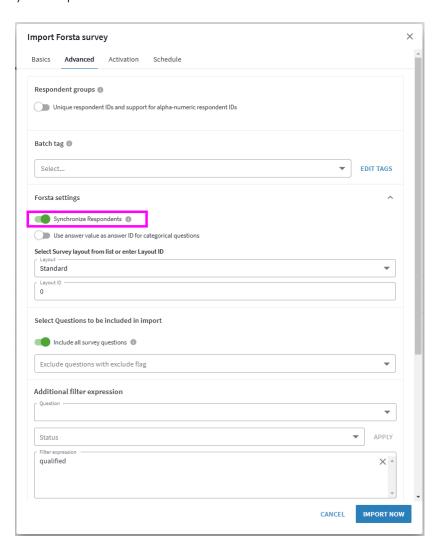
For multilingual surveys in Decipher, you can now import all languages into Forsta Visualizations. This setup is similar to importing multiple languages from Forsta Plus.



4. Keep Forsta Surveys (Decipher) as source of truth for data

We've added a new feature called "Synchronize Respondents" to ensure your Forsta Visualizations project accurately reflects changes in imported survey data. This feature automatically removes respondents who have been deleted from the survey or whose status has changed to exclude them from reporting.

The "Synchronize Respondents" setting is located under "Forsta Settings" when configuring your import task.



5. Email verification

To enable certain features within Forsta Visualizations, the email associated with your Admin account must be verified. This requirement is only applicable if the features necessitating verification are enabled on your account. While email verification is not mandatory, failure to complete it will restrict access to these additional features.



This email verification is needed for Admins to be able to use the Quicklink and Keyless import to Forsta Surveys (Decipher). Also, moving forward, this can now be ordered and enabled by support. The same rules are still needed.

- Username in FViz needs to be identical to email in FViz
- Email in FViz needs to be identical to user in Forsta Surveys (Decipher)
- Email needs to be verified within FViz.

Around 24-48 hours after verification is done, the quicklink and keyless import will be available.

6. Project archiving

To maintain optimal performance for each installation, we have implemented rules for "project sleep," "project archived," and "project delete." These actions will occur automatically, with email notifications sent regarding archiving and deletion.

A project is considered active as long as a user or admin logs in, or a scheduled import/export is executed.

- Project sleep mode after 10 days of inactivity
- Project archived after 6 months of inactivity
- Project deleted after 15 months of inactivity (6 months in sleep mode and 9 month archived)

There is also an option to set the project to never be archived. This is found under Project Settings.

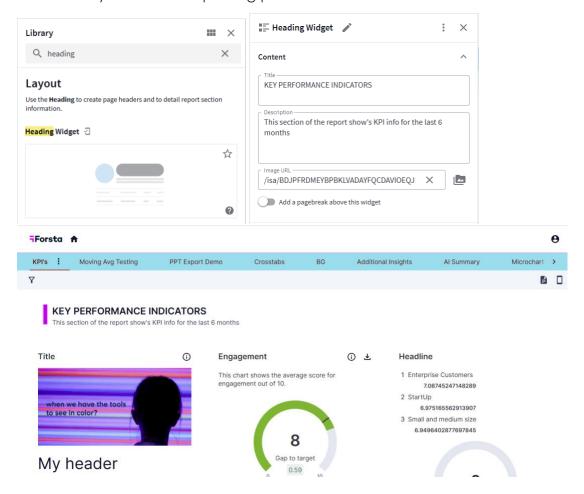
Forsta Plus

1. Studio: Heading widget

The Heading widget can be added from the Widget Library. It follows Theme defaults and has options for Title and Description text to be added. An image can also be added to the Heading on the left. This widget can be used as a PDF page break, as per the old Markdown widget.

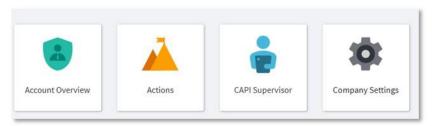
It has been designed for the purpose of providing a simple means to create report and section headings. It also removes the need to use the more complex Canvas widget

and reduces CDL for each widget from about 36 lines to 7, thereby removing unnecessary code and improving performance.



2. CAPI Supervisor

We're excited to introduce the new CAPI Supervisor!



CAPI Supervisor provides a way to centrally manage face-to-face field work, managing interviewers, devices, surveys, and respondent sample assignment. CAPI Supervisor has been designed to replace the existing Professional Authoring CAPI

Administration interface providing a consistent user experience with the rest of the platform.

All key capabilities from Professional Authoring are available, along with many improvements including:

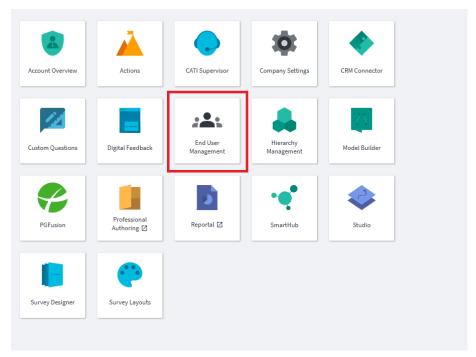
- Modern Tables and Filters with Search
- Activation Codes now access and manage any activation code created
- Device Management bulk deactivate many devices (e.g. by activation code)
- Interviewer Management now manage interviewer End User accounts directly within CAPI Supervisor
- Intuitive File Upload with template files

Note: CAPI Supervisor is in Limited Availability. If you're interested in testing this, please reach out to your Customer Success Manager to get the feature enabled. General availability is planned for the end of Q2.

End User Management App

You can now access the new End User Management app from the home page!

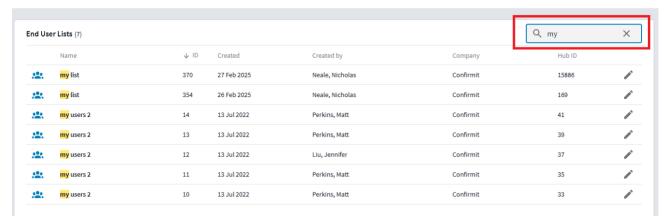
Welcome David Solomon



You can still create and manage end user lists in SmartHub, but what if you're looking for an end user list and you don't know which hub it belongs to? Until now, you had to click through individual hubs one at a time. Today, you can achieve this by doing the following:

1. Open the End User Management app

2. Search for the list using the search bar in the top right corner End User Lists



3. If the list belongs to a hub, you can click the pencil/edit button in the right to open the list directly in the App. Here. You can edit it just like you would in SmartHub.

So, what does this mean for End User Management in Professional Authoring?

If the list is *not* connected to a hub, you will instead see an icon that will open Professional Authoring in a separate window. At this time it is not possible to go directly to the list in pro authoring. So, you will still need to use Professional Authoring to edit and manage end user lists not connected to hubs. Eventually our goal is to get rid of end user management in Authoring entirely, but there are still some improvements required before we can do this:

- 1. Handling of end user list permissions
- 2. Ability to edit lists not connected to hubs in the EUM app
- 3. Deprecation of the "Company" property in Pro Authoring lists. If you are a client who uses this, please let your Customer Success Manager know.

4. Forsta Go

Great news! A new version of Forsta Go is available! You can download Android and iOS versions 2025.3.1 from their respective app stores.

There are a variety of improvements here, including support for the Canvas Switch functionality and the updated inbox. The full list of improvements is below:

Android & iOS

- MOB-684: Change visitor ID to email address in the call to Pendo
- GO-1983: Issues with an invalid CDL at page level
- GO-2406: Update headline widget to use selector for tile instead of entity ID

- GO-2492: Charts that use the "previous" reporting period as a filter don't display data
- GO-2493: Multiple bar series won't display on a chart
- GO-2511: Survey Publish messages do now show well for SSO / Prof users
- GO-2593: Having two same hierarchy filters and updating them will crash an app
- GO-2621: Support renderingMode (note that there are some changes being made to this property, per SW-768, so I'd be wary of implementing this right now).
- GO-2642: Support Canvas Switch SVD
- GO-2647: GO inbox update
- GO-2693: Terms and Conditions download remains at pending
- GO-2718: Scatter charts don't work with item selectedhierarchy
- GO-2736: Update CDL Compiler
- GO-2740: Fix unit test for DashboardDb

Android

- MOB-696: Replace retrofit to Ktor
- GO-2576: Empty Contact Survey Issue
- GO-2646: V2 Code Refactor

iOS

- GO-2503: Downloading Comments Widget fails with iOS when when loaded in a modal page
- GO-2574: UI issue with menu drawer when there is no connectivity
- GO-2645: V2 Code Refactor
- GO-2705: A horizontal bar chart displays partial info on initial load and corrects itself after a refresh
- GO-2726: ScatterChartDialog cannot be opened

You can try out Forsta Go by simply downloading and opening the app, and selecting "View Sample Reports" on the bottom of the screen:

