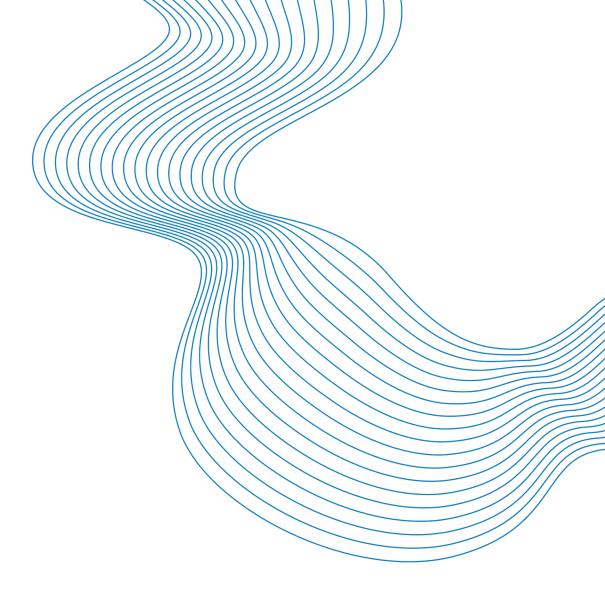
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Agenda

- Before the configuration
- Configuration phase
- Stabilization & finalization
- Document in Designer
- Optimize the workflow
- After the production phase
- Day to day



A COMPLETE CYCLE





Before the Configuration

BEFORE THE CONFIGURATION Transferability Do my colleagues quickly understand my workflow? **Minimal error proneness** Alteryx **Efficiency** Hygiene Can you ensure no bugs in your How fast do your workflows workflow? run? Rules **Prepare/distribute Modules Planning Decompose** Re-use templates

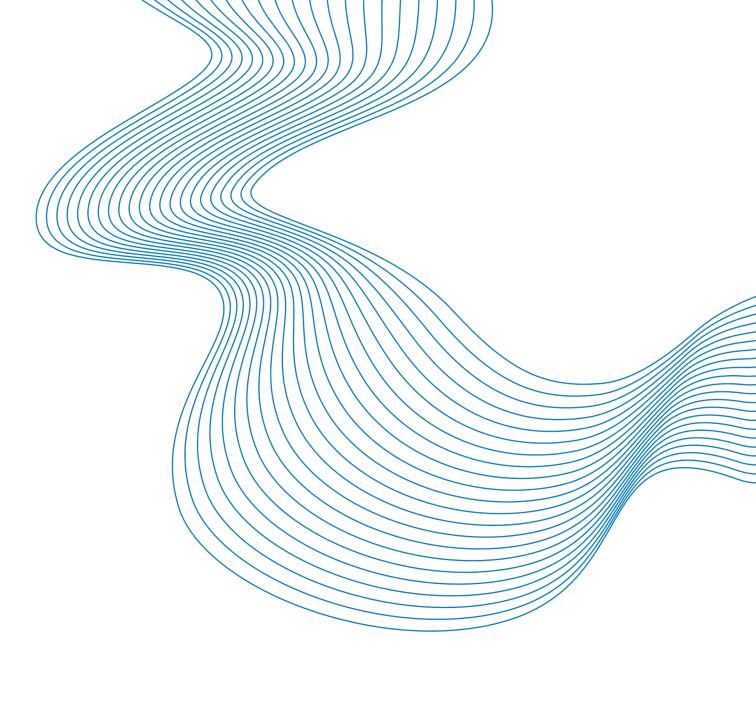
Think about the framework of your process and its broad outlines. This avoids complex convolutions that often remain in place in the final version

Identify the distinct parts
Preparation/
Analysis/Reporting and try to
make them as autonomous
as possible, this will simplify
maintenance

Identify macros or workflows that may already be doing all or part of your processing A standardized approach will help your and your colleagues on your daily routines with Alteryx Think about the temporal/functional division. Can my workflow be split into several sub-workflows disconnected in time? Easier to maintain? Or do I have to merge everything?



Configuration Phase



Dev = many launches = "The shorter, the better."

Dev = having completeness of data is not yet important

→ Usually, the number of rows we work on can be reduced

Sampling, in Test /dev via:

• INPUT: Input line count (flat file or SQL) and cache



SAMPLE: No. of lines or sampling



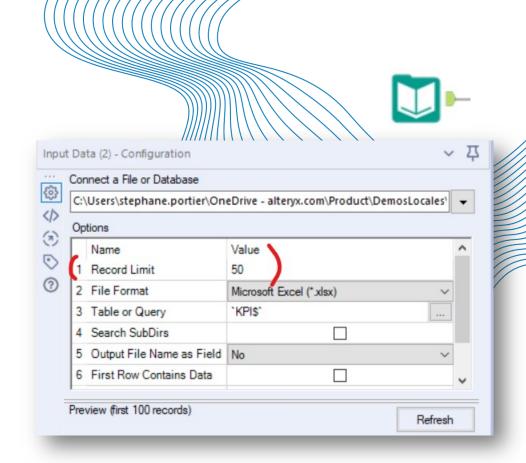
RANDOM SAMPLE: sampling



• SELECT RECORDS: focus on particular lines



- FILTER certain lines
- DETOUR combined with one of these objects can allow to activate in
 1 click the sample/full data mode





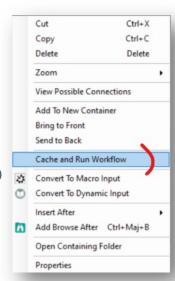


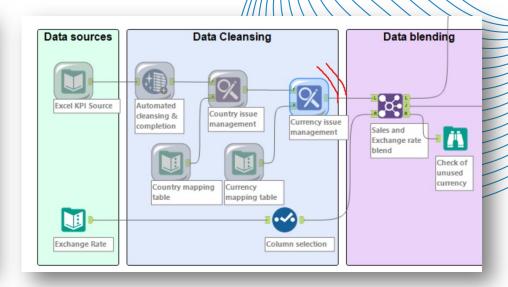
Cache:

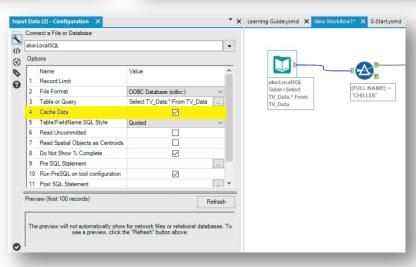
At a stage via "Cache and run Workflow".

The workflow starts again from the step that has been cached

- Results in reduced execution time
- In the INPUT for databases.
 Data is cached when launched

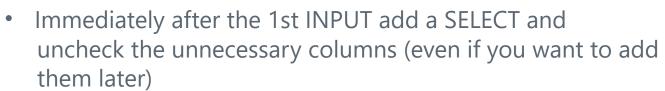








Filter the columns:



 At each step of your workflow, respect this principle (JOIN, CROSS TAB, UNION...)

Optimize data format:

A currency code only takes 3 characters, whereas by default, 255 are reserved for him.

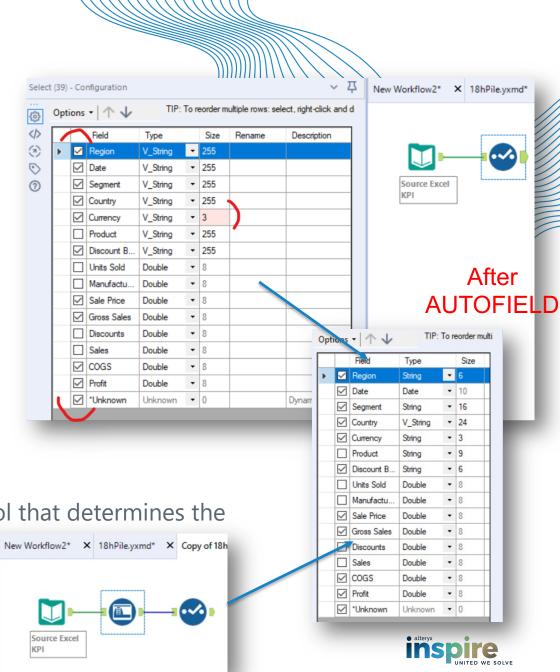
Change each field to its optimal size.

When in doubt, use the AUTOFIELD tool before the SELECT tool that determines the Appropriate format automatically.

Auto Field (40) - Configuration V I New Workflow2* × 18hPile.yxmd* × Copy of 18h Caution on large files this tool sweeps

Clear

all the lines.



Remove unnecessary Browse tools as soon as you no longer need them.



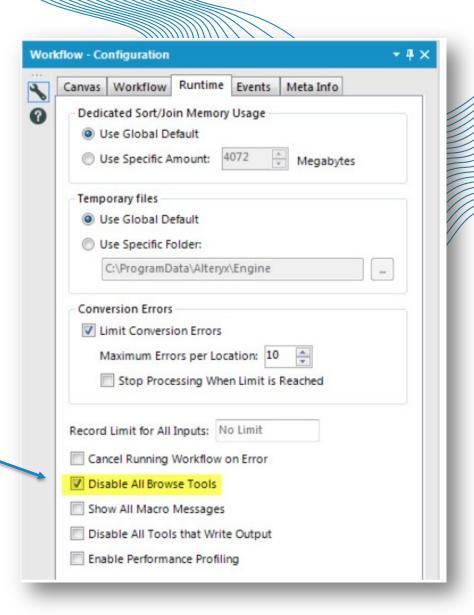
Indeed its particularity is that it repatriates all the data to this step and stores them in a temporary file. So it is to be deleted once you've visualized what's needed.

Deactivate all postings in the workflow at once

 This can be used to save time on a process that is being throws often

Avoid writing output data while testing

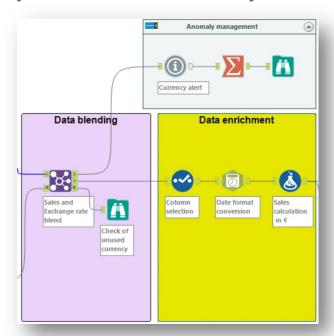
Save your memory and time

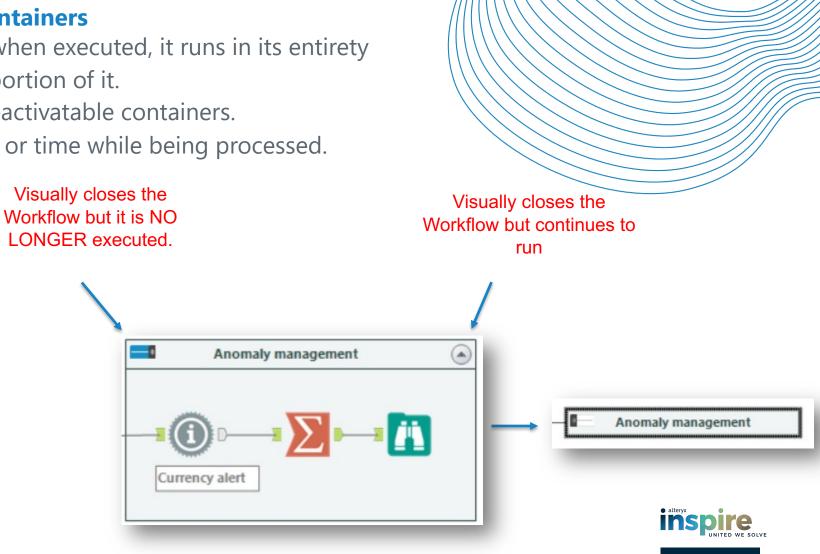




Disable unnecessary branches via containers

- During the workflow configuration when executed, it runs in its entirety
 even though you only work on a portion of it.
- Thus, put the finished portions in deactivatable containers.
- They then will not take any resource or time while being processed.





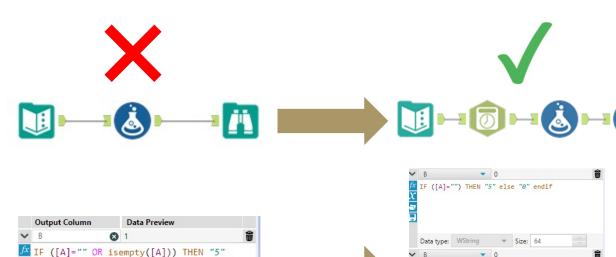
Stabilization & Finalization

Make Your Workflow Readable

Avoid hidden steps

The formula tool in Alteryx is extremely powerful – however try to use a least complex logic: Use other tools instead of formulas if possible

Do not nest formulas but create several steps

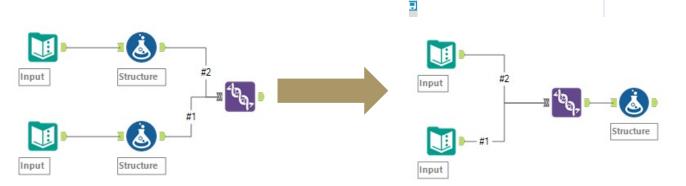


X elseif [A]="1" then tonumber([A]) else

Try not to duplicate steps

Whenever possible, first blend the data and then apply additional structuring steps.

→ Easier to maintain and reduce inconsistency between different branches



IF (isempty([A])) THEN "5" else "0" endif

[A]="1" then tonumber([A]) else "0" endif

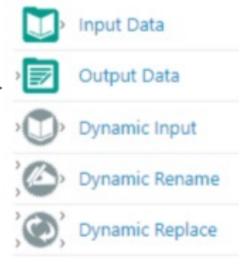
Make the Workflow Dynamic

This answers the question:

"When should I make a manual change to my workflow and how can I avoid doing so?"

- →by making it "dynamic" in the face of external developments or uncertainties
- Does my workflow take into account all the natural evolutions of my business/IT environment?
- Will it be resistant to external changes?
- What happens if:
 - I have new files appearing (subsidiary, week...)?
 - I have more product tomorrow than today?
 - I change year?
 - I know that the name of the source/target directory will change every month, year...
 - I do calculations/operations/renaming on a variable number of columns?
 - •
- Think then to use the more advanced objects which propose this dynamism
- Video presentation of the potential of the tools:

https://community.alteryx.com/t5/Videos/Making-Dynamic-Workflows/td-p/330579



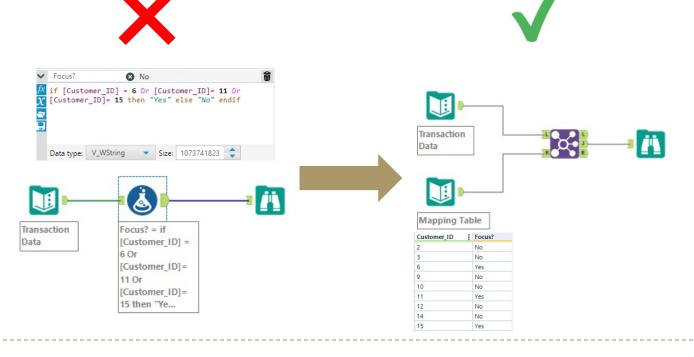


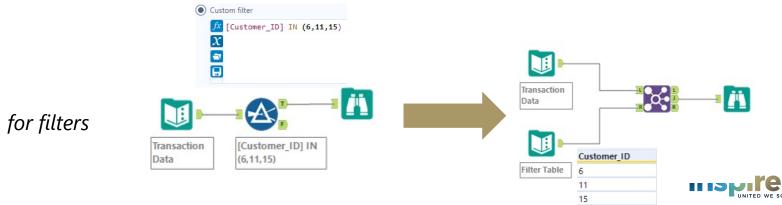
Make the Workflow Dynamic

Use mapping tables and avoid hard plugs

A mapping table helps you making updates to your workflow smarter – you don't have to check each and every tool which you otherwise configured with hard plugs:

for formulas





Take a step back

It works OK, but with the big picture and understanding the detail is it:

- Maintainable?
- Simplifiable?

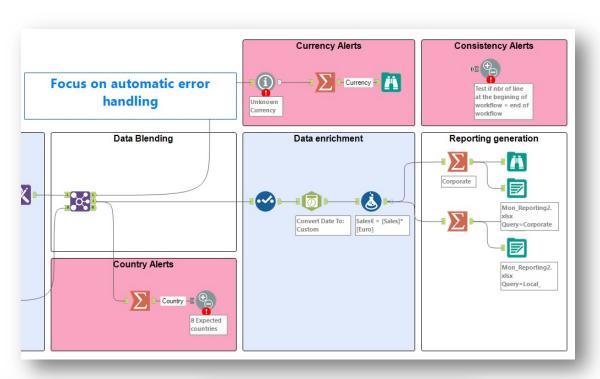
Set up Controls and Alerts



Testing and comparing data



Line count (Interesting for grouping errors)





To remove errors in the outputs or on the screen (error, warnings, conv errors,...)

Manage input/output/macro paths

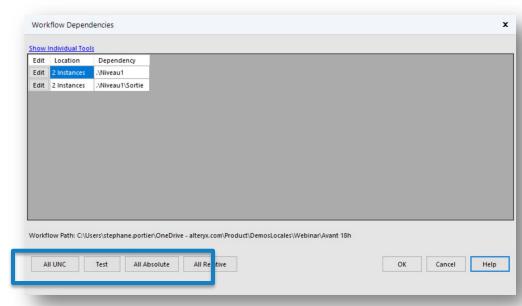
Any reading or writing to a file is referenced by a path. It can be:

- Absolute: C:\Users\Jean.porte\\My_Workflows\Finance\Data → directory on the computer
- Relative: .\Data → refers to the directory where the workflow containing this object is stored.
- UNC: \\Computer Name\C\Users\Jean.porte\\My_Workflows\Finance\Data → directory including the computer

Those options need to be cared of when sharing workflows to make sure inputs and outputs can be accessed. A team reflexion can be needed to find the appropriate protocole.

To identify and manage these paths:

Options/ Advanced Options / Workflow dependencies



Analytical Application

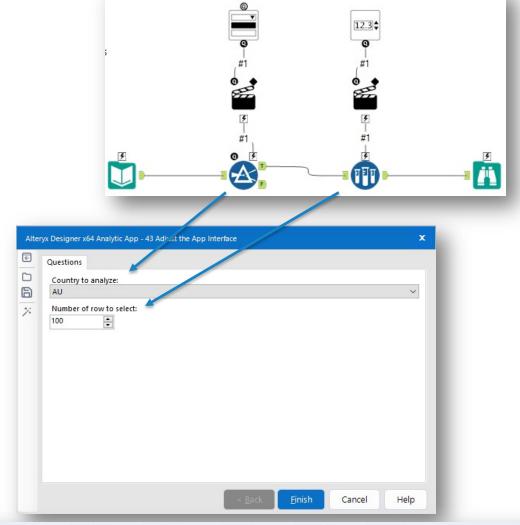
Principles:

Objects are made interactively configurable. Before any launch, the user is asked for parameters.

2 main objectives:

- 1. Make your workflow configurable
- Avoids having to change it manually every time you launch or change a parameter
- 2. Disseminate treatment on a large scale to nondesigner users
- Without Alteryx knowledge, I'm just here to use a treatment made available on the web

It all makes sense with the server.





































Macros

Macros?

- Are macros interesting to implement for maintainability?
- Process redundancy within the workflow
- Common use for other processes or teams
- Process Simplification (batch or iterative vs multiple steps)

Standard (SHARED PROCESS)

- Like a standard Workflow
- Group of combined tools

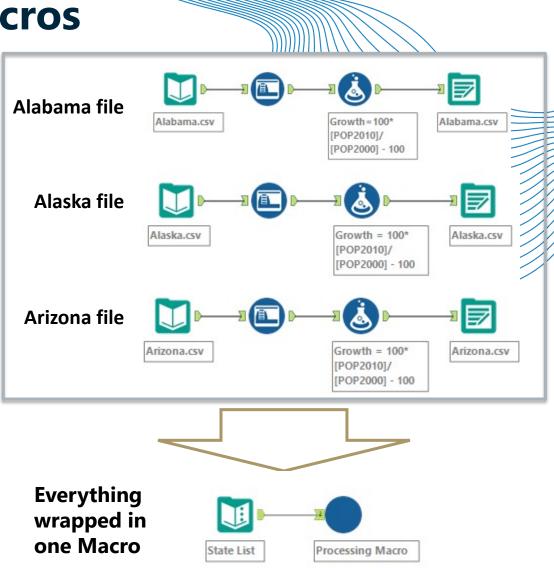
Iterative (DO UNTIL Condition)

- Process to be repeated until...
- Stops when hit threshold



Batch (FOR EACH)

Treat each registered group like having a common characteristic

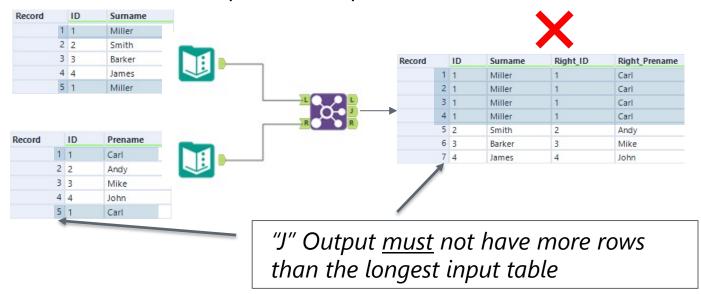




Check Uniqueness when Joining Data

 Joining two datasets requires at least one unique join-field ("1-N")

Otherwise it will output N-N duplicates



Methods for making data unique:

a) "Group by" join-field of the summarize tool:



b) Unique tool:

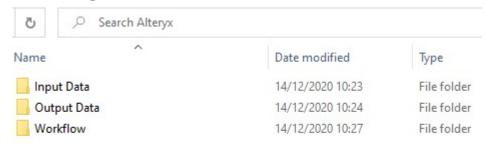




Naming Convention

Apply a structure to your folders and filenames

Use subgroup folders for Input, Output and Workflows for your project



During the development phase save regular new named backups (at least twice a day) –
put previous versions in an archive folder



Use a structured filename format:

Projectname _ yyyMMdd_hh:mm - Your Credentials

The name of your file

Date-Time Stamp provides you transparency.

Structure helps you sorting it easily.

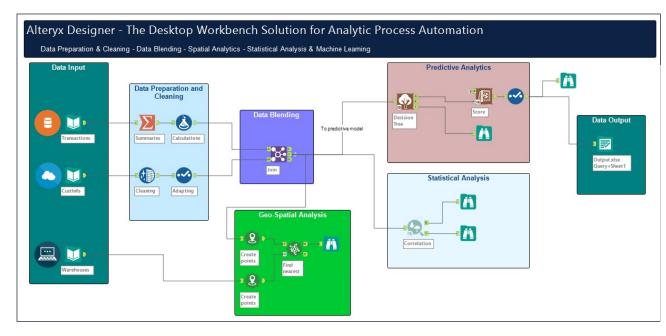
Tagging your workflow gives everybody the info of the latest adapter – particularly helpful on shared drives



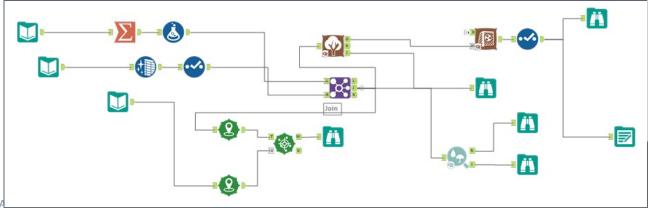
Document in Designer

Reviewability

Would you rather like to review this?



Or this?



Golden rules

Keep it simple

A person who knows Alteryx should be able to understand the purpose and high-level operations of the workflow without clicking on any tool

Don't overengineer it
 If a workflow is too complex to explain, redesign it to be simpler or break into components

Stick to layout and documentation recommendations

It will help yourself, colleagues and other third party reviewers to quickly find the way



Annotations:

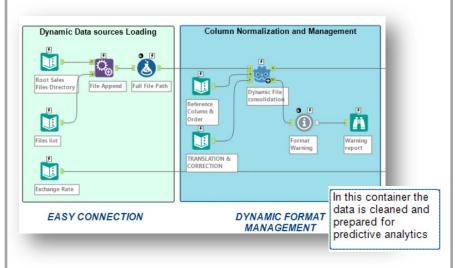




Edit the labels under the tools for further clarification

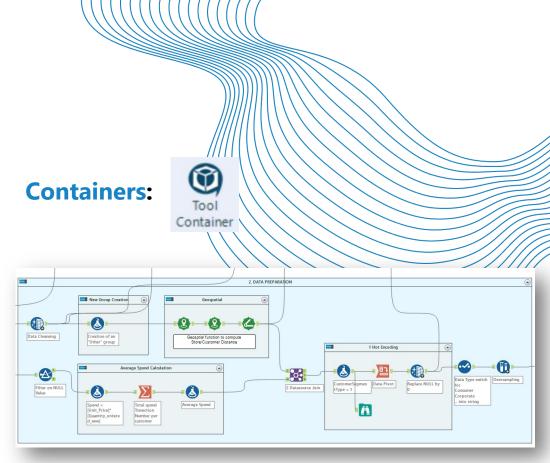
Comments:





Add comment boxes to describe the overall process.

It can be used for commenting, structuring and headlining



Use containers for structuring your workflow into logical parts.

Give your containers a name or description.



Formulas:

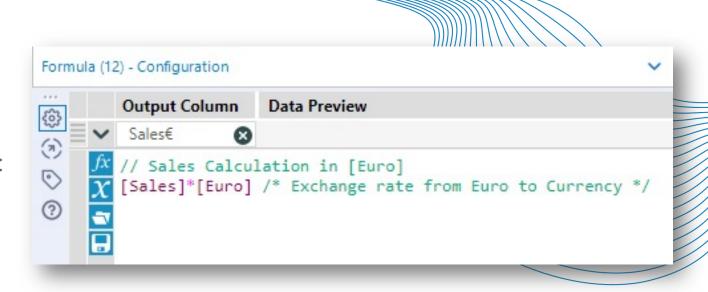
Think about inputting comments through:

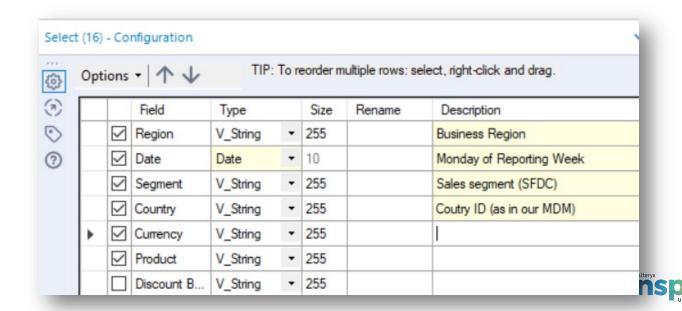
- // My comment
- or with /* My comment */

Create similar formulas within one tool – for different topics use several formula tools

Columns (SELECT or others)

- As soon as possible in your flow
- Add description fields





Rename important tools

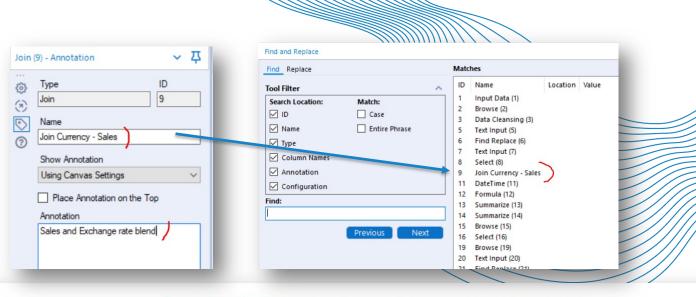
To simplify their search and log analysis

Use wireless connections

To avoid too many connection lines

Create a cartridge at the top of the wkf

- Containing the interfaces and errors/checks
- At a glance I can see what's wrong



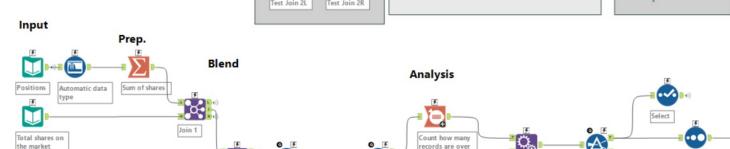


Shareholders of public companies have to disclose once their shares reach a certain threshold. Their level of participation must be reported to the company itself and to the AMF (French autorité des marchés financiers), which publishes this information on its website. The declaration must be made within four days of reaching that threshold. This workflow shows the consolidation of the positions held by a financial institution, a check of the data's quality, a comparison vs. regulatory thresholds and alerting if applicable.









Color code your workflow

Use the right tools

There are 2 tools you can use to Score Sentiment color-code:

Tool Container

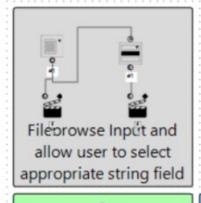


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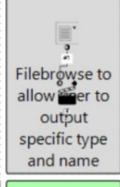


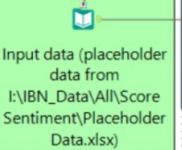
This app takes a text field within a dataset loaded by the user and assigns sentiment scores to the values within that field.

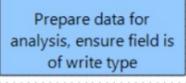
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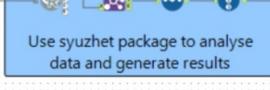


Use colored text boxes to identify the type of processes which are being applied. For example, purples for joins and blues for data preparation.













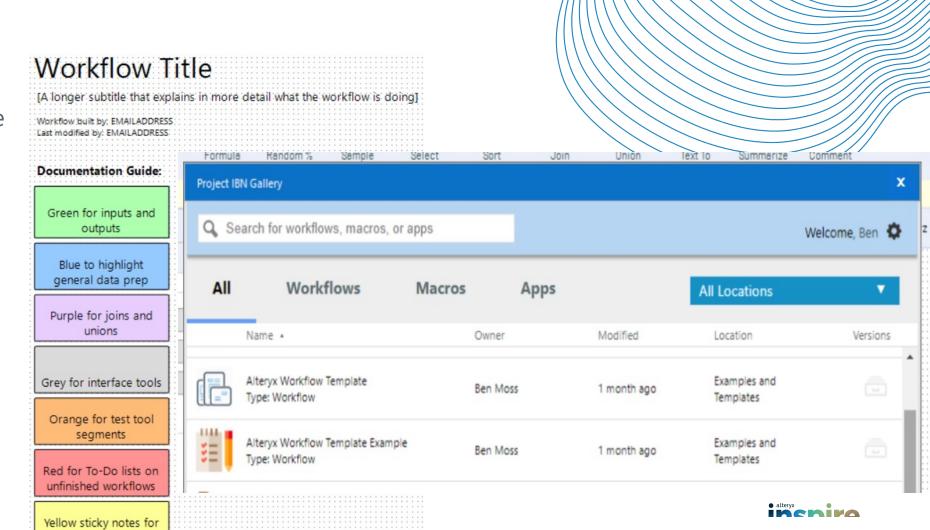


Color code your workflow

Standardize your templates

Create a workflow template containing:

- The colors to be used by type of processing.
- Specific areas to present the workflow
- Upload this template to the Gallery
- Share it with all the private studios via a collection.
- All users will be able to download it



handovers and WIP

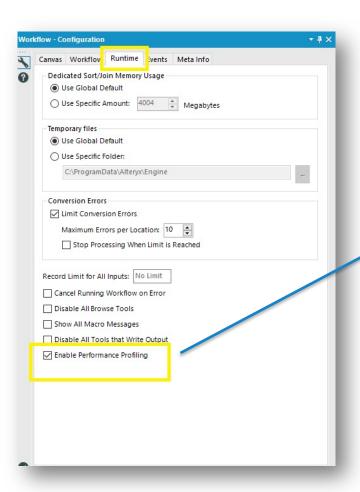
Optimize the Workflow

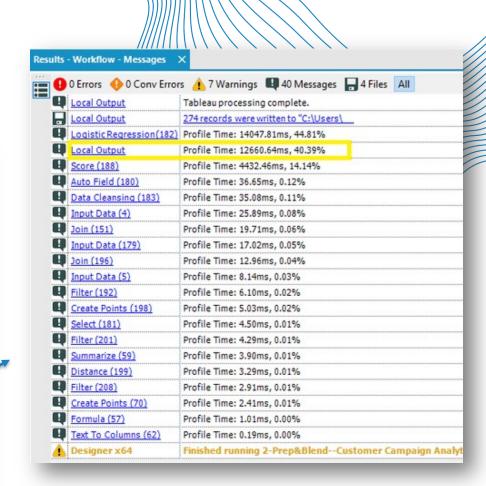
OPTIMIZE THE WORKLFOW

Profile your workflow:

Identify hot spots in order to investigate on the causes:

- Activate profiling
- Check the list of the results sorted from most to least time consuming (found at the end of the log)
- Draw a conclusion and find a workaround







OPTIMIZE THE WORKLFOW

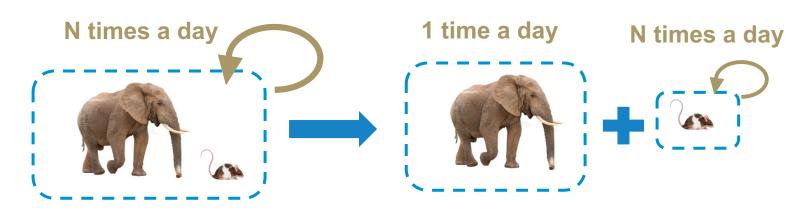
Think about "IN-DATABASE" tools

For large volumes, the purpose is to move the processing to the database server – it's generally more
powerful



Split the workflow into disconnected sub-units

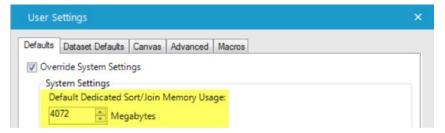
- Create one workflow containing the heavy load data prep & blend with an .yxdb file as output
- Use this .yxdb as a performant input to a second workflow with focus on analysis.
- → This 2nd workflow can be re launch far more quickly as many times as you want



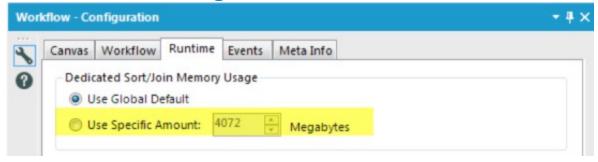


OPTIMIZE THE WORKLFOW

a) Users Settings

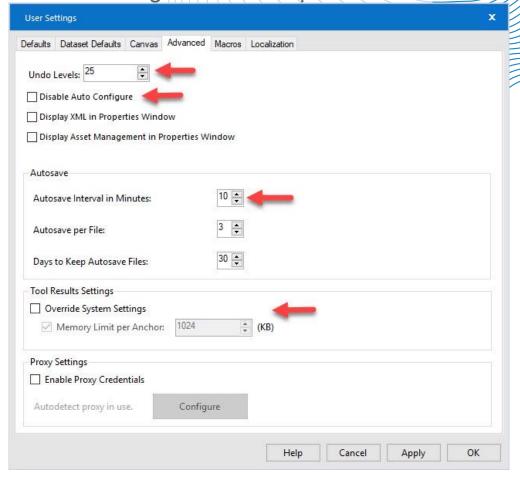


b) Workflow setting



- Resource utilization can be controlled via Sort/Join Memory settings – both for default and for particular workflows
- <u>Ex:</u> If you build processes that require a lot of memory but no SORT is used then you turn it down. Conversely, we increase it

Further settings for cache optimization:



• Detail can be found here: https://community.alteryx.com/t5/Alteryx-Designer-Knowledge-Base/What-is-the-Sort-Join-Memory-Setting/ta-p/1302

After the Production Phase

AFTER THE PRODUCTION PHASE

What will I do differently next time?

(How will I be faster, how will the WF be more maintainable, stable, etc.)

What can be reusable for me?

What might be of interest to other people in my organization from that project/workflow?

- methodology or know-how
- technical: part of workflow, macros...
- datasource preparation / database special connection
- intermediate or final data produced

It saves time and effort!

In Analytics, sharing is caring

It is all about information already created by experts made available to others



AFTER THE PRODUCTION PHASE

How can the produced insights enrich others?

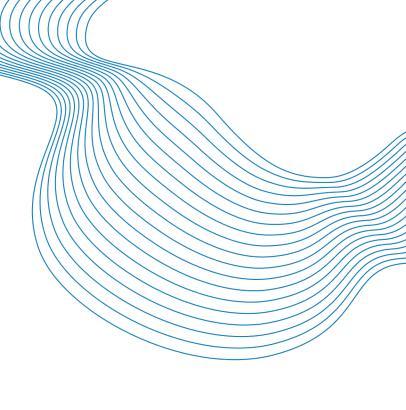
- Should it be made available on the server?
- Is it necessary to make a customizable analytical application on the web?
- Do we need scheduling maybe even early morning or weekend?

How to share that these insights are available?

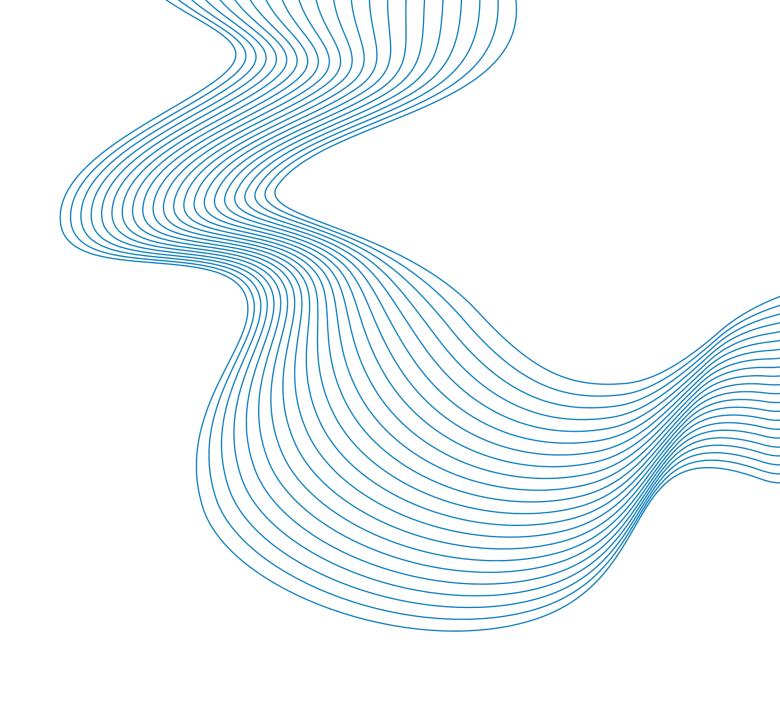
- Network/ Internal Portal/ Gallery Server/ Connect
- Champions
- Regular User Group
- Mailing List
- Centre of Excellence/ Enablement

What do I need to improve on next time?

→ Community, Community... and the Alteryx team



Day to Day
Support for Your Journey

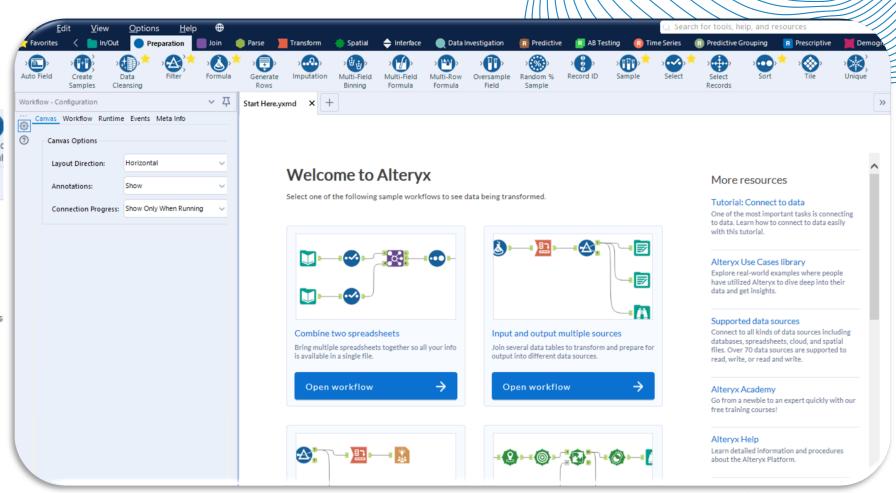




As soon as it opens, starting workflows allows you to enter directly into the solution.

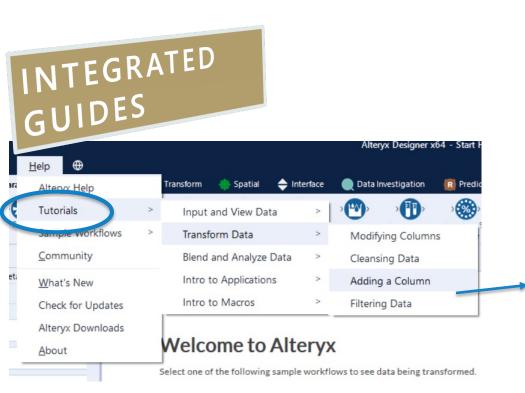
By theme, simple and didactic, they guide you in your first steps.

Designer: « Start Here »

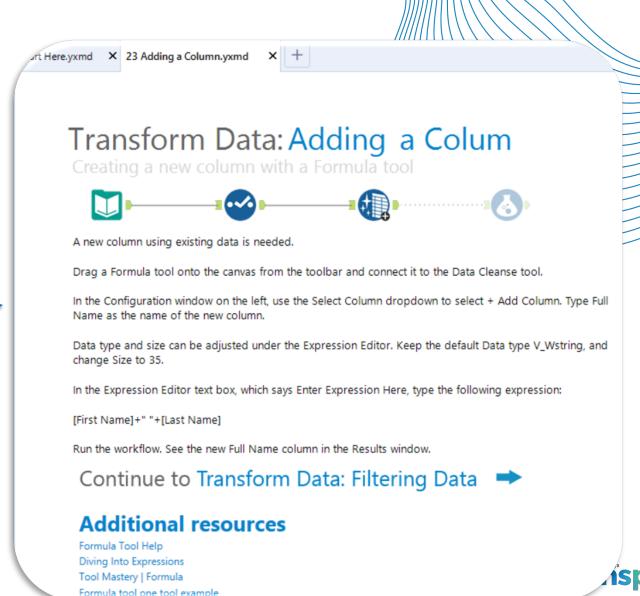




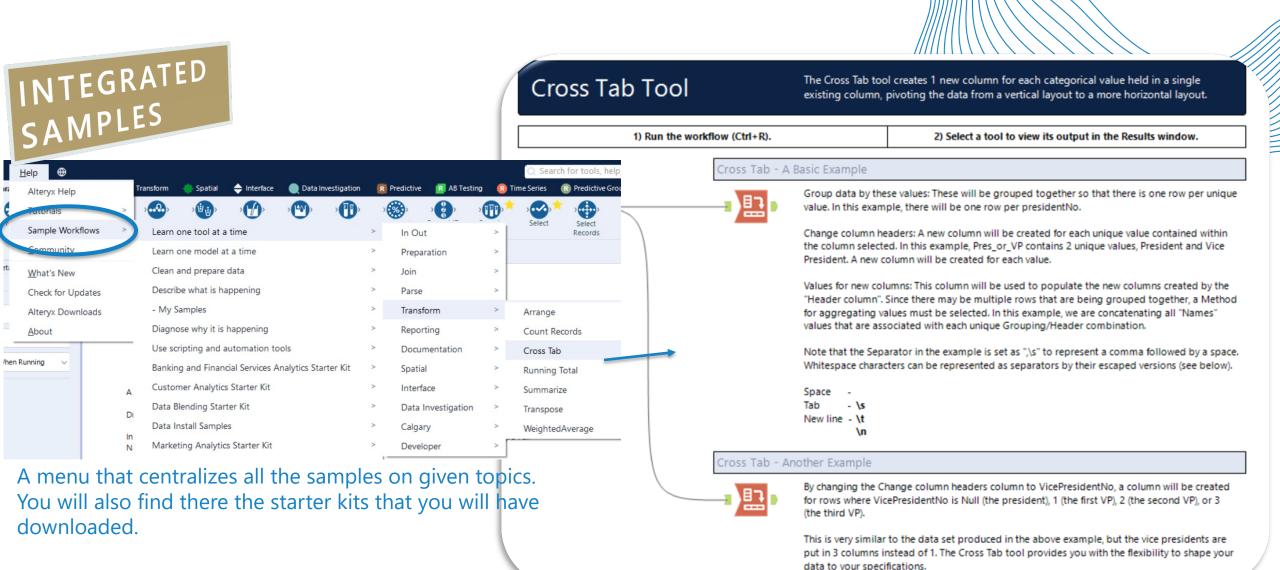
DESIGNER: Tutorials



Directly in designer, step-by-step workflow building on classic beginner's topics. Oriented on precise tasks to be carried out: transforming, merging, cleaning...



DESIGNER: Sample Workows



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DESIGNER: Starters kits

Learn one tool at a time

Learn one model at a time

Describe what is happening

Diagnose why it is happening

Data Blending Starter Kit

Marketing Analytics Starter Kit

Data Install Samples

Microsoft Starter Kit

Office of Finance

Predictive tool s

Banking and Financial Services Analytics Starter Kit

Clean and prepare data

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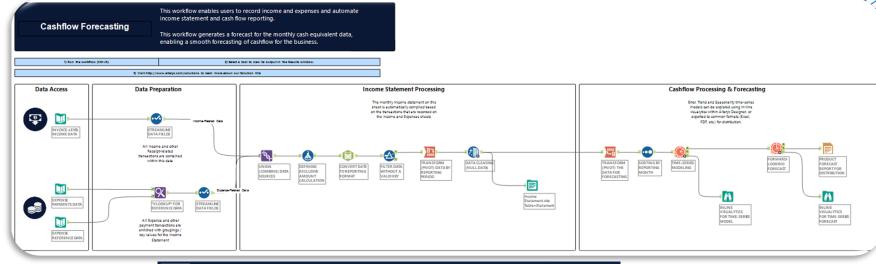
Sample Workflows

Check for Updates

Alteryx Downloads

https://www.alteryx.com/fr/resources/resource-library/starter-kits





ites 1 new column for each categorical value held in a single

Marketing Effectiveness for New Product Subscription

Supporting Macros

Fraud Ring Analysis

Access to Financial Services

Central Bank Survey Parsing

Starter kits on your business topics to download from the Alteryx website.

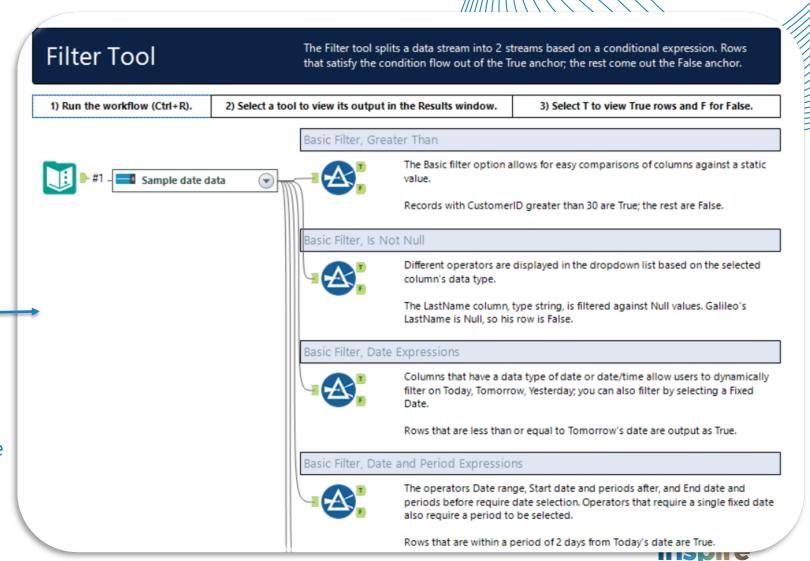
They can then be integrated directly into your designer.

- Dara blendingPredictive Analytics
- Intelligence Suite
- Office of Finance
- Supply chain Analytics
- Banking + Financial Services
- Healtcare Analytics
- Public Sector Analytics
- Retail
- HR Analytis
- Marketing Analytics
- Customer analytics
- Spatial Analytics
- Tableau, Nicrosoft, Qlik, AWS, Salesforce...

DESIGNER: Examples for each tool



For each tool, an explanation is available but above all a link to an example workflow to practice the tool's options. Very useful to experiment with the nuances and play with the parameters with an already available dataset.



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