

# FAQ Lucanet 25 – Everything About the New Lucanet Release

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## 1 How long is the release valid for?

Lucanet 25 will be maintained for 18 months and will reach EOL status on 04/05/2026.

## 2 What are the highlights of Lucanet 25?

Lucanet 25 contains a variety of enhancements and new features, of which we present the highlights in the following sections.



All the new features in Lucanet 25 can be found in the document [What's New in Lucanet 25?](#) from November 4, 2024.

### 2.1 Highlights for the Lucanet CFO Solution Platform

The following highlights for the LucaNet CFO Solution Platform are available with Lucanet 25:

#### UX and usability improvements in Administration

In Lucanet 25, we have introduced a number of innovations to the **Administration** to improve and increase user experience and user-friendliness. Some of the most important improvements are:

- **Improved navigation in the user overview:** By using infinite scrolling, administrators can now navigate better in the user overview.
- **Optimization of license display:** Lucanet 25 offers an improved overview of license information.

#### Further highlight features since Lucanet 24.1

Since the release of Lucanet 24.1, the following highlights have been released for the Lucanet CFO Solution Platform:

#### External authentication

As of version 1.3, administrators of the Lucanet CFO Solution Platform can configure and enable an External Identity Provider in the **External Authentication** workspace. The following authentication protocols are available: **OIDC** and **SAML**.

#### New labels and filter options for special user groups

In version 1.3, we have further optimized the user management. Administrators of the Lucanet CFO Solution Platform can now identify and manage users more quickly using labels.



For more details on the new features in the CFO Solution Platform, see [What's New on the Lucanet CFO Solution Platform?](#)

## 2.2 New technology for calculating and storing data

In Lucanet 25, we're introducing innovative technology for calculating and storing financial data managed in Lucanet. At the heart of this technology are a **new calculation engine** and a **new synchronization mechanism for databases**.

This new functionality offers significant advantages in the areas of **performance** and **scalability**, and is specially optimized for handling **large databases**. Faster calculations and data processing increase efficiency. Thanks to the high degree of scalability, reliable processing is guaranteed even with extensive data volumes.

### Who can access this new technology?

The new technology has been developed specifically for our **Cloud customers**.

The new technology and the new calculation engine will be used for all **new customers**.

Our **existing customers** will gradually be migrating to the new technology, and we will contact them accordingly before this transition takes place. We will start by making the technology available to select customers with large databases and working with them on planning and carrying out their migration. If you are interested in migrating early on in this process, feel free to contact your Lucanet consultant directly to discuss the possibilities and how we might proceed.

The new technology is **not** available to **On-Premises customers**. If you are an On-Premises customer who wants to take advantage of the technology, you will first need to switch to our Cloud solution.

### What needs to be considered when migrating?

When converting to the new technology, **changes in value** such as rounding or currency differences can occur. To provide you with the greatest possible transparency, there is the option of creating a **report of the differences** in advance. This report makes it possible to make informed decisions before a you finally migrate to the new technology.



When migrating to the new technology, **changes in values** (such as rounding or currency differences) may occur. To ensure the greatest possible transparency, you have the option to generate a **report on arising differences** in advance. This report will enable you to make the right decisions before making the final transition to the new technology. We will provide you with a guide on the exact process and how to create the report as soon as we have scheduled your migration.

## 2.3 ESG Reporting

Since releasing Lucanet 24.1, the following highlights have been published for Lucanet ESG Reporting:

### Assignment of reporting entities to specific ESRS questionnaire sections

When configuring the ESRS questionnaire, an **ESG Master** can now **assign specific reporting entities** to particular sections within the questionnaire hierarchy for editing, e.g. to a category or to a question, or unassign these reporting entities accordingly. This feature allows the ESG Master a **more granular control** and also **allows for a more flexible data collection process**, e. g. to ensure that data at group level is only reported by the Holding company for all reporting entities.

### Assigning users to specific ESRS questionnaire sections

In addition to the possibility to assign **reporting entities** to particular sections when configuring the questionnaire, an ESG Master can also assign **individual users** with the user role ESG Data Collector to certain parts of the ESRS questionnaire in the **data collection** step. This possibility to assign ESG Data Collectors to e.g. categories or guidelines allows for a **more focused data collection process** and a **better alignment with individual enterprise structures**. For example, the main responsible person for a reporting entity, i.e. the user assigned to a reporting entity in the master data, can delegate specific questions of the ESRS questionnaire to subject matter experts within their enterprise.

### Further new features since Lucanet 24.1

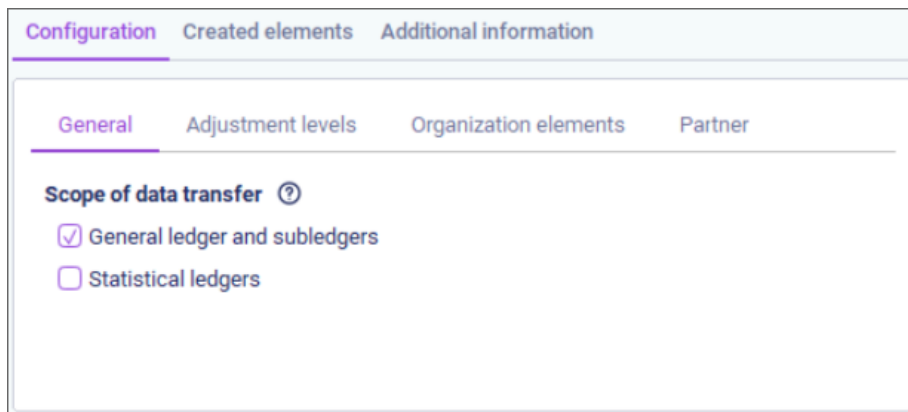


Under [What's New in Lucanet ESG Reporting?](#), you will find all the new features in the **ESG Reporting** solution since Lucanet 24.1 (available with the GA of Lucanet 25).

## 3 What is changing in consolidation?

### Improved configuration of data transfer and quotation

Lucanet 25 has improved the configuration options for the consolidation 2 next generation App for Data transfer. The scope of the data transfer can now be defined on the new **General tab**, i.e. you can choose whether the data transfer should only be for general **ledgers and sub-ledgers**, only for **statistical ledgers**, or for **all ledgers**.



The screenshot shows a configuration window with three main tabs: 'Configuration', 'Created elements', and 'Additional information'. The 'Configuration' tab is active and contains four sub-tabs: 'General', 'Adjustment levels', 'Organization elements', and 'Partner'. The 'General' sub-tab is selected, showing the 'Scope of data transfer' section with a help icon. Under this section, there are two radio button options: 'General ledger and subledgers' (which is selected) and 'Statistical ledgers'.

## Improved display in reports from consolidation apps Next Generation

The display of the reports from the **Next Generation consolidation apps** has been improved as follows:

- In the reports of the apps for **Elimination of intercompany income and expense** and the **Elimination of income from investments**, the reporting periods that are not relevant for the evaluation of the report can now be hidden in the reporting filter for the reporting periods **YTD** and **consolidated financial statements**.
- The differences displayed in reports from the apps for **elimination of intercompany debt**, **elimination of intercompany income and expense**, and **elimination of income from investments** are now highlighted in red. This is meant to speed up the process of identifying and assessing IC differences.
- In the report of the **Elimination of intercompany debt** app, balances are now also displayed on the difference account if the configured difference account comes from the general ledger.

## Improved configuration of the master data management Next Generation through additional validations

To ensure that the consolidation apps are executed successfully, additional validations with corresponding user messages have been implemented in the configuration of Master Data Administration Next Generation.

## 4 What must be considered when updating the Lucanet software?



### Notes:

- All releases **prior to Lucanet 24 LTS** have reached their **end-of-life** status.
- Please read this FAQ and **What's New in Lucanet 25?** carefully before updating your Lucanet software.
- As a Lucanet **Cloud** customer, please get in touch with your Lucanet contacts for an update or use the **contact form** on Lucanet's website.

### You are using Lucanet 24

We recommend updating to the Lucanet 24.1 or Lucanet 25 releases based on the **Highlights of Lucanet 24.1** and the **Highlights of Lucanet 25**.

The update to Lucanet 25 is also recommended because you can then use this version for 18 months without having to upgrade to a higher version.

### You are using Lucanet 24.1

If you are using Lucanet 24.1, we recommend switching to Lucanet 25 based on the **Highlights of Lucanet 25**.

The update to Lucanet 25 is also recommended because you can then use this version for 18 months without having to upgrade to a higher version.

### Further information for cloud customers

Before updating to Lucanet 25, Cloud customers should consider the following:

- The user management in Lucanet **Financial Client** can still be used to create users and assign permissions. However, these users are now synchronized with the central user management on the Lucanet CFO Solution Platform.

- Lucanet.**Web Client** (now **Lucanet Consolidation & Financial Planning**) is now part of the Lucanet CFO Solution Platform and can no longer be used independently.
- The Lucanet CFO Solution Platform and Lucanet.**Financial Client** can be logged into with an e-mail address and password, not only with a user name and password.
- Before the update, it must be ensured that an e-mail is stored for each user, because all users will receive an e-mail with a temporary default password when converting to the Lucanet CFO Solution Platform. Users can then assign a new password.

## 5 How to set the automatic update to Lucanet 25?



As a Lucanet.**Cloud** customer, please get in touch with your Lucanet contacts for an update or use the [contact form](#) on Lucanet's website.

As a **Lucanet On-Premises customer**, you can set the automatic update to Lucanet 25 in the job control in the Lucanet.**Server Administrator**. In the **Restart Server** job, check the **Update from the current release to the latest release** once if you want to update to the latest release:

[Software update](#)

Update to the latest version of the current release

Update one time only from the current release to the next release

Update one time only from the current release to the latest release



You can find more information for setting automatic software updates in the online help under **Complete Description | Administration | Administration at the system level | Job Control | Jobs | Restart the server**.

### Note about manual software update



Information for performing a **software update manually** can be found in the online help under **Complete Description | Administration | Administration at the system level | Administration | Performing a software update**.

## 6 How does the update to Lucanet.**Software Manager 10** take place?

### How does the online update work?

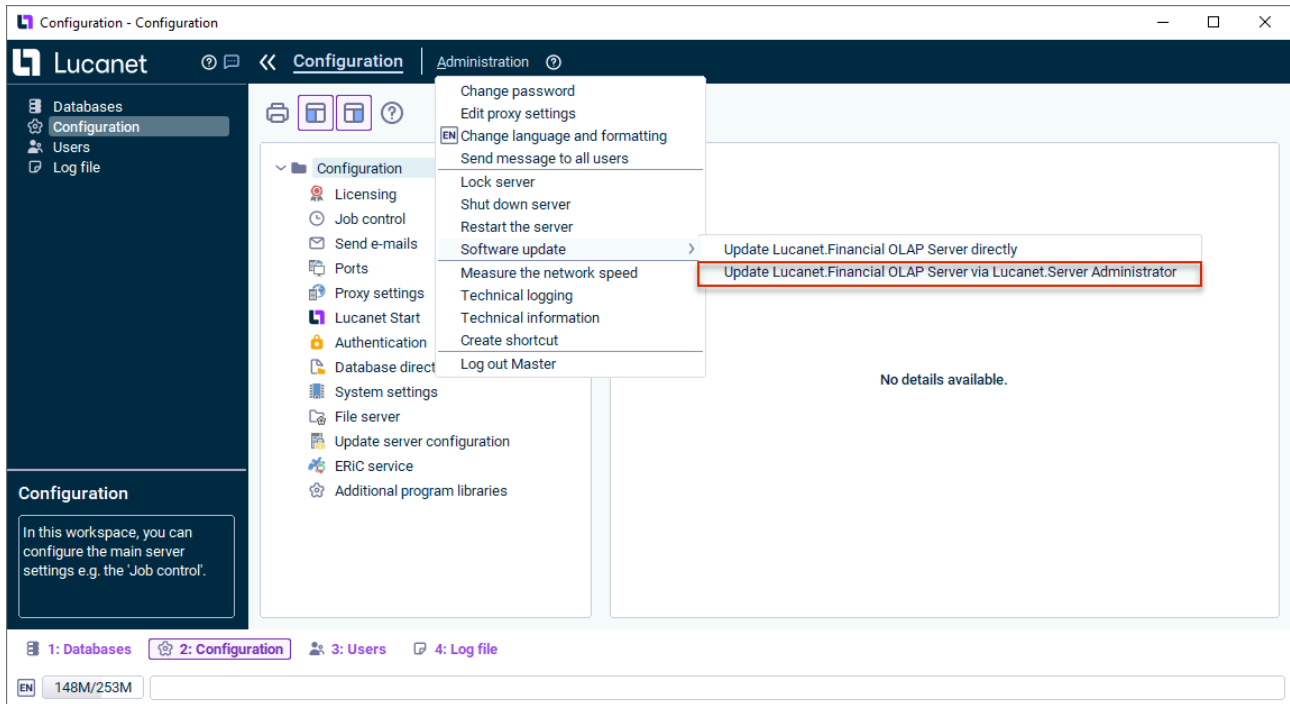
Lucanet.**Software Manager** administrates all the Lucanet programs running on a computer and all the Java versions required by these programs with the exception of the Lucanet Cloud Platform. The update to Lucanet.**Software Manager 10** (inkl. JDK 21.0.4) takes place automatically when updating to Lucanet 25.



## How does the update work when the Lucanet.Financial Olap Server is offline?

If the Lucanet.Financial OLAP Server is not connected to the Internet, you can upgrade to Lucanet 25 as follows:

1. If necessary, start the computer on which the Lucanet.Server Administrator is running.
2. Start Lucanet.Server Administrator.
3. Select **Administration | Software Update | Update Lucanet.Financial Olap Server** via Lucanet.Server Administrator.



## How can I update Lucanet.Software Manager on clients without the appropriate permission?

The update for Lucanet.Software Manager can be rolled out remotely by the customer IT department to all affected computers. The installation file is available as an MSI package on the website [Lucanet's current software release](#).

## **7 What should be considered concerning the apps?**

### Where can I find the new features of the Lucanet standard apps?

All new features of the Lucanet standard apps are described in [What's New in Lucanet 25?](#) (available with the Lucanet 25 GA).

### Will my individual apps still work after updating to Lucanet 25?

Yes, all customer-specific apps can still be used as usual after updating to Lucanet 25.

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**Will the apps for data transfer from source systems and for data processing still work after the update to Lucanet 25?**

Yes, these apps can still be used as usual after updating to Lucanet 25.