

What's Changed in PhixFlow 9

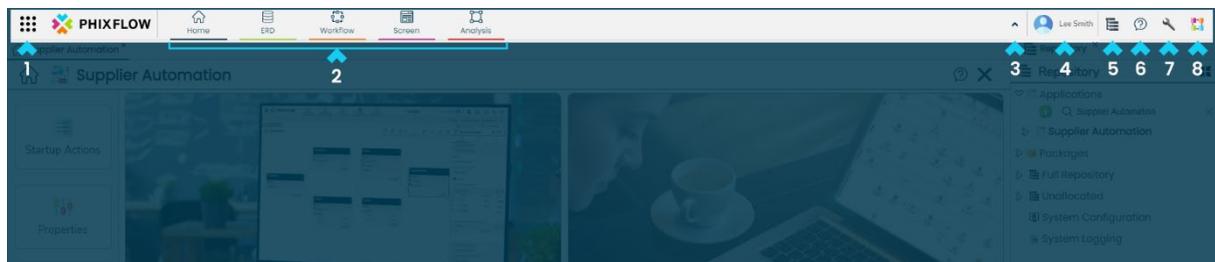
At PhixFlow our philosophy is to enable businesses to create their own software applications to increase productivity, efficiency and solve complex business problems. The PhixFlow Low-Code platform is designed to bridge the gap between business and IT, allowing technical and non-technical users to come together and build solutions many times faster than traditional software development methods.

Inspired by our community of users we've reimagined and re-designed the PhixFlow platform from top to bottom to provide greater functionality and a better customer experience. This makes PhixFlow 9 the all-in-one Low-Code platform to collaborate, build, integrate and automate business processes.

As an existing customer we're here to ensure that your experience of upgrading to PhixFlow 9 is seamless. Let's take a look at the key changes in PhixFlow 9.

1. Intuitive User Interface

We've made the entire user interface easier to use too. There is now a single header menu to provide all PhixFlow application-level options. This means all the options are in a single location and there is more space for creating your application.



Options available from this menu include:

1. **App selection**

Clicking on the waffle menu icon,  will take users back to the grid of available applications on your company's instance of PhixFlow 9.

2. **Application Menu (App designers)**

Easily switch between the four key areas of your application: Workflow, ERD, Screens and Analysis.

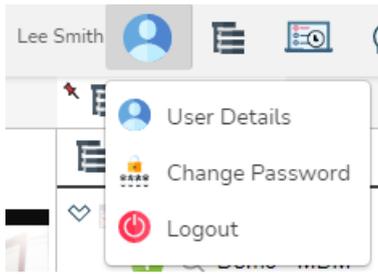
3. **Tabs On/Off Toggle**

Tabs have been introduced in PhixFlow 9 to make navigating between screens easier. To maximise space these tabs can be turned on or off using the icon.

4. **User Details**

Moving from the bottom of the screen in previous versions, the user details are now within the header menu. From here users will be able to access their user details,

change their password or logout.



5. Repository (App designers)

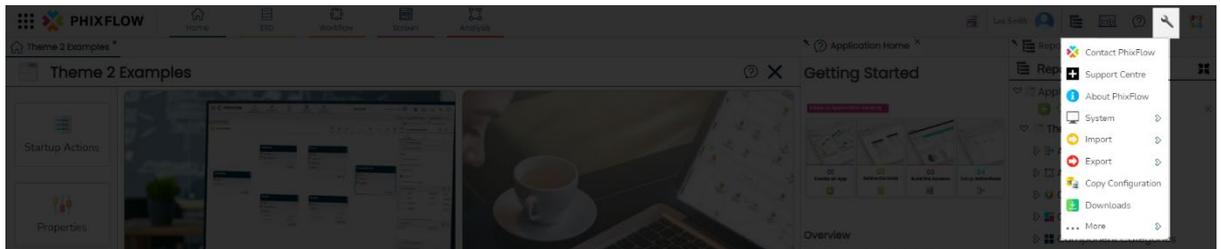
Clicking on the repository icon  will show open the repository panel on the right-hand side of the screen.

6. Help

Clicking on the help icon  in the top bar will take users to our newly created learning centre. From there users will be able to access courses, videos and How to guides to enhance their understanding of PhixFlow 9.

7. Administration Options

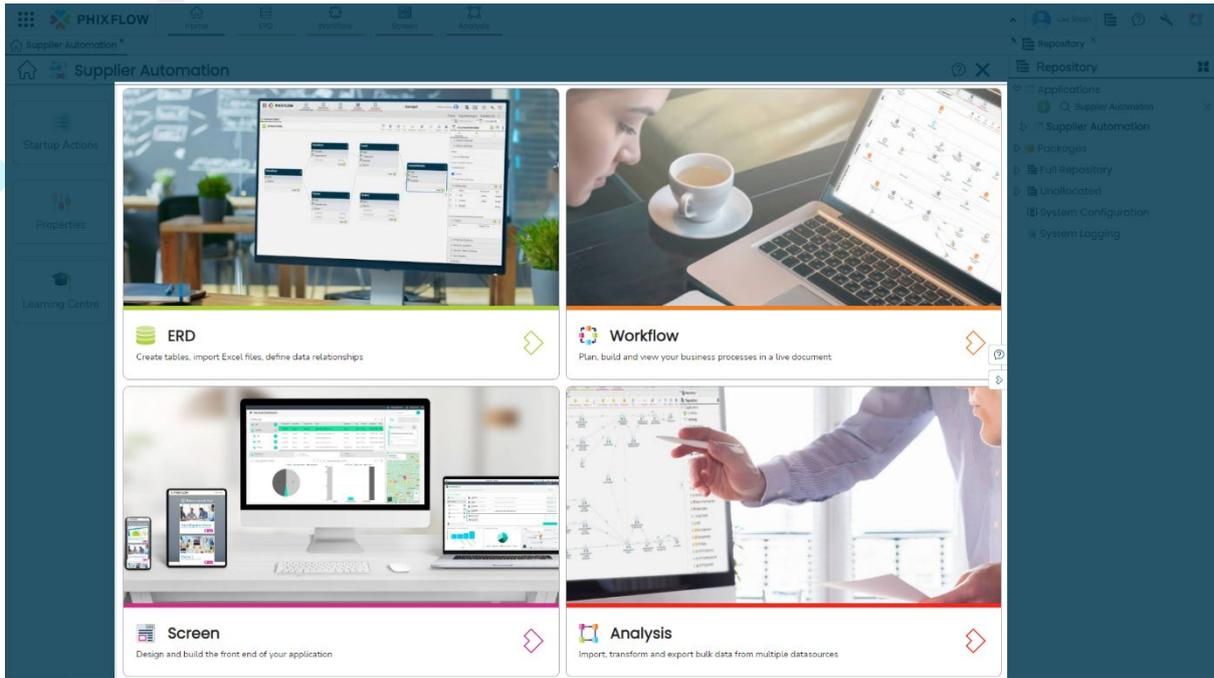
Clicking on the spanner icon  will open the administration options. The icon and options available will change depending on user privileges.



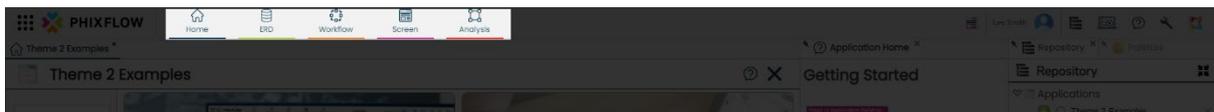
8. App / Design Mode Toggle

Switching between design mode and app mode is located in the top bar too. To view your app in app mode, click on the design mode icon . To switch back to app simply click on the following icon .

There's a new home screen for applications too. This screen will help you access the four key areas of application building: Workflow, Entity Relationship Diagrams, Screen Building and Analysis. These areas will help you to map out your business processes, build screens to show your data, define your data relationships and analyse your data.

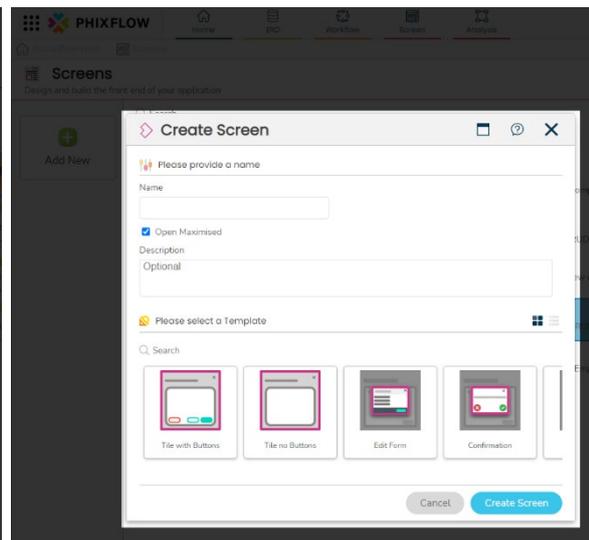
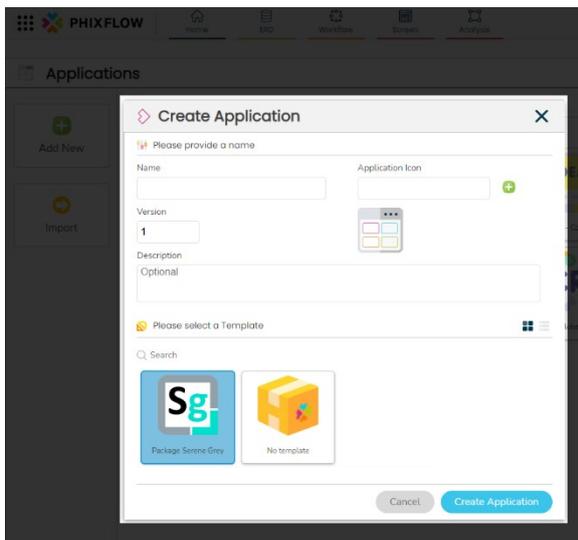


For application creators a new set of icons been added to allow seamless switching between activities such as ERD's, screen building and data analysis, providing greater freedom of movement in the application.



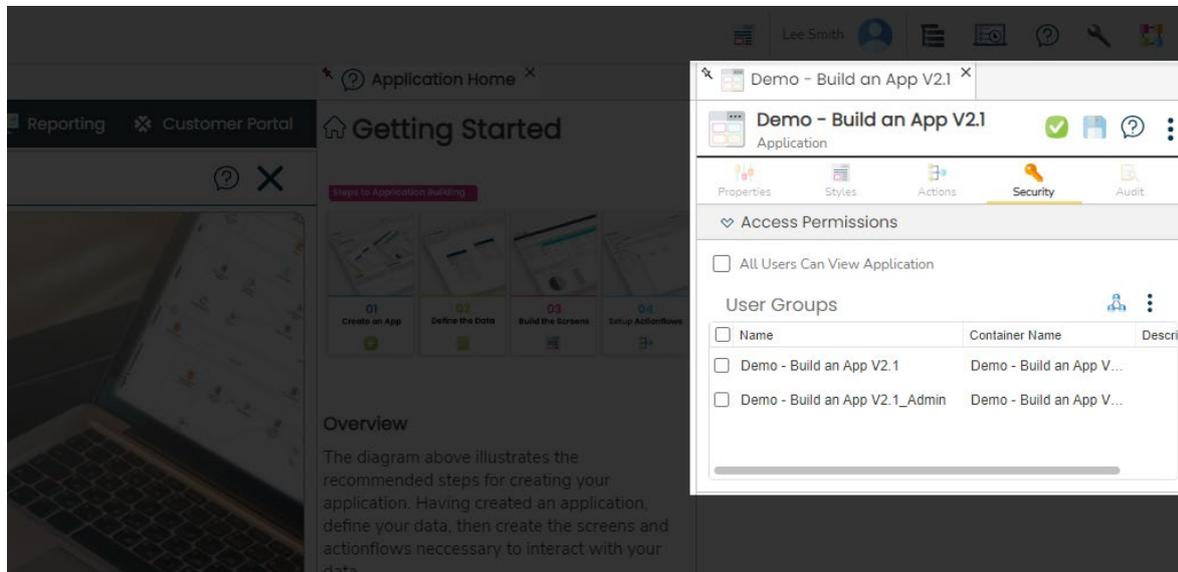
2. Faster Application Creation

To improve usability and improve the experience for non-technical users we've added wizards to guide them through application creation and screen building.



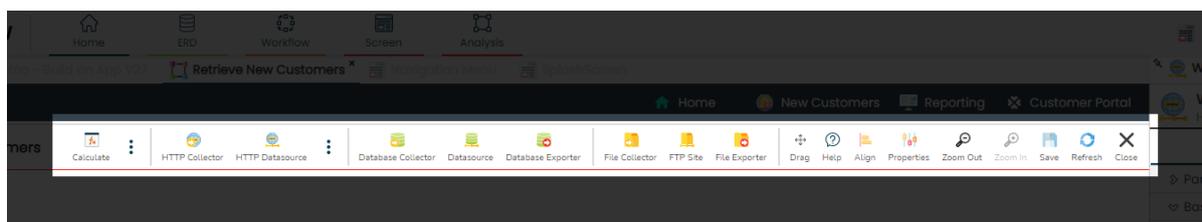
3. Applications Access

Access to newly created applications is now given by adding users to the user groups of the application. These groups are automatically created. To view permissions for an application simply click on the Security tab in the application property panel on the right-hand side.



4. Intuitive Toolbars

All canvases, including the analysis models, have a new toolbar layout to make finding the items you need much easier.



5. Clearer Terminology

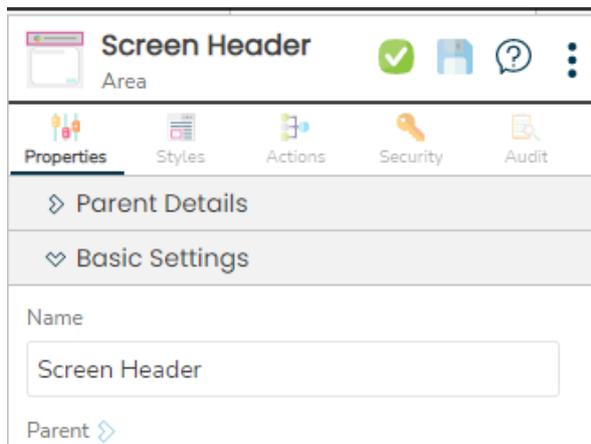
We've made some changes to the terminology used in PhixFlow 9, to make it more accurate and easier to understand:

Existing term	New term
dashboard	screen
stream	table
stream attributes	attributes
stream item	record
stream set	recordset
stream view	view

stream item action	record-action
stream action	table-action
driver class	database driver

6. Property Editor Tabs

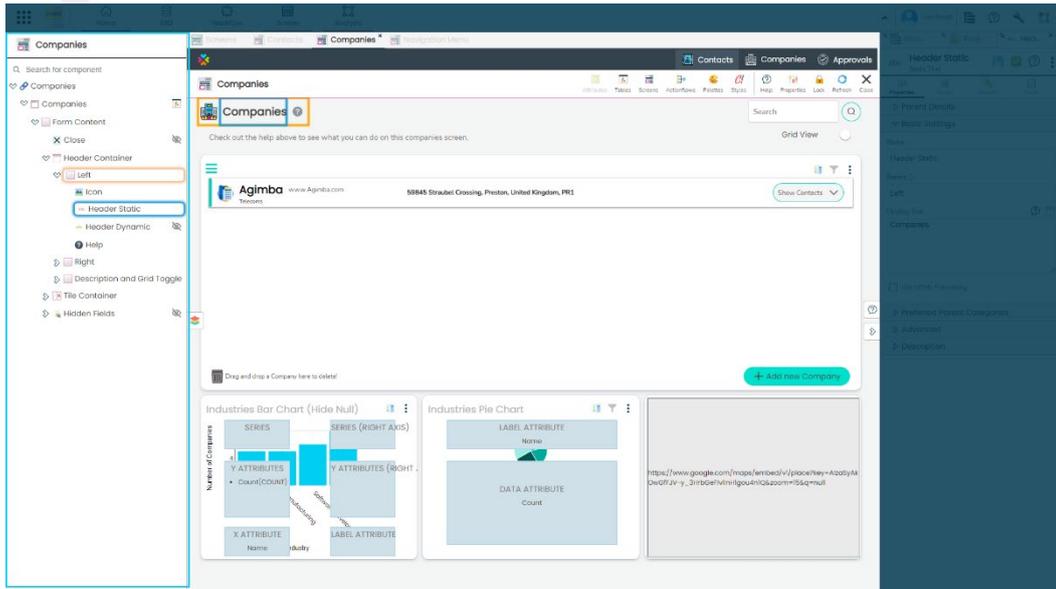
The property editors for items in PhixFlow have now been divided into logical sections to make navigation easier. The sections include: basic properties, design, data and audit. This alleviates the need to scroll through long lists of properties to find what you're looking for.



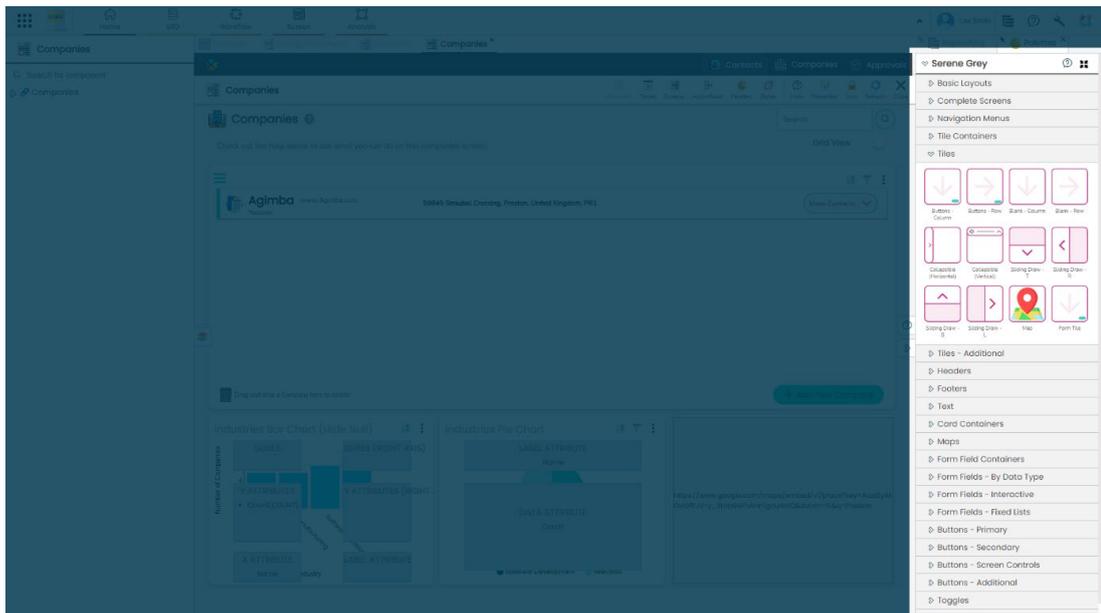
7. Changes and improvements to screen building

To improve your screen building experience we have added several new features to the screen building area.

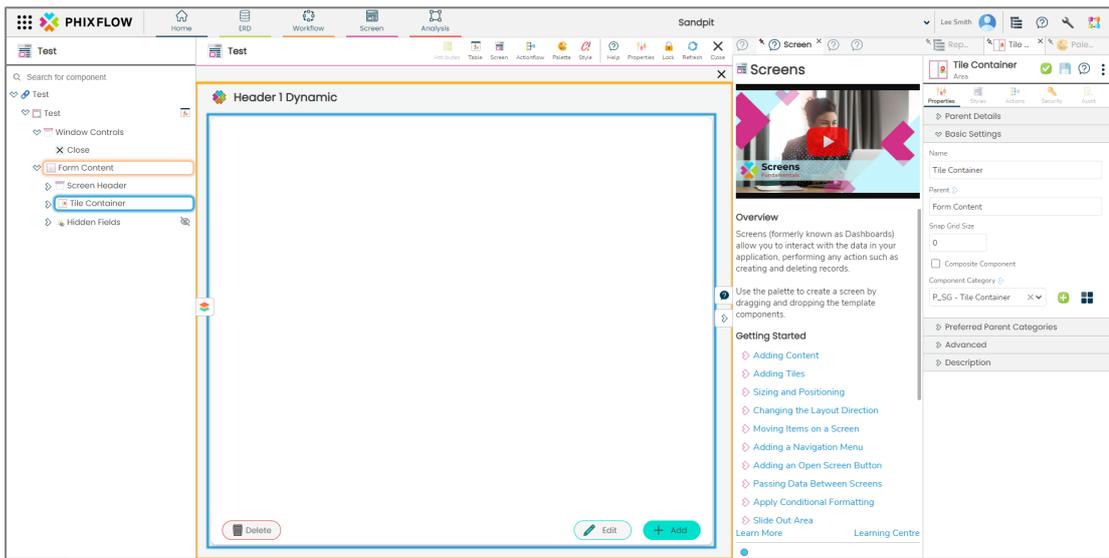
1. We've added a new **layers component** that helps you easily identify and select the component that you wish to modify.



2. The **new screen component library** (Serene Grey) now adds a palette of pre-configured screen building components available from a reconstructed library components panel. This panel has been divided into collapsible sections of grouped components to make finding the item you need much easier.



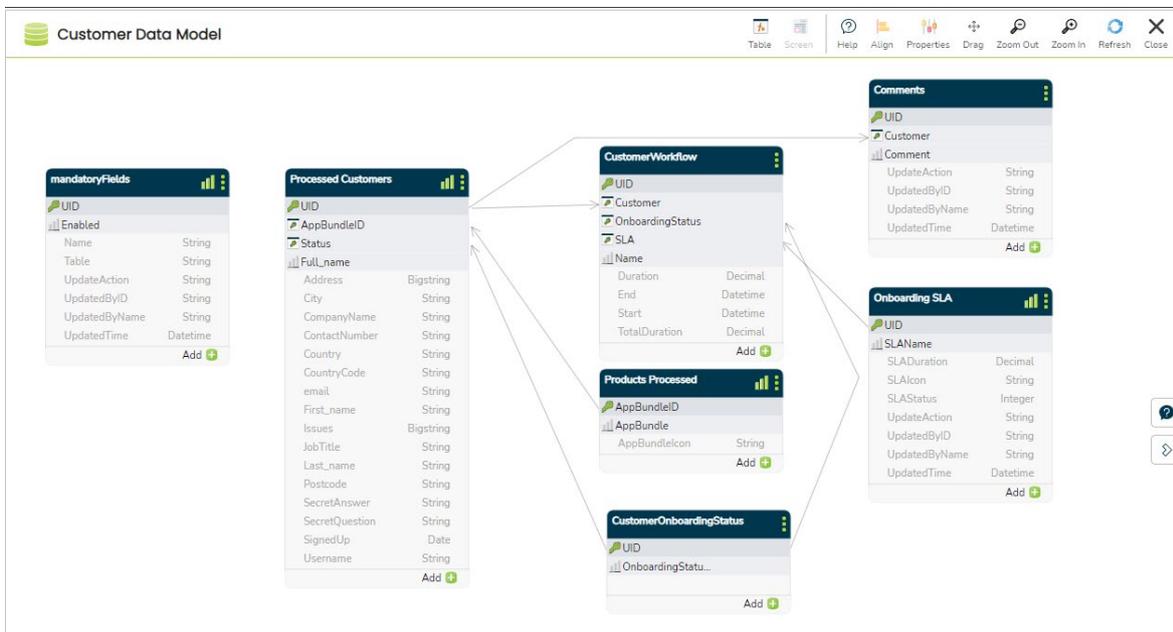
3. **Dynamic highlighting** helps you to identify where to place items on the canvas when dragging components on your screen



8. New Functionality

PhixFlow 9 adds new functionality to enhance application development.

Entity Relationship Diagrams have been introduced to allow you to model your data and the relationships between the tables with ease and precision.



We've added **Workflows** to help you visually model the steps of a business process from end-to-end, showing the actual components of your application that perform each activity with direct access to each item that makes up your application such as screens and other workflows. These workflows allow users to take a collaborative approach to application building, allowing teams to divide up the tasks required for the release.

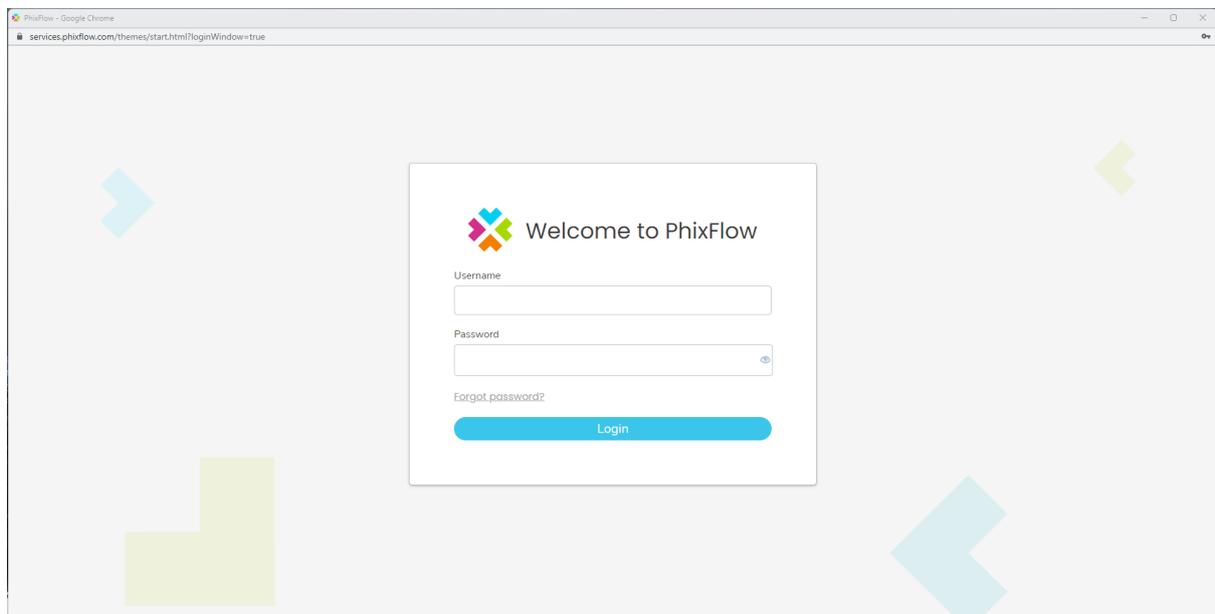
- Dragging a record from a grid onto a delete area to remove it.
- Dragging a contact from one grid onto a specific company on a company table to move that contact to that company.
- Dragging items into different sections on a Kanban board to change the state of the record.

9. Simplified Expression Editor

Make the manipulation of your data easier and faster with our new expression editor which lists available inputs and functions and provides real-time help as you type. The editor also provides information such as the function's description, expected inputs and optional function commands.

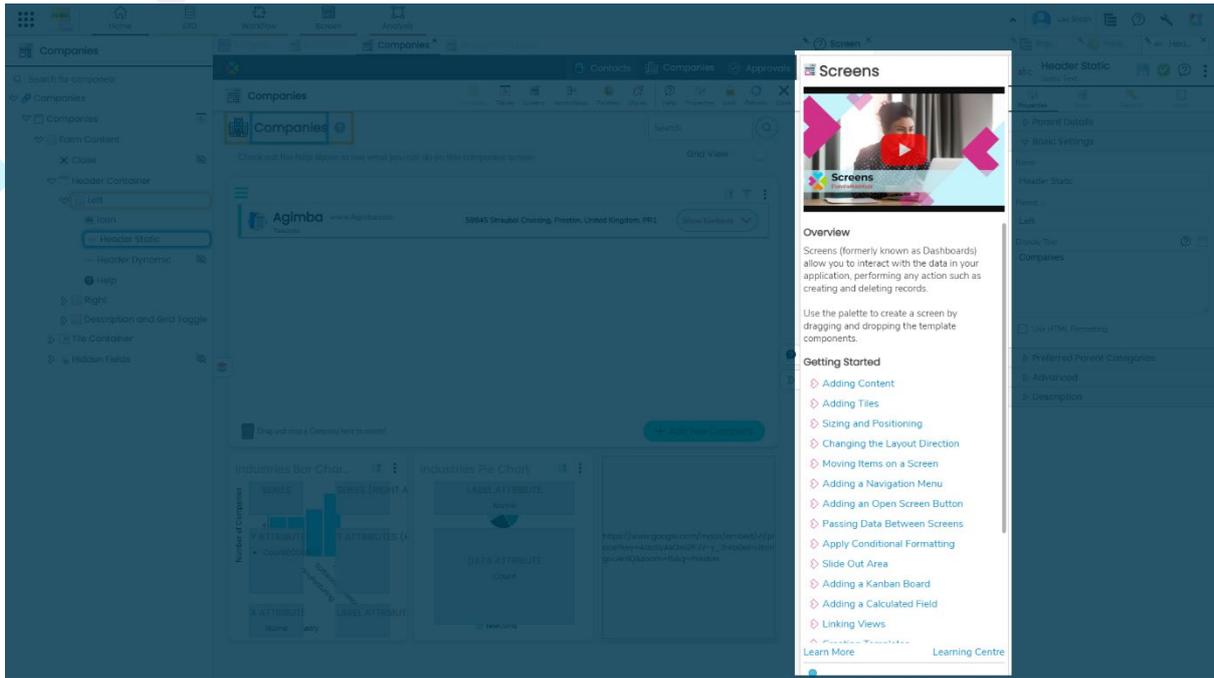
10. Enhanced login experience

From the moment you arrive at your new PhixFlow 9 instance you'll experience a new login experience which has moved to its own page. When your session times out, simply log back in and can pick up from exactly where you left off. Once logged in all of the user account details are available from the new header menu, including the logout option.



11. Help when you need it

Contextual help has been added to help guide you through PhixFlow. Accessed using the help icon will show the contextual help panel giving you access to How to guides, videos and explanations of how items work.



12. What's changed for end users of your existing apps?

Minimising disruption to existing application users when upgrading to PhixFlow 9 has been a priority for this latest release. All existing applications will still work in the same way and retain their look and feel. The only changes that you may need to make existing users aware of are the redesigned login experience and the location of the options that are now located in the top header menu.

We have put together an editable word document that you can [download](#) and share with your application end-users ahead of your chosen implementation date.

Preview PhixFlow 9

For more information on PhixFlow 9, please contact advisors@phixflow.com to arrange a demonstration.