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AlphaBridge V2.0 – What's new

New features

For this release we have introduced the following new features:

- **Edit folder:** We have improved the folder management feature by adding a new edit folder option. This will allow you to rename your folder and select a different parent for it to reside under.
- **Entity type:** When adding a new entity, you can define the entity type as either a single entity or a group entity (for customers who have licenced AlphaVAT).
- **VAT year start:** We have introduced a new drop-down option, so that when you add your new entity you can select the month that your VAT year starts from.
- **Return method:** Select the return method you would like to use to prepare your VAT Return (either AlphaBridge or AlphaVAT). You will also be able to see how many licences you have available for each method.
- **AlphaBridge upload:** You are now able to upload data directly into AlphaBridge from you own calculation spreadsheet, where the source data cells have been appropriately named. Please see the **Named cell file upload guide.**
- **Finalise option:** We have introduced a new workflow step. Once your VAT Return has been prepared you will need to click on the finalise button, which will launch the declaration check and allow you to submit your VAT Return to HMRC.
- **Print receipt:** You can now print a copy of your VAT Return submission receipt.
- **Support for VAT Groups**: It is now possible for customers who have licenced AlphaVAT to set up a VAT group, for completing the member entity AlphaVAT calculations or AlphaBridge upload and consolidating prior to submission.

Improved user interface

We have made the following improvements to the user interface and layout:

- **Contents tree:** The contents tree is now accessed by selecting the user icon menu, displayed in the top right-hand corner of the screen.
- **Demo entities:** We have introduced a new flag icon to help you identify your demo entities on the Entity management screen.
- Add and Edit entity screens: These have been updated to accommodate the new options.
- **Entity details screen:** We have given this a fresh look and feel to improve navigation and make it easier to manage your entity obligations.
- **Review and Submit:** This has been changed to accommodate the new finalise option and improve the user experience for submitting a VAT return.

Bug Fixes

We have fixed the following bugs that have been previously identified:

- **Reusing VRNs:** We have introduced new logic to provide a unique identity for demo entities that are created and entities that are deleted. This resolves the issue users were experiencing when trying to reuse a VRN that they had previously assigned to demo entity or one that they had then deleted.
- **Re-authorisations:** We have resolved an issue with unnecessary HMRC refreshes to help improve performance and stability.