



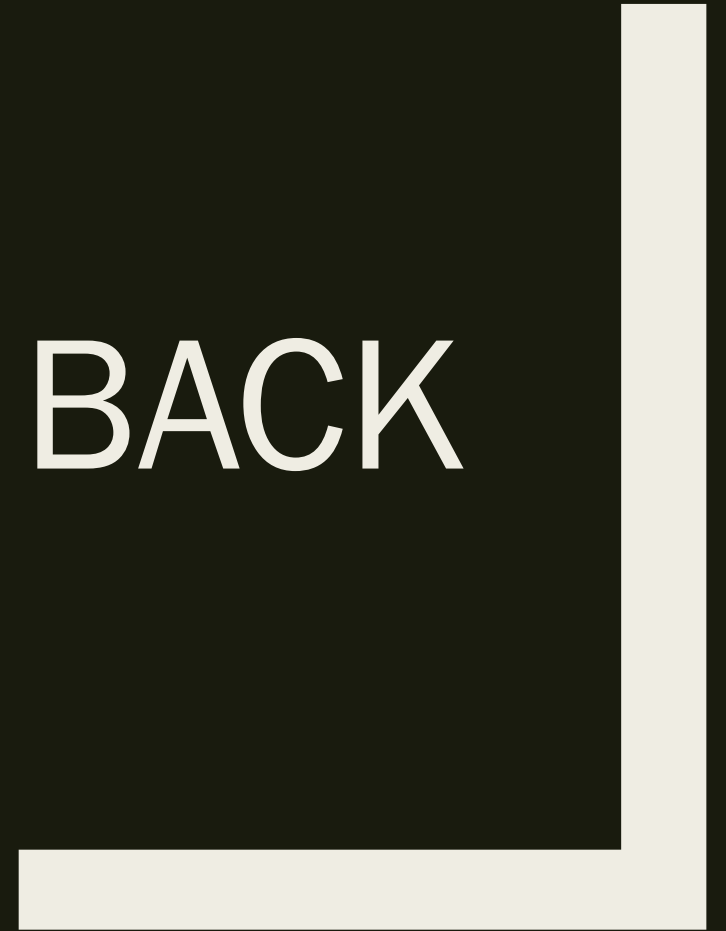
# ORG ADMIN: IA AND NAVIGATION

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LOOKING BACK



## Administration

Announcements
Privacy Preferences
System Notifications
Yammer Configuration
MSFT Social
Auto Numbering
Languages
Subscription Management
Resources in Use
Data Performance
Virtual Entity Data Sources
System Settings
General
Auditing
Email
Currencies
Outlook
Calendar
Customization
Formats
Reporting
Synchronization
Previews

## Data Management

Duplicate Detection Settings
Duplicate Detection Rules
Duplicate Detection Jobs
Bulk Record Deletion
Data Maps
Templates
Imports
Add Ready to use Processes
Exports
Advanced Similarity Rules
Data Encryption
<b>Business Management (partial)</b>
Fiscal Year Settings
Business Closures
Currencies
Automatic Record Creation and Updates

## Security

Users
Security Roles
Teams
Business Units
Field Security Profiles
Hierarchy Security
Positions
Access Team Templates
<b>Document Management</b>
Settings
SharePoint Document Locations
SharePoint Sites
Enable Server-based SP integration
Enable OneDrive for Biz

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- Resource Usage

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- Import
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## L1: Services

- Relationship Insights
- Mobile
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- Yammer
- MSFT Social Engagement
- Document Management

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## L2: Auditing

- Settings
- Entity and field tracking
- Summary view
- Log management

## L2: Mobile

- Profiles
- Configuration
- Settings

## L2: Email Config

- Email Server Profiles
- Migrate Email Router Data
- Server-Side Sync Monitoring
- MailBoxes
- Email Configuration Settings
- Email (System Settings)
- Dynamics 365 for Outlook
- Sync Errors
- Outlook (Settings)

## L2: Document Mgmt

- Document Management Settings
- SharePoint Document Locations
- OneDrive for Business
- Sharepoint Sites
- Manage Document Suggestions
- Dynamics 365 outlook app
- OneNote Integration

## L1: Customizations

- Solutions
- Customize this System
- Export Field Translations
- Publishers
- Developer Resources
- Dynamics Marketplace
- Themes
- Processes
- Activity Feeds Rules
- Activity Feeds Settings

# December IA proposal: opportunities for improvement

- Lopsided information architecture – some areas quite deep, some quite shallow
- Lists of objects and setting forms were not distinguished here: there's a hidden level of create/edit for any listview
- Fabric does not scale well to L3+ – will have to adapt patterns
- Certain key features are buried, like email

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- Listview (+1 level for create/edit)
- Link out
- Monitoring
- Plugin/wizard

LOOKING FORWARD



# Round 2 Overview

- Flatten the tree for complex features: Email configuration and Document Management
- Explore moving wizards, job creation and one-time actions to the Command Bar
- Move monitoring data elsewhere -it's not a setting



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Currencies

Languages

Formats

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Privacy Preferences

*CMD: Manage Subscriptions*

## L1: Document Mgmt

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Sharepoint Sites

SharePoint Document Locations

Manage Document Suggestions

OneDrive for Business

OneNote Integration

## L1: Data Management

Announcements

Auditing\* (+L3)

Auto Numbering

Auto Record Creation Rules

Duplicate Detection\* (+L3)

Data Maps

Encryption

Jobs (Dupe Detect, Import, Bulk, etc)

Templates

*CMD: Add (Sample Data, etc)*

*CMD: Download Template*

*CMD: Import*

*CMD: Bulk Delete*

## L1: Email Configuration

Server Profiles

Mailboxes

Email settings

Synchronization settings

Dynamics 365 for Outlook (+L3)

*CMD: Migrate Router Data*

*CMD: New (server profile, mailbox)*

## L1: Security

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Security Roles

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Field Security Profiles

Hierarchy Security

Positions

Access Team Templates

## L1: Customization

Solutions

Customize this System

Publishers

Themes

Processes

Activity Feeds Rules

Activity Feeds Settings

*CMD: Export Field Translations*

*LINK: Developer Resources*

*LINK: Dynamics Marketplace*

## L1: Add-ons

Relationship Insights

Mobile

Yammer

MSFT Social Engage

## Move to Analytics

Server-side sync monitoring

Sync errors

Data performance logs??

## Move to Environment

System notifications

Resource usage

# Open Questions in Round 2

- What is the most common use case for these settings?
  - *An admin checking configuration across the system*
  - *An admin coming in to change a very specific setting or group of settings*
- Which sets of pages would benefit from mutual context?
- Does Customization section need work?
- Which lists are a few items (10s) versus at scale (100s-1000s)?
  - *Scale requires virtual list, filtering, pagination*
- Any other branches that should be flattened?
  - *Duplicate detection, Auditing, Mobile all candidates*
- There are many types of Jobs scattered across Admin. Can we consolidate or develop new patterns?

# APPLYING OUR IA TO FABRIC PATTERNS



# Option A: Hub & Spoke

- Each L1 grouping is represented by a card on a settings hub.
- Key settings are previewed in the card.
- In some cases, a direct link to an actionable list may be included in the card.
- Each card has a “Manage” link that opens a new page for that setting group. Pivots are used to expose L2 groupings.
- Services can be directly selected; in this case Document Management would not need to be an L1 grouping.

+ New user

Environments > CDS 2.0 Production Env > Dynamics 365 Settings

## Details






Organization name Fabrikam, Inc.	Custom Entities 2% used (6 of 300)
Organization URL name powerflowbuild1234	

## System settings

Manage

Default app name CDS 2.0 Production	Current fiscal period Q4 FY 2018
Inactive session timeout Enabled (20 minutes)	Languages English (US), English (UK), Spanish, French
Auto save Enabled	

## Additional services

 Mobile access Not configured	 Yammer Not configured
 Relationship Insights 2 applications	 Microsoft Social Engagement Not configured
 Document Management SharePoint and OneDrive	

## Security

Users without roles

3 users

System admini



User access auditing  
Enabled

Entity auditing  
Enabled (6 entities)

## Email configuration

Processing  
Server-side synchronization

Pending appr  
2 users, 1 qu

Enabled features  
Folder-level tracking  
Conversation tracking  
Smart matching

Server side sy  
1 error, 2 wa

## Data management

Encryption  
Enabled

Duplicate det  
Enabled (14

Advanced similarity rules  
None

Duplicate det  
3 completed

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# Option A: Hub & Spoke

## PROS:

- Easy to scan important configuration details
- Pattern keeps related pages contextually available using pivots

## CONS:

- Pattern breaks down for large settings groups like Data Management – pivots might scroll
- Additional click required for most edit setting scenarios (comparable to old portal)
- High cost of changing L1 groupings later on

The screenshot shows the Dynamics 365 Admin Center overview page. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Usage, Data policies, Applications (Dynamics 365 Custom..., Dynamics 365 Talent, PowerApps, Microsoft Flow), and PowerBI platform (PowerBI). The main content area is divided into several sections: Entity auditing (Enabled, 6 entities), System settings (Default app name: CDS 2.0 Production, Current fiscal period: Q4 FY 2018, Inactive session timeout: Enabled (20 minutes), Languages: English (US), English (UK), Spanish, French, Auto save: Enabled), Additional services (Mobile access: Not configured, Relationship Insights: 2 applications, Document Management: SharePoint and OneDrive, Yammer: Not configured, Microsoft Social Engagement: Not configured), Email configuration (Processing: Server-side synchronization, Pending approval: 2 users, 1 queue, Enabled features: Folder-level tracking, Conversation tracking, Smart matching, Server side synchronization: 1 error, 2 warnings), and Data management (Encryption: Enabled, Duplicate detection: Enabled (14 rules), Advanced similarity rules: None, Duplicate detection jobs: 3 completed). A large grey arrow points from the 'Data management' section down to the detailed view below.

The screenshot shows the detailed view for Data Management in the Dynamics 365 Admin Center. The breadcrumb navigation is Environment Name > Dynamics 365 Settings > Data Management. The page title is 'Duplicate detection' with tabs for Auto numbering, Announcements, Bulk record deletion, Data maps, Encryption, and Performance logs. The 'Duplicate detection settings' section shows 'Enable duplicate detection' is turned 'On'. Under 'Events that trigger duplicate detection', 'Record creation', 'Online connection', and 'Import' are all unchecked. The 'Duplicate detection rules (4)' section is a table with columns: Rule name, Status, Base record, Matching record, Created by, and Modified on.

Rule name	Status	Base record	Matching record	Created by	Modified on
Accounts with the same account name	Unpublished	Account	Account	James Oleinik	10/18/2017 2:50 AM
Accounts with the same email address	Unpublished	Account	Account	SYSTEM	1/1/2017 12:00 AM
Contacts with the same business phone number	Unpublished	Contact	Contact	SYSTEM	10/18/2017 2:50 AM
Leads with the same e-mail address	Unpublished	Lead	Lead	SYSTEM	1/1/2017 12:00 AM

At the bottom, there is a section for 'Duplicate detection jobs (3)'.



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### Environments > CDS 2.0 Production Env > Dynamics 365 Settings

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#### System settings

[Manage](#)

Default app name	Current fiscal period
CDS 2.0 Production	Q4 FY 2018
Inactive session timeout	Languages
Enabled (20 minutes)	English (US), English (UK), Spanish, French
Auto save	
Enabled	

#### Additional services

Mobile access Not configured	Yammer Not configured
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Document Management SharePoint and OneDrive	

#### Security

[Manage](#)

Users without roles	System administrators (7)
3 users	
User access auditing	
Enabled	
Entity auditing	
Enabled (6 entities)	

#### Email configuration

[Manage](#)

Processing	Pending approval
Server-side synchronization	2 users, 1 queue
Enabled features	Server side synchronization
Folder-level tracking	1 error, 2 warnings
Conversation tracking	
Smart matching	

#### Data management

[Manage](#)

Encryption	Duplicate detection
Enabled	Enabled (14 rules)
Advanced similarity rules	Duplicate detection jobs
None	3 completed

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← Import ▾ → Export ▾ + Add ▾ ↓ Download import template

🔍 Search Data Management

## Environment Name > Dynamics 365 Settings > Data Management

Duplicate detection Auto numbering Announcements Bulk record deletion Data maps Encryption Performance logs

### ^ Duplicate detection settings

Enable duplicate detection



Events that trigger duplicate detection

Record creation

Online connection

Import

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Assign users Add role Copy Delete

Search Security

Environment Name > Dynamics 365 Settings > Security

Users Security roles Hierarchy security Business units Teams Auditing Field service profiles Positions

Role ↓	Business unit	Assigned users
Activity feeds	Corporate	3
CEO-Business Manager	Corporate	0
CompanyNewsAccess	Retail	20
CSR Manager	Support	50
Customer Service Representative	Support	500
Email app access role	Corporate	10
Environment maker	Corporate	10
Marketing manager	Marketing	10
Marketing Professional	Marketing	10
Relationship Insights Admin	Marketing	10
Sales Manager	Sales	10
Salesperson	Sales	10
System administrator	Corporate	7

Role edit scenario would require an L3 page and L4 edit panel.



# Option B: Static List

- Each L1 grouping is semantic only – the L2 pages are individual settings pages, and linked directly.
- Pivots are used when L3 navigation is present.

The screenshot displays the Business Application Platform Admin center interface. The top navigation bar includes the Business Application Platform logo, the text "Admin center", and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, there are action buttons: "+ Add", "Export", "Import", and "Download". The breadcrumb trail reads "Environments > CDS 2.0 Production Env > Dynamics 365 Settings".

The main content area is divided into several sections, each with a collapse/expand arrow:

- Environment settings**
  - Site behavior
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  - Teams
  - Auditing
  - Field service profiles
  - Positions
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- Customization**

The left-hand navigation pane is dark-themed and contains the following items:

- Help + support
- Analytics
- Privacy
- Data integration
- Common Data Service
- Environments** (highlighted)
- Usage
- Data policies
- Applications
  - Dynamics 365 Custome...
  - Dynamics 365 Talent
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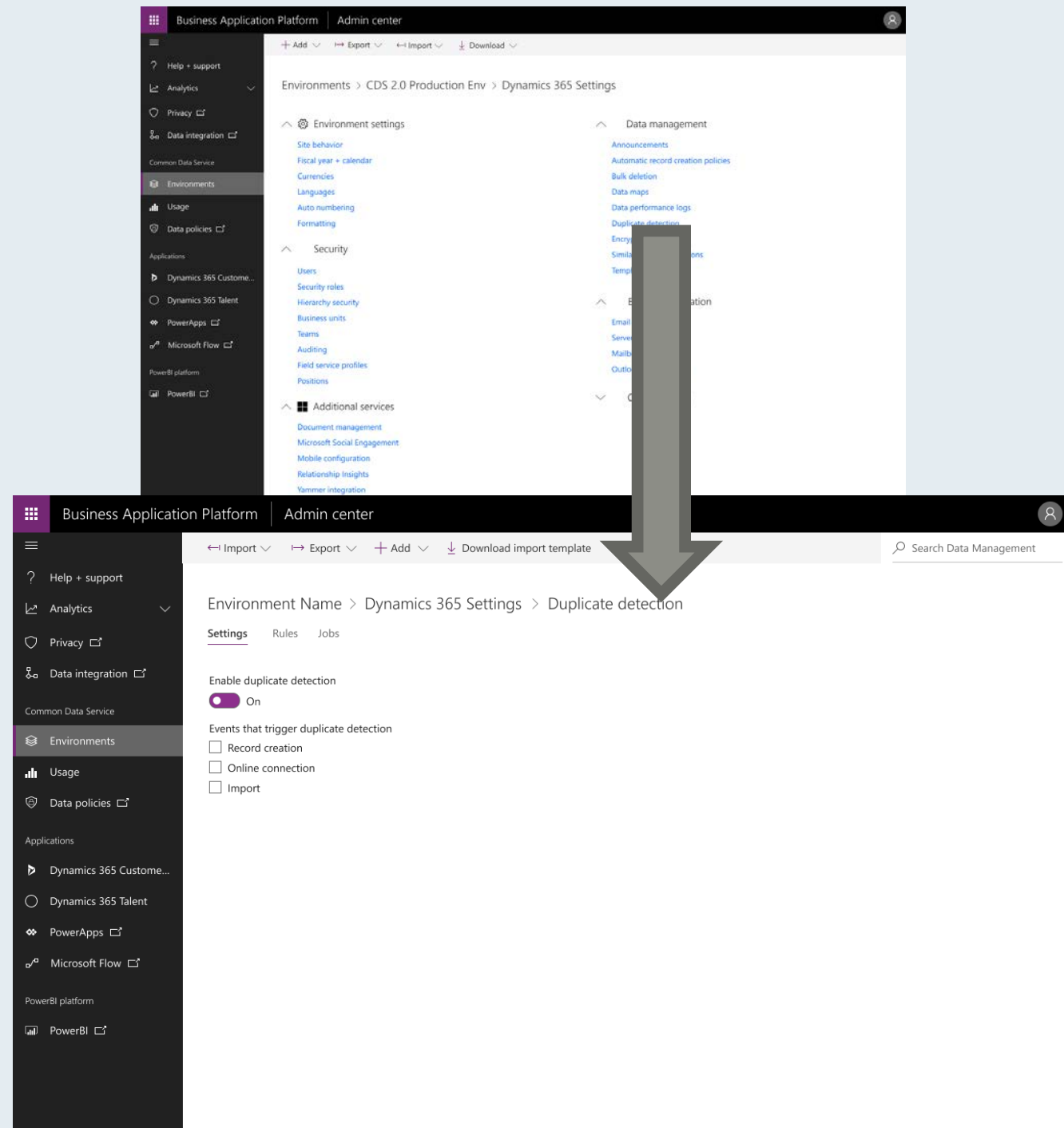
# Option B: Static List

## PROS

- Command bar is more useful (narrow scope)
- Pivots can be used for L3 navigation when needed
- L1 groupings can be changed easily
- One less click to get to most L2 pages

## CONS

- Not a lot of context on the settings landing page
- L1 list is unwieldy on narrow screens
- L1 context is lost on L2 (not in breadcrumb)





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Organization insights

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Microsoft Flow

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Assign users + Add role Copy Delete

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Marketing Professional	Marketing	10
Relationship Insights Admin	Marketing	10
Sales Manager	Sales	10
Salesperson	Sales	10
System administrator	Corporate	7
System Customizer	Corporate	7



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Privileges Entities

^ General (18)

Privilege	Scope
Add Reporting Services Reports	None
Bulk Delete	None
Delete Audit Partitions	None
Publish Email Templates	Organization
Publish Duplicate Detection Rules	None
Publish Mail Merge Templates	None
Publish Reports	None

^ Customization

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON:  
NAV TO L2 (DUPLICATE DETECTION)



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Auto save: Enabled

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- Relationship Insights: 2 applications
- Microsoft Social Engagement: Not configured

**Security**

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Entity auditing: Enabled (6 entities)

**Email configuration**

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Enabled features: Folder-level tracking, Conversation tracking, Smart matching Server side synchronization: 1 error, 2 warnings

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Duplicate detection jobs (3)

Business Application Platform | Admin center

Environment Name > Dynamics 365 Settings > Duplicate detection

**Settings** Rules Jobs

Enable duplicate detection:  On

Events that trigger duplicate detection

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- Online connection
- Import

# Moving Forward

## Plan of record

- Group prefers Option B
  - *Timeline considerations*
  - *More amenable to partial rollout*
- Preliminary agreement on new L1 groupings
- Design to move forward with:
  - *Delivery of Option B L1 design*
  - *Breadcrumb behavior*
  - *Long-term content engagement*
- After Option B delivered, move on to System Settings L2 first

## Future opportunities

- SCENARIO: a new update has been applied, changing setting values and availability. How do we help admins cope?
- Take the hub design and apply it focusing on jobs-to-be-done, as a supplement to Option B rather than an alternate navigation mechanism.
- Explore potential for streamlining 'global' settings constructs like Add, Import, Export, and Jobs to further simplify the overall info architecture.