

Account Linking in NextGen

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Introducing: Account Linking in NextGen [NP-62741]

Innovation For: Suppliers Enablement Model: Automatically On

Feature Description:

In SAP Business Network, users or members of the same organization often create multiple accounts for various reasons. Sometimes, users forget they have already registered and sign up again, while different departments or teams may create separate accounts for each member within the same organization. Additionally, accounts are often registered under different emails, usernames, or roles (such as individual and team accounts). These duplicate accounts lead to fragmented user data, increased administrative overhead, and other challenges for both users and the platform.

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Solution For: Commerce Automation

Solution Area: Account Governance

Persona: Supplier



Key Benefits:

- Simplified Account Management: Reduces the need for users to manage multiple accounts, making the overall experience smoother.
- Operational Efficiency: Reduces overhead for both users and support teams by consolidating accounts and eliminating confusion.
- Improved Data Integrity: Keeps all user data (transactions, preferences) in one place, preventing data loss.
- Aggregated Billing: Consolidates multiple accounts into a single, unified billing structure, improving transparency and streamlining financial processes

Feature Details

Overview:

- The Linking Accounts feature enables users to consolidate multiple accounts (created with different emails or usernames) into a single unified account structure.
- This improves user experience, operational efficiency, and provides better visibility across activities.

Key Capabilities:

- Link Initiation: A user (typically the Parent Account) can initiate the request to link another account (the Child Account).
- Notifications:
 - A notification email is sent to both Parent and Child accounts indicating who initiated the link request.
 - The Child account holder has the option to approve or decline the request.
- Approval Process:
 - Approve → Accounts are successfully linked into one organization.
 - Decline → The request is cancelled, and the Parent is notified.
- Auto-Expiry:
 - If no action is taken within 30 days, the link request will automatically expire and move to "Declined" status.
 - The Parent and Child is notified of expiry.
- Unlink:
 - Both parent or child account has an option to unlink the accounts
 - Before unlink, BRIM validation will be applied

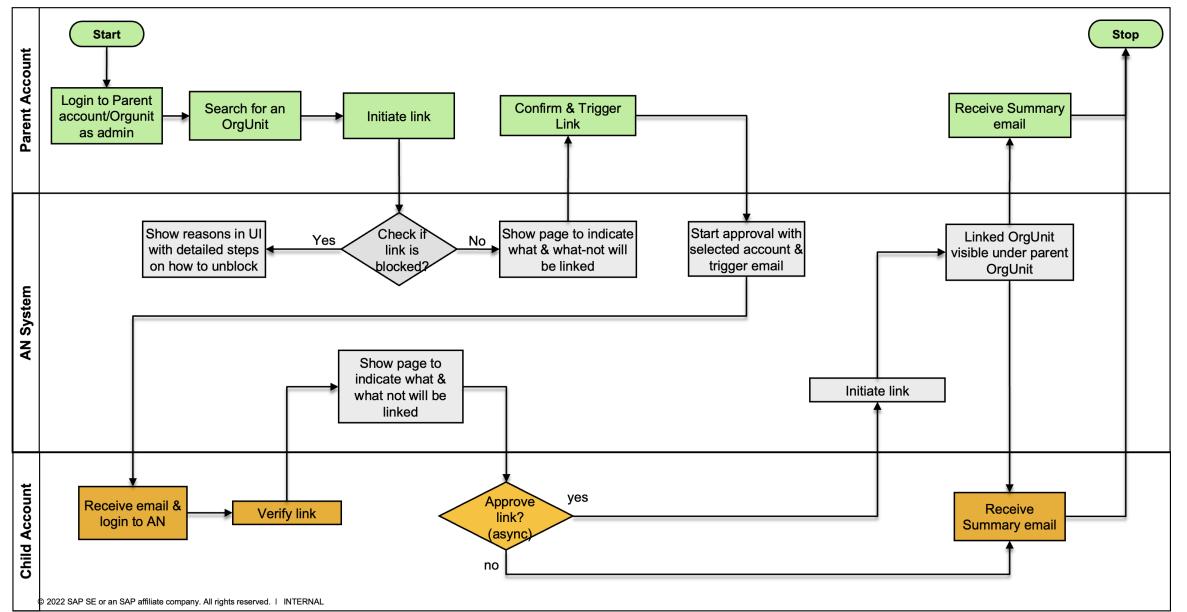
Public Org Unit Link: High Level Flow

Legend

Parent Org Unit

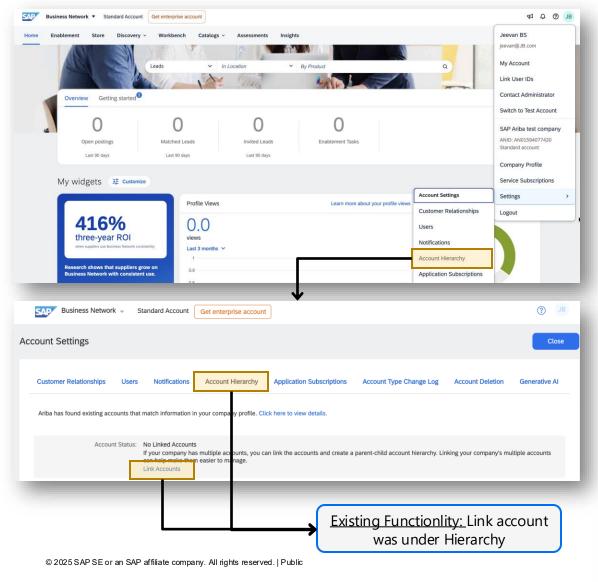
Child Org Unit

System

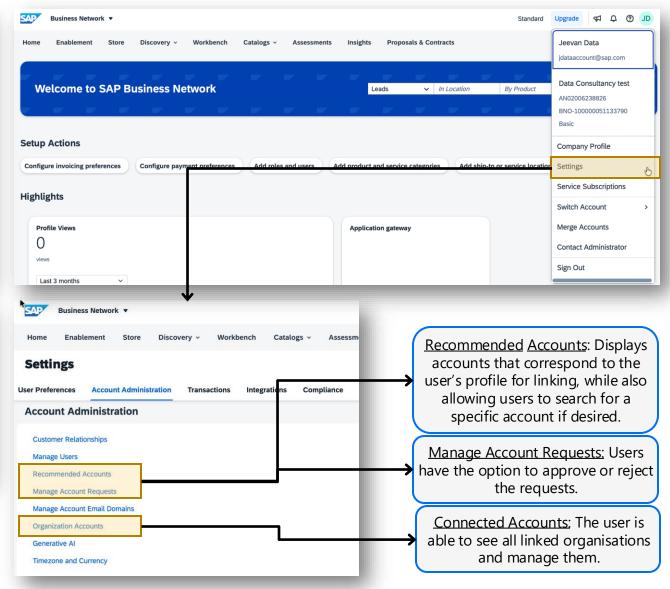


Account Linking Enhancements

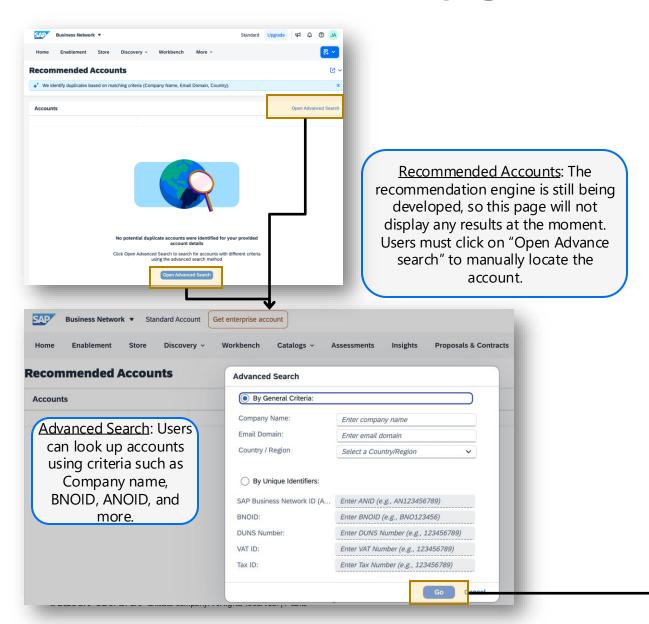
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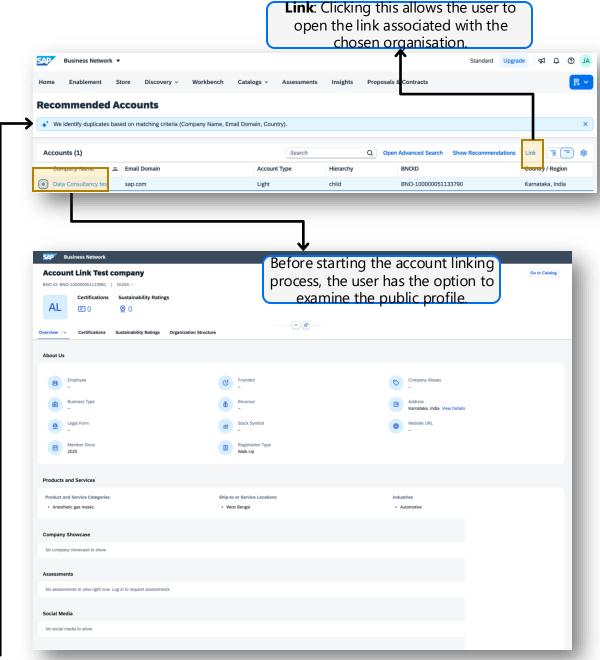


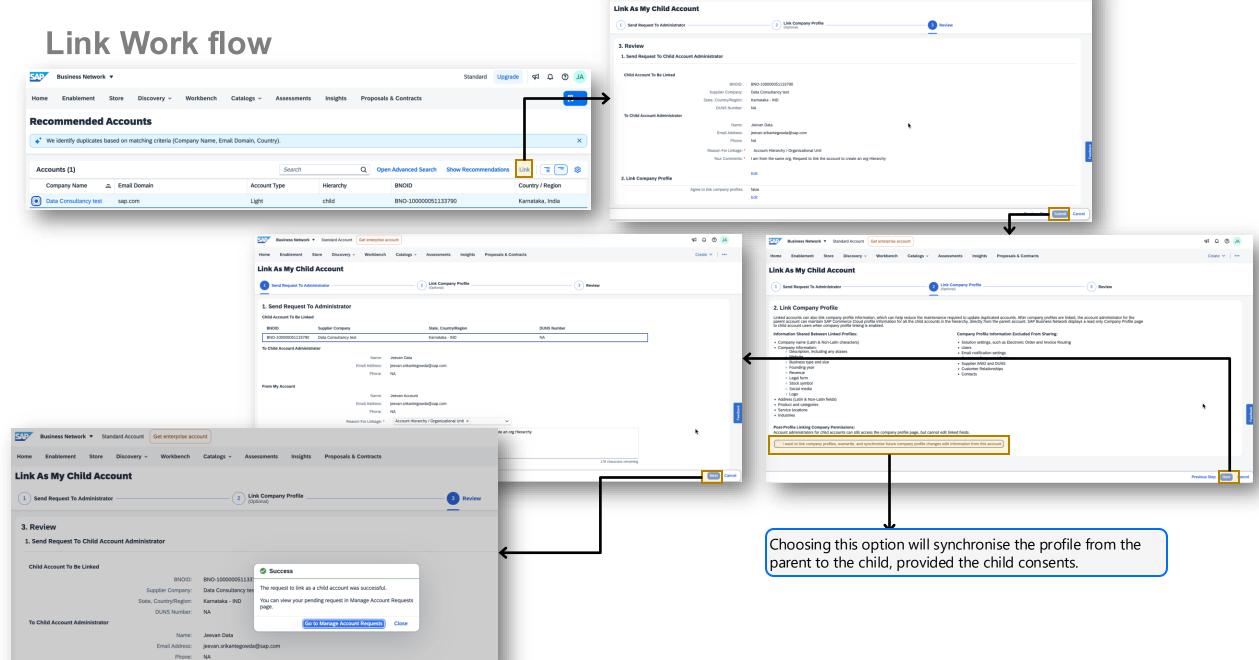
Enhancements



Recommended Accounts page view







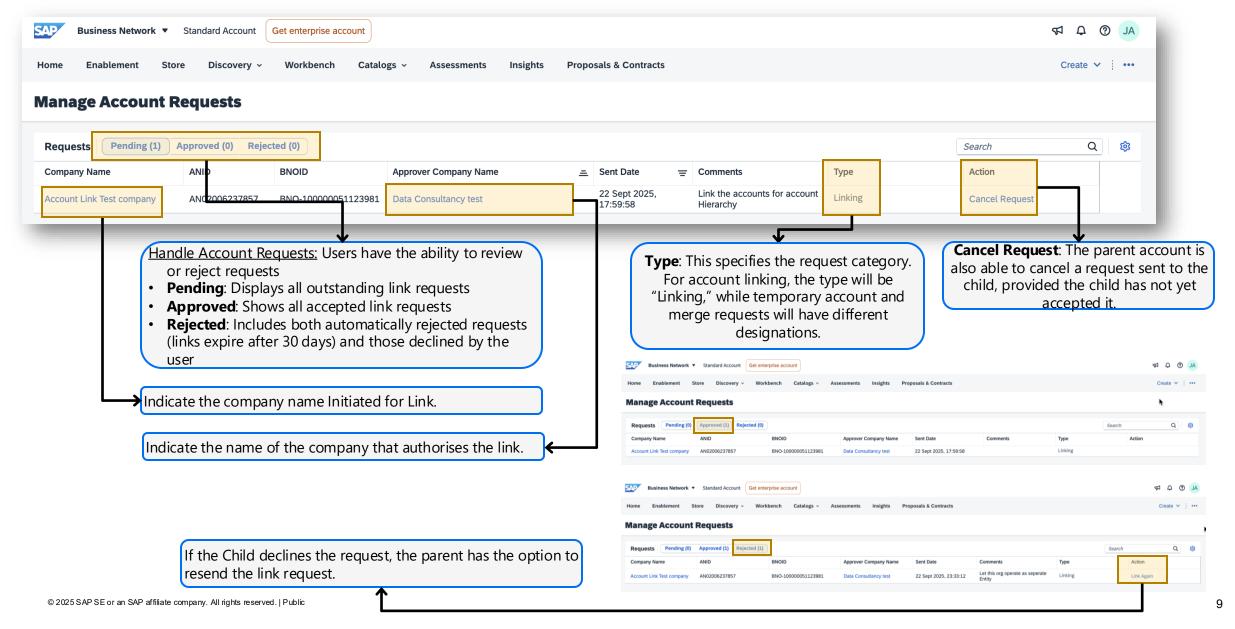
Reason For Linkage: * Account Hierarchy / Organizational Unit

Business Network ▼ Standard Account Get enterprise account

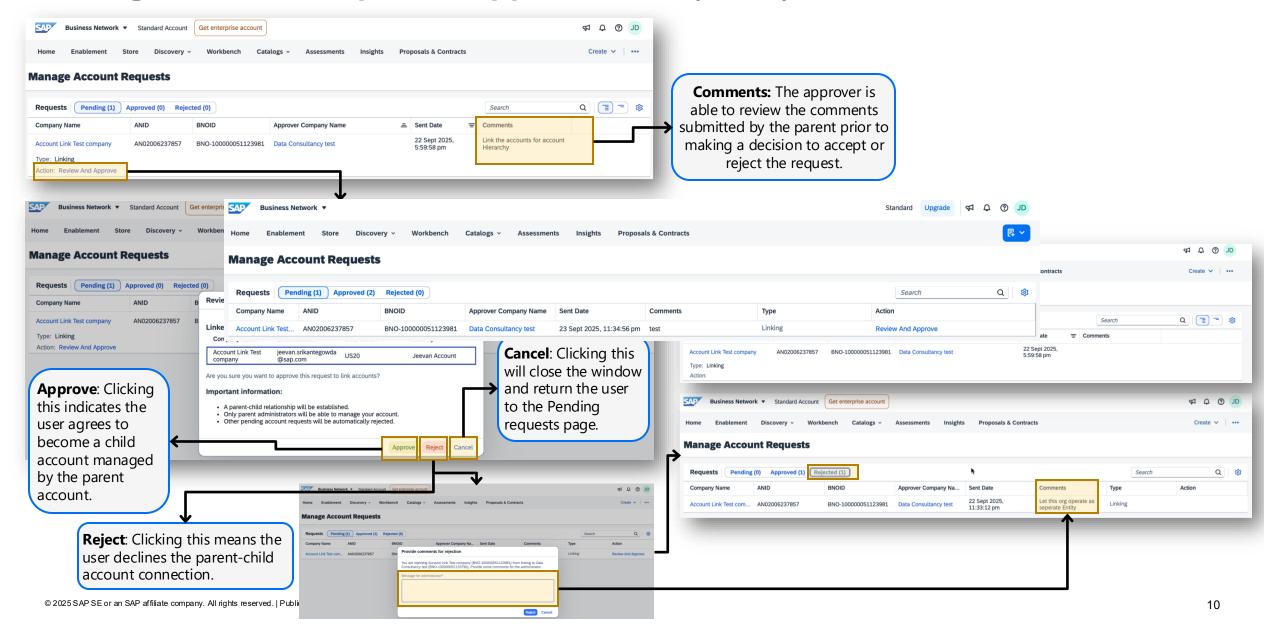
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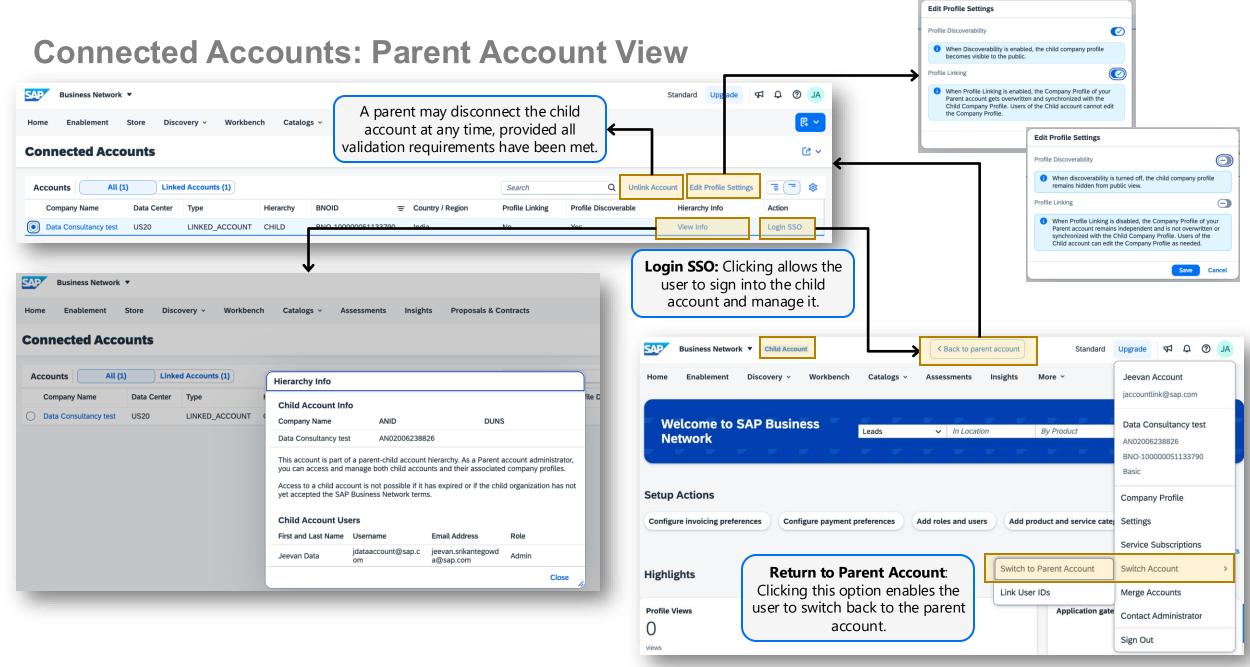
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Manage account Requests: Requestor View(Parent)

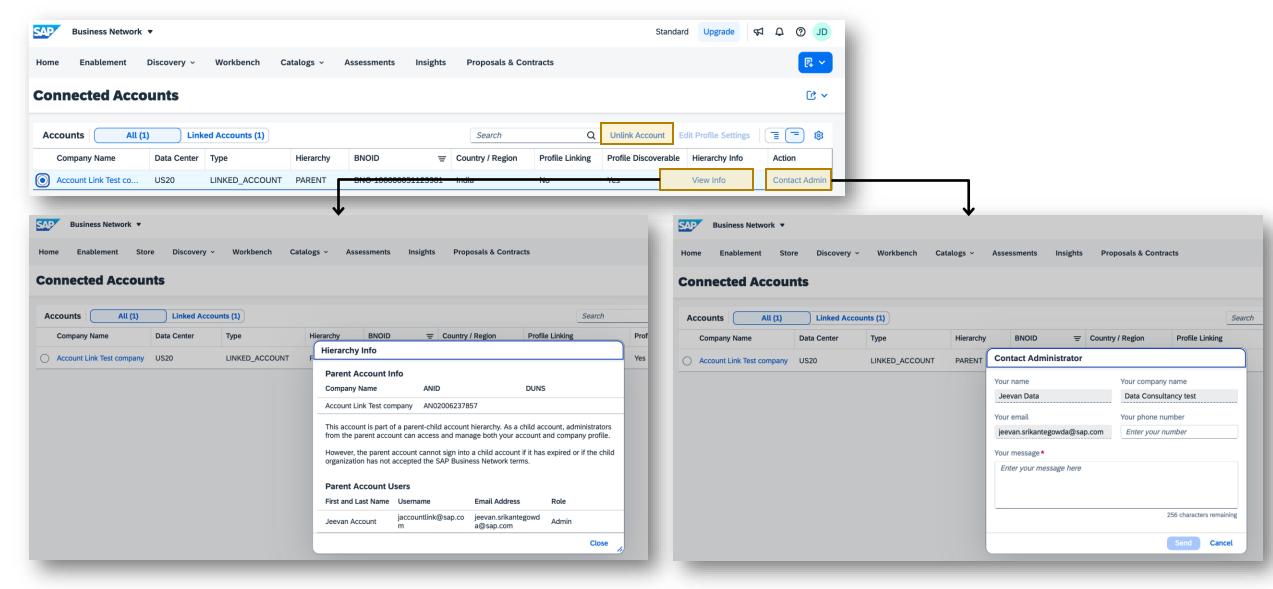


Manage account Requests: Approver View(Child)

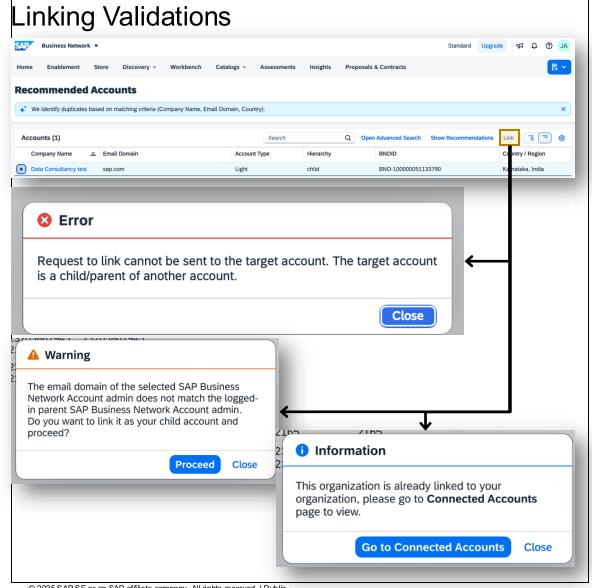


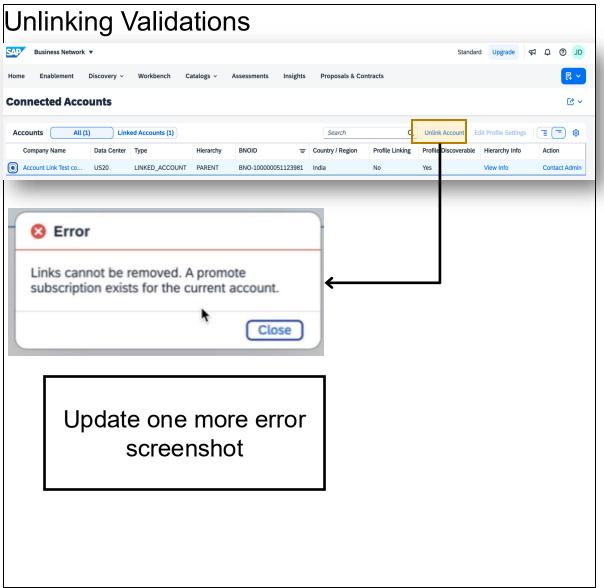


Connected Accounts: Child Account View

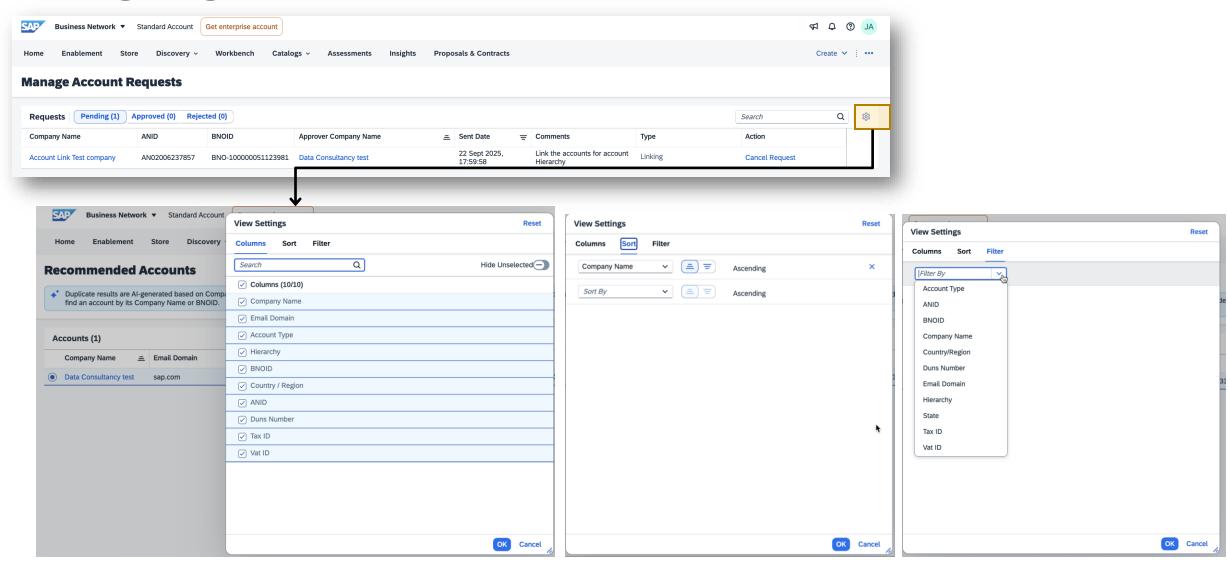


Linking and unlinking Validations





Settings Page View



Roles and Permissions

	Parent				Child				Standalone				Parent SSO To child			
App/Page	Admin	subuser (AH)	subuser (CAA)	subuser (DRA)	Admin	subuser (AH)	subuser (CAA)	subuser (DRA)	Admin	subuser (AH)	subuser (CAA)	subuser (DRA)	Admin	subuser (AH)	subuser (CAA)	subuser (DRA)
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Manage Account	V	V	N.	N.			N.	N	V	.,	N	N	N.			
Requests Organization Accounts	Y Y	Y	N Y	N N	N Y	N	N N	N N	Y	Y	N Y	N N	N Y	N Y	N N	N N
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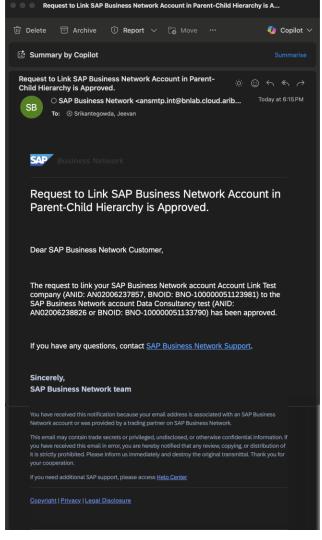
- 1. To Child: When parent account sent request to child
- 2. To Parent:
 - a. When Child account accept/approved the linkage
 - b. When Child account decline the linkage
- 3. To Child: When parent account unlink the linkage
- 4. To Parent: When Child account unlink the linkage
- 5. To Child: When parent account unlink the child profile
- 6. To Child: When Parent account relink the child profile
- 7. To Child: When parent account switched OFF the profile discoverability of child
- 8. To Child: When parent account switched ON the profile discoverability of child
- 9. To Child: When parent account cancel the link request(Patent sent the request, child has not accepted it, now parent wants to cancel the request sent)

10. To Parent: Contact Admin flow

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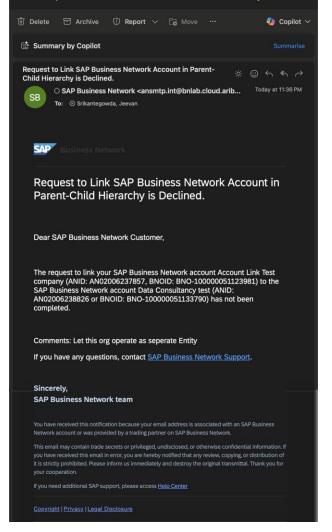
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 You may also choose to manually decline the request if you do not wish to proceed with the account linking request. If you have any questions, contact SAP Business Network Support. SAP Business Network team

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Request to Link SAP Business Network Account in Parent-Child Hierarchy is D...



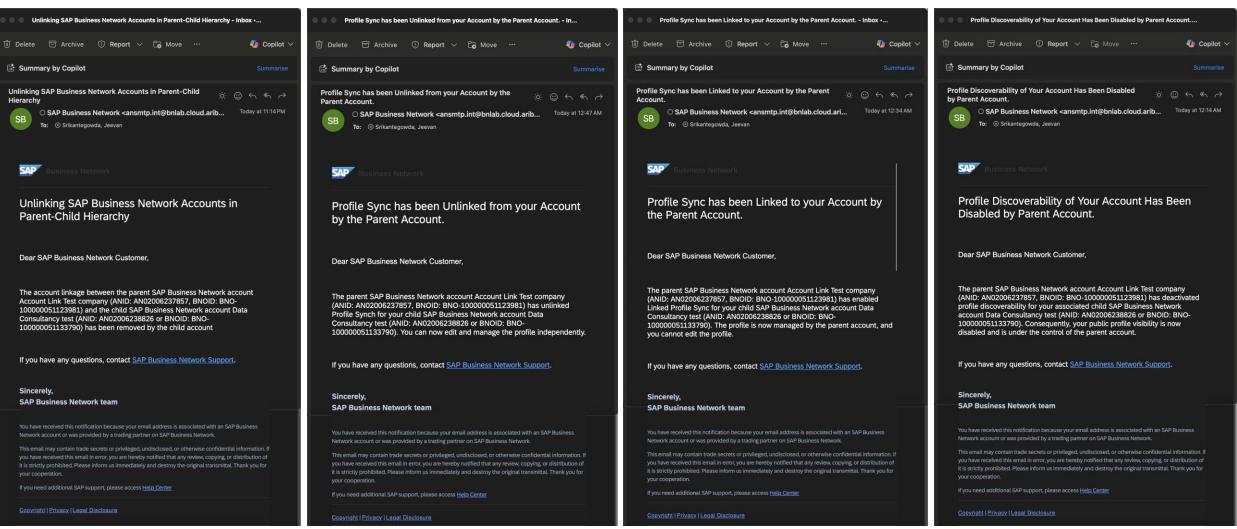
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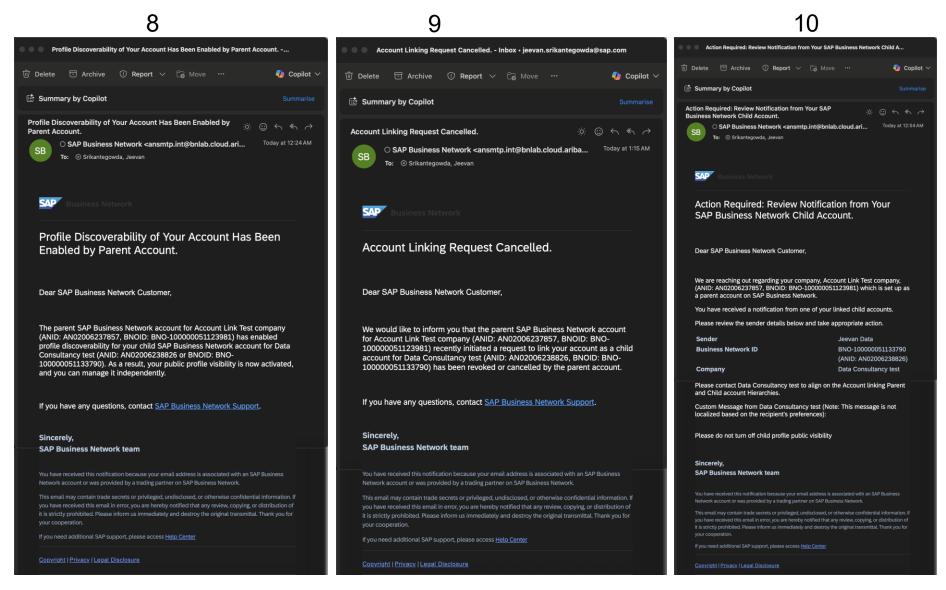
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