

Yellowfin BI 9.18 Introduces Auditable Conversational Analytics

The new release of the data analytics platform lets users ask questions about their data in plain language, get rich answers using AI, and verify every insight.

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, August 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Yellowfin, a software company with more than 20 years of experience in building data analytics solutions, today announced the general availability of version 9.18 of [Yellowfin BI](#), their business intelligence and embedded analytics platform product.



release now available

Yellowfin BI 9.18

This release marks a step forward in how organizations and ISVs can combine the power of modern AI models with an auditable data analysis process, designed to eliminate one of the most persistent problems with using AI in analytics: insights that cannot be fully trusted.

With the arrival of 9.18 the AI-powered features are combined in a single interface named “Conversational Analytics” in which users can ask questions in natural language. For example, users can ask “Show me the monthly sales data for Texas for the last three quarters” and choose whether Yellowfin BI will generate a single Report, or a comprehensive, interactive data Story.

Users can also ask follow-up questions to find out even more about their data, with full chat history, context retention, control over token usage, and background processing for deeper analysis. The platform relies on AI tools organizations already use, such as ChatGPT, Claude, or Gemini, while retaining all the governance rules to generate trustworthy reports and insights.

Brad Scarff, Chief Technology Officer at Yellowfin, explains how this release reflects an important strategic direction on the role of AI within an analytics platform: “The problem with AI-powered analytics is producing a report a CEO or a CFO will be comfortable signing their name to on a Monday morning. [Yellowfin BI 9.18](#) uses AI to generate single reports or complex data stories, with every step of that process available for users to audit. This way they can get rich insights

without the risk of relying on AI hallucinations."

Yellowfin BI 9.18 gives users control over how their data is being used by AI to create reports and dashboards. This helps organizations stay aligned with their data governance and semantic layer rules, and to manage AI costs by configuring how many iterations the AI will perform during deep analysis.

Ethan Brown, General Manager at Yellowfin, added: "Most of the features introduced in this release started as a conversation with a customer or a partner on how to integrate AI in the right way into existing workflows and data governance standards, particularly in highly regulated industries. Listening closely to those requests is how we make sure we continue building the data analytics platform people can actually trust."

Yellowfin BI 9.18 is available as of today. For full release notes and upgrade guidance, visit <https://www.yellowfinbi.com/campaign/yellowfin-9-whats-new>, download a trial or schedule a live demo.

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About Yellowfin

Yellowfin BI is a data analytics platform that helps users make faster decisions, trusted by over 3 million end-users worldwide. Built for both embedded and enterprise BI use cases, with strong data security and governance, it uses AI to proactively surface trends and outliers, answer questions asked in natural language, and transform data into interactive stories and live reports that decision-makers actually use and trust.

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