

Here's a step-by-step description of the process using everyday language:

1. **Start** with "Gather new product requirements."
 - This is the first task. Once completed, it triggers a silent transition (no named action) that splits the process into two parallel paths.
2. **At the same time:**
 - Path 1: Begin "Business planning."
 - Path 2: Begin "Technical preparation."
 - These two tasks happen independently and do not wait for each other.
3. **After both "Business planning" and "Technical preparation" finish:**
 - A silent transition combines the two paths back into one.
 - This triggers another silent transition that splits the process into two new parallel paths.
4. **At the same time:**
 - Path 1: Start "Product development."
 - Path 2: Start "Sales development."
 - These tasks occur separately but progress simultaneously.
5. **After both "Product development" and "Sales development" finish:**
 - A silent transition merges the two paths back into one.
6. **Finally**, perform "Product release" to complete the process.

Summary of Relationships:

- **Parallel tasks:**
 - "Business planning" and "Technical preparation" happen together.
 - "Product development" and "Sales development" happen together.
- **Sequential order:**
 - "Gather new product requirements" → Parallel tasks → Silent transitions → Parallel tasks → "Product release."
- **No loops or exclusive choices**—all steps follow a fixed path once started.

Silent transitions act like invisible handoffs to coordinate parallel paths but do not represent actual work activities.