Process Modeling

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Last time

- Software process model determines the order of the stages involved in software development and evolution

- We need processes to scale up with complexity

- There are several types of process models: waterfall, incremental, spiral…

- There is no silver bullet, the context impacts process

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Process Modeling

- Refers to the **graphical representation** of business processes or workflows. Like a flow chart, **individual steps** of the process are drawn out so there is an **end-to-end overview** of the **tasks** in the **process** within the context of the business environment.

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Notations

- Activity Diagram from UML
- BPMN (Business Process Model and Notation)
  - is an open standard to diagram a business process
  - it is like a flowchart and uses standardized graphics to represent the participants, choices and flow of the process
  - the diagrams are designed to be detailed, but easy to read without training
    - This allows the same diagram to be used by executives, analysts and technical implementation staff to foster collaboration and understanding between groups
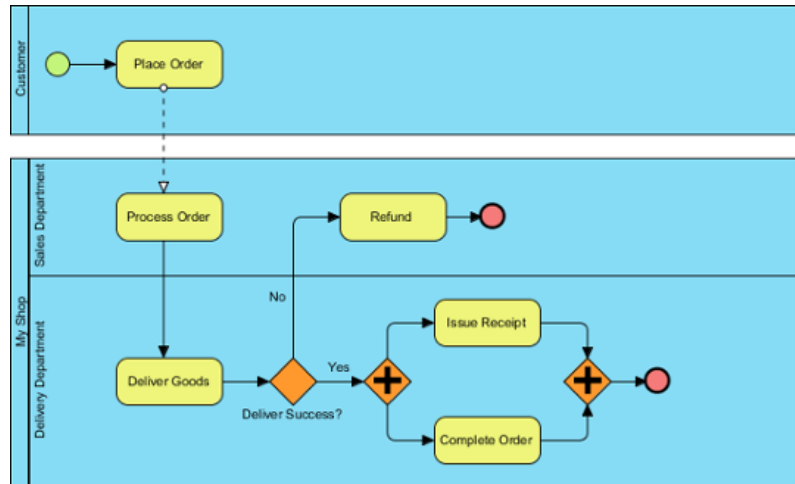
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Example - Place Order

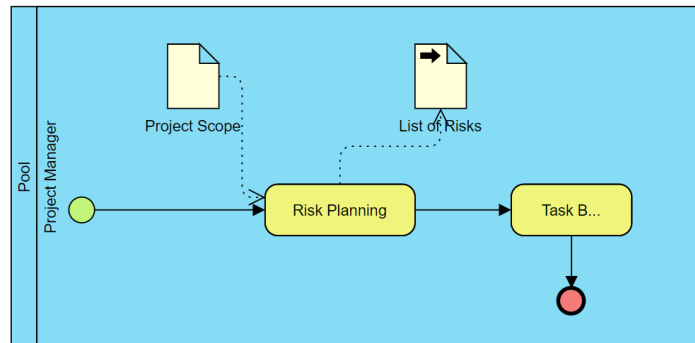Process modeling helps communicate and share knowledge on how teams perform their tasks

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A process should define

- Activities
- Flow among activities
- Entry artifacts
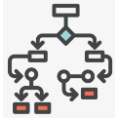- Exit artifacts
- Who is in charge of each activity

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Task of the Day

Let's model a simplified software development process together

Go to online.visual-paradigm.com, then Create New -> Business Process Diagram
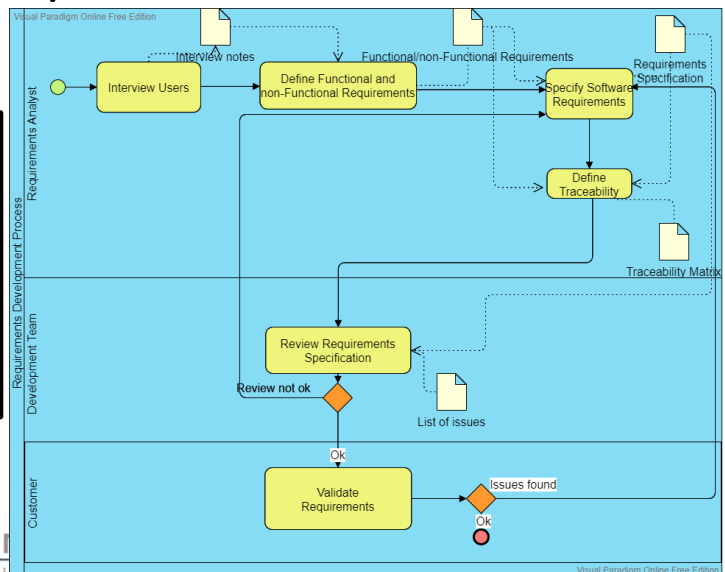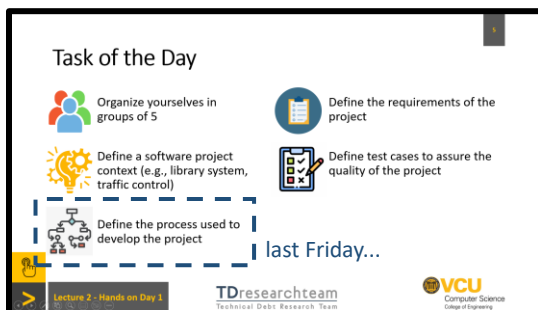
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Requirements Development Process

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