

The Process Automation Map

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The age of Amazon

Jeff Bezos v the world: why all companies fear 'death by Amazon'

[https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/apr/24/
amazon-jeff-bezos-customer-data-industries](https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/apr/24/amazon-jeff-bezos-customer-data-industries)

Customer experience



Jakob Freund at CamundaCon 2019

Change is the only constant

-> Agility

" We don't know what we will need tomorrow.
But we do know that we will need something.
We have to be able to move quickly!

(Io of a German insurance company in 2019

During the global pandemic, the metric for cloud success isn't cost-efficiency or even business agility – it's velocity. The speed of business transformation is the most critical metric for every company recovering from the pandemic and helping its customers recover, as well.

Cloud Powers The Adaptive Enterprise, November 2020, Forrester Research, Inc.

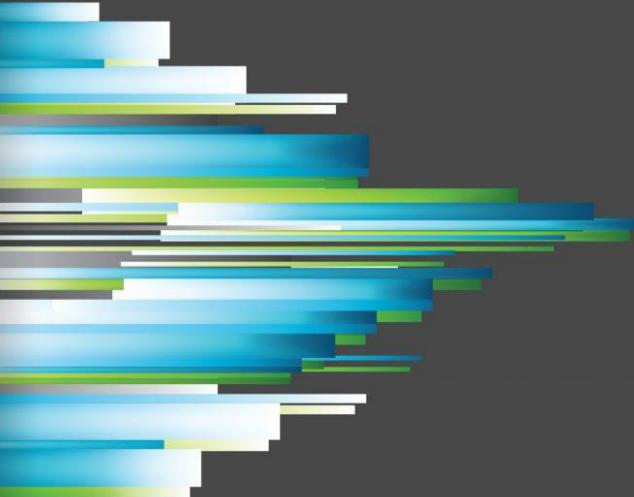
Velocity matters



THE SCIENCE OF LEAN SOFTWARE AND DEVOPS

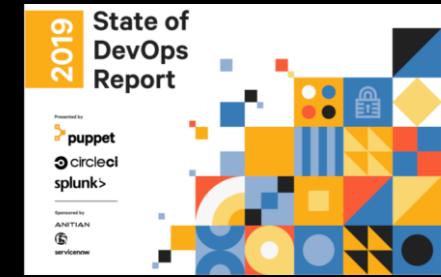
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Building and Scaling High Performing
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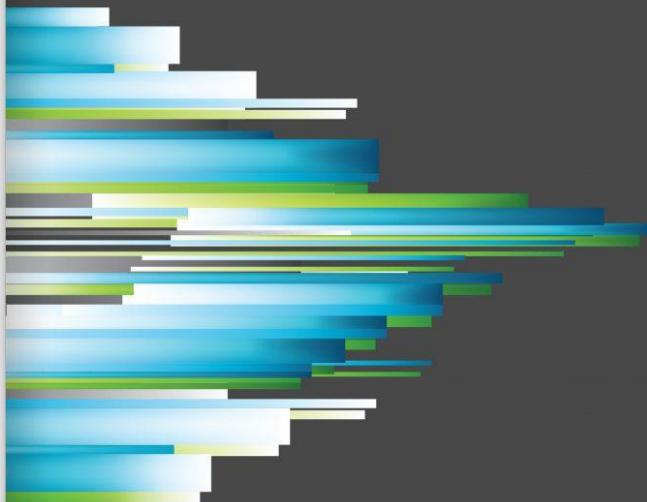
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„...high-performing organizations were consistently twice as likely to exceed these goals [profitability, market share, productivity] as low performers.“



2018

Accelerate: State of DevOps

Strategies for a New Economy



Google Cloud

COMPARING THE ELITE GROUP AGAINST THE LOW PERFORMERS, WE FIND THAT ELITE PERFORMERS HAVE...



46 TIMES MORE
frequent code deployments



2,555 TIMES FASTER
lead time from commit to deploy



7 TIMES LOWER
change failure rate
(changes are 1/7 as likely to fail)



2,604 TIMES FASTER
time to recover from incidents



ate:
DevOps
a New Economy

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Aspect of Software Delivery Performance	Elite ^a	High	Medium	Low
Deployment frequency For the primary application or service you work on, how often does your organization deploy code?	On-demand (multiple deploys per day)	Between once per hour and once per day	Between once per week and once per month	Between once per week and once per month
Lead time for changes For the primary application or service you work on, what is your lead time for changes (i.e., how long does it take to go from code commit to code successfully running in production)?	Less than one hour	Between one day and one week	Between one week and one month ^b	Between one month and six months ^b
Time to restore service For the primary application or service you work on, how long does it generally take to restore service when a service incident occurs (e.g., unplanned outage, service impairment)?	Less than one hour	Less than one day	Less than one day	Between one week and one month
Change failure rate For the primary application or service you work on, what percentage of changes results either in degraded service or subsequently requires remediation (e.g., leads to service impairment, service outage, requires a hotfix, rollback, fix forward, patch)?	0-15%	0-15%	0-15%	46-60%

-> pro code techniques

Process automation

Process automation
is a core enabler of digitalization,
business agility and velocity

Me quoting myself

Process Automation Benefits



Visibility & Confidence:

Understand and manage how your business processes run



Business Agility:

Be able to rapidly change and adapt your business processes



Time-to-value:

Bring changes to market quicker



Operational Efficiency:

Automate your business in highly efficient and cost-effective way



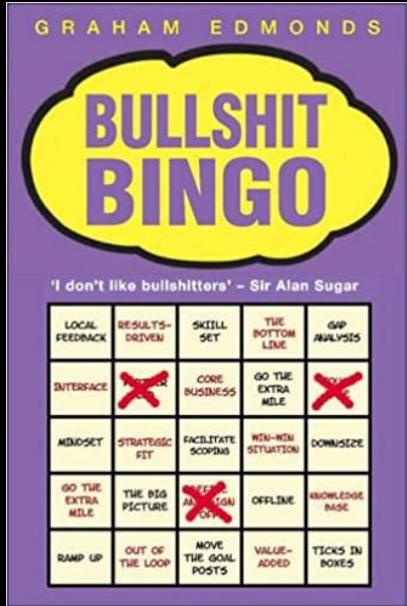
Scale:

Enable your business processes to handle unexpected problems or demand



Customer Experience:

Satisfy growing customer expectations



What is process automation?

My first contact with process automation

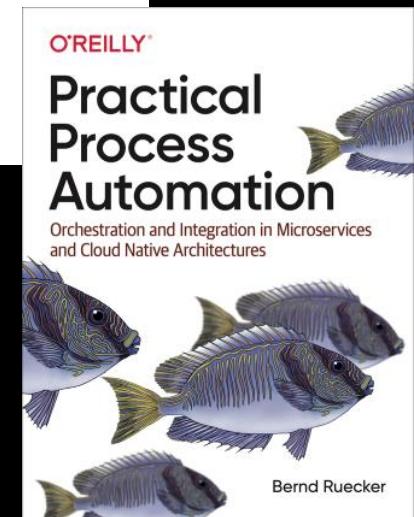
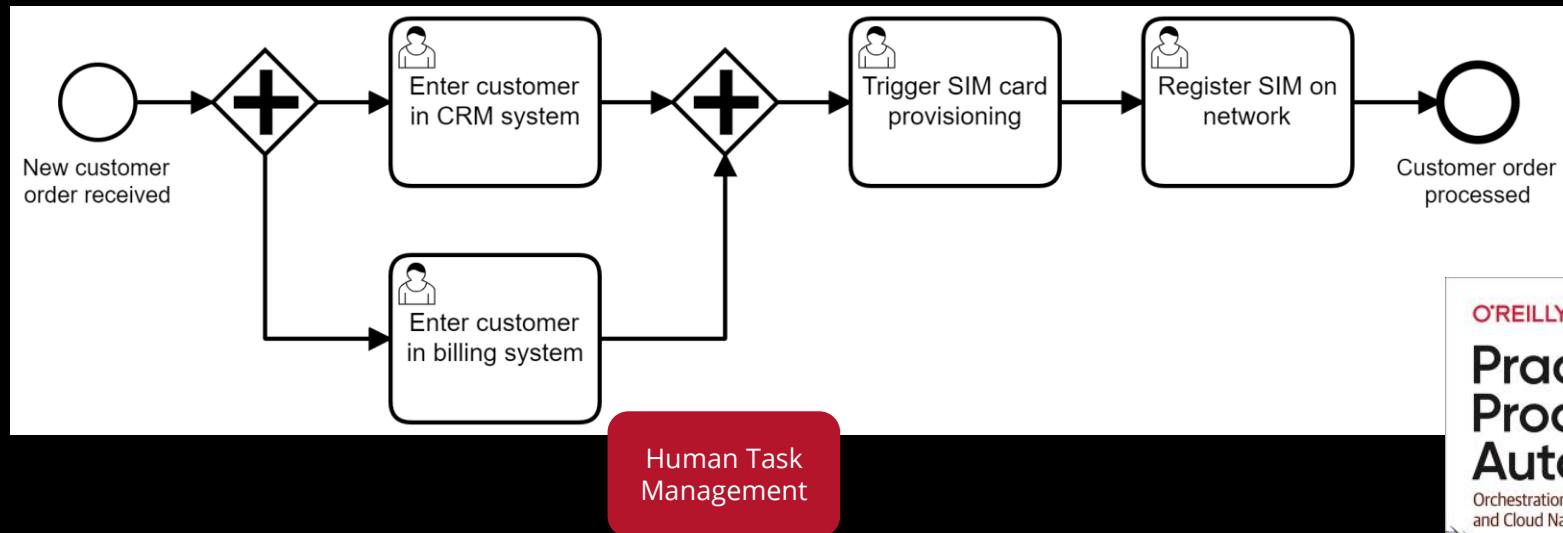


Order Fulfillment
Returned Goods Handling

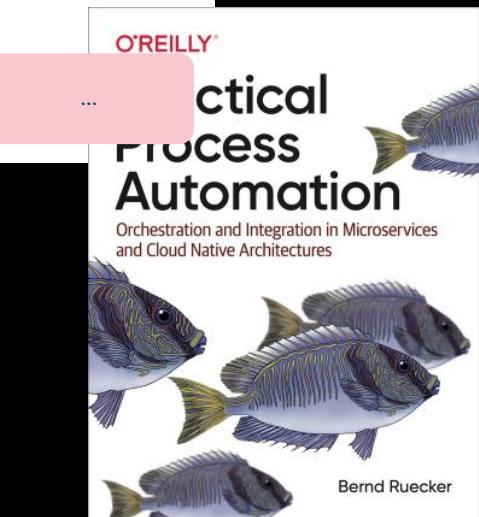
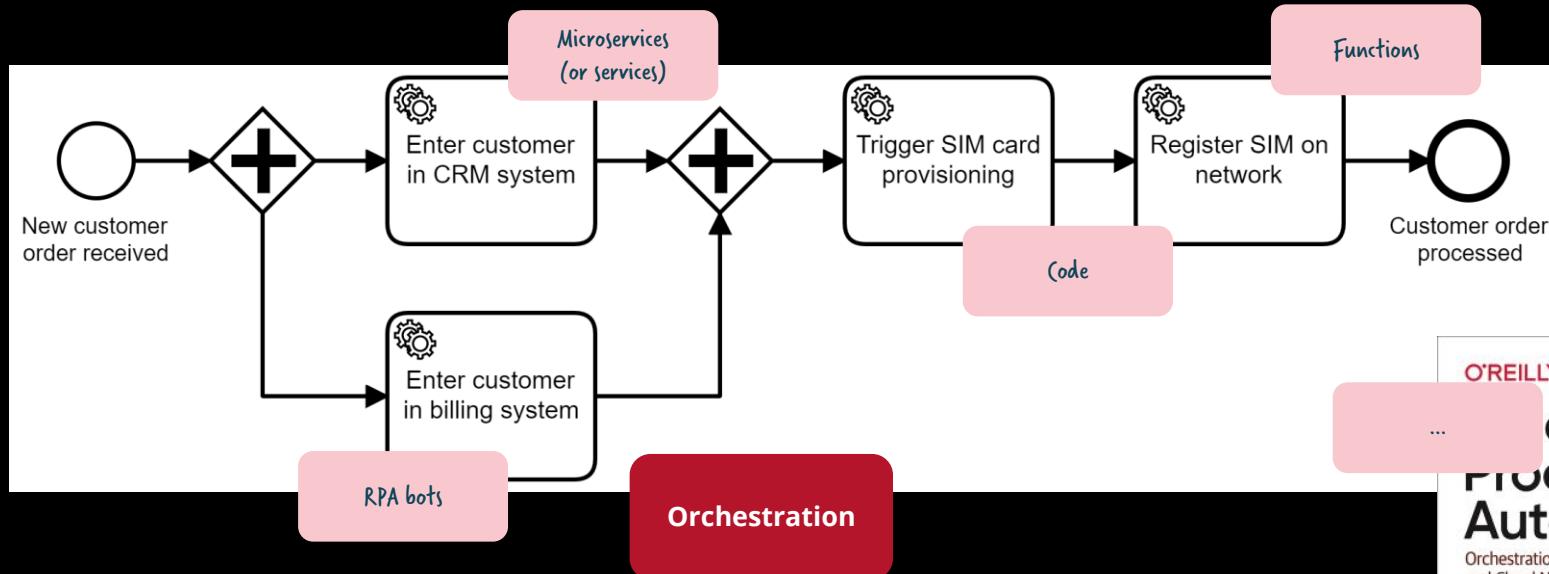
Vorstellung der Open Source BPM-Engine „JBoss jBPM“

JUGS / SIG-JBoss
01.09.2005
Bernd Rücker

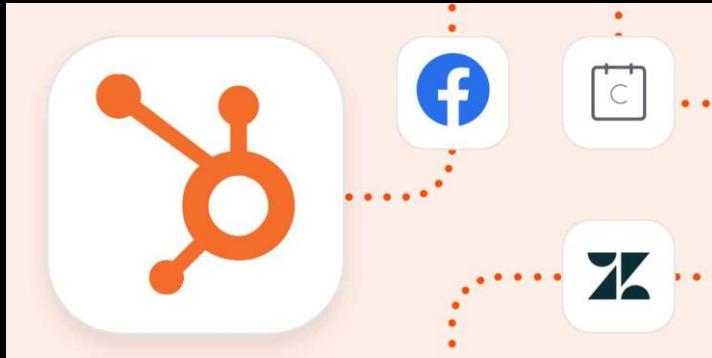
A sample business process: onboarding



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Also a business process?



Trigger
1. New Record in View in Airtable

Choose app & event

Choose account

Set up trigger

Base: Tech Conferences (required)

Table: Conferences (required)

View: CFP Due (required)

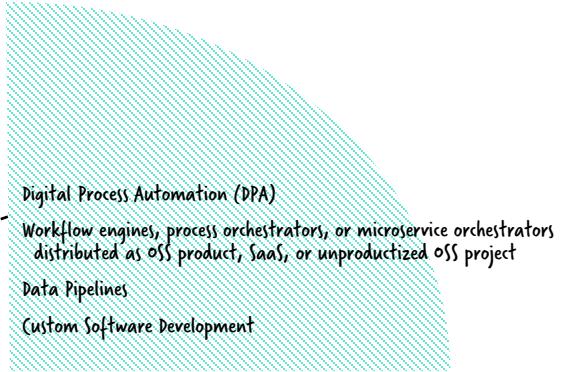
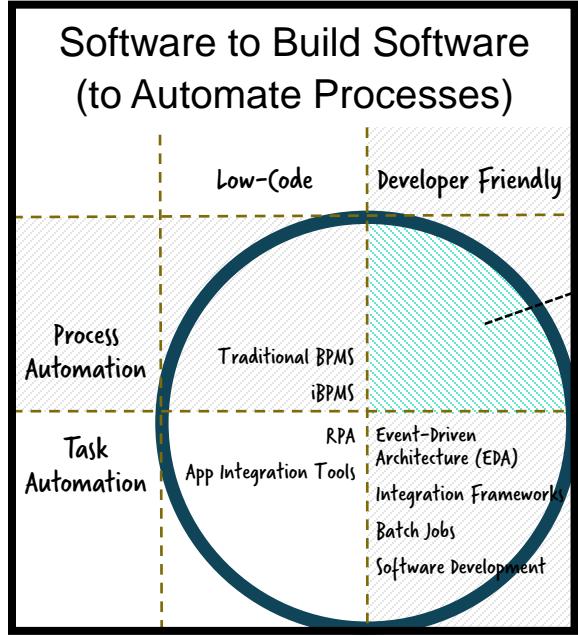
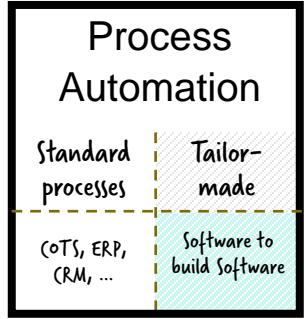
Refresh fields

Test trigger

Action
2. Send Channel Message in Slack

Close

A screenshot of a Zapier trigger configuration. The trigger is set to "1. New Record in View in Airtable". The "Set up trigger" section is expanded, showing the selection of "Tech Conferences" as the base, "Conferences" as the table, and "CFP Due" as the view. Below this, there is a "Refresh fields" button. The "Test trigger" section is also expanded, showing a "Close" button. At the bottom, there is an action step "2. Send Channel Message in Slack". A plus sign (+) icon is located at the bottom right, indicating the ability to add more steps.



A close-up photograph of a person's hands, wearing a textured, ribbed sweater, holding a lit sparkler. The sparkler is at the bottom center, with bright orange sparks flying upwards and to the left. The background is a dark, out-of-focus teal color.

More guidance please!
The process automation
map



Buy

vs.



Build

Differentiation by standard software?

The story goes that many decades ago MCI's Friends & Family discount plan rapidly gained market share in the US long-distance business because AT&T's systems couldn't support a change in rates based on a customer's "calling circle."

- Gregor Hohpe: Revisiting buy vs. build – 3 traps to avoid

POLICY —

Remembering the “long distance warrior” who took down Ma Bell

He was a “long distance warrior” whose MCI Corporation helped end AT&T’s monopoly

MATTHEW LASAR - 8/22/2011, 5:30 PM



The Bell monopoly killer: Bill McGowan of MCI

In the mid-1970s I worked in one of the first Sam Goody record stores. Back then Sam actually owned the places and we carried a lot of obscure, off-label classical content. One day someone phoned in to ask if we had a particularly rare item. We talked about what she wanted for a moment, and I complimented her on her taste.

"Thanks, but please, could you hurry?" she anxiously interrupted. "*This is a long distance call!*"

6 Best Eco Shops For All of Your Eco-Friendly Lifestyle Needs

Do you need to?



1) Made Trade

About: Made Trade is a beautifully curated online retailer of socially and eco-consciously made gifts, clothing, accessories, home decor, and furniture.

Highlights: Standing out from the minimalist aesthetic typical of many 'eco shops', Made Trade's vibe is eccentric, vibrant, and colorful. They support many independent artists and makers from around the world who utilize traditional craftsmanship techniques.

Categories: fashion, lifestyle, home goods, furniture, decor, gifts

[Check out Made Trade](#)



2) Eco Roots

About: Eco Roots is a plastic-free shop founded by a couple in Colorado. Its goal is to support a minimalist, eco-conscious lifestyle and to raise awareness for the reality of our single-use consumption.

Highlights: plastic-free packaging; items that support a low-waste lifestyle; ethically and consciously sourced.

Categories: bath and beauty products, dental care, home goods, kitchen goods, totes and everyday-use products.

[Check out Eco Roots](#)



3) Earth Hero

About: Earth Hero is an eco-friendly online marketplace that makes buying sustainable products easier by doing all of the research and curating for you. They have a large directory of icons that make it super simple for you to know exactly what type of product they are shopping for, whether recycled, organic, vegan, etc. They also make it really simple to decrease your trash with their curated zero waste collection.

Highlights: Member of [1% For the Planet](#); low impact production; carbon offset shipping

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e.g. accounting software

Standard

Process

Unique

e.g. onboarding process that needs to include a lot of legacy systems

e.g. webshop selling innovative products

Unnecessary

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e.g. insurances using telematics data

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Commercial off-the-shelf

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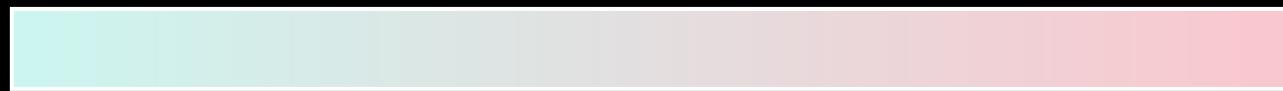
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3-5
minutes



slow,
expensive ...



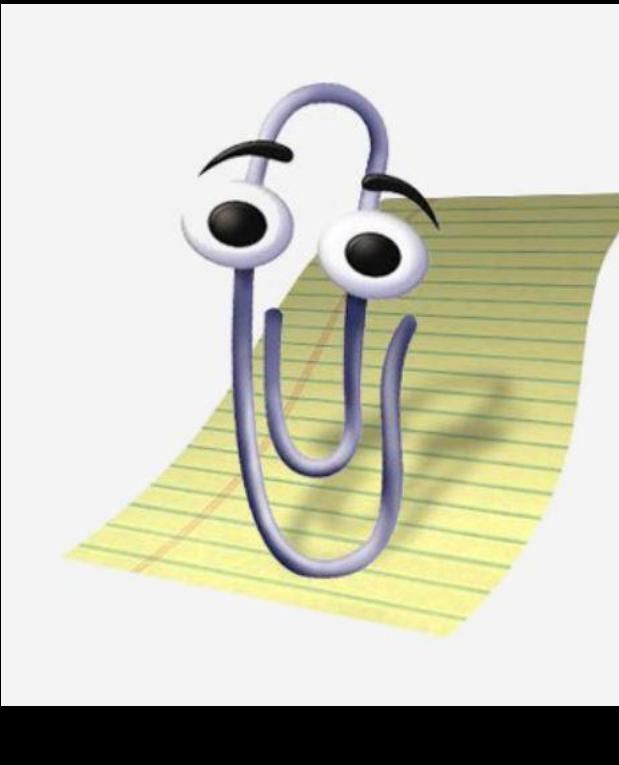
... and annoying



Robotic Process Automation
RPA



RPA



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel interface with a ribbon menu at the top. The "Insert" tab is selected, and the "Record Macro" button is highlighted. Below the ribbon, the QTP Studio toolbar is visible, showing icons for Start, DESIGN, EXECUTE, and SETUP, along with various automation-related functions like Record, Screen Scraping, Web Events, Create Variable, Manage Variables, and Launch UIExplorer.

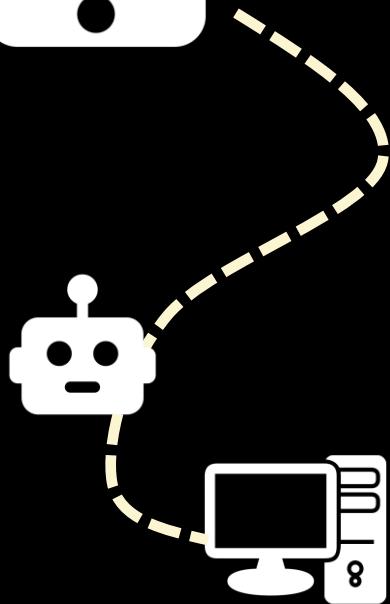
The main workspace displays a flowchart titled "First_Flowchart". The flow starts with a "Start" activity, followed by an "Assign" activity setting "intRandomNumber" to a new random integer. This leads to an "Input dialog" activity. A decision diamond follows, with a "True" path leading to a "Message box" activity displaying "Too big. Try again!" and a "False" path leading to another decision diamond. This second decision diamond has a "True" path leading to an "Assign" activity setting "strMessage" to "Too small. Try again!" and a "False" path returning to the first decision diamond's "False" path.

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graph TD; Start([Start]) --> Assign1{Assign intRandomNumber <- new Random()().Next}; Assign1 --> InputDialog{Input dialog}; InputDialog --> Decision1{Decision}; Decision1 -- True --> MessageBox1{Message box: Too big. Try again!}; MessageBox1 --> Decision1; Decision1 -- False --> Decision2{Decision}; Decision2 -- True --> Assign2{Assign strMessage = "Too small. Try again!"}; Decision2 -- False --> Decision1;
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The "Properties" pane on the right shows the project structure with a single item named "Main".



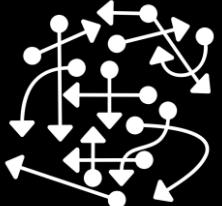
Self-service
Immediate
response



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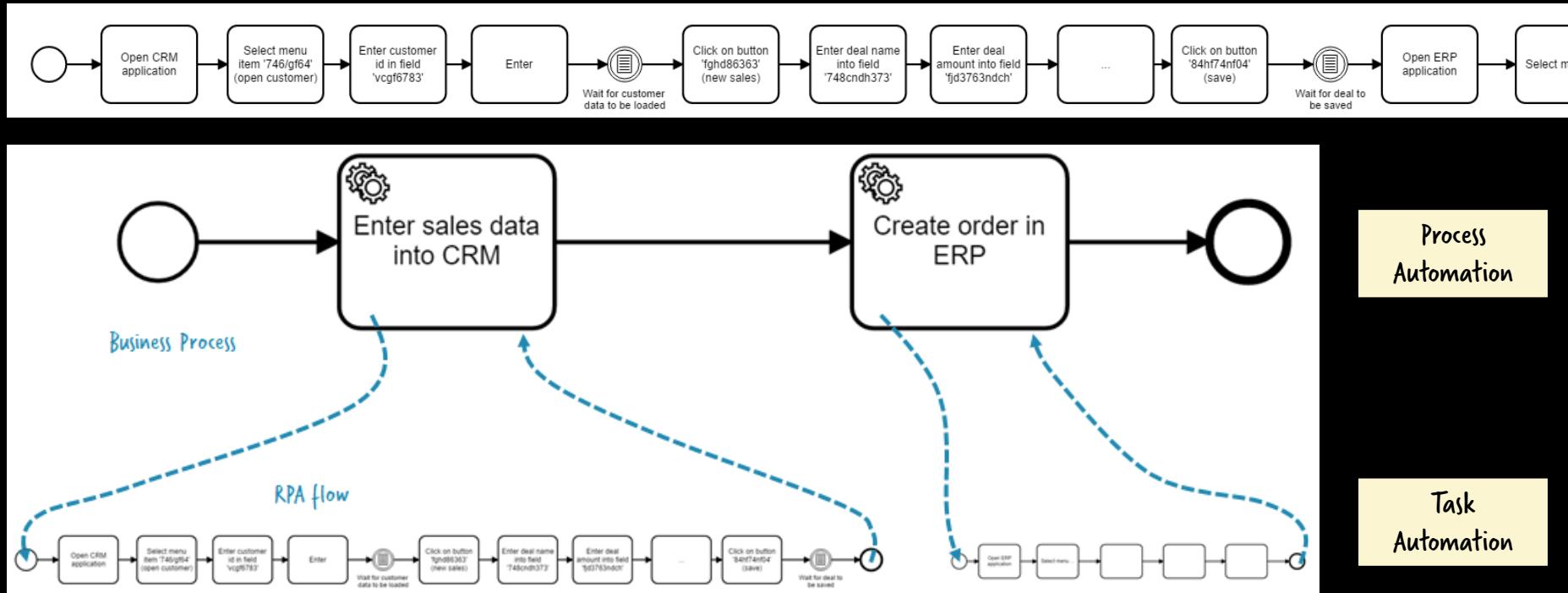
Governance



Mixing task and
process automation



Task vs. Process Automation

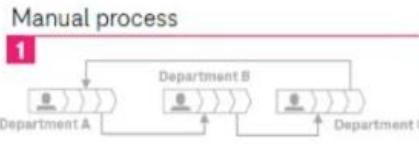


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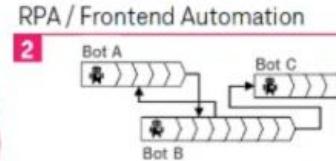
Telekom's Journey

3: FROM FRONTEND AUTOMATION TO BACKEND AUTOMTATION

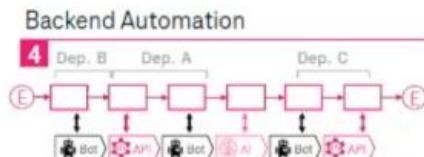
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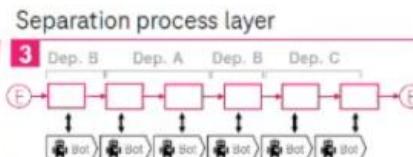
Short time-to-market results in "quick & dirty" process design
→ Complex processes including workarounds



Robotic process automation imitates the human way of working
→ Complex "Spaghetti Bot" automation



Shift from Bots (Front-End) to APIs (Back-End) and other technologies better fit for purpose
→ Enlarged scope for automation + higher efficiency



Separation of **Process Layer** (Bot Orchestration) and **Bot Layer**
→ Increased process transparency and optimization



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BOTS & PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AT THE SAME TIME?

OUR AUTOMATION JOURNEY @ DEUTSCHE TELEKOM SERVICE

Marco Einacker
Christoph Anzer

Bonn | 08.10.2020

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WHY AND HOW WE STARTED WITH BOTS



<https://blog.bernd-ruecker.com/process-automation-in-harmony-with-rpa-720effdb0513>

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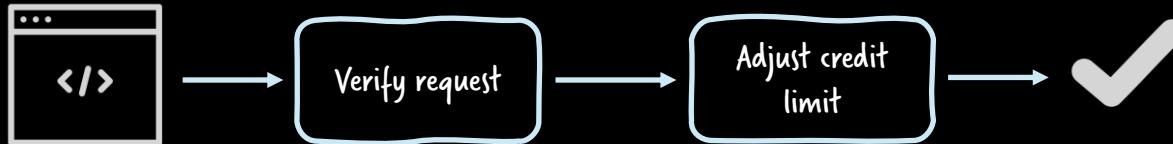
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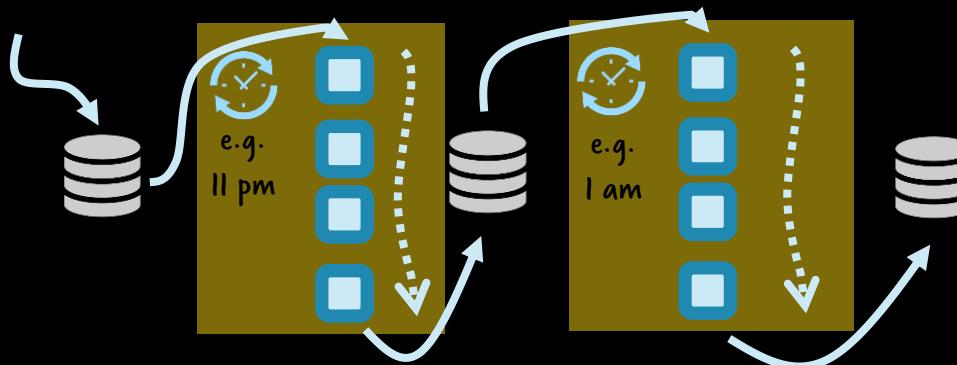
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Batch



Batch



Batches are orthogonal to the real process!

Task
Automation

???

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e.g. integrating one standard cloud system with another

Simple

Process complexity

Complex

e.g. end-to-end loan origination process invoking lots of other services

e.g. one business department solving a local pain

Small

Scale

Big

e.g. lots of applications, people or developers involved. Large volume of instances.

e.g. automating one single task in a larger process

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e.g. end-to-end processes like customer onboarding, loan origination, order fulfillment.

e.g. a one-time data adjustment for millions of records

Ad-hoc or temporary

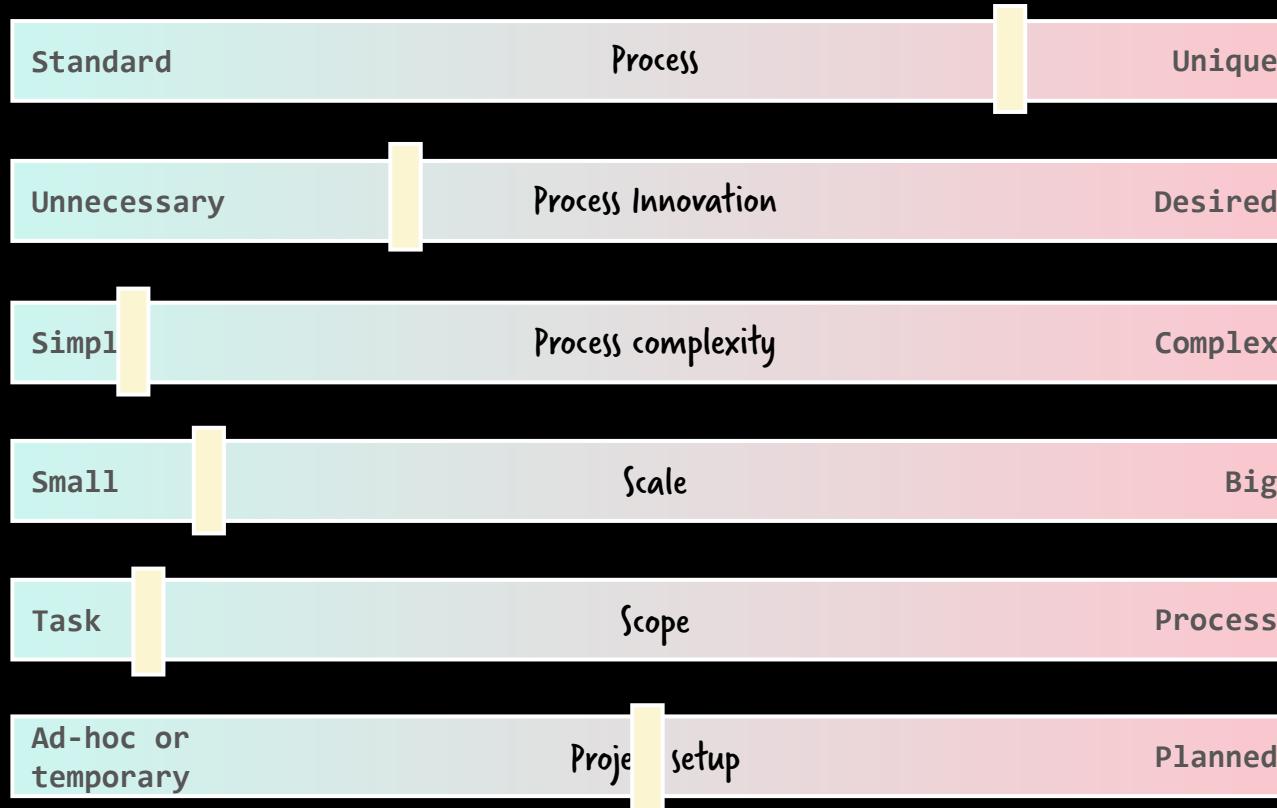
Project setup

Planned

e.g. a budgeted IT project resulting in an application having a couple of years life time.



The Process Automation Map



Selling Insurance Online in 2 Days

Challenge

Switzerland's largest healthcare insurer needed a quick and compliant way to quickly let customers buy insurance products online.

Solution

New self-service web portal, let customers verify their identity and purchase products directly online. With the 'Helsana Process Cockpit', based on Camunda Optimize, the team can see the status of all applications and automatically alerts internal stakeholders to process issues.

Results with Camunda

15.000+

applications processed
in first 3 months

48 hours

to complete backend
integration

0 code

no new code needed to
deliver self-service
documentation portal

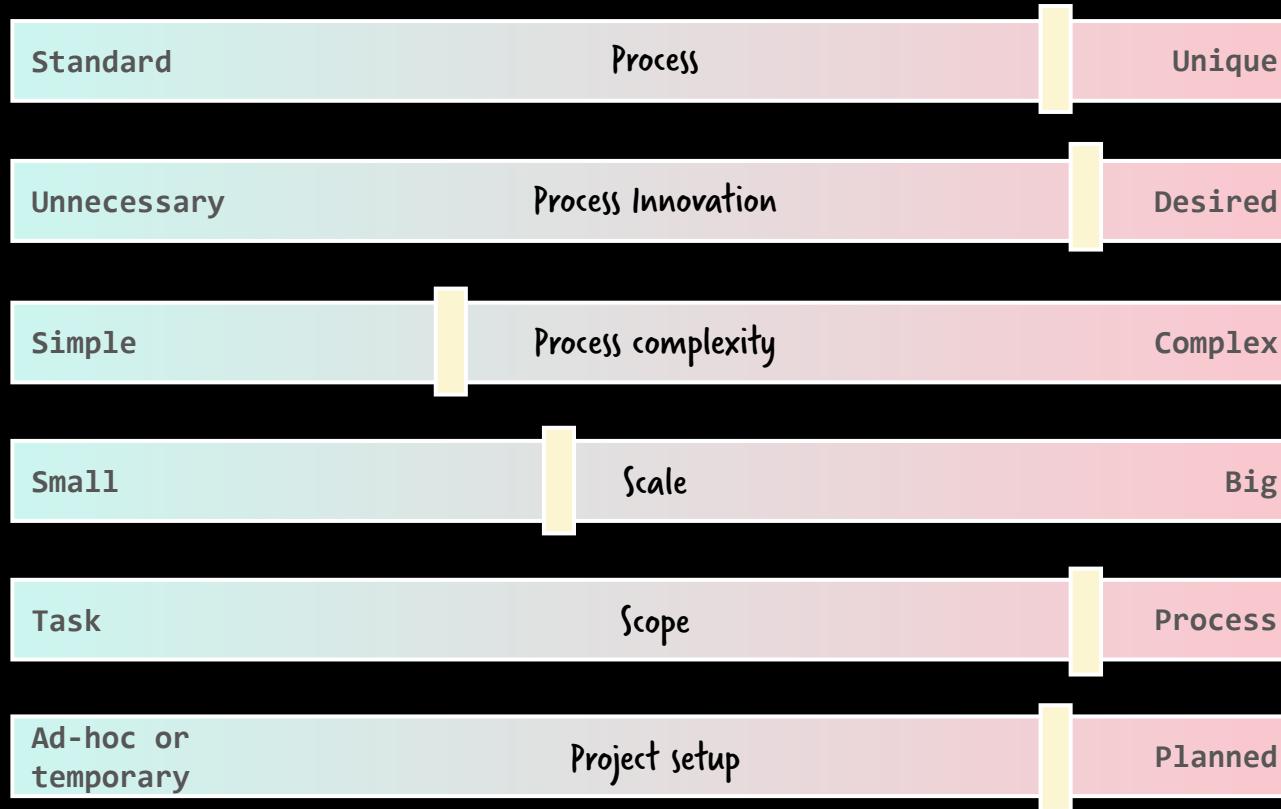
Case Study

Helsana

“Camunda worked immediately, straight out of the box. This solution allows us to show our stakeholders where problems are arising -- adding value without any added coding.

Dr. Eric Euerlings
Senior Integration Architect
Helsana

The Process Automation Map



Zalando adds transparent and predictable order fulfillment at scale... stay calm and shop online

Challenge

Zalando is Europe's largest online platform for fashion, partnering with over 1,500 brands in 15 European markets. Since 2014, every order placed by Zalando's 16 million customers has been executed by Camunda Platform. Zalando needed to replace a home-grown system that was inflexible and difficult for business stakeholders to use.

Solution

Seamless integration with the existing Java infrastructure was a key reason Camunda was chosen to drive order execution within 300 ms – even at scale. Simple configurability and process transparency that can be updated as requirements change drove Zalando's choice of Camunda.

Results with Camunda

300 ms

Process execution time for order completion at scale

144 million

Annual online orders processed by Zalando using Camunda



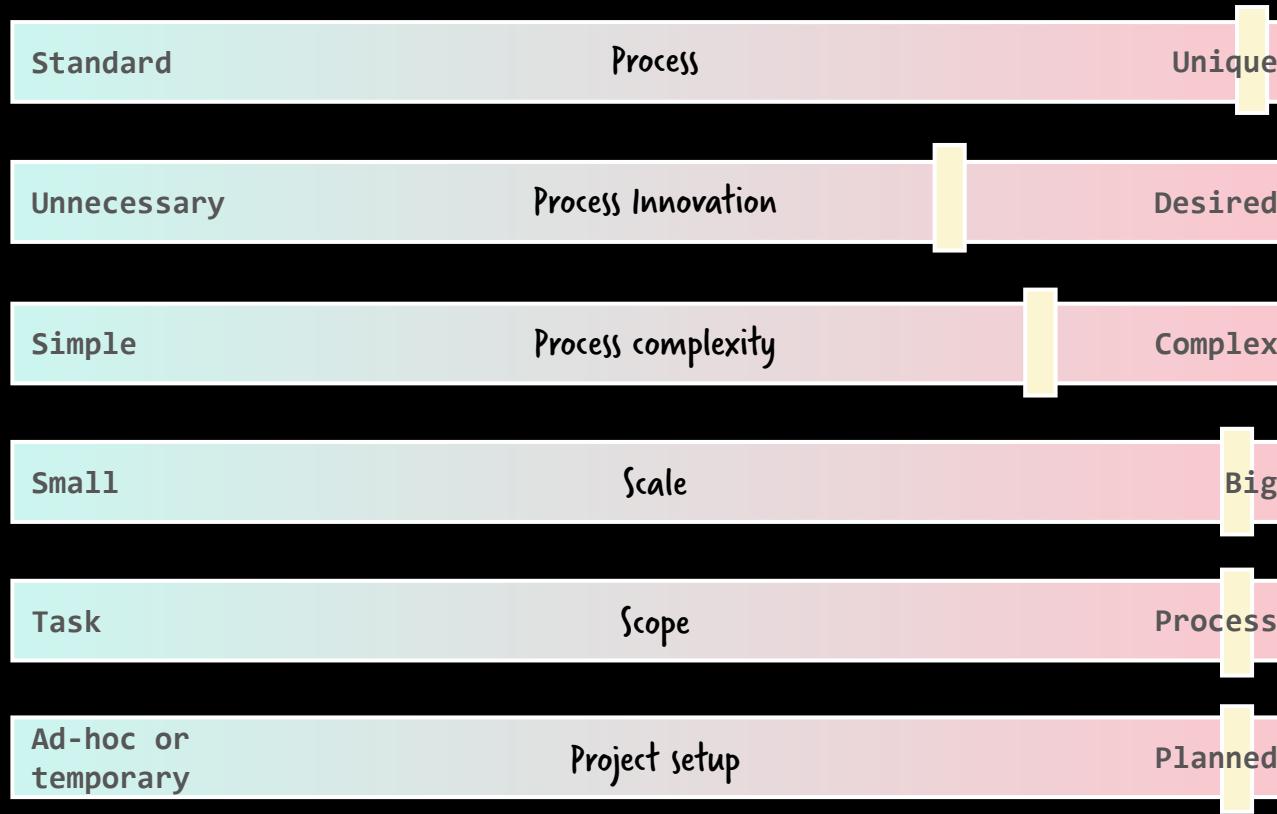
With documented processes that align technical reality and business expectations



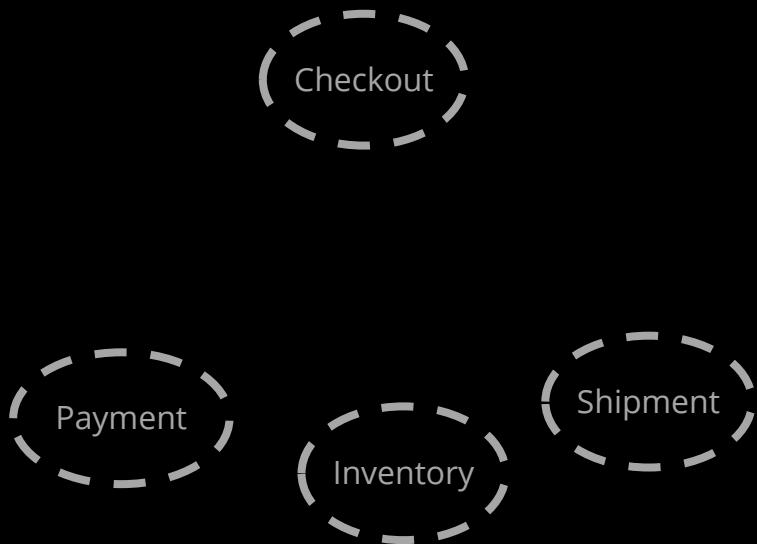
“ Camunda's open platform supports our individual needs in a way that closed BPM suites just cannot achieve. Our BPMN process models are executed directly, which improved communication between business and development, which also shortens development cycles.

Marko Lehn
Software Engineering Team Lead
Zalando

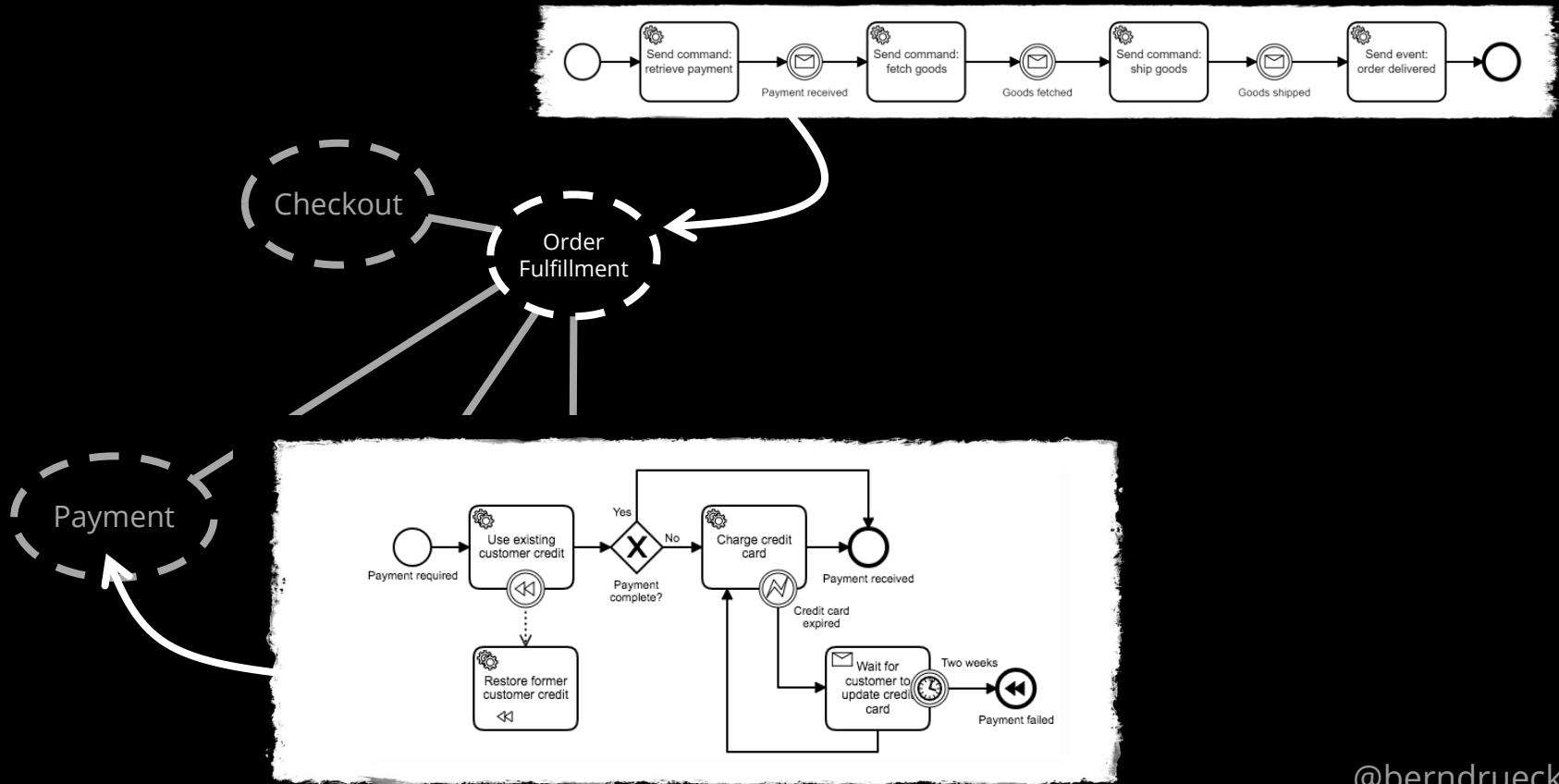
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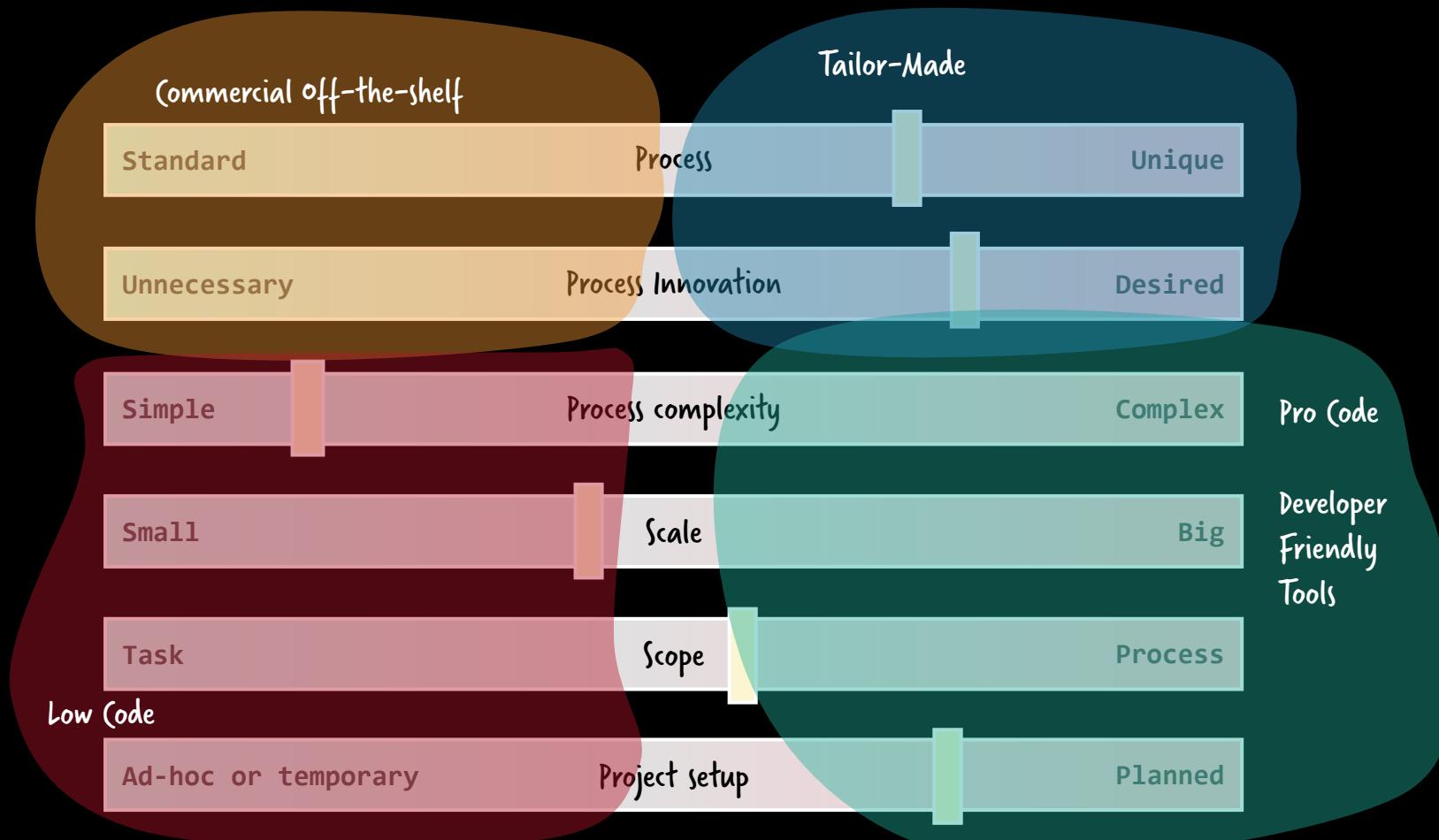
Process Automation + Microservices Orchestration



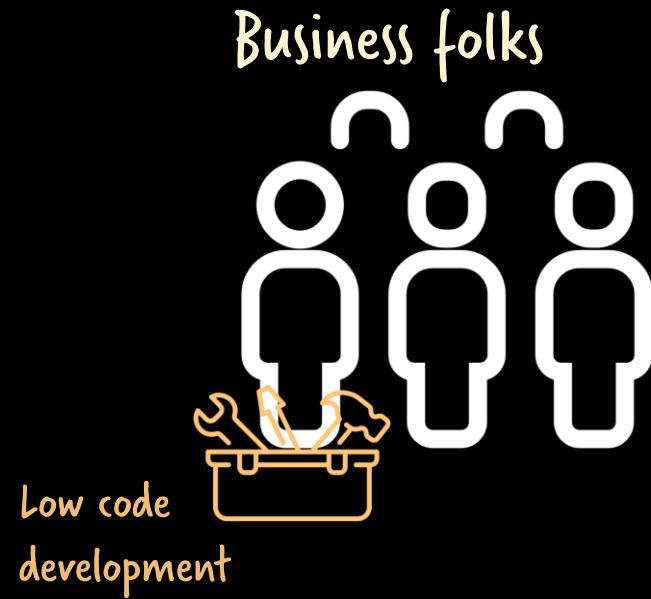
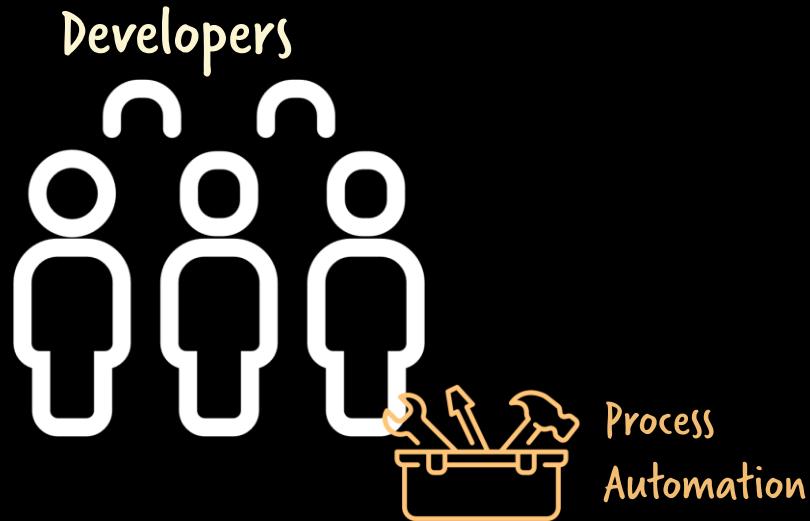
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Sweet Spots



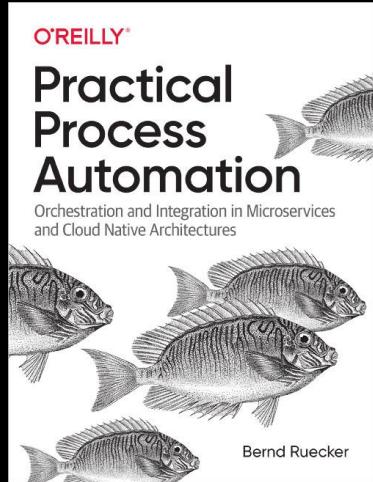
Pro code vs. low code



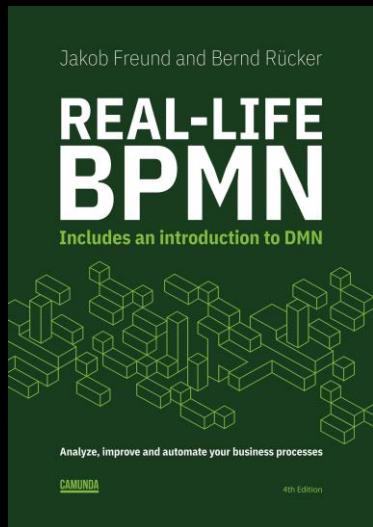


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Camunda

- Source-Available & Developer Friendly
- Supports BPMN
- Mature tooling, widely adopted
- on-prem or cloud
- <http://camunda.com/>

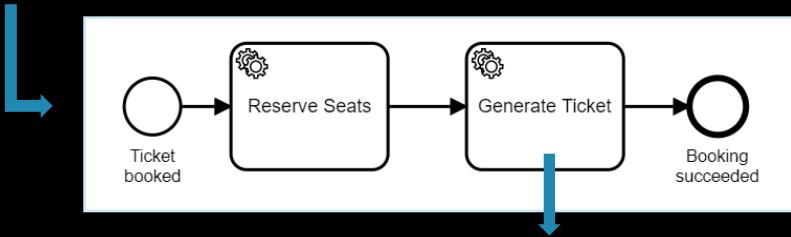
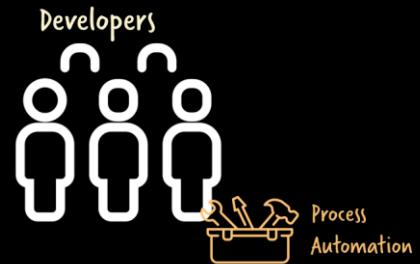


Many use cases (real-life examples)

Industry	Pilot	Lighthouse	Broadscale	Sample Clients
Cross-Industry	Approvals Employee Onboarding Credit Check	Microservices Orchestration Centralized Workflow Platform High Throughput	E2E Process Automation Legacy BPM Replacement Cloud Native Applications IT Service Orchestration	  
Banking & Finance	Asset Management	Customer Onboarding Loan Origination & Decisioning ATM Provisioning	Enterprise Platform Development Trading Risk Management / Fraud Detection	   
Insurance	Audit	Customer Onboarding Claim Service & Settlement Policy Underwriting & Contracts	Integrated KYC Core System Automation Risk Management / Fraud Detection	   
Telecommunication	Online Systems Integration	New Product Delivery Cell Tower Provisioning Order Management	Contracting, Upgrading, Termination OSS & BSS Open Network Automation Platform (ONAP)	      
Media & Entertainment	Website Content Delivery System Process Fallout	Subscription Management Licensing Content Distribution	Digital Supply Chain New Product Development Fraud Management	   
Manufacturing & High Tech	Application prototype	Order Execution Payments Servicing Research & Development	Embedded Workflow Automation Customer Service Supply Chain	  

Your code to provide a REST endpoint

```
@PostMapping("/ticket")
public ResponseEntity<BookTicketResponse> bookTicket(ServerWebExchange exchange) {
    // TODO: extract data for process from request
    // Start new instance of the ticket-booking workflow
    client.newCreateInstanceCommand()
        .bpmnProcessId("ticket-booking").latestVersion()
        .variables(variables) // Map with variables to pass to process instance
        .send();
    return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.ACCEPTED).build();
}
```



Your glue code to implement the REST call

```
@ZeebeWorker(type = "generate-ticket")
public void callGenerateTicketRestService(final JobClient client, final ActivatedJob job) throws IOException {
    // TODO: prepare request
    // execute REST call
    CreateTicketResponse ticket = restTemplate.getForObject(ENDPOINT, CreateTicketResponse.class);
    // continue in the process and remember response data
    client.newCompleteCommand(job.getKey())
        .variables(Collections.singletonMap(VAR_TICKET_ID_NAME, ticket.ticketId))
        .send()
        .exceptionally(throwable -> { throw new RuntimeException("Could not complete job " + job, throwable); });
}
```

Example: AMQP

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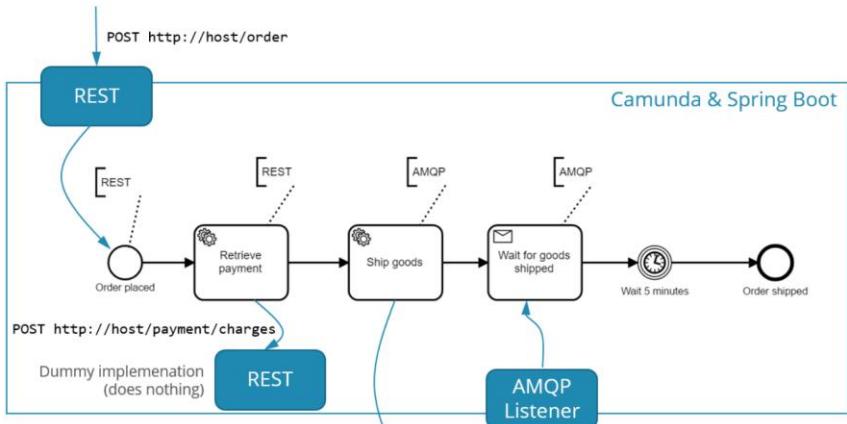
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Camunda Spring Boot example including REST and AMQP, automated tested and deployable in the cloud

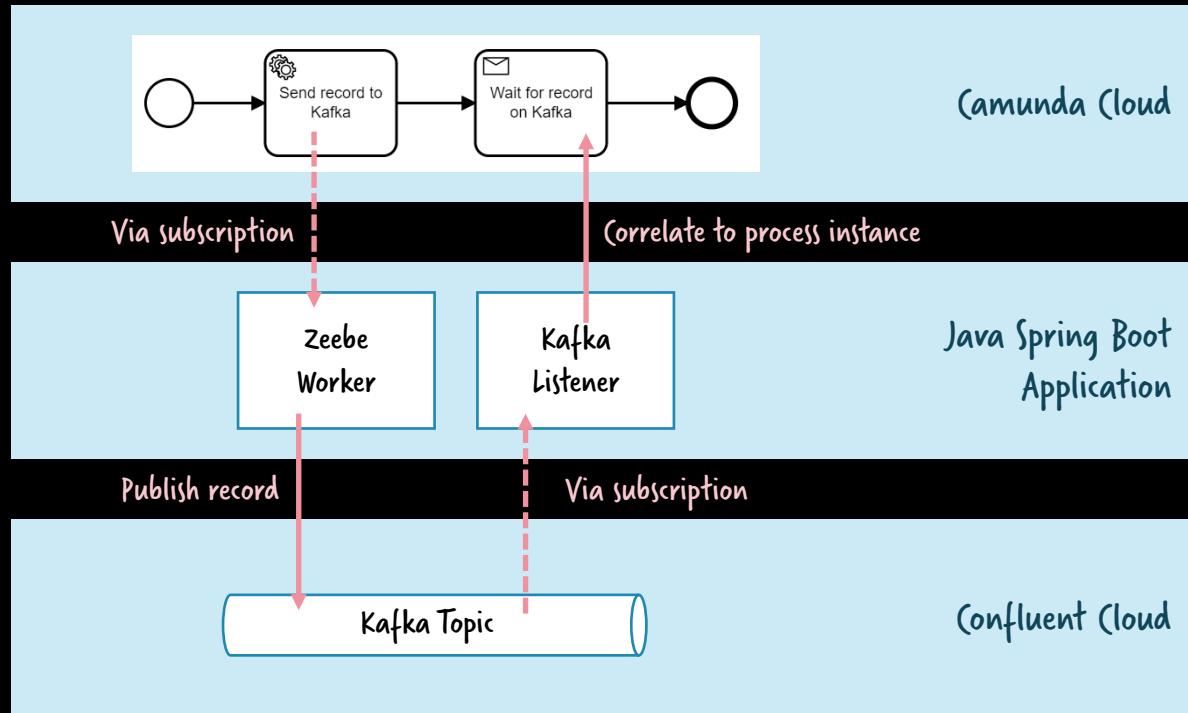
This example shows:

- How to setup Camunda, Spring Boot and various test frameworks correctly in order to work. It can be used as a copy & paste template.
- How to use AMQP and REST in your processes the Spring way.
- How to write proper scenario tests, that test if your process impacts the outer world as you expect (and not tests that Camunda did write a proper workflow engine).
- How this type of application can be easily deployed in the cloud (Pivotal Web Services as an example).

The business example is a very simple order fulfillment microservice (motivated by [the flowing retail example](#)):



Technical Example: Apache Kafka



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kafka-connect-zeebe

This [Kafka Connect](#) connector for [Zeebe](#) can do two things:

- Send messages to a Kafka topic when a workflow instance reached a specific activity. Please note that a `message` is more precisely a `kafka record`, which is also often named `event`. This is a **source** in the Kafka Connect speak.
- Consume messages from a Kafka topic and correlate them to a workflow. This is a **Kafka Connect sink**.

It can work with [Camunda Cloud](#) or a self-managed Zeebe broker.

Connector config:

```
correlationKey=$.orderId  
messageName    =$.eventType  
payload        =$
```

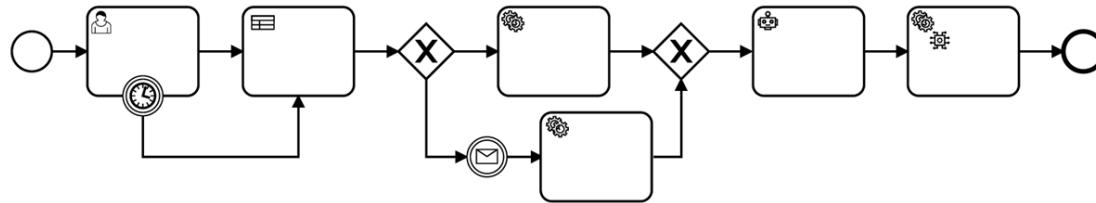
Sample message:

```
{  
  "eventType": "OrderPaid",  
  "orderId": "42",  
  "amount": 1999  
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See this [blog post](#) for some background on the implementation.

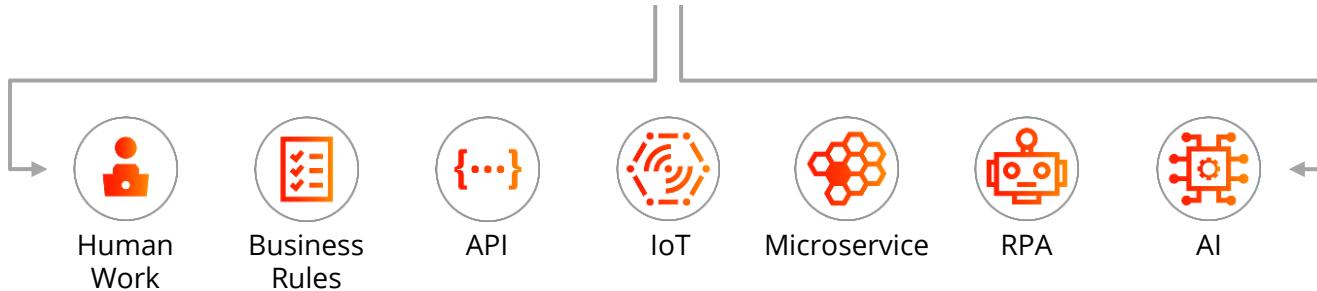
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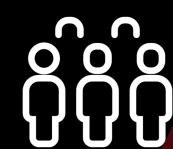


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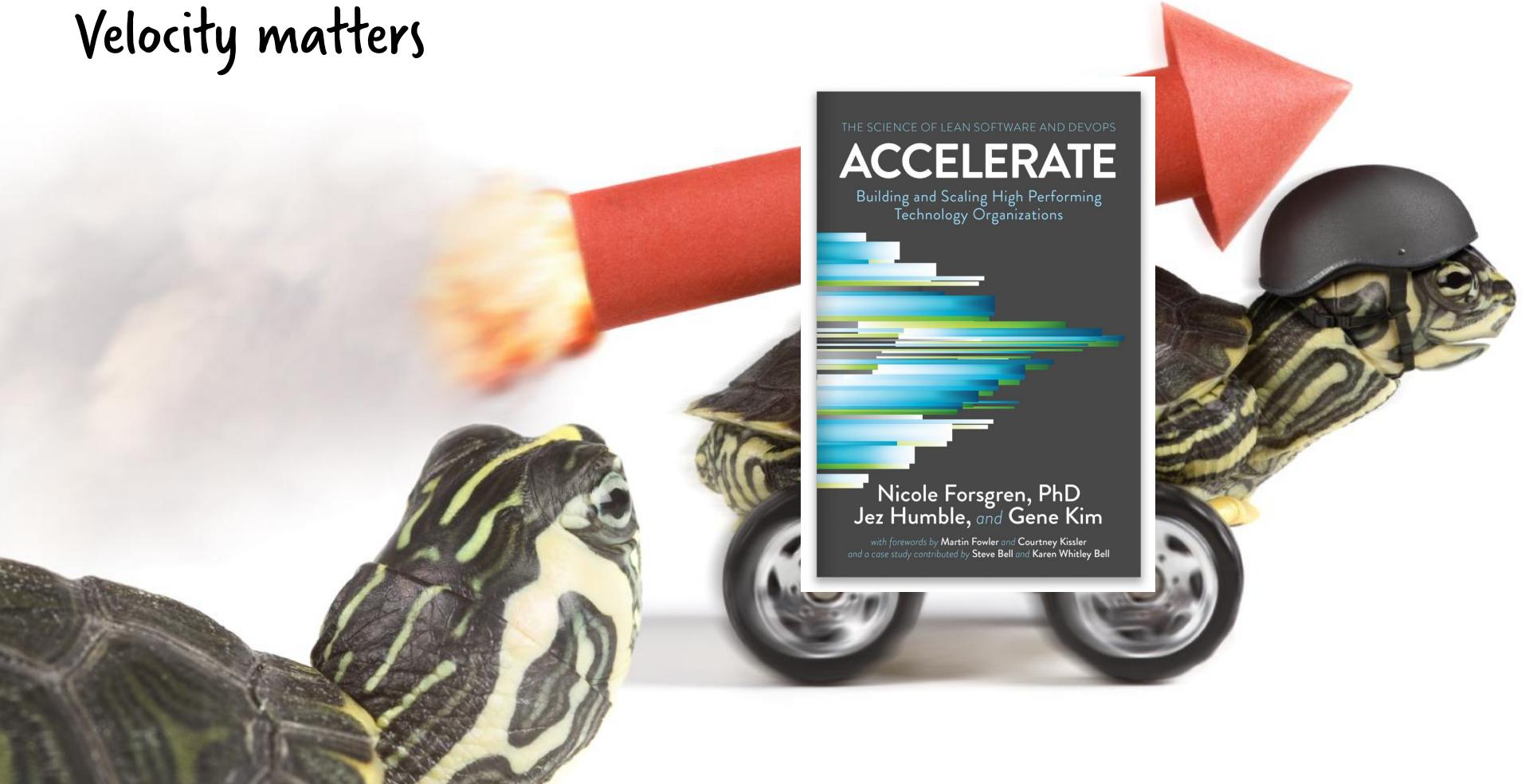
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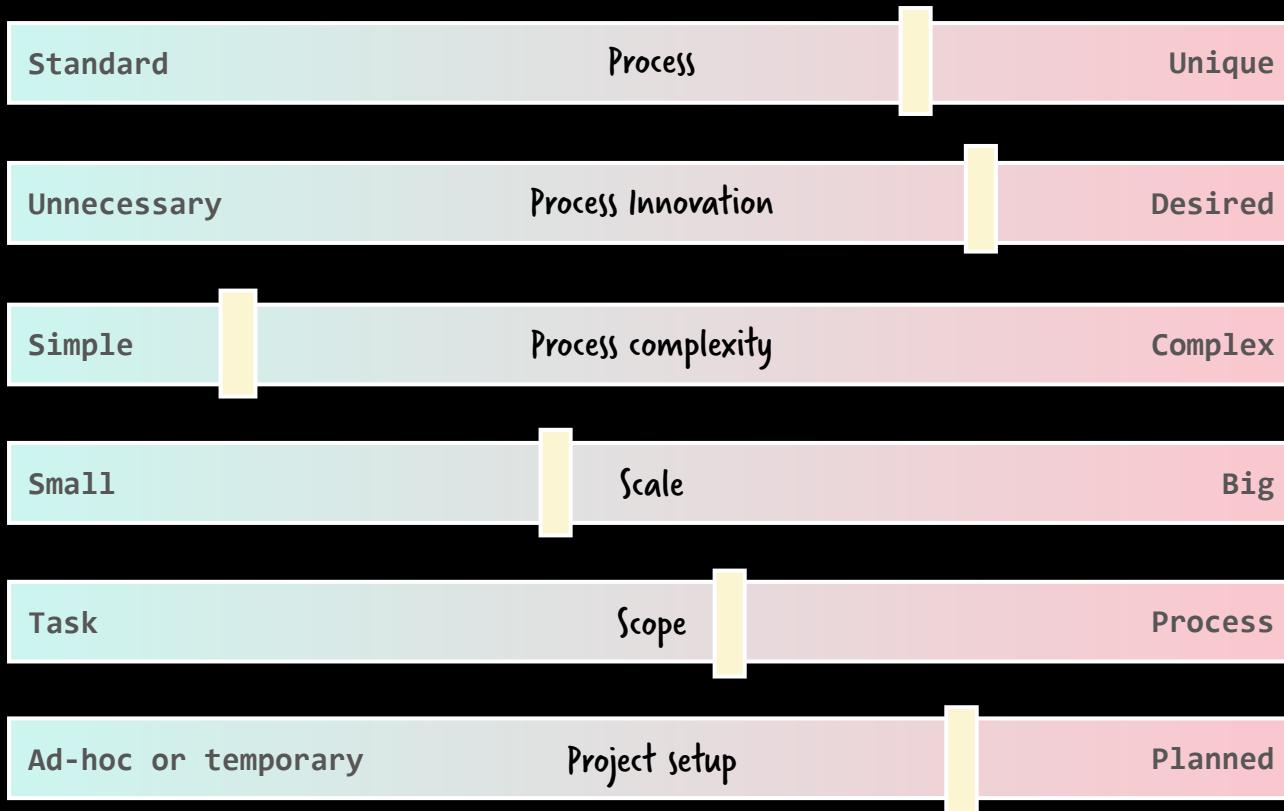


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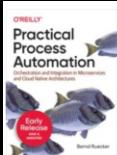
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The Architect Always Implements

Discussing concepts is only half the fun if you cannot point to concrete code examples. Runnable code forces you to be precise, to think about details you can leave out on the conceptual level and, most importantly, it often explains things best. I am personally a big fan of the motto "the architect always implements".

This is why there is source code belonging to this book, which you can find in this part of the website. These examples will not only help you better understand the concepts described in this book - they also give you a great opportunity to play with technology whenever you are bored from reading.

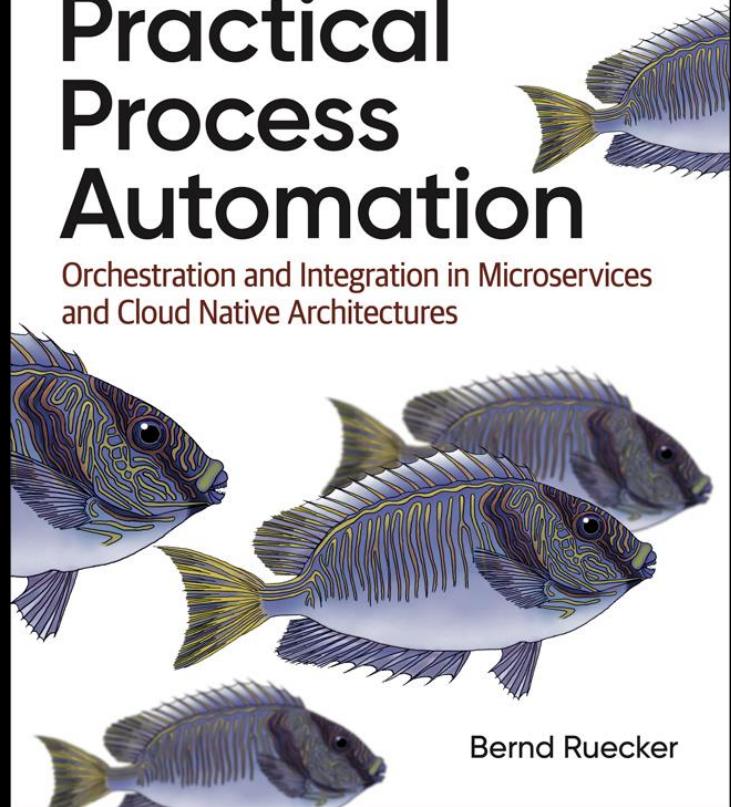
Examples Overview

- **Customer Onboarding Example:** A process solution used in Chapter 2 of the book to introduce executable process models. It contains a process to onboard new mobile phone customers in a telecommunication company.
- **Order Fulfillment Example:** Example using microservices implementing an end-to-end order fulfillment process that involves multiple microservices and various local process models. While mentioned at multiple places in the book, it is the core example in Chapter 7 and Chapter 8.
- **Other Example:** Curated list of interesting links to more executable examples, typically demonstrating specific concepts.

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Thank you!

