

# **BPMN** building blocks



### Exclusive Gateway (XOR)

- Empty diamond OR diamond with X inside (pick one)
- Allows you to diverge (split) process flow into alternative paths on a basis of data
- You can also converge (merge) paths if needed
- Only ONE path gets a token depending on condition check
- Specification calls it Decision, but actually this is NOT activity of decision making (this should happen before the gateway) since gateways don't represent work

### Naming suggests logic of the splitting

- Suggestion: question; answers on outgoing Sequence Flows (Yes/No or options) handling the results
- E.g. Offer accepted?, Report approved?, Option selected?

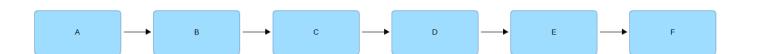


# Process flow step by step



## Simple sequence

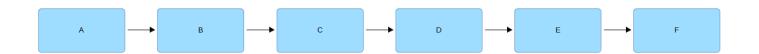


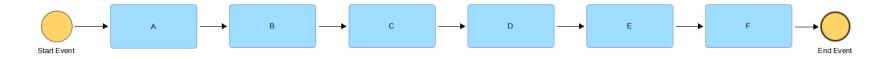


One step at a time

## Simple sequence



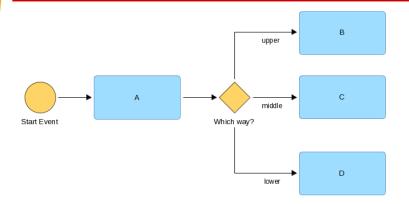




One step at a time Log: ABCDEF

### **Exclusive choice**

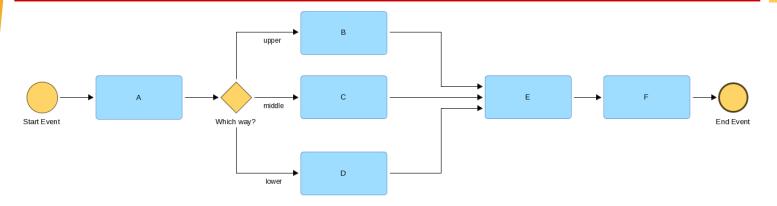




There can be only one

## ... and simple merge



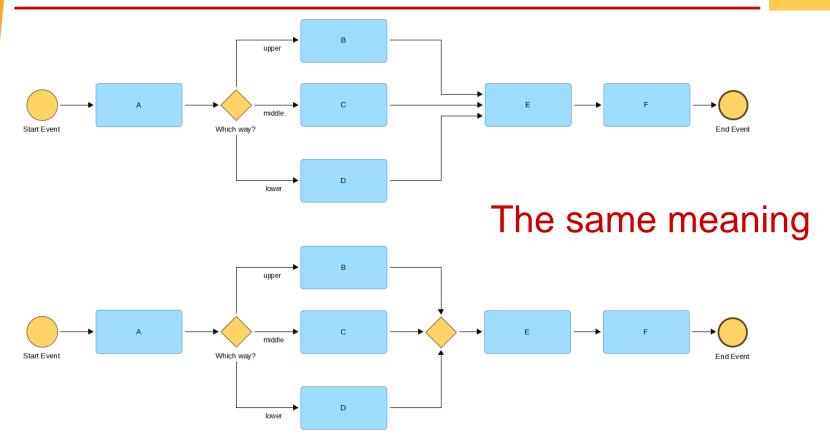


Valid log: ABEF, ACEF, ADEF

NOT valid: ABCEF etc.

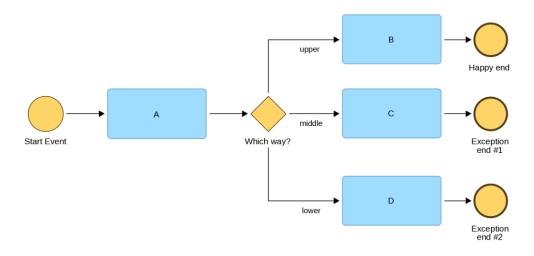
## XOR can also merge





### **Different End Events**





Different End Events help you show the results of a process

E.g. Order fulfilled vs Lost lead documented

### **DEMO**



## **BPMT Drones process**



### "Sunny day scenario":

- Customer sends custom order via website
- Employee checks if parts are available
- If so, she orders from warehouse
- Otherwise ordering from supplier is needed
- When parts are ready drone assembling can start (complex activity → Subprocess)
- Afterwards employee sends the order
- Process ends with a state Order fulfilled

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#### Possible extensions:

- Order feasibility needs to be checked
- If order is feasible we follow the main flow
- If not customer needs to be informed
- Afterwards we document lost lead
- Process ends with a state Lost lead documented

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### Parallel Gateway (AND)

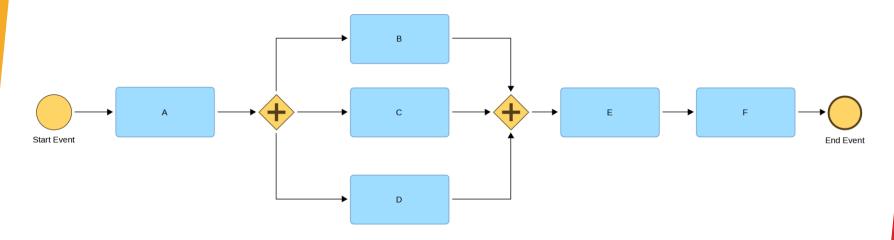
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- Diamond with + inside
- Allows you to split and merge (Synchronize) parallel paths
- EACH path gets a token no conditions are checked
- All parallel paths must complete before synchronization allows the process to continue
- Parallel activities may take place at the same time

#### Naming

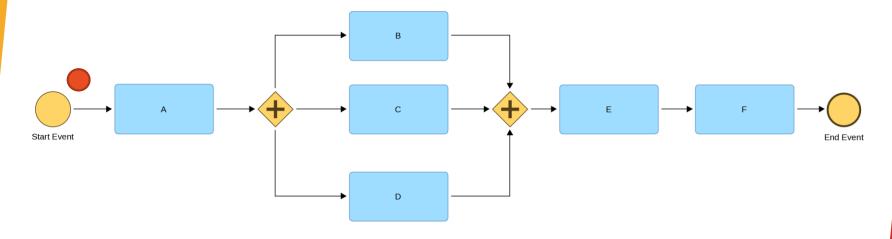
Usually name is not shown neither for gateway, nor for the outgoing sequence flows



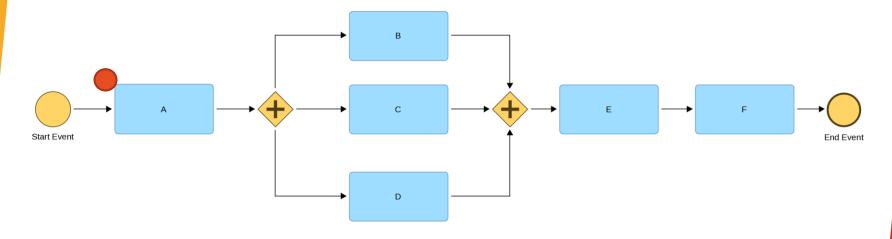


I want it all

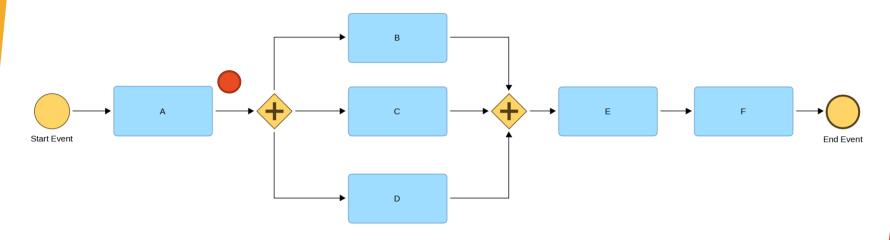




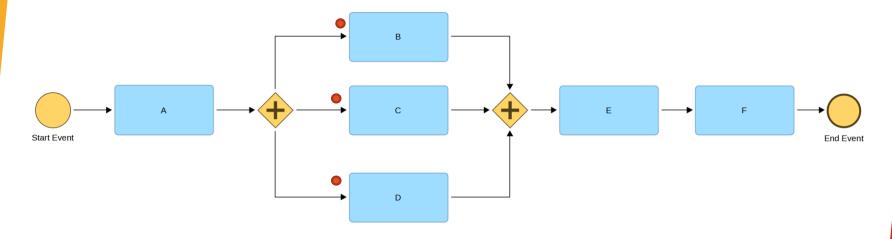




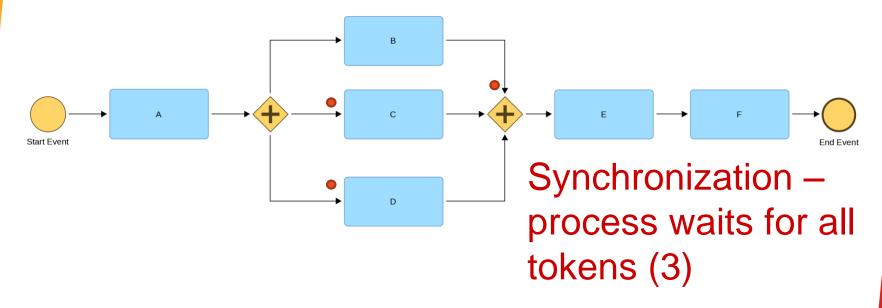




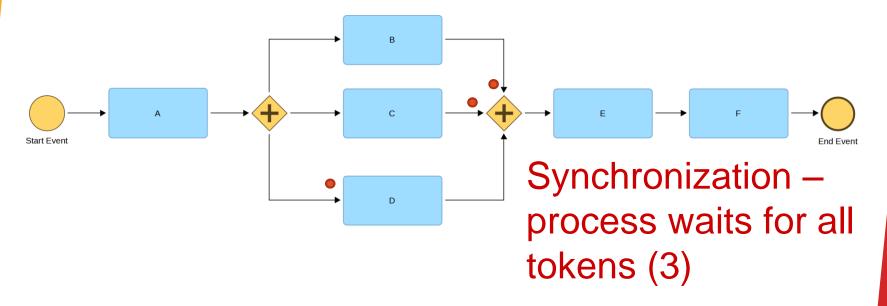




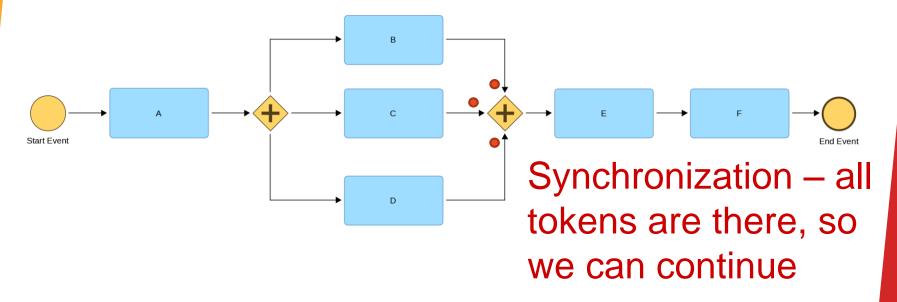




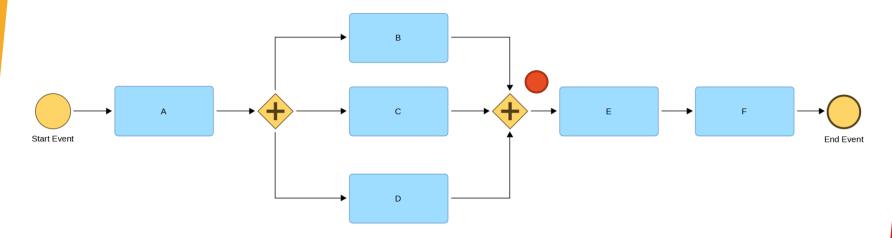




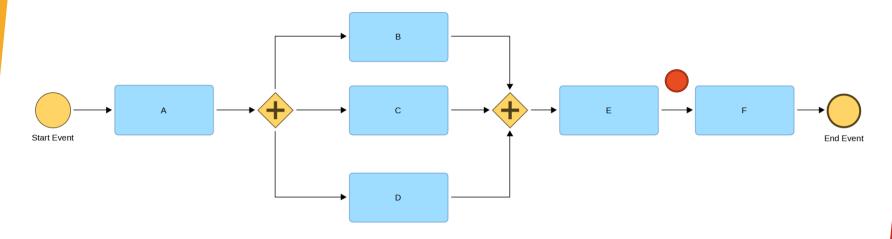






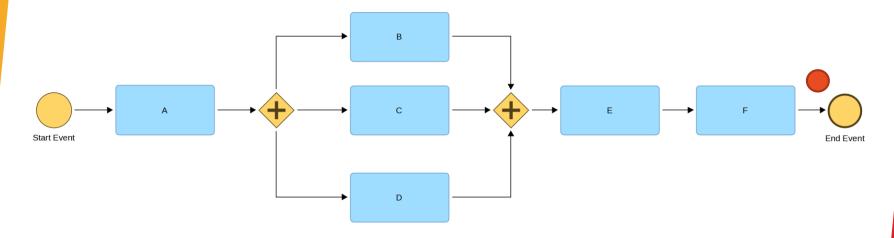






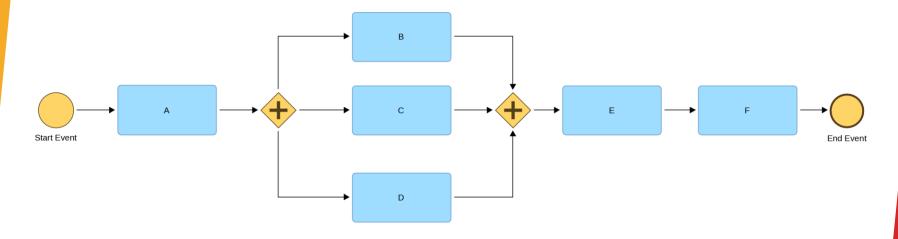
# Parallel paths





## Parallel paths





Valid log: ABCDEF, ABDCEF,

ACBDEF etc.

NOT valid: ABCEF etc.

## **DEMO**



# **BPMT Drones process**

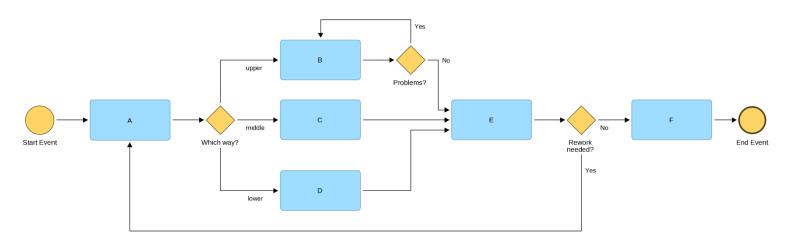


#### Assembling drone process (first part):

- Process begins when all parts are ready
- Employees need to prepare frame, prepare electronics and prepare motors&propellers (in any order)
- After those steps are done employee can assemble the parts

## Rework and loops





Valid log: ABBEABEF, ACEACEF etc.

## **DEMO**



# **BPMT Drones process**



#### Assembling drone process (continued):

- After the parts are assembled employee needs to configure the components
- Then, employee tests the drone
- If everything is OK process ends with a state
  Drone ready
- Otherwise employee needs to configure the drone again

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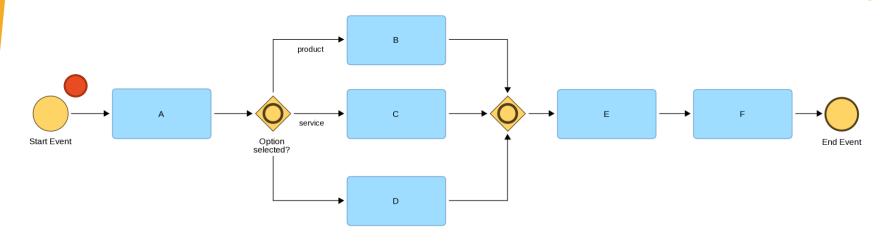
#### Inclusive Gateway (OR)

- Diamond with circle inside
- Allows you to split and merge (Synchronize) parallel alternative paths
- SOME paths get a token if their conditions are true
- If a path does not have a condition it always gets token (like AND)
- All active paths must complete before synchronization allows the process to continue

#### Naming suggests logic of the splitting

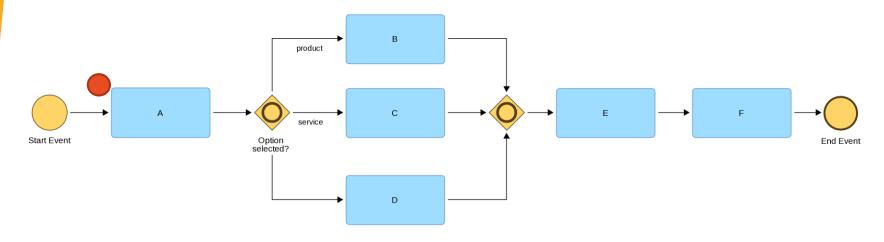
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- E.g. Element ordered?, Option selected?



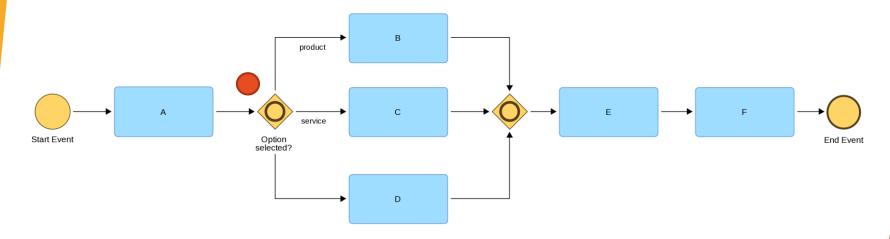


Mix of XOR & AND



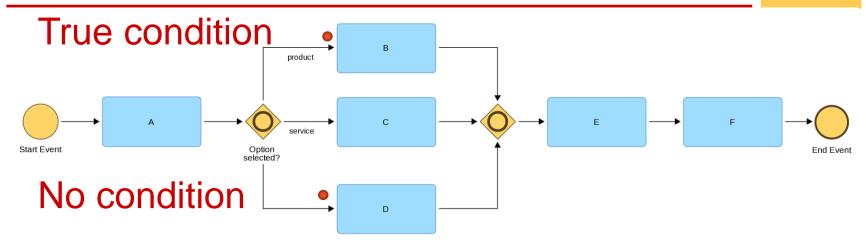




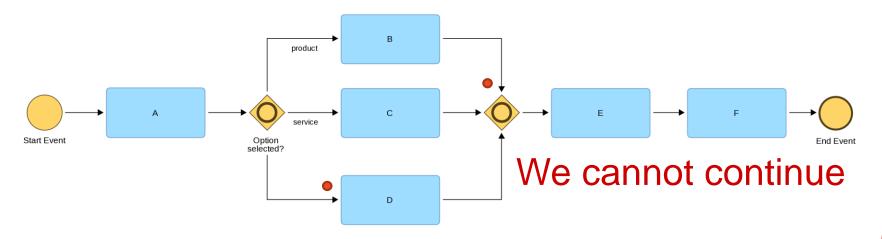


Let's assume that customer ordered product only

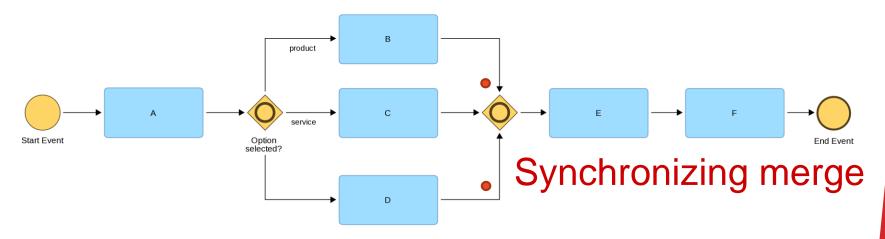




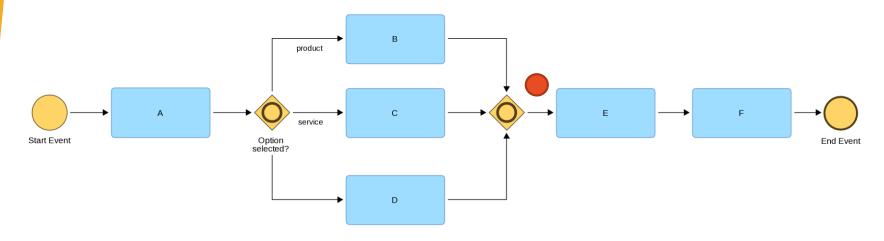




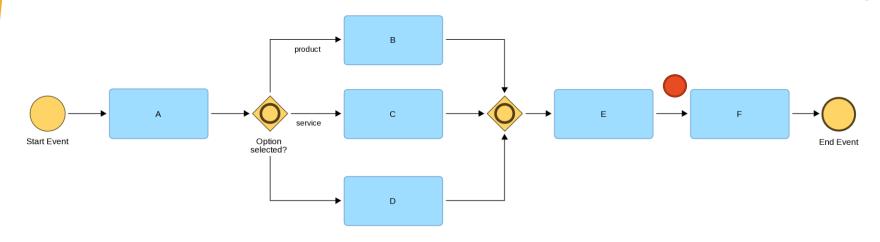




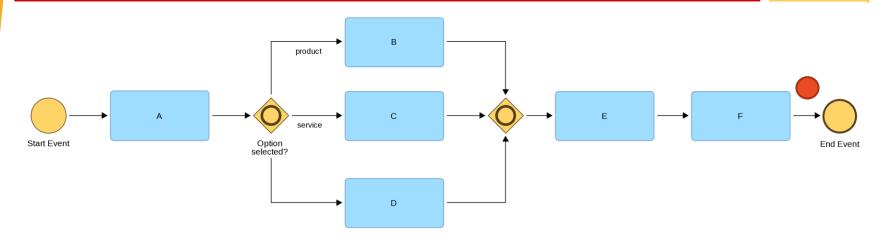












Our log: ABDEF

Valid logs for other cases: ABCDEF, ACDEF, ADEF

NOT valid: ABEF etc.

# "None of the above"



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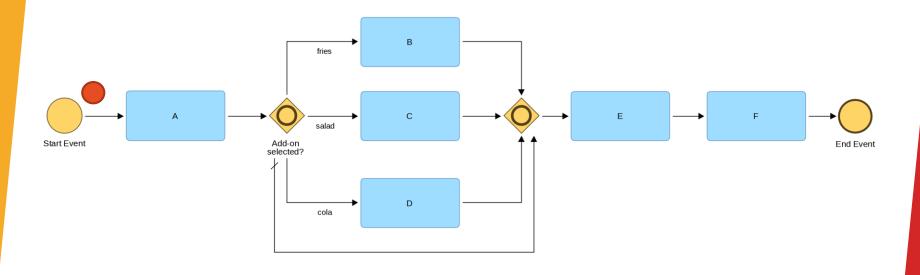
#### Sequence Flow

- Arrow drawn with a solid line and with a solid arrowhead
- Shows you how does the process flow: starting at the start event and finishing at the end event

#### Default Sequence Flow

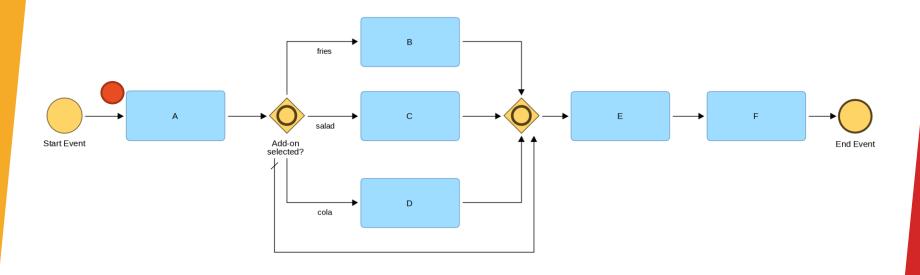
- Has diagonal slash at the beginning
- Used for Exclusive (XOR) and Inclusive (OR) gateways
- In case where there is no true condition process would get stuck
- Default Sequence Flow gets a token in this case
- NOT a "happy path" or most common one



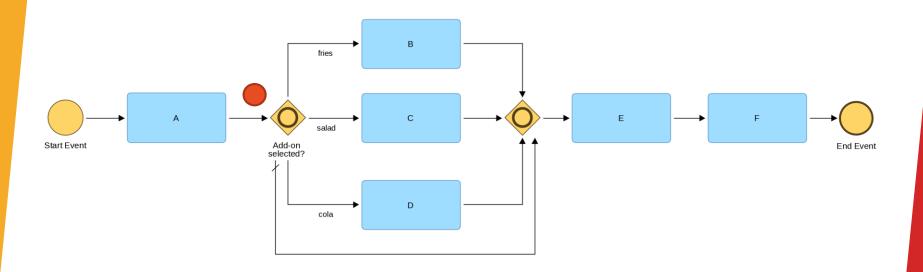


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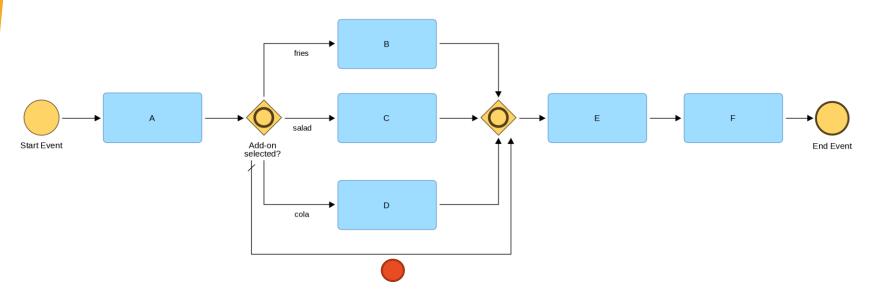






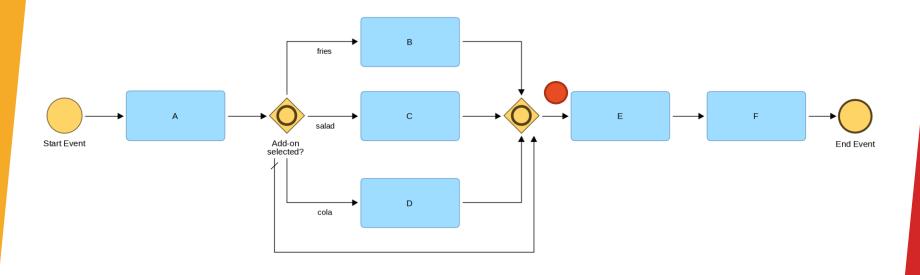
We would get stuck for "None of the above" option





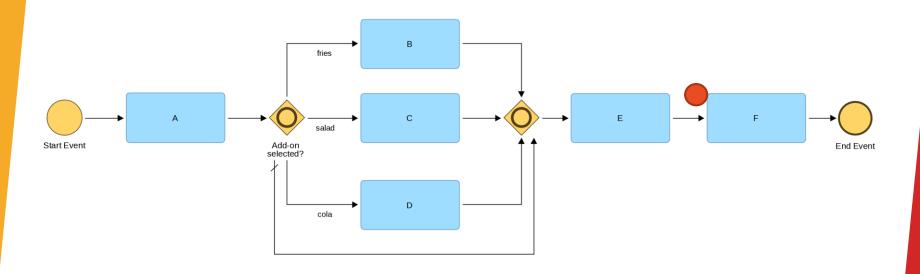
But Default Sequence Flow saves the day



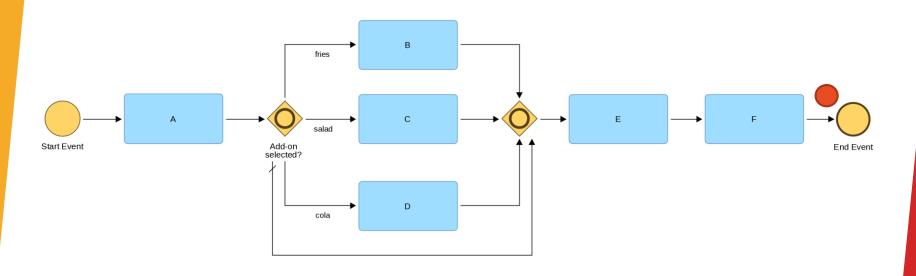


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Our log: AEF

## **DEMO**



# **BPMT Drones process**



#### Assembling drone process (continued):

- This part happens between Assemble parts and Configure components
- Employee needs to check add-ons in order
- If camera was ordered he needs to add it
- If GPS was ordered it needs to be added too
- When all add-ons are ready (in any order) components can be configured
- It is possible that no add-ons were selected