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# **Transforming Object-Aware Processes into BPMN: Conceptual Design and Implemen- tation**

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# **1 Introduction**

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## 4 Transforming Object-Aware Processes into BPMN

**Transformation Rule 1 (Step Type).** Let  $\gamma = (\phi, \sigma, T_{in}, T_{out}, P, \lambda)$  be a step. Then:

**StepType:**  $\Gamma \mapsto \text{ActivityStepTypes}$  with:

$$\text{StepType}(\gamma) := \begin{cases} \text{Empty} & \text{if } \gamma.\phi = \perp, \\ \text{Computational} & \text{if } \gamma.\lambda \neq \perp, \\ \text{PredicateMacro} & \text{if } \gamma.P \neq \perp, \\ \text{Predicate} & \text{if } \text{IsPredicate}(\gamma) = \text{true}, \\ \text{Task Step} & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

**Transformation Rule 2 (Is Object).** Let  $\Omega$  be the set of all objects within the process. Further, let  $\phi$  be a reference to an attribute from  $\Phi$  of an object  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then:

$$\text{IsObject}: \Phi \mapsto \mathbb{B} \text{ with: } \text{IsObject}(\phi) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } \exists \omega \in \Omega : \phi = \omega, \\ \text{false} & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

**Transformation Rule 3 (Initialize Data Object).** Let  $\alpha$  be an activity. Then:

**DataObjectInit:**  $\Sigma \cup \Gamma \mapsto \mathbb{N}$  with:

- **DataObjectInit**( $\sigma$ ) := (name) where
  - name =  $\sigma.\omega.\text{name} + \sigma.\text{name}$
- **DataObjectInit**( $\gamma$ ) := (name) where
  - name =  $\gamma.\phi$



**Transformation Rule 4** (Activity State Type). Let  $\alpha$  be an activity derived from a state  $\sigma$  where  $\Gamma_\sigma$  describes the set of steps belonging to  $\sigma$ . Then:

**ActivityType:**  $\Gamma \mapsto \text{ActivityStateTypes}$  with:

$$\mathbf{ActivityType}(\Gamma_\sigma) := \begin{cases} \text{Task} & \text{if } |\Gamma_\sigma| = 1 \wedge (\Gamma_\sigma.\gamma.\phi = \perp \vee \Gamma_\sigma.\gamma.P \neq \perp), \\ \text{Sub-process} & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

In this chapter, a conceptual transformation model is proposed that fulfills the defined requirements for the transformation of object-aware processes into BPMN (cf. Chap. 3). First, an overview of the necessary transformations and mapping rules for the mentioned conception is given (cf. Sect. 4.1). Next, the concrete mapping (cf. Sect. 4.2) and another component of the conception - Robotic Process Automation (RPA) (cf. Sect. 4.3) - are explained in more detail. Finally, an algorithm for transforming object-aware processes into BPMN can be developed as a result (cf. Sect. 4.4).

## 4.1 Transformation Compendium

The transformation model is divided into three different types: Object, Permission, and Relation, with each type providing different functionalities to fulfill a different concern in the transformation model. In addition, an external component completes the latter.

**Type 1** (Object Transformation). *Informell sagen was passiert.*

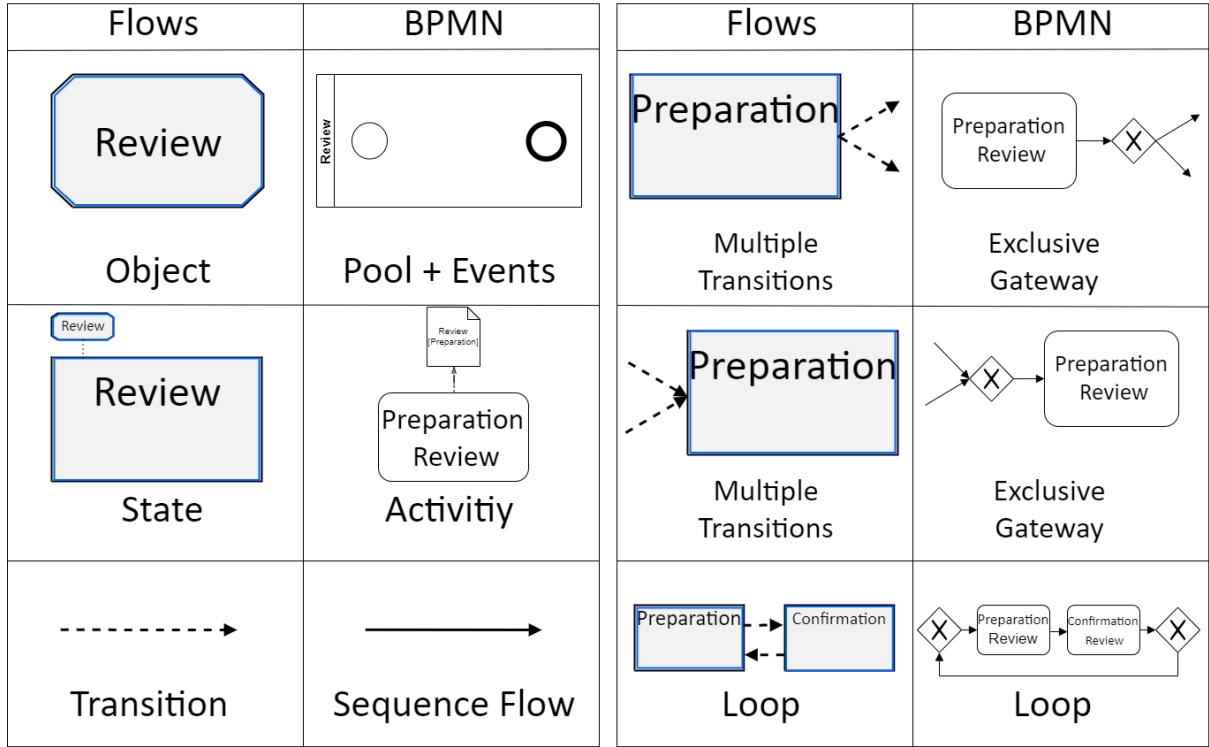


Abbildung 4.1: Initial example

**Type 2** (Permission Integration). *Informell sagen was passiert.*

**Type 3** (Relation Integration). *Informell sagen was passiert.*

## 4.2 Object Transformation

For the first step of the transformation model, any given object  $\Omega \ni \omega = (n_\omega, \Phi, \Theta)$  is transformed in terms of BPMN. More specifically, transformation rules for the individual components within the lifecycle process  $\Theta = (\Sigma, \Gamma, T, \Psi)$  of  $\omega$  are provided in this section. For the sake of completeness, other BPMN-related elements are included in the transformation, namely pools, events, gateways, and data objects.

**Transformation Rule 5** (Object Transformation). *Let  $\omega = (n_\omega, \Phi, \Theta)$  be an object. Then: function  $OTA : \Theta \rightarrow \delta$  determines a 5-tuple of BPMN process elements  $\delta = (E, A, T_\delta, K, N)$ , derived from the lifecycle process  $\Theta.\omega$ .*

Note that,  $OTA$  is only concerned with the determination of a 5-tuple of BPMN process elements  $\delta_\rho$ , that, at the point of determination, belongs to an already predefined pool  $\rho = (\omega_\rho, n_\rho, \delta_\rho)$ .

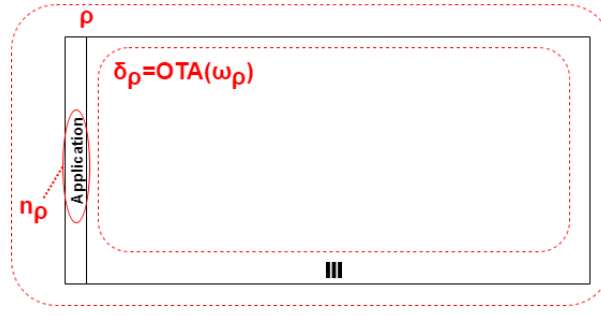


Abbildung 4.2: Initial example

As depicted in Figure TBD, transforming the object  $\omega_{App.}$  requires a pool  $\rho$ , where  $\rho.\omega_\rho = \omega_{App.}$  and, for its name, it holds  $\rho.n_\rho = n_\omega = \text{Application}$ . Furthermore, the execution of a lifecycle usually refers to one instance of the respective object. In most cases, there will be multiple instances of an object, each of which has its own lifecycle to execute. In BPMN, the presence of multiple instances, or rather multiple participants, can be modeled by calling the corresponding pool a *multi instance* pool by drawing three vertical lines in the bottom center of the pool. For example, the multiplicity of  $\rho_{App.}$  indicates that multiple applications can exist simultaneously and thus multiple processes involving  $\omega_{App.}$  can exist independently.

Finally, as mentioned above,  $\rho.\delta_\rho$  is still to be determined according to Algorithm 1.

#### Algorithm 1 Object Transformation Algorithm (OTA)

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Require:  $\omega = (\text{name}, \Phi, \Theta)$ 
 $E \leftarrow \{\epsilon_{start}, \epsilon_{end}\}$ 
for each  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  do
     $\alpha \leftarrow \text{StateTransformation}(\sigma)$ 
     $A.add(\alpha)$ 
end for
for each  $\alpha \in A$  do
    if  $\alpha.\iota = \text{Sub-process}$  then
         $\alpha.\delta.E \leftarrow \{\epsilon_{start}, \epsilon_{end}\}$ 
        for each  $\gamma \in \alpha.\Gamma_\sigma$  do
             $stepType \leftarrow \text{StepType}(\gamma)$ 
            if  $stepType = \text{Computational}$  then
                 $\tilde{\alpha} \leftarrow \text{ComputationalStepTransformation}(\gamma)$ 
                 $\alpha.\delta.A.add(\tilde{\alpha})$ 
            else if  $stepType = \text{Task}$  then
                 $\tilde{\alpha} \leftarrow \text{TaskStepTransformation}(\gamma)$ 
                 $\alpha.\delta.A.add(\tilde{\alpha})$ 
            else if  $stepType = \text{PredicateMacro}$  then
                 $\kappa \leftarrow \text{PredicateMacroStepTransformation}(\gamma)$ 
                if  $\gamma = \alpha.\sigma.\gamma_{end}$  then
                     $K.add(\kappa)$ 
                else
                     $\alpha.\delta.K.add(\kappa)$ 
                end if
            end if
        end for
        else if  $|\alpha.\Gamma_\sigma| = 1 \wedge \text{StepType}(\alpha.\Gamma_\sigma.\gamma) = \text{PredicateMacro}$  then
    
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 $\kappa \leftarrow \text{PredicateMacroStepTransformation}(\gamma)$ 
 $K.\text{add}(\kappa)$ 
end if
end for
for each  $\tau_\omega \in \Theta.T$  do
     $T_\delta \leftarrow \text{TransitionTransformation}(\tau_\omega)$ 
    if  $\tau_\omega \neq \perp$  then
        if  $\tau_\omega.\text{ext} = \text{false}$  then
             $\tilde{\alpha} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\tau_\omega.\gamma_{\text{source}})$ 
             $\tilde{\alpha}.\delta.T.\text{add}(T_\delta)$ 
        else
             $T.\text{add}(T_\delta)$ 
        end if
    end if
end for
 $\alpha_{\text{start}} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\Theta.\sigma_{\text{start}})$ 
 $\tau_\delta \leftarrow (E.\epsilon_{\text{start}}, \alpha_{\text{start}}, \perp)$ 
 $T.\text{add}(\tau_\delta)$ 
for each  $\sigma_{\text{end}} \in \Theta.\Sigma_{\text{end}}$  do
     $\alpha_{\text{end}} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\sigma_{\text{end}})$ 
     $\tau_\delta \leftarrow (\alpha_{\text{end}}, E.\epsilon_{\text{end}}, \perp)$ 
     $T.\text{add}(\tau_\delta)$ 
end for
for each  $\alpha \in A$  do
    if  $\alpha.t = \text{Sub-process}$  then
         $\alpha_{\text{start}} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\alpha.\sigma.\gamma_{\text{start}})$ 
         $\tau_\delta \leftarrow (\alpha.\delta.E.\epsilon_{\text{start}}, \alpha_{\text{start}}, \perp)$ 
         $\alpha.\delta.T.\text{add}(\tau_\delta)$ 
        for each  $\gamma_{\text{end}} \in \alpha.\sigma.\Gamma_{\text{end}}$  do
             $\alpha_{\text{end}} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\gamma_{\text{end}})$ 
             $\tau_\delta \leftarrow (\tilde{\alpha}, \alpha.\delta.E.\epsilon_{\text{end}}, \perp)$ 
             $\alpha.\delta.T.\text{add}(\tau_\delta)$ 
        end for
    end if
end for
 $\text{ComplementaryTransitionTransformation}(K, T_\delta)$ 
    
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### 4.2.1 State Transformation

In general, data must be read or written for a state to be executed within an object's lifecycle process, although neither may be necessary (e.g., if the state contains only an empty step). In any case, however, the execution of a state represents an activity of the user and ultimately drives the process flow. In terms of BPMN, such activities are modeled by *tasks* and *subprocesses* (cf. Def. TBD).

Consequently, depending on the latter, a set of BPMN elements is either initialized or defined as  $\perp$  (cf. Def. TBD).

For the former, the corresponding BPMN elements are determined in the *Object Transformation* itself (cf. Algorithm TBD). Furthermore, since the execution of the lifecycle process of an object is data-driven, data objects are created each time a state is transformed into an activity in order to represent this integration of data into the BPMN process model as

well. For this purpose, a data object is created for each activity (cf. Def. TBD), where each data object should show in which state the respective object is after the activity has been executed. Finally, it must be determined for each activity which data objects are written by an activity, i.e. change the state of the object with its execution, and which data objects are read by an activity, i.e. require a certain state of an object or the previous execution of an activity for its execution. At this point in the transformation, however, data objects are only written when the respective state is transformed into an activity, hence the set of read data objects for each activity is not considered for now.

The combined execution of the functions described in Def. TBD - Def. TBD finally transform a state in terms of BPMN (cf. Def. TBD).

**Transformation Rule 6 (State Transformation).** Let  $\sigma = (\text{name}, \omega, \Gamma_\sigma, \mathbb{T}_\sigma, \Psi_\sigma)$  be a state. Then:

**StateTransformation:**  $\Sigma \mapsto \mathbf{A}$  with: **StateTransformation**( $\sigma$ ) := ( $\text{name}, \sigma, \iota, \delta, \nu_{\text{write}}, \perp$ ) where

- $\text{name} = \sigma.\text{name} + \sigma.\omega.\text{name}$
- $\iota = \text{ActivityType}(\Gamma_\sigma)$
- $\delta = \begin{cases} (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{N}) & \text{if } \iota = \text{sub-process}, \\ \perp & \text{else.} \end{cases}$
- $\nu_{\text{write}} = \text{DataObjectInit}(\sigma)$

#### Example TBD (State Transformation):

Consider Fig. TBD. The *application* micro process type includes the state  $\sigma_{\text{Check}}$ . Then:  $\sigma_{\text{Check}}$  has only one empty step; i.e.,  $|\Gamma_{\text{Check}}| = 1 \wedge \Gamma_{\text{Check}}.\gamma.\phi = \perp$ . Hence,  $\text{StateTransformation}(\sigma_{\text{Check}}) = (\sigma_{\text{Check}}, \text{Check Application, task}, \perp, \text{Application [ Check ]}, \perp)$  (cf. Fig. TBD).

#### Example TBD (State Transformation):

Consider Fig. TBD. The *application* micro process type includes the state  $\sigma_{\text{Create}}$ . Then:  $\sigma_{\text{Create}}$  has more than one step; i.e.,  $|\Gamma_{\text{Create}}| > 1$ . Hence,  $\text{StateTransformation}(\sigma_{\text{Create}}) = (\sigma_{\text{Create}}, \text{Create Application, subprocess}, \delta, \text{Application [ Create ]}, \perp)$  (cf. Fig. TBD).

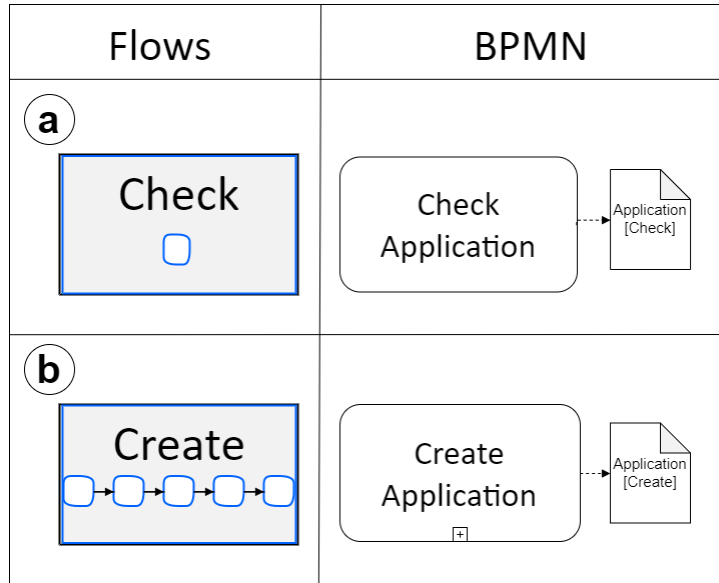


Abbildung 4.3: Initial example

### 4.2.2 Step Transformation

With the transformation of a state, its set of steps needs to be considered as well. More specifically, for each sub-process within a BPMN process model, the set of steps of its corresponding state, needs to be transformed according to transformation rules as well, where such transformation rule depends on the type of the step, which, for this purpose, is specified in Def. TBD. Ultimately, a step is transformed either into a *service task*, a *decision making procedure* or a *task*. In addition, every so generated (*service*) *task* generates a data object, for the same reason as described in the state transformation. However, a data object created in this way only describes what data the attribute of the respective step represents. As with the data objects created by states, data objects are either read or written by the corresponding (*service*) *task*, however, in contrary to the data objects created by states, the distinction between a read and written data object is made by the (*service*) *task* at the point of generation.

#### 1. Empty Step

If  $\gamma$  is an empty step, it simultaneously holds, that  $\gamma$  is the only step of the corresponding state  $\gamma.\sigma$ . Hence, the corresponding activity  $\alpha$  that results from  $\text{StateTransformation}(\gamma.\sigma)$  is considered a *task*. In this context,  $\gamma$  is not taken into account in any way during the transformation, but for the sake of completeness, an example of such a case is illustrated in Fig. TBD (a).

#### 2. Computational Step

The transformation of a computational step  $\gamma$  in terms of BPMN results in a *service task* (cf. Def. TBD).

**Transformation Rule 7** (Computational Step Transformation). Let  $\gamma = (\phi, \sigma, T_{in}, T_{out}, P, \lambda)$  be a step where  $\gamma.\lambda = \text{true}$ . Then:

**ComputationalStepTransformation:**  $\Gamma \mapsto A$  with:

**ComputationalStepTransformation**( $\gamma$ ) := ( $\gamma$ , name, service task,  $\perp$ ,  $\nu_{write}$ ,  $\nu_{read}$ ) where

- name =  $\begin{cases} \text{Read} + \gamma.\phi & \text{if } \text{IsObject}(\gamma.\phi) = \text{true}, \\ \text{Write} + \gamma.\phi & \text{else.} \end{cases}$
- $\tilde{\nu} = \text{DataObjectInit}(\gamma)$  with  $\begin{cases} \nu_{read} = \tilde{\nu} \wedge \nu_{write} = \perp & \text{if } \text{IsObject}(\gamma.\phi) = \text{true}, \\ \nu_{write} = \tilde{\nu} \wedge \nu_{read} = \perp & \text{else.} \end{cases}$

**Example TBD (Computational Step Transformation):**

Consider Fig. TBD. The *application* micro process type includes the state  $\sigma_{Sent}$ , where  $\sigma_{Sent}$  includes the *computational step*  $\gamma = (\text{Sent Date}, \sigma_{Sent}, T_{in}, T_{out}, \perp, \text{true})$ , since  $\gamma.\lambda = \text{true}$ . Furthermore, it holds  $\text{IsObject}(\text{Sent Date}) = \text{false}$ . Then:  $\alpha = \text{StepTransformation}(\gamma_{\text{Sent Date}}) = (\delta_{\text{Sent App.}}, \text{Write Sent Date}, \text{service task}, \perp, \text{Sent Date}, \perp)$  (cf. Figure TBD (b)).

### 3. Predicate Step

In the context of the transformation model, a special case occurs when  $\gamma$  is considered as a predicate step, since no direct and complete transformation of  $\gamma$  into the BPMN process model takes place. Rather, for the semantically correct translation of a predicate step, the step  $\tilde{\gamma}$  in which the  $\gamma$  is located is considered. In fact, predicate steps are implicitly considered when a transformation to  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is performed.

### 4. PredicateMacro

A lifecycle step  $\gamma$  is specified as a *PredicateMacro Step* if it contains predicate step. For the transformation of such a *PredicateMacro Step*, a decision instance in terms of BPMN is applied, i.e., an exclusive gateway with different expressions is generated in order to represent the alternative process flow associated with  $\gamma$  in the BPMN process model. For this purpose, as already mentioned above, each predicate step  $\rho.\gamma \in \gamma.P$  is implicitly taken into account, since these represent the expressions of the exclusive gateway. Def. TBD specifies the transformation of TBD.

**Transformation Rule 8** (PredicateMacro Transformation). Let  $\gamma = (\phi, \sigma, T_{in}, T_{out}, P, \lambda)$  be a step where  $\gamma.P \neq \perp$ . Then:

**TBDTransformation:**  $\Gamma \mapsto K$  with: **TBDTransformation**( $\gamma$ ) := ( $\gamma$ , P)

**Example TBD (PredicateMacro Step Transformation):**

Consider Fig. TBD. The *application* micro process type includes the state  $\sigma_{Checked}$ , where  $\sigma_{Checked}$  includes the *PredicateMacro Step*  $\gamma = (Acceptance, \sigma_{Checked}, T_{in}, T_{out}, P, false)$ , since  $P = \{\rho_1, \rho_2\} \neq \perp$ . Further,  $\rho_1 = (\gamma_{PrdictStep1}, [Acceptance] == true)$  and  $\rho_2 = (\gamma_{PrdictStep2}, [Acceptance] == false)$ . Then:  $\kappa_{split} = \text{TBDStepTransformation}(\gamma_{Application}) = (\gamma, P)$  (cf. Figure TBD (c)).

5. Task Step

If none of the above cases apply,  $\gamma$  is transformed into a *task* (cf. Def. TBD).

**Transformation Rule 9 (Task Step Transformation).** Let  $\gamma = (\phi, \sigma, T_{in}, T_{out}, P, \lambda)$  be a step with  $\gamma.\lambda = false \wedge \gamma.P = \perp$ . Then:

**TaskStepTransformation:**  $\Gamma \mapsto A$  with:

**TaskStepTransformation**( $\gamma$ ) = ( $\gamma$ , name, task,  $\perp$ ,  $\nu_{write}$ ,  $\nu_{read}$ ) where

- name =  $\begin{cases} \text{Read} + \gamma.\phi & \text{if } \text{IsObject}(\gamma.\phi) = \text{true}, \\ \text{Write} + \gamma.\phi & \text{else.} \end{cases}$
- $\tilde{\nu} = \text{DataObjectInit}(\gamma)$  with:  $\begin{cases} \nu_{read} = \tilde{\nu} \wedge \nu_{write} = \perp & \text{if } \text{IsObject}(\gamma.\phi) = \text{true}, \\ \nu_{read} = \perp \wedge \nu_{write} = \tilde{\nu} & \text{else.} \end{cases}$

**Example TBD (Task Step Transformation):**

Consider Fig. TBD. The *application* micro process type includes the state  $\sigma_{Create}$ , which in turn, includes the *task step*  $\gamma = (Job\ Offer, \sigma_{Create}, T_{in}, T_{out}, \perp, false)$ , since  $\gamma_{Job\ Offer}$  is neither a computational step, predicate step, nor an empty step; i.e.,  $\gamma.\lambda = false \wedge \gamma.P = \perp \wedge \gamma.\phi \neq \perp$ . Furthermore, it holds  $\text{IsObject}(Job\ Offer) = \text{true}$ . Then:  $\alpha = \text{StepTransformation}(\gamma_{Job\ Offer}) = (Create\ App., Read\ Job\ Offer, \text{task}, \perp, \perp, Job\ Offer)$  (cf. Figure TBD (d)).



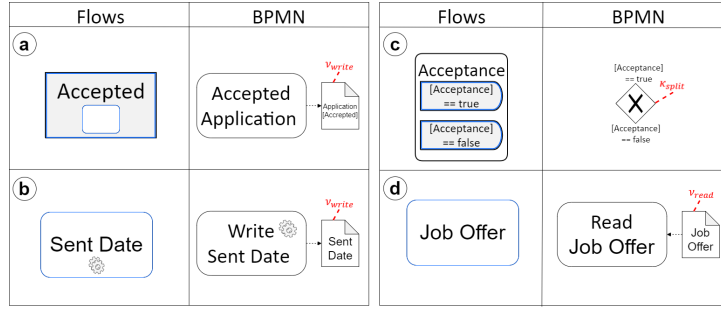


Abbildung 4.4: Initial example

Note that naming a task that is generated within the step transformation, i.e., transforming a task (computational) step  $\gamma$  into a task  $\alpha$ , differs from naming a task, that is generated directly from a state within the state transformation. Thus, for the former,  $\alpha.name$  is determined by starting with either *Read* or *Write*, followed by the attribute instance  $\gamma.\phi$ . If latter refers to an object of the process (cf. Def. TBD),  $\alpha.name$  starts with *Read*, for the reason, that an instance of the data type corresponding to  $\gamma.\phi$ , must already exist at run-time, e.g., when executing  $\gamma_{Job\ Offer} \in \Gamma_{Created}$ , at least one instance of  $\omega_{Job\ Offer}$  must already exist. Hence,  $\gamma.\phi_{Job\ Offer}$  needs to be *read* within the process at run-time. In turn,  $\alpha.name$  starts with *Write*, if an instance of the data type corresponding to  $\gamma.\phi$  must not necessarily exist at run-time, e.g., when executing  $\gamma_{Address} \in \Gamma_{Created}$ , the demanded data type can be provided at run-time. Hence,  $\gamma.\phi_{Address}$  is *written* at run-time. In addition, the distinction between writing and reading a data type in the BPMN process model enables to implicitly show whether the execution of a task (state) depends on the execution (existence) of another task (object instance) (e.g., an application can only be created, if there is at least one job offer to apply to).

### 4.2.3 Transition Transformation

In general, any transition within an object's lifecycle process can be transformed, in terms of BPMN, into a sequence flow. Nevertheless, the semantically correct transformation depends on the properties of such a transition, as well as its source and its target. More precisely, of particular importance are the properties whether a transition is external or not, and whether a predicate step is part of the transition. Depending on the latter, different cases need to be considered for the transformation of a transition to be semantically correct. Algorithm TBD considers these cases and describes a general procedure how to transform any given transition in pseudo code.

#### Algorithm 2 Transition Transformation

**Require:**  $\tau_\omega = (\gamma_{source}, \gamma_{target}, ext)$

$T_\delta \leftarrow \text{new}$

$name \leftarrow \perp$

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if ext = false then
  if IsPredicateStep( $\gamma_{source}$ ) = true then
     $v_{source} \leftarrow \text{GetGateway}(\gamma_{source})$ 
    name  $\leftarrow \gamma_{source}.\rho.\lambda$ 
  else
     $v_{source} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\gamma_{source})$ 
  end if
  if IsPredicateMacroStep( $\gamma_{target}$ ) = true then
     $\kappa \leftarrow \text{GetGateway}(\gamma_{target})$ 
    if OnSecondGranularity( $\kappa$ ) = true then
       $v_{target} \leftarrow \kappa$ 
    end if
  else
     $v_{target} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\gamma_{target})$ 
  end if
else
  if IsPredicateStep( $\gamma_{source}$ ) = true then
     $v_{source} \leftarrow \text{GetGateway}(\gamma_{source})$ 
    name  $\leftarrow \gamma_{source}.\rho.\lambda$ 
    if GetPredicateMacroStep( $\gamma_{source}$ )  $\notin$  Predecessors( $v_{source}$ ) then
       $\tau_{\delta} \leftarrow (\text{GetPredicateMacroStep}(\gamma_{source}), v_{source}, \perp)$ 
       $T_{\delta}.\text{add}(\tau_{\delta})$ 
    end if
  else
     $v_{source} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\gamma_{source}.\sigma)$ 
  end if
   $v_{target} \leftarrow \text{GetActivity}(\gamma_{target}.\sigma)$ 
end if
if  $v_{source} \neq \perp \wedge v_{target} \neq \perp$  then
   $\tau_{\delta} \leftarrow (v_{source}, v_{target}, \text{name})$ 
   $T_{\delta}.\text{add}(\tau_{\delta})$ 
end if
return  $T_{\delta}$ 

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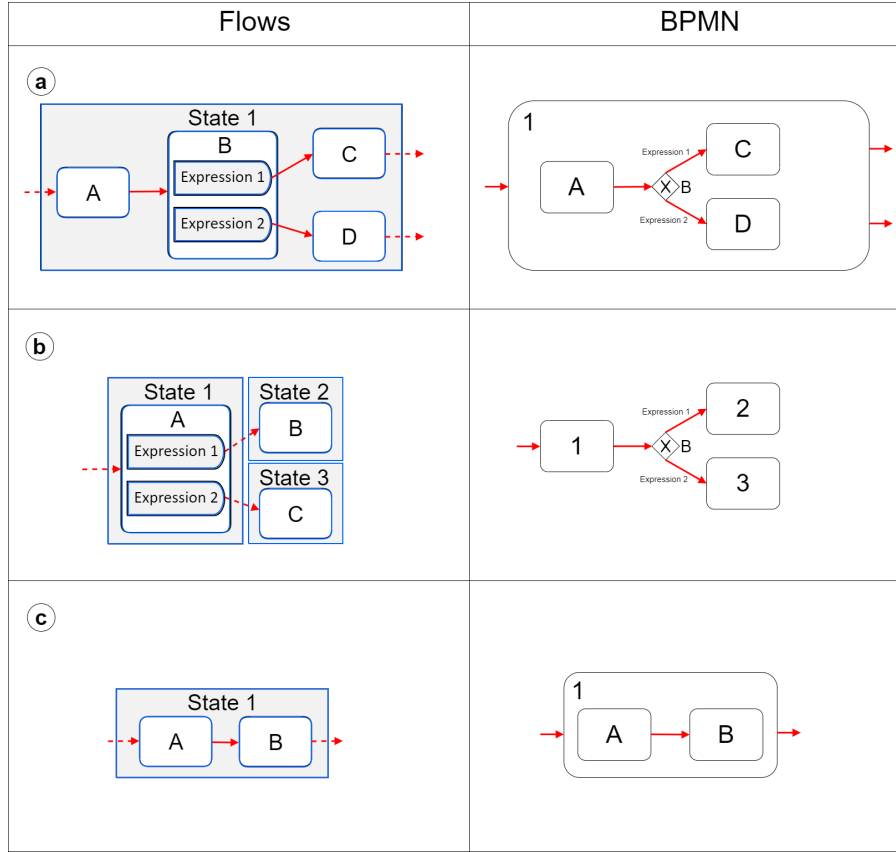


Abbildung 4.5: Initial example

As a result from Algorithm TBD, activities may have multiple incoming sequence flows. Consequently, for each such case, exclusive gateways are subsequently generated to group multiple incoming sequence flows of an activity. For this purpose, the sets of such sequence flows must be specified (cf. Def. TBD).

**Definition 9.1** (Multiple Target Sequence Flows).

Let  $T$  be a set of sequence flows. Further, let  $\Upsilon$  be a set of BPMN elements where each  $v \in \Upsilon$  serves as a target for a sequence flow. Then:

$$T_{\text{mltp!Trgt}} := \forall v \in \Upsilon: \bigcup \{ \tau_\delta | \tau_\delta \in T \wedge \exists i, j \in \mathbb{N} : i \neq j \wedge \tau_\delta^i.v = \tau_\delta^j.v \} \subset T.$$

Finally, Algorithm TBD completes the semantically correct transformation of transitions by describing the above mentioned generation of the exclusive gateways, as well as the adaptation of the associated sequence flows in pseudo code. More specifically, Algorithm TBD implicitly updates a given set of exclusive gateways  $K$  and  $T_\delta$  from a predefined 5-tuple of BPMN process elements  $\delta$ .

### Algorithm 3 Complementary Transition Transformation

**Require:**  $K, T_\delta$

```

for each  $T_{multipleTarget}^v \in T_{multipleTarget}$  do
   $\kappa_{join} \leftarrow \text{new}$ 
   $\tau_\delta \leftarrow (\kappa_{join}, v, \perp)$ 
  for each  $\tau_\delta \in T_{multipleTarget}^v$  do
     $\tau_\delta.\text{SetTarget}(\kappa_{join})$ 
  end for
  if  $\text{IsSecondGranularity}(T_{multipleTarget}^v) = \text{false}$  then
     $\tilde{\alpha} \leftarrow v$ 
     $\tilde{\alpha}.\delta.K.\text{add}(\kappa_{join})$ 
     $\tilde{\alpha}.\delta.T.\text{add}(\tau_\delta)$ 
  else
     $K.\text{add}(\kappa_{join})$ 
     $T.\text{add}(\tau_\delta)$ 
  end if
end for

```

## 4.2.4 Backwards Transition Transformation

### Algorithm 4 Backwards Transition Transformation

**Require:**  $K, T_\delta$

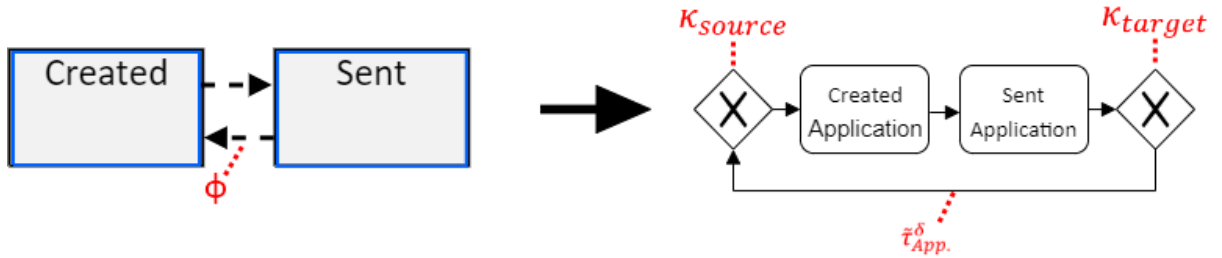


Abbildung 4.6: Initial example

## 4.3 Permission Integration

## 4.4 Relation Integration

## 4.5 Robotic Process Automation

## 4.6 Transformation Algorithm

### Algorithm 5 Step One (S1)

**Require:**  $\Omega$

$P \leftarrow \perp$

**for**  $\omega \in \Omega$  **do**

$\rho \leftarrow (\omega, n_\omega, \perp)$

$P.add(\rho)$

**end for**

**for**  $\rho \in P$  **do**

$\rho.\delta \leftarrow OTA(\rho.\omega)$

**end for**

**return**  $P$

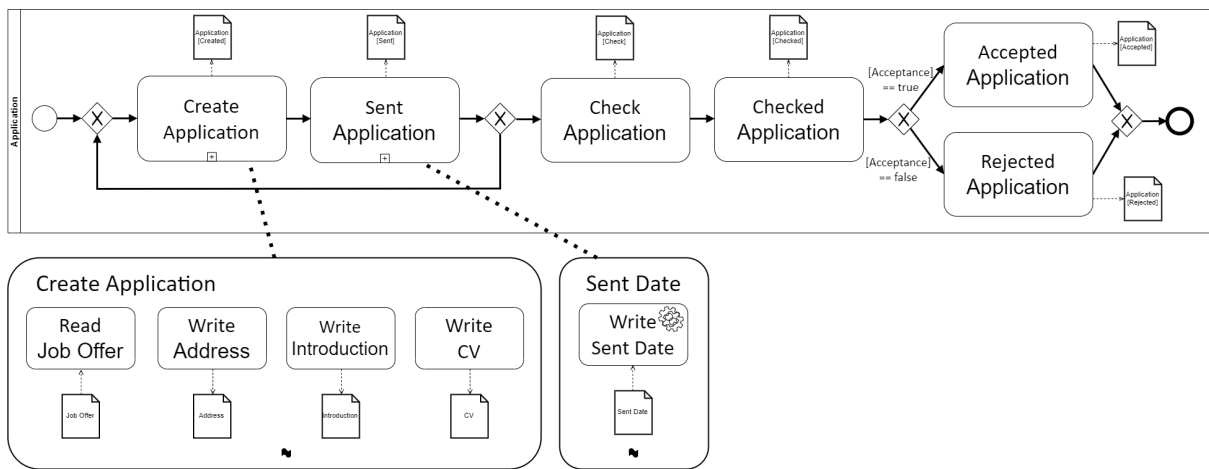


Abbildung 4.7: Initial example

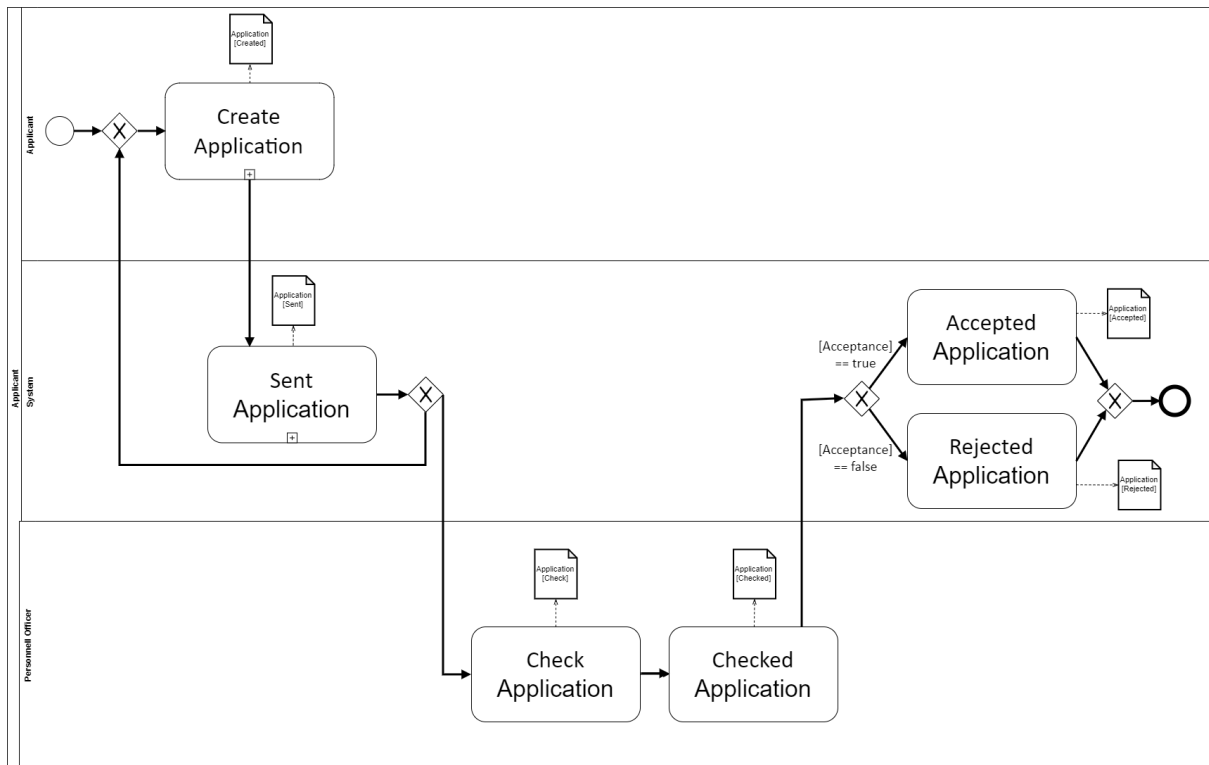


Abbildung 4.8: Initial example

## 5 Implementation

- Explain Algorithm in words and provide Pseudocode

# **6 Evaluation**

## **6.1 Functional Requirements**

## **6.2 Non-Functional Requirements**

## **6.3 Limitations**



## **7 Related Work**

# **8 Conclusion**

## **8.1 Contribution**

## **8.2 Outlook**

# A Attachments

In diesem Anhang sind einige wichtige Quelltexte aufgeführt.

```
1 public class Hello {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         System.out.println("Hello World");  
4     }  
5 }
```

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### **Erklärung**

Ich erkläre, dass ich die Arbeit selbständig verfasst und keine anderen als die angegebenen Quellen und Hilfsmittel verwendet habe.

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