

# FlowCore BPM User Guide

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 What is FlowCore BPM?

FlowCore BPM is an open-source Business Process Management (BPM) tool designed to streamline workflows, automate tasks, and provide comprehensive management of business processes. It is highly flexible, scalable, and can be integrated with various external systems, such as AI/ML models, document management systems, and cloud services.

### 1.2 Key Features

FlowCore BPM offers a range of features that make it a powerful tool for businesses of all sizes:

- **Workflow Automation:** Orchestrate complex workflows and automate recurring tasks.
- **Document Management:** Upload, store, and version documents, integrated within workflows.
- **Business Rules Engine:** Implement and execute custom business rules in real time.
- **Analytics and Reporting:** Generate reports and gain insights into process performance.
- **AI/ML Integration:** Seamlessly integrate predictive models to optimize decision-making.
- **Security and Access Control:** Role-based access control ensures secure operations.

- **Extensibility:** Support for plugins allows developers to add custom functionalities.

## 1.3 Target Audience

This guide is intended for:

- **Business Users:** Managing workflows and tasks efficiently.
- **IT Administrators:** Integrating FlowCore BPM with existing systems and maintaining it.
- **Developers:** Extending the tool's functionality using plugins and custom workflows.

## 1.4 Purpose of This Guide

This user guide provides detailed instructions on how to use FlowCore BPM. It covers:

- Setting up FlowCore BPM
- Managing workflows, tasks, and documents
- Using the analytics and reporting features
- Security and access control management
- Extending the system using plugins

## 1.5 System Requirements

Before using FlowCore BPM, ensure that the following system requirements are met:

- **Operating System:** Linux, Windows, macOS
- **Hardware:** At least 4GB RAM, 2 GHz processor
- **Software Dependencies:** Docker, Kubernetes (for cloud deployment), C++ compiler

# Chapter 2

## Setting Up FlowCore BPM

### 2.1 Installation

FlowCore BPM can be set up on a variety of platforms, including Linux, Windows, and macOS. This section provides step-by-step instructions for installing FlowCore BPM on each platform.

#### 2.1.1 Linux Installation

1. Ensure that your system meets the minimum requirements as described in the previous chapter.
2. Open a terminal and update your package list:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

3. Install Docker and Kubernetes if they are not already installed:

```
sudo apt-get install docker.io  
sudo apt-get install kubect1
```

4. Clone the FlowCore BPM repository from GitHub:

```
git clone https://github.com/<your-repo>/FlowCoreBPM.git
```

5. Navigate to the project directory:

```
cd FlowCoreBPM
```

6. Build the project using CMake:

```
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
```

### 2.1.2 Windows Installation

1. Download and install Docker Desktop from <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop>.
2. Install Kubernetes as part of Docker Desktop.
3. Install Visual Studio with C++ development tools.
4. Clone the FlowCore BPM repository from GitHub using Git Bash:

```
git clone https://github.com/<your-repo>/FlowCoreBPM.git
```

5. Open the project in Visual Studio and build the solution.

### 2.1.3 macOS Installation

1. Install Homebrew if it's not installed:

```
/bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew"
```

2. Install Docker and Kubernetes:

```
brew install --cask docker
brew install kubect1
```

3. Clone the FlowCore BPM repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/<your-repo>/FlowCoreBPM.git
cd FlowCoreBPM
```

4. Build the project using CMake:

```
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
```

## 2.2 Docker Setup

FlowCore BPM can be containerized for deployment in cloud environments such as AWS, Google Cloud, or Azure. The following steps outline the Docker setup.

1. Ensure Docker is installed on your system.
2. Build the Docker image for FlowCore BPM:

```
docker build -t flowcore-bpm .
```

3. Verify the Docker image:

```
docker images
```

4. Run the container:

```
docker run -p 8080:8080 flowcore-bpm
```

## 2.3 Kubernetes Setup

To deploy FlowCore BPM in a Kubernetes environment, follow these steps:

1. Make sure you have Kubernetes installed and configured (as described earlier).

2. Create a Kubernetes deployment for FlowCore BPM using the provided YAML files:

```
kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
```

3. Expose the service:

```
kubectl apply -f service.yaml
```

4. Verify the deployment:

```
kubectl get pods
```

5. Access the application via the public IP of the LoadBalancer:

```
kubectl get svc flowcore-bpm-service
```

## 2.4 Configuration

Once FlowCore BPM is installed, it can be configured to meet the specific needs of your organization. Configurations include setting up the database, configuring the API, and managing plugins.

- **Database Configuration:** Update the database connection settings in the configuration file located at `config/database.yaml`.
- **API Configuration:** Modify the API settings in `config/api.yaml` to configure endpoints, authentication, and other related settings.
- **Plugin Configuration:** Manage and activate plugins via the `config/plugins.yaml` file.

# Chapter 3

## Managing Workflows and Tasks

### 3.1 Creating a Workflow

FlowCore BPM provides a user-friendly interface to create and manage workflows. This section explains how to create a new workflow, define tasks, and manage the workflow lifecycle.

#### 3.1.1 Step-by-Step Workflow Creation

To create a new workflow:

1. Log in to FlowCore BPM and navigate to the **Workflows** section.
2. Click on **Create New Workflow**.
3. Enter the workflow name and description. For example, “Invoice Approval Process”.
4. Define the tasks that will make up the workflow by clicking **Add Task**.
5. For each task, provide a task name, description, and any task-specific rules or conditions (e.g., approval conditions, task deadlines, etc.).
6. Specify task dependencies, if any. For example, Task B can depend on the completion of Task A.
7. Set any business rules for the workflow using the Business Rules Engine (optional).
8. Once all tasks are added, click **Save Workflow**.

### 3.1.2 Managing Workflow States

FlowCore BPM allows workflows to transition through different states, such as:

- **Draft:** The workflow is still being created or modified and is not yet active.
- **Active:** The workflow is live and can be executed.
- **Paused:** The workflow is temporarily paused, preventing any task execution.
- **Completed:** The workflow has been completed, with all tasks finalized.

You can change the workflow state by navigating to the specific workflow and using the **Manage Workflow** option.

## 3.2 Defining and Managing Tasks

Each workflow consists of multiple tasks. This section explains how to define tasks, assign them to users, and manage their completion.

### 3.2.1 Creating a Task

When creating a workflow, you will need to define tasks:

1. Click **Add Task** under the workflow.
2. Enter a task name (e.g., “Review Invoice”) and a brief description of what the task involves.
3. Assign the task to a user or a group. For instance, assign the task to the finance department.
4. Set a deadline for the task to ensure timely completion.
5. Define task dependencies, if applicable. For example, the “Approval” task may depend on the completion of the “Review” task.



### 3.2.2 Assigning Tasks

Tasks can be assigned to individual users, teams, or roles. To assign a task:

1. Navigate to the workflow and select the task you want to assign.
2. In the task details view, click on **Assign Task**.
3. Select the user or team from the list. Optionally, assign it to a role (e.g., “Manager”).
4. Click **Assign** to complete the assignment.

### 3.2.3 Task Status Tracking

FlowCore BPM automatically tracks the status of each task within a workflow. The following task statuses are available:

- **Pending:** The task has not yet started.
- **In Progress:** The task is currently being worked on.
- **Completed:** The task has been completed.
- **Overdue:** The task deadline has passed, and the task is incomplete.

To view the status of a task, navigate to the **Tasks** section of the workflow.

## 3.3 Monitoring Workflow Progress

FlowCore BPM provides several tools for monitoring the progress of workflows and tasks. The following methods are available to track the performance of workflows:

- **Dashboard View:** The dashboard provides an overview of all active workflows and their current statuses.
- **Workflow Analytics:** Use the analytics feature to generate reports on task completion rates, workflow durations, and bottlenecks.
- **Notifications:** Set up real-time notifications to alert you when a task is overdue, completed, or reassigned.

## 3.4 Using Business Rules within Workflows

FlowCore BPM's Business Rules Engine allows you to define custom business logic for workflows. For example, you can set a rule that requires tasks to be escalated if they are not completed within a certain timeframe.

### 3.4.1 Creating Business Rules

To create a business rule for a workflow:

1. Navigate to the workflow where you want to apply the rule.
2. Click on **Add Business Rule**.
3. Define the rule condition (e.g., “If task is overdue for more than 48 hours, escalate to manager”).
4. Save the rule, and it will be applied automatically to the workflow.

## 3.5 Task Notifications and Alerts

FlowCore BPM includes a notification system to keep users informed of task and workflow statuses:

- **Email Notifications:** Users can receive email notifications when tasks are assigned, completed, or overdue.
- **SMS Alerts:** For urgent tasks, SMS alerts can be configured to notify users of deadlines and escalations.
- **Real-Time Dashboard Alerts:** In-app notifications provide real-time updates on workflow progress.

# Chapter 4

## Document Management

### 4.1 Overview

FlowCore BPM includes an integrated document management system (DMS) that allows users to store, manage, and version documents. The document management features are designed to be fully integrated into workflows, enabling users to attach documents to tasks and workflows, track versions, and ensure document approval processes are seamless.

### 4.2 Uploading Documents

Documents can be uploaded and attached to workflows or tasks. Follow these steps to upload a document:

1. Navigate to the specific workflow or task where you want to upload a document.
2. Click on **Attach Document**.
3. Browse your local filesystem and select the document you wish to upload.
4. Optionally, add a description or tags for the document to make it easier to find later.
5. Click **Upload** to add the document to the workflow or task.

Once uploaded, the document will be available to all users with access to the workflow or task.

## 4.3 Document Versioning

FlowCore BPM supports document versioning, allowing users to keep track of changes made to documents. Each time a document is modified, a new version is created, maintaining a complete history of document updates.

### 4.3.1 Creating a New Version

When you need to update a document, FlowCore BPM automatically tracks and versions it:

1. Open the existing document within the workflow or task.
2. Make the necessary edits to the document.
3. When you are done, save the changes. FlowCore BPM will automatically create a new version of the document.

The system will show version numbers for each iteration of the document, allowing users to revert to older versions if necessary.

### 4.3.2 Viewing Document Versions

To view the version history of a document:

1. Navigate to the document attached to the workflow or task.
2. Click on **View Versions**.
3. You will see a list of all versions, including timestamps and the user who made the changes.

### 4.3.3 Restoring a Previous Version

If you need to revert to an earlier version of a document:

1. Access the document and click **View Versions**.
2. Select the version you want to restore.
3. Click **Restore Version**. The selected version will become the active version of the document, but the version history will remain intact.

## 4.4 Document Permissions

FlowCore BPM allows for fine-grained control over document access. Permissions can be set at the document, task, or workflow level, ensuring that only authorized users can view, modify, or delete documents.

### 4.4.1 Setting Document Permissions

To set or update document permissions:

1. Navigate to the document you want to manage.
2. Click **Permissions**.
3. Select the users or groups who should have access to the document.
4. Specify the level of access:
  - **View Only:** The user can view but not modify the document.
  - **Edit:** The user can view and make changes to the document.
  - **Full Control:** The user can view, edit, and delete the document.
5. Save the updated permissions.

## 4.5 Document Search and Tags

FlowCore BPM provides powerful search capabilities, allowing users to quickly find documents based on keywords, tags, or metadata.

### 4.5.1 Using Tags to Organize Documents

Tags make it easier to categorize and find documents within workflows. When uploading or editing a document, users can add tags:

1. Enter relevant keywords that describe the document (e.g., “Invoice,” “Contract,” “Approval”).
2. These tags will be indexed and can be used in search queries to quickly find related documents.

### 4.5.2 Searching for Documents

To search for documents within FlowCore BPM:

1. Navigate to the **Documents** section from the main menu.
2. Use the search bar at the top to enter keywords, tags, or document names.
3. Results will be displayed based on your query, showing document name, workflow/task association, and upload date.

## 4.6 Document Approval Workflows

For organizations that require formal document approvals, FlowCore BPM supports document approval workflows. You can set up workflows where certain users or groups need to approve documents before they can proceed to the next stage.

### 4.6.1 Creating an Approval Workflow

To set up an approval process for a document:

1. Attach the document to a workflow or task.
2. In the task settings, enable **Document Approval**.
3. Select the users or groups that need to approve the document.
4. Specify any conditions for approval, such as deadlines or minimum approvals required.
5. Once set up, the document will not be marked as approved until the required users provide their approval.

### 4.6.2 Tracking Document Approvals

To track the status of document approvals:

1. Navigate to the document within the workflow or task.
2. Click on **Approval Status**.
3. You will see a list of users who have approved the document and any pending approvals.

# Chapter 5

## Analytics and Reporting

### 5.1 Overview

FlowCore BPM provides powerful analytics and reporting capabilities that allow users to monitor workflow performance, task completion rates, and identify bottlenecks in processes. This chapter explains how to use the built-in analytics tools and generate reports to gain insights into your workflows.

### 5.2 Accessing the Analytics Dashboard

FlowCore BPM includes a dashboard that provides a real-time overview of workflows and tasks. To access the analytics dashboard:

1. Log in to FlowCore BPM.
2. Navigate to the **Analytics** section from the main menu.
3. The dashboard will display key metrics, including the number of active workflows, pending tasks, completed tasks, and overdue tasks.

The dashboard provides visual insights in the form of graphs, charts, and tables that help you track performance at a glance.

### 5.3 Workflow Performance Metrics

The analytics dashboard tracks several key metrics related to workflow performance. Some of the important metrics include:

- **Task Completion Rate:** The percentage of tasks that have been completed within a given workflow.

- **Average Workflow Duration:** The average time taken to complete a workflow from start to finish.
- **Task Overdue Rate:** The percentage of tasks that are overdue and have not been completed within their specified deadline.
- **Task Escalation Rate:** The number of tasks that have been escalated due to delay or other issues.

### 5.3.1 Viewing Workflow Metrics

To view the metrics for a specific workflow:

1. Navigate to the **Workflows** section.
2. Select the workflow for which you want to view the metrics.
3. Click on **View Analytics**.
4. The analytics view will display the metrics for that specific workflow, including graphs for task completion rates, overdue tasks, and workflow durations.

## 5.4 Task-Level Analytics

In addition to workflow metrics, FlowCore BPM provides detailed task-level analytics, allowing you to monitor the performance of individual tasks. You can track task duration, assignment history, and any bottlenecks or delays.

### 5.4.1 Viewing Task Analytics

To view the analytics for a specific task:

1. Navigate to the **Tasks** section.
2. Select the task you want to analyze.
3. Click on **View Analytics** to see task-level metrics, such as time taken to complete the task, task assignment history, and escalations.



## 5.5 Generating Reports

FlowCore BPM allows you to generate detailed reports on workflow and task performance. These reports can be exported in various formats, such as PDF, CSV, or Excel, for further analysis or sharing with stakeholders.

### 5.5.1 Generating a Workflow Report

To generate a report for a specific workflow:

1. Navigate to the **Workflows** section.
2. Select the workflow for which you want to generate a report.
3. Click on **Generate Report**.
4. Select the report type (e.g., **Summary Report**, **Detailed Report**).
5. Choose the format (PDF, CSV, Excel) and click **Download**.

The report will contain all relevant information about the workflow, including task status, completion rates, and time metrics.

### 5.5.2 Generating a Task Report

To generate a report for a specific task:

1. Navigate to the **Tasks** section.
2. Select the task for which you want to generate a report.
3. Click on **Generate Report**.
4. Select the format (PDF, CSV, Excel) and click **Download**.

Task reports provide detailed insights into task assignments, duration, and completion history.

## 5.6 Customizing Reports

FlowCore BPM allows users to customize reports to include specific data points, metrics, and visualizations. Custom reports can be created to meet the needs of different departments or stakeholders.

### 5.6.1 Creating a Custom Report

To create a custom report:

1. Navigate to the **Reports** section.
2. Click on **Create Custom Report**.
3. Select the data points and metrics you want to include in the report (e.g., task completion rates, overdue tasks, etc.).
4. Choose the visualization type (charts, tables, graphs).
5. Save the custom report template for future use.
6. Click **Generate Report** to view and download the report.

## 5.7 Automating Reports

You can automate report generation in FlowCore BPM by setting up recurring reports. This allows users to receive reports via email at regular intervals (daily, weekly, monthly).

### 5.7.1 Setting Up Automated Reports

To set up an automated report:

1. Navigate to the **Reports** section.
2. Click on **Automated Reports**.
3. Select the report template you want to automate.
4. Set the frequency (e.g., daily, weekly).
5. Enter the recipients who should receive the report.
6. Save the automated report settings.

FlowCore BPM will automatically generate and send the report to the specified recipients at the selected intervals.

## 5.8 Exporting Data for External Analysis

In addition to generating reports, FlowCore BPM allows users to export raw data for further analysis in external tools such as Excel, Power BI, or other data analytics platforms.

### 5.8.1 Exporting Workflow Data

To export workflow data:

1. Navigate to the **Workflows** section.
2. Select the workflow for which you want to export data.
3. Click on **Export Data**.
4. Choose the export format (CSV, Excel, JSON).
5. Click **Download** to export the data.

### 5.8.2 Exporting Task Data

To export task data:

1. Navigate to the **Tasks** section.
2. Select the task for which you want to export data.
3. Click on **Export Data**.
4. Choose the export format (CSV, Excel, JSON).
5. Click **Download** to export the data.



# Chapter 6

## Security and Access Control

### 6.1 Overview

FlowCore BPM offers a robust security and access control system to ensure that sensitive workflows, tasks, and documents are protected. The system is based on role-based access control (RBAC), allowing administrators to assign permissions based on user roles. This chapter explains how to configure and manage security settings within FlowCore BPM.

### 6.2 Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

FlowCore BPM uses role-based access control to manage user permissions. RBAC allows administrators to assign specific roles to users, and each role is associated with certain privileges within the system. Common roles include:

- **Admin:** Full control over all workflows, tasks, and settings.
- **Manager:** Manage workflows and tasks but with limited access to system-wide settings.
- **User:** View and complete tasks assigned to them.

#### 6.2.1 Creating and Managing Roles

To create or manage roles in FlowCore BPM:

1. Log in as an administrator.
2. Navigate to the **Security Settings** section.

3. Click on **Roles Management**.
4. To create a new role, click **Add Role**, enter a role name (e.g., “HR Manager”), and define the permissions for the role (e.g., manage documents, view reports).
5. To edit an existing role, select the role from the list and adjust the permissions as needed.
6. Save the changes.

## 6.3 Assigning Roles to Users

Once roles have been created, they can be assigned to users. To assign a role:

1. Navigate to the **User Management** section under **Security Settings**.
2. Select the user you want to assign a role to.
3. Click on **Assign Role** and choose the appropriate role from the drop-down menu.
4. Click **Save** to apply the changes.

The assigned role will dictate the user’s access rights throughout the system.

## 6.4 Setting Permissions for Workflows and Tasks

Permissions in FlowCore BPM can be configured at the workflow and task level to ensure that only authorized users have access to certain information. Administrators can define which users or roles have permission to view, modify, or delete workflows and tasks.

### 6.4.1 Workflow Permissions

To set permissions for a workflow:

1. Navigate to the **Workflows** section.
2. Select the workflow for which you want to set permissions.

3. Click on **Permissions**.
4. In the **Workflow Permissions** dialog, select the users or roles that should have access to the workflow.
5. Define the access level for each user or role:
  - **View Only:** The user can view the workflow but cannot make changes.
  - **Edit:** The user can view and modify the workflow.
  - **Full Control:** The user can view, modify, and delete the workflow.
6. Save the changes.

### 6.4.2 Task Permissions

To set permissions for a task:

1. Navigate to the workflow containing the task.
2. Select the task for which you want to set permissions.
3. Click on **Task Permissions**.
4. In the **Task Permissions** dialog, select the users or roles that should have access to the task.
5. Set the access level for each user or role:
  - **View Only:** The user can view the task but cannot make changes.
  - **Edit:** The user can view and modify the task.
  - **Full Control:** The user can view, modify, and delete the task.
6. Save the changes.

## 6.5 Document Security and Permissions

FlowCore BPM allows administrators to set specific security permissions for documents. Document permissions ensure that only authorized users can view, edit, or manage the attached documents within workflows or tasks.

### 6.5.1 Setting Document Permissions

To configure document permissions:

1. Navigate to the workflow or task where the document is attached.
2. Select the document and click on **Permissions**.
3. In the **Document Permissions** dialog, select the users or roles that should have access to the document.
4. Define the level of access for each user or role:
  - **View Only**: The user can view the document but cannot edit it.
  - **Edit**: The user can view and modify the document.
  - **Full Control**: The user can view, modify, and delete the document.
5. Save the changes.

## 6.6 Audit Logging and Monitoring

FlowCore BPM includes an audit logging feature to track all user activity within the system. Every action performed by a user is logged, providing administrators with a comprehensive audit trail.

### 6.6.1 Viewing Audit Logs

To view audit logs:

1. Navigate to the **Audit Logs** section under **Security Settings**.
2. Select the time frame for which you want to view the logs.
3. You will see a list of all actions performed by users, including logins, document edits, workflow changes, and more.
4. You can filter the logs by user, role, or action type.

Audit logs are essential for tracking system usage, ensuring compliance with regulations, and identifying any unauthorized access attempts.



## 6.7 Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)

For enhanced security, FlowCore BPM supports two-factor authentication (2FA). When enabled, users are required to provide a second form of authentication, such as a verification code sent via SMS or email, in addition to their password.

### 6.7.1 Enabling Two-Factor Authentication

To enable 2FA for users:

1. Navigate to the **Security Settings** section.
2. Click on **Two-Factor Authentication**.
3. Toggle the switch to enable 2FA for all users, or enable it for specific users or roles.
4. When a user logs in, they will be prompted to set up 2FA by entering a phone number or email address for verification.

## 6.8 Best Practices for Security

To ensure that your instance of FlowCore BPM is secure, follow these best practices:

- Regularly review user roles and permissions to ensure that only authorized users have access to sensitive workflows and documents.
- Enable two-factor authentication for all users to add an additional layer of security.
- Monitor audit logs regularly to detect any suspicious activity.
- Set strong password policies and enforce regular password changes for all users.
- Keep FlowCore BPM and its dependencies up to date with the latest security patches.



# Chapter 7

## Extending FlowCore BPM with Plugins

### 7.1 Overview

FlowCore BPM is designed to be extensible, allowing users and developers to add custom functionality through a modular plugin system. Plugins can be used to integrate third-party services, add new workflow components, or customize the behavior of the system. This chapter explains how to develop, install, and manage plugins in FlowCore BPM.

### 7.2 Understanding the Plugin System

The plugin system in FlowCore BPM is built to provide a flexible framework for extending core features. A plugin is a self-contained module that can be dynamically loaded into the system. Plugins can:

- Add custom workflows or tasks.
- Implement business rules and decision engines.
- Integrate with external APIs or services.
- Add new user interface elements.

Each plugin must implement the `PluginInterface`, which defines the basic structure of a plugin and ensures it integrates seamlessly with the core system.

## 7.3 Creating a Plugin

To create a plugin for FlowCore BPM, follow these steps:

### 7.3.1 Step 1: Setting Up the Plugin

Create a new directory for your plugin inside the `plugins` folder of the FlowCore BPM installation. For example, if you are creating a plugin to handle a new payment approval process, the folder structure might look like this:

```
FlowCoreBPM/
plugins/
PaymentApproval/
PaymentApprovalPlugin.cpp
PaymentApprovalPlugin.h
CMakeLists.txt
```

### 7.3.2 Step 2: Implement the PluginInterface

Every plugin must implement the `PluginInterface`. Here is an example of a basic plugin interface implementation:

```
#include "PluginInterface.h"

class PaymentApprovalPlugin : public PluginInterface {
public:
    std::string getName() const override {
        return "Payment Approval Plugin";
    }

    void execute() override {
        // Custom logic for the payment approval process
        std::cout << "Executing Payment Approval Workflow" << std::endl;
    }
};

// Register the plugin with the system
extern "C" PluginInterface* createPlugin() {
    return new PaymentApprovalPlugin();
}
```

### 7.3.3 Step 3: Build the Plugin

To build your plugin, you will need to compile it into a shared object (on Linux) or a DLL (on Windows). Update your `CMakeLists.txt` file to include the necessary build steps:

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.10)
project(PaymentApprovalPlugin)

set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 11)

# Source files for the plugin
add_library(PaymentApprovalPlugin SHARED
PaymentApprovalPlugin.cpp
)
```

Once your `CMakeLists.txt` file is ready, compile the plugin using CMake:

```
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
```

### 7.3.4 Step 4: Installing the Plugin

Once the plugin has been compiled, copy the resulting shared object (or DLL) file into the `plugins` directory of FlowCore BPM.

For example:

```
cp build/libPaymentApprovalPlugin.so ../plugins/
```

FlowCore BPM will automatically detect the new plugin on the next startup.

## 7.4 Activating Plugins

After installing the plugin, you need to activate it in FlowCore BPM. To activate a plugin:

1. Log in as an administrator.
2. Navigate to the **Plugin Management** section.

3. You will see a list of all available plugins, including the newly installed plugin.
4. Click **Activate** next to the plugin you want to enable.
5. The plugin will be activated and ready to use within workflows.

## 7.5 Using Plugins in Workflows

Once a plugin is activated, it can be integrated into workflows. For example, if you installed a custom payment approval plugin, you can include it in a financial approval workflow:

1. Navigate to the **Workflows** section.
2. Select the workflow where you want to use the plugin.
3. Click **Add Task** and choose the custom plugin from the task type list.
4. Configure the plugin-specific parameters, such as any API keys or external integrations.
5. Save the workflow, and the plugin will now be executed as part of the workflow.

## 7.6 Managing Plugins

Administrators can manage plugins through the **Plugin Management** interface. The following actions are available:

- **Activate/Deactivate:** Enable or disable plugins as needed.
- **Update:** Upload a new version of a plugin to replace the existing one.
- **Remove:** Uninstall a plugin if it is no longer needed.

To manage plugins:

1. Navigate to the **Plugin Management** section.
2. Select the plugin you want to manage.
3. Use the available options to update, deactivate, or remove the plugin.

## 7.7 Best Practices for Plugin Development

When developing plugins for FlowCore BPM, consider the following best practices:

- Ensure that your plugin adheres to the `PluginInterface` specification to maintain compatibility with the core system.
- Test your plugin thoroughly in a development environment before deploying it in production.
- Use version control for your plugins to track changes and maintain compatibility with future versions of FlowCore BPM.
- Keep plugins modular and focused on a single functionality to maintain system stability and performance.
- Document the plugin thoroughly so that users know how to configure and use it effectively.

## 7.8 Troubleshooting Plugins

If a plugin does not work as expected, check the following:

- **Compatibility:** Ensure the plugin is compatible with the version of FlowCore BPM you are using.
- **Logs:** Check the system logs for any error messages related to the plugin. The logs can provide valuable information for debugging.
- **Dependencies:** Verify that any external dependencies required by the plugin (such as APIs or libraries) are correctly installed and configured.
- **Permissions:** Ensure that the plugin has the necessary permissions to execute within the system.





# Chapter 8

## Troubleshooting and Support

### 8.1 Overview

While FlowCore BPM is designed to be robust and reliable, issues may occasionally arise. This chapter provides guidance on troubleshooting common problems and finding additional support. Topics covered include diagnosing issues with workflows, plugins, system performance, and accessing logs.

### 8.2 Common Issues and Solutions

#### 8.2.1 Issue: Workflow Not Executing Properly

If a workflow is not executing as expected, follow these steps to troubleshoot the issue:

1. Verify that all tasks in the workflow are properly configured and assigned to the correct users or roles.
2. Check if any dependencies or business rules are causing delays or blocking task execution.
3. Ensure that the workflow is in the **Active** state. A workflow in the **Draft** or **Paused** state will not execute.
4. Review the workflow history to see if there are any errors or warnings related to task completion or system performance.
5. Check the system logs for error messages related to the workflow. The logs can provide insights into specific issues that may be affecting the workflow.

### 8.2.2 Issue: Plugin Not Working as Expected

If a plugin is not functioning correctly:

1. Ensure the plugin has been installed correctly and activated in the **Plugin Management** section.
2. Check the plugin version and confirm that it is compatible with your version of FlowCore BPM.
3. Review the plugin configuration to verify that any required external dependencies (e.g., APIs or libraries) are properly set up.
4. Check the system logs for error messages related to the plugin. Logs often contain useful information for diagnosing plugin issues.
5. If the plugin was custom developed, confirm that it implements the required **PluginInterface** correctly.

### 8.2.3 Issue: Slow System Performance

If FlowCore BPM is running slowly:

1. Check the system resource usage (CPU, memory, disk space) to ensure that the server has sufficient capacity to handle the current workload.
2. Review the number of active workflows and tasks. High volumes of tasks or large workflows can cause performance issues if the system is not scaled properly.
3. Review the configuration settings, especially for memory usage and database connections, to ensure they are optimized for your deployment.
4. Check the system logs for any warnings or errors related to performance.
5. Consider scaling the system by adding more resources (e.g., additional CPU or RAM) or deploying FlowCore BPM on a distributed system like AWS EKS to handle increased load.

### 8.2.4 Issue: Unable to Access the System

If users are unable to access FlowCore BPM:

1. Verify that the server hosting FlowCore BPM is online and properly configured.
2. Check network connectivity to ensure that there are no firewall or network issues blocking access to the server.
3. Confirm that the correct URL or IP address is being used to access the system.
4. Ensure that the database is online and that FlowCore BPM can connect to it. Database connection issues can prevent users from logging in.
5. Review user roles and permissions to ensure that the user has access to the system. If two-factor authentication (2FA) is enabled, confirm that the user has correctly set up and authenticated with 2FA.

## 8.3 Viewing System Logs

System logs provide a valuable source of information when diagnosing issues with FlowCore BPM. The logs contain details about workflow execution, plugin errors, and system performance.

### 8.3.1 Accessing Logs

To view system logs:

1. Log in as an administrator.
2. Navigate to the **System Logs** section under **Security Settings**.
3. Choose the type of logs you want to view (e.g., **Error Logs**, **Audit Logs**, **Performance Logs**).
4. Use the filters to narrow down the log entries by date, user, or event type.

Logs are available for export in various formats, including plain text and CSV, to allow further analysis with external tools.

## 8.4 System Health Monitoring

FlowCore BPM includes basic monitoring tools to track the health of the system. Administrators can view metrics such as CPU usage, memory usage, and task load to identify potential performance bottlenecks.

### 8.4.1 Monitoring System Health

To monitor system health:

1. Navigate to the **System Health** dashboard under **Admin Settings**.
2. View the current system resource usage (CPU, memory, disk) in real-time.
3. Check the **Task Load** to see how many tasks are currently being processed.
4. Set alerts to notify administrators when resource usage exceeds predefined thresholds.

## 8.5 Contacting Support

For additional support, the following options are available:

### 8.5.1 Community Support

FlowCore BPM is open-source, and users can get support from the community by:

- Posting questions and issues on the FlowCore BPM GitHub repository.
- Engaging with other users and developers on online forums, such as Stack Overflow or community discussion boards.

### 8.5.2 Professional Support

For organizations that require professional support:

- Contact the FlowCore BPM support team via the official website or email.
- Consider purchasing a support package, which includes priority issue resolution, system maintenance, and custom development services.

## 8.6 FAQs

### 8.6.1 1. What do I do if a workflow is stuck in progress?

Check the task dependencies and ensure all preceding tasks have been completed. Review the workflow logs for any errors and check if there are any business rules delaying the workflow.

### 8.6.2 2. How can I reset my password?

If you forget your password, click on **Forgot Password** at the login screen. Follow the prompts to reset your password via email. If 2FA is enabled, you may need to verify your identity with a verification code.

### 8.6.3 3. Can I integrate FlowCore BPM with third-party tools?

Yes, FlowCore BPM supports integration with external services via plugins and APIs. You can develop custom plugins or use the RESTful API to connect FlowCore BPM with other applications such as CRMs, ERP systems, and AI models.



# Chapter 9

## Advanced Configuration and Customization

### 9.1 Overview

FlowCore BPM is highly configurable and can be customized to meet the specific needs of your organization. This chapter explains how to configure advanced settings such as system performance tuning, database management, API customization, and system integrations. Additionally, it covers how to personalize the user interface and workflows.

### 9.2 System Performance Tuning

For organizations with large volumes of tasks and workflows, it is important to optimize the system's performance to ensure smooth operation. FlowCore BPM provides several configuration options to help improve performance.

#### 9.2.1 Memory Usage Optimization

To optimize memory usage:

1. Navigate to the **System Settings** section.
2. Under **Performance Tuning**, adjust the memory allocation for key components such as the workflow engine and the database cache.
3. Increase memory limits for systems with high loads or decrease them for systems with limited resources.

4. Save the changes and restart the system to apply the new memory settings.

### 9.2.2 Database Connection Pooling

For improved database performance, FlowCore BPM supports connection pooling, which reduces the overhead of establishing new database connections for each query.

1. Navigate to the **Database Settings** section.
2. Enable **Connection Pooling**.
3. Set the minimum and maximum number of connections in the pool.
4. Save the configuration and monitor the database performance over time.

### 9.2.3 Task Execution Parallelism

By default, FlowCore BPM processes tasks sequentially. For workflows with a large number of independent tasks, you can enable parallel task execution.

1. Go to the **System Settings** section and locate **Task Execution Settings**.
2. Enable **Parallel Task Execution**.
3. Set the number of parallel tasks that can be executed simultaneously based on your system's hardware capacity.
4. Save the configuration.

## 9.3 Customizing APIs

FlowCore BPM offers a RESTful API that can be customized to fit your organization's needs. You can modify existing API endpoints or create new ones to integrate with external systems.



### 9.3.1 Modifying API Endpoints

To modify API endpoints:

1. Navigate to the **API Settings** section.
2. Select the API endpoint you want to modify.
3. Make the necessary changes, such as updating authentication methods, adding request validation, or modifying response formats.
4. Save the changes and redeploy the API service.

### 9.3.2 Creating New API Endpoints

If the existing API does not meet your needs, you can create custom endpoints:

1. Go to the **API Settings** section.
2. Click on **Create New Endpoint**.
3. Define the URL path, HTTP method (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE), and any required parameters.
4. Implement the business logic for the new endpoint using FlowCore BPM's API framework.
5. Test the endpoint using API testing tools such as Postman, and deploy the changes.

## 9.4 Customizing the User Interface

FlowCore BPM's user interface can be customized to match your organization's branding and user preferences. This includes changing colors, logos, and layouts, as well as adding custom UI components.

### 9.4.1 Changing the Branding

To apply your organization's branding to FlowCore BPM:

1. Navigate to the **UI Customization** section.
2. Upload your organization's logo, which will replace the default FlowCore BPM logo in the header.

3. Select your brand colors for the interface, including the primary color, secondary color, and accent colors.
4. Preview the changes and apply them.

### 9.4.2 Customizing Layouts

FlowCore BPM allows you to customize the layout of key components such as dashboards and task views:

1. Go to the **UI Layout Settings** section.
2. Choose the component you want to customize (e.g., **Dashboard**, **Task List**).
3. Use the drag-and-drop layout editor to move, resize, or hide elements based on user preferences.
4. Save the layout and apply it to all users or specific user roles.

### 9.4.3 Adding Custom UI Components

For advanced customization, you can add custom UI components to the interface:

1. Navigate to the **Custom Components** section.
2. Use the built-in editor to create a new component, such as a data visualization widget or a custom form.
3. Define the functionality and appearance of the component using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
4. Integrate the custom component into the desired UI section (e.g., dashboards, task views).
5. Save and deploy the new component.

## 9.5 Custom Business Rules

FlowCore BPM's Business Rules Engine allows organizations to create custom business rules that enforce organizational policies, automate decisions, and trigger specific actions in workflows.

### 9.5.1 Creating Custom Business Rules

To create a custom business rule:

1. Navigate to the **Business Rules** section under **System Settings**.
2. Click **Create Rule**.
3. Define the rule conditions (e.g., “If task completion time exceeds 48 hours, escalate to manager”).
4. Specify the actions to be taken when the rule is triggered (e.g., send notification, reassign task).
5. Save the rule, and it will be applied automatically to the relevant workflows.

### 9.5.2 Managing Business Rules

To manage existing business rules:

1. Navigate to the **Business Rules** section.
2. Select the rule you want to update or delete.
3. Make the necessary changes and save the rule, or click **Delete** to remove it from the system.

## 9.6 Integrating with External Services

FlowCore BPM supports integration with external services, such as CRM systems, databases, and third-party APIs, allowing for seamless data exchange and automation.

### 9.6.1 Setting Up Integrations

To set up an external integration:

1. Go to the **Integration Settings** section.
2. Select the type of service you want to integrate (e.g., **CRM**, **External Database**, **API**).
3. Enter the connection details, such as API keys, database credentials, or OAuth tokens.

4. Test the integration to ensure the connection is working properly.
5. Save the integration and start using it in your workflows.

### 9.6.2 Using Integrations in Workflows

Once an integration is set up, it can be used within workflows to automate data retrieval and updates:

1. Navigate to the workflow where you want to use the integration.
2. Select the task that will interact with the external service.
3. Configure the task to retrieve or send data through the integration (e.g., fetching customer data from a CRM or submitting information to an external API).
4. Save the changes and execute the workflow to test the integration.

## 9.7 Backup and Recovery

To protect your data and configurations, FlowCore BPM includes backup and recovery options that allow you to restore the system in case of a failure or data corruption.

### 9.7.1 Scheduling Automatic Backups

To schedule automatic backups:

1. Go to the **Backup Settings** section.
2. Enable **Automatic Backups**.
3. Set the frequency for backups (e.g., daily, weekly).
4. Specify the backup location (e.g., local server, cloud storage).
5. Save the settings.

### 9.7.2 Performing a Manual Backup

To perform a manual backup:

1. Navigate to the **Backup Settings** section.
2. Click **Backup Now**.
3. Confirm the backup location and initiate the process.

### 9.7.3 Restoring from a Backup

To restore from a backup:

1. Go to the **Backup Settings** section.
2. Click **Restore Backup**.
3. Select the backup file you want to restore from.
4. Confirm the restore action and wait for the system to complete the process.



# Chapter 10

## Workflow Case Studies and Best Practices

### 10.1 Overview

FlowCore BPM is a versatile tool that can be applied across various industries and use cases. This chapter presents real-world case studies where FlowCore BPM was used to solve business challenges, streamline processes, and improve efficiency. Additionally, it outlines best practices for designing and managing workflows effectively.

### 10.2 Case Study 1: Automating Invoice Approval in a Finance Department

#### 10.2.1 Background

A mid-sized company's finance department was struggling to manage the manual processing of invoices. The team spent significant time handling paper-based approvals, leading to delays and errors. The company wanted a solution to automate invoice approval, ensure compliance, and reduce manual intervention.

#### 10.2.2 Solution

Using FlowCore BPM, the company designed an **Invoice Approval Workflow**. Key features of the workflow included:

- Automated assignment of approval tasks based on invoice amount.

- A parallel task system for manager approval and finance team verification.
- Integration with the company's document management system to attach and manage invoices.
- Notifications for overdue approvals and automatic escalation to senior management.

### 10.2.3 Outcome

The automation of the invoice approval process led to a 40% reduction in processing time. The workflow ensured that invoices were processed promptly, reducing delays and improving vendor relationships. Compliance was maintained through audit trails and documentation, making it easier for the finance department to track approvals.

## 10.3 Case Study 2: Managing IT Support Tickets in a Tech Company

### 10.3.1 Background

A technology company was experiencing challenges with managing IT support tickets. The IT team received hundreds of requests daily, leading to bottlenecks in response times and inconsistent ticket resolution.

### 10.3.2 Solution

FlowCore BPM was implemented to create an **IT Support Ticket Workflow**, which included:

- Automated ticket creation based on user inputs via a form.
- Ticket categorization (e.g., software issues, hardware issues) and automatic assignment to the relevant team.
- SLA tracking to monitor ticket resolution times and notify team members of upcoming deadlines.
- Analytics to track ticket resolution times and identify recurring issues.



### 10.3.3 Outcome

The company experienced a 50% improvement in response times and a significant reduction in ticket backlog. The analytics helped identify the most frequent issues, allowing the IT team to prioritize problem areas and provide better support.

## 10.4 Case Study 3: Employee Onboarding in an HR Department

### 10.4.1 Background

An HR department was manually managing employee onboarding processes, resulting in delays and inconsistencies. The department needed a more structured and automated approach to onboard new hires efficiently while ensuring compliance with company policies.

### 10.4.2 Solution

FlowCore BPM was used to automate the **Employee Onboarding Workflow**. Key steps included:

- Automatic task creation for setting up accounts, sending welcome emails, and assigning training sessions.
- Parallel task execution for different departments (IT, Finance, HR) to ensure timely completion of onboarding activities.
- Integration with the company's payroll system to automatically add new hires to payroll.
- Document management for uploading and signing HR-related forms.

### 10.4.3 Outcome

The onboarding process was streamlined, reducing the average onboarding time by 30%. Each department knew exactly what tasks needed to be completed, improving coordination. New employees received timely support, helping them settle into their roles faster.

## **10.5 Best Practices for Workflow Design**

### **10.5.1 1. Start Simple and Scale Gradually**

When creating workflows, start with the basic tasks and actions, and gradually scale the workflow to include more advanced features, such as business rules and integrations. This helps ensure that the workflow works as expected before adding complexity.

### **10.5.2 2. Clearly Define Roles and Responsibilities**

Each task in a workflow should have a clearly defined owner. Assign roles based on responsibility to ensure that tasks are completed promptly and that accountability is maintained. Using FlowCore BPM's role-based access control, you can assign specific permissions to users based on their roles.

### **10.5.3 3. Utilize Notifications and Alerts**

Leverage FlowCore BPM's notification system to keep stakeholders informed about task deadlines, workflow status changes, and approvals. Set up automatic reminders to prevent tasks from being overlooked.

### **10.5.4 4. Monitor Workflow Performance with Analytics**

Use FlowCore BPM's built-in analytics tools to monitor the performance of workflows and tasks. Regularly review metrics such as task completion rates, workflow durations, and overdue tasks to identify bottlenecks and areas for improvement.

### **10.5.5 5. Integrate with External Systems for Efficiency**

Integrate FlowCore BPM with external systems such as CRM, ERP, or document management solutions to improve the flow of data and reduce manual work. Seamless integration ensures that information is shared across platforms, reducing duplication and errors.

### **10.5.6 6. Implement Business Rules for Automation**

Make use of business rules to automate decision-making processes within workflows. For example, set rules that escalate overdue tasks or reroute tasks based on user availability.

### **10.5.7 7. Regularly Review and Optimize Workflows**

Periodically review workflows to ensure they are still meeting business needs. Look for opportunities to optimize by removing unnecessary steps, automating manual tasks, or introducing parallel task execution.

## **10.6 Avoiding Common Workflow Pitfalls**

### **10.6.1 1. Overcomplicating Workflows**

Avoid making workflows too complex. Overcomplicated workflows can confuse users and lead to inefficiencies. Instead, focus on creating clear, logical task flows that can be easily followed.

### **10.6.2 2. Not Using Task Dependencies**

Ensure that task dependencies are properly set up to prevent tasks from being executed out of order. Defining clear dependencies ensures that tasks are completed in the correct sequence.

### **10.6.3 3. Failing to Test Workflows Before Deployment**

Before deploying workflows in a live environment, thoroughly test them with sample data to ensure they function as expected. Testing helps identify issues such as misconfigured tasks, incorrect notifications, and workflow loops.

### **10.6.4 4. Ignoring Workflow Analytics**

Analytics provide valuable insights into workflow efficiency. Ignoring analytics means missing out on key opportunities for improvement. Regularly monitor workflow performance and use data to optimize processes.



# Chapter 11

## Future Enhancements and Roadmap

### 11.1 Overview

FlowCore BPM is designed to evolve with the changing needs of businesses and technology. This chapter outlines the future enhancements planned for FlowCore BPM, focusing on new features, technological advancements, and system improvements. The roadmap includes both short-term and long-term goals aimed at making FlowCore BPM more powerful, scalable, and user-friendly.

### 11.2 Planned Enhancements

#### 11.2.1 1. AI-Driven Workflow Optimization

As businesses become more data-driven, there is an increasing need to incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) into process management. One of the future enhancements for FlowCore BPM is the integration of AI-driven workflow optimization. This feature will analyze historical data to predict bottlenecks, recommend workflow adjustments, and optimize task assignments based on workload and resource availability.

#### 11.2.2 2. Enhanced Mobile Interface

While FlowCore BPM already supports a mobile interface, future updates will focus on creating a more feature-rich mobile experience. This includes:

- Real-time task tracking and notifications on mobile devices.

- Full mobile access to workflow creation and management features.
- Offline mode to allow users to manage tasks without requiring a continuous internet connection.

### **11.2.3 3. Integration with Blockchain for Audit Trails**

As blockchain technology continues to grow in importance, FlowCore BPM plans to integrate blockchain capabilities to enhance audit trails. This will provide immutable and transparent records of workflow changes, task completion, and decision-making processes. Blockchain-powered audit trails will offer improved security and regulatory compliance for businesses in industries such as finance, healthcare, and legal.

### **11.2.4 4. Advanced Analytics and Machine Learning Insights**

Future versions of FlowCore BPM will include more advanced analytics capabilities, such as predictive analytics and deeper insights into task performance and workflow efficiency. Machine learning models will be integrated to provide real-time insights into process performance, task delays, and user productivity trends, helping businesses identify and resolve inefficiencies.

### **11.2.5 5. No-Code Workflow Builder**

To make workflow creation more accessible to non-technical users, FlowCore BPM will introduce a no-code workflow builder. This drag-and-drop interface will allow users to build complex workflows without writing any code. Business users will be able to automate processes quickly, reducing reliance on developers and accelerating process automation.

### **11.2.6 6. Improved Collaboration Tools**

As remote and hybrid work environments become the norm, FlowCore BPM will enhance its collaboration tools. Features such as real-time task chat, collaborative document editing, and video conferencing integrations will allow teams to collaborate more effectively within workflows. These tools will help bridge the gap between remote team members, ensuring seamless communication and task management.

### **11.2.7 7. Multilingual Support and Localization**

To support global organizations, FlowCore BPM will add comprehensive multilingual support, allowing users to interact with the system in their native language. Localization features will be enhanced to support various date formats, currencies, and regional settings, ensuring that FlowCore BPM can be effectively deployed across different regions.

## **11.3 Long-Term Goals**

### **11.3.1 1. Cloud-Native Optimization**

While FlowCore BPM can already be deployed in cloud environments, future updates will focus on optimizing the system for cloud-native architectures. This includes improving support for serverless computing (e.g., AWS Lambda) and better integration with cloud-native services such as Kubernetes and Docker for easier scaling and cost management.

### **11.3.2 2. AI-Powered Process Automation**

In the long term, FlowCore BPM aims to fully leverage AI to power process automation. This will include:

- Automatically generating workflows based on business data and objectives.
- Real-time AI decision-making to reroute tasks based on priority and resource availability.
- AI-driven task assignment, which will dynamically assign tasks to users based on their current workload, skill set, and performance history.

### **11.3.3 3. Full Integration with Internet of Things (IoT) Devices**

As IoT continues to expand, FlowCore BPM plans to integrate IoT devices into workflows. This will enable businesses to automate tasks based on real-time data from connected devices. For example, an IoT-connected machine on a factory floor could automatically trigger maintenance workflows when performance metrics fall outside the normal range.

### 11.3.4 4. Voice-Controlled Workflow Management

Voice interfaces are becoming more prevalent in enterprise systems. In the future, FlowCore BPM will support voice-activated workflow management. Users will be able to create, assign, and track tasks using voice commands, making it easier to manage workflows in hands-free or mobile environments.

## 11.4 Community and Open-Source Contributions

FlowCore BPM is committed to remaining open-source and encourages contributions from the community. The future development of FlowCore BPM will involve greater collaboration with developers worldwide, allowing new features and improvements to be introduced more quickly. Community feedback will play a critical role in shaping the roadmap, ensuring that FlowCore BPM continues to meet the needs of its users.

### 11.4.1 Getting Involved in Development

Contributors can get involved in the development of FlowCore BPM by:

- Submitting feature requests and bug reports via the FlowCore BPM GitHub repository.
- Contributing code to core features or creating plugins and integrations.
- Participating in community discussions and sharing ideas for future enhancements.
- Writing documentation, tutorials, or case studies to help others use FlowCore BPM effectively.

## 11.5 Conclusion

The roadmap for FlowCore BPM is focused on innovation and user empowerment. By introducing AI, enhancing mobile capabilities, integrating with cutting-edge technologies such as blockchain and IoT, and fostering a thriving open-source community, FlowCore BPM will continue to be at the forefront of business process management solutions. The planned enhancements and future goals ensure that FlowCore BPM will remain scalable, secure, and adaptable to the evolving needs of businesses across industries.



# Chapter 12

## Appendices

### 12.1 Glossary of Terms

Here are some common terms used in FlowCore BPM and their definitions:

- **Workflow:** A series of tasks or processes that are executed in a pre-defined order to achieve a specific business goal.
- **Task:** A single action or unit of work within a workflow.
- **Business Rule:** A condition or set of conditions that govern how workflows and tasks are executed.
- **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC):** A system of managing user permissions based on their role within the organization.
- **Plugin:** A self-contained module that adds specific functionality to the FlowCore BPM system.
- **API (Application Programming Interface):** A set of protocols and tools that allows external systems to communicate with FlowCore BPM.
- **Audit Trail:** A record of all activities performed by users within the system, used for tracking changes and ensuring accountability.

### 12.2 References and Resources

Below are some helpful resources for further reading and learning more about BPM systems, plugins, and integrations:

- FlowCore BPM GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/FlowCoreBPM>
- Business Process Management Explained: <https://www.bpm.org/>
- Docker Documentation: <https://docs.docker.com/>
- Kubernetes Documentation: <https://kubernetes.io/docs/>
- RESTful API Best Practices: <https://restfulapi.net/>

## 12.3 Keyboard Shortcuts

For users working within the FlowCore BPM interface, the following keyboard shortcuts can help improve efficiency:

- **Ctrl + N**: Create a new workflow.
- **Ctrl + S**: Save the current task or workflow.
- **Ctrl + F**: Open the search bar to find a specific task or workflow.
- **Alt + D**: Go to the dashboard view.
- **Alt + T**: Open the tasks view.

## 12.4 Contact Information

For any inquiries or support, you can reach the FlowCore BPM team at:

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- Community Forum: <https://community.flowcorebpm.com>
- GitHub Issues: <https://github.com/FlowCoreBPM/issues>