

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims, if entered, will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

1-35. (Cancelled)

36. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

modeling a business process, wherein said modeling comprises

designing a process, wherein

said process represents a non-technical model of said business  
process,

said designing is performed using a non-technical user interface,  
and

said designing further comprises

identifying an element, wherein

said element is an insufficiently-defined element,

identifying a connector, wherein

said connector is an insufficiently-defined  
connector, and

receiving information, wherein

said information is configured to allow said

insufficiently-defined element and said

insufficiently-defined connector to be

completed,

in response to an indication that said process is complete, transferring

access to said process from said non-technical user interface to a  
technical user interface, **wherein**

**the technical user interface is configured to be used to complete**

**said insufficiently-defined element and said**

**insufficiently-defined connector,** and

implementing said process, wherein  
said implementing implements said process as a technical model of  
said business process, and  
said implementing is performed using said technical user interface.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said modeling further comprises:

editing said process, wherein  
said editing is performed using said non-technical user interface.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein  
said process is an existing process.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said modeling further comprises:

selecting said existing process from a plurality of existing processes, wherein  
a business process library comprises said existing processes.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said transferring comprises:

analyzing said process, wherein  
said analyzing is performed in response to said process being checked-in  
from said non-technical user interface;  
if a step is missing from said process, identifying said step as a missing step;  
if said process comprises a new element, identifying said new element; and  
if said process comprises a new connection, identifying said new connection.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, wherein said transferring further comprises:

if said missing step is identified, flagging said missing step;  
if said new element is identified, flagging said new element; and  
if said new connection is identified, flagging said new connection.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said implementing comprises:  
displaying a systems view of said process;  
determining whether an element needs to be added to said process; and  
if said element needs to be added to said process, indicating said element needs to be added to said process.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said implementing comprises:  
identifying an additional element, wherein  
said additional element is a non-executable element;  
identifying an additional connector, wherein  
said additional connector is a non-executable connector; and  
receiving additional information, wherein  
said additional information is configured to allow said non-executable element and said non-executable connector to be completed.

44. (**Currently Amended**) The method of claim 36, wherein said modeling further comprises:  
integrating said process with an external service, wherein  
said designing said process, comprises  
flagging said element, wherein said element is said  
insufficiently-defined element, and  
flagging said connector, wherein said connector is said  
insufficiently-defined connector, and  
said flagging of said element and said connector permits completion of  
said insufficiently-defined element and said insufficiently-  
defined connector respectively.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein said integrating comprises:

defining a source, wherein

said source defines a location of said external service, and

said source further defines an access mode for said external service;

defining a format, wherein

said format defines a first format for addressing said external service, and

said format further defines a second format to be used to transfer data

from said external service; and

defining a transform, wherein

said transform defines a transformation between said first format and said

second format.

46. **(Currently Amended)** A non-transitory computer program product comprising:

a plurality of instructions, comprising

a first set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to model a business process, wherein

said first set of instructions comprise

a first subset of instructions, executable on said computer

system, configured to design a process, wherein

said process represents a non-technical model of

said business process,

said designing is performed using a non-technical

user interface, and

said first subset of instructions comprise

instructions, executable on said computer

system, configured to identify an

element, wherein

said element is an insufficiently-defined

element,

instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to identify a connector, wherein said connector is an insufficiently-defined connector, and instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to receive information, wherein said information is configured to allow said insufficiently-defined element and said insufficiently-defined connector to be completed,

a second subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to transfer access to said process from said non-technical user interface to a technical user interface, in response to an indication that said process is complete, wherein

**the technical user interface is configured to be used to complete said insufficiently-defined element and said insufficiently-defined connector, and**

a third subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to implement said process, wherein said third set of instructions is configured to implement said process as a technical model of said business process, and said implementing is performed using said technical user interface, and

a computer readable storage medium, wherein said instructions are encoded in said computer readable storage medium.

47. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer program product of claim 46, wherein said further first set of instructions comprises:

- a fourth subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to edit said process, wherein  
said editing is performed using said non-technical user interface, and  
said process is an existing process; and
- a fifth subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to select said existing process from a plurality of existing processes, wherein a business process library comprises said existing processes.

48. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer program product of claim 46, wherein said second subset of instructions comprises:

- a first sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to analyzing said process, wherein  
said first sub-subset of instructions are executed in response to said  
process being checked-in from said non-technical user interface;
- a second sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to identify a step as a missing step, if said step is missing from said process;
- a third sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to identify a new element, if said process comprises said new element; and
- a fourth sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to identify a new connection, if said process comprises a new connection.

49. (**Currently Amended**) The non-transitory computer program product of claim 48, wherein said second subset of instructions further comprises:

- a fifth sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to flag said missing step, if said missing step is identified;
- a sixth sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to flag said new element, if said new element is identified; and

a seventh sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to flag said new connection, if said new connection is identified, **wherein**

**said flagging of said element and said connector permits completion of said insufficiently-defined element and said insufficiently-defined connector respectively.**

50. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer program product of claim 46, wherein said first set of instructions further comprises:

a fourth subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to display a systems view of said process;

a fifth subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to determine whether an element needs to be added to said process; and

a sixth subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to indicate said element needs to be added to said process, if said element needs to be added to said process.

51. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer program product of claim 46, wherein said first set of instructions further comprises:

a fourth subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to integrate said process with an external service, wherein said fourth subset of instructions comprises

a first sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to define a source, wherein said source defines a location of said external service, and said source further defines an access mode for said external service,

a second sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to define a format, wherein said format defines a first format for addressing said external service, and

said format further defines a second format to be used to  
transfer data from said external service, and  
a third sub-subset of instructions, executable on said computer  
system, configured to define a transform, wherein  
said transform defines a transformation between said first  
format and said second format.

52. **(Currently Amended)** A computing system comprising:  
a processor; and  
a computer-readable storage medium, wherein  
said computer-readable storage medium and said processor are coupled to  
one another,  
said computer-readable storage medium has instructions encoded therein,  
and  
said instructions are configured to cause said processor to perform  
modeling of a business process by virtue of said instructions  
comprising  
a non-technical interface module, wherein  
said non-technical interface module is configured to be  
employed in designing a process, wherein  
said designing further comprises  
identifying an element, wherein  
said element is an insufficiently-defined  
element,  
identifying a connector, wherein  
said connector is an insufficiently-  
defined connector, and  
receiving information, wherein  
said information is configured to allow  
said insufficiently-defined  
element and said insufficiently-



defined connector to be  
completed,  
said process represents a non-technical model of said business  
process, and  
said non-technical interface module is configured to generate a  
non-technical user interface,  
transfer and flagging logic, wherein  
said transfer and flagging logic and said non-technical interface  
module are coupled to one another, and  
said transfer and flagging logic is configured to transfer access  
to said process from said non-technical user interface to  
a technical user interface, in response to an indication  
that said process is complete, wherein  
the technical user interface is configured to be  
used to complete said insufficiently-  
defined element and said insufficiently-  
defined connector, and  
a technical interface module, wherein  
said technical interface module and said transfer and flagging  
logic are coupled to one another,  
said technical interface module is configured to implement said  
process as a technical model of said business process,  
and  
said technical interface module is configured to generate said  
technical user interface.

53. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 52, wherein said  
instructions further comprise:

check-in logic, wherein

said check-in logic and said non-technical interface module are coupled to  
one another, ~~and~~

said check-in logic is configured to generate said indication, upon said process being complete,

**said transfer and flagging logic, comprises**

**flagging said element, wherein said element is said**

**insufficiently-defined element, and**

**flagging said connector, wherein said connector is said**

**insufficiently-defined connector, and**

**said flagging of said element and said connector permits completion of**

**said insufficiently-defined element and said insufficiently-defined connector respectively.**

54. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said instructions further comprise:

validation logic, wherein

said validation logic is coupled to said check-in logic, said transfer and flagging logic, and said non-technical interface module, and said validation logic is configured to analyze said process by virtue of being configured to determine whether a step is missing from said process, whether said process comprises a new element, and whether said process comprises a new connection.

55. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 52, wherein said instructions further comprise:

integration logic, wherein

said integration logic and said technical interface module are coupled to one another, and

said integration logic is configured to integrate said process with an external service by virtual of being configured to define a source, wherein

said source defines a location of said external service, and

said source further defines an access mode for said external service,  
define a format, wherein  
said format defines a first format for addressing said external service, and  
said format further defines a second format to be used to transfer data from said external service, and  
define a transform, wherein  
said transform defines a transformation between said first format and said second format.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 36, further comprising:  
drilling down to a sub-process and to steps of the sub-process wherein  
said drilling down enables displaying and editing the steps of the sub-process.