King's Gambit Quest Workflow systems Process Mining 2024

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1 Description of the problem

This report presents the implementation of the King's Gambit quest from The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt [3] as a business process in jBPM. In this quest, Geralt aims to reach the Place of Power. He faces numerous dangers, including fistfights and a massacre by three berserkes. To adopt the quest to the business process, some facts from the original description have been altered. The source code for this project can be found at https://github.com/kapiblue/jbpm-witcher.

The basic data objects used in this implementation are Player and Game:



Figure 1: Player data object.

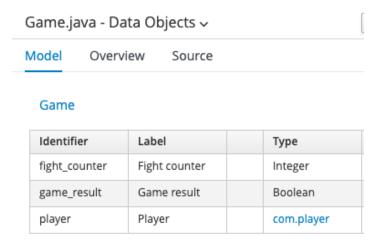


Figure 2: Game data object.

They store the basic information about the player (XP and Crowns – the money) and the state of the game (fight counter and game result). The initialization of these values is the responsibility of the administrator. In a similar spirit, the administrator evaluates the game results. Other necessary variables are specified as process data:



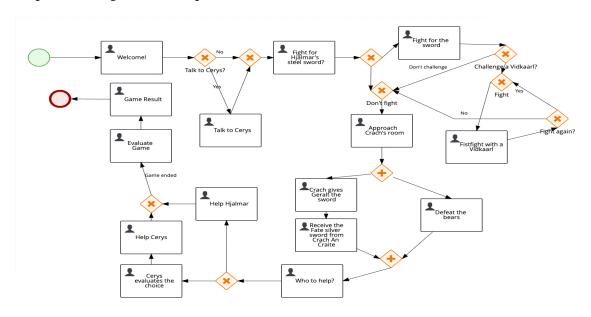
Figure 3: Process variables.

Thanks to the process variables, it is possible to collect decisions from the actors during execution. For example, if Geralt marks the 'Talk to Cerys' field in the form, based on this decision the process will move to the 'Talk to Cerys' block. All decisions are implemented in this way.

Most process variables are boolean, with the *fight_count* being an exception. The *fight_count* is a counter for fights with Vidkaarls during the process (up to three fights are allowed).

Discussions between actors are implemented using forms. The forms also provide general information about the setting and the events. Some of them are accompanied by images in HTML blocks. The image sources are [2] and [1].

The process diagram of the quest is shown below:



Each XOR decision has an associated process variable. For instance, the block shown below splits based on the value of *talk to cerys*:

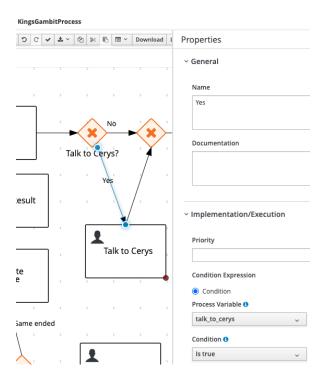


Figure 4: The Talk to Cerys XOR decision and the *talk_to_cerys* process variable. Marking the appropriate field in the form results in following the path highlighted in blue. Otherwise, the top arc is followed.

Finally, it is time to introduce the actors:

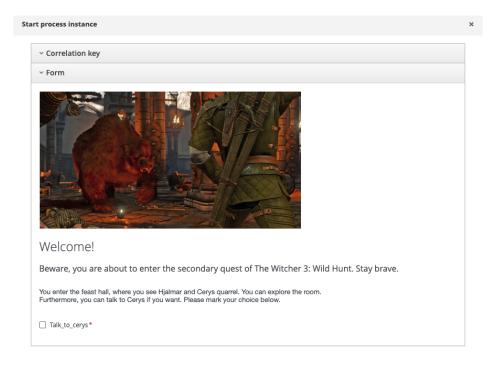
- Geralt The main actor. Most tasks are assigned to him.
- Cerys She gives Geralt advice and marks the game result as positive if Geralt chooses to help her.
- Crach An Craite He gives Geralt the Fate silver sword.
- Vidkaarl1, Vidkaarl2, Vidkaarl3 Vidkaarls that Geralt can challenge. They belong to the *Vidkaarls* group.
- Admin He fills in the game state form once the process is initialized by Geralt. He also evaluates the game at the end.

2 A sample business case

In this section, a sample business case is presented. It is the most extensive path available in the quest and the optional activities are accompanied by a [O] preceding the activity title.

2.1 Process initialization

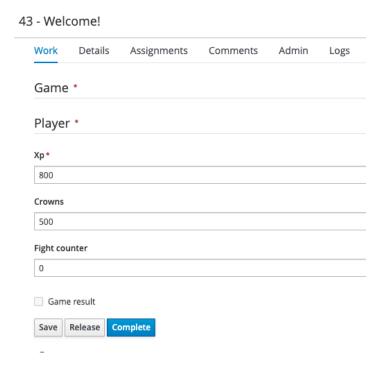
Geralt starts a new process instance. A form with the first decision appears.



Submit

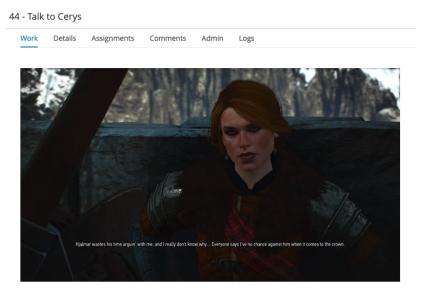
2.2 Welcome

This activity is performed by the administrator. It allows for the initialization of the game state.



2.3 [O] Talk to Cerys

The first optional activity. Cerys shares an enigmatic piece of advice. We will see that this becomes clearer later in the game.

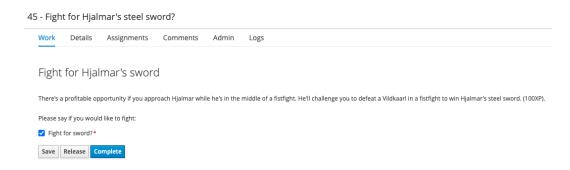


Hey, Geralt! Just one piece of advice from me: think who you help!

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2.4 Fight for Hjalmar's steel sword?

Another decision is to be made here. Optionally, Geralt may fight with a Vidkaarl to win Hjalmar's steel sword (and some XP, naturally).

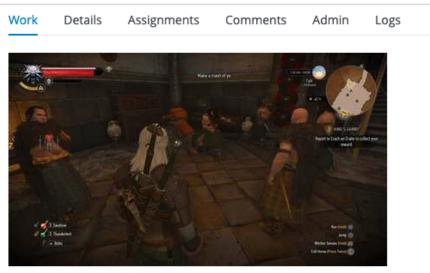


Geralt is brave and decides to accept the challenge.

2.5 [O] Fighting for the sword

After winning the fistfight, Geralt has a chance to fight with other Vidkaarls in a sequence of three fistfights. He agrees without hesitation.

46 - Fight for the sword



It was not an easy fight but...

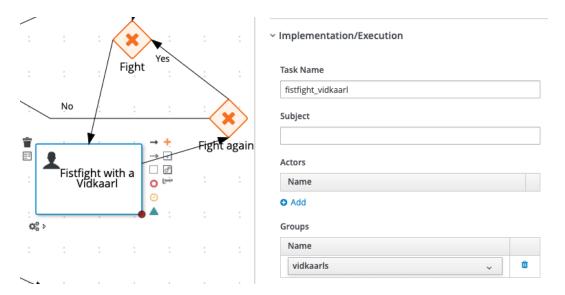
you defeated the Vidkaarl and you get 100 XP.

You can challenge other Vidkaarls now up to three times. Or you can walk to Cranch's room. Please mark your choice below.



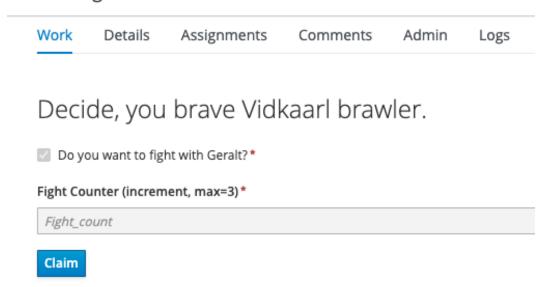
2.6 [O] Challenging Vidkaarls

These challenges are looped and assigned to the vidkaarl group:



Hence, any of the actors from this group can claim this task and fight. Each time the *fight_count* must be incremented.

47 - Fistfight with a Vidkaarl



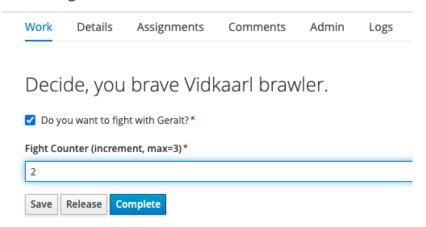
The first challenge is accepted by vidkaarl1.

47 - Fistfight with a Vidkaarl



Next, vidkaarl2 claims the task.

48 - Fistfight with a Vidkaarl



Finally, vidkaarl3.

49 - Fistfight with a Vidkaarl



This screenshot from the log once again demonstrates who performed the aforementioned tasks:



11 minutes ago

Task 'Fistfight with a Vidkaarl' (Human) node was COMPLETED

Details

Task data:

Updated On 27-Mar-2024 11:46:00 Created On 27-Mar-2024 11:45:23

ld 49

State Completed
Owner vidkaarl3

Description



12 minutes ago

Task 'Fistfight with a Vidkaarl' (Human) node was ENTERED

> Details



12 minutes ago

Task 'Fistfight with a Vidkaarl' (Human) node was COMPLETED

Details

Task data:

Updated On 27-Mar-2024 11:45:23 Created On 27-Mar-2024 11:44:45

ld 48

State Completed
Owner vidkaarl2

Description



13 minutes ago

Task 'Fistfight with a Vidkaarl' (Human) node was ENTERED

> Details



13 minutes ago

Task 'Fistfight with a Vidkaarl' (Human) node was COMPLETED

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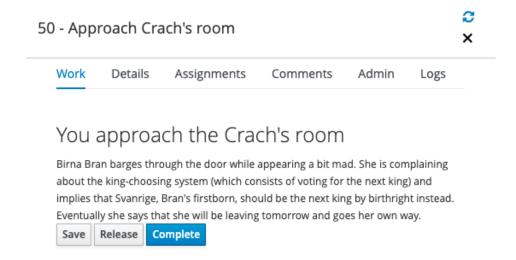
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State Completed
Owner vidkaarl1

Description

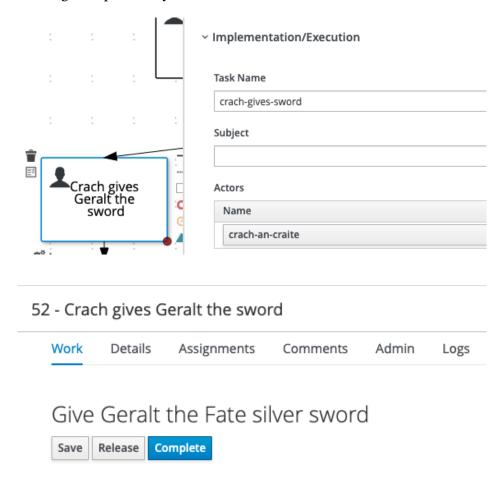
2.7 Approach Crach's room

Once fighting is finished, Geralt is ready to approach Crach's room. This is where the parallel activity begins.



2.8 Crach An Craite gives the sword to Geralt

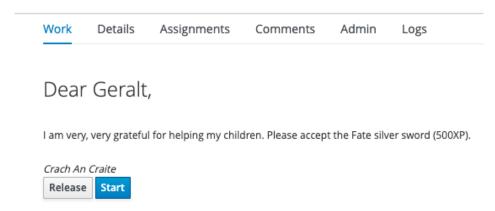
This task is assigned specifically to Crach An Craite.



2.9 Geralt receives the sword

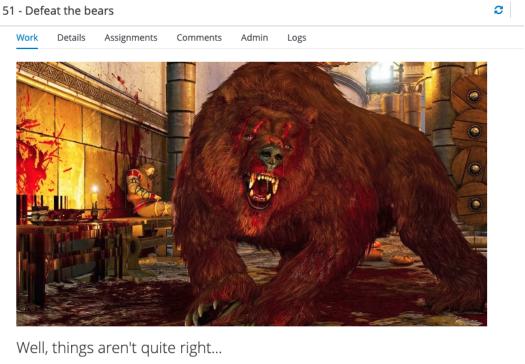
Well, not only the sword. He also gets 500 XP.

53 - Receive the Fate silver sword from Crach An Craite



2.10 Defeat the bears

Unfortunately, there is little time for the conversation with Crach.

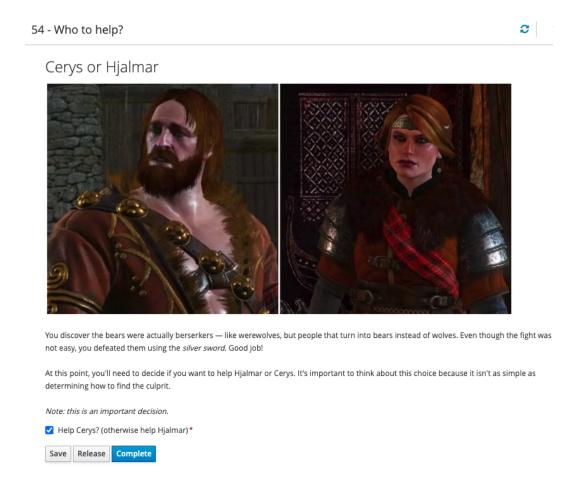


As Crach An Craite is giving you the sword, some people start to scream "Lu-gos! Lu-gos! Lu-gos!" and then suddenly, screams and a few roars are heard. You and Crach head for the feast hall and witness a massacre by three bears. You have to defeat the bears! (300 XP).



2.11 Who to help?

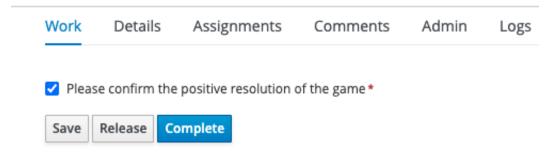
The parallel path joins here and thankfully Geralt is safe and sound. However, another decision is awaiting him.



2.12 Cerys evaluates the choice

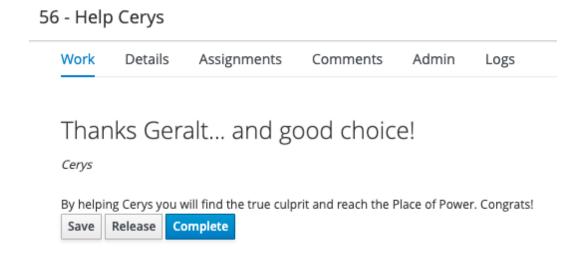
Here Cerys needs to log in and mark the field. Helping Cerys is the only way to win the game (although helping Hjalmar also completes the quest).

55 - Cerys evaluates the choice



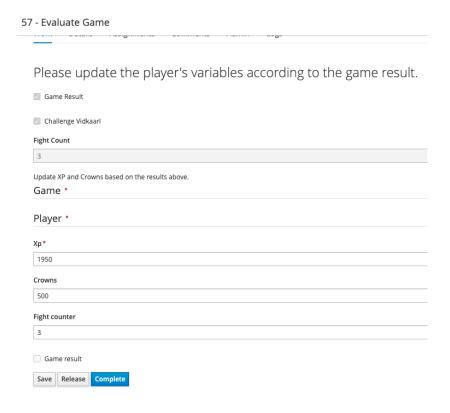
2.13 Help Cerys

In this block, Geralt learns that he reached the Place of Power.



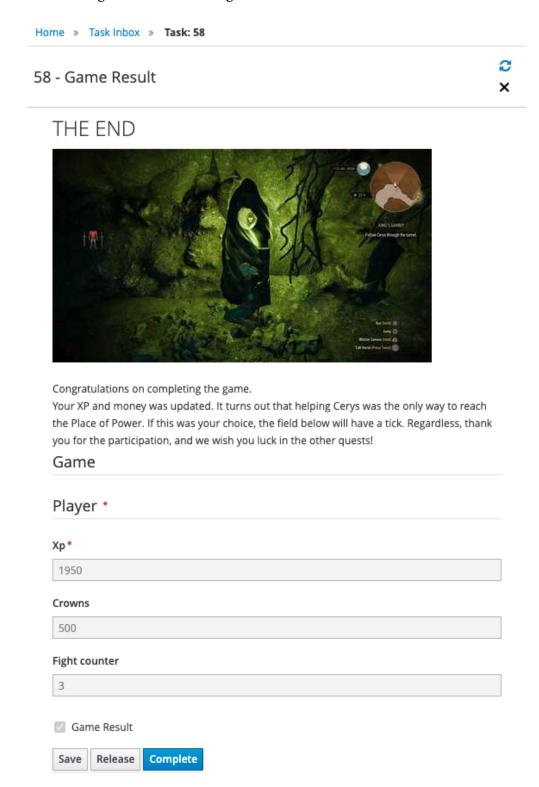
2.14 Game evaluation

This task must be performed by the administrator. The game state is updated based on the course of the game.



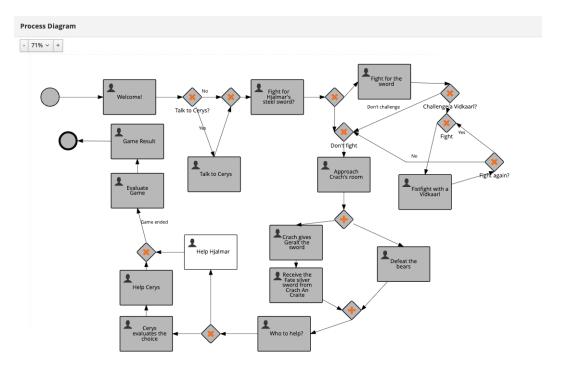
2.15 Game results

Finally, Geralt can learn the results of the game. The checkbox specifies whether there is a positive or a negative result of the game.



2.16 Diagram of the case

The path followed in the case is presented in the diagram below.



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