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CHECKLIST

- Download Bonita Camp resources from GitHub: https://github.com/Bonitasoft-Community/bonitacamp/releases
- Make sure that latest version of Studio is correctly installed (see exercises instructions)
- Install latest Oracle JDK 8
- Start the Studio and click on Portal button
- We recommend to use Chrome or Firefox as your default web browser for development

AGENDA

- Bonita solution
- Bonita components
- BPMN 2.0
- Data & Contracts
- Forms & Pages
- Actors
- Connectors
- Bonita applications
- Deployment

BONITA SOLUTION

- Lower the volume of code required to build an application
- Rely on models (e.g. BPMN diagrams) to define the application
- Models improve collaboration during the definition of the application
- Process oriented approach ease collaboration for process execution
- Track process execution for monitoring and optimization

BONITA COMPONENTS

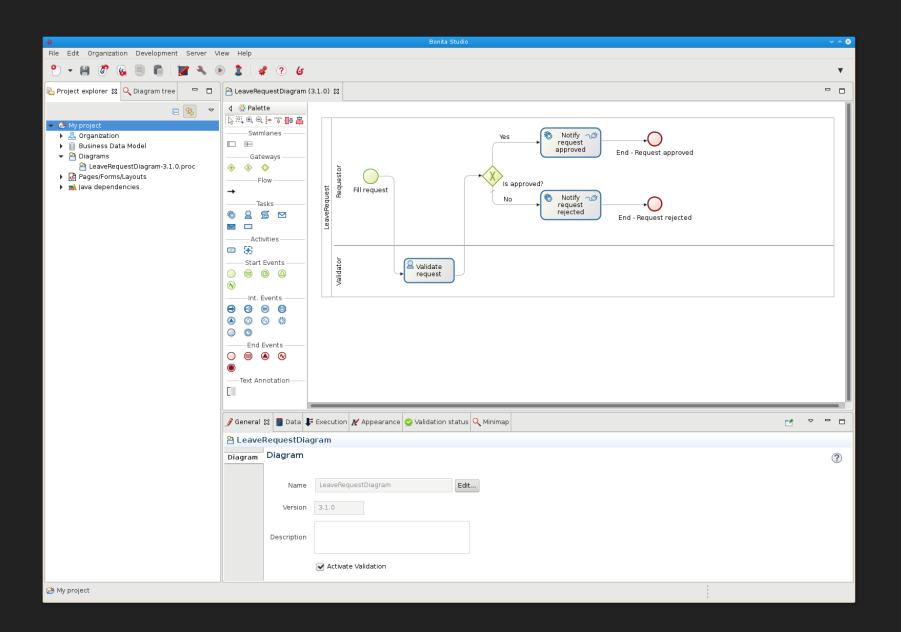
Four main components:

- Bonita Studio
- Bonita UI Designer
- Bonita Engine
- Bonita Portal

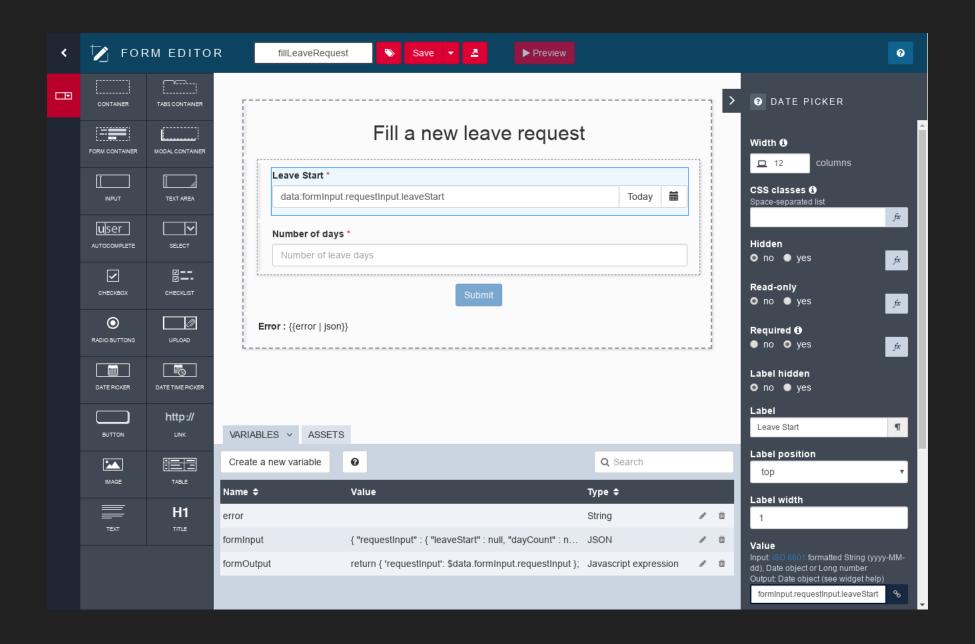
Engine + Portal: packaged in a single JEE web application (war)

Studio embeds a test environment with Tomcat + web application

BONITA STUDIO: PROCESS EDITOR



BONITA STUDIO: UI DESIGNER



BONITA ENGINE

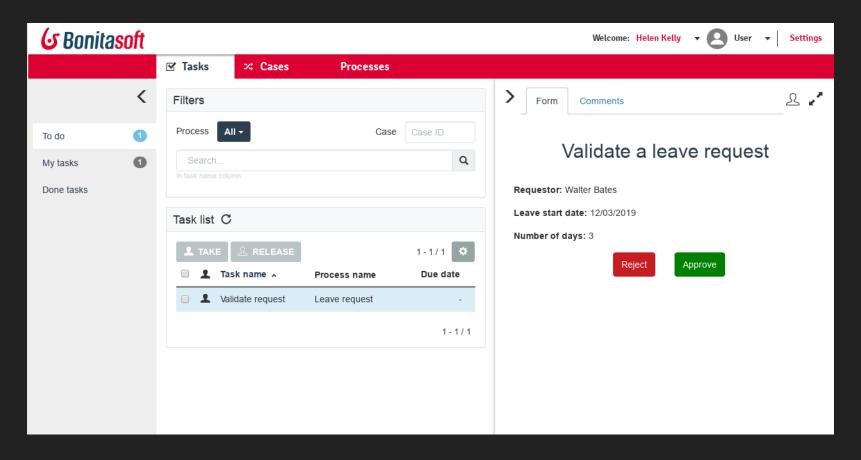
- In charge of process execution (no built-in UI)
- Expose REST APIs
- Based on Java SE 8
- Packaged with the Bonita Portal in a Java web application
- Requires:
 - A Java EE application server
 - A JDBC compliant transactional database

BONITA PORTAL

End user and administration web interface

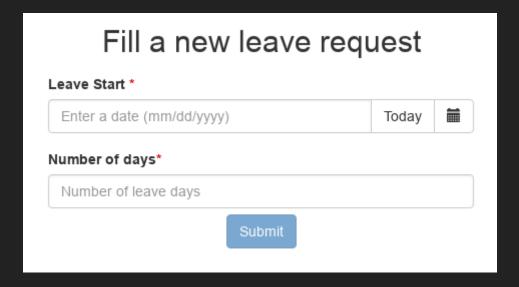
Displays the list of available tasks

Allows to deploy and configure processes



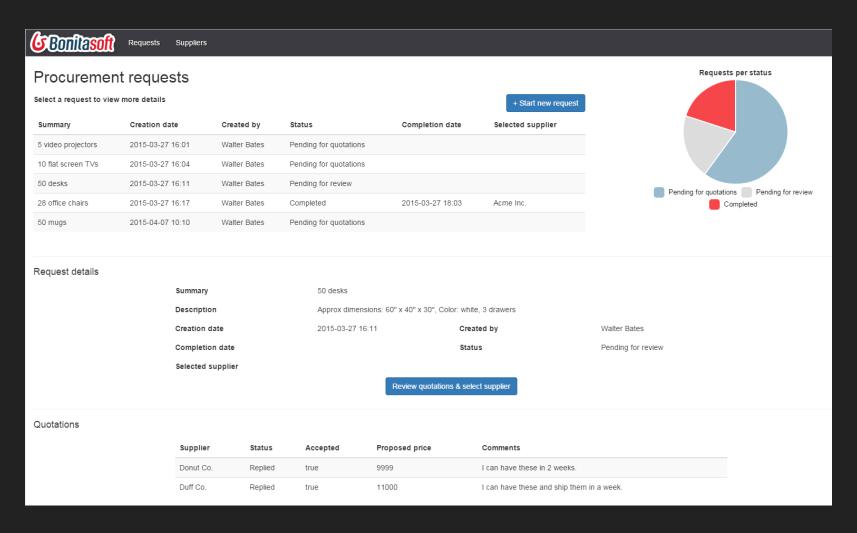
BONITA PORTAL: FORMS

- Renders forms created with UI Designer
- Forms are associated with process (instantiation) or human tasks
- Served by Bonita Portal



BONITA PORTAL: APPLICATIONS

Allows to deploy Business Applications composed of pages implemented with the UI Designer



BPMN 2.0

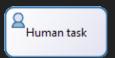
Standard notation (OMG) for process modeling Key elements:



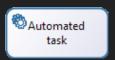
Pool: one pool per process



Start event: the begging of a process



Human task: when user is involved



Service task: automatically run by Engine



End event: trigger process archive

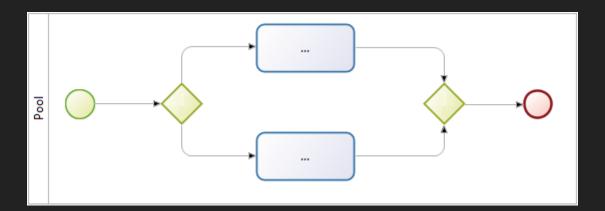


Transitions: used to link elements together

GATEWAYS

3 types of gateways:

- Exclusive
- Parallel
- Inclusive



- Conditions are defined on gateway outgoing transitions. No condition for parallel gateways
- Gateways should be placed in a symmetrical manner when possible to improve readability

EXERCISE 1

Modeling a basic process

If you don't already did it get instruction from GitHub:

https://github.com/Bonitasoft-Community/bonita-camp/releases

BDM: BUSINESS DATA MODEL

- Stores business data related to processes instances and/or applications
- Model defines objects to store business data
- Model is defined in the Studio
- From model Bonita generates Java classes (POJO) and creates database tables
- Persistence is managed by Engine

BDM: USAGE

- Declared in process definition business variables
- Create/Read/Update/Delete using: default values, operations, connectors...
- Can be shared among different process instances
- Lifecycle control by the developer
- APIs for read operations

FORM DATA

- Store and process data displayed and updated in UIs
- Accessible in the user web browser
- Can be any type of JavaScript objects
- Initialized and updated by: user inputs, REST API calls, JavaScript code
- Never persisted

DOCUMENTS

- Bonita provides a lightweight content management system
- References to documents are part of the process definition
- At runtime documents can be initialized, updated...
- Unlike BDM, documents are associated with a given process instance

CONTRACTS

Set of required inputs + validation rules

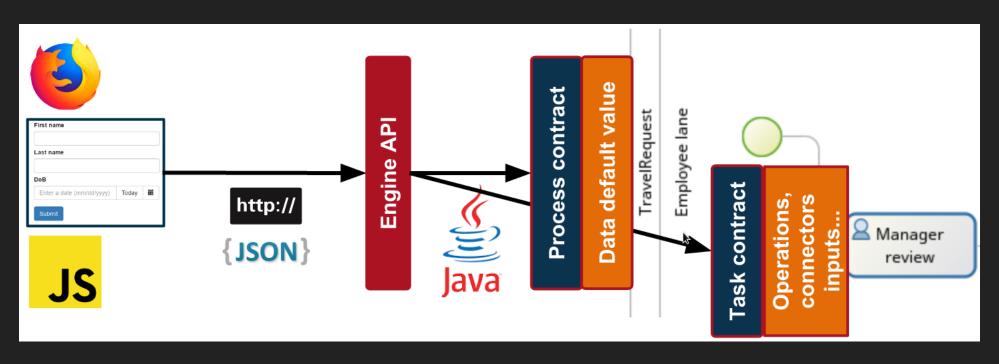
Data sent by forms must satisfy a contract in order to:

- Start a process
- Execute a human task

Contributes to the decoupling of process logic and user interface

ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW

Sending data from the form to the business variable



EXERCISE 2

Adding data and specifying contracts

FORMS

- Created with UI Designer with containers and widgets
- Based on AngularJS and Bootstrap
- Associated with tasks or process
- 2 types of forms:
 - Editable forms that must satisfy a contract
 - Process instantiation defined at pool level
 - Human tasks (no forms on service tasks)
 - Overview form (read-only) defined at pool level

PAGES

Build in the same way as a form

Main difference is the execution context:

- Forms have information about process definition or process instance and task instance
- Pages have no context information

Pages can get BDM and process information or trigger actions using REST APIs

Group several pages together with a menu in order to build an application

WIDGETS

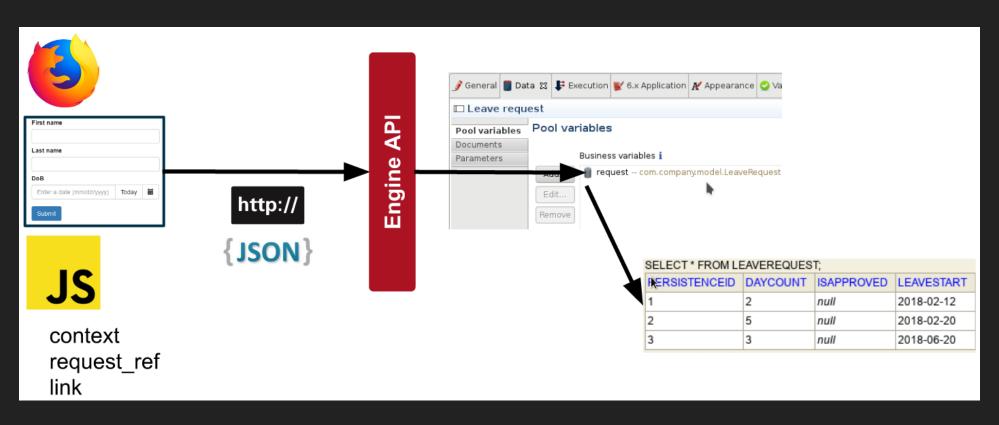
A set of widgets is available out of the box (text field, select, date picker...)

Custom widgets can be created with the UI Designer

You can also reuse contributions shared on community website

ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW

Display process variable in a form



EXERCISE 3

Creating forms

WHO CAN DO A TASK?

A set of users but protection against concurrent access is provided

2 options available for defining who can do a task:

- Actors
- Actors filters

Both options requires the user to be authenticated

User need to be known in Bonita user database

Support for LDAP, Active Directory, SAML V2, CAS, Kerberos includes in Enterprise Edition

ACTORS

- Declared one or several actors in process definition (just a name)
- Configured to associate an actor with users:
 - Directly to a set of specific users
 - Indirectly using groups and roles of users
- Map actor directly to the task or using a lane
- Actors cannot use "live data"

ACTOR FILTERS

- Name does not reflect what actor filter does
- Completely override the actor configuration
- Produce a list of users based on input information and an internal logic
- Executed when process reach a step to which the filter is mapped
- Can be "refresh" using Engine API

ACTORS VS ACTOR FILTERS

	Benefits	Limitations
Actors	Always up to date with organization	Mapping that can not rely on business/process data
Actor filters	Mapping that can be based on business/process data	Executed only once at task instantiation

WHO CAN START A PROCESS INSTANCE?

All users associated with the actor with "initiator" flag
Only one actor on a given process definition has this flag
For a given process instance the user who start it will be
registered as the initiator of the instance

EXERCISE 4

Configuring actors

CONNECTORS

- Allows processes to interact with IS (opposite of the Bonita APIs)
- A set of standard connectors is shipped in the Studio
- Custom connectors can be:
 - Implemented using the Studio or other Java IDEs
 - Imported from the Community website

EXERCISE 5

Using a connector to send an email

BPM-BASED APPLICATIONS

Combine processes together to handle a real business use case Respect the MVC design pattern:

- Model is the business data model
- View is a combination of pages and process forms
- Controller is a set of processes

Applications are deployed and hosted in Bonita Portal

EXERCISE 6

Create a leave request application

PROCESS DEPLOYMENT

Main steps for process deployment:

1. Process configuration Studio

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- 2. Bar file generation
- 3. Bar deployment
- 4. Process configuration
- 5. Process activation

APPLICATION DEPLOYMENT

Main steps for application deployment:

- 1. Export pages from UI Designer Studio
- 2. Export the application
- 3. Import pages as Resource
- 4. Import the application

Portal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Any questions? Please post them on Bonitasoft community website.

Extra Resources:

- Documentation documentation.bonitasoft.com
- Corporate Website bonitasoft.com
- Community community.bonitasoft.com
- GitHub github.com/bonitasoft