

# Defining and Diagramming Business Processes



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- Introduction
- Needs Analysis
- Desired Outcome
- Start and End Points
- Activities Performed
- What If
- Order of Activities
- People Involved
- Translate
- Adapt to Change



- Business Processes
- Business Process Modeling
- Language and Accuracy



- Necessary elements of your business process
  - What do you need your business process to accomplish?
  - What essential tasks must be completed?
- Keep this short and focused



- Expand on the Needs Analysis
- Set concrete goals
  - What would you like to accomplish?
  - What is the purpose of your business process?
- Create efficiencies
  - Which other goals do you have?



- Define your starting point
  - What event(s) start the process?
  - What other objects, information, and/or people are necessary to start the process?
- Define your end point
  - How do you know when the process has finished?



- Assess how your business process runs currently
  - What happens at each step in the business process?
  - What information is needed?
  - Who is involved?
- Ask why
  - Why is each action performed?
- Heart of the business process

Person	Action (verb)	How	Object	Other People	Information	Reason
Daniel	Marks	With a stamp	РО		Date and Serial Number	To categorize
Daniel	Sorts	Into piles	POs		Exception? Priority?	To find exceptions and priority POs
Daniel	Puts in interoffice mail	By hand	POs		Person to send to	To send to receiving managers



### Uncover exceptions

- What if someone fails to meet a deadline or is out of the office?
- What if someone is missing key information?
- What if people disagree whether to approve the document or not?

### Map out backup plans

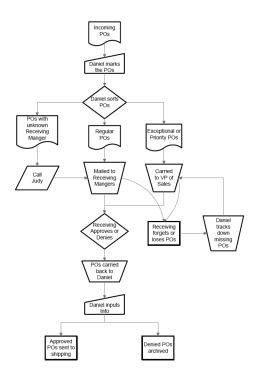
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Daniel	Marks	With a stamp	PO		Date and Serial Number	To categorize	What if Daniel is out of the office? What if he can't find the serial number? What if he loses the stamp?
Daniel	Sorts	Into piles	POs		Exception? Priority?	To find exceptions and priority POs	What if Daniel doesn't know if a PO is a priority or exception? What if he sorts wrong?



## **Order of Activities**

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- Put your activities in order
  - What happens first, second, third, etc.?
  - What steps can occur simultaneously?
  - What happens if some aspect of a step fails?
- Flow chart





- List out individuals involved
- Define their role
  - Who plays central role in the process?
  - Who is duplicating work?
  - Who does the workflow bottleneck with?



- Out with the old, in with the new
- Map it out in Laserfiche Workflow



Revisit and update

