

Getting Started with Workflow

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Audience

- Basic familiarity with the Laserfiche Client
- Basic familiarity with metadata
- (Relatively) new to Laserfiche Workflow

Plan

- Diagramming business processes
 - Breaking processes into steps
 - Diagramming processes
- Laserfiche Workflow
 - What is it?
 - What is it good for?
- Building a workflow
 - Basics of the Workflow Designer
 - Familiarity with key activities

Diagramming Business Processes



What is a business process?

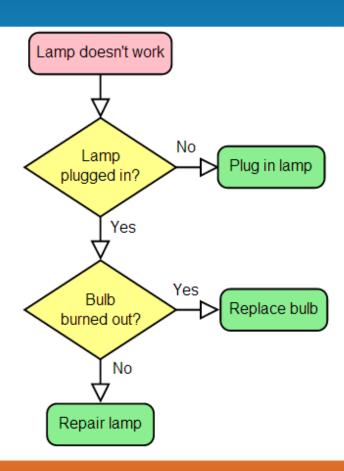
 A set of activities or tasks that accomplish a specific organizational goal

What is a business process diagram?

- A graphical representation for specifying business processes
- Shows steps as boxes
- Shows order with connecting arrows

What is it?

Flowchart

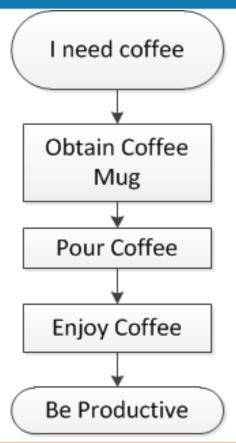


Why should I do it?

I am tired and I need coffee business process

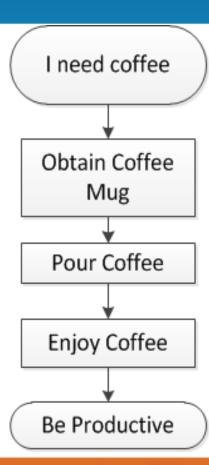
This process describes the activities involved in obtaining additional energy via caffeine for the body. The process is triggered when an individual requires caffeine as a stimulant to ensure high productivity, efficiency and performance. It is assumed that users are responsible for maintaining and cleaning the drinking utensils, coffee mugs in this case. Once a coffee mug is obtained the user will find their way to the coffee pot. With the coffee pot in hand, the coffee mug can now be filled with the caffeinated water. The user is now in possession of the much needed stimulant and can consume it as needed. The stimulant will take effect approximately 20 minutes after consumption, after which point the user can work to maximum potential.

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- 1. Due diligence
- 2. Improve the process
- 3. Translate to Laserfiche
- 4. Effective method of documentation

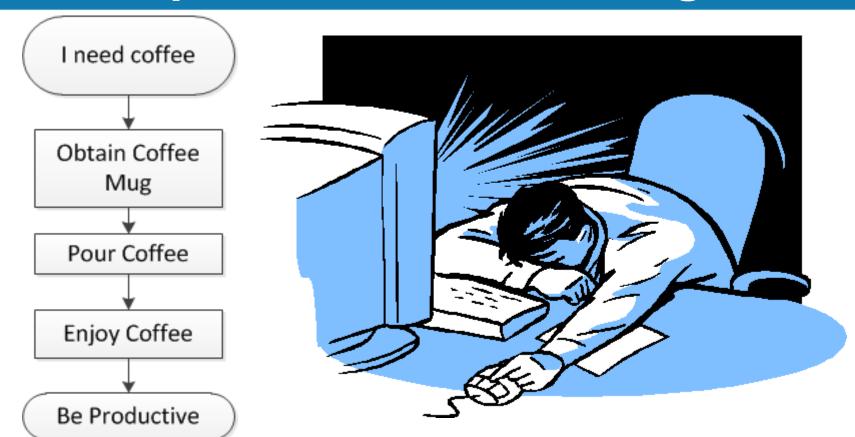


How?

- 1. Current state diagram
- 2. Interview(s)
- 3. Diagram process
- 4. Analysis

Repeat

How? Step 1 – Current state diagram



How? Step 2 – Interview(s)

- 1. Project owner(s)
- 2. IT
- 3. Participants

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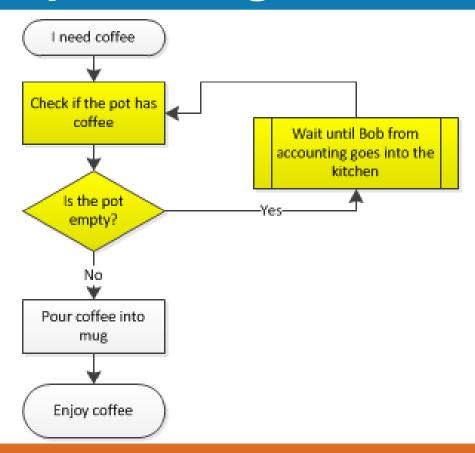
- Big picture
- Identify core requirements
- Identify nice to haves
- Identify limitations

How? Step 3 – Diagram Process

Add details to your last diagram

Information obtained in interviews

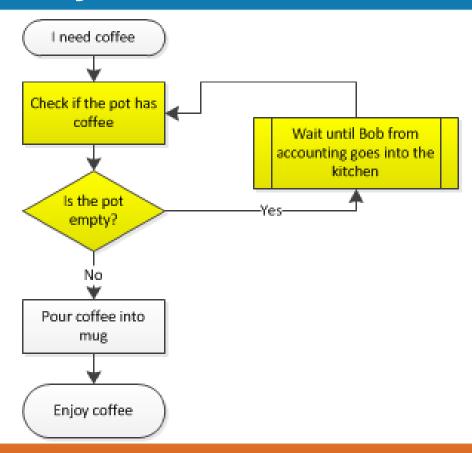
How? Step 3 – Diagram Process



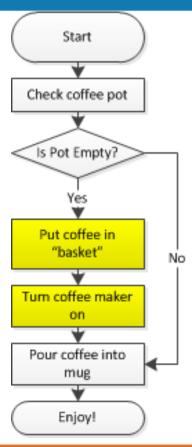
How? Step 4 – Analysis

- Big picture
- Inefficiencies? Improvements?
- Future changes to the process?
- Order and sequence
- Bottlenecks
- Repetition
- User adoption concerns

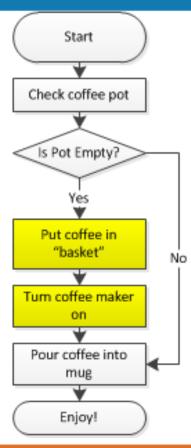
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How? - Diagram Process



How? - Analysis



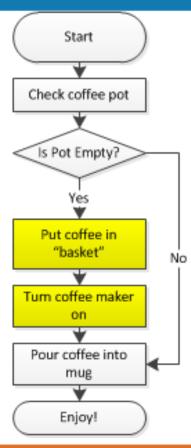
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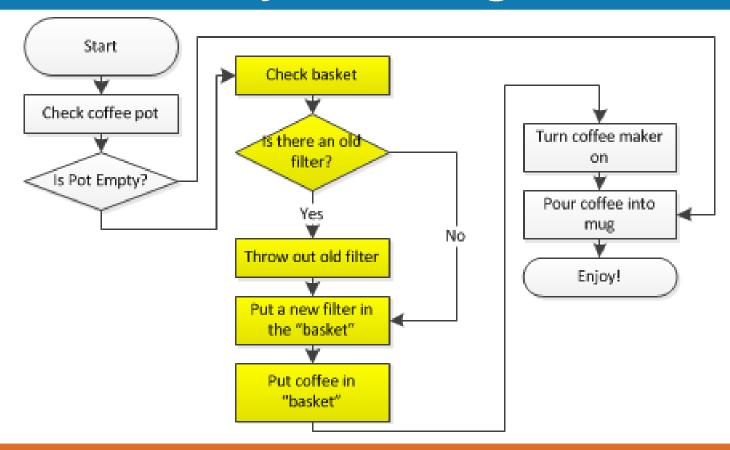
Visualize the process!

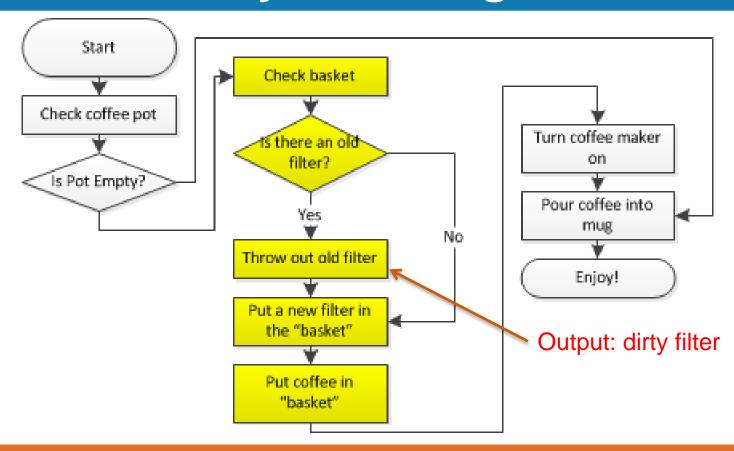
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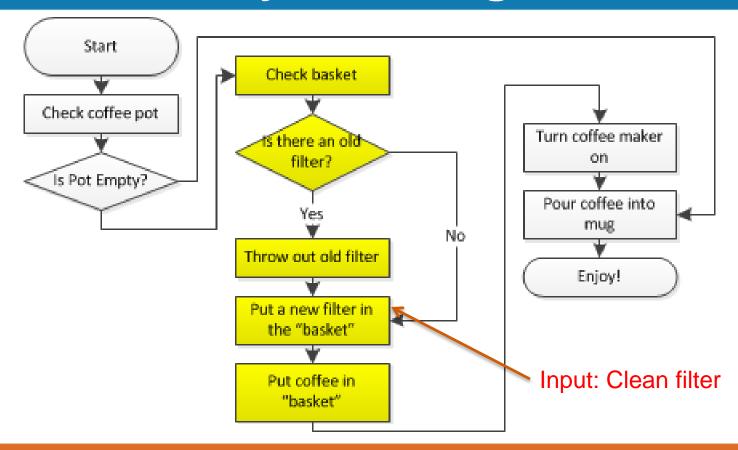


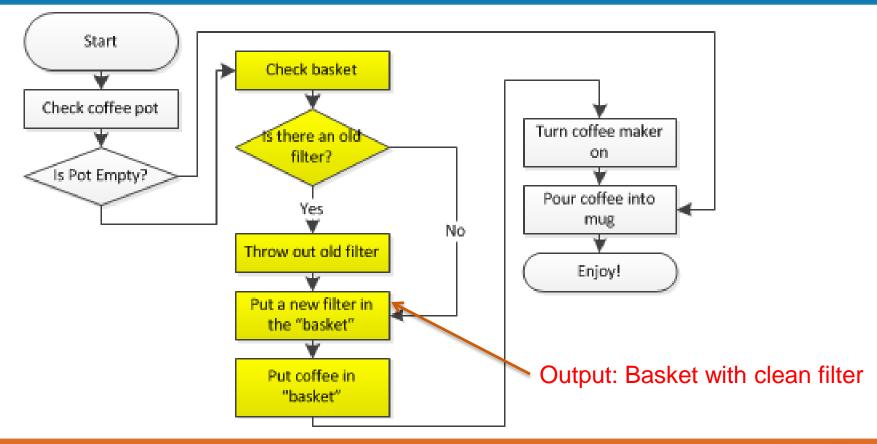
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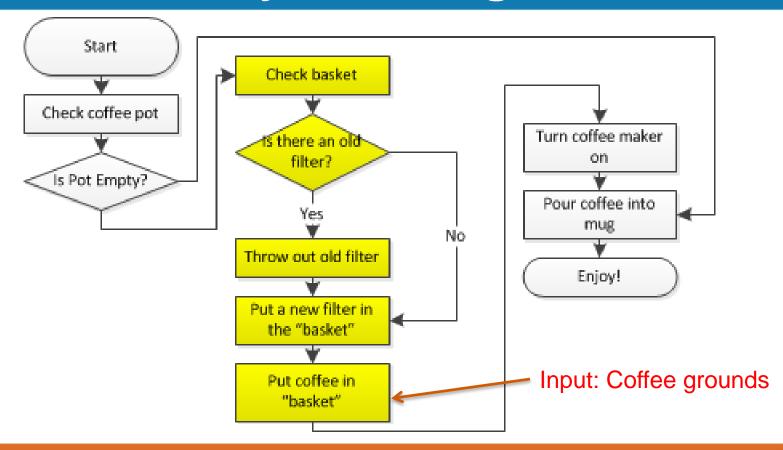


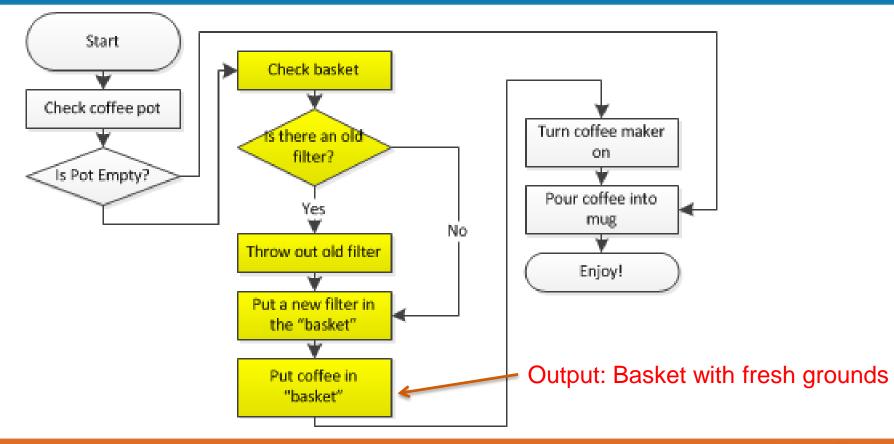




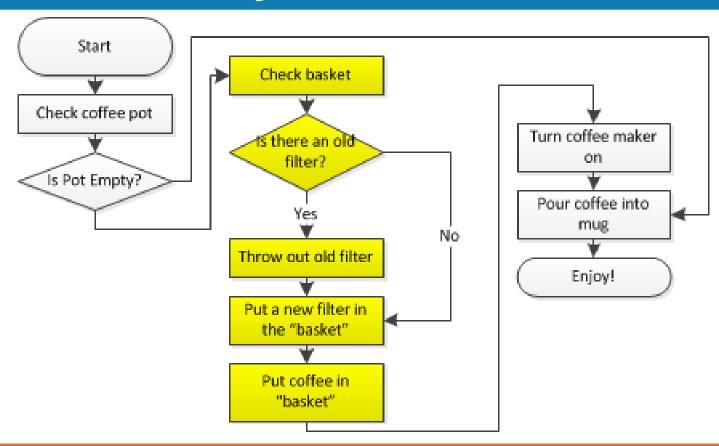








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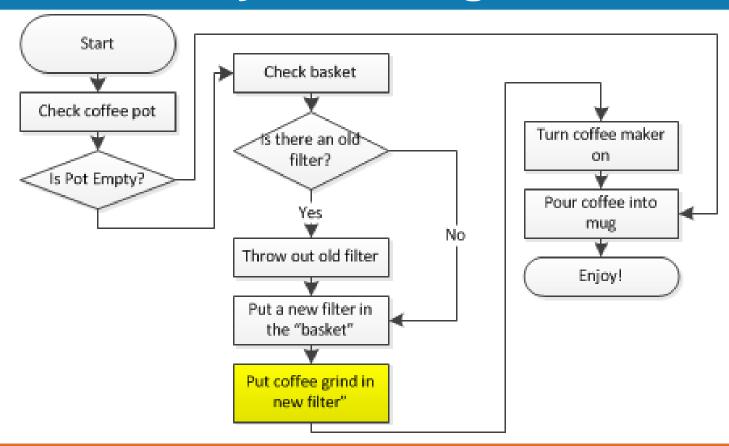


How? - Analysis



Pro Tip

- 1. Be specific, unambiguous
- 2. Use clearly defined terminology

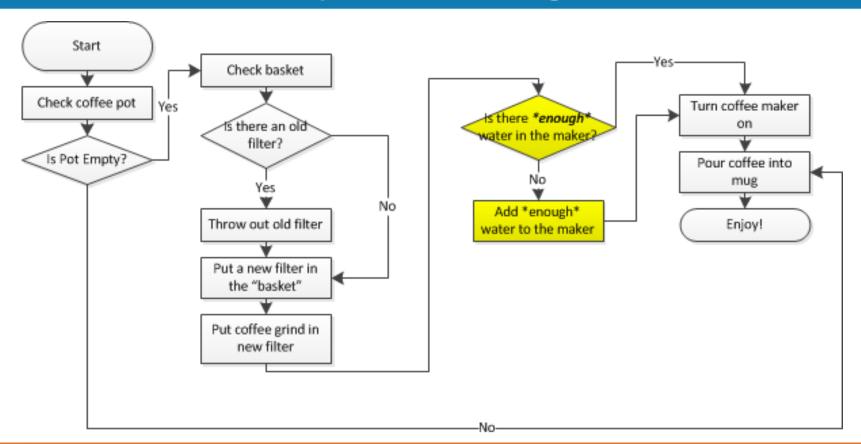


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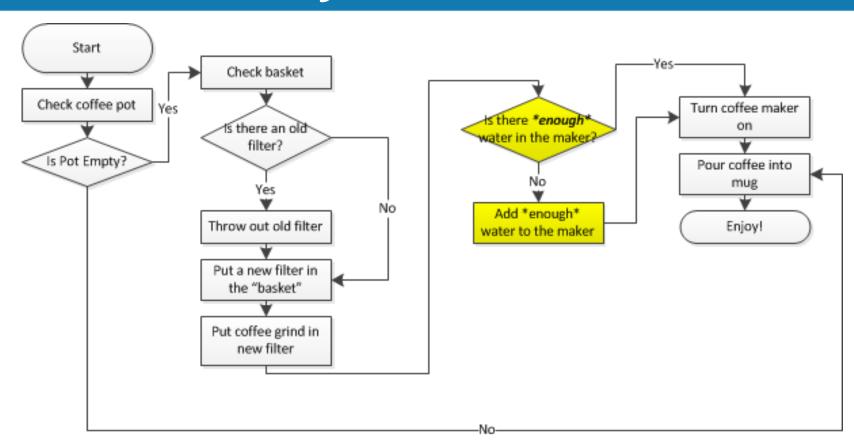


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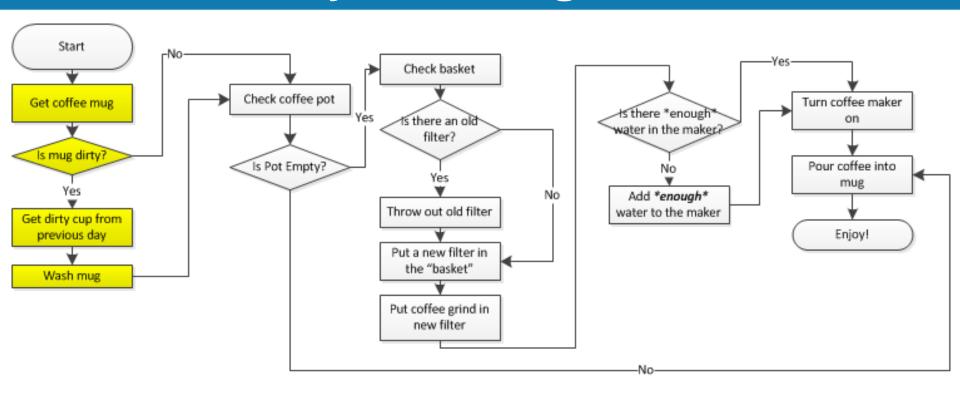
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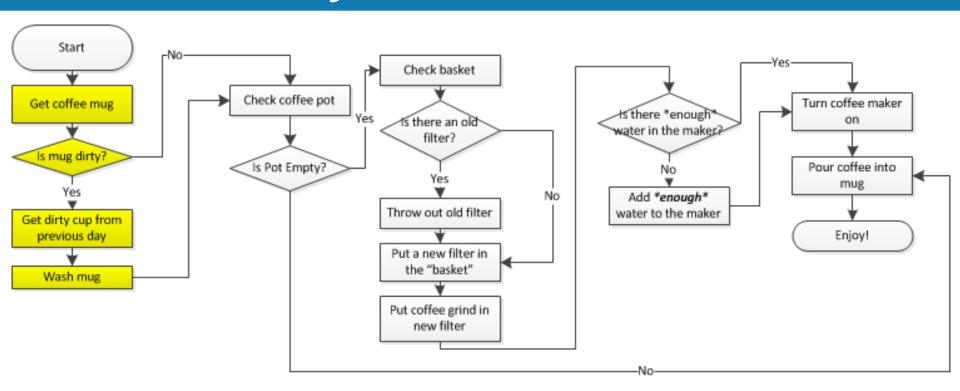
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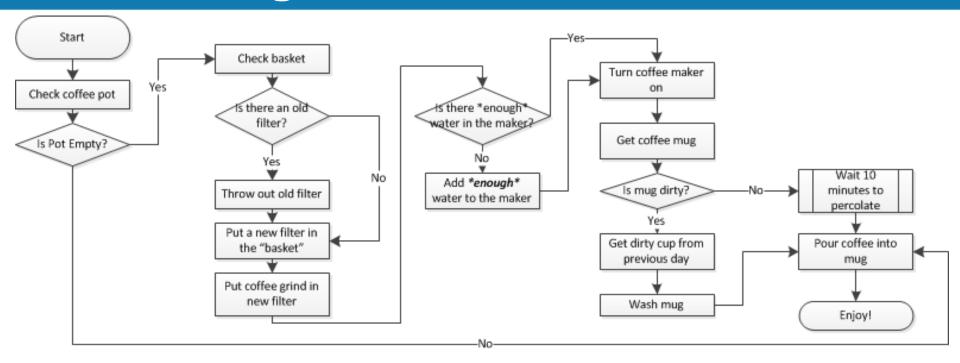
How? – Interview Questions

- 1. What is the overall goal of the 7. process?
- 2. What triggers the start of the process?
- 3. What signals the end?
- 4. What determines the start and end of each step?
- 5. Who is involved in each step?
- 6. Are there any alternative routes in the process?

- 7. How often does this process occur?
- 8. Decision Outcomes
 - 1. Success
 - 2. Failure
 - 3. Outlier scenarios What if?
 - 4. Deadlines

Assumptions? Consult with project owner.

Translating to Laserfiche



Process Diagramming Recap

- Don't forget the big picture
- Save time and effort
- Loop
 - Interview
 - Diagram
 - Analyze
- Diagramming =



Workflow: What is it?



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- An automation tool
 - Precise
 - Tireless
 - Lightning-quick
- Your virtual personal assistant

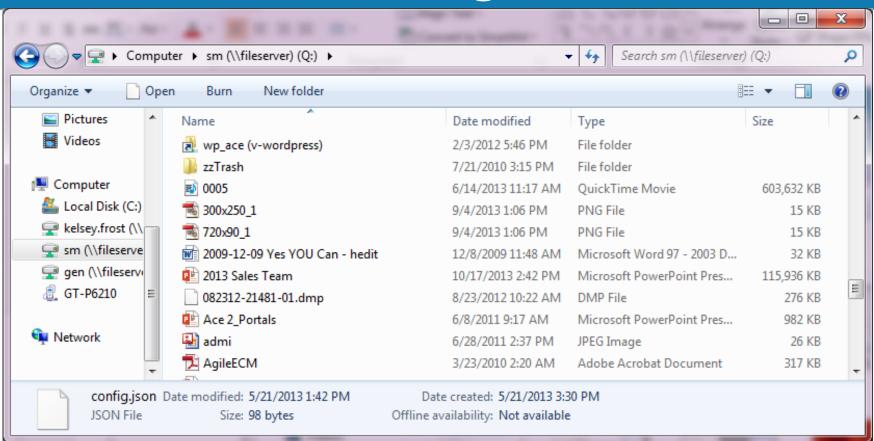
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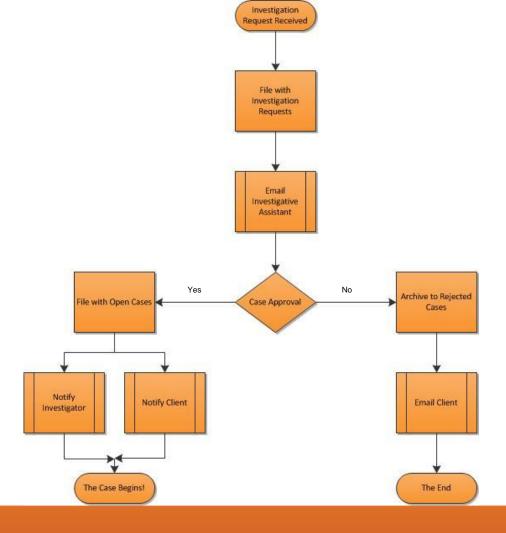


Workflow: What is it good for?



Building a Workflow!





Hands-On Lab



Tips

- Plan ahead
- Starting rules
- Search pane
- F1: Help files

Conclusion

- Workflow is
 - Powerful
 - Easy to learn
 - Your virtual personal assistant