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Virtual Classroom Training

Foundation

Course # **Course Name** MED0138 MXES Navigation & Querying Length ½ day, or 3-hr virtual **Delivery Options**





Prerequisites

None

Upgrade

Course # **Course Name** MED0136 MXES for EAM - New Features Length

3 days

Delivery Options

Prerequisites

Prerequisites

None (Note: for users upgrading from Maximo 5)

Implementation

Course # **Course Name** Length MED0146 MXES Immersion Training for EAM 5 days MED0155 Maintenance Best Practices Using MXES 2 days

Delivery Options

MXES Navigation & Querying

None

End-User / Functional

Course # MED0137	Course Name System Administration for MXES	<u>Length</u> 3 days	Delivery Options	<u>Prerequisites</u> MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0139	Inventory Management Using MXES	3 days		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0143	Work Management Using MXES	3 days		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0147	Using SQL with MXES	1 day		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0148	Workflow Management Using MXES	5 days		MXES Immersion Training for EAM (Note: Extensive hands-on Maximo experience preferred)
MED0150	Purchasing with MXES	2 days		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0151	Developing MXES Reports with Actuate	TBD		MXES Navigation & Querying, Using SQL with MXES
MED0154	The MXES KPI Manager (VCT)	3-hr virtual	3	Using SQL with MXES



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Suggested Curriculum Path by Job Role

MXES for EAM

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	Managers, Supervisors, & Directors	Maximo Implementation Team Members	Maximo Upgrade Team (from MX 5)	Maximo Developer / Maximo App Support		Workflow Developer	Maximo Admin	Database Admin	Report Admin	Maintenance Personnel	Inventory Personnel	Contracts Manager	Accounts Payable / Receiving Personnel	Procurement Personnel
MED0138 MXES Nav & Query (1/2 day)		1		V	V	V	V	✓	V	V	✓	✓	√	√
MED0136 MXES for EAM - New Features (3 days)			√											
MED0137 System Admin for MXES (3 days)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓						
MED0139 Inventory Mgmt Using MXES (3 days)											√			
MED0143 Work Mgmt Using MXES (3 days)										✓				
MED0146 MXES Immersion Training for EAM (5 days)		√	√	√		√	√	√						
MED0147 Using SQL with MXES (1 day)					√			√	√					
MED0148 Workflow Mgmt Using MXES (5 days)						✓								
MED0150 Purchasing with MXES (2 days)													V	✓
MED0151 Dev. MXES Reports w/ Actuate					√				√					
MED0152 Contract Mgmt Using MXES												√		
MED0153 Using MXES App Designer		√	√	√										
MED0154 The MXES KPI Manager (3 hours)					√				√					
MED0155 Maintenance Best Practices Using MXES (2 days)	√	✓	√											





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Foundation

Course #	Course Name	<u>Length</u>	Delivery Options	<u>Prerequisites</u>
MED0138	MXES Navigation & Querying	½ day, or 3-hr virtual	(1)	None
MED0140	Introduction to ITIL (VCT)	3-hr virtual	②	None

Implementation

Course #	Course Name	<u>Length</u>	Delivery Options	<u>Prerequisites</u>
MED0149	MXES Immersion Training for IT	5 days		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0145	Implementing ITIL with MXES	1 day	<u> </u>	Introduction to ITIL (VCT)

End-User / Functional

Course #	Course Name	<u>Length</u>	Delivery Options	<u>Prerequisites</u>
MED0141	IT Service Management Using MXES	3 days		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0142	IT Asset Configuration & Management in MXES	2 days		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0137	System Administration for MXES	3 days		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0147	Using SQL with MXES	1 day		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0148	Workflow Management Using MXES	5 days		MXES Immersion Training for IT (Note: Extensive hands-on Maximo experience preferred)
MED0150	Purchasing with MXES	2 days		MXES Navigation & Querying
MED0151	Developing MXES Reports with Actuate	TBD		MXES Navigation & Querying, Using SQL with MXES
MED0154	The MXES KPI Manager (VCT)	3-hr virtual	3	Using SQL with MXES



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Suggested Curriculum Path by Job Role

MXES for ITSM / ITAM

Course Name	Mana Track		Implem Track	entation	Devel	oper 1	rack	Adm Trac	inistra k	itor	End-	User Tr	ack	
	Managers, Supervisors, & Directors	Service Level Managers	Maximo Implementation Team	Workflow Implementation Team	Maximo Developer / Maximo App Support	Report Writer	Workflow Developer	Maximo Admin	Database Admin	Report Admin	Service Desk / Support Personnel & Supervisors	IT Asset Managers / Configuration Managers	Contracts Manager	Procurement Personnel
MED0138 MXES Nav & Query (1/2 day)		√	✓	V	V	√	✓	√	√	V	V	√	√	V
MED0137 System Admin for MXES (3 days)				✓	√			√	√			✓		
MED0140 Intro to ITIL (VCT) (3 hours)	√													
MED0141 IT Service Mgmt Using MXES (3 days)		√									√			
MED0142 IT Asset Config & Mgmt in MXES (3 days)												✓		
MED0145 Implement ITIL w/ MXES (1 day)	√	√	✓											
MED0147 Using SQL with MXES (1 day)						√			√	√				
MED0148 Workflow Mgmt Using MXES (5 days)				√			√							
MED0149 MXES Immersion Training for IT (5 days)			√	√	√			√						
MED0150 Purchasing with MXES (2 days)														✓
MED0151 Dev. MXES Reports w/ Actuate						√				√				
MED0152 Contract Mgmt Using MXES													√	
MED0153 Using MXES App Designer			√		√									
MED0154 The MXES KPI Manager (3 hours)						√				√				

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Unit 1: Course, Product, and Implementation Overviews



In This Unit This unit contains the following chapters:

Chapter	Topic	
1	Course Overview	
2	Introduction to Workflow	
3	Implementation Process Overview	

Unit Overview

Introduction

In this unit, we will look at course methodology. We will also look at the **Workflow Designer** application and related applications, and discuss their roles in your system implementation

We will also look at some commonly asked questions and answers associated with the Workflow product and its implementation in an organization.

Unit Focus

This unit introduces you to the course methodology, the Workflow tools, and the implementation process.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this unit, you should be able to:

- describe the goals and learning objectives of this course;
- discuss your learning objectives;
- list the advantages of including workflows in your system implementation;
- describe the areas involved in documenting, designing, and deploying your Workflow processes; and
- answer some commonly asked questions.

Unit Overview continued

Course Organization: Units and Chapters

This course is organized into units and chapters.

- A unit consists of several chapters.
- Each unit provides an overview of topics and concepts related to the chapters that make up that unit.
- Each chapter in this student guide is an individual teaching module designed to provide an overview of its topic(s), as well as in-depth instruction and practice.

Student Guide Organization

This table contains a list of the units and chapters in this student guide.

Unit/Chapter	Title	Description
Unit 1	Course, Product, and Implementation Overviews	This unit consists of three chapters, each giving an in-depth look at the course methodology, the Workflow tools, and the implementation process.
Chapter 1	Course Overview	Describes the goals, objectives, organization, conventions, and agenda for this course.
Chapter 2	Introduction to Workflow	Describes the Workflow Designer application and its components and the Inbox area using the Maximo Start Center.
Chapter 3	Implementation Process Overview	Focuses on the phases involved with a Workflow Implementation process: Establishing, Developing, Testing, and Deploying.
Unit 2	Establishing the Workflow Process Foundation	This unit consists of two chapters, each covering concepts including process determination and application configuration.
Chapter 4	Analysis	Identification and discussion of the different methods involved for implementing Workflow at your site.
Chapter 5	Setup	Using Maximo applications to set up and manage users and to set up options.

Unit Overview continued

Student Guide Organization

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Unit/Chapter	Title	Description
Unit 3	Developing the Workflow Process	This unit consists of three chapters that focus on the design, creation, and configuration of workflow processes using the Workflow Designer application.
Chapter 6	Design	Organizing and documenting an organization's business processes and practices.
Chapter 7	Creation	Focuses on the steps and formats used to create a basic workflow process using Workflow Designer.
Chapter 8	Node Configuration	Define and configure Node behavior using node properties.
Unit 4	Testing the Workflow Process	This unit consists of one chapter that focuses on the testing of workflow processes.
Chapter 9	Testing	Enable and activate workflow processes and then test by bringing them through all possible paths.
Unit 5	Deploying the Workflow Process	The last unit consists of one chapter, which focuses on the deployment and management of workflow processes.
Chapter 10	Maintenance	Focuses on the system options that help you manage workflow processes.

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Chapter 1: Course Overview



In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following topics:

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COURSE OVERVIEW 1-1

Course Introduction

Welcome

Welcome to the Workflow Management Using MXES course.

When you have completed this course, you should have a good understanding of how Workflow can help you to move records through a business process

- to the right people,
- at the right time,
- with the right information.

Audience

This course is intended for:

- Workflow implementation team members
- Workflow managers
- Maximo administrators

A General Description of Maximo Workflow

Maximo Workflow provides a dependable and repeatable method of moving records through a business process determined by your organization.

Workflow-enabled records follow a map called a *process* that guides the right information to the appropriate people in your organization based on how their data attributes intersect your business rules.

This is useful for managing the flow of those records through the organization and for making sure records are acted on in a timely manner.

Course Introduction continued

Workflow and Maximo Business Objects

Workflow processes can be created for any Maximo Business Object (MBO). All applications are associated with an MBO. Therefore, Workflow processes can be developed for any application.

Because it is up to you to determine which of your organization's business processes (and which related applications) require Workflow processes, Maximo applications do not come preconfigured with Workflow interactivity.

When a Workflow process for an application is activated, Maximo creates the needed linkages, icons, actions, and so forth in the application needed to move related records through the process.

Additional Uses

In addition to moving records through business processes in Workflow, you can also:

- run executables on a local server, and
- execute custom Java classes.

COURSE OVERVIEW 1-3

Course Goals and Objectives

Course Overview

The Workflow Designer is the core of the development of processes. However, there are a number of related applications used to create records used in Workflow processes.

This course introduces users to the Maximo Workflow Designer and its related applications.

Course Prerequisites

You must have extensive working experience with MAXIMO 5.x or greater.

We also strongly suggest the *Work Management Using MXES* or the *MXES Immersion Training* course, as well as the *System Administration for MXES* course.

You should also be comfortable using a personal computer and the Microsoft Windows operating system.

Course Goal

The overall goal of this course is to develop competency in Workflow.

At the end of this course, you should have an understanding of how to determine and document existing business processes and use Workflow to assist in automating them.

This course is not intended to teach you how to redesign your company's business processes.

Course Goals and Objectives continued

Course Objectives

When you have completed this course, you should be able to:

- list the benefits of using Workflow to automate the business process for work orders, purchase requisitions, and purchase orders;
- describe the steps involved in designing a new Workflow process;
- flowchart approval processes in various case studies;
- create a new Workflow process by adding nodes and connecting them by using the Workflow Designer application;
- use security functionality to create data needed for assignments, notifications, and application access;
- configure additional information to be used with Workflow processes, such as notifications, roles, and actions;
- start a Workflow process on a work order and on a service request;
- view in-progress workflows;
- use the Workflow Inbox to access and perform task assignments;
- route a work order to the next action in the process; and
- reassign tasks when a user cannot perform his or her assignment.

COURSE OVERVIEW______1-5

Course Goals and Objectives continued

Your Learning Objectives



The most important learning objectives are those *you* bring to the course. We want to ensure that these are clearly stated, mutually understood, and achieved.

List your objectives in the space below. We will conclude the course by asking whether or not you have met your objectives. If you have not, we will address your questions and unmet objectives.

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The Maximo Curriculum

Overview

In order to help you learn to use Maximo more fully, we have developed a training curriculum that takes you logically from one subject to another, thus increasing your level of expertise.

The *Workflow Management Using MXES* course is part of the Maximo Extended Enterprise training series.

Structure of the Courses

- <u>Each course is self-contained</u>. Although we have intentionally used similar or related examples among the courses, no course is dependent on data entered in another.
- <u>Each course includes more than one mode of instruction</u>; specifically, presentation of information ("lecture"), hands-on exercises, and problemsolving challenges.

COURSE OVERVIEW 1-7

Course Organization

Introduction

In this section we will introduce you to the organization of this course.

Course Structure

This course is broken into units and chapters.

Each unit is an individual teaching module comprised of one or more chapters.

Units provide an overview of the chapters and their topics.

Each chapter provides an overview of its topic(s) and then provides in-depth instruction and practice.

Specifically, each chapter contains these components:

- subject matter overview and objectives,
- instruction in concepts and procedures, and
- hands-on practice.

Class Activities

As you go through this course, you will participate in four methods of instruction, usually in this order:

- 1. The instructor will give a brief overview of the objectives and content of each chapter.
- 2. The instructor will introduce and demonstrate procedures and concepts.
- 3. You and the instructor will work through a procedure together, or you will work through a procedure on your own.
- 4. You will complete a workshop exercise at the end of each chapter to reinforce what you have learned.

Exercise Approach and Objectives

Introduction

Most chapters in this course include a hands-on workshop, where you review the information learned in that chapter, as well as in the chapters before it.

Our Approach

The exercises and workshops use a case-study approach. Each exercise builds on the work you completed in the previous exercise. It is critical that you complete each step as you progress through the course.

By following this approach:

- You will learn faster and remember more of what you have done when you are an active participant in the learning process.
- You will be able to think through the processes and procedures you need to use in the real world in order to do your work.

Our Goal

Our goal is to help you learn to apply Workflow to your workplace.

You will not necessarily leave this class knowing everything about Workflow, but you should have a good understanding of the basic concepts important for Workflow.

This class is your opportunity to explore Workflow and ask questions along the way. **Ask lots of questions!!**

COURSE OVERVIEW_______1-9

Typographical Conventions

Introduction

We use a number of typographical conventions and icons in our course books.

Workflow also uses typographical conventions to help you work quickly and

easily.

Conventions Used in the Course Materials

Here are some of the conventions you will see most frequently in the course materials

Convention	Usage	Example
Italics	Introduces or emphasizes	A <i>system</i> is a single instance of a Maximo
	a term	database.
Boldface	Indicates that the word or	From the Go To drop-down menu, select
	phrase names a menu	Administration.
	item, field, button, or	
	keyboard key	
Arial font	Indicates that this is text	Type ASSET_NDX8 in this field.
	you type into a field	
Courier font	Indicates programming	Maximo displays the following message:
	code, a system message,	1000
	or part of a screen display	Work order 1000 status changed to APPR.

Typographical Conventions continued

Icons

You will see several icons throughout this student guide. This table explains what they mean.

This icon	Indicates
♣	A procedure that you will practice on your own or with guidance from an instructor
	A paper-and-pencil exercise
	A special note or reminder
	A warning or cautionary note
	A question-and-answer session with the instructor, or a group discussion
	Your role in the next exercise is changing, e.g., from manager to user
	The data you are being asked to enter will be used in another exercise
00	A challenge question or exercise
	An industry best practice, tip, or suggestion
	A recording that provides additional course content is available

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Chapter 2: Introduction to Workflow



In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following topics:

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Workflow Components	2-8
Workflow Stages	2-18
Creating Workflow Processes	2-19
Starting a Record in a Workflow Process	2-37
Checking the Workflow	2-57
Completing My Workflow Assignments	2-59
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Chapter Overview

Chapter Focus

In this chapter, we will discuss the nature of a Workflow solution. We will also discuss the process you will use to design, build, test, and deploy a new workflow.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to:

- describe the purpose of Workflow,
- define what the Workflow solution consists of,
- demonstrate by written example what a Workflow business process is,
- list two Workflow components,
- list the advantages of using Workflow,
- enable and validate a Workflow process,
- start a Workflow process,
- view the history of a Workflow process,
- view an in-process assignment, and
- complete a Workflow assignment.

What Is Workflow?

Introduction

In this section we define and explore the tools used to create, modify, and complete a Workflow process.

Workflow Goals

The goals of Workflow are to:

- provide a solution that allows you to customize business processes,
- manage defined processes from start to finish,
- push information to the right people at the right time,
- provide access to required applications and functions at the right time, and
- provide an audit trail of your business processes.

What Makes Up Workflow?

Workflow is comprised of a number of related components that are integrated with Maximo. These components are used to:

- design and administer processes, and
- create the elements used to develop the workflow process.

Most of these components are created using a variety of applications, including:

- Workflow Administration
- Workflow Designer
- Actions
- Roles
- Communication Templates
- Escalations

What Is Workflow? continued

What Makes Up Workflow?

continued

You use several other applications when designing workflow processes and related components:

- People
- People Groups
- Security
- Security Groups
- Labor

There a couple of other Workflow components to consider:

- A *non-application* component of Workflow is the **Inbox/Assignments** table, which resides on each user's Start Center.
- Workflow options are configured using the Organizations application.

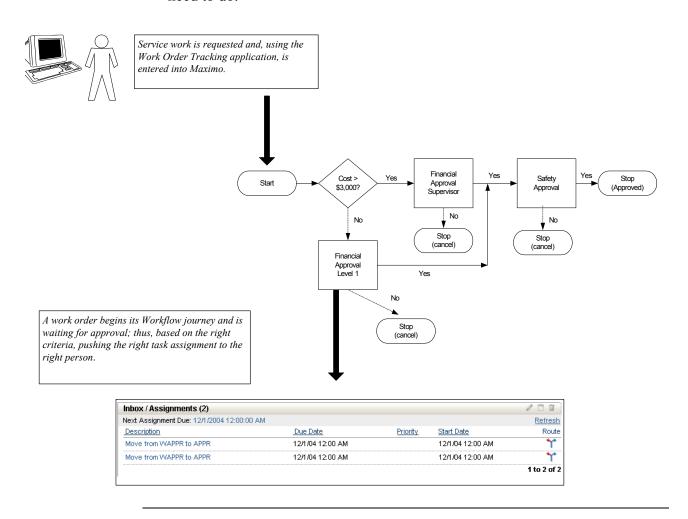
<u>Note</u>: Each of these components will be introduced as they are first used in the course.

What Is Workflow? continued

Pushing Information

Workflow gets information to the right people at the right time. Therefore, Workflow provides you with all of your work assignments *in one place*.

You do not need to search through long lists of information to find what you need to do.



What Is Workflow? continued

Workflow Capabilities

The Workflow components provide a variety of features that you can include in your Workflow design to streamline your approval processes.

These features include:

- assignments to Roles that can be comprised of Labor, People, Person Groups, Supervisors, and Delegates
- user-defined escalation periods and procedures
- manual initiation of a Workflow process
- automatic initiation of Workflow process when selected system activities occur; for example, when the system generates purchase requisitions or purchase orders from inventory reorder
- automated initiation when specified record types are saved
- escalation of processes based on determined time intervals
- notifications using communication templates
- use of an SQL Expression Builder to more easily build detailed criteria for process points
- context-based interactivity to bring the right application or application component to people when needed to perform a specific task in the process
- manual reassignment of tasks using the Workflow Administrator

What Is Workflow? continued

Several Categories of Workflows

You can create several different general categories of workflow processes:

• **Process workflow** (traditional, assignment-oriented)

Where a structured process manages a record's lifecycle, conditionally pushing assignments to people, running actions, and sending notifications along the routing paths.

<u>Example</u>: Route a corrective work order for cost approval, safety approval, scheduling, labor assignments, and supervisory signoff on completion.

• Context-based interactions (assignment-less)

Where a menu of action choices is presented to the user based on the current record's data properties, "scripting" the user's interaction with the application.

<u>Example</u>: When a help desk technician enters an SR and presses Route, properties such as ticket type and status conditionally present the available next steps—for example, close or create incident. Close could go to the Start Center; incident could take the user to the newly inserted incident in its application.

Hybrids

Where there is a mix of structured routings along with interactive, conditional page, and dialog navigation.

<u>Example</u>: Detect at the time of a work order's completion that a failure report should have been entered, and take the user to the Failure Reporting tab with instructions to that effect.

What Is Workflow? continued

Notifications

Workflow allows you to send a configurable e-mail message (called a *notification*) when events occur during the process.

These notifications are created in **Communication Templates** that are linked to the process using the Workflow Designer and that specify *recipients* of the notifications.

Notification recipients are defined in Roles. These roles include:

- a Maximo person or a person group as defined in the People and Person Groups applications, respectively; and
- an e-mail address to someone outside the Maximo system.

With Communication Templates, you can create templates used to notify the right people at the right time about what is happening in the process. Communication Templates are reusable many times within a process or within a number of processes.

You can configure the system to generate e-mail messages whenever the process moves from one node to the next.

Workflow Components

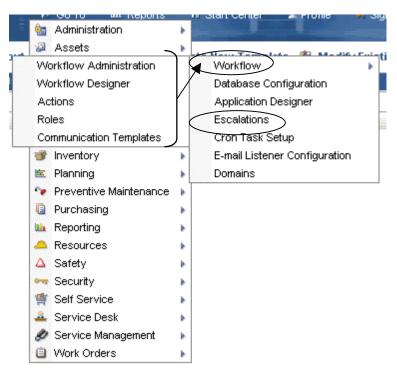
used in exercises.

Overview

In the previous section, we mentioned the Workflow-related components and how to access them. In this section, we will briefly describe each component. You will be given more detailed information on these components as they are

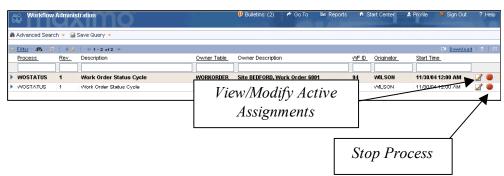
Locations of Workflow-Related Components All directly Workflow-related applications, except for Escalations, are located in the **Workflow** *submodule* of the **Configuration** module.

The Escalations application is located directly within the Configuration module.



Workflow Administration Application

The **Workflow Administration** application allows the stopping or reassignment of existing records in a Workflow process.



There are two key buttons on this screen:

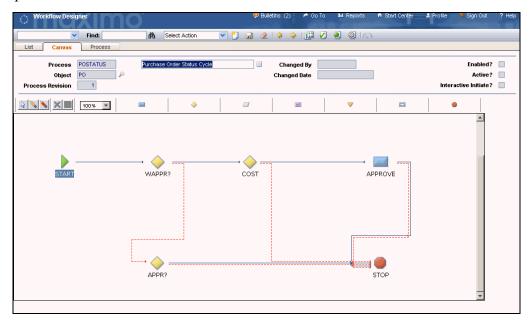
- View/Modify Active Assignments
- Stop Process

Workflow Designer Application

You use the **Workflow Designer** application to create a series of paths for records to flow through, called a *process*.

A Workflow process can be thought of as a map that guides a record, or a user's interaction with that record through a set of steps.

The graphical interface of the Workflow Designer illustrates the possible paths the record can follow.



You can use Workflow to create a set of paths as simple or as complex as your business process demands.

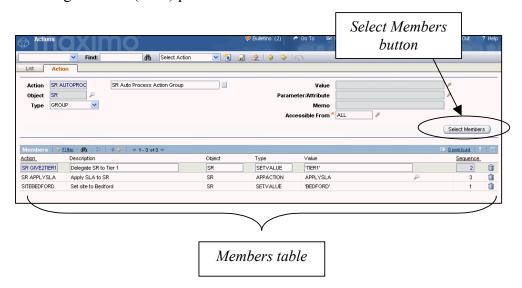
A process might be able to handle all of the routing necessary for *one type* of record. However, more complex process flows (or processes that involve a number of record types) might require a series of processes.

For that reason, Workflow processes might appear quite simple or complex, depending on the business need.

Actions Application

Actions are scheduled events that occur when a record leaves a Workflow node. For example, an action can cause a Maximo status change, execute a defined program, set a field value, or execute a custom class action.

You use the **Actions** application to manage the administrative functions of creating actions and action groups within Workflow, Escalation, and Service Level Agreements (SLA) processes.



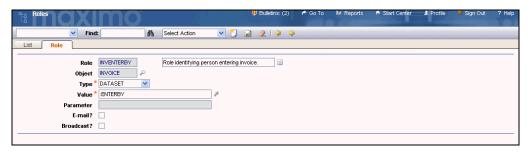
You manage actions in a central administrative application because they are used in multiple applications. Use the Actions application to build individual actions or action *groups*.

<u>Note</u>: When creating an action group, you can add *members* (i.e., other actions) to the group by clicking the **Select Members** button. The members are displayed in the Members table. The Sequence column in the Members table is used to determine the order in which the member actions occur.

Roles Application

You use the Roles application to create and manage roles in Maximo.

You manage roles in a central administrative application because they are used in multiple applications.

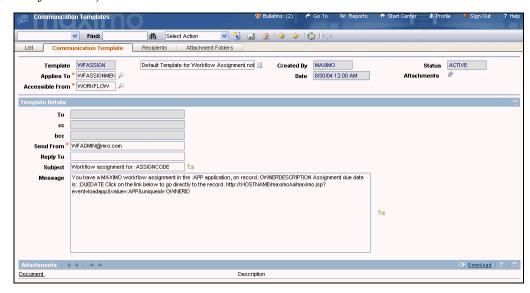


The table below describes the role types.

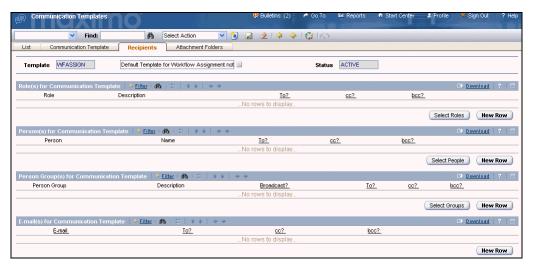
Role Type	Description
CUSTOM	Calls a custom class that resolves to some type of data as determined by the called class and associated parameters.
DATASET	A relationship that resolves to a piece of data found within the record type in the workflow.
EMAILADDRESS	One or more literal strings of e-mail addresses that can be used on notifications but not on assignments.
PERSON	Resolves to a Person record.
PERSONGROUP	Resolves to one or more available people from a Person Group record, or all the people in a person group if the broadcast flag is set.
USERDATA	Data that relates to the user that is currently signed in to Maximo.

Communication Templates Application

You use the **Communication Templates** application to create and manage generic communication templates that Maximo users can leverage to standardize frequently used e-mail communications (also known as *notifications*).



Communication Templates Application: Recipients Tab The **Recipients** tab of Communication Templates indicates who will receive the notification. The four distinct types of recipients are described in the table below.



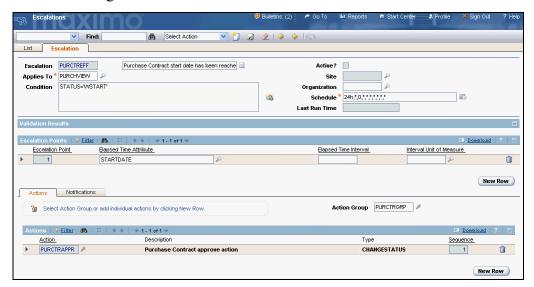
<u>Note</u>: When this tab first opens, all the sections are collapsed. They must be manually opened.

Recipient Type	Description
Role	A variable used in Workflow that Maximo resolves to one or more people or an e-mail address.
Person	A specific person to whom you want to send the communication.
Person Group	A set of people that are grouped together, typically by function or department. By default, Maximo sends the communication to all of the people in the group.
E-mail	An e-mail address, typically for someone who is not a known Maximo user; for example, when you need to reply to a third-party vendor.

Escalations Application

You use the **Escalations** application to automatically monitor critical processes across your enterprise.

The primary goal of Escalation Management is to ensure that critical tasks are completed on time, such as those defined in Workflow processes and service level agreements.



<u>Note</u>: Escalations can be used for other purposes, such as notifying someone before contracts expire, changing the status of a Maximo object (such as for invoices or contracts), or changing the owner of a Maximo object (such as for service requests, incidents, or problems).

Workflow Inbox / Assignments

When added to a user's Start Center, the Workflow **Inbox/Assignments** table performs a number of functions:

- it provides a list of current assignments for the user;
- it allows the user to click on the assignment description to see the underlying record; and
- it allows the user to route assignments to the next point in the Workflow process.



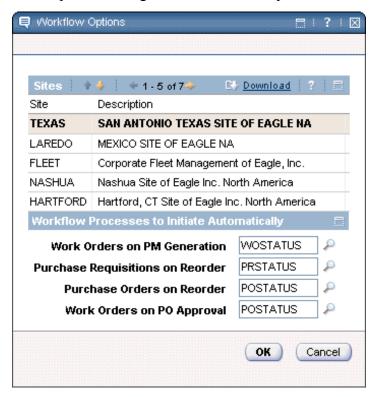
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Workflow Components continued

Workflow Options

Workflow Options are accessed from the Select Action menu of the Organizations application. An example of the Workflow Options dialog box is shown below.

Note: Workflow Options are organization- and site-specific.



Workflow options allow you to choose a site and indicate a process that is to be auto-initiated for any of four non-manual activities that might occur in the site. The four activities are shown in the graphic above.

Review



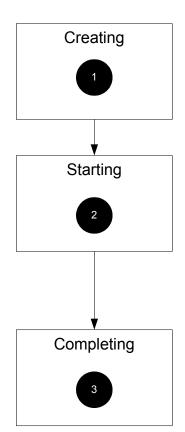
Please work with your instructor and the others in your class to answer and discuss the following questions.

- 1. What are the components that are related to Workflow?
- 2. The **Workflow Designer** component is used to do what?
- 3. The **Inbox/Assignments** component is used to do what?

Workflow Stages

Introduction

To better acquaint you with the Workflow solution, a high-level overview of Workflow stages will be explored throughout the remainder of this chapter. The following chart illustrates the stages.



In the first stage – **Creating** – after extensive design discussions, a Workflow process is created or modified and then enabled and activated using the **Workflow Designer** application.

You can also use this application to modify and manage Workflow processes.

In the second stage – **Starting** – a record is manually or automatically started through a Workflow process.

Manual records are started through a process by clicking on the **Route Workflow** icon in a Workflow-supported Maximo application.

For automatically started records, you can:

- use the Select Action menu in **Workflow Designer** to indicate that certain flows automatically enter a Workflow process when the record is saved or submitted.
- use an escalation to poll the system and start non-initiated processes.
- use the Workflow Options to indicate that certain non-manual processes should auto-initiate when specific actions occur.

In the third stage – **Completing** – you use **Inbox/Assignments** in your Start Center to perform Workflow assignments.

Creating Workflow Processes

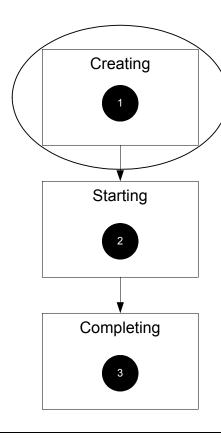
Introduction

We've learned that Workflow consists of three stages—*Creating*, *Starting*, and *Completing*—each with its own application to meet its requirements.

In this section, we will learn how to navigate the **Workflow Designer** application and to enable and activate a previously created Workflow process.

Note: We will not create a new Workflow process until Unit 2.

We Are Here



In the first stage, a Workflow process is created and/or modified, then enabled/ activated using the Workflow Designer application and related applications.

You can also use this application to modify Workflow processes.

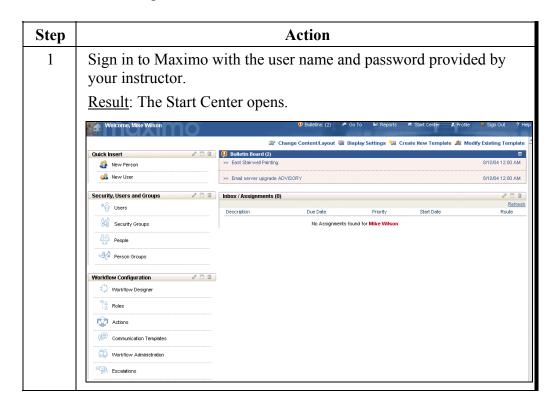
Opening Workflow Designer



The Workflow Designer application is the key application used to bring all the components of Workflow processes together.

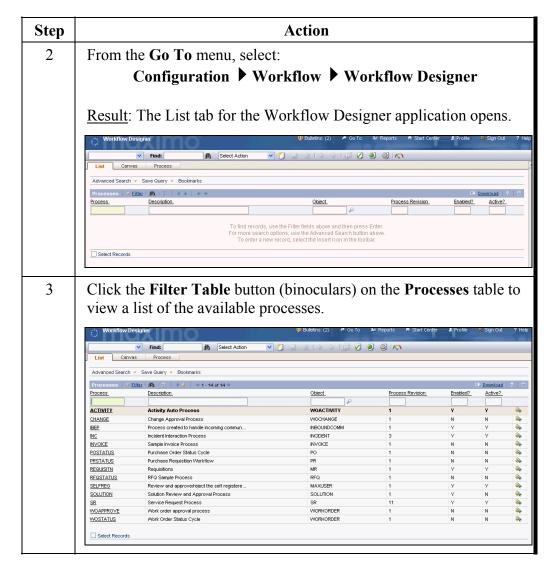
To get acquainted with the application, let's access it and take a brief look.

<u>Note</u>: The Workflow Designer application uses standard Maximo navigation, so we will describe only the functionality and navigation that is specific to Workflow Designer.

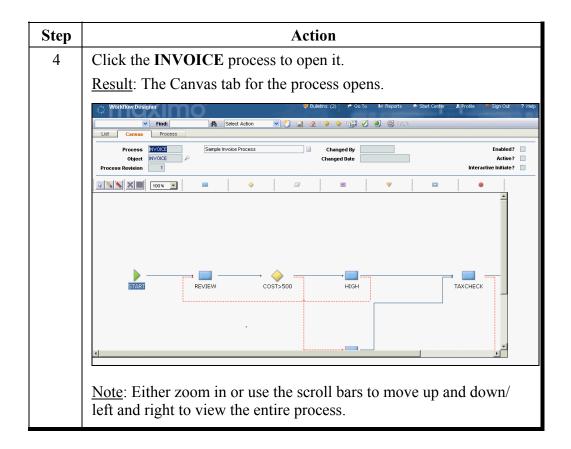


Opening Workflow Designer

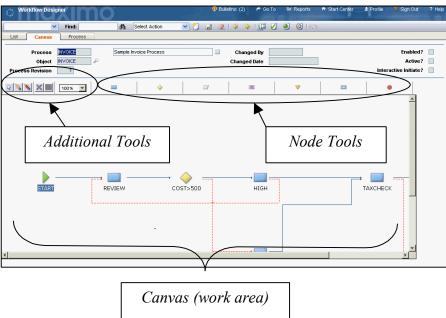
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Opening Workflow Designer continued



Workflow Designer: Canvas Tab You use the Workflow Designer c*anvas* as a place to build and update processes for use with Workflow.



The Workflow Designer canvas has a series of eight node tools on a toolbar or palette that you use to create the Workflow processes.

You drag and drop the necessary nodes onto the canvas, or work area.

Canvas Tab: Node Tool Descriptions The following table provides a graphic and a description of each node tool.

Tool Image	Description		
	The Start node indicates the beginning of a Workflow process.		
	Workflow places one Start node on the canvas when you create a new process. There can be only one starting point to any process.		
	Stop nodes mark the point where a Workflow process ends and a record leaves Workflow control. Workflow places one Stop node on the canvas when you create a new process.		
	You can place additional Stop nodes on the canvas as needed.		
	Task nodes allow you to direct the path of the record. You must have at least one connection coming out of a Task node.		
	You use a Task node when your business rules call for an affirmative or negative user response to an inbox assignment.		
△	Condition nodes are defined to automatically direct records according to information contained within the record. There must be one positive connection and one negative connection coming out of a Condition node.		
	The connection used by a record as it exits a Condition node is dictated by the SQL expression within the node, which resolves to either true (positive connection) or false (negative connection).		
	Manual Input nodes allow you to direct the path of a record. Use a Manual Input node when you want the user to select the next step from a menu.		
	A Subprocess node represents a complete Workflow process nested within another Workflow process. A Subprocess must have a negative line flowing out of it, in addition to the positive.		
	When a Subprocess encounters a Stop node, it returns to the master process along the same line on which it finished. This enables the Subprocess to carry back the logic that caused the termination to the master process.		

Canvas Tab: Node Tool Descriptions

continued

Tool Image	Tool Image Description			
	An Interaction node must have one or more action lines entering it, but only one action line can exit.			
	You use an Interaction node to help lead an end user down particular problem resolution paths by offering well-defined choices, which guide the user through a scripted path and manage the relationship with the record in any given session.			
	A Manual Input node usually precedes the interaction node.			
	You use a Wait node to create a certain reaction to an action. You can define any action to trigger a specified reaction in a Wait node.			
	When Workflow encounters a Wait node in an active process, the process pauses at that node indefinitely until any of the specified events occur.			
	When the specified event does occur, it informs the node and the process resumes by exiting the node at the single exit point.			

Extra Interaction Node Information

The Interaction node is packed with many capabilities. You will use some of those capabilities in this course; for example:

- You can cause a message to pop up on the screen in a dialog box. This
 message could inform the user about something they need to know or do
 during the process.
- If a new record type is created from another record type using an action, the new record could be displayed in its application for the user without the user's having to access the new record manually.
- The application for the new record and the specific tab could be indicated in the Application and Tab Name fields.
- A choice from the Select Action list of the indicated application could be indicated in the Action field.
 - <u>Note</u>: It must be emphasized that, in this case, we are referring to choices available in the *Select Action* menu of the specified application, not choices from the Actions application.
- Another valuable way that an Interaction node can be used is to indicate
 another Workflow process to be started. The process would be indicated in
 the Launch Process field.



<u>Note</u>: This is important information that will help you to develop your diagrams and processes in later chapters.

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Creating Workflow Processes continued

Canvas Tab: Additional Tools

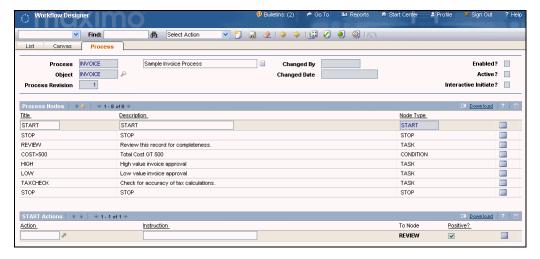
After dragging and dropping the appropriate nodes to the canvas, you can move, connect, delete, or configure them using the other tools on the toolbar.

The following table describes the additional Canvas tools.

Tool Image	Description
,	You use the Move/Add Nodes tool to drag and drop the nodes from the tool bar for placement on the canvas.
-	You also use this tool to position nodes on the canvas.
	You use the Connect Nodes tool, the yellow pencil icon, to create positive connections from one node to another.
	Note: Positive connection lines also contain properties that allow you to enable an action between nodes when the process runs along its path.
	You use Connect Nodes with a Negative Action , the red pencil icon, to create negative connections from one node to another.
	Note: Negative positive connection lines also contain properties that allow you to enable an action between nodes when the process runs along its path.
×	You use the Delete button to remove a highlighted graphical object.
	You use the Properties tool to enter a node's Properties dialog box to review and edit the attributes associated with that node.
100%	You use the Zoom tool to increase or decrease the size of the canvas as a percentage of the default (the size that you see when you first enter the canvas).

Process Tab

While on the INVOICE process, access the **Process** tab from the Workflow Designer application. Your screen will look similar to the graphic below.



The Process tab provides a tabular representation of the nodes on the Canvas tab.

You can edit properties for process nodes by clicking the **Edit Properties** button located to the right of the node.



The **Actions** table shows the contents of any connection/action lines associated with a selected node. You can also edit Actions by clicking the relevant Edit Properties button.

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Creating Workflow Processes continued

Action Buttons

From both the Canvas and Process tabs you can access a number of buttons that perform a variety of actions on the selected process.

The table below describes these buttons.

Button	Description
	The Create Process Revision button inserts a new copy of the selected process onto the Canvas for update and editing. The number in the Revision field will be incremented by one. You can then edit your new process.
S	You use the Validate Process button to check your process to determine that all elements are set up and working properly.
	The Enable Process button enables your process so that other processes can use it as a <i>subprocess</i> . When you enable a process, it is first <i>validated</i> just as if you clicked the Validate Process button.
•	If validation is not positive, then the process cannot be enabled. When the process is enabled, Maximo creates the relationships and other needed technical setups to run the process against the designated object.
9	The Activate Process button activates a process to be used as a top-level process that can use enabled subprocesses in the flows. Note: A process must be both enabled and active to be a top-level process.

Review Questions



To use a Workflow process as a main process, what two things have to be done?

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Exercise: Scenarios 1 and 2

To demonstrate the various ways a Workflow process can be started and completed, for the rest of this chapter's exercises we will use the Purchase Order Status Cycle (POSTATUS) and Work Order Approval Process (WOAPPROVE) Workflow processes.

Specifically, we will learn how a Workflow process is:

- enabled and activated using Workflow Designer
- started in a Maximo application
- completed by accessing the **Inbox/Assignments** table on a user's Start Center



At different stages of the exercises, we will be using the hat icon to indicate that your role is changing, e.g., from *System Administrator* to *Facilities Clerk*, or from *Lou Granger* to *Diane Liberi*.

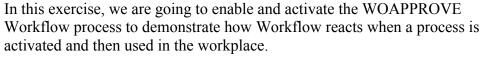


For this exercise, you should sign in to Maximo as Fred Stanley with the following information:

user name: stanley / password: stanley

In this chapter's exercises, Fred is our Workflow administrator and will enable and activate several Workflow processes.

Exercise 1: Enabling and Activating a Workflow Process



This will allow us to put records through a Workflow process and then to access the Workflow task in the sections that follow.

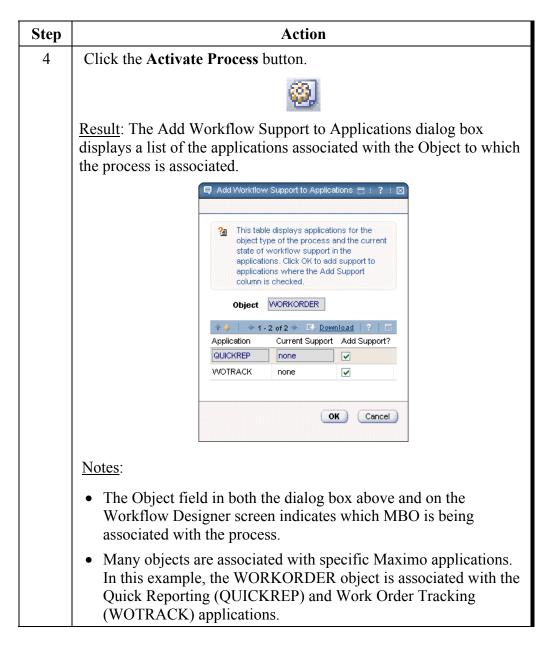


Step	Action
1	Access the Workflow Designer application, then access the WOAPPROVE process.
2	Click the Enable Process button.
	Result: A dialog box displays a message indicating that the process has been validated and enabled.
	MAXIMO □ □ □ □
	Process WOAPPROVE, revision 1 was validated. Process WOAPPROVE, revision 1 was enabled.
	Close

Exercise 1: Enabling and Activating a Workflow Process continued

Step	Action	
3	Click Close to close the dialog box.	
	Result: Maximo checks the process to ensure that it contains valid nodes and accompanying parameters. The Enabled? field is checked.	
	Enabled?	

Exercise 1: Enabling and Activating a Workflow Process continued



Exercise 1: Enabling and Activating a Workflow Process continued

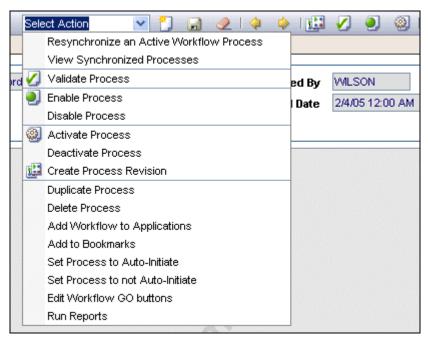
Step	Action		
5	We will allow Maximo to add support for <i>both</i> the Quick Reporting and the Work Order Tracking applications.		
	So, keep the Add Support? check box selected for both applications and click OK .		
	<u>Result</u> : Maximo adds all necessary code to allow the selected applications to be supported by Workflow. The Active? field is now selected.		
	Active?		
	Note: Because there is quite a bit going on behind the scenes, the activation process might take several minutes to complete.		

Enabling /
Activation:
Select Action
Menu

Here are a few notes regarding enabling/activation and the **Select Action** menu of the Workflow Designer application:

- You can enable and activate processes by using the **Select Action** menu.
- You can deactivate processes by selecting Deactivate Process.
- You can disable processes by selecting **Disable Process**.
- Applications associated with the object can be manually Workflow-supported by selecting **Add Workflow to Applications**. (Note: You might recall that this is also determined when activating a process.)

The graphic below shows the selections available from the Select Action menu for the Workflow Designer application.



Exercise 2





Enable and activate the Purchase Order Status Cycle (POSTATUS) Workflow process, if it is not already enabled and activated.

Note: Apply Workflow support to all applications that are associated with the PO object used by this process.

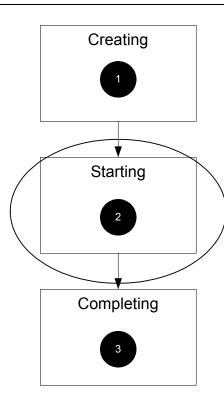
Starting a Record in a Workflow Process

Introduction

As we saw earlier, Workflow consists of three stages—*Creating*, *Starting*, and *Completing*—each with its own application and requirements.

In this section, our discussion centers on the different methods used to start a record in a Workflow process routine.

We Are Here



In the second stage, a record is automatically or manually started through a Workflow process.

You start records manually by clicking on the Route Workflow button in a Workflow-enabled Maximo application, such as **Purchase Orders**.

One way to automatically start records is to use the **Set Process to Auto-Initiate** action of Workflow
Designer to automatically enter a
Workflow process when the record is saved or submitted.

Starting a Record in a Workflow Process continued

Workflow Actions

Once an application is Workflow-supported, a **Workflow** action is added to the **Select Action** menu of the application.

From the Workflow selection in Select Actions of a supported application, there are a number of *sub-actions* available, as shown in the graphic below:

Route Workflow

Stop Workflow

View Workflow History

View Workflow Assignments

View Workflow Map

Workflow Help

The following sections describe each action.

Starting a Record in a Workflow Process continued

Manually Routing a Record

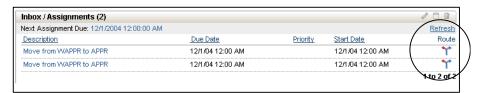
Records can be manually moved through a Workflow process by means of *routing*. To manually route records, select the **Route Workflow** action.

Manual routing of records is generally accomplished in three ways:

• A Workflow-supported application will display a Route Workflow button in its toolbar.



- Workflow-supported applications also have a Route Workflow sub-selection in the Workflow selection of the Select Action menu.
- The Route Workflow button also appears on assigned records in the Inbox/Assignments table on the Start Center.

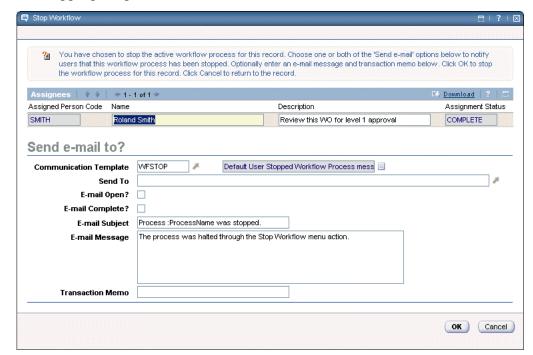


Starting a Record in a Workflow Process continued

Stop a Workflow Process

You can stop a Workflow process for a selected record by choosing the **Stop Workflow** sub-action of the Workflow action from Select Action.

When you choose Stop Workflow, Maximo displays a dialog box similar to the one shown below, which allows you to send e-mails indicating that you are stopping the process.



You also can add a note in the **Transaction Memo** field to indicate why the process was stopped.

<u>Note</u>: You can also stop processes for selected records by using the Workflow Administration application, as mentioned on page 2-9.

Viewing Workflow History

You can view a history of what has happened to the current record in the Workflow process.

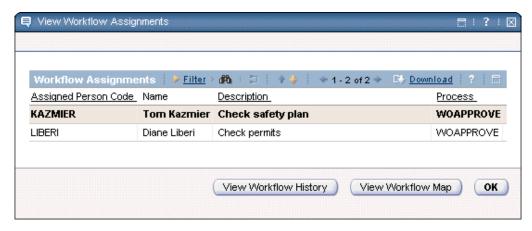
This information is accessed from the **View Workflow History** sub-action of the Workflow action from Select Action.



<u>Note</u>: You can access the Workflow assignments and map from this dialog box by clicking the respective buttons in the lower-right corner of the dialog box.

Viewing Workflow Assignments

You can view the assignments of the current record in a Workflow process by selecting the **View Workflow Assignments** sub-action of the Workflow action from Select Action.

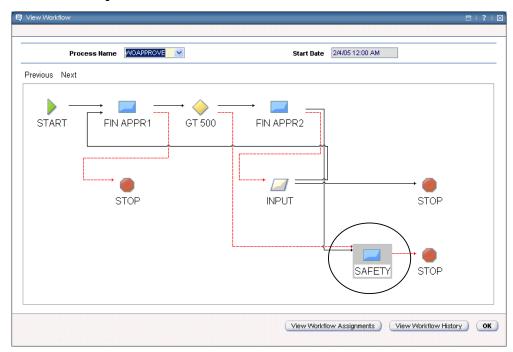


<u>Note</u>: You can access the Workflow history and map from this dialog box by clicking the respective buttons in the lower-right corner of the dialog box.

Viewing the Workflow Map

You can view a map of the Workflow process and see where the current record resides in the process.

You can access a *Workflow Map* for the current record by selecting the **View Workflow Map** sub-action of the Workflow action from Select Action.

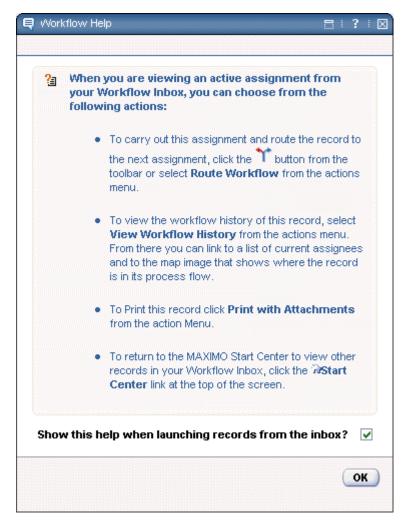


Notes:

- In the process above, the record is at the SAFETY node, as indicated by a gray square around the node in the map.
- You can access the Workflow assignments and history from this dialog box by clicking the respective buttons in the lower-right corner of the dialog box.

Accessing Workflow Help

To access some basic, general help about Workflow processes, you can select the **Workflow Help** sub-selection of the Workflow selection from Select Action.



<u>Note</u>: The **Show this help when launching records from the inbox?** check box controls whether you see this help dialog box when you click the Route Workflow button in the Inbox/Assignments table on your Start Center.

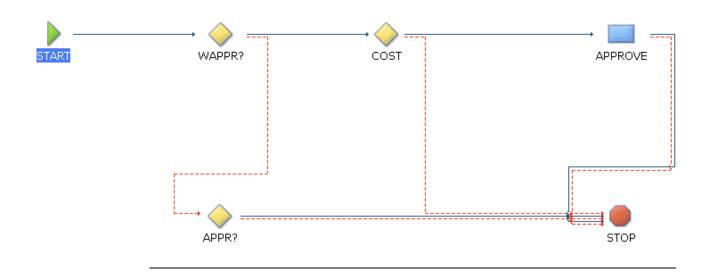
Exercise Scenario 1: Requisition Workflow In the next exercise we will actually move a record through a Workflow process. But first we need to explain what will be happening.

Step	Action
1	In the POSTATUS process that we will be using, a purchase order (PO) is created in the Purchase Orders application.
2	A new PO is checked to determine whether it has a status of WAPPR (WAPPR?).
3	If the PO has a status of WAPPR, the record goes to a financial condition (COST) to evaluate whether the cost is greater than \$500.
4	If the PO does <i>not</i> have a status of WAPPR, it goes to a node (APPR?) that checks to see if the PO has a status of APPR.
5	If the PO is greater than \$500, then it goes back to the originator of the file for approval (APPROVE).
6	If the PO is <i>not</i> greater than \$500, it is approved and goes to the end of the process (STOP).
7	If the PO > \$500 is approved by the originator, the status of the record is changed to APPR and it goes to the end of the process (STOP).
8	If the PO > \$500 is <i>not</i> approved, the PO is canceled and moves to the end of the process (STOP).

Exercise Scenario 1: Requisition Workflow

continued

The graphic below illustrates how this Workflow process on the previous page might be displayed in the Workflow Designer Canvas.



Notes on POSTATUS Process

We need to point out some things about the POSTATUS process:

- The connecting lines in a process (called *Actions*) can be used to generate system actions, such as canceling or approving records. These actions can be viewed in the Properties of the connecting line.
 - In many cases, these connecting lines do the processing work and you might not see the action in the nodes themselves.
 - <u>Note</u>: You can more easily see where actions exist by taking a look at the Process tab of the Workflow Designer.
- Processes need to be set to auto-initiate, if this is the desired state. This is not a default. There are several ways to do this, but we will use the Select Action menu in Workflow Designer to do this in the next example.

Exercise 1A: Setting a Process to Auto-Initiate



We want purchase order records to *automatically* enter the POSTATUS process when they are first created. So, the first step is to set the process to *auto-initiate*.

<u>Note</u>: Ensure that you are still logged in as Fred Stanley (User: **stanley** / Password: **Stanley**) and have accessed the Workflow Designer application.

Step	Action	
1	Access the Workflow Designer application as Fred Stanley, if you have not already done so in a previous exercise.	
2	Access the POSTATUS process.	
	Note: This process should be enabled and active from a previous exercise. If it is not, enable and activate it now.	
3	Select Set Process to Auto-Initiate from the Select Action menu.	
	Result: The process will now automatically initiate when a new PO record is saved. The Interactive Initiate? check box is now selected.	
	Interactive Initiate?	

Exercise 1B: Automatically Starting a Workflow Record



In this exercise, we create a purchase order in the **Purchase Orders** application, which is in the **Purchasing** module.

Then, based on the Workflow process setup from the previous exercise, after a PO record is created, it will *automatically* start in the Workflow approval process journey.

Note: For this exercise, we will sign in to Maximo as the user Frank Jones.

User: jones / Password: jones22

So, you will need to sign out before starting the steps below.

Step	Action	
1	Ensure that you are signed in to Maximo as Frank Jones.	
	Note: There sho	ould be nothing in Frank's Inbox.
2	Access the Purchase Orders application from the Purchasing module.	
3	Insert a new PO record using this information on the PO tab:	
	Field Value	
	Description	Office Supplies
	Company	OFFRUS
	Write the PO number here:	
	Note: The status on the new record is WAPPR. We will leave that status as it is.	

Exercise 1B: Automatically Starting a Workflow Record continued

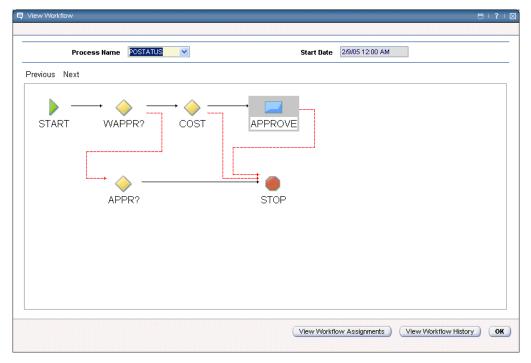
Step	Action	
4	On the PO Lines tab, add the following line items:	
	Line 1:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Line Type	MATERIAL
	Description	CDs
	Quantity	8
	Order Unit	BOX
	Unit Cost	53.00
	GL Debit Account	6000-300-200
	Line 2:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Line Type	MATERIAL
	Description	Storage container
	Quantity	10
	Order Unit	EACH
	Unit Cost	14.73
	GL Debit Account	6000-300-200
5	Save the record.	
	Result: A note indicating that the POSTATUS process has been started flashes briefly above the toolbar. The record goes into the process.	

Check Out the Process

At this point, we've created a PO record and saved it. Because we set the process to auto-initiate, the act of saving the record automatically put the record into the POSTATUS process.

Referring to the scenario on page 2-44, you will note that if the PO is greater than \$500, it must be re-checked Approved by the person who originally created the record.

In the Purchase Orders application, view the Workflow Map for the new PO record to see where it currently resides in the process. Your Workflow map should look similar to the graphic below.



Because the new PO is more than \$500, it is now in the APPROVE node, just as it should be, according to the process described on page 2-44.

We'll finish the process later in this chapter. At this point, let's try out the WOAPPROVE process that we activated earlier.

Exercise Scenario 2: Work Order Approval Workflow

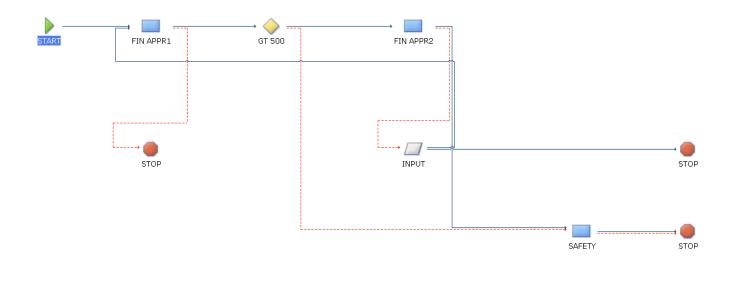
In the process described below, a work order is created in the **Work Order Tracking** application. The new record will be *manually* put into the WOAPPROVE process.

The table below explains the process shown in the diagram on the following page.

Step	Action	
1	The new work order record requires a Level 1 Financial Approval [FIN APPR1] by Roland Smith.	
2	After Roland reviews the work order, he can cancel [STOP] it or give it Level 1 Financial Approval. If approved, the record will be sent on to a financial condition [GT 500] in which the estimated cost is evaluated to see if it is greater than \$500.	
3	If the estimated labor cost is greater than \$500, the record moves on to Level 2 Financial Approval [FIN APPR2], during which a supervisor can approve the record and send it to the Safety Dept [SAFETY] for review and approval.	
4	If the work order is not approved, it is then sent to a manual decision input [INPUT], at which time the work order could be canceled or sent back to Financial Approval 1 [FIN APPR1] for a labor cost review.	

Exercise Scenario 2: Work Order Approval Workflow continued

The graphic below illustrates how the Workflow process on the previous page might be displayed in the Workflow Designer Canvas.



Exercise 2: Manually Starting a Workflow Record



In this exercise, Fred Stanley is going to create a work order record using the **Work Order Tracking** application.

<u>Note</u>: It is assumed that you already know how to create a work order in Maximo.

The WOAPPROVE process has not been set to auto-initiate. So, Fred will need to manually start the record in Workflow by clicking on the **Route Workflow** icon from the Work Order Tracking application.

Step	Action
1	Sign in to Maximo as Fred Stanley.
2	Access the Work Order Tracking application and insert a new work order record. Write your work order # here:

Exercise 2: Manually Starting a Workflow Record continued

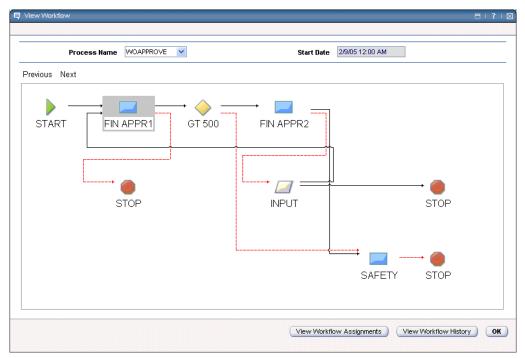
Step	Action		
3	Enter the following information for the tabs and subtabs indicated below.		
	Tab > Subtab	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Work Order	Description	Fix broken windows and frames
		Work Type	CM
		Location	CONF300
	Plans > Labor	Craft	Carpenter / Secondclass
		Quantity	1
		Regular Hours	4:00
	Plans > Materials	Line Type	MATERIAL
		Description	5x8 window pane and frame
		Quantity	2
		Order Unit	EACH
		Unit Cost	500.00
		Vendor	FSC
		Issue to	Granger

Exercise 2: Manually Starting a Workflow Record continued

Step	Action	
4	Save the work order record.	
	Note: In this example, the record did not enter the workflow because the underlying process is <i>not</i> set to auto-initiate.	
5	Click the Route Workflow icon:	
	Result: The record is placed into the Workflow process. The Route Workflow button changes, as shown below, to indicate that the record is now in a Workflow process.	
	Note: You might also see a message that briefly flashes just above the tool bar, indicating that the record has been placed into a process.	
6	Keep this record open.	
	Take a look on the next page to see where the record is in the process.	

Check Out the Process

Let's take a look at where the current work order record is in the process. View its Workflow Map. The map should look like the graphic below.



Per the scenario on page 2-51, the work order record has been manually entered into the process. The first stage of the process is the Level 1 Financial Approval, where the record now resides.

Checking the Workflow

Overview

Maximo enables you to view the present state in the workflow of a currently selected record.

We discussed these previously, but now that we actually have records in the Workflow processes, we will take a look at some of their states.

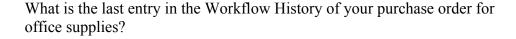
Review: Checking the Workflow History You can view a Workflow history of the current record by selecting **Workflow View Workflow History** from the Select Action menu.

An example is shown below.



<u>Optional</u>: Check the Workflow History for both the purchase order and the work order from the previous exercises.

Exercise 1: Checking a Workflow Record

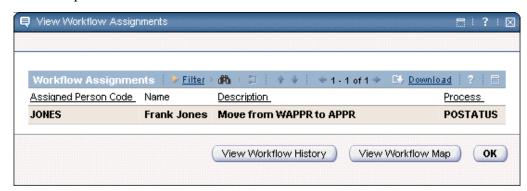




Write your answer here:

Checking the Workflow continued

Review: Checking the Current Assignments You can view the current assignees for the selected record by selecting **Workflow** View Workflow Assignments from the Select Action menu. An example is shown below.



Exercise 2: Checking a Workflow Record





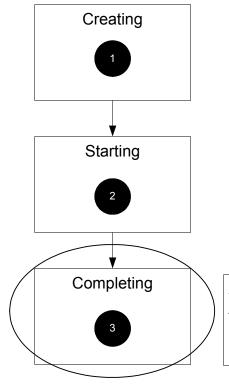
Write your answer here:

Completing My Workflow Assignments

Introduction

In this section, we will learn how to navigate the **Inbox/Assignments** table for various users to complete a Workflow process.

We Are Here



In the third stage, you use the Inbox/ Assignments table in the Start Center to perform the Workflow assignments.

Inbox/ Assignments Table

The **Inbox/Assignments** table provides a handy place from which to review and route tasks that have been assigned to you.



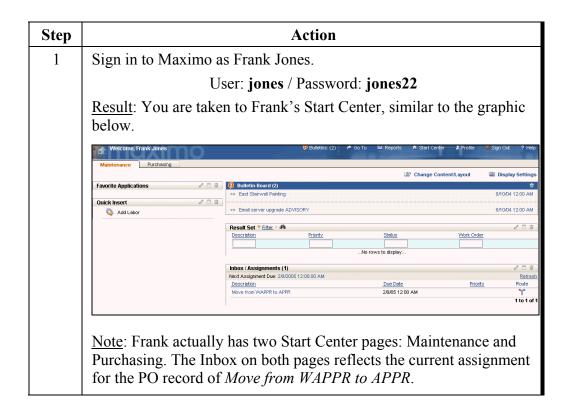
In the following exercises, we will be using this table to complete the processes we started in the previous exercises.

<u>Note</u>: You can also use the Route Workflow button to move selected records. However, we will focus on the use of the Inbox/Assignments table.

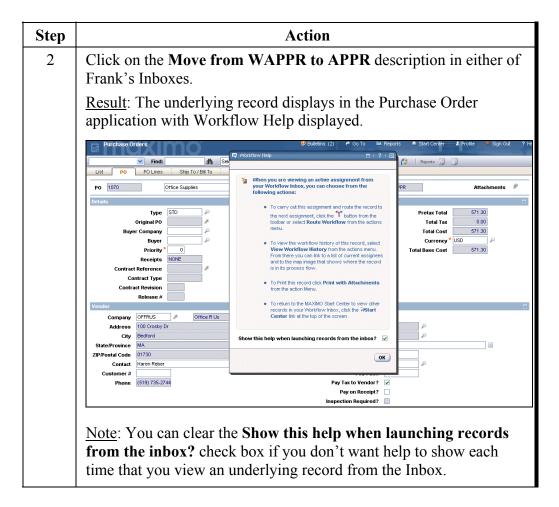
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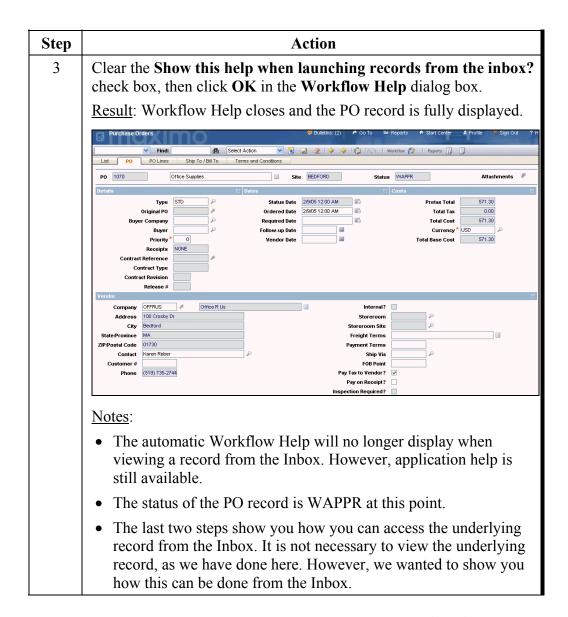
In the following exercise, we will sign in again as Frank Jones and complete the PO process from the Inbox in his Start Center.



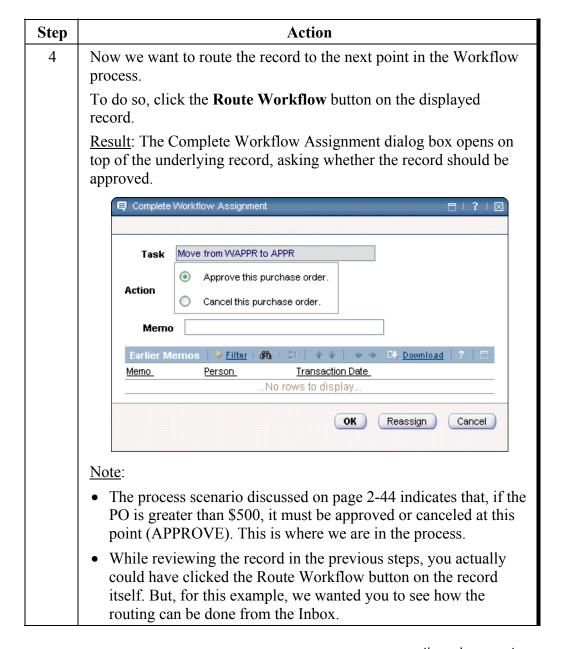
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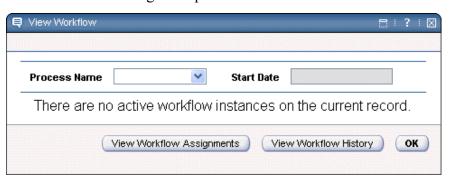
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Step	Action	
5	Ensure that the Approve this purchase order option is selected, then click OK .	
	Result: The process goes to the next step, which is the Stop node.	
	Note: The status is now APPR, as indicated in the process on page 2-44.	

Challenge Question: The Workflow Map



Access the Workflow Map of the PO record for Office Supplies. The **View Workflow** dialog box opens.



Question: Why doesn't Maximo display the Workflow Map for this record?

What Happens When a Record Leaves Workflow? A record has completed its Workflow assignment journey when it reaches a **STOP** node.

If the current process is a subprocess, it returns to its *calling process*.

Note: A *calling process* is the parent (top-level) process of a subprocess.

If it is already in the calling process, it leaves Workflow.

When a record leaves the control of a Workflow process, it becomes a regular Maximo record that retains whatever status it had at the time it left the Workflow.

You can specify that a record will leave Workflow control at any point along the approval process. You do this by:

- choosing Workflow Stop Workflow from the Select Action menu of the selected record; or
- stopping the process from the Workflow Administration application.

Chapter Summary

Components of Workflow

Workflow is comprised of a number of applications used to create workflow processes, applications used to create records used by these processes, the Inbox, and Workflow Options.

Workflow Categories

There are several general categories of workflows:

- Process workflow
- Context-based instructions
- Hybrids of the two

Location of Workflow Applications

All directly Workflow-related applications, except for Escalations, are located in the **Workflow** *submodule* of the **Configuration** module.

The Escalations application is located directly within the Configuration module.

Workflow Applications

The main applications involved with Workflow processes are:

- Workflow Administration
- Workflow Designer
- Actions
- Roles
- Communication Templates
- Escalations

Workflow Options

Workflow Options are accessed from the Select Action menu of the Organizations application.

Three Stages of Workflow Development

The three key stages of workflow development are:

- 1. Creating
- 2. Starting
- 3. Completing

Chapter Summary continued

Canvas Nodes

The nodes on the Workflow Designer Canvas tab are:

- Start
- Stop
- Task
- Condition
- Manual Input
- Subprocess
- Interaction
- Wait

Canvas Tools

The additional tools found on the Canvas tab are:

- Move/Add Nodes
- Connect Nodes
- Connect Nodes with a Negative Action
- Delete
- Properties
- Zoom

Action Buttons

The action buttons on both the Canvas and the Process tabs are:

- Insert Process Revision
- Validate Process
- Enable Process
- Activate Process

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Workflow Action Menu

When an application been Workflow-supported, a Workflow item appears on its Select Action menu. The following choices are available:

- Route Workflow
- Stop Workflow
- View Workflow History
- View Workflow Assignments
- View Workflow Map
- Workflow Help

Workshop

Exercise 1

What happens when a record enters a Workflow process?



Exercise 2

What is a Workflow process?



Exercise 3

What is a node?



Exercise 4

Name and describe each of the nodes shown below.



Node	Description
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Exercise 5



To use a Workflow process, what two things have to be done?

1.

2.

Exercise 6: Scenario





Upon initial access to the Maximo Sign-In screen, users can start a self-registration process by clicking the **register now** link.

<u>Note</u>: Some companies do not use the self-registration method. Check with your Maximo administrator to see how your company handles this process.

Self-registered users are automatically assigned to a *default* group, which controls the initial *basic* privileges provided to the user.

Note: It is assumed that you are familiar with Maximo security procedures.

When a new user self-registers, the registration activity can trigger a Workflow process—SELFREG—during which the Maximo administrator is assigned to review the registration.

Upon receiving the user review assignment, the Maximo administrator checks the new user record and provides privileges appropriate for the new user.

Exercise 6: Make the Process Available



The first thing that needs to be done is to make the SELFREG process available to Maximo. This involves:

- Enabling
- Activating
- Auto-initiating

Follow the steps below to do this.

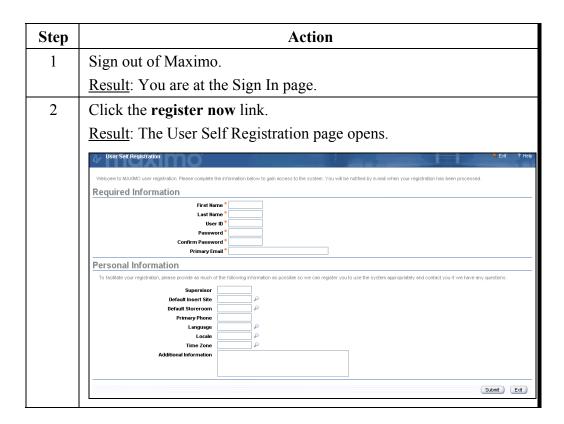
Step	Action		
1	Access the Workflow Designer application as Frank Stanley.		
	User: stanley / Password: stanley		
2	Access the Canvas tab for the SELFREG process.		
	Result: The SELFREG process nodes look like the graphic below.		
	TASK 3 STOP 2		
3	Enable and activate the process, if necessary.		
	Result: The process is now ready to be used. The Enabled? and Active? check boxes are selected.		
	Enabled? ✓		
	Active? ✓		
	Note: Depending on your classroom setup, this process might already be enabled and activated.		
4	Set the process to auto-initiate.		
	Hint: Use the Select Action menu.		
	Result: The process will now automatically start when a relevant record is saved. The Interactive Initiate? check box is selected.		
	Interactive Initiate? ✓		

Exercise 7: Follow the Process

At this point, we've got the process ready to go.



Now let's do a self-registration and follow the process through its steps.



Exercise 7: Follow the Process continued

Step	Action		
3	Enter the following information in the Required Information section:		
	First Name	[Your First Name]	
	Last Name	[Your Last Name]	
	User ID	[Your Last Name] (Note: Must have eight letters)	
	Password [Your Last Name – lowercase]		
	Confirm Password [Your Last Name – lowercase]		
	Primary E-Mail [Your E-Mail Address]		
	Note: In the spaces provided below, write down the values in the User ID and Password fields. This information will come in handy for a later optional exercise.		
	User ID:		
	Password:		
4	Enter the following information in the Personal Information section:		
	Supervisor	WINSTON	
	Default Insert Site	BEDFORD	
	Default Storeroom	CENTRAL	
	Language	EN	
	Additional Information	I am a new Maximo user.	

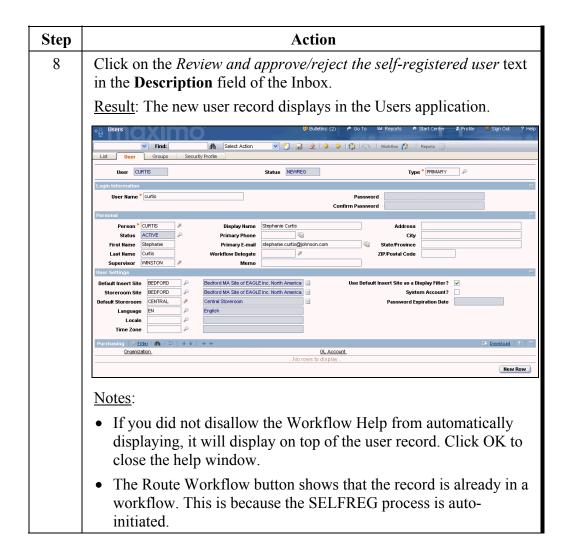
Exercise 7: Follow the **Process**

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Step	Action
5	Click Submit.
	Result: A dialog box similar to the one below opens, indicating that the registration is being processed.
	¶ MAXIMO □□□
	Thank you! Your Maximo registration is being processed. You will be contacted via e-mail if we require more information or when your registration is complete.
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6	Click OK to close the dialog box.
	Result: You are taken back to the Maximo sign-in screen.
	Note: The Maximo administrator must access the new registration record and determine whether the registration will be accepted. Until the registration is accepted, you cannot access Maximo.
7	Sign in to Maximo as the Maximo administrator using the following information:
	User: maxadmin / Password: maxadmin
	Result: You are taken to the Start Center for the Maximo administrator. The new registration is in the administrator's Inbox.
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	Note: The user <i>maxadmin</i> has been assigned the task of reviewing the new registration, so you are signing in as that user to check the Inbox.

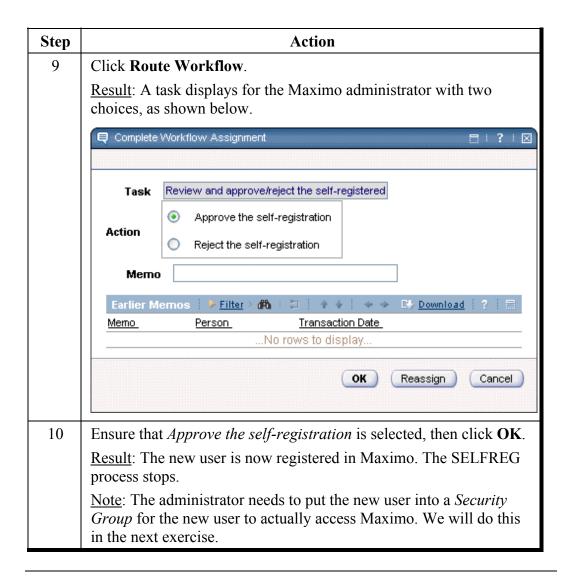
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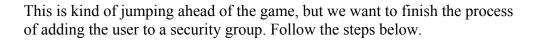


Exercise 7: Follow the Process

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Exercise 8: Put the User into a Security Group





Note: We'll cover security groups in more detail later in the course.

Step	Action			
1	Sign in to Maximo as Mike Wilson (wilson/wilson) and access your new user from the Users application in the Security module.			
	<u>Note</u> : The user record would be the value in the User ID field during self-registration. Hopefully you wrote it down!			
2	Click the Groups tab to view it.			
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	Groups Filter #6 + + 1 -1 of 1 +			
	Note: Self-registered users are automatically put into the DEFLTREG group. However, this group only allows you to enter a new password on first registration. There is no access to applications or a Start Center.			
3	Add a new row in the Groups section.			
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	New Row			

Exercise 8: Put the User into a **Security Group**

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Step	Action				
4	In the Group field of the new line, enter MAXADMIN.				
	Note: This group will give your new user access to just about everything in Maximo. Normally you'd give access to a security group with fewer privileges.				
5	Save the record.				
	Result: Now your us to applications and a	ser is fully registered in Max a Start Center.	timo and has access		
6	Sign out of Maximo and sign back in with the user name and password that you wrote down on page 2-75 in the previous exercise.				
	Note: Depending on your system setup, you might be asked to enter a new password on first sign-in. Follow the steps and sign in. New password on first sign-in: Result: Your user now has access to Maximo with a Start Center and rights to use all applications.				
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Exercise 9





Using the Fix Broken Window work order record, complete the following exercise:

- 1. Sign in to Maximo as Roland Smith (user: smith / password: smith1) and route the work order on to the next approval level, which is a safety and permit check.
- Sign out of Maximo and sign in as Diane Liberi (user: liberi / password: liberi). Route the work order from Diane's Inbox. In the WO approval task dialog box, enter Permits not required in the Memo field. Approve the work order.
- 3. What is the status of the work order after completing the Workflow process?

(<u>Hint</u>: It will not be APPR, because the materials have not yet been ordered and received.)

Exercise 10: Discussion



Can you think of where in your organization the Workflow application could be used?

If so, where?

How would you implement the use of Workflow at your site?

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Chapter 3: Implementation Process Overview



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Chapter Overview

Chapter Focus

In this chapter we will discuss the process you use to design, build, test, and deploy a new workflow.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to list the phases, tasks, and activities of the Workflow implementation process used throughout this course.

Workflow Implementation Process

Introduction

As with any enterprise-wide software implementation, the more you plan and document, the more successful your implementation of Workflow ultimately will be.

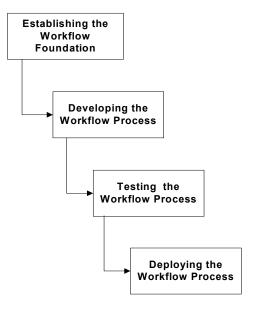
The process will also provide you an opportunity to document and examine your current business processes and determine whether they meet your organizational needs.

If you discover areas that need some improvement, the implementation of Workflow could provide the motivation to streamline those processes.

Workflow Implementation Process

The Workflow implementation process reflects the steps and activities that you could use to implement any new Workflow process into your business environment. These phases are as follows.

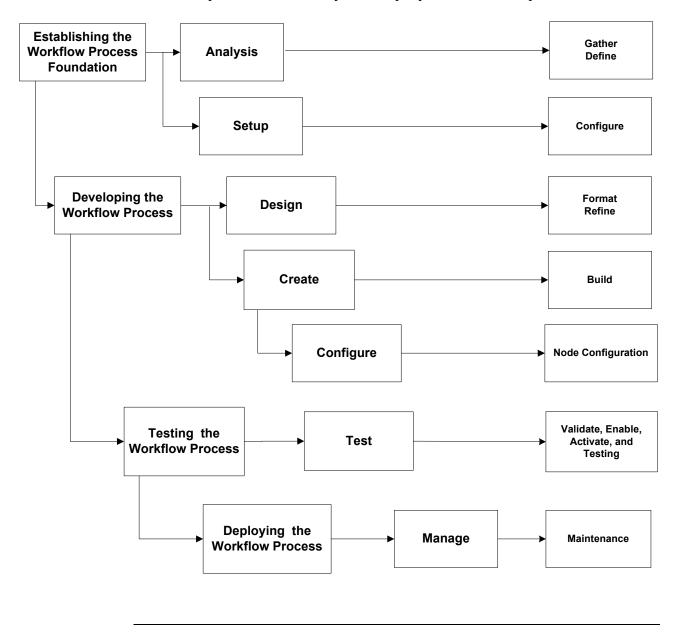
- 1. **Establishment**: Documenting existing business practices and processes by the implementation team.
- 2. **Development**: Creating an electronic version of the Workflow process.
- 3. **Testing**: Testing the Workflow process through all possible paths.
- 4. **Deployment**: Rolling out a Workflow process and gauging its effectiveness.



Phases and Tasks

Each phase can be broken down into several tasks with related activities. This course will follow each phase and its associated tasks.

Your implementation team will have to decide whether to follow some or all of these phases and tasks in your company's Workflow implementation.

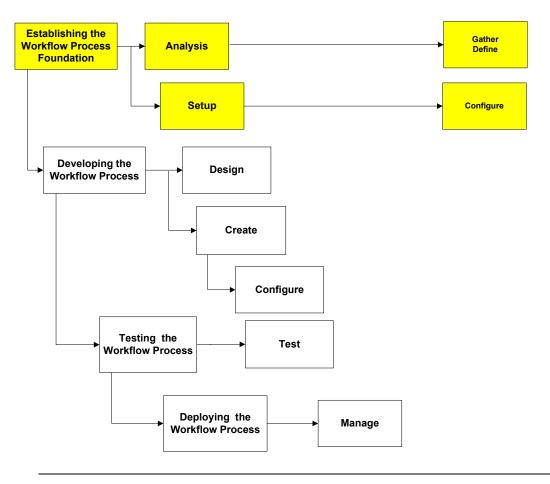


Phase 1: Establishing the Foundation

Each task can have either one activity or several activities associated with it.

- In Phase 1, the implementation team researches and documents existing procedures, analyzes the information, and discusses the business processes that will be automated.
- They also have the opportunity to decide on process changes and take advantage of Workflow features that were not available using a manual process.
- After a determination is made and a Workflow process is designed, certain records must be created to allow a Workflow process to run and certain data must be entered into several Maximo applications.

Detailed discussion of this phase occurs in Unit 2: "Establishing the Workflow Process Foundation."



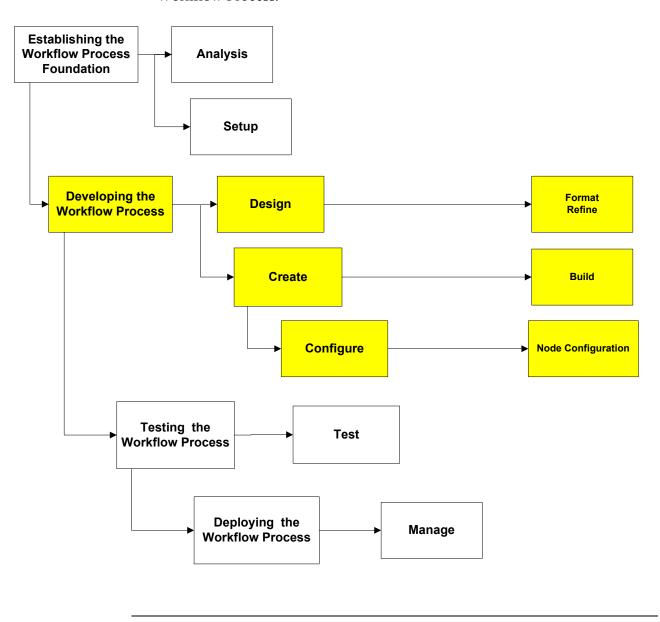
Activities Examples

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at each task level of Phase 1.

Task	Activity	Actions
Analysis	Gather	Conduct data collection interviews with various people and departments about your organization and the way records move through it
		 Capture and compile current business procedures and practices
		 Build who, what, where, when, and how spreadsheets and create work routine flow diagrams
	Define	Analyze and identify what business situations you want changed
		Commit to the implementation scope
		 Review and refine the list of the job steps of the business process you want incorporated into the Workflow process
		Determine and sequence where the decision points are made and who makes them
Setup	Configure	 Set and modify the line settings in the maximo.properties file
		 Modify Workflow option settings in the Organizations application
		 Create process flows using the Workflow Designer application
		Create appropriate records such as Roles, Actions and Action Groups, People, Person Groups, etc. needed to interact with processes created in Workflow Designer

Phase 2: Developing the Workflow Process During the Build phase, the process design is converted into an electronic Workflow using Workflow Designer.

Detailed discussion of this phase occurs in Unit 3: "Developing the Workflow Process."



Activities Examples

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at the task level of Phase 2.

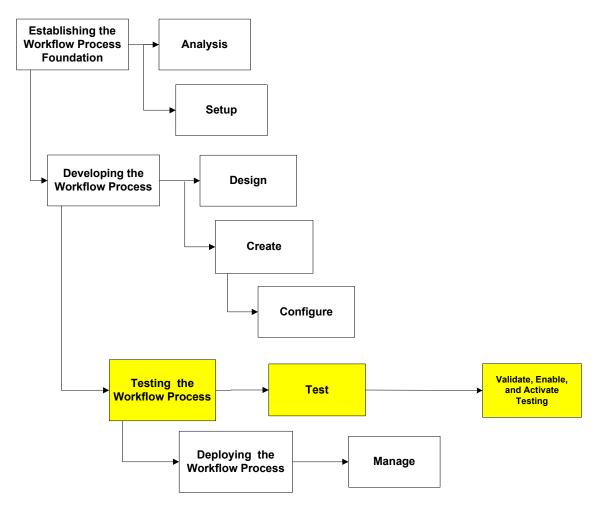
Task	Activity	Actions
Design	Format	Document the business process' steps into a flowchart format using Workflow Designer Node conventions
	Refine	Analyze and modify the steps as you work through the flowcharting activity
Create	Build	 Use the Workflow Designer application to convert the process flows identified in Phase 1 into an electronic version
		 Create additional needed records, including Roles, Actions, People, etc. needed to work with nodes
Configure	Node Configuration	Configure the parameters, conditions, and actions for each node

Phase 3: Testing the Workflow Process

In Phase 3: Testing the Workflow Process, you need to test all of the possible paths a record can follow.

- To test that the process meets your needs, activate it and route a record through all of the process paths. At each step in the process, make sure the expected assignments are made and actions taken.
- You can learn a lot from this testing phase. For example, you might discover that the process is missing an aspect of your business rules or that it works differently than expected. You might even find that your business rules themselves work differently than expected.

Detailed discussion of this phase occurs in Unit 4: "Testing the Workflow Process."



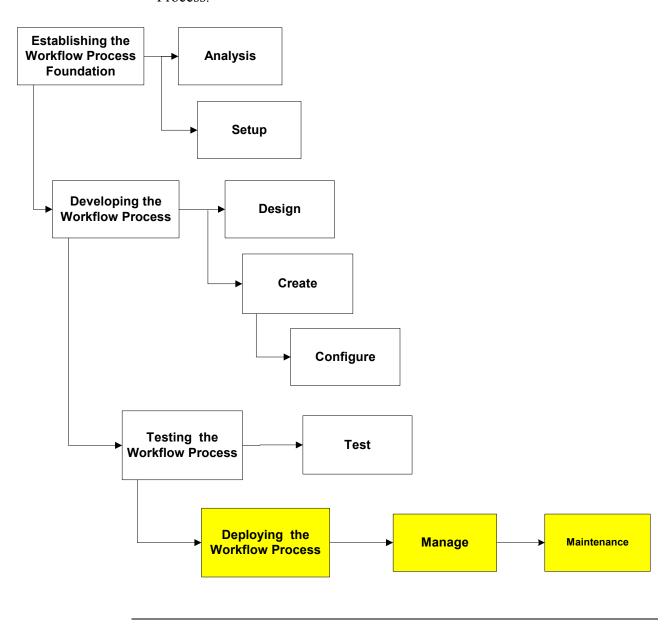
Activities Examples

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at each task level of Phase 3.

Task	Activity	Actions
Test	Validate, Enable, and Activate	Use the Workflow Designer application to enable, validate, and activate the Workflow process
	Testing	Test the process and all its possible paths by using sample records and test plans

Phase 4: Deploying the Workflow Process When you have tested your process, you can deploy it to the affected business units and gauge its effectiveness.

Detailed discussion of this phase occurs in Unit 5: "Deploying the Workflow Process."



Activity Examples

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at each task level of Phase 4.

Task	Activity	Actions
Manage	Maintenance	Evaluate, revise, and modify Workflow processes on an ongoing basis.



<u>Notes</u>: Some factors to keep in mind when deploying a Workflow process include:

- Deploying a Workflow process means *enforcing a consistent set of business practices* and does not provide the flexibility that a manual system allows.
- You are changing the tools and procedures that end users use to perform their jobs. *Including training sessions in your deployment phase* will help ease the transition to the new procedure.

Chapter Summary

Workflow Implementation Process

The phases of the Workflow implementation process reflect steps and activities that you could use to implement any new Workflow process into your business environment. These phases are as follows:

- 1. **Establishment**: Documenting of existing business practices and processes by the implementation team.
- 2. **Development**: Creating an electronic version of the Workflow process.
- 3. **Testing**: Testing the Workflow process through all possible paths.
- 4. **Deployment**: Rolling out a Workflow process and gauging its effectiveness.

Phase 1: Establishing the Foundation

Each task can have either one activity or several activities associated with it.

- In Phase 1, the implementation team researches and documents existing procedures, analyzes the information, and discusses the business processes that will be automated.
- They also have the opportunity to decide on process changes and take advantage of Workflow features that were not available using a manual process.
- After a determination is made and a Workflow process is designed, certain records must be created to allow a Workflow process to run and certain data must be entered into several Maximo applications.

Phase 2: Developing the Workflow Process

During the Build phase, the process design is converted into an electronic Workflow using Workflow Designer and related applications.

Chapter Summary continued

Phase 3: Testing the Workflow Process

In Phase 3, you need to test all of the possible paths a record can follow.

To test that the process meets your needs, activate it and route a record through all of the process paths.

- At each step in the process, make sure the expected assignments are made and actions taken.
- You can learn a lot from this testing phase. For example, you might discover that the process is missing an aspect of your business rules or that it works differently than expected. You might even find that your business rules themselves work differently than expected.

Phase 4: Deploying the Workflow Process

When you have tested your process, you can deploy it to the affected business units and gauge its effectiveness.

Several factors to keep in mind when deploying a Workflow process are:

- Deploying a Workflow process means *enforcing a consistent set of business practices* and does not provide the flexibility that a manual system allows.
- You are changing the tools and procedures that end users employ to perform their jobs. *Including training sessions in your deployment phase* will help ease the transition to the new procedure.

Workshop

Discussion

What key factors must be considered when implementing Workflow?



What might be some constraints?

In what ways would this information impact your own organization's implementation of Workflow?

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Unit 2: Establishing the Workflow Process Foundation



In This Unit

This unit contains the following chapters:

Chapter	Торіс
4	Analysis
5	Setup

Unit Overview

Introduction

This unit focuses on ideas and ways to document business practices and rules, as well as how to configure the system in preparation for the Workflow processes' implementation into your business environment.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this unit, you should be able to:

- analyze your business process and practices;
- study your business process to identify areas that can be improved;
- insert new records needed to support Workflow processes into the database;
- modify security setup to enable Workflow processes and routing;
- configure a user's profile information; and
- set and modify parameters in the maximo.properties file for Workflow use.

Phase 1: Establishing the Foundation

Each task can consist of one activity or can have several activities associated with it.

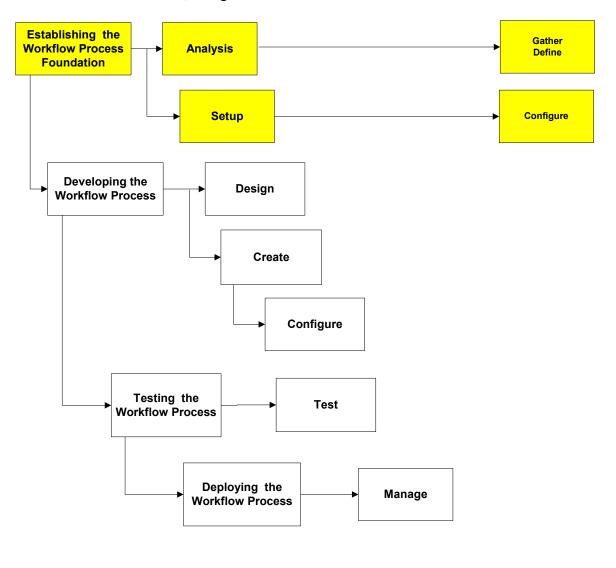
In Phase 1, the implementation team researches and documents existing procedures, analyzes the information, and discusses the business processes that will be automated.

They also have the opportunity to decide on process changes and take advantage of Workflow features that were not available using a manual process.

After a determination is made and a Workflow process is designed, certain applications must be configured to allow a Workflow process to run. In addition, certain data must be entered into several Maximo applications.

We Will Cover

In this unit, discussions will focus on *Phase 1, Establishing the Workflow Foundation*, along with its tasks and related activities.



Activity Examples

Each step in the Analysis phase requires that you perform specific activities. The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at each task level of this phase.

Task	Activity	Actions
Analysis	Gather	 Conduct data collection interviews with various people and departments about your organization and the way records move through it Capture and compile current
		business procedures and practices
		Build who, what, where, when, and how spreadsheets and create work routine flow diagrams
	Define	Analyze and identify what business situations you want changed
		Commit to the implementation scope
		 Review and refine the list of the job steps of the business process you want incorporated into the Workflow process
		Determine and sequence where the decision points are made and who makes them
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Setup	Configure	• Set and modify the line settings in the maximo.properties file
		 Modify Workflow option settings in the Organizations application
		 Create process flows using the Workflow Designer application
		Create appropriate records such as Roles, Actions and Action Groups, People, Person Groups, etc. needed to interact with processes created in Workflow Designer

Applications Used

To complete the task activities in this unit, we will be using the following applications:

- People
- People Groups
- Users
- Organizations
- Labor

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Chapter 4: Analysis



In This Chapter This chapter contains the following topics:

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Chapter Overview

Introduction

In this chapter we identify the steps involved in implementing Workflow at your site. This includes helping you document your current process, as well as helping you identify areas in your processes that could be streamlined. Specifically, we will focus on:

- analyzing your business process to get the most out of using Workflow, and
- studying your business process to identify areas for improvement.

Learning Objectives

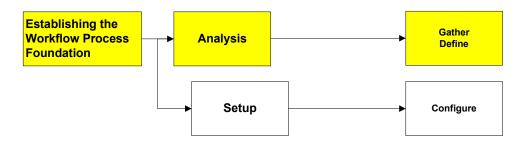
When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to:

- capture information on your organization's business processes and practices, and
- identify areas in your processes that Workflow can help streamline.

Chapter Overview continued

We Are Here

The areas we will be covering in this chapter are highlighted below:



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Overview of the Analysis Task

Introduction

To effectively integrate Workflow in your implementation, you need to first identify what the scope of the project is going to be.

The first step toward identifying what the scope is going to be is to gather and analyze your current business practices and processes.

Activity Examples

Each step in the Analysis task requires that you perform specific activities. The following table lists examples of the activities that you might perform for the Analysis task:

Task	Activity	Actions			
Analysis	Gather	 Conduct data collection interviews with various people and departments about your organization and the way records move through it 			
		Capture and compile current business procedures and practices			
		Build who, what, where, when, and how spreadsheets and create work routine flow diagrams			
	Define	Analyze and identify what business situations you want changed			
	Commit to the implement				
		 Review and refine the list of job steps of the business process you want incorporated into the Workflow process 			
		Determine and sequence decision points and who makes the decisions			

Gathering Information

Introduction

One of the first activities in the analysis phase of the implementation process is to gather information about your organization's business practices and process by *interviewing* key players and knowledge holders.

Because Maximo records meet certain needs for your organization as they pass through their lifecycles, the goal of interviewing is to understand how and why records move through your organization as they do.

Leverage Maximo Implementation Knowledge

One source of information is the *site assessment and implementation plan* from your organization's Maximo implementation.

If possible, include on your Workflow team people who were part of the Maximo implementation. By including these people, you can leverage some of the information that you have already gathered as part of implementing Maximo.

These people might have already recorded and diagrammed parts of your business practices and can provide insight on what processes can be streamlined and/or good processes to model and implement into Workflow.

Organization's Standard Operating Procedures

Look at your organization's standard operating procedures (SOP).

Many times they will contain some of the following information:

- approval cost limits
- supervisory-level approval requirements
- departmental hierarchies
- regulatory procedures
- industry- or company-driven compliance rules

Observing

By observing and asking questions about how work gets done, one of the more common discoveries when companies document their business practices is that there are fewer controls in place to direct work than expected.

There might not even be rules in place for conducting business within "well established" parts of your company where you would expect them.

At this point, the current practices should be reevaluated and points should be made of new assignment flows or new business rules to be instituted.

Gathering Information continued

Questions

When you are researching the process, you need to prepare a list of the questions to ask representatives of the affected areas.

Some examples of questions that you might ask in your questionnaire include the following:

- What functions do the Maximo records serve in your organization?
- What are the site levels?
- What is the organizational structure?
- Are there different practices from one locale to the next?
- What are the different types of approval-driven records used in the organization?
- Is your organization multinational? Are there language or cultural considerations?
- Who requests records, and who actually creates those records?
- What are the most common record characteristics?
- Who comes in contact with records based on current business practices? Are there exceptions to that path?
- What factors are used to decide where the records will go next?
- How does a person find out that a record has been assigned to them?
- What happens if a record is rejected? Does it get another chance to be changed, or does it end permanently?
- Can a person reassign a record to another person?
- How do you want assignments delivered (e-mail/inbox/paging/cell phone)?
- How does a record get canceled? What is the notification process when that happens?
- Can you suggest any changes that would make the process more efficient?
- Does the person vary by shift, location, or promotion?

Gathering Information continued

Questions

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- Are there written policies on financial approval limits and sign-off authority?
- What records would you want manually (vs. automatically) started in a Workflow routine?
- How do you receive your work allocation?
- Do you have business process flows documented for your organization's various business units?
- Are there different process flows for the same organization at different locations?
- Do you use materials from a supply on site and/or off site?
- Do you purchase any materials? If so, who authorizes the purchase and then receives it?
- If you are using any materials from on site, do you maintain a minimum level?
- Who is responsible for budgeting?
- How is emergency work currently done?
- Do you allocate work to staff? If so, how?
- How you plan for the work to be done, including how you will resource personnel, plant, and other associated documents?
- Are contractors involved with the work? If so, how are they managed?
- When a job is complete, what do you expect will be reported?
- Are you concerned with recording of the hours done by your staff?
- What are the account codes that you are responsible for?
- Maximo can use account codes; these can be associated with the work and vendors. How important is it at this stage of the project to have these in Maximo?

Gathering Information continued

Discussion Exercise



List three of the questions from the previous list that you feel are important to your organization.

1.

2.

3.

List two questions that aren't on the list that you think should be there.

1.

2.

Defining

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Basically, you are trying to determine who, what, where, when, and how records move through your organization in regard to their appropriate approval routines.

Compile and Document

After you have gathered the right information, compile and document it.

Note: Keep in mind that this is an ongoing and reiterative process.

Considerable time will be spent figuring out and documenting your business practices and routines.

There are several ways to do this:

- Create step/action tables to list routine actions in the order in which they happen.
- Enter who, what, and where into a spreadsheet.
- Create diagrams to represent work routines and paths.

Note



Much of the time involved in Workflow implementation should be spent in understanding the business rules and deciding whether to make any changes in the way they work in the future.

Business rules are rarely as simple as they might seem at first glance.

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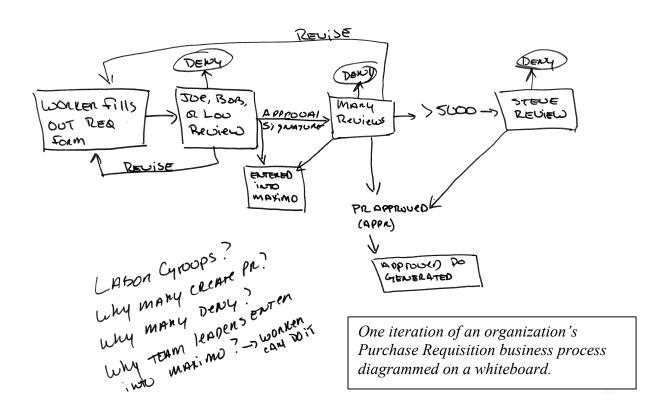
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Whiteboard Diagrams

Initial diagramming is best done on whiteboards. Whiteboards enable a team to sit in a room and work through business processes, allowing for easy changes and continual refinement of the process.

Keep these tips in mind when you diagram your processes:

- Document the beginning and the end of a record's lifecycle.
- Keep in mind the purpose the record is intended to serve.
- Include steps that contribute to your approval processes, such as safety checks and financial, environmental, or legal approvals.
- Include information about where decision points occur, and what group, role, or employee is responsible for making those decisions.
- As you diagram the way things are currently done, make note of possible trouble spots. Trouble spots can include work assignment bottlenecks, undocumented procedures, multiple ways of completing the same task, and patterns of employees.

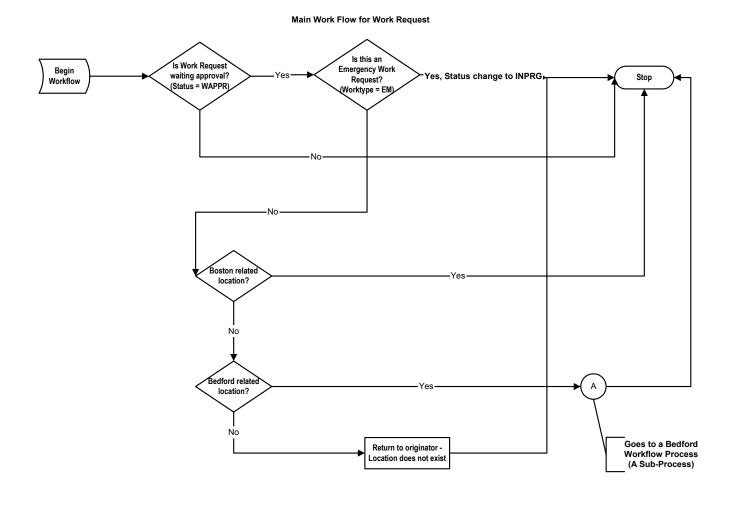


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Diagramming

After you diagram your business flows onto a whiteboard, you can then transfer them into a formalized diagram. Products like Visio[®] make it easy to create the diagrams.

In Chapter 6 we will take our whiteboard diagrams and format them into more formalized diagrams using Workflow Designer node conventions.



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Defining continued

Keep It Simple

Minimize the amount of design complexity. Too often business process logistics are complex and inconsistent. There are several ways in which to keep the process simple. Try to identify:

- *Patterns of records* that can be evaluated as a group.
- Patterns of person groups/roles. Grouping personnel into person groups and roles allows a generic and dynamic "assignment" without naming a specific individual within Workflow.

A major advantage of this is that generic processes need less maintenance.

Reference to person groups and roles instead of individuals allows Workflow processes to remain generic reflections of business processes. By changing the people in the groups/roles (instead of the groups/roles themselves), processes will remain valid as personnel change in the organization.

This means less editing and maintenance of the processes will be required in the future.

• *Patterns of tasks* that can be broken down into subprocesses.

Note



Keep in mind while diagramming your business processes that they probably will not mirror the hierarchical structure of your organization.

Most likely you will not end up with a one-to-one mapping between the business rules now being organized and how the final Workflow process looks.

However, a Workflow process should function in accordance with your business rules.

Defining continued

Step/Action Table

Creating a step/action table is a good way to record a process and make a team think about the order in which—and the reasons why—business actions happen.

Here is a simple example of a preliminary step/action table for an organization's maintenance shop purchase requisition approval process:

Step	Action
1	A shop floor worker fills out a requisition form with their line items.
2	One of the team leaders—Joe, Bob, or Lou—reviews it.
3	The team leader can approve the requisition, deny it, or send it back to the worker for revision.
4	If the team leader gives his approval signature on a requisition form, he enters the requisition information into Maximo using the Purchase Requisition (PR) application and notes the PR number on the requisition form.
5	The team leader sends it to Mary, the purchasing coordinator, for review.
6	Mary reviews all PRs for accuracy. If the PR's total cost is less than \$5,000, she can approve it, deny it, or send it back to the shop floor person for revision.
7	If the total cost is over \$5,000, she sends the PR to Mike, the purchasing manager, for final approval. He can deny or approve it.
8	When the PR has financial approval (APPR), the system generates a PO with an Approved (APPR) status from the PR data; that is, the system automatically copies the PR data lines over to the Purchase Order table and changes the PR status to CLOSE.

Defining continued

Creating a Spreadsheet

A spreadsheet can reveal repetitive parts of your business practices or groups of labor.

When you build a spreadsheet, you end up with a table with one set of criteria across the top, such as the people and roles involved, and another running down the side, such as successive routing destinations and departments involved.

Example 1: Person Groups/ Roles

On the next page you will find an example of one type of spreadsheet that you can build.

This spreadsheet lists all of the personnel involved in the Workflow process routine and then identifies patterns of the person groups or roles that they fall under.

Grouping personnel into groups/roles allows a generic and dynamic "assignment" without naming a specific individual within the Workflow process.

It is also a good idea to build a spreadsheet that identifies other information, such as e-mail addresses and workers' supervisors.

This way, when you are setting up your labor records, you can have the information readily available.

Defining continued

Example 1: Person Groups/ Roles continued

Role/Person Labor Position/Craft Group E-mail **Supervisor Delegate** Ross Smith RSmith@company.com Diane Liberi Maintenance Supervisor Group Supervisor Jay Purchasing **Purchasing Group** JHampton@company.com Jen Briggs Diane Liberi Assistant Hampton Purchasing Supervisor Group Diane Liberi Jen Briggs JBriggs@company.com Supervisor Maintenance Team Leader Diane Liberi Jim JBoudreau@company.com Ross Smith Boudreau Team Leader Marci Green Maintenance Team Leader Diane Liberi MGreen@company.com Ross Smith Team Leader Frank Jones Planner Planning Group FJones@company.com Ross Smith Diane Liberi Kristen Planner Planning Group KMills@company.com Ross Smith Diane Liberi Mills Mark Robins Buyer **Buying Group** MRobins@company.com Jen Briggs Diane Liberi Office Manager Diane Liberi Lisa Folino Office Group LFolino@company.com Sue Green Office Office Group SGreen@company.com Lisa Folino Diane Liberi Coordinator Kelly Office Assistant Office Group KDowling@company.com Lisa Folino Diane Liberi **Dowling**

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Example 2: Creating a Spreadsheet A spreadsheet can also reveal aspects of your business practices that repeat themselves.

What Condition?	\$0 - \$5,000	\$0 - \$5,000	\$5,001 - \$10,000	\$10,001 - \$25,000	
Approval Level	1		2	3	
Person Group	Team Leader	Delegate	Supervisor	Director	
Department					
Facility Maintenance	Nielsen	Workman	Doug Sigler	Fred Turnier	Labor
Engineering	Pai	Starman	Wayne Fisher	Fred Turnier	Labor
Pretreatment	Paulson	Schoengold	Wayne Fisher	Fred Turnier	Labor
Customer Service	Sul	Routsong	Gloria Routsong	Fred Turnier	Labor
Business Services	Routsong	Karafa	Gloria Routsong	Fred Turnier	Labor
Information Technology	Cartron	Fisher	Wayne Fisher	Fred Turnier	Labor
Finance	Tobin	PJ	Gloria Routsong	Fred Turnier	Labor
Support Services	Karafa	Turnier	Doug Karafa	Fred Turnier	Labor
General Administration	Turnier	Turnier	Fred Turnier	Fred Turnier	Labor
Operations	Smith, Taylor, Gray, Roche	Christmas	Dez Christmas	Fred Turnier	Labor

Case Study 1 Introduction

Introduction

As we go through this course, we will use several case studies to help us practice what we learn.

In the first case study, we will assist Massachusetts University (Mass U) to implement a Workflow process that automates their Work Request approval-to-completion routine.

History and Scope

Mass U has been a user of Maximo since release 4.0.1 and recently upgraded to MXES.

Mass U currently uses Maximo only for Work Management, that is, the Work Orders module. However, the next phase of their upgrade implementation requires them to start using Workflow processes to improve the flow of work through their system.

They have decided that for their first use of Workflow they will keep the scope relatively simple. They will begin by automating the work order approval and notification processes for the work orders entered or called in by the students and faculty.

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Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Current Scenario

In Mass U's current work order approval process, the student phones in the problem to the facilities front office staff:

- Mark Ellison
- Fabiola Panzano
- Nick Craddock

If the problem is a viable work request, the front office staff enters the work order into the Work Order Tracking application and completes the following tasks:

- Change the status to Approved (APPR).
- Assign a work type: Emergency Maintenance (EM) or Corrective Maintenance (CM).
- Specify a maintenance supervisor: Kelly Ordway, Ted Bateman, or Julio Coronado.
- Print the work order and put it into the supervisor's mailbox. However, for emergency work they page the supervisor.

After picking up the work order, the supervisor does the following:

- Assigns a laborer or laborers to the job, who will then record their actual labor in Maximo and send the work order back to the supervisor
- Opens the Work Order Tracking application and changes the work order status to Complete (COMP)

Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Determination

The implementation team has determined that, for their initial phase of Mass U's Workflow implementation, they will do the following:

- They will focus solely on the Corrective and Emergency service requests called in to the front office staff or entered into the system by students and faculty.
- They will notify people of assignments using the Inbox/Assignments table and e-mail.
- They will notify students and faculty of the progress of their service request via e-mail notification and through Workflow's history view.

Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Initial Scenario: Computer-Based Service Request

After much discussion, it was initially determined that the following process would be followed for *computer-based* service requests:

- 1. Students and faculty will be encouraged to complete a one-time self-registration in order to use Maximo.
- 2. After self-registration, a user will be able to enter requests for service into Maximo using the Create Service Request application. If they can't enter their request(s) via computer, they can call in the issue to the facilities office staff. However, students and faculty will be strongly encouraged to use a computer.
- 3. If work is entered using the Create Service Request application, the record will automatically go into a Workflow routine when submitted.
- 4. The office staff will determine whether the service request is valid. If it is valid, a work order with status WAPPR will be created from the request. If it is not valid, then the request will be canceled.
- 5. When a valid request is converted into a work order, the staff person will automatically be taken to the work order to complete basic information in the work order, including the following:
 - Requestor's name in the On Behalf Of field
 - Location
 - Supervisor
 - Craft/labor
 - Work Type (CM or EM)
- 6. After adding needed work order information, the staff person will route the work order to the supervisor, who will add resources and schedule.
- 7. Labor will report to the supervisor when the work is done.
- 8. The supervisor will change the work order status to COMP.

Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Initial Scenario: Telephone-Based Service Request It was also determined that the following process would be followed for *telephone-based* service requests:

- 1. If the request is called in by telephone, the facilities office will use the Service Requests application to enter the call. The following information will be added:
 - Name of caller in Reported By field
 - Caller's name in the Affected Person field, unless otherwise indicated by caller
 - Location
 - Summary
 - Details
 - Status to In Progress
- 2. After adding needed work order information, the staff person will change the status of the request to INPRG and create a work order.
- 3. The work order will go to the supervisor, who will add resources and schedule.
- 4. Labor will report to the supervisor when the work is done.
- 5. The supervisor will change the work order status to COMP.

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Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Initial Scenario: Additional Information

- In either situation, a service request will be created.
- The supervisor will enter resources, approve the work, and then print the work order and distribute it to the crafts person.
- After the crafts person has entered the actual labor time and reports on work status, the next action for the supervisor would be to either route the record to a Completed (COMP) status, or enter a status of Waiting for Materials (WMATL) if the work is not complete.
- If the work is WMATL, it is then routed back to the supervisor's inbox for a Work Completion status.
- At each status change, Mass U would like an e-mail notification to go out to the person who requested the work order, informing them of the record's current status.
- Finally, the supervisor will also receive an e-mail notification on a work order's approval.

Person Group/ Role Table

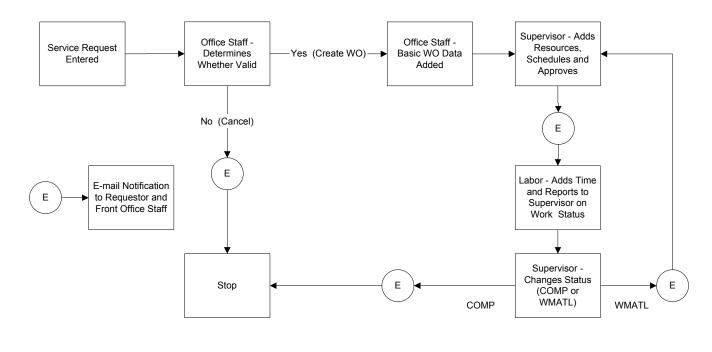
The following table illustrates Mass U's Person Group/Role table:

		Role/Person		
Person	Position/Craft	Group	Supervisor	E-mail
Kelly Ordway	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	kordway@ massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		
Ted Bateman	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	tbateman@ massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		
Julio Coronado	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	jcoronado@massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		
Mark Ellison	Office	Facilities	Diane Liberi	mellison@massu.edu
	Manager	Office Group		_
Fabiola Panzano	Office	Facilities	Kelly Ordway	fpanzano@ massu.edu
	Coordinator	Office Group		
Nick Craddock	Office	Facilities	Kelly Ordway	ncraddock@ massu.edu
	Coordinator	Office Group		_

Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Whiteboard Diagram

Mass U's initial whiteboard diagram looks like this:



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Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Step/Action Table

Mass U's Workflow process can be broken down into the following steps:

Step	Action
1	A service request is entered into the Create Service Requests application (online) or the Work Order Tracking application (telephone).
2	If a service request is created, the office staff determines the validity of the request. If valid, a work order record is created and presented to the staffer who validated the request. If it is not valid, the request is canceled.
3	For valid work requests, the staff adds information to the work order record. Then the work order is forwarded to the supervisor.
4	On cancellation of a service request, an e-mail notification will go to the originator and the supervisor. Then the Workflow process is stopped.
5	The supervisor will add resources, then assign and approve the work order. An e-mail notification will be sent to the requestor.
6	A hard copy of the work order will be given to the assigned labor, who will report labor time and let the supervisor know the status of the work.
7	If the work is not completed, then the supervisor will set it to a status of Waiting for Materials (WMATL) and an e-mail notification will be sent to the person requesting the service. The record is then routed back to the supervisor for an eventual Completed status.
8	When work is done, the supervisor changes the status on the record to COMP and routes the record to the end of the process. If the work order is completed (COMP), it finishes the Workflow process and an e-mail notification goes to the person requesting the work.

Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Reevaluation of the Process

After further discussion, Mass U decided that they wanted to make some "tweaks" to the process:

- Ensure that the Work Type field has been completed on resulting work orders.
- E-mail notifications will go only to the requestor of the service.
- Work order status changes would be done by the Workflow process, not manually.
- The assigned labor receives the work order and reports on the work, and the Workflow process changes status to COMP, CAN, or WMATL.
- If the work is waiting for material, the supervisor receives the work order again for further planning.

Their revised step/action table looks like this:

Step	Action
1	A service request is entered into the Create Service Requests application (online) or the Work Order Tracking application (telephone).
2	If a service request is created, the office staff determines the validity of the request. If it is valid, a work order record is created and presented to the staffer who validated the request. If it is not valid, the request is canceled.
3	For valid work requests, the staff adds information to the work order record. Then the work order is forwarded to the supervisor.
4	The Work Type field <i>must</i> be completed before getting to the supervisor. If it is not, the work order is routed back to the office staff for completion of this field.
5	On cancellation of a service request, an e-mail notification will go to the originator and the supervisor. Then the Workflow process is stopped.
6	The supervisor will add resources, then assign and approve the work order. An e-mail notification will be sent to the requestor.
7	The work order will be routed to the assigned labor, who will report labor time and will indicate what is going on with the work using the work log.

Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Reevaluation of the Process

continued

Step	Action					
8	When routing the work order record from the Inbox, the labor will be asked by the process whether the work is:					
	• completed,					
	waiting for materials, or					
	• canceled.					
	Workflow will change the status of the work order, depending on the selection.					
9	If the work is not completed, the process will set it to a status of Waiting for Materials (WMATL) and an e-mail notification will be sent to the person requesting the service. The record is then routed back to the supervisor for further planning.					
10	When work is completed, the process changes the status on the record to COMP and routes the record to the end of the process. An e-mail notification goes to the person requesting the work.					
11	If the work is canceled, the status is set to CAN and an e-mail notification is sent to the requestor. The process is stopped.					

Case Study 1 Introduction continued

Exercise 1: Mass U's Revised Diagram Using the space below, diagram Mass U's revised Workflow process using the step action table that starts on page 4-24.



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Case Study 2 Introduction

Introduction

In the second case study, we will be assisting a company called Opus in implementing Workflow to automate their work order approval process based on the work order's cost.

History

Opus has used Maximo for several years and has successfully implemented maintenance procedures that allow scheduled and unscheduled work to be done on their equipment.

By using Maximo, the company estimates that it has saved several hundred thousand dollars in maintenance costs annually.

The Purchasing and Inventory modules allow them to maintain a just-in-time purchasing procedure that keeps the stock levels at the correct level, while saving the company money on parts and materials that are rarely used.

Next Phase

The next phase of Opus' Maximo implementation is to include the Workflow module to automate the multilevel approval process for work orders.

Work Order Approvals

In Opus' current work order approval process, the maintenance clerk who receives the work order from the help desk must determine what approvals are required on each work order based on the work order type.

He or she must create the appropriate notifications and track each work order through the approval process.

When all of the appropriate groups have signed off on the work order, the clerk marks the document as approved and it can move on to the scheduler.

The scheduler schedules the appropriate maintenance personnel to perform the work order based on their availability.

Case Study 2 Introduction continued

Opus' Implementation

With the initial implementation of Workflow at Opus, the implementation team has been asked to focus only on the approval process for work orders.

They will expand this to include the entire work order process in Phase 2 of the implementation. In Phase 3, they will focus on automating the process for purchase orders.

Case Study Update

The implementation team has asked members of the help desk and maintenance departments how they receive and monitor work requests.

The team has focused on learning about each different type of work order to help determine what areas to focus on during the initial phase of the implementation.

Work Order Types

The work orders at Opus fall into the following categories:

- capital projects
- emergency maintenance
- corrective maintenance
- preventive maintenance

Capital Project Work Orders

Capital projects at Opus are approved before adding any information into Maximo.

A steering committee meets to decide on the projects that will be completed throughout the year based on products and required upgrades to existing equipment.

Because these projects are decided upon at the beginning of the fiscal year, Opus does not require an approval process on this type of work order.

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Emergency Work Orders

At Opus, a technician is not required to get work order approval before beginning work on an emergency work order.

The technician can perform the work necessary to resolve the emergency.

They are required to record information for this type of work order only if the work took longer than 30 minutes, or if they used more than \$300 in tools and materials.

Corrective Maintenance Work Orders

Corrective maintenance is the most common type of work performed by the maintenance department.

- These work orders normally start with a work request that comes in to the help desk from all parts of the organization.
- The help desk operator then enters information about the problem into Maximo.
- He or she then turns the work request over to maintenance supervisors John Hunter, Diane Liberi, or Mike Wilson for review and approval (they can also cancel the work request).
- If a maintenance supervisor approves the work, he or she decides which department—Engineering or Environmental—to send the work order to, depending on the area affected.
- The assigned representative from the engineering or environmental department approves or cancels the work order and sends the work order to Safety Representatives Alan Ball or Tom Kazmier in the safety group for approval.
- The safety rep can approve or cancel the work order. If the rep approves it, the work order is routed to the finance department for financial approval.
- If the total cost is less than \$5,000, then the accounts payable clerk, Cindy Lou, can approve or reject the work order.
- If the total cost is between \$5,000 and \$50,000, the AP supervisor, Frank Jones, can approve or reject the work order.
- If the total cost is over \$50,000, the accounting manager, Lou Granger, can approve or reject the work order.
- When the work order has financial approval, the order status is changed to Approved and work can start.

Case Study 2 Introduction continued

Preventive Maintenance Work Orders

Preventive maintenance work orders are automatically system-generated based on the frequency criteria set up in the Preventive Maintenance application with a Waiting to be Scheduled status (WSCH).

- A member of the safety department reviews and then approves or cancels the work order.
- If he or she gives initial approval, the work order is sent to the accounts payable department.
- If the total cost is less than \$5,000, the accounts payable clerk, Cindy Lou, can approve or reject the work order.
- If the total cost is over \$5,000, the AP supervisor, Frank Jones, can approve or reject the work order.
- When the work order has financial approval, work can start.

Determination

For now, the implementation team has determined the following points for the initial phase of Opus's Workflow implementation:

- They will focus on the Corrective Maintenance and Preventive Maintenance Work Order Approval business processes.
- People in the organization can enter their own work requests using the Work Order Tracking application.

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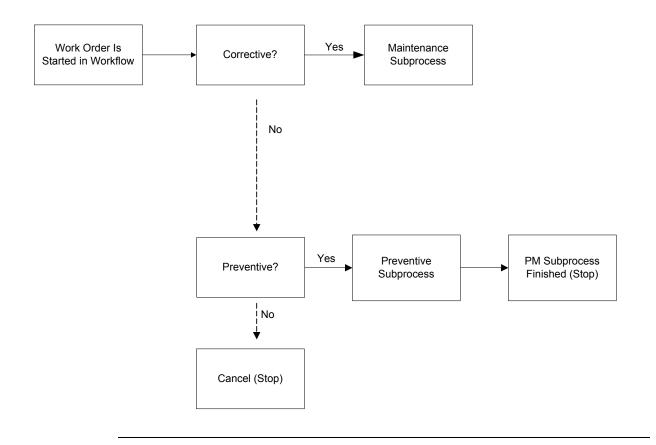
Starting Opus' Workflow Design: The Step/Action Table In our case study, Opus will be automating corrective and preventive maintenance work orders.

The following table is Opus' initial step/action table for work type determination:

Step	Action
1	Is the Work Type Corrective Maintenance (CM)? If yes, route to the maintenance team leader to review and validate the work order. If no, route to the Preventive action.
2	If the Work Type is Preventive Maintenance (PM), route to the PM subprocess Workflow.
3	If it is not a PM work type, cancel the work order.

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Starting Opus' Workflow Design: Diagram The following diagram reflects the initial route determination based on a work order's work type (further on in the course, we will be refining their Workflow processes).



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Exercise 2: Opus' CM Step/Action Table Based on the case scenario, create a step/action table for the Corrective Maintenance Work Orders.

There is no exact number of steps. Each person or group could have a different number.



Step	Action

Case Study 2 Introduction continued

Exercise 3: Opus' CM Diagram Based on the case scenario, diagram the Corrective Maintenance Work Order Routine.



Case Study 2 Introduction continued

Spreadsheet If need be, you can use the spreadsheet in the "Defining" section of this chapter as a guide to determine the labor and person group setup information.						

Case Study 2 Introduction continued

Exercise 4: Opus' PM Step/Action Table Based on the case scenario, create a step/action table for the Preventive Maintenance Work Orders.

There is no exact number of steps. Each person or group could have a different number.



Step	Action

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Exercise 5: Opus' PM Diagram Based on the case scenario, diagram the Preventive Maintenance Work Order routine.





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Exercise 6: Opus' Q&A



Based on the information you have gathered, answer the following questions about the work order process at Opus.

- 1. What types of work orders will initially use the Workflow process for approvals?
- 2. How many approval levels are required for the PM and CM work order types?
- 3. Who or what starts the process for corrective maintenance work orders?
- 4. Who or what starts the process for preventive maintenance work orders?
- 5. List the different groups involved in the corrective and PM work routines.

Exercise 7



Can you think of additional areas that Opus could implement to streamline their processes even further?

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Chapter Summary

Gathering Information

One of the first activities in the analysis phase of the implementation process is to gather information about your organization's business practices and process.

Because Maximo records meet certain needs for your organization as they pass through their lifecycle, the goal of interviewing is to understand how and why records move through your organization as they do.

Leverage Maximo Implementation Knowledge

One source of information is the site assessment and implementation plan from your organization's Maximo implementation.

If possible, include on your Workflow team people who were part of the Maximo implementation. By including these people, you can leverage some of the information that you have already gathered.

These people might already have recorded and diagrammed parts of your business practices and can provide insight on what processes can be streamlined and/or good processes to model and implement into Workflow.

Organization's Standard Operating Procedures

Look at your organization's standard operating procedures (SOP).

Many times this will contain approval cost limits, supervisory level approval requirements, departmental hierarchies, regulatory procedures, and industry-or company-driven compliance rules.

Observing

By observing and asking questions about how work gets done, one of the more common discoveries when companies document their business practices is that there are fewer controls in place to direct work than expected.

There might be no set rules in place for conducting business, even in "well established" parts of your company where expected.

At this point, the current practices should be reevaluated and points at which new flows of assignments or new business rules are to be instituted should be decided on.

Chapter Summary continued

Questions

When you are researching the process, you need to prepare a list of the questions to ask representatives of the affected areas.

Compile and Document

After you have gathered your information, you need to compile and document it.

Keep in mind that this is an ongoing and reiterative process. Considerable time will be spent figuring out and documenting your business practices and routines.

There are several ways to do this:

- Create step/action tables to list routine actions in the order in which they happen.
- Enter the who, what, and where into a spreadsheet.
- Create diagrams to represent work routines and paths.

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Exercise Scenario

Use this scenario for the exercises that follow.

When asked about a company's requisition process, the following information was determined by interviewing the people in the shop and their managers:

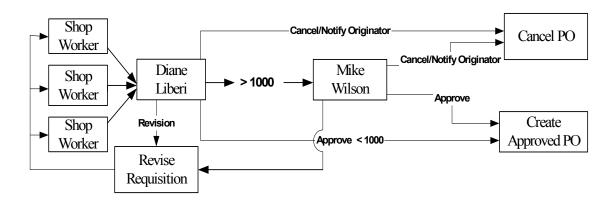
- Currently, multiple people can fill out a material requisition (MR) form for parts they need.
- Workers on the shop floor fill out a paper requisition form when they need a part.
- They hand the form to their team leader, who approves it, cancels it, or sends it back to the requestor for revision.
- The team leader is responsible for entering the requisition into the Maximo Purchase Requisitions (PR) application.
- There are three teams on the shop floor. Each team is made up of 3 to 5 people who report to the same team leader. John Hunter, Diane Liberi, and Ted Klien are the team leaders. Mike Wilson is the maintenance supervisor for all three team leaders.
- If the record is over \$1,000.00, the supervisor must review it.
- The supervisor, Mike Wilson, can approve the PR, send it back to the requestor for revision, or cancel it.
- After a PR is approved, Accounting creates an approved (APPR) PO and the parts are ordered.

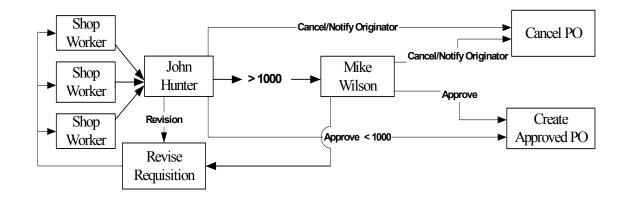
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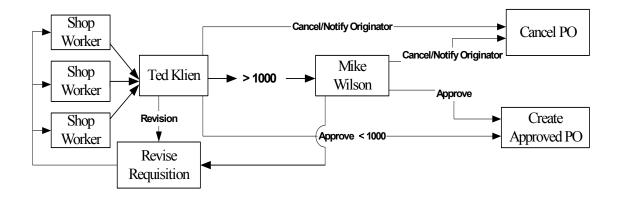
Exercise Scenario

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The requisition process looks like this when diagrammed:







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Exercise 1



What might be a few areas in which you could streamline this process?

<u>Hint</u>: Think of Maximo applications and how they can be used to aid in this process.

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Scenario Update

After reviewing and discussing the process, the team would like to make some changes in the process and has decided to do the following:

- Set up computer terminals in the shop, where people can enter requisitions directly into the Maximo Purchase Requisitions application.
- Use labor groups/roles identified in the spreadsheet.
- Modify the process so that all requisitions under \$250.00 are to be approved automatically. PRs between \$250.00 and \$1000.00 are to go to a team leader for approval, and PRs over \$1000.00 need the approval of the maintenance supervisor.

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Exercise 2

Use the space below to diagram the modified process.



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Workflow Management Using MXES

Chapter 5: Setup



In This Chapter This chapter contains the following topics:

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Chapter Overview

Chapter Focus

In this chapter, we will learn about the different settings that a system administrator or a workflow administrator can configure for their Workflow implementation.

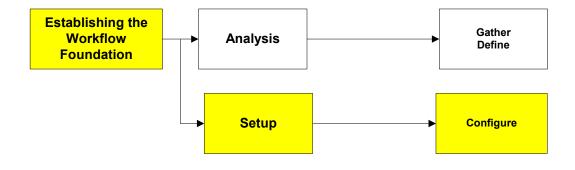
Learning Objectives

When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to:

- configure people and people group records;
- configure labor and user records;
- create security groups;
- configure organization Workflow options; and
- describe appropriate line settings in the maximo properties file.

We Are Here

The areas that we will cover in this chapter are highlighted below:



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Overview of the Setup Task

Introduction

To enable a Workflow process to perform as designed, certain records and files must be configured. This section provides an overview of this setup functionality.

The *System Administration for MXES* course provides more detailed information regarding these functions.

Activity Examples

Each step in the Setup task requires you to perform specific activities.

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform for the Setup task.

<u>Note</u>: Some of these tasks will be covered in this section. Some will be discussed as we create the necessary data while we develop a Workflow process.

Task	Activity	Actions	
Setup	Configure	• set and modify the line settings in the <i>maximo.properties</i> file	
		 create and modify people, labor, and user data 	
		 create security group records and add required rights for the group 	
		 add people records into various security groups and person groups 	
		 create roles and actions 	
		 create Communication Templates for notifications 	
		 modify Workflow option settings in the Organizations application 	

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The Maximo.Properties File

Overview

The *maximo.properties* file is a key file used by Maximo that holds many configuration properties, such as the connect string to the database, the owner of the database, and so forth.

In this file, you might discover a number of properties that need to be set to make processes function as designed. We will briefly cover this file and the properties that you should be aware of.

Location

The maximo properties file is in the following location:

[Root Directory of Maximo]\ applications\maximo\properties

Note: This file can be opened with any text editor.

Important Properties

The following table describes important properties that might affect how Workflow processes perform.

Note: You can open maximo.properties and do a search for these properties.

Property	Description
mxe.adminuserid	This person record is considered to be the Maximo administrator.
	There is a role that comes with Maximo that points to the administrator. The person record indicated as the administrator in maximo.properties will receive notifications and assignments made to the administrator role.
mxe.workflow.admin	This is the e-mail address of the designated workflow administrator in your system. Any notifications designated for the administrator will be sent to this e-mail address.
mail.smtp.host	This is the URL of the e-mail server that Maximo uses to send notifications and other e-mail notes. You should consult with your network administrator to determine the URL of the e-mail server and to configure the server appropriately.

Person-Related Records

Overview

Various people are assigned to work or notified of work in Workflow processes. These people need to be added to Maximo.

In this section, we talk about which types of people must be included in Maximo, as they relate to Workflow. We also show you briefly how they are added.

<u>Note</u>: For more detailed information on person-related records, please attend the *System Administration for MXES* or the *MXES for EAM – New Features* courses.

Types of People

There are three types of people records in Maximo, as they relate to Workflow processes.

The following table lists and describes these types of people records.

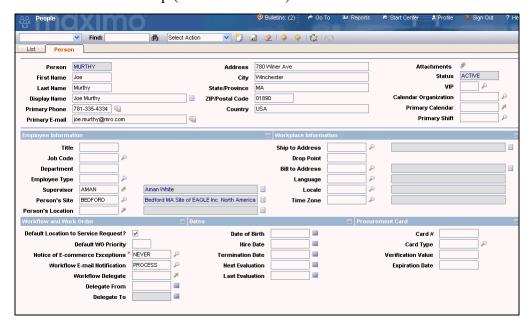
Person Type	Description
User	A user record represents someone who actually has to access Maximo to do their job. This might include persons creating or approving records, adding information to records, routing records, and so forth. These records are maintained in the User application
	in the Security module.
Labor	A labor record represents someone whose work is tracked in Maximo. Persons represented by labor records do not necessarily need to access Maximo to do their job. These records are maintained in the Labor application of the Resources module.
General	General person records represent anybody who has a relationship with Maximo: a labor, a user, a person being notified, and so forth. These records are maintained in the People application of the Resources module. A general person record does not have to be associated with a labor, user, and so forth.

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Person-Related Records continued

Person Records

The **People** application in the Resources module contains a list of all persons who have a relationship (direct or indirect) with Maximo.



This *Person* record contains workflow-related information:

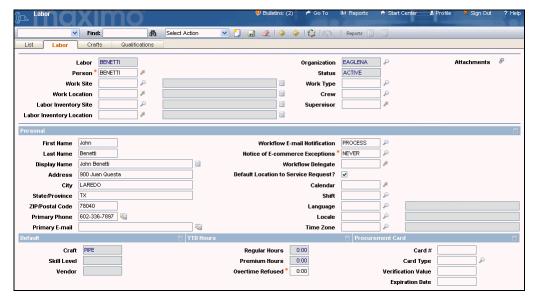
- Workflow E-mail Notification indicates when an e-mail notification can be sent to the person from a process.
- **Primary E-mail** is the e-mail address to which notifications will be sent.
- Workflow Delegate is the person who will receive assignments if the original person (or people in his or her group) is not available for work.
- Supervisor is the person who oversees this person's function. Sometimes supervisors will receive notification that their person has been assigned to do something by a process.
- **Delegate From / Delegate To** are date fields indicating that the person is not available during a specified time period and that assignments should immediately be delegated to the person in the Workflow Delegate field. *If there are no dates in these fields, the delegate* always *receives assignments for the indicated person.*

<u>Note</u>: All labor and user records must have an underlying person record. The personal and workflow information of each labor and user record actually comes from the person record that underlies it.

Person-Related Records continued

Labor Records

The **Labor** application in the Resources module is used to maintain all records for people whose labor is tracked by Maximo.



Labor records *must* have an underlying person record. The personal and workflow-related information on a labor record is actually maintained in the People application. However, changes to this type of information on a labor record will update the underlying person record.

<u>Note</u>: A labor record can share a person record with a user record if the labor person is also someone who needs to access Maximo.

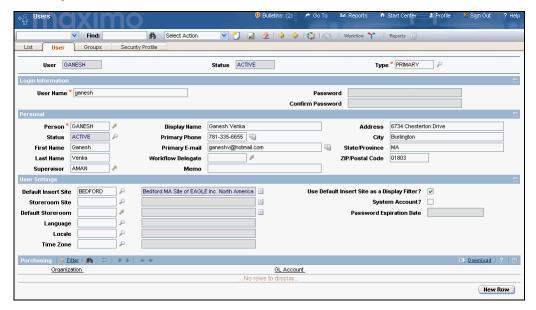
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Person-Related Records continued

User Records

User records are created for people who will be using Maximo applications in some way to work with records, to access assignments from the Inbox, and so forth.

You create and maintain user records with the **Users** application in the Security module.



User records *must* have an underlying person record. The personal and workflow-related information on a user record is actually maintained in the People application. However, changes to this type of information on a user record will update the underlying person record.

<u>Note</u>: A user record can share a person record with a labor record if the user is also someone whose work is tracked by Maximo.

Adding Person-Related Records

Overview

It is important that you identify people involved in your processes and get them into Maximo before developing your process in the Workflow Designer application.

Maximo provides an intuitive interface for adding people, users, and labor records.

<u>Note</u>: You might find it necessary to add some records "on the fly" as you develop and test your process. However, any advance planning is a good thing!

Create a User for Mass U





The Mass U Person Group/Role table in Chapter 4 indicated a number of people who must be added to Maximo.

None of these people are labor to be applied to work records, but they *do* need to access Maximo records to modify and/or route them. So, they are users.

Follow the steps below to create the first user, Mark Ellison.

<u>Note</u>: In actual practice, a great deal of personal information would be added to user and corresponding person records. However, for this course we will add only information required by Maximo or for our process.

Step	Action
1	Sign in as Fred Stanley (user name: stanley / password: stanley).
2	We do not want the Maximo administrator to approve these new person records, so stop the auto-initiation of the SELFREG process .
3	Access the Users application from the Security module.
4	Insert a new user record.

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Adding Person-Related Records continued

Create a User for continued Mass U

Step	Action
5	In the User field, enter ELLISON, then tab out of the field.
	Result: Maximo displays a dialog box indicating that this person does not exist in Maximo.
	MAXIMO □
	Person ELLISON does not exist. Do you want to create a new person?
	Yes No
6	Click Yes.
	<u>Result</u> : The corresponding person record is created and the Person field is populated. The User Name field is populated with the name of your new record.
	Note: The User Name field can be changed manually, but we will accept the default for this exercise.
7	Enter the Password and Confirm Password for your new user.
	To keep things simple, make the password ellison (lowercase).
	Notes:
	The Password and Confirm Password values must match.
	 Passwords are case-sensitive.

Adding Person-Related Records continued

Create a User for continued Mass U

Step	Action				
8	Enter the following i	Enter the following information into the new user record:			
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>			
	First Name	Mark			
	Last Name	Ellison			
	Supervisor	LIBERI			
	Primary E-mail	mellison@MASSU.edu			
	Default Insert Site	Default Insert Site BEDFORD			
	Note: The Workflow Delegate field is not completed, because we want assignments to go directly to the user being added. If the person becomes unavailable, a delegate can be indicated.				
9	Save the record.				
	Result: Your new user is created with limited rights found in the DEFLTREG security group.				
	Note: Later, we will and add Mark Ellison	create a security group with appropriate rights n to it.			

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Adding Person-Related Records continued

Exercise 1: Create Other Mass U Users





Use the steps starting on page 5-8 to create user records for the other people who will be involved in the Mass U Workflow processes.

Refer to the information in the Mass U Person Group/Role table below.

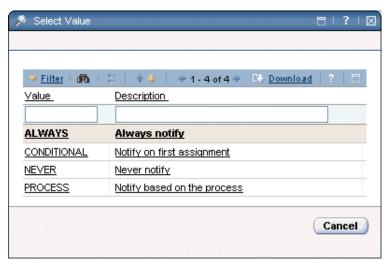
Note: All these users must have BEDFORD as their Default Insert Site.

		Role/Person		
Person	Position/Craft	Group	Supervisor	E-mail
Kelly Ordway	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	kordway@ massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		
Ted Bateman	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	tbateman@ massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		_
Julio Coronado	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	jcoronado@massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		
Mark Ellison	Office	Facilities	Diane Liberi	mellison@massu.edu
	Manager	Office Group		
Fabiola Panzano	Office	Facilities	Kelly Ordway	fpanzano@ massu.edu
	Coordinator	Office Group		
Nick Craddock	Office	Facilities	Kelly Ordway	ncraddock@ massu.edu
	Coordinator	Office Group		

Adding Person-Related Records continued

Workflow E-mail Notification

The **Workflow E-mail Notification** field, found in both the People *and* the Labor applications, is a value list defining the circumstances in which the user will receive e-mail notifications when included on a notification in a process.



Value	Description
ALWAYS	Always notify the person by e-mail if indicated in a Workflow process.
NEVER	Never notify the person by e-mail.
CONDITIONAL	Only notify the person the first time that they have received an assignment from a Workflow process.
PROCESS	Send e-mails to the person based on notifications determined in Workflow processes.

In most cases, if you are using e-mail notifications, the PROCESS type is usually what is selected, as most organizations want people to receive e-mails based on a Workflow process.

<u>Note</u>: If you are adding people records automatically when creating user records—as we did for the exercises—the Workflow E-mail Notification field defaults to PROCESS, which is what we want for our setup.

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Adding Person-Related Records continued

Workflow Delegates

A *workflow delegate* receives work assignments for a person when that person cannot perform the work.

If a person will not be available to perform work, the laborer, user, supervisor, or system administrator must define a delegate based on your business rules.

When the Workflow resolves to a person record, if that person has a valid delegate, the delegate receives all the labor code's assignments and notifications.

The delegate remains in effect until the laborer, supervisor, or administrator deletes the entry for the laborer.



<u>Note</u>: Unless there are dates in the **Delegate To** and **Delegate From** fields on the underlying person record, the assignment will *always* go to the indicated delegate. Therefore, unless you are using these fields to designate a specific time period, the Delegate field should be cleared for that person's people record.

The Supervisor Role

Workflow processes often use the *Supervisor* role to:

- route e-mail notifications,
- assign a Task or Manual Input node, and
- escalate an assignment if the assigned user exceeds his or her time limit.

Adding Person-Related Records continued

Configuring an Opus Labor Record



In this exercise, Mike Wilson, the Opus Workflow administrator, will modify the labor record for Safety Representative Tom Kazmier to reflect current information.

As it happens, Tom is on vacation for two weeks, so Mike will also enter a delegate for Tom and indicate the time during which the delegate should be active.

<u>Note</u>: The personal information that we are changing on Tom's labor record is also reflected in his underlying person record.

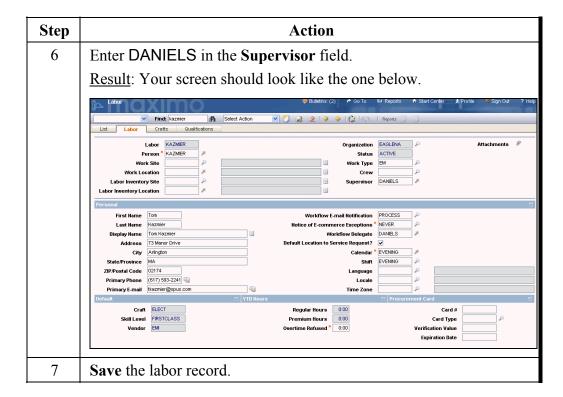
Step	Action
1	Sign in to Maximo as:
	User Name wilson
	Password wilson
	Result: Maximo displays Mike Wilson's Start Center.
2	Access the Labor application from the Resources module.
	Result: The Labor application opens to the List tab.
3	Search for the KAZMIER record and display its Labor tab.
4	Replace the existing data in the Primary E-mail field of the Details group box with tkazmier@opus.com .
	Result: Tom Kazmier will now receive e-mail notifications at the new address.
5	Enter DANIELS in the Workflow Delegate field.
	Note: Until the delegate entry is deleted, Julie Daniels will receive Tom Kazmier's Workflow assignments and e-mail notifications.

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Adding Person-Related Records continued

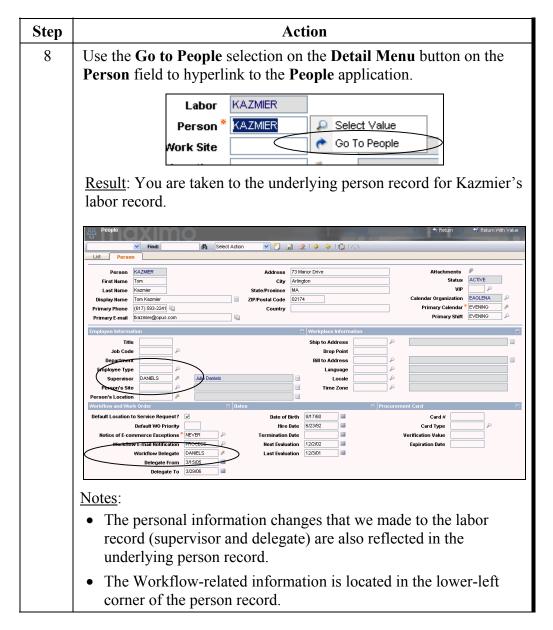
Configuring an Opus Labor Record

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Adding Person-Related Records continued

Configuring an Opus Labor Record continued



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Adding Person-Related Records continued

Configuring an continued Opus Labor Record

Step	Action
9	Use the Select Date button of the Delegate From field to enter today's date.
	Result: The delegation is active for Kazmier starting today.
10	Use the Select Date button of the Delegate To field to enter a date two weeks from today.
	Result: For the next two weeks, Daniels will be delegated Workflow assignments meant for Kazmier.
11	Save the person record, then click the Return link in the upper-right corner of the screen.
	Result: You are taken back to Kazmier's labor record.
	Note: Because there are dates in the date fields, the delegation will take place <i>only</i> during the specified time period.

Adding Person-Related Records continued

Exercise 2: Modifying the Shift Information of a Mass U Person Record



Under some circumstances, the ability of a Workflow process to assign a task will be affected by the person's calendar and shift.

In this exercise, we want to show you where this information is set, if needed. Access Fabiola Panzano's person record and make changes to indicate the information presented below:

Field Value

Calendar Organization Night Shift Calendar for the EAGLENA

organization

Primary Calendar NIGHT
Primary Shift NIGHT

Notes:

- You must set the calendar before setting the shift.
- We will be using the **Broadcast** setting for roles in our exercises, so shifts will have no effect on assignments.

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Configuring Person Groups

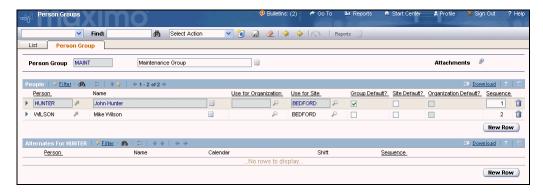
Overview

Previously we saw that we can create person records in Maximo that reflect people who have some relationship with Maximo. People records can also be combined into groups called *person groups*.

By creating and referring to groups in your Workflow processes, various activities in Workflow can pertain to lists of people instead of just individuals.

Person Groups Application

Person group records are put together using the **Person Groups** application in the Resources module.



Person groups contain lists of people who have some function in common. Workflow can refer to this list of people by referencing the underlying groups to which people belong.



Notes:

- A person can be in any number of groups.
- Using group references in Workflow processes is strongly recommended. In this way, as personnel changes occur, you can change the makeup of groups without having to change the underlying references in your processes.

Configuring Person Groups continued

Creating Mass U's Person Groups



Person groups can be used create roles that involve a list of people. In later exercises, we will create a role that calls the group of people who work in Mass U.

In the following exercise, we will create a person group for Mass U front office staff. This group will later be used to create roles that will be called for assignments in Workflow processes.

Step	Action			
1	Sign in to Maximo as Fred Stanley:			
	User Name stanley			
	Password stanley			
	Result: Fred's Start Center is displayed.			
2	Access the Person Groups application from the Resources module.			
3	Insert a new person group record.			
	Result: Maximo displays a new automatically numbered person group record.			
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4	Change the Person Group field to MUFRONT.			
5	Enter Mass U Front Office Staff in the Description field.			

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Configuring Person Groups continued

Creating Mass continued U's Person Groups

Step	Action				
6	In the People table, add a new row using the following information:				
	<u>Field</u>	Value			
	Person	ELLISON			
	Use for Organization	EAGLENA			
	Sequence	1			
	Notes:				
	The Sequence field indicates to Workflow the assignment sequence for this person when the group is referenced in a process.				
	 Mark Ellison will b 	e the <i>default</i> perso	n for the group.		
7	Add the other people listed below:				
	<u>Person</u>	Organization	Sequence		
	Fabiola Panzano	EAGLENA	2		
	Nick Craddock	EAGLENA	3		
8	Save the person group	record.			

Configuring Person Groups continued

Exercise 3: Create Mass U Person Group for Maintenance



Create a person group in the EAGLENA organization called MUMAINT with a description of Mass U Maintenance Supervisors.

- Add Kelly Ordway as the first person in the sequence. Kelly is the default person in the group.
- Add Ted Bateman as the second person in the sequence.
- Add Julio Coronado as the third person in the sequence.

Exercise 4: Create Opus Person Group for Safety Create a person group in the EAGLENA organization called OPSAFETY with a description of Opus Safety Team.

Add Hank Adams to this group with sequence 1. He will be the default person for the group.



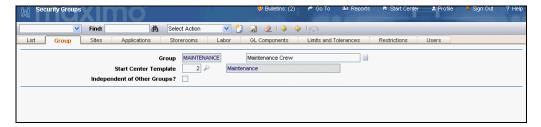
Security Groups

Overview

We need to give various people access to the applications they need to do their work. In this section, you will learn how this is done.

Security Groups

The **Security Groups** application in the Security module allows you to create groups of people who have rights to various applications and actions within them.



We need to set up some security groups to allow the Mass U folks access to the applications and other settings needed to do their work.

The following activities will show you how.

Security Groups continued

Create Mass U Front Staff Security Group





The folks who work in the Mass U front office will need access to a number of applications to do their work.

According to Case Study 1 in Chapter 4, it appears that these people need access to the following applications:

- Service Requests
- Work Order Tracking

<u>Note</u>: Because this group deals with service requests, we will also allow them full access to the Create Service Request and View Service Requests applications.

The system administrator, Mike Wilson, will be setting up the access.

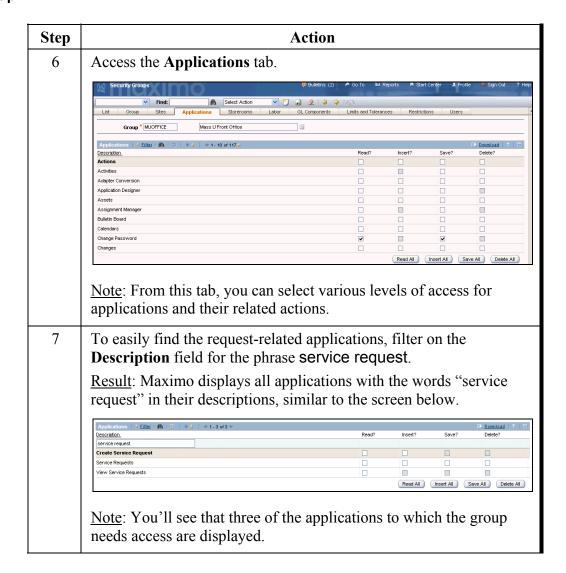
Follow the steps below to see how to do this.

Step	Action		
1	Sign in to Maximo as Mike Wilson (wilson/wilson).		
2	Access the Security Groups application from the Security module.		
3	Insert a new record with the following information:		
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>	
	Group	MUOFFICE	
	Description	Mass U Front Office	
	Start Center Template	5	
4	On the Sites tab, select the Authorize Group for All Sites? check box.		
	Note: Checking this box will give this group access to all site information in applications that are accessible. So, in this case, you do not have to enter individual sites.		
5	Save the record.		
	Note: You will not be able step unless you save the re	to specify application rights in the next cord.	

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Create Mass U Front Staff Security Group continued



Security Groups continued

Create Mass U **Front Staff Security Group**

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Step	Action				
8	With all three applications displayed, click the following buttons				
	Read All				
	• Insert All				
	Save All				
	• Delete All				
	<u>Result</u> : Appropriate check boxes in these columns are selected for <i>all</i> the applications in the list. Users in this group can read, insert, and save records in these applications.				
	Note: Records are always read-only from View Service Requests.				
9	Select the Service Requests application line, then click the Grant All button in the Options for Service Requests table.				
	Result: Access is provided for all actions, etc. in the Service Requests application.				
10	Following the example in the previous step, grant all options for the View Service Requests application.				
11	Save the record.				
12	Change your filter setup to find the line for the Work Order Tracking application.				
	Result: Maximo displays the Work Order Tracking line in the Application table, similar to this example.				
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Security Groups continued

Create Mass U Front Staff Security Group

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Step	Action	
13	Provide the following full access to this group for the Work Order Tracking application:	
	Read All	
	• Insert All	
	Save All	
	• Delete All	
14	Grant all options for the Work Order Tracking application.	
15	Save the security group record.	
	Result: Now the Mass U front office security group can provide access to the applications and other rights needed to do the front office work in Maximo.	

Security Groups continued

Authorize Group Manager





After creating a new security group, you need to tell Maximo which users are authorized to make assignments and reassignments of users to the group.

For our exercise, we will give the user Mike Wilson this right.

Follow the steps below to see how this is done.

Step		Actio	n	
1	Ensure that you are signed in to Maximo as Mike Wilson.			
2	Access the Users ap	plication from th	e Security module).
3	Find the WILSON			
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4	Choose Authorize	Group Reassigni	ment from the Sele	ect Action
	menu.			
	Result: The Authorize Group Reassignment dialog box opens.			
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5	Add a new row to this dialog box, then enter the MUOFFICE group into the Group field and click OK .			
	Result: The Authorize Group Reassignment dialog box closes.			closes
	WILSON is now authorized to make changes to the list of users			
	assigned to the new MUOFFICE group.			

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Security Groups continued

Add Users to the New Security Group



Now that we have created a security group that provides appropriate application access and have given Mike Wilson the authority to add users, we need to add users to the group.

To add users to the MUOFFICE group, follow the steps below.

Step	Action	
1	Access the Security Groups application and find the MUOFFICE security group record from the previous exercise.	
2	Access the Users tab.	
	Result: This tab allows you to add users to the group.	
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3	Using the New Row button, add the following people to the MUOFFICE group:	
	Mark Ellison	
	Fabiola Panzano	
	Nick Craddock	
	Diane Liberi	
	Note: This is standard Maximo Security functionality, so we won't go into details for this step.	
4	Save the security group record.	
	Result: We have now created a security group with the desired rights and assigned users to the group.	

Security Groups continued

Exercise 5: Create OPUS Security Group





The processes for the OPUS organization contain nodes that send tasks to a wide variety of groups and individuals. All the people in these groups, as well as the individuals, must be given access to the applications they need to do their jobs in Maximo.

So, you need to create a security group called *OPUS* with the description of *Opus Security Group* that provides the access indicated below.

<u>Note</u>: Authorize Wilson to add the users and give the group access to Start Center 5.

Sites

All sites (use the **Authorize Group for All Sites?** quick pick check box)

Applications

- Work Order Tracking (read, insert, save, delete)
- Purchase Requisitions (read, insert, save)

Options

All options for all applications listed above

Users

- KAZMIER
- DANIELS
- STANLEY
- SCHAFER
- LOU
- MILLER
- GRANGER
- JLEGO
- JONES

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Security Groups continued

Exercise 6: Create Mass U Supervisors Group



The supervisors from Mass U must access the Work Order Tracking and Assignment Manager applications to do their jobs.

So, in this exercise, we need to do the following tasks:

- Create a security group called *MUSUPV* with a description of *Mass U Supervisors*
- Provide access to Start Center Template 5
- Provide full access to the Work Order Tracking application and all its options for all sites
- Provide full access to the Assignment Manager application and all its options for all sites
- Labor Tab select Authorize Group for all Labor?
- Add the following users:
 - Kelly Ordway
 - Julio Coronado
 - o Ted Bateman
 - o Diane Liberi

Note: Authorize Wilson to add the users.

Chapter Summary

Setup

To enable Workflow processes to perform as designed, certain records and files must be configured. This section has provided an overview of this setup functionality.

The *System Administration for MXES* course provides more detailed information regarding these functions.

The Maximo. Properties File

The *maximo.properties* file is a key file used by Maximo that holds many configuration properties, such as the connect string to the database, the owner of the database, and so forth.

Person-Related Records

A number of person-related records need to be set up:

- People
- Labor
- Users
- People groups

Security

After people records are added to Maximo, security must be set up to enable various people and groups access to the applications and options needed to do their jobs.

The Security Groups application is used to determine privileges for a group and to add users to the group.

Workflow Delegates

A *workflow delegate* is a user to whom Workflow assignments are delegated when the regular user is not available.

The delegate is indicated on the underlying person record for the user, as well as on the labor record.

Assignments will automatically go to the indicated delegate unless start and end dates are designated for the delegation.

You can also end delegation by clearing the Workflow Delegate field.

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Workflow Management Using MXES

Unit 3: Developing the Workflow Process



In This Unit

This unit contains the following chapters:

Chapter	Topic
6	Design
7	Create
8	Node Configuration

Unit Overview

Introduction

In this unit we will look at the steps to build a Workflow process using Workflow Designer.

This unit focuses on using Workflow Designer to create a Workflow process that matches the design that you sketched out in Unit 1: "Analyzing Your Business Processes."

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this unit, you should be able to:

- create a new Workflow process in Workflow Designer by adding nodes and connecting them;
- describe the different node types and give examples of why you would use each in your Workflow process;
- configure the required elements for each of the node types; and
- validate your Workflow processes.

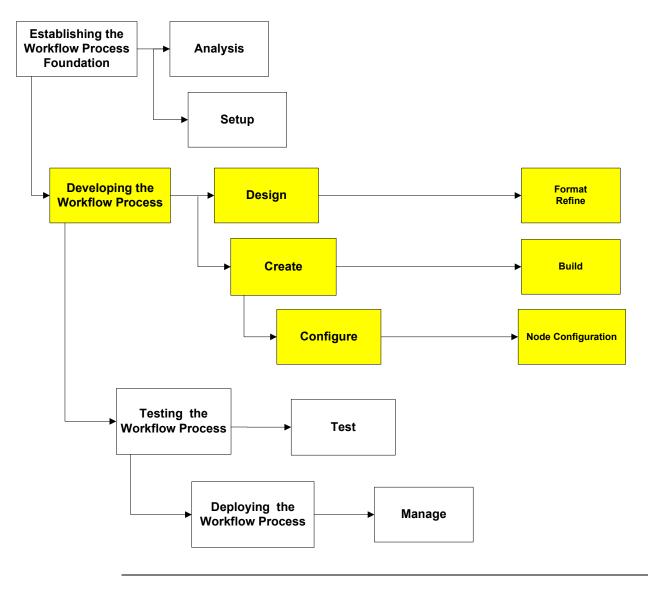
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Phase 2: Developing the Workflow Process

During the Development phase, the process design is converted into an electronic workflow using the Workflow Designer application.

We Will Cover

In this unit, discussions will focus on *Phase 2, Developing the Workflow Process*, along with its tasks and related activities.



Unit Overview continued

Activity Examples

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at each task level of Phase 2.

Task	Activity	Actions
Design	Format	Document the business process' steps into a flowchart using Workflow Designer node conventions
	Refine	Analyze and modify the steps as you work through the flowcharting activity
Create	Build	 Use the Workflow Designer application to convert the process flows identified in Phase 1 into an electronic version Create additional needed records, including Roles, Actions, People, etc. needed to work with nodes
Configure	Node Configuration	Configure the parameters, conditions, and actions for each node

Review: The Workflow Designer Application

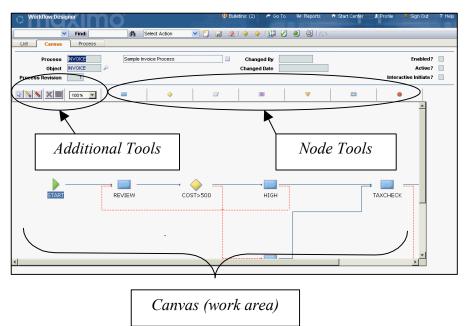
Introduction

In Chapters 7 and 8, we will be using the Workflow Designer application to create and configure the paper-based Workflow processes that we created in Unit 2.

This section is a review of the Workflow Designer application and its functionality.

Workflow Designer: Canvas Tab

You use the Workflow Designer **Canvas** as a place to build and update processes for use with Workflow.



The Workflow Designer Canvas has a series of eight node tools on a toolbar or palette that you use to create the Workflow processes.

You drag and drop the necessary nodes onto the canvas, or work area.

Canvas Tab: Node Tool Descriptions The table below provides a graphic and a description of each note tool.

Tool Image	Description		
	The Start node indicates the beginning of a Workflow process.		
	Workflow places one Start node on the canvas when you create a new process. There can be only one starting point to any process.		
	Stop nodes mark the point where a Workflow process ends and a record leaves Workflow control. Workflow places one Stop node on the canvas when you create a new process. You can place additional Stop nodes on the canvas as needed.		
	Task nodes allow you to direct the path of the record. You must have at least one connection coming out of a Task node. You use a Task node when your business rules call for an affirmative or negative user response to an inbox assignment.		
	Condition nodes are defined to automatically direct records according to information contained within the record. There must be one positive connection and one negative connection coming out of a Condition node. The connection used by a record as it exits a Condition node is dictated by the SQL expression within the node, which resolves to either true (positive connection) or false (negative connection).		
	Manual Input nodes allow you to direct the path of a record. Use a Manual Input node when you want the user to select the next step from a menu.		
	A Subprocess node represents a complete Workflow process nested within another Workflow process. A Subprocess can have a negative line flowing out of it, in addition to the positive. When a Subprocess encounters a Stop node, it returns to the master process along the same line on which it finished. This enables the Subprocess to carry back the logic that caused the termination to the master process.		

Canvas Tab: Node Tool Descriptions

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Tool Image	Description		
	An Interaction node must have one or more action lines entering it, but only one action line can exit. You use an Interaction node to help lead an end user down particular problem resolution paths by offering well-defined choices, which guide the user through a scripted path and manage the relationship with the record in any given session. A Manual Input node usually precedes the Interaction node.		
	You use a Wait node to create a certain reaction to an action. You can define any action to trigger a specified reaction in a Wait node. When Workflow encounters a Wait node in an active process, the process pauses at that node indefinitely until any of the specified events occur. When the specified event does occur, it informs the node and the process resumes by exiting the node at the single exit point.		

Extra Interaction Node Information



The Interaction node is packed with many capabilities. You will use some of those capabilities in this course; for example:

- You can cause a message to pop up on the screen in a dialog box. This
 message could inform the user about something they need to know or do
 during the process.
- If a new record type is created from another record type using an action, the new record could be displayed in its application for the user without the user's having to access the new record manually.
- The application for the new record and the specific tab could be indicated in the Application and Tab Name fields.
- A choice from the Select Action list of the indicated application could be indicated in the Action field.
 - <u>Note</u>: It must be emphasized that, in this case, we are referring to choices available in the *Select Action* menu of the specified application, not choices from the Actions application.
- Another valuable way that an Interaction node can be used is to indicate
 another Workflow process to be started. The process would be indicated in
 the Launch Process field.

Canvas Tab: Additional Tools

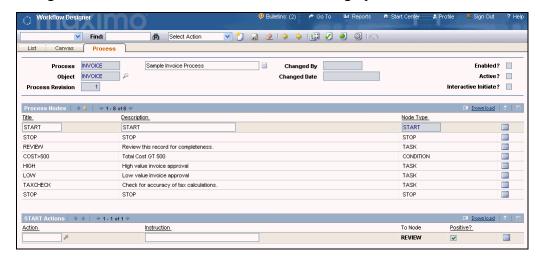
After dragging and dropping the appropriate nodes to the canvas, you can move, connect, delete, or configure them using the other tools on the toolbar.

The table below describes the additional Canvas tools.

Tool Image	Description
<u>A</u>	You use the Move/Add Nodes tool to drag and drop the nodes from the tool bar for placement on the canvas. You also use this tool to position nodes on the canvas.
No.	You use the Connect Nodes tool, the yellow pencil icon, to create positive connections from one node to another.
	<u>Note</u> : Positive connection lines also contain properties that allow you to enable an action between nodes when the process runs along its path.
•	You use Connect Nodes with a Negative Action , the red pencil icon, to create negative connections from one node to another.
	<u>Note</u> : Negative positive connection lines also contain properties that allow you to enable an action between nodes when the process runs along its path.
×	You use the Delete button to remove a highlighted graphical object.
	You use the Properties tool to enter a node's Properties dialog box to review and edit the attributes associated with that node.
100%	The Zoom tool allows you to increase or decrease the size of the canvas as a percentage of the default (the size that you see when you first enter the canvas).

Process Tab

While on the INVOICE process, access the **Process** tab from the Workflow Designer tool. Your screen will look similar to the graphic below.



The Process tab provides a tabular representation of the nodes on the Canvas tab.

You can edit properties for process nodes by clicking the **Edit Properties** button, located to the right of the node.



The **Actions** table shows any actions associated with a selected node. You can also edit actions by clicking the relevant Edit Properties button.

Action Buttons

From both the Canvas and Process tabs you can access a number of buttons that perform a variety of actions on the selected process.

The table below describes these buttons.

Button	Description
) had	The Insert Process Revision button inserts a new copy of the selected process onto the canvas for update and editing. The number in the Revision field will be incremented by one. You can then edit your new process.
V	The Validate Process button checks the setup of your process to determine that all elements are set up and working properly.
•	The Enable Process button enables your process so that other processes can use it as a <i>subprocess</i> . When you enable a process, it is first <i>validated</i> just as if you clicked the Validate Process button. If validation is not positive, then the process cannot be enabled. When the process is enabled, Maximo creates the relationships and other needed technical setups to run the process against the designated object.
3	The Activate Process button activates a process to be used as a top-level process that can use enabled subprocesses in the flows. Note: A process must be both enabled and active to be a top-level process.

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Chapter 6: Design



In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following topics:

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Chapter Overview

Introduction

In this chapter, we will focus on converting whiteboard diagrams into Workflow Designer node conventions.

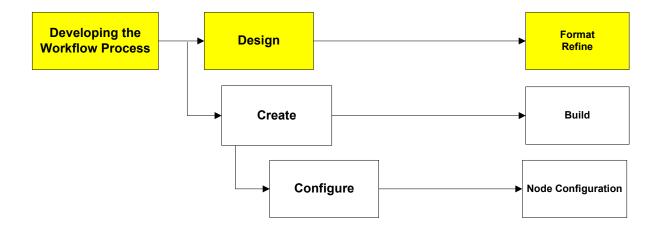
We will begin to design our Workflow processes.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to document business process steps in a format using Workflow Designer node conventions.

We Are Here

The areas that we will be covering in this chapter are highlighted below.



Overview of the Design Task

Introduction

After the implementation team has gathered and defined their business processes, the next task is to document and format those business processes into flowcharts.

Activity Examples

Each step in the design task requires that you perform specific activities. The following table lists examples of the activities that you might perform for the Design task.

Task	Activity	Actions
Design	Format	Document the business process steps into a flowchart format using Workflow Designer node conventions
	Refine	Analyze and modify the steps as you work through the flowcharting activity

Design Considerations for Sites and Organizations Workflow processes are built at the *system level* and apply globally to all organizations and sites in the database.

The implementer simply applies the appropriate business logic to the process designs to accommodate any conditional branching that might occur by site and/or organization.

DESIGN 6-3

Formatting

Introduction

After you have researched the components of the approval process at your site and have preliminary diagrams sketched out, the next step is to take these diagrams and convert them into diagrams that use Workflow Designer node conventions.

Standard Symbols

Sketch the flow of information in your process using standard symbols found in the **Workflow Designer** application.

These symbols will allow you to easily convert the compiled answers and whiteboard diagrams into Workflow Designer.

Formatting continued

Workflow Designer Symbols

When you format your flowchart, use standard symbols to demonstrate actions a user must perform, such as decision points, conditions, and endpoints.

The following table lists the symbols in Workflow.

Symbol	Name	Description
\triangleright	Start	Determines the starting point for the process
	Stop	Determines the stopping point for the process
	Task	Allows a user to perform an assignment, e.g., approve or reject a record
	Manual Input	Allows a user to direct the path of a record in the process
\Diamond	Condition	Allows the system to determine the next step in the process based on a condition
	Subprocess	Allows the process to branch to a subprocess
	Positive Connection (Action)	Determines the next step and action when a condition is evaluated as true or its process path is selected
	Negative Connection (Action)	Determines the next step in the process when a condition is evaluated as false or its process path is selected
	Interaction	Leads an end user down particular problem resolution paths by offering well-defined choices, which guide the user through a scripted path
\Box	Wait	Causes the process to pause indefinitely until any of the specified events occur

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Flowcharting Your Process

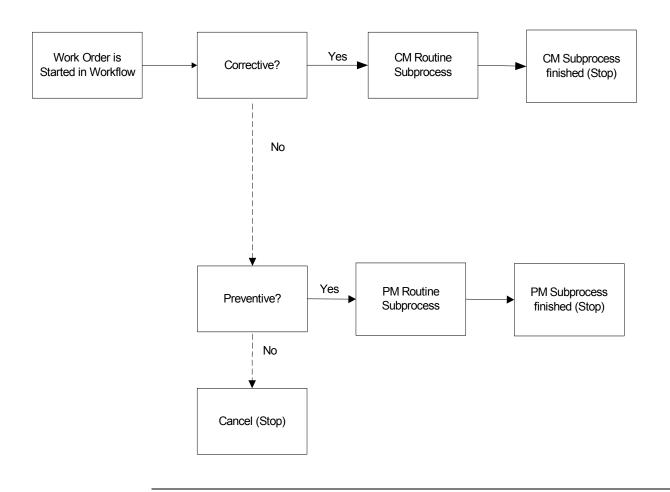
Using the information that you gathered during the *Analysis* task along with the flowchart symbols, we will now convert our case studies into a flowchart using Workflow Designer node conventions.

In the development phase, we will use these exercise flowcharts to create the Workflow process in the Workflow Designer application.

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Example

Using the Opus initial work type determination flowchart, shown below, we can convert the step/action table into Workflow Designer nodes.



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Converted Step/Actions

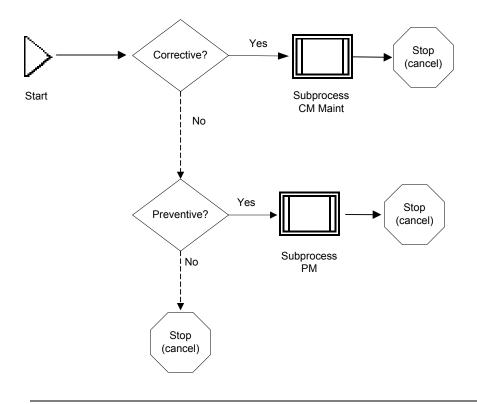
The table below shows the conversion:

Node	Action
\triangleright	A work order record is started in a Workflow process routine.
\Diamond	Is the Work Type Corrective Maintenance (CM)? If yes, route to the Maintenance Team Leader to review and validate the work order. If no, route to the Preventive action.
\Diamond	Is the Work Type Preventive Maintenance (PM)? If yes, route to the Subprocess action. If no, route to the Stop action.
	If the Work Type is Preventive Maintenance (PM), route to the PM subprocess Workflow.
	Stop the process.

Formatting continued

Starting the Design

The following flowchart reflects this information when diagrammed.



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Formatting continued

Exercise 1:
Opus' Case
Scenario—Node
Conventions

Using Workflow Designer conventions, indicate which nodes would be used in the Opus Corrective Maintenance process to accomplish the following steps.



Node	Action
	A work order record is determined to be a CM type and enters the Corrective Maintenance (CM) Workflow process.
	The work order is sent to a maintenance supervisor for review and approval.
	If the maintenance supervisor approves the work, then he or she decides, depending on the area affected, which department—Engineering or Environmental—to send the work order to.
	If the supervisor does not accept the work order, it is rejected.
	If accepted, the assigned representative from either the engineering or environmental department approves the work order and sends the work order to the safety group for a safety rep's approval.
	If not accepted, the assigned representative from either the engineering or environmental department cancels the work order.
	A member of the safety group reviews and approves or cancels the work order.
	If the work order is given preliminary approval, it is then sent to the finance department and enters a financial subprocess.
	If Safety does not give approval, the work order is canceled.

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Exercise 2:
Opus Case
Scenario—
Converting
Nodes into a
Diagram

Convert the nodes into a flowchart.

Hint: Verify your work using the Answer Key.



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Exercise 3:
Opus Case
Scenario—Node
Conventions

Using Workflow Designer conventions, convert the Opus Finance process steps into nodes.



Node	Action
	A work order record enters the Finance Workflow process.
	If the total cost is less than \$5,000 it is sent to the accounts payable clerk.
	The accounts payable clerk can approve or reject the work order.
	If the total cost is between \$5,000 and \$50,000 it is sent to the AP supervisor.
	The AP supervisor approves or rejects the work order.
	If the total cost is over \$50,000, it is sent to the accounting manager.
	The AP manager approves or rejects the work order. When the work order has financial approval, work can start.

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Exercise 4:
Opus Case
Scenario—
Converting
Nodes into a
Diagram

Convert the nodes into a flowchart.

Hint: Verify your work using the Answer Key.



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Exercise 5:
Opus Case
Scenario—Node
Conventions

Using Workflow Designer conventions, convert the Opus Preventive Maintenance process steps into nodes.

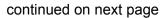


Node	Action
	The work order is determined to be a PM work type and goes into the PM work routine.
	A member of the safety department reviews the work order. If he or she approves the work order, then it is sent to the finance department. Otherwise, it is rejected.
	Is the cost greater than \$5,000?
	If the total cost is less than \$5,000, then an accounts payable clerk can approve or reject the work order.
	If the total cost is over \$5,000, then a supervisor can approve or reject the work order.

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Exercise 6:
Opus Case
Scenario—
Converting
Nodes into a
Diagram





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Exercise 7: Mass U's Case Scenario—Node Conventions Using Workflow Designer conventions, indicate which nodes would be used in the Mass U process to accomplish the following steps.



Node	Action
	A service request is entered into the Create Service Requests application (online) or the Work Order Tracking application (telephone).
	If a service request is created, the office staff determines the validity of the request. If it is not valid, the request is canceled. If it is valid, a work order record is created and presented to the staffer who validated the request.
	For valid work requests, the staff adds information to the work order record. Then the work order is forwarded to the supervisor.
	The Work Type field <i>must</i> be completed before getting to the supervisor. If it is not, the work order is routed back to the office staff for completion of this field.
	Upon cancellation of a service request, an e-mail notification will go the originator and the supervisor. Then the workflow process is stopped.
	The supervisor will add resources, and assign and approve the work order. An e-mail notification will be sent to the requestor.
	The work order will be assigned by the process to the indicated labor, who will report labor time and let the supervisor know the status of the work.

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Exercise 7:
Mass U's Case
Scenario—Node
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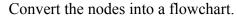
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Node	Action	
	When the labor routes the work order record from his Inbox, he will be asked by the process whether the work is:	
	• completed,	
	waiting for materials, or	
	• canceled.	
	Workflow will change the status of the work order, depending on the selection.	
	If the work is not completed, then the process will set it to a status of Waiting for Materials (WMATL) and send an e-mail notification to the person requesting the service. The record is then routed back to the supervisor for review.	
	When work is completed, the process changes the status on the record to COMP (completed) and routes the record to the end of the process. If the work order is completed, it finishes the Workflow process and an e-mail notification goes to the person requesting the work.	
	If the work is canceled, the process sets the status to CAN and an e-mail notification is sent to the requestor.	

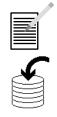
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Exercise 8:
Mass U's Case
Scenario—
Converting
Nodes into a
Diagram



Hint: Verify your work using the Answer Key.



Refining the Process

Introduction

When you have documented the current process, the next step is to decide where the process needs to change, if at all.

Identifying Required Changes

Researching the process generates a great deal of information. It provides information on how things are done today; it also provides you with insight into how to improve the process.

To get the most complete information and acceptance of the changes, consider using a multidisciplinary team or task force to document current processes, recommend changes, and identify bottlenecks.

Steps to Change the Process

Here is an example of the steps you can use to change a process in a logical manner:

- 1. Identify where to make changes.
- 2. Develop alternative solutions.
- 3. Determine the new solution.
- 4. Implement the changes and redraw the flow diagram.

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Refining the Process continued

Challenge



Can you think of an area in the Opus work order approval process that will change because they are automating the process using Workflow?

Chapter Summary

Standard Symbols

You can sketch the flow of information in your process using standard symbols found in the **Workflow Designer** application.

These symbols will allow you to easily convert the compiled answers and whiteboard diagram into Workflow Designer nodes.

Workflow Designer Symbols

When you format your flowchart, you use standard symbols to demonstrate actions a user must perform, such as decision points, conditions, and endpoints.

The following table lists the symbols in Workflow.

Symbol	Name	Description
\triangleright	Start	Determines the starting point for the process
	Stop	Determines the stopping point for the process
	Task	Allows a user to perform an assignment, e.g., approve or reject a record
	Manual Input	Allows a user to direct the path of a record in the process
\Diamond	Condition	Allows the system to determine the next step in the process based on a condition
	Subprocess	Allows the process to branch to a subprocess

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Workflow Designer Symbols

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Symbol	Name	Description
	Positive Connection (Action)	Determines the next step and actions when a value is evaluated as true or accepted
	Negative Connection (Action)	Determines the next step and actions when a value is evaluated as false or rejected
	Interaction	Leads an end user down particular problem resolution paths by offering well-defined choices, which guide the user through a scripted path
\Box	Wait	Causes the process to pause indefinitely until any of the specified events occur

Chapter Summary continued

Documenting Your Process

When you have identified all of the steps of the process, you can document it by drawing a flowchart of the steps.

Be sure to include information about what decisions are made along the way, who makes the decisions, and who does the work.

Refining the Process

The research phase of this process provides information on how things are done today and insight into how to improve the process.

Use the following steps to change a process in a logical manner:

- 1. Identify where to make changes.
- 2. Develop alternative solutions.
- 3. Determine the new solution.
- 4. Implement the change and redraw the flowchart.

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Workshop

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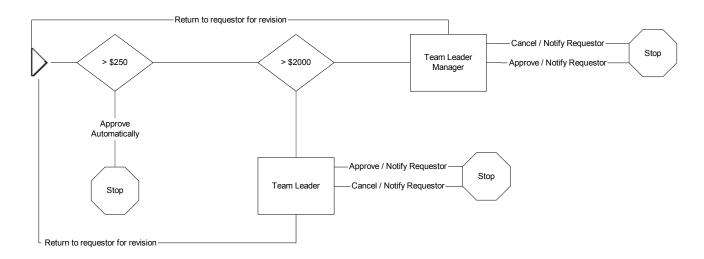


Convert the generic flowchart diagram below into a diagram using Workflow Designer nodes.

Note: This process is for purchase requests.



Hint: Creating a step/action table can help you determine nodes.



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Workflow Management Using MXES

Chapter 7: Create



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Chapter Overview

Introduction

Adding a new Workflow process to the system involves creating the flow using Workflow Designer.

In this chapter, the main focus will be to create Workflow processes based on the graphical depiction of the paper-based flow that you designed in Unit 2: "Establishing the Workflow Process Foundation."

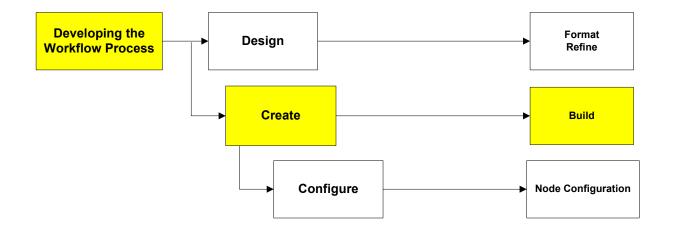
Learning Objectives

When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to:

- add a new Workflow process using Workflow Designer;
- describe the different node types and give examples of why you would use each in your Workflow process;
- connect nodes to determine the flow for the source record; and
- save your Workflow processes.

We Are Here

The areas that we will be covering in this chapter are highlighted below:



Overview of the Create Task

Introduction

After Workflow processes are initially designed on paper and the system is configured, the next phase is to convert these Workflow processes into an electronic format using Workflow Designer.

Activity Examples

Each step in the Create task requires that you perform specific activities. The following table lists examples of the activities that you might perform for the Create task.

Task	Activity	Action
Create	Build	 Use the Workflow Designer application to convert the process flows identified in Phase 1 into an electronic version
		 Create additional needed records, including Roles, Actions, People, etc. needed to work with nodes

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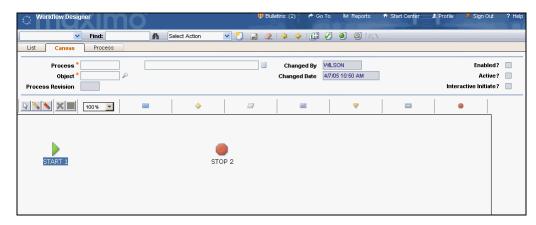
Creating a Workflow Process

Introduction

Use Workflow Designer to create or modify workflow processes.

Create the Process

When you insert a new Workflow process record into Maximo, the flow automatically includes one *Start* and one *Stop* node, similar to the graphic below.



In between these nodes, you must add nodes to the Workflow process to reflect the required work on the selected record type.

You will use positive and negative connections to determine the order in which work will be performed on the record traveling through the Workflow process.

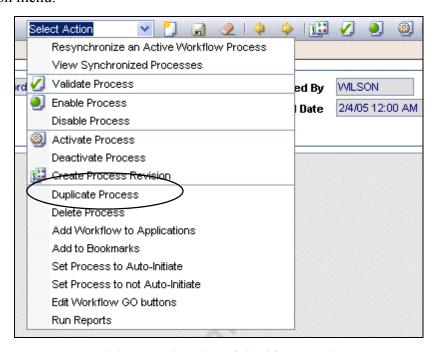


<u>Note</u>: Connection lines also provide the ability to carry out actions defined in the Actions application.

Process **Duplication**

One of the ways that you can use an existing process to create a new process is by *duplication*.

You duplicate a process by selecting the desired original process in Workflow Designer, then choosing **Duplicate Process** from the Select Action menu.

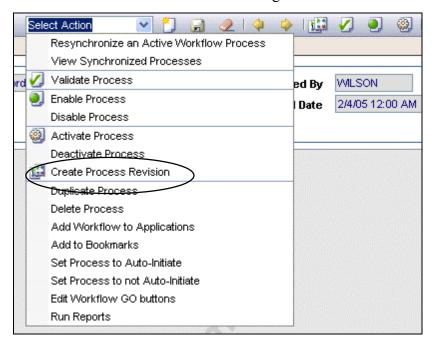


A new process record that matches the original is created. You can enter a new process name and make changes as needed.

Creating a Workflow Process continued

Process Revisions

You can also revise existing processes by choosing **Create Process Revision** from the Select Action menu in Workflow Designer.



You can also create revisions by selecting the desired process, then clicking the **Create Procession Revision** button on the toolbar.



When a process revision is created, the number in the **Process Revision** field of the process is incremented.



<u>Note</u>: When the current revision is activated, the previous revision is deactivated but not disabled.

Design Considerations

Workflow processes are at the system level and *apply globally to all organizations and sites in the database*.

If you require special handling of records based on organization and site, apply the appropriate business logic to process designs to accommodate any conditional branching that might need to occur.

Process Objects

The following information is related to Workflow processes and Maximo Business Objects (object):

- All processes *must* be associated with an object.
- All objects can have processes created against them.
- Objects can have more than one process running against them at any one time.
- Through Workflow Designer there can be only one *auto-initiated* process running against an object at any time. However, escalations can be used to auto-initiate more than one process per object.
- The object association determines which applications and record types the process can support.
- Some related records, such as actions and roles, are also supported according to the object associated with the process.
- The object association also makes using the Expression Builder easier, because it will show you a list of the available applications, fields, and so forth.

<u>Note</u>: The *System Administration* for *MXES* course or the *MXES Core Consultant* course can provide further information on Maximo Business Objects.

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Creating a Workflow Process continued

Node Naming

As you place new nodes on the canvas, Workflow creates a name that indicates the node type and assigns a number, similar to the graphic below.





<u>Note</u>: As you add nodes, the numbers in the node names will increment. After adding nodes, you would change the naming property of each to more accurately reflect the purpose or function of the node.

Guideline for Node Placement

Although some paper-based Workflow processes might look simple and easy to create in Workflow Designer, there are a few things to know about node placement:

- A Workflow process has only one *Start* node.
- All nodes except the *Start* node must have at least one line entering them.
- The Workflow process can have any number of *Stop* nodes.
- Manual Input nodes cannot be first in a Workflow process.
- A Condition node cannot be followed by a Manual Input node.

Guidelines for Connecting Nodes

Depending on their type, positive and negative connections are used to connect the nodes to one another.

Positive and negative connections determine the order in which work will be performed on the record traveling through the Workflow process.

Remember the following guidelines when you are connecting nodes to determine the flow of information:

- *Condition* nodes have one positive (+) connection AND one negative (-) connection to another node.
- *Task* nodes must have one positive (+) connection AND/OR one negative (-) connection to another node.
- *Subprocess* nodes must have one positive (+) connection AND one negative (-) connection to another node.
- *Manual Input* nodes have MULTIPLE positive (+) connections to determine the list of action choices for the assigned user. They *cannot* have a negative (–) connection.
- An *Interaction* node can have only one line exiting it. This line must be positive.

Deleting Nodes and Connections

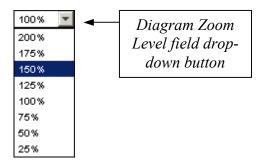
You can delete nodes or connections from the canvas at any time. Simply select what is to be deleted and press the **Delete** key on your keyboard.

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Increasing Viewable Space

If you run out of working space on the canvas while creating processes, use the **Diagram Zoom Level** field on the toolbar.

Click the drop-down button in the field to choose from the different canvas sizes.



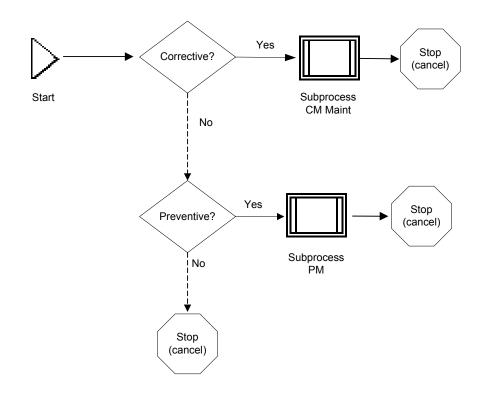


<u>Note</u>: You can also use the scroll bars on the bottom and right side of the canvas to move to nodes that are not visible.

Opus Paper-Based Workflow

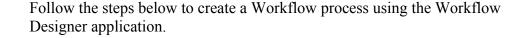
In Chapter 6, we completed a paper-based workflow diagram for Opus' main process for work orders.

For the following exercises—1, 2, and 3—we will use this diagram to create a workflow.

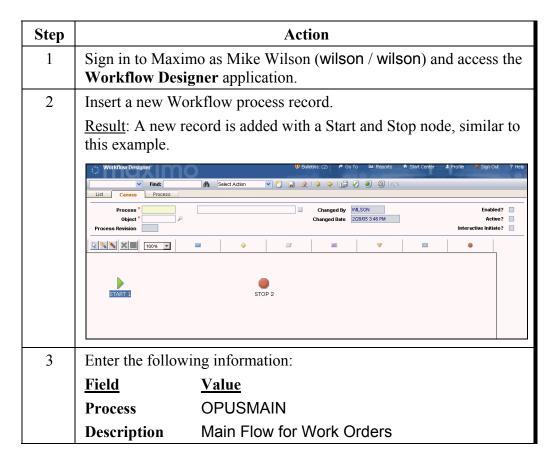


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Exercise 1: Creating the Workflow Process







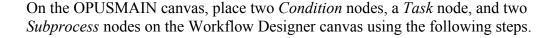
Exercise 1: Creating the Workflow Process

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Step	Action
4	Indicate that the new process uses the WORKORDER object.
	Note: The designated object determines which table and which applications can be involved with this workflow.
5	Save the record.
	Result: The Process Revision field indicates that revision 1 of this process has been saved.

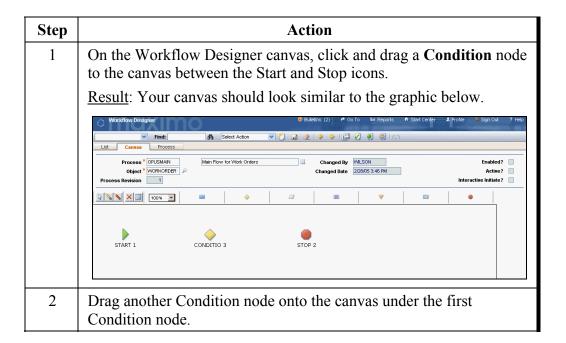
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Exercise 2: Adding Nodes



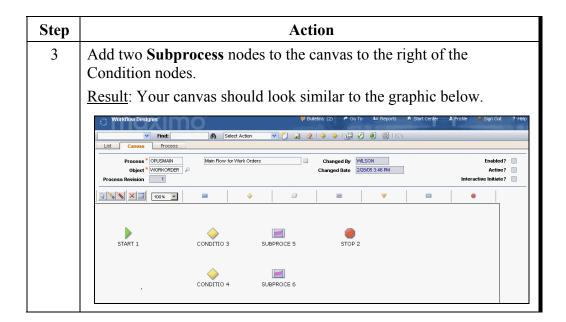






Exercise 2: Adding Nodes

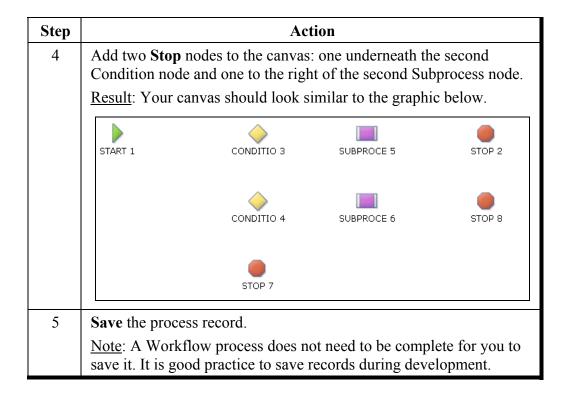
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Exercise 2: Adding Nodes

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Connecting Nodes

When you have added several nodes to the canvas, the next step is to connect the nodes.

Connecting the nodes determines the path that a record follows when you start the Workflow process.

Exercise 3: Connecting Nodes



Use the following steps to connect two nodes.

Step	Action
1	On the Canvas tab, click the Connect Nodes button.
	Result: The cursor changes to a light-colored pencil, similar to the graphic below.
2	Click and drag from the Start node to the Condition node on its right.
	Result: A solid connection line should go from the Start node to the Condition node, similar to the graphic below.
	START 1 CONDITIO 3

Creating a Workflow Process continued

Exercise 3: Connecting Nodes continued

Step	Action
3	On the Canvas tab, click the Connect Nodes With a Negative Action button.
	Result: The cursor changes to a dark-colored pencil
4	Click and drag from the first Condition node to the second Condition node.
	Result: The two Condition nodes are connected with a dotted line, similar to the graphic below.
	START 1 CONDITIO 3
	CONDITIO 4

Exercise 3: Connecting Nodes

continued

Step	Action
5	Use the map on page 7-10 to finish adding and connecting the nodes.
	Result: Your canvas should look like the following graphic.
	START 1 CONDITIO 3 SUBPROCE 5 STOP 2
	CONDITIO 4 SUBPROCE 6 STOP 8
	STOP 7
6	Save the Workflow process record.

Note



This process and the others created throughout this chapter will be validated in Chapter 9: "Testing."

Learning to validate your Workflow processes is crucial to successful implementation at your own company.

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Creating a Workflow Process continued

Subprocesses

The *Subprocess* node allows you to streamline your process diagrams and makes it easier to maintain your Workflow processes.



For example, in a complex process you can create a subprocess that serves as a branch used only for a specific set of records.

Negative Exits from Subprocesses

<u>Note</u>: Although your process will validate without one, it is a best practice for a Subprocess node in a calling process design *to have a negative line* as well as a positive line flowing out of it.



At run time, when the subprocess encounters a stop node and returns to the calling process, it continues along the same type of line that the subprocess finished on.

In this way, the branching logic that caused the termination of the subprocess to occur can be brought directly back to the calling process.

Opus: Exercise 1



In the Opus Workflow routine, if the work order is a Corrective Maintenance (CM) type work order, it will go into a Corrective Maintenance subprocess routine. Use the diagram below to complete the following tasks.

1. Create the process using the following information:

Name OPCMMAIN

Description Flow for CM Work Order Process

Object WORKORDER

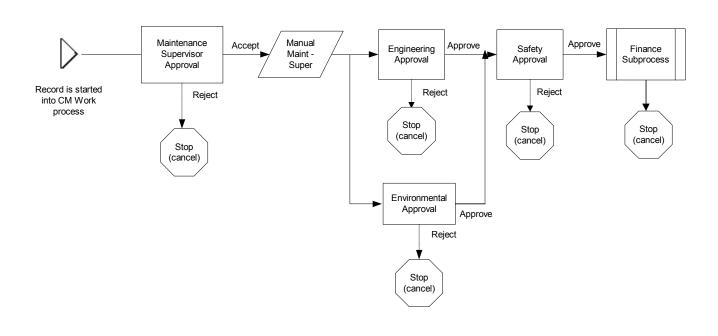
2. Add the required nodes.

3. Make the connections between nodes.

4. Save the Workflow process.



<u>Note</u>: Remember, on process creation a Start and Stop node will automatically be added to the canvas.



Creating a Workflow Process continued

Opus: Exercise 2



In the Opus Workflow routine, if the work order is a Corrective Maintenance (CM) type work order and is given preliminary approval, it will go into a Financial Approval subprocess routine. Use the diagram below to complete the following tasks.

1. Create the process using the following information:

Name OPFIN

Description Flow for Financial Approval Process

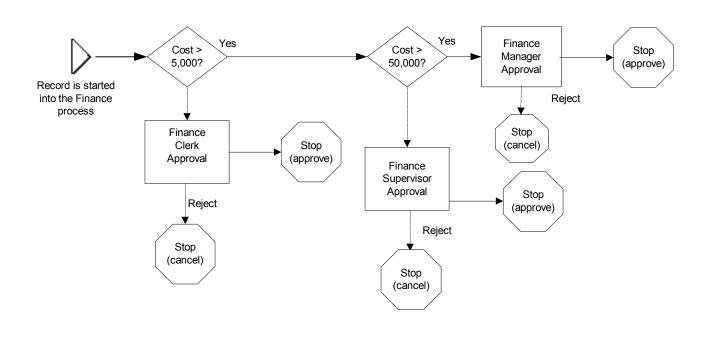
Object WORKORDER

2. Add the required nodes.

- 3. Make the connections between nodes.
- 4. Save the Workflow process.



<u>Note</u>: Remember, on process creation a Start and Stop node will automatically be added to the canvas.



Opus: Exercise 3



In the Opus Workflow routine, if the work order is not a Corrective Maintenance (CM) type work order and is a PM type, it will instead go into a PM subprocess. Using the diagram below to complete the following tasks.

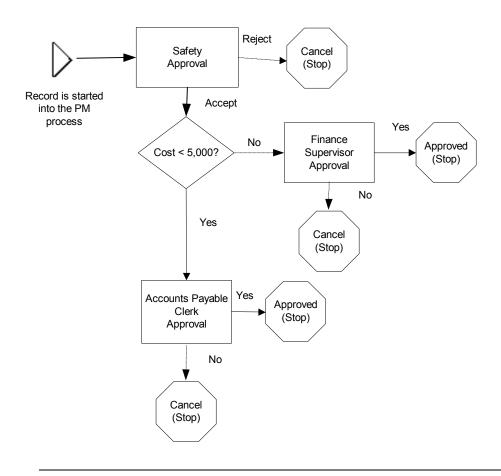
1. The PM process is similar to the Financial process, so follow the instructions on page 7-4 to duplicate the Financial process and edit the duplicate process. Use the process properties below for this new Workflow process.

Name OPPMMAIN

Description Flow for PM Work Order Process

Object WORKORDER

2. When finished, your process should look like the one below. Save this process.



Creating a Workflow Process continued

Mass U: Exercise 1



The Mass U process will start out with a service request, then will create a work order from that service request. From the point of work order creation, the work order will be the record used in the process to plan and record work.

Because a Workflow process can support only one type of record, you will need to create *two* processes.

Use the information and the diagram on the next page for node and connection placement in the processes.

<u>Hint</u>: The Work Order process will start at the *Office Staff: Basic Work Order Data Added* node.

Service Requests

Process MASSUSR

Description Mass U Service Requests

Object SR

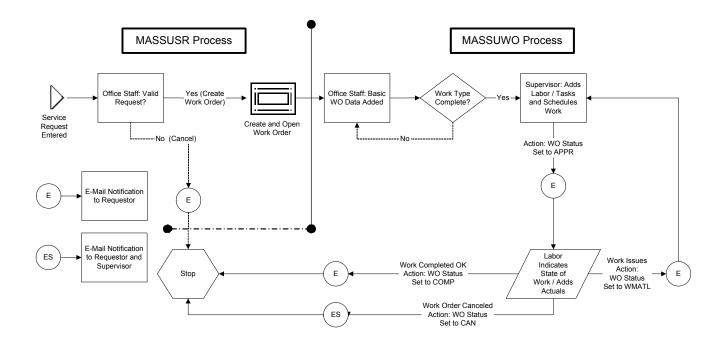
Work Orders

Process MASSUWO

Description Mass U Service Request Work Orders

Object WORKORDER

Mass U: continued Exercise 1



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Chapter Summary

Creating the Workflow

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Chapter Summary continued

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Workshop

Opus Case Scenario: Emergency Work Order Workflow Routine After they do some analysis and gain a better understanding of Maximo Workflow, Opus has further defined their emergency work order Workflow process. They have decided to use negative logic in their Workflow routine.

- Initially, a work order record is entered into the system as an EM work type. The condition check is to test that the work order type is *not* EM work.
- If it is not an EM work type, it goes out on the positive connection and the work order stops its Workflow routine.
- If it is an EM type work order, it then follows the negative connection and goes to the supervisor, who has 5 minutes to validate that it is EM work.
- If it is not EM work, then the supervisor chooses the Work Type to Corrective Maintenance (CM) action and the work order stops its Workflow routine.
- If it is EM work, it is sent to the maintenance department. A technician from the maintenance department is then dispatched to do the work.
- If the technician finds that the work is not emergency work, she or he chooses the work type to be changed to the CM action and the work order stops its Workflow routine.
- If the technician finds that the work is emergency work, she or he then chooses the work order in progress action (WO INPRG) and the work order stops its Workflow routine.

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Workshop: Exercise 1

Use the diagram below for node and connection placement and the following information to create an emergency work process for this Workflow routine.







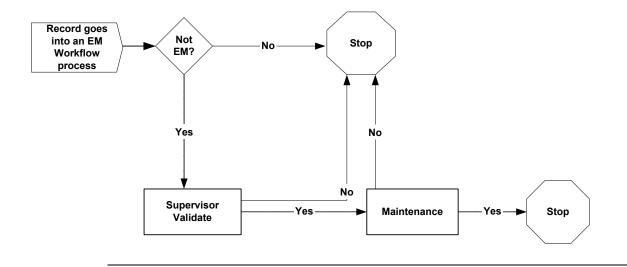
Process for Emergency Work



WORKORDER



<u>Note</u>: Remember, on process creation a Start and Stop node will automatically be added to the canvas.



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Workshop: Exercise 2





Scenario:

Shop people enter requisitions directly into the Maximo Purchase Requisitions application.

- All requisitions up to \$250.00 are to be approved automatically.
- PRs greater than \$250.00 up to \$2000.00 are to go to a team leader for approval. The team leader can approve, cancel, or send it back to the requestor for revision.
- PRs of greater than \$2000.00 need the approval of the team leader's manager. The manager can approve, cancel, or send it back to the requestor for revision.

Use the diagram below for node and connection placement, and the following information to create a process for this Workflow routine:

Name PURCHREQ

Description Flow for Purchase Requisitions

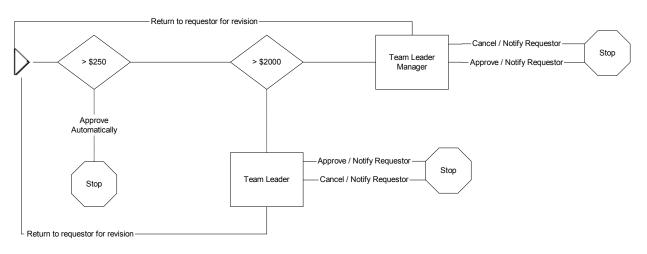
Object PR

Thinking about the guidelines for nodes and their connections on the canvas, how will this diagram be revised when created in the Workflow Designer?

Try to revise this process on the Canvas tab so that the nodes connect to one another. Don't configure the nodes, just lay them out and connect them.

<u>Note</u>: Don't worry if your workflow layout differs somewhat from the one found in the Answer Key.





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Chapter 8: Node Configuration



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Chapter Overview

Introduction

Each Workflow process consists of nodes and directional connections. Each node has *properties* that you use to customize the node to match your requirements. The directional connections are actually *actions* that have their own properties.

In this chapter we will take a detailed look at each node type and the action lines and their properties.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to:

- configure actions for a Task node,
- define an *expression* for a Condition node that tests a database value,
- configure a Manual Input node,
- define the Workflow process that will be used by a Subprocess node, and
- create custom roles and actions.

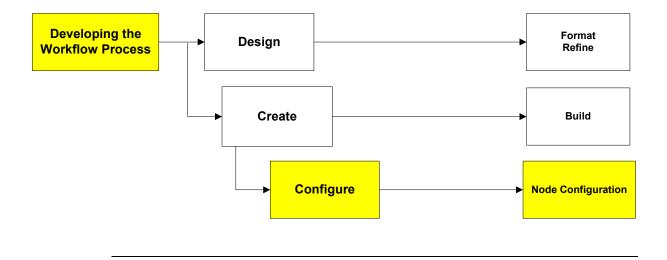
Chapter Prerequisites

To complete the exercises in this chapter, you must have completed the exercises and workshop in Chapter 7: "Create."

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We Are Here

The areas that we will be covering in this chapter are highlighted below:



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Node Configuration Overview

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Each node and connection action in a Workflow process must be configured individually.

The type of information contained in the properties of each will vary, depending on the canvas component that you have selected.

Use the Properties dialog box to define node behavior.

Activity Examples

The following table provides examples of the activities you might perform for the Configure task.

Task	Activity	Actions
Configure	Node Configuration	Configure the parameters, conditions, and actions for each Node and action line

Node Configuration Overview continued

Review: Node Description

The following table reviews the node descriptions.

Tool Image	Description	When processing the assignment, the user sees
	The Start node indicates the beginning of a Workflow process. Workflow places one Start node on the canvas when you create a new process. There can be only one starting point to any process.	Not applicable. Start nodes work behind the scenes with no user interaction.
	Stop nodes mark the point where a Workflow process ends and a record leaves Workflow control. Workflow places one Stop node on the canvas when you create a new process. You can place additional Stop nodes on the canvas as needed.	Not applicable. Stop nodes work behind the scenes with no user interaction.
	Task nodes allow you to direct the path of the record. You must have at least one connection coming out of a Task node. You use a Task node when your business rules call for an affirmative or negative user response to an Inbox assignment.	Task Move from WAPPR to APPR Action Approve this purchase order. Cancel this purchase order. Memo Earlier Memos Filter of the purchase order. Memo Person Transaction Date No rows to display OK Reassign Cancel Note: Tasks can be configured to have up to two choices.

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Review: Node Description

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Tool Image	Description	When processing the assignment, the user sees
	Condition nodes are defined to automatically direct records according to information contained in the record. There must be one positive connection and one negative connection coming out of a Condition node. The connection used by a record as it exits a Condition node is dictated by the SQL expression within the node, which resolves to either true (positive connection) or false (negative connection).	Not applicable. The system processes Condition nodes behind the scenes with no user interaction.

Node Configuration Overview continued

Review: Node Description

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Tool Image	Description	When pr	ocessing the assignment, the	e user sees
Image	Manual Input nodes allow you to direct the path of a record. Use a Manual Input node when you want the user to select the next step from a menu.	When pr		e user sees
		configurat	available choices depend on ion of the Manual Input node positive connection action no	. Each choice

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Node Configuration Overview continued

Review: Node Description

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Tool Image	Description	When processing the assignment, the user sees
	A Subprocess node represents a complete Workflow process nested within another Workflow process. A Subprocess can have a negative line flowing out of it, in addition to the positive. When a Subprocess encounters a Stop node it returns to the master process along the same line on which it finished. This enables the Subprocess to carry back the logic that caused the termination to the master process.	Not applicable. The system processes Subprocess nodes behind the scenes with no user interaction.
	An Interaction node must have one or more action lines entering it, but only one action line can exit. You use an Interaction node to help lead an end user down particular problem resolution paths by offering well-defined choices, which guide the user through a scripted path and manage the relationship with the record in any given session. A Manual Input node usually precedes the Interaction node.	 The results of an Interaction node depend on the configuration. Examples: Interaction nodes can be used to bring a user to a specific record within the application to allow the user to make changes or otherwise process the record. Interaction nodes can be used to enact a specific application action with no user intervention.

Node Configuration Overview continued

Review: Node Description

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Tool Image	Description	When processing the assignment, the user sees
	You use a Wait node to create a certain reaction to an action. You can define any action to trigger a specified reaction in a Wait node. When Workflow encounters a Wait node in an active process, the process pauses at that node indefinitely until any of the specified events occur. When the specified event does occur, it informs the node and the process resumes by exiting the node at the single exit point.	Not applicable. The system processes Wait nodes behind the scenes with no user interaction.

Viewing Properties

You can view properties for nodes and lines in four ways:

• Right-click the node/line on the canvas and select **Properties** from the resulting drop-down list.



- Double-click the node/line on the canvas.
- Click the node/line on the canvas and click the **Properties** button.



• Click the **Properties** button on the desired node listed on the Process tab.



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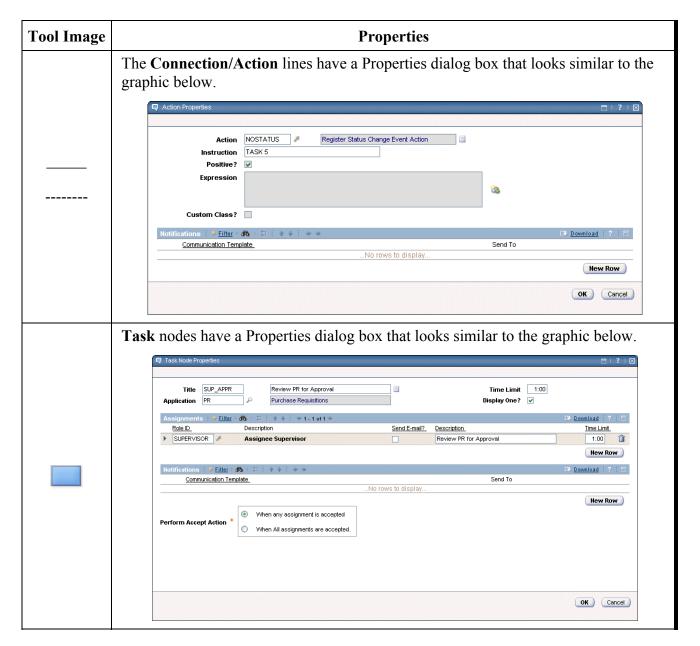
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Node Properties

All nodes, except for the Start and Stop nodes, have properties. These properties are set in the corresponding Properties dialog boxes of the nodes.

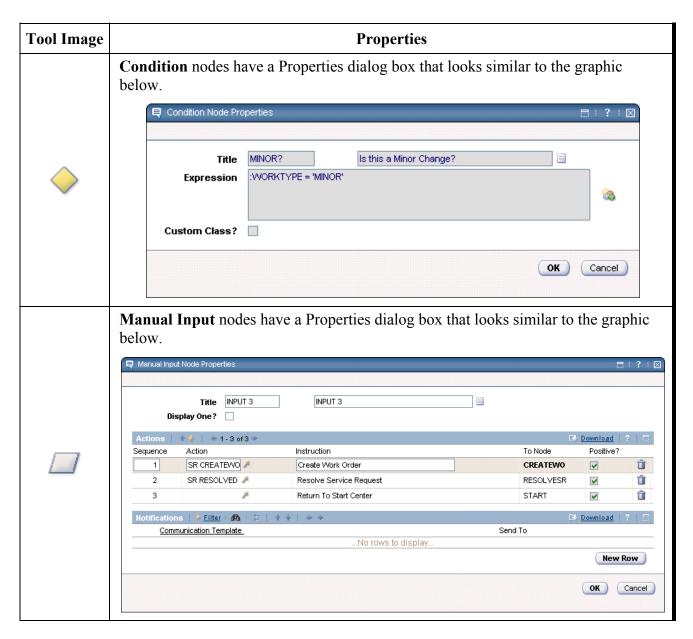
All connecting action lines have properties in which you can set the actions that occur when the process moves along the line.

The following table shows you what the Properties dialog boxes look like.



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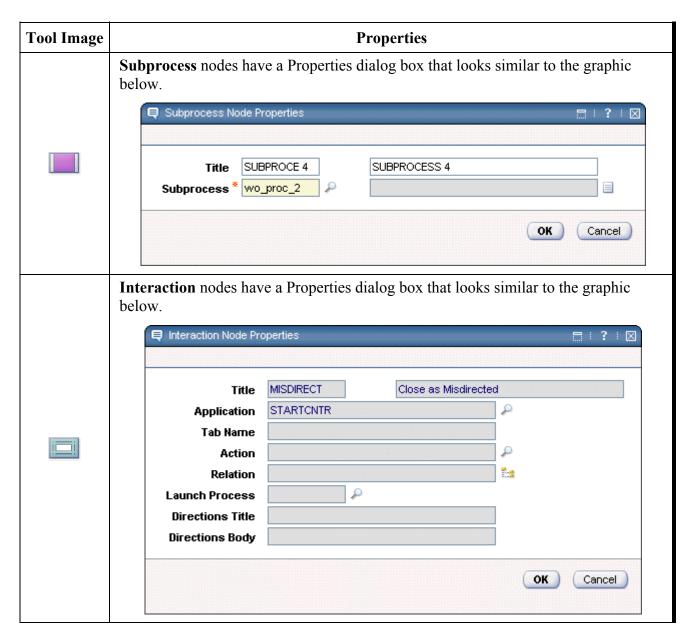
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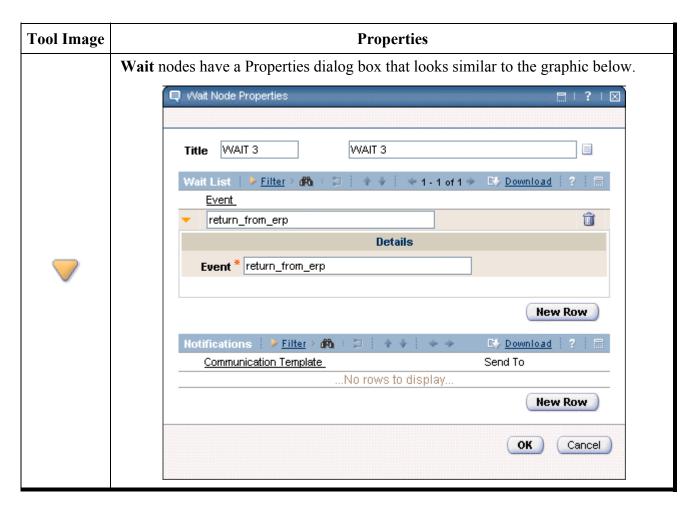
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Configuring Condition Nodes

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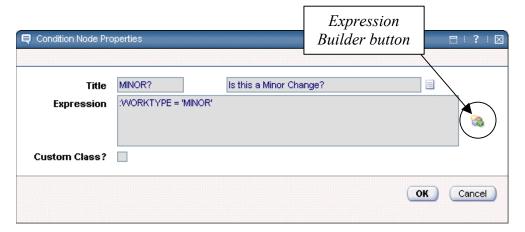
You include Condition nodes in your process when you want the next step in the process to be determined based on a data value.



Condition Elements

The Condition node consists of the following elements:

- title and description;
- an SQL **Expression** that tests a value in the database;
- an Expression Builder that can help you build SQL expressions, if desired; and
- an indicator of whether a **Custom Class** is being used for the test.



<u>Note</u>: Positive and negative connector lines are used to indicate the direction followed by the process after evaluating the expression.

Configuring Condition Nodes continued

WHERE Clause



<u>Note</u>: When writing the "where clause" to be used in a Condition node, or as a conditional assignment, be very careful to capture the fact that the condition being tested *might* be testing a 'NULL' value in the database, especially in the case of a *negative logic* type of condition where you want to use the negative exit as an indication that the condition was met.

For example, in the case of ":siteid > 'BEDFORD" this would cause all but the Bedford site to exit on the node on the positive connection. In Maximo, of course, you should never see a 'NULL' value for a siteid.

However, consider this case: ":worktype <> 'MI" MI is being used to determine that this is a Mission Type work order, but if the work order that was created did not have a specified work type, that is, worktype is 'null', it would also exit on the negative condition.

Because Maximo cannot resolve the "where clause" as true, it must therefore be *False*. The record would inappropriately be processed on the 'MI' portion of the Workflow.

To correct this, capture the information in your Condition nodes by adding the following statement(s) as appropriate to what you are trying to accomplish. ":worktype <> 'MI' and :worktype is not null".

Additional checking can be performed to be more specific in a Multisite scenario by fully qualifying everything in the Condition node as follows: ":worktype <> 'MI' and :worktype is not null and :siteid = [siteid]".

SQL



The condition clause is based on SQL but allows substitution variables. This means that it substitutes the column information from the current record's application for the variable. It allows variables to be tested against the current record's field values as well.

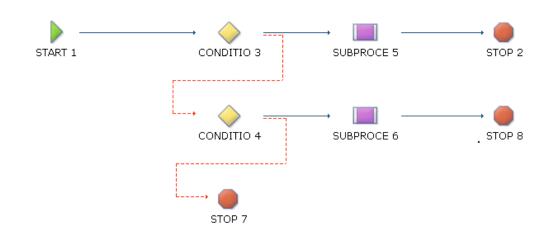
<u>Note</u>: Although the Expression Builder helps make the process easier, it is assumed that the person designing the conditions is proficient in SQL and in Maximo data relationships.

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OPUS: OPUSMAIN

Use this diagram in this section to complete the following exercises for the OPUSMAIN process.



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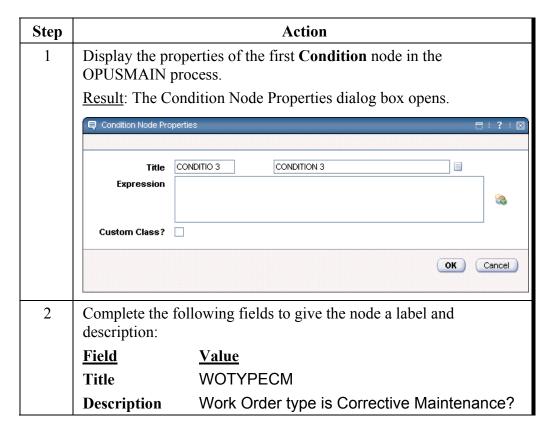
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OPUSMAIN: Defining the Condition Node



The expression that you define for your Condition nodes can be very complex, depending on your requirements.

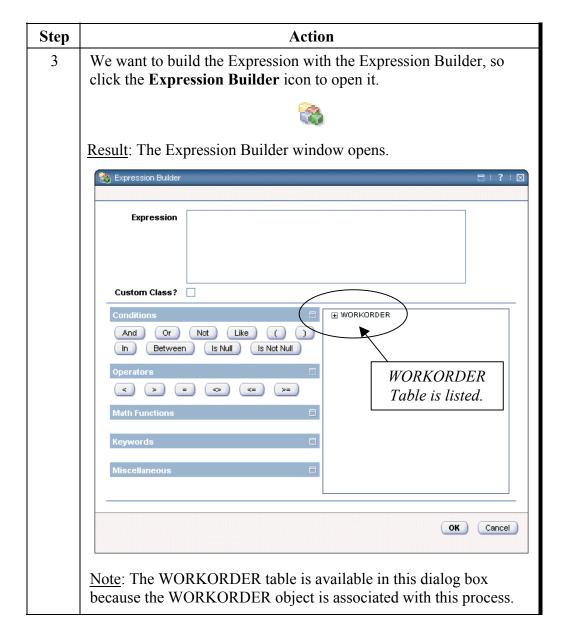
Use the following steps to configure an expression that tests the work order type to determine the approval path for the work order.



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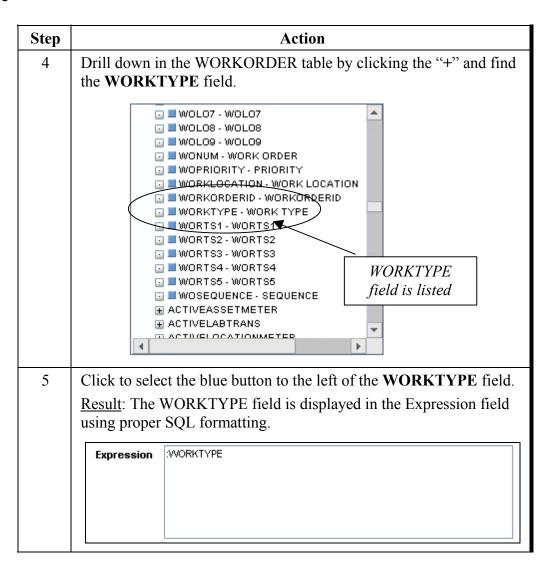
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Configuring Condition Nodes continued

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Step	Action			
6	Click the "=" button, then type in a space and 'CM'.			
	Note: Oracle requires you to enter single quotes around text strings in expressions. If you are using a different database, the syntax might be different.			
	Result: The Expression field contains the full statement, as shown below.			
	Expression :WORKTYPE = 'CM'			
	Note: You can directly enter SQL statements into the Expression field, if you want.			
7	Click OK in the Expression Builder . Result: The Expression Builder closes and the Condition Node Properties reflect the new properties.			
	Title WOTYPECM Work Order type is Corrective is Corrective Ma Expression :WORKTYPE = 'CM'			
	OK Cancel			
8	Click OK in the Condition Nodes Properties dialog box.			
	Result: The dialog box closes and the new properties are added to the process.			
9	Save the process.			

Configuring Condition Nodes continued

OPUSMAIN: Define the Second Condition Node



Practice configuring a Condition node by defining the following information for the second Condition node in the OPUSMAIN process:

- 1. Name the second Condition node WOTYPEPM.
- 2. Configure the Condition to test if the Work Order Type is PM (Preventive Maintenance).

Note: Be sure to save your process after completing this exercise.

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Configuring Connector/Action Lines

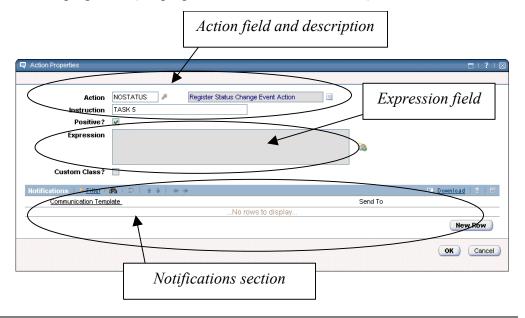
Overview

The lines that connect nodes also have the ability to cause system actions to occur. They also can be used to identify who receives notifications when the action takes place.

In this section we will show you how these are used in your Workflow processes.

Actions Properties Detailed

The graphic below points out the **Action** and **Notifications** sections of the Action properties (the properties of the connector lines).



Configuring Connector/Action Lines continued

Actions Properties Detailed

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• The **Action** field is populated from records created in the Actions application. These actions tell Maximo what to do when it moves across the connector line.

<u>Note</u>: The connector line might do nothing but go to the next node. In this case, there would be no action indicated.

- The **Expression** field allows you to enter a SQL expression to fine-tune when the action occurs.
- The **Notifications** section is populated from records in the Communication Templates application.

<u>Note</u>: You can also directly enter notifications in this section. Directly entered notifications become auto-generated Communication Template records.

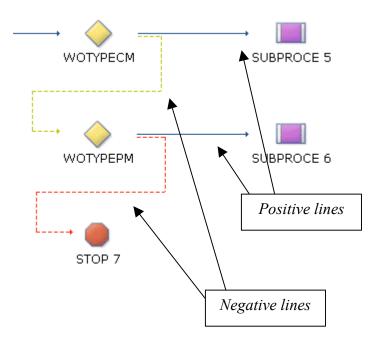
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Actions: Positive and Negative

There are two types of connection lines:

- **Positive** (solid line) A solid line coming from a Condition node indicates that this is the line that is followed when the expressed condition has been met
- **Negative** (dotted line) A dotted line coming from a Condition node indicates that the expression has not been met.



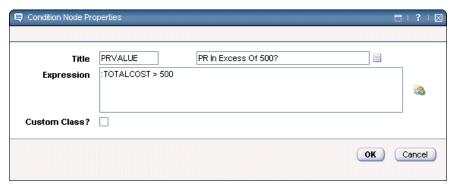
Using Conditions and Actions Together

Using Conditions and Actions Together: An Example An example of an action that can be performed on a record is a change in status.

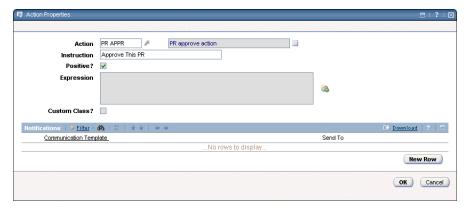
Let's say that the process calls for the status of the record to be changed to Approved (APPR) if a purchase requisition is over \$500.

If the PR is under \$500, the status is to be changed to Canceled (CANCEL). You'd create the following three process elements:

• Condition node to test for the value of the PR being greater than \$500.



• A positive connection line with an action to change the status to APPR. Note: The Positive? check box is selected in the Properties dialog box.



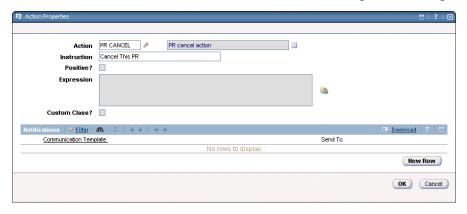
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A negative connect line with an action to change the status to CAN.
 Note: The Positive? check box is *not* selected in the Properties dialog box.



Creating Custom Actions

<u>Note</u>: You can also create your own custom actions to meet your process requirements.



Later in the course we will discuss further how this is done.

Using Conditions and Actions Together continued

Status Change Actions

By default, Workflow processes allow users to change status on records. This capability can be problematic in many cases. Therefore, three actions of the type "custom" were created to control this capability.

The table below lists and describes these actions.

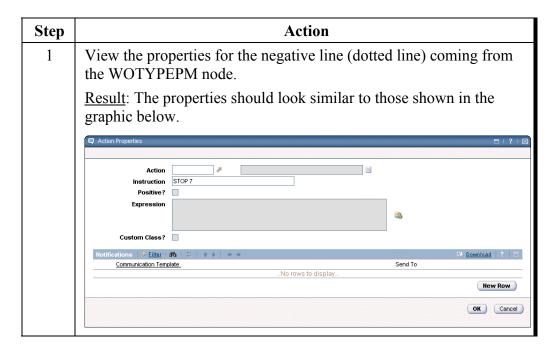
Action	Description
NOSTATUS	Do not permit status changes.
OKSTATUS	Allow status changes.
PVSTATUS	Prevent a toggle between NOSTATUS and OKSTATUS in processes.

OPUSMAIN: Defining Actions





Use the following steps to configure the actions for the false evaluation of the expression in the WOTYPEPM Condition node:

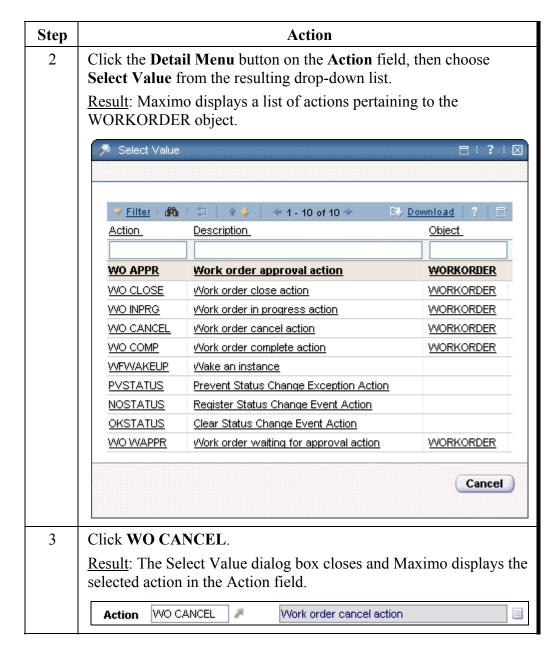


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OPUSMAIN: Defining Actions

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OPUSMAIN: Defining Actions

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Step	Action
4	In the Instruction field, enter the following text:
	Cancel This Work Order
5	Click OK.
	Result: The property dialog box closes and the changes are added to the process.
6	Save the process.

Challenge Question



Thinking about the business rules, why would it be poor logic to have a WO Cancel action on the WOTYPEPM Condition?

Why would you not want to do this?

Using Conditions and Actions Together continued

Notifications

Notifications are e-mail messages that can be sent to notify individuals and groups about a record's progress through the Workflow cycle.

The Notification process allows Workflow to push information to the right people at the right time.

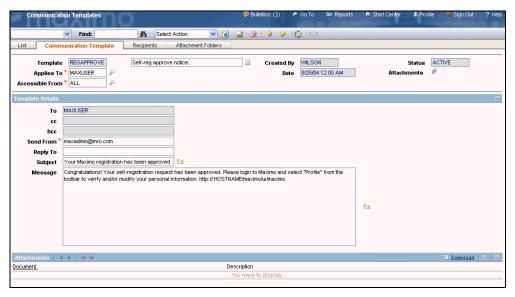
- The details for notifications are found in Communication Template records.
- Communication Template records are maintained in the Communication Templates application of the Administration module.

<u>Note</u>: Communication Templates are specific to an object, so they can be used only with processes that use the same object.

Communication Templates Application: Communication Template Tab The Communication Template tab of the Communication Templates application contains overall information for the notification, including:

- Who the notification is coming from
- The subject of the notification
- The message in the notification

The Communication Template tab looks similar to the graphic below.



<u>Note</u>: The recipient information is read-only on this tab and is maintained on the Recipients tab.

Using Conditions and Actions Together continued

Attachments

You can make attachments to Communication Templates by clicking the Attachments button.



When you click the Attachments button, Maximo displays the following menu:



This feature can be used to send directions, instructions, and other types of files along with the e-mail note produced by the notification.

<u>Note</u>: For more detailed information on this procedure, please check Communication Templates Help.

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Substitution Variables in Messages

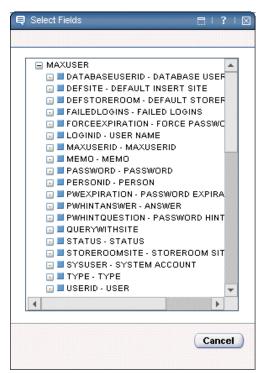
Substitution variables can be added to the Message and Subject fields of Communication Templates. These variables might include such information as a record number or supervisor name.

When the notification is sent, it will include the "hard-coded" message text interspersed with the variable information that relates to the current record and process to which it pertains.

You add variables to messages by clicking the Detail Menu button to the right of the Messages field.



Clicking this button displays a dialog box from which you select variable information that relates to the process associated with the Communication Template.



From the variable dialog box, you can drill down to the desired table field, similar to the way it is done in the Expression Builder.

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Example of Substitution Variables

Substitution variables allow you to substitute the column information (data) from the current record's application for the variables entered into either the subject or the message of Notification Templates.

Type *dot notations* (:) followed by the column name to specify the data fields to be substituted with values.

An example is given below.

Substitution Variable:

- Typing ":WONUM" will put the work order number in the message.
- Typing ":EQUIPMENT.ASSETNUM" will put the work order's equipment asset number in the message.

Subject or Message:

If you type:

Work Order: WONUM, Desc: DESCRIPTION for Equipment #: EQUIPMENT.ASSETNUM is scheduled to start on: SCHEDSTART

Then the message to the assignee reads as follows (substitution variable data is in bold):

Work Order **85856**, **Oil Leak** for Equipment # **9999** is scheduled to start on **June 7**, **2005**.

Using Conditions and Actions Together continued

shown below.

Using Variables in Task Descriptions

You can also include variables in task descriptions to add a bit of customization to the tasks showing up in the Inboxes of assignees.

There is no Expression Builder on this field, so you'll need to know which variables and the correct syntax.



<u>Hint</u>: You could use the Expression Builder in Communication Templates to determine the variables, then copy and paste the variables into your task descriptions.

Adding Links Containing Variables



You can place entire links to Maximo records within Communication Templates. A link can be a combination of static and variable elements. The NEWSELFREG Communication Template in *maxdemo* contains an excellent example of this capability. The link contained in this record is

http://:HOSTNAME/maximo/ui/maximo.jsp?event=loadapp&value=user&uniqueid=:MAXUSERID

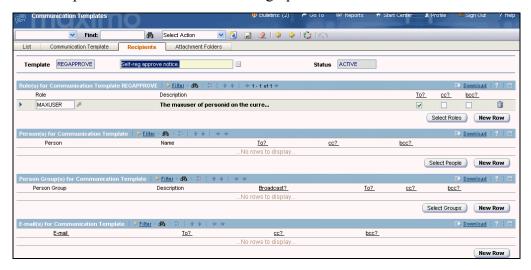
Notice how the variable elements have a colon (:) before them.

<u>Hint</u>: Take a look at this record to see how it is used in a Communication Template record.

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Communication Template Application: The Recipients Tab The Recipients tab of the Communication Templates application is used to add people and groups who will be sent this notification.

The Recipients tab looks similar to the graphic below.



There are four types of recipients for Communication Templates. They are listed in the table below.

Note: There is a separate table section on this tab for each type of recipient.

Recipient Type	Description
Roles	Defined in the Roles application
Persons in Maximo	Defined in the People application
Person Groups in Maximo	Defined in the Person Groups application
Persons not in Maximo	General e-mail addresses outside of Maximo

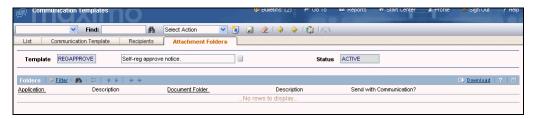
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Communication Templates Application: Attachment Folders Tab

You use the Attachment Folders tab in the Communication Templates application to associate the document folders from which Maximo should retrieve files to attach to the communication when it is sent.

Maximo will search the attachment folders associated with a template each time an e-mail notification based on this template is sent, and the files that exist in those folders at that moment are attached. Therefore, the set of files that are attached might not be static.

The Attachment Folders tab looks similar to the graphic below.



Elements That Use Notifications

Notifications can be indicated by the following canvas elements:

- Task node
- Manual Input node
- Wait node
- Connection/Action lines

Notifications and Conditions

Condition nodes are not able to initiate notifications directly.

The positive and negative connection lines that come out from the Condition node indicate which notifications and actions are taken based on the evaluation made in the Conditions node.

Notifications "On the Fly"

Communication Templates are used to *formally* set up notifications that can be reused in the same process or in a number of processes.

However, notifications can also be created more *informally* "on the fly" in process nodes.

The next exercise will use this "on the fly" notification methodology.

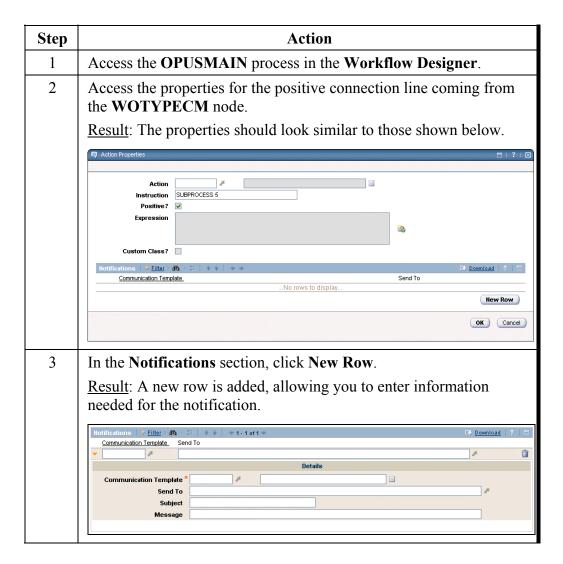
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OPUSMAIN: Configuring Condition Node Notifications



Use the following steps to configure e-mail notifications to the Workflow process originator based on the results found in the WOTYPECM Condition node in the OPUSMAIN Workflow process.

<u>Reminder</u>: Condition nodes do not generate notifications. The action lines coming from the Condition node are used for this task.



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OPUSMAIN: Configuring Condition Node Notifications

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Step		Action
4	Enter the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Send To	ORIGINATOR
	Subject	Work Order Type
	Message	The Work Order is being tested for Corrective Maintenance type
	Result: The Communication Template field is automatically numbered because a new Communication Template record is being created "on the fly." Your screen should look similar to the one shown in the graphic below.	
		Profit To RIGINATOR Details 1019 ORIGINATOR Work Order Type
5	In the description field to the right of the Communication Template field, enter the following description: WO Tested For CM Type	
		the description that will be placed on the new n Template record.
6	Click OK.	
	Result: The proin the process.	operties dialog box closes and the notification is now
7	Save the process.	

Using Conditions and Actions Together continued

Multiple Notifications

Multiple lines can be added in the Notifications section to send a variety of notifications to a variety of recipients.

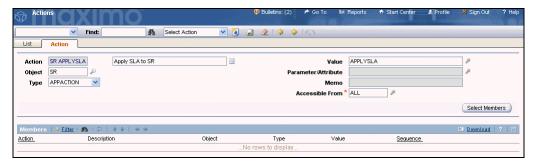
Using Actions

You add actions to processes by indicating a desired action in the properties of connecting lines in a Workflow process.

Action records are created and modified in the **Actions** application:

Go To ▶ Configuration ▶ Workflow ▶ Actions

The graphic below shows an example of an action record:



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Action Types

Actions have a number of types. The table below lists the action types and their purposes.

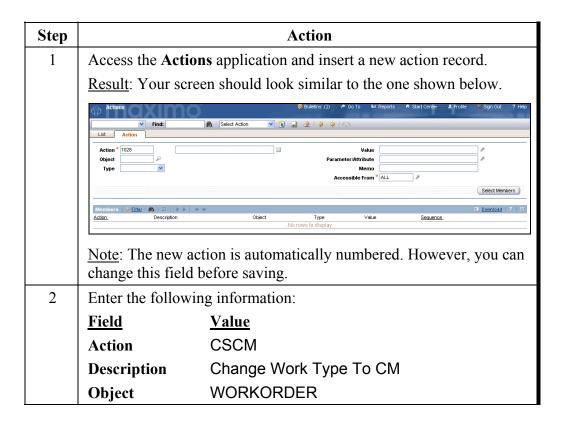
Action Type	Purpose
Application Action	Enacts an action indicated in the Value field from the application pertaining to the underlying Action object. Same as using Select Action menu in the specified application.
Change Status	Allows a change of status of the record in the process to a value specified in the Value field.
Custom Class	Executes a custom class as indicated in the Value field, which can use additional values in the Parameter/Attribute field.
Command Line Executable	Allows you to designate a specific application to run with parameters such as file name, connect string, etc. Designed mostly for running SQL reports, but can be used to run other applications. The designated application runs on the server only, so is generally limited to advanced usage by administrators. An example of syntax is shown below:
	REPWRITER.EXE 'c:\reports\ROLLUP.REP' maximo/maximo@beq-local '@c:\reports\params.txt'
Action Group	The action becomes a parent to a group of actions. The child actions are added in the Members section. This type allows the calling of a single action from a process to enact a group of actions.
Set Value	Allows the process to set the value of a field specified in the Value field.

Using Conditions and Actions Together continued

Creating a New Action



So that you can see how an action is created, we will now create an action that will set the value of the Work Type field in a work order to the value 'CM'.



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Creating a New continued Action

Step	Action	
3	Display the Type drop-down menu.	
	Result: The menu should look like the graphic below.	
	Application Action	
	Change Status	
	Custom Class	
	Command Line Executable	
	Action Group	
	Set Value	
	Note: You can enter the action type manually if you want to.	
4	Select Set Value from the Type drop-down menu.	
	Result: The Type field indicates that this is a Set Value action.	
5	Enter the following additional information:	
	<u>Field</u> <u>Value</u>	
	Value 'CM'	
	Parameter/Attribute WORKTYPE	
	Result: When this action is called in a process, it will enter the value <i>CM</i> into the Work Type field of the work order in the process. Note: You can access an Expression Builder by clicking the Detail Menu button on the Value field. For this example, however, we will manually enter values and parameters.	
6	Save the action record.	
	Result: The action is now available for use by Workflow processes that use the WORKORDER object.	
	Note: When choosing actions from a process, you will only be able to see a list of actions that are associated with the object that is associated with the process.	

Configuring Subprocess Nodes

Introduction

The Subprocess node allows you to streamline your process diagrams. It allows you to break a specific branch of your process into a separate process.

When the subprocess is finished, control of the record will be returned to the main process.



Defining a Subprocess Node

To define a Subprocess node, you must define the name of the subprocess you want the system to use.

The subprocess must already exist in the process list for you to fully configure the Subprocess node.

Example

In our case study, we chose to create a subprocess for the Corrective and Preventive Maintenance work orders. For clarity, we chose this approach rather than including all of these steps in one Workflow process.

You can view the main Workflow process, OPUSMAIN, to view all of the work required to approve corrective work orders.

You can view the subprocess to see all of the work required to approve corrective and preventive work orders.

Using a Subprocess

<u>Note</u>: A Subprocess must be *enabled* for it to function; however, it cannot be active, because that is the role of its calling process!



Configuring Subprocess Nodes continued

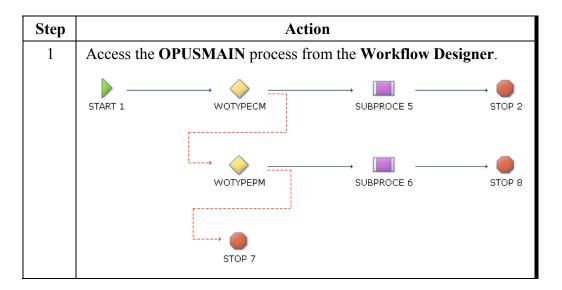
OPUSMAIN Subprocesses

In Chapter 7, we created the OPCMMAIN and OPPMMAIN processes that will be used as subprocesses within the OPUSMAIN process.

OPUSMAIN: Defining the Subprocess

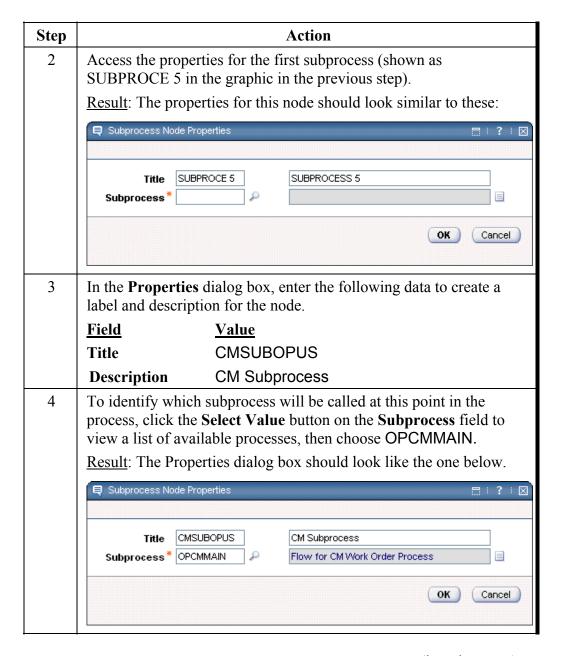
Use the following steps to configure the names and descriptions for the two Subprocess nodes.





Configuring Subprocess Nodes continued

OPUSMAIN: Defining the Subprocess continued



Configuring Subprocess Nodes continued

OPUSMAIN: Defining the Subprocess

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Step	Action	
5	Click OK to accept the properties.	
	Result: The Prope	erties dialog box closes.
6	Using the information below, repeat steps 2 through 5 for the second Subprocess node:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Title	PMSUBOPUS
	Description	PM Subprocess
	Subprocess	OPPMMAIN
	Result: The OPU	SMAIN canvas should look similar to this:
	START 1	WOTYPECM CMSUBOPUS STOP 2
		WOTYPEPM PMSUBOPUS STOP 8
		STOP 7
7	Save the OPUSM	IAIN process.

Configuring Task Nodes

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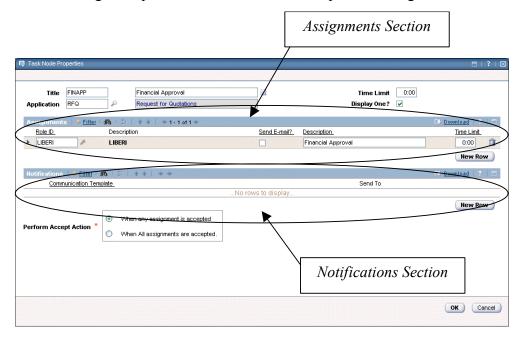
You can use the *Task* node to configure an *action* or an *approval* in the Workflow process.

A process can have one or multiple Task nodes based on the number of actions that are required at your site.



Task Node Properties Dialog Box

The following example shows the Task Node Properties dialog box.



- The **Assignments** section indicates who needs to perform the next step in the process.
- The **Notifications** section indicates who gets information e-mailed to them when the task is carried out.

Configuring Task Nodes continued

Other Elements

There are several other elements in the Task properties dialog box that need to be considered. The following table describes them.

Task Property Element	Purpose
Application	The application in which the record in the process will be brought up when accessed from the Inbox by clicking the instruction on the assignment.
Time Limit field	The amount of time within which a task must be performed before it is escalated.
Display One? field	This check box is used to determine whether the task automatically goes in one direction through the task without requiring any user intervention, or whether the Task dialog box is displayed, providing the option to cancel the process as well as the listed task itself.
Application field	This represents the application to which the task pertains. The application must be one supported by the object associated with the process.
Perform Accept Action frame	Allows the process designer to determine whether the process can continue after one or all of the assignments have been accepted by the assignees.

Answer the Questions

When configuring a Task node, consider the following questions:

- What application will the process be created for?
- Who will perform this task?
- Who should receive e-mail about the task assignment, and what should the e-mail message include?
- How much time does the user have to complete this task?
- What happens if the user does not complete the task within the allotted time?
- What options does the assignee have for the task (for example, accept, reject)?

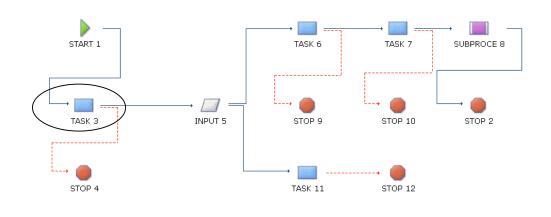
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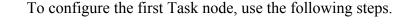
OPCMMAIN Process

In the next exercise we are going to configure the first task in the OPCMMAIN process.

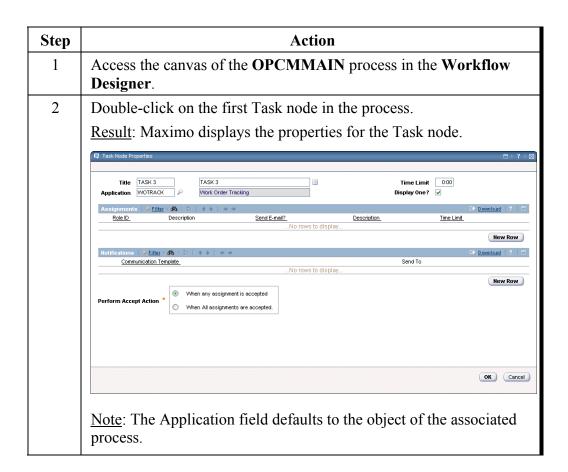
Use the diagram below as a reference point for which node is being configured.



OPUSMAIN: Configuring the Task Tab







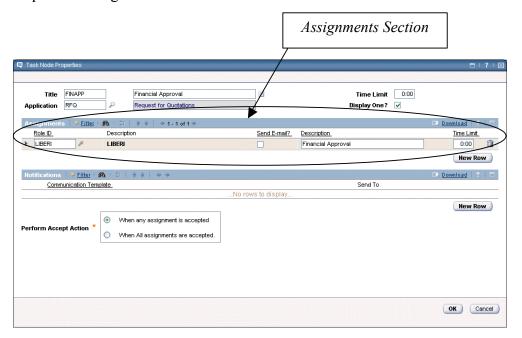
Configuring Task Nodes continued

OPUSMAIN: Configuring the Task Tab continued

Step	Action	
3	Enter the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Title	MAINT
	Description	Maintenance Supervisor Approval
	Application	WOTRACK
4	In the Time Limit field, enter 1:00.	
	Result: The maintenance supervisor now has a one-hour time limit to complete the approval of this record.	
		exercise, we will configure what will happen if the ot respond within the time limit.
5	Click OK to accept the properties.	
6	Save the process record.	

Making Assignments

Assignments are indicated in the **Assignments** section of the Task Node Properties dialog box.



- Assignments are made to roles.
- Roles are created in the **Roles** application.

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Configuring Task Nodes continued

Assignment Details

Each assignment contains a number of details that tell the process how to handle the assignment.

A sample of assignment details is shown below.



Some key fields in the Assignment details are described in the table below.

Key Field	Description
Escalation Role	The task is "escalated" to the next level if it is not completed within the time specified in the Time Limit field. The Escalation Role field indicates where the task is escalated.
Communication Template	The Communication Template used to generate the e-mail notification to the Assignee if the Send E-mail? check box is selected.
Expression	Allows Workflow designers to use various database criteria to more specifically determine under which circumstances the task is assigned.
Time Limit	The time within which the task must be completed before it is escalated to the person listed in the Escalation Role field.
Priority	Places a priority on the task to allow Service Management personnel and applications to prioritize tasks in their queue. This assures that high-priority tasks are completed in a timely fashion.
Send E-mail?	Indicates whether the assignee(s) should receive an e-mail message apprising them of their assignment.

Assignment Details

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Key Field	Description
Calendar Based?	When this is checked, the calendar information on the person records that resolve from the role is used to determine the true due date of the assignment. Example: If a person works from 8AM to 5PM and receives an assignment at 4PM with a due time of 4 hours, the actual due time will be 11AM the following day before being escalated.
Custom Class?	Is checked when there is a callout to a Java program in the MXServer library being used to add processing capability not included in base Maximo.

Roles Application

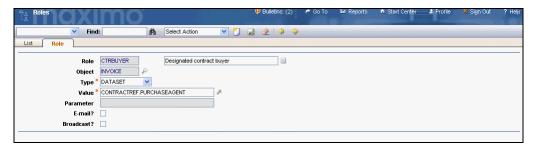
The Roles application is used to create and manage roles within Maximo. Roles can be called on from Workflow processes to define assignments.

Roles are managed in a central administrative application because they are used in multiple applications.

You can access the Roles application by using the following path:

Configuration ▶ **Workflow** ▶ **Roles**

The graphic below shows an example of a role record.





<u>Note</u>: When you are creating assignments and corresponding roles, note that it is often more efficient to hyperlink to the Roles application from the Role ID field on the assignment, create the role, and bring back the value.

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Configuring Task Nodes continued

Role Types

Roles have a number of types. The specified value of each type is contained in the **Value** field.

The following table lists the roles types and their purposes.

Role Type	Purpose
Custom Class	Refers to a custom class that resolves to one or more people
A set of data related to the record	Refers to the data in a specific field of the record in the process
E-mail address	Provides one or more literal strings of e-mail addresses that can be used on notifications but not on assignments
Person	Indicates a specific person record from the Person application
Person Group	Indicates a group of people as specified in a person group record.
A set of data related to the login user	Refers to some piece of data that pertains to the user that is currently signed in to Maximo.

Role Options

Roles records have two additional options that affect how the role reacts within assignments. These options are described in the table below.

Note: Both options are selected in check boxes below the Parameter field.

Role Option	Description
E-mail?	Refers only to Communication Templates. Indicates that roles indicated on Communication Templates should be used to send out an e-mail notification.
Broadcast?	Indicates that assignments should be made to all persons defined in the role. Calendars and shifts are ignored.

OPCMMAIN: Configuring Assignments







Use the following steps to assign the Maintenance Supervisor Approval task to the Opus Maintenance Supervisor: Fred Stanley.

Here are the tasks that we will accomplish in the steps below:

- Create a person type role for Opus maintenance supervisor.
- Indicate that Fred is the indicated person in the role record.
- Assign the task to the Opus maintenance supervisor (Fred).

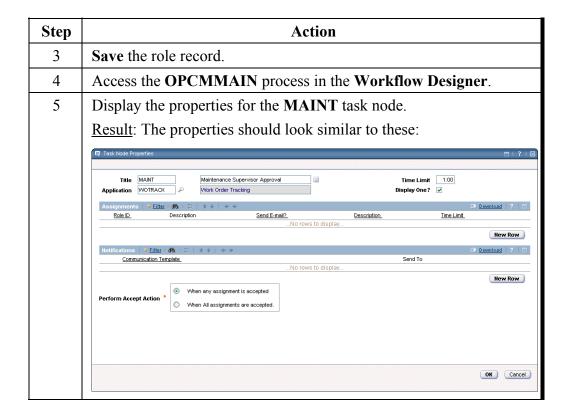
<u>Note</u>: You can actually create the assignment in the process and hyperlink to the Roles application, then bring back the role to the assignment. But in this exercise, we want you to become familiar with directly accessing the Roles application.

Step	Action	
1	Access the Roles application and insert a new record.	
	Result: A blank	record opens on your screen.
	Roles Polletins: (2)	
	Value Parameter E-mail? Broadcast?	*
2	Enter the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Role	OPMNTSUPV
	Description	Opus Maintenance Supervisor
	Object	WORKORDER
	Type	Person
	Value	Stanley

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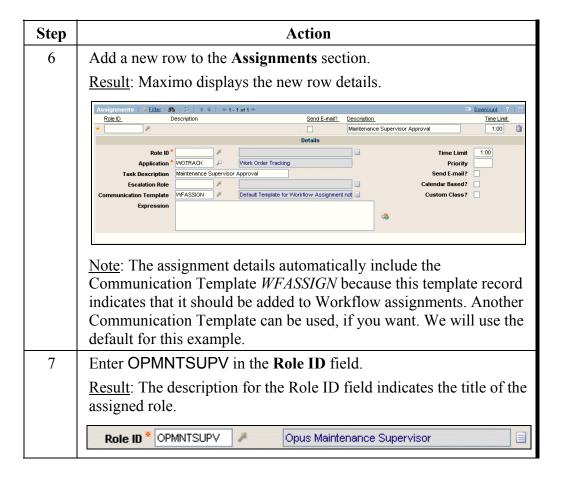
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OPCMMAIN: Configuring Assignments continued



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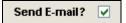
OPCMMAIN: Configuring Assignments

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Step	Action
8	Select the Send E-mail? check box.
	Result: An e-mail note containing the assignment information specified in the indicated Communication Template will be sent to the assignee.
9	Enter WILSON in the Escalation Role field.
	Note: If your system is set up properly, Mike Wilson will be delegated with the task if it is not completed in the time specified in the Time Limit field.
10	Click OK in the Properties dialog box.
	Result: The new property is accepted and the dialog box closes.
11	Save the process record.
	Note: Leave this process record open. You will be using it in the next exercise.

E-mails

We want Fred Stanley to receive e-mail notes as he is given assignments through the process, instead of having to monitor his Inbox for assignments. So we selected the **Send E-mail?** check box in the Assignments details section.



Selecting this check box will cause the Workflow process to send Fred a note based on the indicated Communication Template record.

<u>Note</u>: Fred will also get his assignments in his Inbox. The e-mail notification is additional.

Person E-mail Specification vs. Node Specification

The **Workflow E-mail Notification** field on each person record contains default information regarding how each person's e-mail is handled in Workflow processes.



Note: This setting takes precedence over the setting in the node.

The possible settings for the Workflow E-mail Notification field and their purposes are listed in the table below.

Field Setting	Purpose
Always	Always send e-mail, regardless of the process setting.
Conditional	Notify only on first assignment.
Never	Never send e-mail.
Process	Use the setting in the process.

<u>Note</u>: Fred's person record indicates *Process*, so the Workflow process determines whether he gets e-mail about assignments. In our exercise, we indicated in the process that Fred should get an e-mail notification of each assignment.

Note



When using a person or person group type role, the relevant person records must all contain e-mail addresses for those persons to receive notifications.

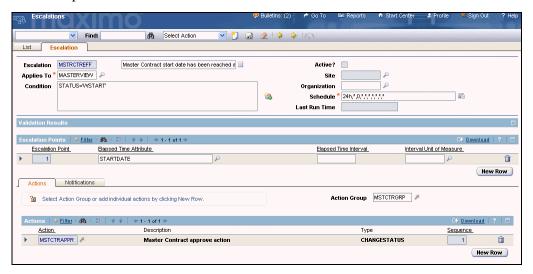
Configuring Task Nodes continued

Using an Escalation to Reassign Overdue Tasks Time limits can be set for an assigned task to be completed. When the allotted time is exceeded, the work can be reassigned and a notification can be sent. This process is called an *escalation*.

Escalations are defined in the Escalations application, which is accessed from the Go To menu along the following path:

Configuration Escalations

An example of an Escalation file is shown below.



We will be using some parts of the Escalations application in the next exercise. Those sections are described in the table on the next page.

Note: You can make escalations organization- and site-specific.

Escalations continued

Escalation Part	Description
Applies To field	Indicates the application or other functionality to which the escalation is associated.
Condition field	Allows database criteria to be used to more finely determine when escalations occur.
Schedule field	Indicates how often the escalation polls the system to see if there are items meeting the criteria in the Escalation Points section.
Last Run Time field	Shows the last time that the escalation polled the system.
Escalation Points section	Used to set up criteria by which the escalation knows to perform actions and notifications
Actions/Notifications tabs	Area where associated actions and notifications are listed. These are associated with a single escalation point.

Configuring Task Nodes continued

OPCMMAIN: Configuring the Escalation Procedure



The next step is to configure what happens when the maintenance supervisor exceeds the time limit for the task—in other words, what the escalation is.

For our example, the escalation will be that the task is reassigned to another person.

To create the escalation in the Workflow process, there are several overall steps:

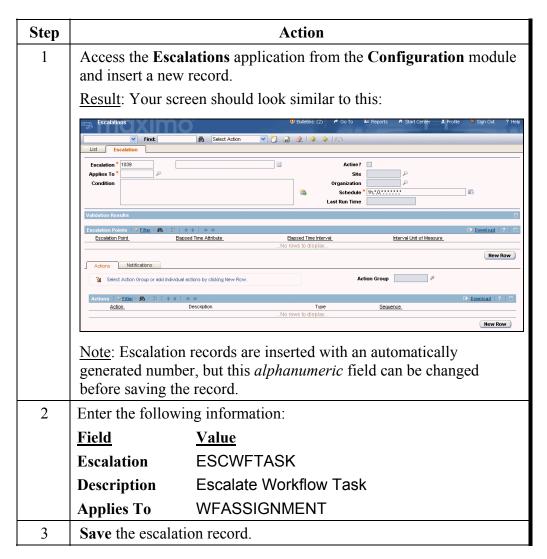
- 1. In the assignment on the Task node, indicate in the Escalation Role field to whom the reassignment is to be made.
- 2. Create and configure an escalation to poll the system and "fire off" an action to escalate (reassign) the task when certain criteria are met.
- 3. Create and configure an action to cause the escalation reassignment at a time determined by the escalation.

The exercise below will be broken down into the overall steps listed above.

1. Indicate to whom the reassignment is to be made.

Step	Action		
1	Access the Assignment details in the Properties dialog box of the MAINT Task node of the OPCMMAIN process. The assignment details should look similar to these:		
	Assignments Filter > dh D + V +1-1 of 1 > D Download ? E		
	Role ID Description Send E-mail? Description Time Limit. ▼ OPMNTSUPY ■ Opus Maintenance Supervisor ■ Maintenance Supervisor Approval 1:00 ■		
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	Role ID * OPMNTSUPV /* Opus Maintenance Supervisor		
	Task Description Maintenance Supervisor Approval Send E-mail? ✓		
	Escalation Role WILSON Milson Calendar Based?		
	Communication Template WFASSIGN / Default Template for Workflow Assignment not : Custom Class?		
	Expression		
	Note: The Escalation Role field indicates a role containing the name		
	of the person who should receive the reassignment. We entered this		
	role in the previous exercise.		
2	Ensure that WILSON is indicated in the Escalation Role field.		
3	Click OK to accept the change.		
4	Save the process.		

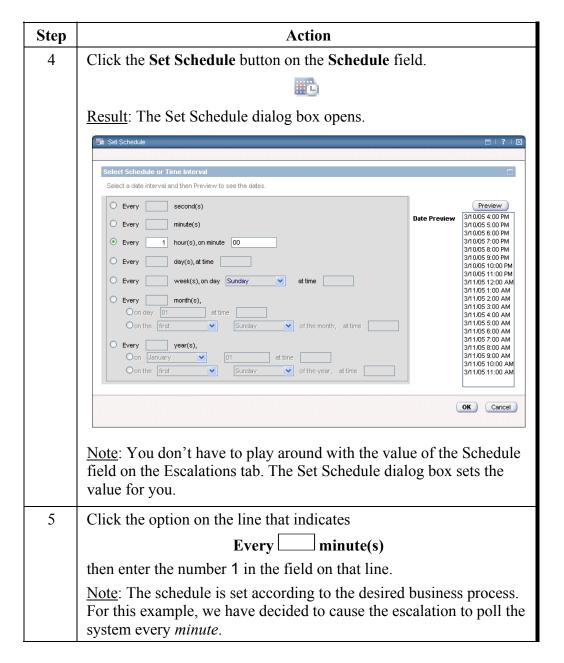
2. Create and configure an Escalation to poll the system and "fire off" an action to reassign (escalate) the task when certain criteria are met.



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OPCMMAIN: Configuring the Escalation Procedure continued



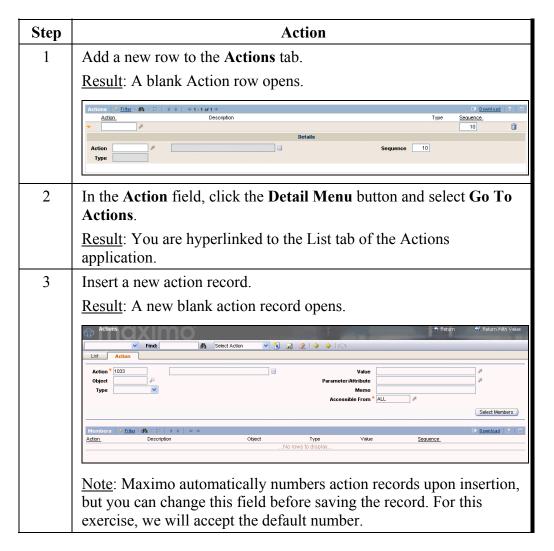
OPCMMAIN: Configuring the Escalation Procedure continued

Step		Action	
6	Click OK to accept the schedule.		
	Result: The Set Schedule dialog box closes and the Schedule field shows the correct values to indicate 1 minute.		
	Schedule * 1m,*******		
7	Add a new row to the Escalati	on Points section.	
	Result: Maximo displays the b	lank Escalation Point details.	
	Escalation Points Fitter of a + + + 1 - 1 of 1 + Escalation Point Eleased Time Attribute	☐ December ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	
	P	Details	
	Escalation Point 1 Elapsed Time Attribute	Elapsed Time Interval	
	Escalation Point Condition	Repeat?	
		New Row	
8	Enter the following information:		
	<u>Field</u>	Value	
	Elapsed Time Attribute	DUEDATE	
	Elapsed Time Interval	-1	
	Interval Unit of Measure	MINUTES	
		e an associated action or notification to ler task in a process is one minute	
9	Save the record.		
	Note: Keep the record open at this point. We will now use the Actions tab to hyperlink to the Actions application, create an action, and bring back the values.		

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Configuring Task Nodes continued

3. Create and configure an action to cause the reassignment at a time determined by the escalation.



OPCMMAIN: Configuring the Escalation Procedure continued

Step	Action		
4	Enter the following information:		
	<u>Field</u> <u>Value</u>		
	Description	Escalate Work Flow Task	
	Object	WFASSIGNMENT	
	Type	APPACTION	
	<u>Note</u> : These settings indicate that when a Workflow assignment is waiting in Maximo, an application action is called that will enact the escalation in Workflow. The escalation record determines when this action is called.		
5	Use the Detail Menu button on the Value field to select WFESCALATE .		
6	Save the action record.		
7	Click the Return with Value link in the upper-right corner of the screen.		
	Result: You are returned to the Escalations application with the new action applied.		
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8	Save the escalation record.		
		ation needs to be activated before it will start polling will do this later to see its effects on a Workflow	

Configuring Task Nodes continued

Activating Escalations

After creating escalation records, you must activate them by using **Activate/Deactivate Escalation** on the Select Action menu.

We have not activated this escalation during the exercise, so reassignments will not be made automatically.

In a later chapter, we will activate this escalation and see its effects on a Workflow process.

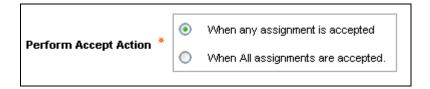


<u>Note</u>: During development, you might want to activate an escalation to test it. However, you should deactivate escalations after testing so that system resources are not being used during the escalation's polling process.

Forwarding Tasks with Multiple Assignments

If you apply multiple assignments to a single Task node, then you must configure the node properties to determine when the process can forward the record to the next node.

You use the **Perform Accept Action** pane on the Assignment details to indicate this determination.



The table below explains how to use this pane.

Choose this option	If
When any assignment is accepted	only one of the assigned users determines when to continue the Workflow process
When all assignments are accepted	all of the assigned users must complete this task to continue the Workflow process

<u>Note</u>: If any of the assigned users rejects the record, then the Workflow process moves to the node connected with a negative line in the Workflow process.

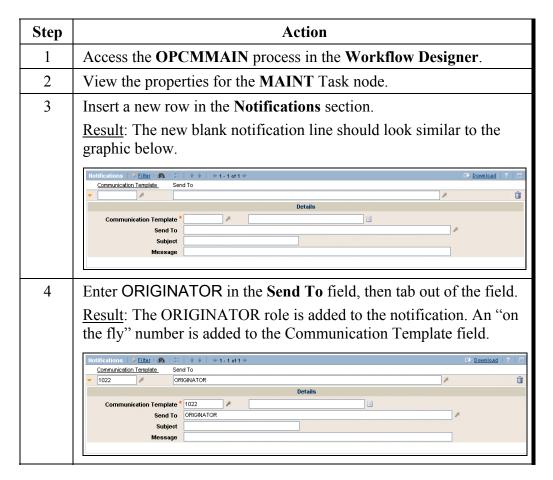
OPCMMAIN: Configuring Originator Notifications



Notifications can be used to help various people monitor records as they move through the process.

<u>Example</u>: You might want to notify the Workflow process originator about the record's progress.

Use the following steps to configure an "on the fly" e-mail notification to the Workflow process originator on the MAINT Task node.



Configuring Task Nodes continued

OPCMMAIN: Configuring Originator Notifications

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Step	Action	
5	Enter Maintenance Supervisor Review as the description in the Communication Template field.	
6	Now enter the following additional information:	
	Field Value	
	Subject	Maintenance Supervisor Review
	Message	The Maintenance Supervisor is currently reviewing your work order. You will be notified via e-mail when the action is taken.
7	Click OK.	
	Result: The Properties dialog box closes and the notification is accepted.	
8	Save the process.	

Creating
Reusable
Communication
Templates



We might want to send out similar notifications in a variety of Workflow processes, so "on the fly" notifications are not efficient.

So that we can more easily set up multiple similar notifications, we will create reusable Communication Templates that can be called into notifications in processes.

The two Communication Templates that we will create are:

- Work Order Canceled
- Work Order Approved

Follow the steps below.

• Work Order Canceled

Step	Action	
1	Access the Communication Templates application.	
	<u>Hint</u> : This application is located in the same place as Workflow Designer.	
2	Insert a new Communication Template record.	
	Result: The new record should look similar to this:	
	Communication Templates Delictins (2) Oo To Let Reports Start Center L. Profile Sign Out 7 Help	
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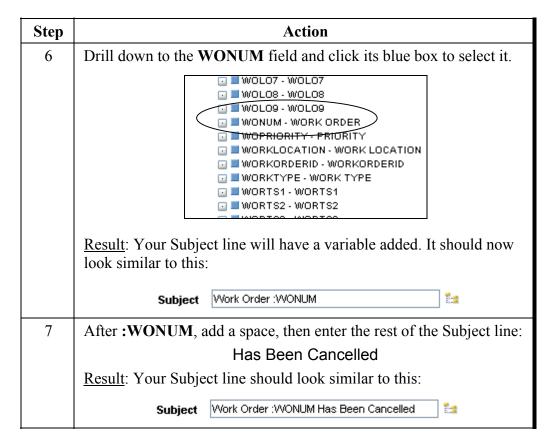
Configuring Task Nodes continued

Creating Reusable Communication Templates

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Step	Action	
3	Enter the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Template	WOCANCEL
	Description	Work Order Cancelled
	Applies To	WORKORDER
	Send From	maxadmin@opus.com
4	Enter Work Ord	er in the Subject field, then add a space.
5	Click the Detail	Menu to the right of the Subject field.
	Result: Maximo displays a drill-down list with the table that is related to the Applies To field.	
		■ WORKORDER WORKORDER Cancel

Creating Reusable Communication Templates continued



Configuring Task Nodes continued

Creating Reusable Communication Templates

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Step	Action
8	In the Message field, enter the following text:
	Your Work Order :WONUM :DESCRIPTION has been cancelled. Please contact Maintenance if you have questions.
	Note: For some good practice, try using the drill-down list to add the WONUM and DESCRIPTION variables.
9	Change the status of the Communication Template to Active .
	Result: The record is saved and activated.

• Work Order Approved

Step	Action	
1	Duplicate the WOCANCEL Communication Template from the previous exercise.	
2	Enter/modify the following information:	
	<u>Field</u> <u>Value</u>	
	Template WOAPPR	
	Description Work Order Approved	
3	Modify the Subject field as follows:	
	Work Order :WONUM Has Been Approved	
4	Modify the Message field as follows:	
	Your Work Order :WONUM :DESCRIPTION has been approved. Please contact Maintenance if you have questions.	
5	Activate the Communication Template record.	

OPCMMAIN:
Configuring the
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MAINT

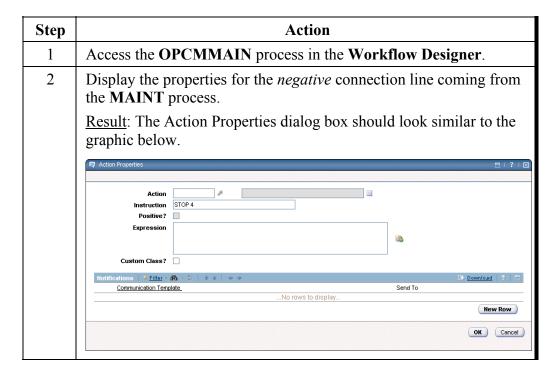




If the maintenance supervisor decides not to approve a work order in the OPCMMAIN process, the work order needs to be canceled.

The cancellation will be enacted by means of an action on the negative connection line connected to the MAINT Task node.

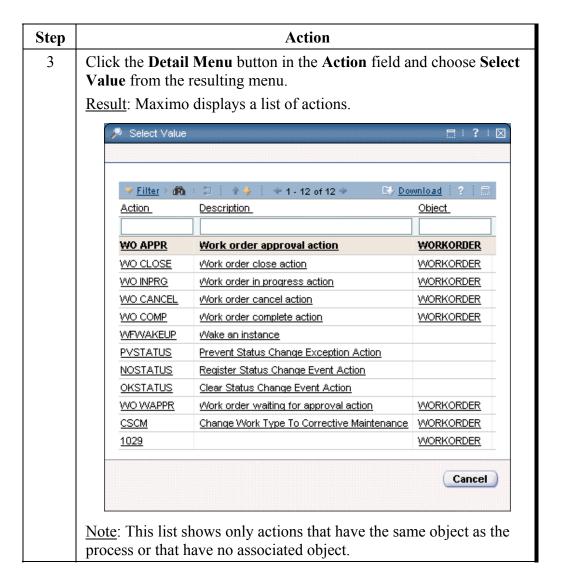
We will also send a notification to the originator of the work order that the record has been canceled. This notification will contain variables containing work order information.



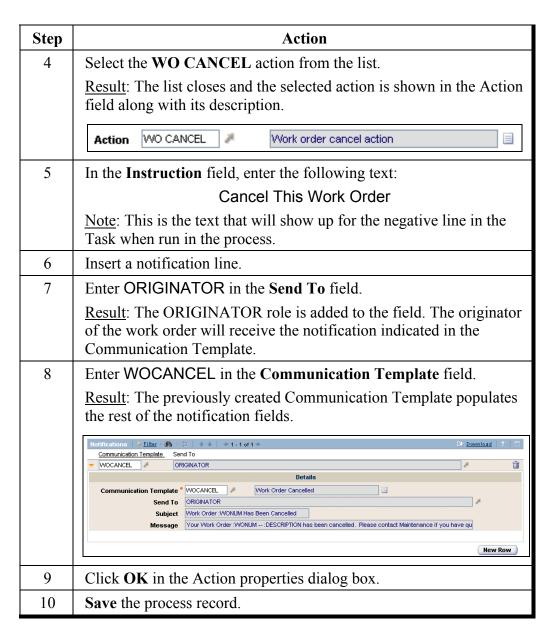
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OPCMMAIN: Configuring the Negative Connection Line from MAINT continued



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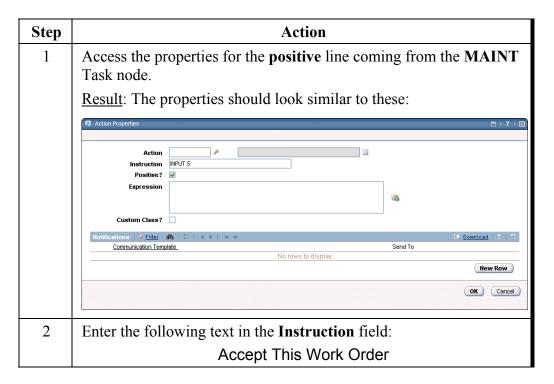
OPCMMAIN: Configure the Positive Connection Line from MAINT



The positive connection line only connects the MAINT Task node to the next point. It does not perform any actions.

However, the **Instruction** field on this node will contain the positive task text that shows up on the MAINT Task node when the process is run, so we need to modify it.

In addition, we want to send a notice to the originator indicating that the work order has been accepted.



OPCMMAIN: Configure the Positive Connection Line from MAINT continued

Step	Action	
3	Insert a notification using the following information:	
	<u>Field</u> <u>Value</u>	
	Communication Template WOAPPR	
	Send To ORIGINATOR	
	Result: The notification should look similar to this:	
	Notifications Filter Ma □ + + + + 1 - 1 of 1 + + E Download ? □	
	Communication Template * WOAPPR Work Order Approved Send To Subject Work Order : WONUM Has Been Approved Message Your Work Order : WONUM -: DESCRIPTION has been approved by the Maintenance Supervisor. Please conf	
4	Click OK in the properties dialog box. Result: The dialog box closes.	
5	Save the process.	

Additional Notifications

For our example, we are simply notifying the originator of the work order regarding its movement through the process.

There might be cases in which several people or groups need to be notified of an action. In that case, there are two main options:

- Add an extra notification line and send it to an existing role.
- Create a Communication Template with the desired text and add roles, groups, person groups, and so forth to it. Then, associate that Communication Template with the action.

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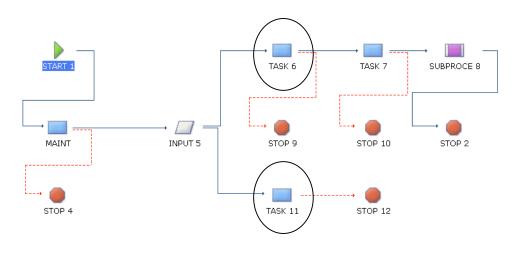
OPCMMAIN Process

In the following exercise, we will configure your equivalent to TASK 6 and TASK 11 (circled in the diagram below) for the OPCMMAIN process.

As a reference point for which nodes are being configured, use the diagram below.



Note: Your Task numbers might differ from this example. If they do, simply configure the Tasks in your Workflow process that correspond with TASK 6 and TASK 11 in the diagram below.



OPCMMAIN: Configuring Task Nodes



Using the diagram on the previous page along with the steps below, configure the *Engineering Acceptance* (corresponds to TASK 6) and *Environmental Acceptance* (corresponds to TASK 11) Task nodes that follow the MAINT task node in the OPCMMAIN process.

• Engineering Acceptance Node (corresponds to Task 6 in diagram)

Step	Action	
1	Give the task a name and description that indicate what the task does.	
2	Assign this task to the existing Engineering person group.	
	Hint: You will have to create a new role.	
3	Configure an escalation procedure for the Engineering task.	
	<u>Note</u> : This task should be reassigned to the supervisor if the assigned user does not complete the task within <i>30 minutes</i> . The supervisor for the engineering department is Bob Caldone.	
	<u>Hint</u> : You will have to create a new role for the Escalation Role field; however, the escalation/action combination that you previously created should serve to enact the reassignment process.	
4	Configure the positive connection line coming <i>from</i> this node to indicate a proper acceptance instruction to be viewed in the task when the process is run.	
	Also send a notification to the originator that this group has accepted the work order.	
	Note: There will be no action on this line.	
5	Configure the negative connection line coming <i>from</i> this node with an action to <i>cancel</i> the work order.	
	Also send a notification to the originator that this group has canceled the work order.	
	Notes:	
	 You can use the work order cancellation template that you previously created. 	
	Be sure to include an appropriate task instruction that will be clearly understandable to the user when the process is run.	

Configuring Task Nodes continued

OPCMMAIN: Configuring Task Nodes continued

• Environmental Acceptance Node (corresponds to Task 11 in diagram)

Step	Action
1	Give the task a name and description that indicate what the task does.
2	Assign this task to the existing Environmental person group.
	<u>Hint</u> : You will have to create a new role.
3	Configure an escalation procedure for the Environmental Task node.
	Note: The assignment should be completed within <i>five minutes</i> . If it is not completed on time, the work order should be reassigned to Julie Daniels, the supervisor for the environmental department.
	<u>Hint</u> : You will have to create a new role for the Escalation Role field; however, the escalation/action combination that you previously created should serve to carry out the escalation.
4	Configure the negative connection line coming <i>from</i> this node with an action to <i>cancel</i> the work order.
	Also send a notification to the originator that this group has canceled the work order.
	Note: Be sure to include an appropriate task instruction that will be clearly understandable to the user when the process is run.

Configuring Manual Input Nodes

Introduction

Manual Input nodes offer a list of options that allow a person to choose what should happen next in the process.

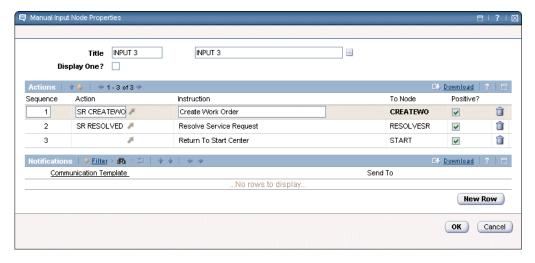


Use the Manual Input node when you reach a point in your process where a person, not the system, must make a decision about what should happen next at runtime.

Defining the Manual Choice List

The Manual Input node allows a user to make a single selection from a list of choices. The number of possible choices is determined by the number of connections *from* the node directly to processes further on in the process.

An example of a **Manual Input Node Properties** dialog box is shown below. The dialog box displays the list of choices and other related information.



Notifications can be made from this node. Notifications correspond to the Choice List items and are sent out when the choice is made. Each choice must have its own set of notifications.

The table on the next page describes some of the key fields in the Manual Input Node Properties dialog box.

Configuring Manual Input Nodes continued

Defining the Manual Choice List

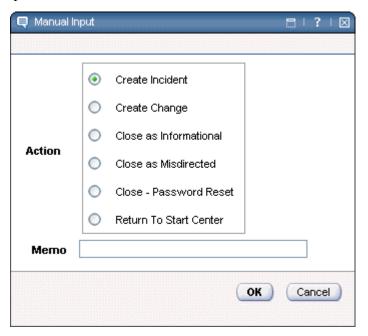
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Field	Description
Sequence	Indicates the order of the choices when the process is run.
Action	Indicates the action that will occur when the choice is made.
Instruction	Provides the text of the choice as it will appear when the process is run.

Configuring Manual Input Nodes continued

Example

Here is an example of what a Manual Input might look like while running in a Workflow process.



The number and naming of the choices is set up in the Manual Input node properties.

You would select an option that corresponds to the desired choice, then click **OK** to enact the choice.

You can also enter a **Memo**, which is stored to the Workflow history.

Negative Connections to/from the Manual Input Node



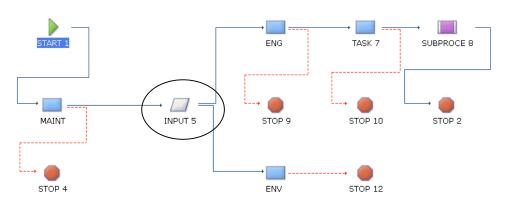
You *cannot* use a negative connection to connect *from* the Manual Input node to other nodes on the canvas.

However, you can have a negative node connection *to* the Manual Input node.

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Configuring Manual Input Nodes continued

OPCMMAIN Process: Manual Node Configuration In the following exercise we will configure the single Manual Input node (corresponds to INPUT 5 in the graphic below) in the OPCMMAIN process.



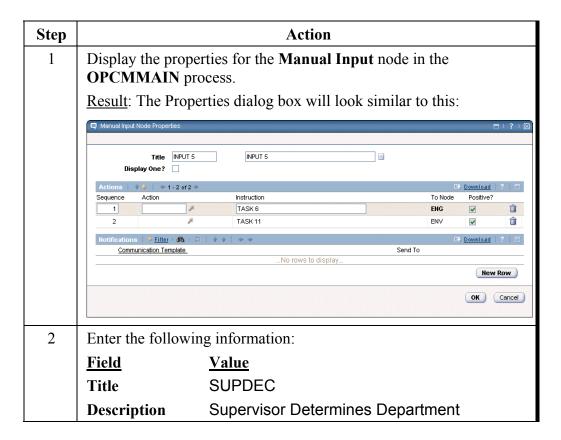
Configuring Manual Input Nodes continued

OPCMMAIN: Configuring the Choice List



The Manual Input node in the OPCMMAIN process allows the maintenance supervisor to decide whether to send the work order to the engineering group or to the environmental group.

<u>Note</u>: This node provides for a simple decision. Therefore, no actions are taken other than routing the work order to the appropriate group.



Configuring Manual Input Nodes continued

OPCMMAIN: Configuring the Choice List

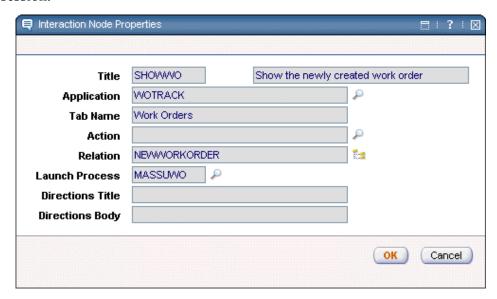
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Step	Action		
3	Enter the following information in the Instruction field for the choices:		
	Sequence Value		
	1 Send to Engineering Department for Approval		
	2 Send to Environmental Department for Approval		
	Note: The text in the Instruction field is the text that the user will see in the Manual Input decision dialog box when the process is running.		
4	Click OK.		
	Result: The property changes are accepted and the dialog box closes.		
	Note: Some of the property changes made in the Manual Input node are also reflected in the properties of the connection lines coming from the node.		
5	Save the process.		

Configuring Interaction Nodes

Overview

An *Interaction* node is used to help lead an end user down particular problem resolution paths by offering well-defined choices that guide the user through a scripted path and manage the relationship with the record in any given session.



Examples:

- You can cause a message to pop up on the screen in a dialog box. This
 message could inform users about something that they need to know or do
 during the process.
- If a new record type is created from another record type using an action, the new record could be displayed in its application for the user without the user's having to access the new record manually.

The application for the new record and the specific tab could be indicated in the **Application** and **Tab Name** fields.

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Configuring Interaction Nodes continued

Overview

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• A choice from the Select Action list of the indicated application could be indicated in the Action field.

<u>Note</u>: It must be emphasized that, in this case, we are referring to choices available in the *Select Action* menu of the specified application, not choices from the Actions application.

Another valuable way that an Interaction node can be used is to indicate
another Workflow process to be started. The process would be indicated in
the Launch Process field.

Will Use for Mass U Processes

The Interaction node is not used in the OPUS processes, so we will not go into detail here on its use.

However, Interaction nodes will be used in the Mass U processes.

We will go into more detail when building the Mass U processes. In these processes, you will have a chance to use the Interaction node in a variety of ways.

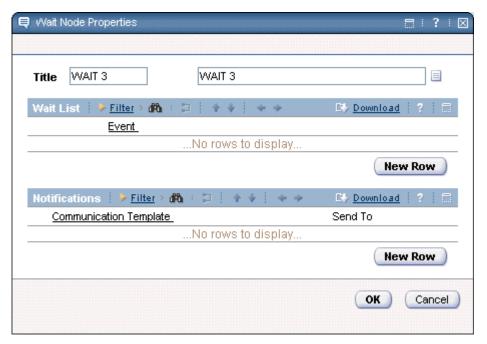
Configuring Wait Nodes

Overview

When Workflow encounters a Wait node in an active process, the process pauses at that node indefinitely until any of the events indicated in the Wait List occur.

<u>Example</u>: A Workflow process dealing with equipment moves might wait until a piece of equipment is disabled, down, or taken out of service before it assigns and notifies a technician to the job.

<u>Note</u>: The event that unpauses the wait could be internal or externally generated.



The Wait node is an advanced feature. To configure this node you should be familiar with Maximo internal operations.

The following example of a Wait Node Event trigger indicates that the Workflow process is waiting for the work order in the process to change to a status of WMATL (Waiting for Material):

maximo.workorder.statuschange.wmatl

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Chapter Summary

Configuring Nodes

Each node and connection action in a Workflow process must be configured individually.

The type of information contained in the properties of each will vary, depending on the canvas component that you have selected.

Use the Properties dialog box to define node behavior.

Viewing Properties

Properties for nodes and lines can be viewed in four ways:

- Right-click the node/line on the canvas and select **Properties** from the resulting drop-down list.
- Double-click the node/line on the canvas.
- Click the node/line on the canvas and click the **Properties** button.
- Click the **Properties** button on the desired node listed on the Process tab.

Condition Elements

The Condition node consists of the following elements:

- Title and description
- An SQL Expression that tests a value in the database
- An Expression Builder that can help you to build SQL expressions, if desired
- An indicator of whether a **Custom Class** is being used for the test

<u>Note</u>: Positive and negative connector lines are used to indicate the direction followed by the process after evaluating the expression.

Condition Nodes

You include Condition nodes in your process when you want the next step in the process to be determined based on a data value.

Chapter Summary continued

Connector/ Action Lines

The lines that connect nodes also have the ability to cause system actions to occur. They also can be used to identify who receives notifications when the action takes place.

Subprocess Nodes

The Subprocess node allows you to streamline your process diagrams. It allows you to break a specific branch of your process into a separate process.

When the subprocess ends, control of the record is returned to the main process.

Task Nodes

You can use the Task node to configure an *action* or an *approval* in the Workflow process.

A process can have one or multiple Task nodes based on the number of actions that are required at your site.

Manual Input Nodes

Manual Input nodes offer a list of options from which you can choose what should happen next in the process.

Use the Manual Input node when you reach a point in your process where a person, not the system, must make a decision about what should happen next at runtime.

Interaction Nodes

An Interaction node helps lead an end user down particular problem resolution paths by offering well-defined choices that guide the user through a scripted path and manage the relationship with the record in any given session.

Workshop

Introduction

Throughout this chapter you have configured several nodes in the several different processes.

This workshop exercise will have you finish configuring several Workflow processes.

You can use the flowchart answers for Chapter 7 to better follow the process.

Creating Roles



Use the following information in the table to create new roles for the WORKORDER object.

These roles will be used in some of the following workshops.

Role	RPTBYSUP	WOREPBY	WOSUPER
Description	Reported By Supervisor	Work Order Reported By	Work Order Supervisor
Туре	DATASET	DATASET	DATASET
Value	:REPORTEDBY.SUPERVISOR	:REPORTEDBY.PERSONID	:SUPERVISOR

Workshop continued

Creating Actions



Use the information in the following table to create new actions for the WORKORDER object:



Action	WO WMATL	WOTYPECM
Description	Change Work Order Status To WMATL	Change Work Order Type To CM
Type	CHANGESTATUS	SETVALUE
Value	WMATL	WORKTYPE
Parameter		СМ

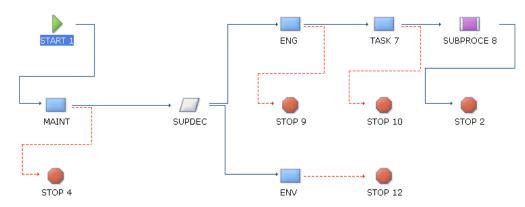
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Workshop1: OPUS: OPCMMAIN



In this section we will complete the OPCMMAIN process. The graphic below represents what the process should look like at this point.



<u>Note</u>: The nodes that have not been configured might have different numbers in the graphic than what you are seeing in your process, depending on the order in which you added them. This is okay.

Workshop continued

OPCMMAIN: Safety Task Node



In the OPCMMAIN process, use the following information to configure the *Safety Approval* task node (TASK 7 in the diagram):

- Locate the last Task node to be configured (the one after the Engineering and Environmental acceptances). Name the node SAFETY and enter an appropriate description.
- Assign the task to the existing Safety Person Group.
- Enter instructions on the positive and negative connection lines coming *from* this node that will display in the Task when the process runs.
- Configure the negative line coming *from* this node to cancel the record if the safety department rejects the work order. Send a notification to the originator that the work order has been canceled.
- Do not configure an action in the positive connection line coming *from* this node.

OPCMMAIN: Financial Subprocess Node





In the OPCMMAIN process, use the following information to configure the Cost Approval Subprocess node (SUBPROCE 8 in the diagram).

- Locate the Subprocess node, name it SUBCOST, and enter the description "Cost Approval Subprocess."
- Use the flow for financial approval process OPFIN.

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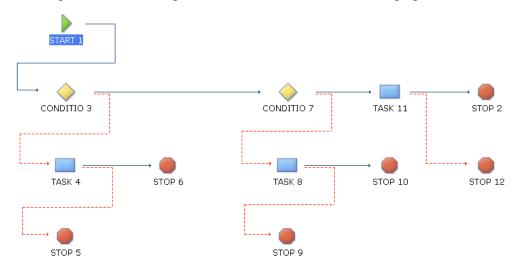
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Workshop 2 OPUS: OPFIN



In this section you will complete the configuration of the OPFIN process that we started earlier. Use the provided information to configure the nodes.

At this point, the OPFIN process should look similar to the graphic below.



OPFIN: COST1 Condition Node



Locate the first Condition node (CONDITIO 3 in the diagram) and name it *COST1*. Configure the node to test whether the estimated total cost of the work order is greater than \$5,000.

Total cost is defined as the sum of Estimated Labor Cost, Estimated Material Cost, Estimated Service Cost, and Estimated Tool Cost.

Notes:

- Use the plus sign (+) on your keyboard or the Math functions of the Expression Builder to build the calculation.
- Write the value 5000 *without* the \$ sign or any additional punctuation.

Workshop continued

OPFIN: FINAPPR1 Task Node



Locate the first Task node (TASK 4 in the diagram) – negatively connected to the Condition node you just configured.

Use the following information to configure the node as the *Financial Approval – Level 1* task.

- Name the task FINAPPR1 and enter an appropriate task description.
- Assign the task to the existing Finance Person Group.
- Enter positive and negative connection instructions that will display in the task when running in the process.
- Configure the process to approve the record if the finance department approves the work order.
- Configure the process to cancel the record if the finance department rejects the work order.

Workshop continued

OPFIN: COST2 Condition Node



Locate the second condition node (CONDITIO 7 in the diagram) after COST1 and name it COST2.

Configure the Condition node to test whether the total cost of the work order is greater than \$50,000.

Notes:

- *Total cost* is defined as the sum of Estimated Labor Cost, Estimated Material Cost, Estimated Service Cost, and Estimated Tool Cost.
- Use the plus sign (+) on your keyboard or the Math functions of the Expression Builder to build the calculation.
- Write the value 50000 *without* the \$ sign or any additional punctuation.

OPFIN: FINAPPR2 Task Node



Use the following information to configure the *Financial Approval - Level 2* task (TASK 8 in the diagram) – the task *negatively* connected to COST2.

- Name the task FINAPPR2 and enter a task description.
- Assign the task to the finance supervisor, Frank Jones. Note: You will need to create a role.
- Add appropriate instructions on the connecting lines that will display in the task when the process is running.
- Configure the process to approve the record if the finance supervisor approves the work order.
- Configure the process to cancel the record if the finance supervisor rejects the work order.

OPFIN: FINAPPR3 Task Node



Use the following information to configure the *Financial Approval – Level 3* task (TASK 11 in the diagram) – the remaining unconfigured task.

- Name the task FINAPPR3 and enter a task description.
- Assign the task to the finance manager, Lou Granger. You will need to create a role to complete this step.
- Enter instructions that will display on the task when running in a process.
- Configure the process to approve the record if the finance manager approves the work order.
- Configure the process to cancel the record if the finance manager rejects the work order.

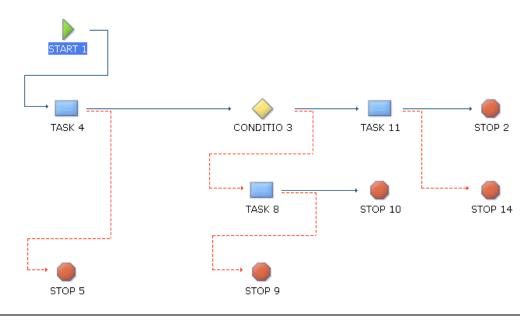
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Workshop 3: OPUS: OPPMMAIN



In this workshop, you will use the instructions and the diagram below to configure the OPPMMAIN process.

At this point the OPPMMAIN process should look similar to the graphic below.



OPPMMAIN: SAFETY Task Node



For the first Task node (TASK 4 in the diagram), use the following information to configure the *Safety Approval* task.

- Name the node SAFETY and provide a description.
- Assign the task to the existing Safety Person Group.
- Enter appropriate instructions that will display the tasks when running in the process.
- Configure the process to cancel the record if the safety department rejects the work order.
- Do not configure an action for the positive connector line.

OPPMMAIN: Cost Condition Node



Configure the Cost Condition node (CONDITIO 3 in the diagram) to test whether the total cost of the work order is greater than \$5,000.

Notes:

- *Total cost* is defined as the sum of Estimated Labor Cost, Estimated Material Cost, Estimated Service Cost, and Estimated Tool Cost.
- Use the plus sign (+) on your keyboard to build the calculation.

OPPMMAIN: FINAPPR1 Task Node



For the Finance Task node (TASK 8 in the diagram) that is assigned because the cost is *less than \$5.000*:

- Name the node FINAPPR1 and add a description.
- Assign the task to the existing Financial group.
- Enter instructions that will display on the task when running in a process.
- Configure the process to approve the record if the finance department approves the work order.
- Configure the process to cancel the record if the finance department rejects the work order.

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OPMMAIN: FINAPPR2 Task Node



For the Finance Task node (TASK 11 in the diagram) that is assigned because the cost is *greater than \$5,000*:

- Name the task FINAPPR2 and enter a task description.
- Assign the task to the finance supervisor, Frank Jones.
- Enter instructions that will display in the task.
- Configure the process to approve the record if the finance supervisor approves the work order.
- Configure the process to cancel the record if the finance supervisor rejects the work order.

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Workshop 4A: Mass U MASSUWO

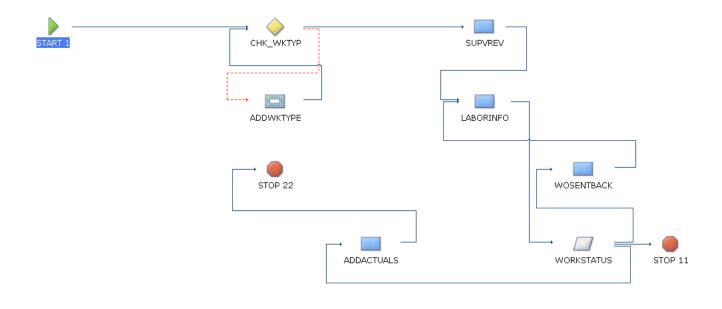


In this workshop you will configure the MASSUWO process. The workshop will lead you step-by-step to configure nodes and connection lines.

When you have configured all of the nodes, your process should look similar to the diagram below.

Notes:

- Throughout this exercise you will see node names in parentheses that correspond to the graphic below.
- Although the MASSUSR process comes first in the series of events, it refers to the MASSUWO process in one of its nodes. Therefore, we will configure and enable the MASSUWO process first.



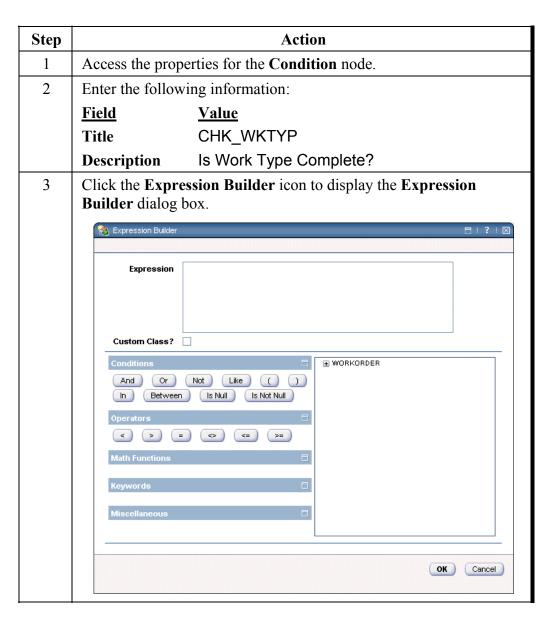
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MASSUWO: Condition Node



Follow the instructions below to configure the Condition node (CHK WKTYP).

<u>Note</u>: This node checks whether the Work Type field has been completed in the work order.



MASSUWO: Condition Node

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Step	Action
4	Using the Expression Builder drill-down and buttons, build the following expression:
	:WORKTYPE is not null
	Note: You could manually enter the expression, as well. However, we want to give you some exposure to the Expression Builder.
5	Click OK to accept the node properties.
6	Save the process.

MASSUWO: Interaction Node



Follow the instructions below to configure the Interaction node (ADDWKTYPE).

<u>Note</u>: This node will display a dialog box informing the user that the work type has not been completed.

Step		Action
1	Access the properties of the Interaction node (ADDWKTYPE).	
2	Enter the following	information:
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Title	ADDWKTYPE
	Description	Notice: Need To Add Work Type
	Directions Title	Work Type Needed
	Directions Body	Be sure to complete the work type on the work order.
	Note: The text in the displays to the user	e Directions Body field will be the message that
3	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
4	Save the process.	

Workshop continued

MASSUWO: First Task Node

Follow the instructions below to configure the first Task node (SUPVREV).



Step	Action		
1	Access the properties of the first Task node in the process (SUPVREV).		
2	Enter the follow	wing information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>	
	Title	SUPVREV	
	Description	Supervisor Reviews and Schedules Work	
	Time Limit	1:00	
3	Insert a new As	ssignment row.	
4	Hyperlink from	the Role ID field to the Roles application.	
5	Create a PERSONGROUP role named MASSUFOSUP and associate it to the MUMAINT Person Group that you created in a previous exercise.		
	Notes:		
	This is a role for Mass U supervisors.		
	Associate the role with the WORKORDER object.		
	• Ensure that this role is configured as <i>broadcast</i> , so all persons in the role will get the assignment.		
6	Return from the Roles application with the new Role ID value.		
7	Click OK to accept the node properties.		
8	Save the process.		

MASSUWO: Line Connecting SUPVREV Task Node with LABORINFO Task Follow the instructions below to configure the positive connection line that connects the SUPREV Task node with the next Task node in the process (LABORINFO).



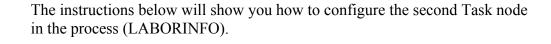
Step	Action		
1	Access the properties from the positive line that connects the SUPREV Task node with the next Task node in the process (LABORINFO)		
2	Enter the follow	ving information	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>	
	Action	WO APPR	
	Instruction	Send Work Order To Labor	
		n on this line causes the work order status to change action has already been created in the database.	
3	Add a notificati	on line.	
4	From the new notification line, hyperlink from the Send To field to the Roles application and create a role with the following information:		
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>	
	Role	WOREPORTBY	
	Description	Reported By On Work Order	
	Object	WORKORDER	
	Type	DATASET	
	Value	:REPORTEDBY	
	Note: This role will create an association with the person listed in the Reported By field on the work order. This is the field that contains the information about the person who initially entered the service request that was transformed into the work order.		

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MASSUWO: Line Connecting SUPVREV Task Node with LABORINFO Task continued

Step		Action
5	Save the new 1	role record and return to the notification with value.
6	Enter the follo	wing information in the notification:
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Description	Assignment Note To Requestor
	Subject	Work Order :WONUM Has Been Assigned
	Message	Work Order: WONUM has been assigned by the Maintenance Supervisor. You will receive an additional notification when the work has been completed.
7	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
8	Save the process.	

MASSUWO: Second Task Node

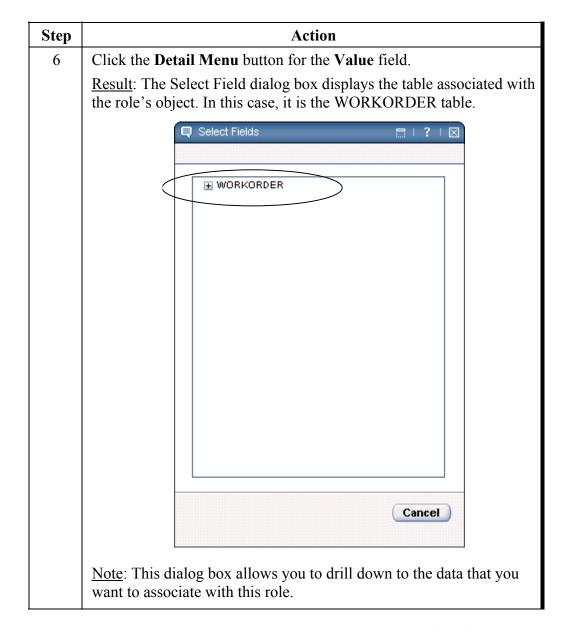




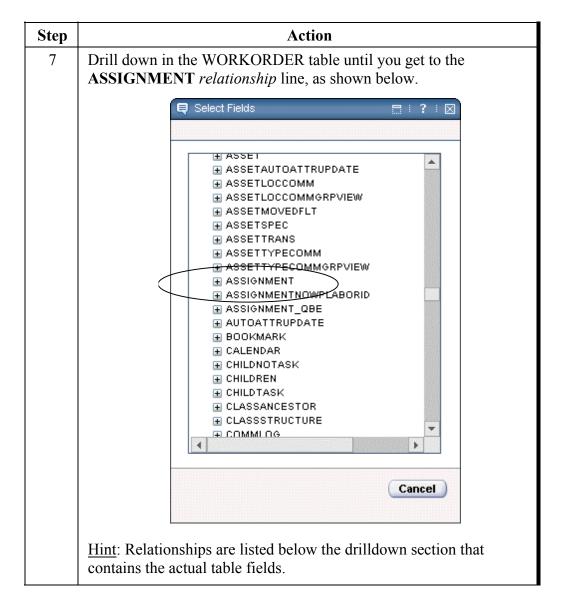
Step	Action	
1	Access the properties of the second Task node in the process (LABORINFO).	
2	Enter the follow	ving information:
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Title	LABORINFO
	Description	Labor Indicates Work Situation
	Time Limit	:30
3	Insert a new Assignment row.	
4	Hyperlink from the Role ID field to the Roles application.	
5	Create a new role named WOLABOR using this information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Description	Work Order Labor
	Object	WORKORDER
	Type	DATASET

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MASSUWO: Second Task Node continued

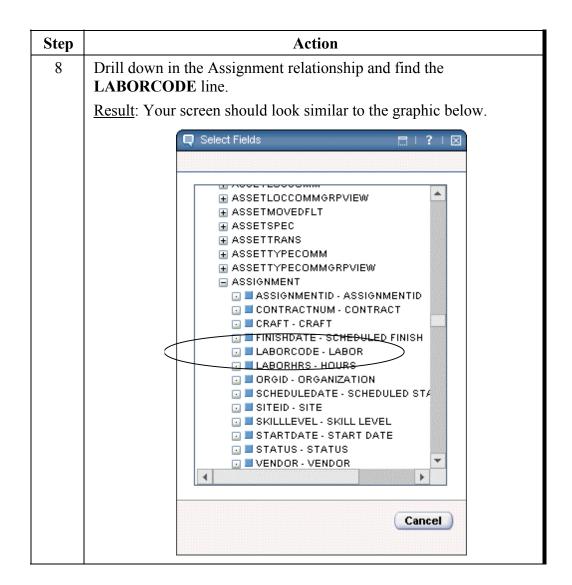


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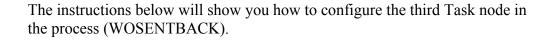


MASSUWO: Second Task Node continued

Step	Action	
9	Select the LABORCODE line.	
	Result: The Value field should look similar to the graphic below. The value should be :ASSIGNMENT.LABORCODE	
	Object WORKORDER &	
	Type * DATASET	
	Value ★ :ASSIGNMENT.LABORCODE	
	Parameter	
	Note: You could try entering the value directly, but using the drill-down ensures proper syntax for the desired value.	
10	Ensure that the Broadcast field is checked.	
11	Save the role, then return from the Roles application with the new Role ID value.	
12	Enter MASSUFOSUP in the Escalation Role field.	
	Note: We created this role in a previous exercise.	
13	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
14	Save the process.	

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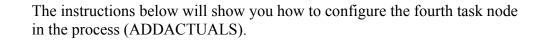
MASSUWO: Third Task Node





Step	Action	
1	Access the properties of the third Task node in the process (WOSENTBACK).	
2	Enter the follow	ing information:
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Title	WOSENTBACK
	Description	Work Sent Back By Labor
	Time Limit	:30
3	Insert a new Assignment row.	
4	Enter the following information in the new assignment row.	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Role ID	MASSUFOSUP
	Description	WO Sent Back By Labor - Review
	Time Limit	:30
	Note: The MASSUFOSUP role was previously created.	
5	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
6	Save the process.	

MASSUWO: Fourth Task Node



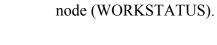


Step	Action	
1	Access the properties of the fourth Task node in the process (ADDACTUALS).	
2	Enter the following	ng information:
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Title	ADDACTUALS
	Description	Add The Actuals For The Work Order
	Time Limit	1:00
3	Insert a new Ass	ignment row.
4	Enter the following	ng information in the new assignment row.
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Role ID	WOLABOR
	Description	Add The Actuals For The Work Order
	Time Limit	1:00
	Note: The WOLABOR role was previously created.	
5	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
6	Save the process.	

The instructions below will show you how to configure the Manual Input

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MASSUWO: Manual Input Node





Step	Action	
1	Access the properties of the Manual Input node (WORKSTATUS).	
2	Enter the follo	wing main properties for the Manual Input node:
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Title	WORKSTATUS
	Description	Determine Work Status
3	Enter the follo ADDACTUA	wing information for the line going to the LS node:
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Action	[no action on this line]
	Instruction	Work Has Been Done
4	With the ADDACTUALS row selected, add a notification line with the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Description	Completion Note To Requestor
	Send To	WOREPORTBY (created in a previous exercise)
	Subject	Work Order :WONUM Has Been Done
	Message	Work Order :WONUM has been finished. Please call Maintenance if there are any problems or questions.
	<u>Note</u> : Each row in the Manual Input node has its own set of notifications. The information in the node and the notifications also shows in the properties of the relevant connection line coming <i>from</i> the node.	

MASSUWO: Manual Input Node continued

Step	Action		
5	Enter the following information for the line going to the WOSENTBACK node:		
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>	
	Action	WO WMATL (<u>Note</u> : This action must be created; see hint below.)	
	Instruction	Issues With Work - Send Back To Supv	
	Actions applications record, then b	O WMATL action must be created. Hyperlink to the cation and create a CHANGESTATUS type action ring back the value. Use the Detail Menu button on d to choose the desired status.	
6	Enter the following information for the line going to the STOP node:		
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>	
	Action	WO CANCEL	
	Instruction	Work Canceled	
7	For the STOP row, add a notification line with the following information:		
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>	
	Description	Cancellation Note To Requestor	
	Send To	WOREPORTBY	
	Subject	Work Order :WONUM Has Been Canceled	
	Message	Work Order :WONUM has been canceled. Please call Maintenance for further details.	
8	Click OK to accept the node properties.		
9	Save the process.		

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MASSUWO: Line Connecting WOSENTBACK Task Node with LABORINFO Task Node When the labor "kicks back" the work orders to the supervisor, they are in a status of WMATL. When the supervisor sends the work order back to the labor, the status must be changed to APPR.

Follow the steps below to carry out this part of the process.



Step	Action	
1	_	perties from the positive line that connects the CK Task node with the LABORINFO Task node.
2	Enter the follow	wing information
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Action	WO APPR
	Instruction	Send Work Order Back To Labor
	Note: The action on this line causes the work order status to be changed to APPR. This action has already been created in the database.	
3	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
4	Save the proce	ess.

MASSUWO: Line Connecting LABORINFO Task Node with WORKSTATUS Manual Input Node When the labor receives the task, he or she should be told what is happening next. The steps below simply add that notation to the option on the previous Task node that is seen when the process runs.



Step	Action	
1	Access the properties from the positive line that connects the LABORINFO Task node with the WORKSTATUS Manual Input node.	
2	Enter the following information	
	Field Value	
	Instruction Go To List Of Choices	
3	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
4	Save the process.	

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MASSUWO: Line Connecting ADDACTUALS Task Node with Stop Node After the labor has entered actuals data and acknowledged that the final task – ADDACTUALS – has been completed, the work order should have its status changed to COMP.

The steps below show you how to set that up.

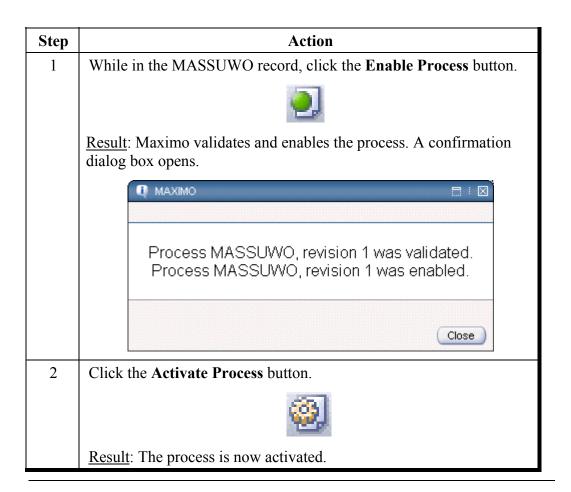


Step	Action	
1	Access the properties from the positive line that connects the ADDACTUALS Task node with the Stop node.	
2	Enter the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Action	WO COMP
	Instruction	Complete The Work Order
	Note: The action on this line causes the work order status to be changed to COMP. This action has already been created in the database.	
3	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
4	Save the process.	

Workshop 4B: Enable and Activate MASSUWO The MASSUSR process refers to the MASSUWO process in an Interaction icon. To allow this to happen, MASSUWO must first be enabled and activated.







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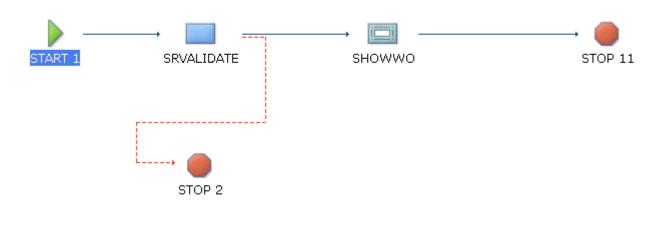
Workshop 4C: Mass U MASSUSR



In this workshop you will configure the MASSUSR process. The workshop will lead you step-by-step to configure nodes and connection lines.

When you have configured all of the nodes, your process should look similar to the diagram below.

<u>Note</u>: Throughout this exercise you will see node names in parentheses that correspond to the graphic below.



MASSUSR: Task Node



Follow the instructions below to configure the Task node (SRVALIDATE in the diagram).

Step	Action
1	Access the canvas for the MASSUSR record.
2	Access the properties of the single Task node.
3	Name the node SRVALIDATE, then give it a description of Accept SR As Valid and a time limit of 1:00 hour.
4	Insert a new Assignment row.
5	Hyperlink from the Role ID field to the Roles application.
6	Create a PERSONGROUP role named MASSUOFFIC and associate it to the MUFRONT Person Group that you created in a previous exercise.
7	Save the new role, then return from the Roles application with the new Role ID value.
8	Hyperlink from the Escalation Role field to the Roles application.
9	Create a PERSON role named MUOFFSUPV and associate it to the Person ELLISON that you created in a previous exercise.
	Note: Provide a description of your choice.
10	Return from the Roles application with the new Escalation Role value.
11	Click OK to accept the new task properties.
12	Save the process record.

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MASSUSR: Negative Connector from SRVALIDATE to STOP Follow the instructions below to configure the negative connector line that goes from the task node (SRVALIDATE) to the STOP (STOP 2).



Step	Action	
1	Access the properties of the negative connector line that goes from the task node (SRVALIDATE) to the STOP (STOP 2 in the diagram).	
2	Enter SR CLOSED in the Action field.	
	Note: This is the action that will close a service request record. It was created for you in Maximo.	
3	Enter Reject SR in the Instruction field.	
4	Add a notification with the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Description	SR Not Valid
	Send To	ORIGINATOR
	Subject	SR :TICKETID Is Not Valid
	Message	The SR number :TICKETID that you submitted is not valid. It has been closed by the Front Office Staff.
5	Click OK to accept the new properties.	
6	Save the process record.	

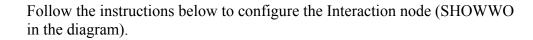
MASSUSR: Positive Connector from SRVALIDATE to SHOWWO Follow the instructions below to configure the positive connector line that goes from the task node (SRVALIDATE) to the Interaction node (SHOWWO in the diagram).



Step	Action	
1	Access the properties of the positive connector line that goes from the task node (SRVALIDATE) to the Interaction node (SHOWWO).	
2	Enter the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Action	SR CREATEWO
	Description	Create Work Order
	Instruction	Accept SR
	Note: The action on this connector line will cause a new work order to be created from the service request. This action has already been created in Maximo	
3	Click OK to accept the node properties.	
4	Save the process.	

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MASSUSR: Interaction Node





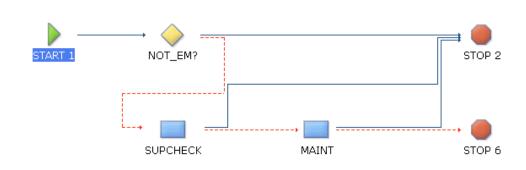
Step	Action	
1	Access the properties for the Interaction node (SHOWWO in the diagram).	
2	Enter the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Title	SHOWWO
	Description	Show the newly created work order
	Application	WOTRACK
	Tab Name	Work Orders
	Relationship	NEWWORKORDER
	Launch Process	MASSUWO
	Note: These settings will open the work order created on the connection line in the Work Order Tracking application. The application will be opened to the Work Orders tab. It will then initiate the MASSUWO process.	
3	Click OK to accept the properties.	
4	Save the process.	

Workshop 5: Emergency Work (EMWORK)



In this workshop you will configure the EMWORK process.

When you have configured the nodes, the canvas will look similar to the graphic below.



Workshop continued

EMWORK: Emergency Work Condition Node



Use the following information to configure the Condition node.

<u>Note</u>: This condition uses *reverse* logic, so we want to check whether the work type of the record is *not* equal to EM.

- Name the node NOT_EM?
- In the description field, enter Is this work order NOT work type EM?
- In the Expression, test for the work type *not* being equal to EM.
- It is not necessary to configure the connection lines coming from this node.

EMWORK: Supervisor Validate Task Node



Use the following information to configure the first Task node.

- Name the node SUPCHECK with a description of Supervisor validates if EM work.
- Time limit for the task is 5 minutes.
- The application is WOTRACK.
- The Assignment is to the RPTBYSUP (Reported by Supervisor) role.
- The Escalation Role is to the WOSUPER role.
- The Assignment time limit is 5 minutes.
- Indicate that a notification on the task will go the RPTBYSUP role.

Subject: Work Order :WONUM is EM Message: Validate :DESCRIPTION is EM work.

- For the Instruction on the positive connection line coming from SUPCHECK, enter This is not emergency work.
- Configure the process to indicate that the positive line action is to change the work order to corrective maintenance WOTYPECM.
- On the positive connection line, add a notification to WOREPBY.

Subject: Work Order :WONUM changed to CM Message: Your supervisor has changed this work order to CM.

• For the negative line coming from SUPCHECK, add the instruction This is emergency work. Send to Maintenance.

MAINT: Maintenance Handles Task Node



Use the following information to configure the second Task node:

- Name it MAINT.
- In the description field, enter Maintenance handles EM work.
- The application is WOTRACK.
- The Assignment is a broadcast to the existing Maintenance Person Group. *You will need to create a role for this.*
- For the Instructions in the positive line from this node, enter This is NOT EM work.
- Configure the positive connector coming from MAINT to indicate that the action is to change the work order to corrective maintenance: WOTYPECM.
- For the notification on the positive connector, send a note to WOREPBY.
 Subject: Work Order: WONUM is not EM

Message: Technician checked, this was not EM work.

- For the negative connector Instructions, enter This is EM work.
- Configure the negative connection action coming from MAINT to indicate that the work order is in progress (WO INPRG).
- For Notification on the negative connector, send a note to WOREPBY.

Subject: Work Order :WONUM was EM Message: Technician is working on this work order.

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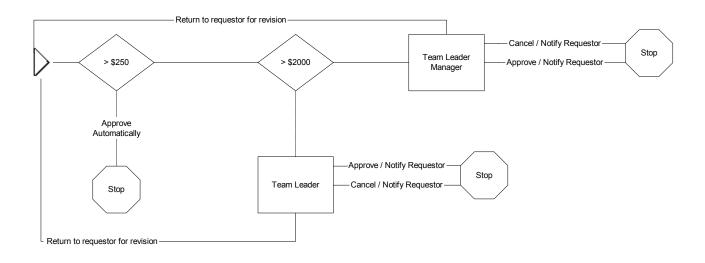


Using the following flowchart and canvas setup, configure the PURCHREQ process.

The flowchart on this page illustrates process *configuration* (the actions and/or checks to be performed during the Workflow process).

The image on the next page illustrates *potential* node *placement*. Feel free to try your own way of setting up the canvas.

<u>Note</u>: These images are meant to be used *only as guides*. Your Workflow process might look different at the end of the exercise.



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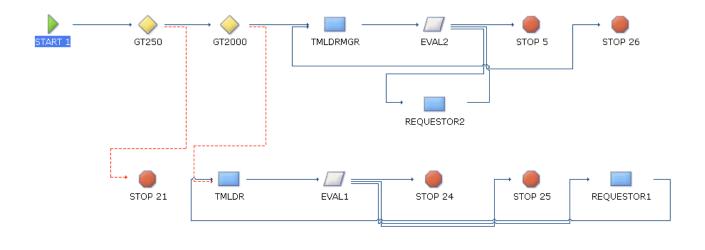
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Remember our earlier scenario:

- Shop people enter purchase requisitions directly into the Maximo Purchase Requisitions application.
- All requisitions up to \$250.00 are to be approved automatically.
- PRs greater than \$250.00 up to \$2000.00 are to go to a team leader for approval. The team leader can approve, cancel, or send it back to the requestor for revision. Frank Jones is the team leader.
- PRs of greater than \$2000.00 need the approval of the team leader's manager. The manager can approve, cancel, or send it back to the requestor for revision. Jennifer Lego is the team leader manager.

<u>Note</u>: You will have to set up roles for the team leader and the team leader manager using the people specified above.



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Workflow Management Using MXES

Unit 4: Testing the Workflow Process



In This Unit

This unit contains the following chapter:

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Unit Overview

Introduction

After building a Workflow process that reflects your business flow, you need to test the process.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this unit, you should be able to:

- validate, enable, and activate a process on a Workflow-enabled record, and
- complete assignments.

Unit Prerequisites

To complete the exercises and workshops in this unit, you must have completed the exercises and workshops in Unit 2: "Establishing the Workflow Process Foundation" and Unit 3: "Developing the Workflow Process."

This course has been designed to simulate how you might interact with Workflow in your own company setting. Because testing and validation are a crucial part of any successful Workflow design, the exercises and workshops in previous chapters have been designed to help you develop that skill.

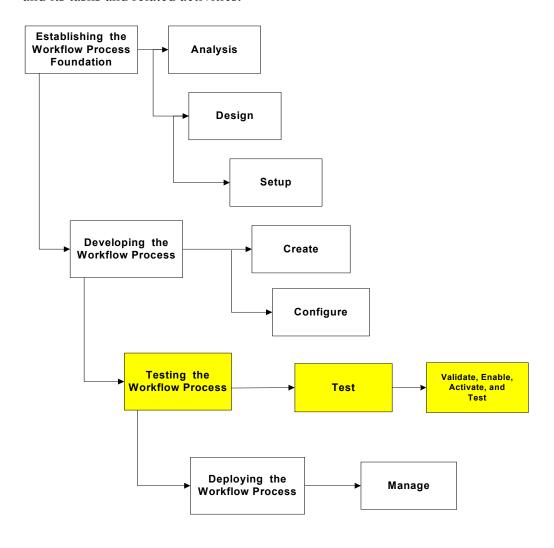
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Phase 3: Testing the Workflow Process

In *Phase 3: Testing the Workflow Process*, you need to test all the possible paths a record can follow. To test that the process meets your needs, activate it and route a record through all of the process paths. At each step in the process, make sure the expected assignments are made and actions taken. What you can learn from this testing phase is considerable. For example, you might discover the process is missing an aspect of your business rules or that it works differently than expected. You may even find your business rules themselves work differently than expected.

We Will Cover

In this unit, discussions will focus on *Phase 3: Testing the Workflow Process* and its tasks and related activities.



Unit Overview continued

Activities Examples

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at each task level of Phase 3:

Task	Activity	Actions
Test	Validate, Enable, and Activate	Use the Workflow Designer tool to enable and activate the Workflow process
	Test	Test the process and all possible paths by using sample records

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Chapter 9: Testing



In This Chapter This chapter contains the following topics:

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Chapter Overview

Chapter Focus

In this chapter, in order to test our Workflow process, we will discuss how to start a process and then run a process through all of its possible paths.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to:

- start a process manually with a Workflow-enabled application,
- view an in-progress Workflow process,
- view the process history information, and
- complete a Workflow process.

We Are Here

The topics we will be covering in this chapter are highlighted below:



Overview of Testing

Introduction

After you have built a Workflow process, you should test all the possible paths a record can follow.

Although the validation process checks that internal Workflow rules were followed, it does not check to see that your business rules will work in the way you expect.

To test that the process meets your needs, activate it and route a record through all of the process paths. At each step in the process, make sure the expected assignments are made and actions taken.

You might even find that your business rules themselves work differently than expected. As you use Workflow and discover such areas, you can edit the process as necessary.

Activities Examples

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at each task level of Phase 3.

ı	Task	Activity	Actions
	Test	Validate, Enable, and Activate	Use the Workflow Designer tool to enable, validate, and activate the Workflow process
		Testing	Test the process and all its possible paths by using sample records

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Validating, Enabling, and Activating a Workflow Process

Introduction

When you have built the Workflow process, you must test all of the possible paths the record can follow.

In order to test the Workflow process, you need to validate, enable, and activate it, and then route a record through all of its possible paths.

Validate

Workflow processes must go through a validation before they are enabled. The validation check makes sure all of the necessary Workflow components are present and the process has paths that travel through its entire length without interruption.

Validation also checks the SQL syntax of any conditions or conditional assignments. This happens automatically when you enable a Workflow process, or you can perform this check manually.

You might want to validate a process without enabling it.

Validation Criteria

The system checks the following rules when validating your Workflow process:

- Every node must have at least one line entering it, unless it is the Start node.
- The Start node can have only one positive connection exiting it.
- Every node must have at least one line exiting it, unless it is a Stop node.
- Every Task node must have at least one line exiting it. It can have a positive and negative line exiting it.
- Every Task node must have one assignment; however, actions are not required. It can have multiple assignments.
- Every Condition node must have a positive and negative line exiting it. Each Condition node must also have a valid class or "SQL where" clause.
- Every Manual Input node must have one or more positive lines exiting it. It cannot have a negative line exiting it.
- Every Subprocess node must have a positive and negative line exiting it.
- There must be at least one Task node.

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Validating, Enabling, and Activating a Workflow Process continued

Validate and Enable a Workflow Process Before you use a Workflow process, it must be validated. You can either directly validate the process or indirectly validate it when enabling the process.

The methods below will show you how.

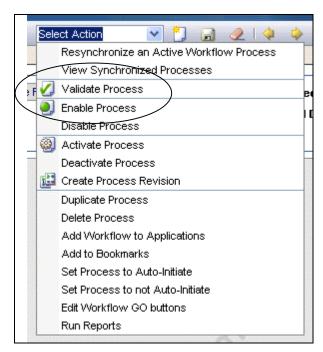
• Click the Validate Process button.



• Click the **Enable Process** button (will first validate, then will enable, if validation completes with no errors).



• Choose Validate Process or Enable Process from the Select Action menu.

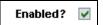


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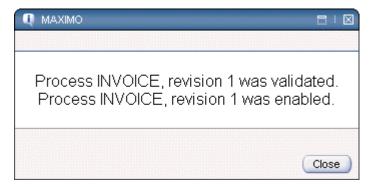
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Validate and Enable a Workflow Process continued

The Enable procedure runs process validation and sets a flag that indicates a process has passed validation and can now be used in Workflow.



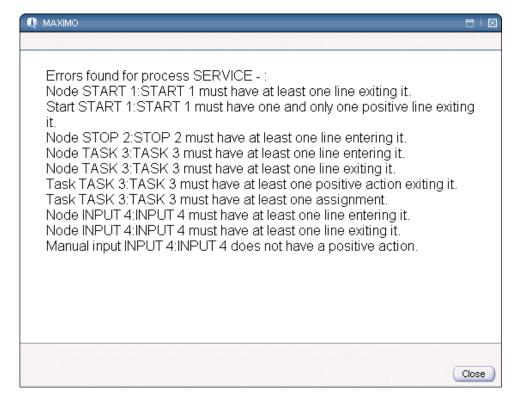
When a process is enabled without errors, Maximo displays a dialog box indicating that the validation and enablement were successful.



Validating, Enabling, and Activating a Workflow Process continued

Validation Errors

Errors encountered during the validation process will be displayed in a dialog box similar to the one shown below.



Validating a Subprocess



An easier and more organized way to validate a process' subprocesses is to start the validation with the last subprocess and move up to the validation of the main process.

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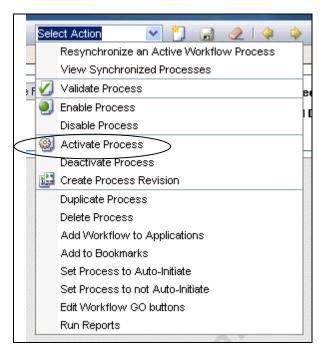
Activate a Process

Processes can be activated in two ways:

• Click the **Activate Process** button.



• Choose **Activate Process** from the Select Action menu.



When a process has been activated, a flag is set. The **Active?** check box is selected.



Note: You can have any number of active processes against any object.

Validating, Enabling, and Activating a Workflow Process continued

Activate a Two-Step Procedure

To route a record in a Workflow process, you must *activate* the Workflow process. Activating the Workflow process requires two steps:

- 1. You must first enable the Workflow process. When you enable the Workflow process, the system validates it.
- 2. After the system determines that the Workflow process is error free, you can activate the process.

Note: Maximo can perform both steps simultaneously.



Subprocess Enable vs. Active

A subprocess must be enabled for it to work and be called from its top-level process.

The subprocess cannot be active, however, because the top-level process is already activated.

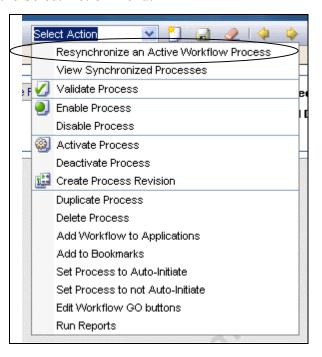
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Synchronization

Any time a subprocess is modified, the process using the subprocess must be synched up, so that the most recent process is the process that a record in a Workflow follows.

The subprocess is synched by selecting **Resynchronize an Active Workflow Process** from the Select Action menu.



Validating, Enabling, and Activating a Workflow Process continued

Exercise 1: Validate and Enable



Validate and enable the processes listed below.

- OPFIN
- OPCMMAIN
- OPPMMAIN
- OPUSMAIN
- MASSUSR
- MASSUWO (should have been enabled and activated previously)
- EMWORK
- PURCHREQ

Validation Errors

Some of the Workflow processes were designed to have validation errors. This was done so that you could learn how to read the validation report. If you receive any error messages when the system validates the Workflow process, work with your instructor to correct these errors before continuing.

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Validating, Enabling, and Activating a Workflow Process continued

Exercise 2: Activate the Processes





Activate the processes listed below.

- OPFIN
- OPUSMAIN
- MASSUSR (also set this process to auto-initiate)
- MASSUWO (should have been enabled and activated previously)
- EMWORK
- PURCHREQ

Notes:

- Because they are subprocesses of OPUSMAIN, OPCMMAIN and OPPMMAIN do not need to be activated.
- Allow support for all applications, if requested.

Testing Workflow Processes

Introduction

When you have enabled and activated your Workflow process, the next step in implementing Workflow at your site is to test the process by using sample records.

When you test your process, you must perform the following functions:

- Start a process.
- Perform all work assignments.
- Follow all possible paths.

Testing Your Process

As part of your testing step, include usability testing. This type of testing will help you determine if this is a usable process.

You can then make changes where required and provide your users with a comfort level with the process.

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Testing Workflow Processes continued

User Names and Passwords

For the testing exercises, you will have to sign in and out of Maximo as a variety of users as they are given assignments in the various processes. In addition to the users that you created, there might be others used in processes. Refer to the table below for the user names and passwords of these others.

User Name	Password
kazmier	kazmier
daniels	daniels
stanley	stanley
schafer	schafer
lou	lou%lou
jlego	jlego77

User Name	Password
jones	jones22
granger	granger
stanley	stanley
wilson	wilson
miller	miller
liberi	liberi

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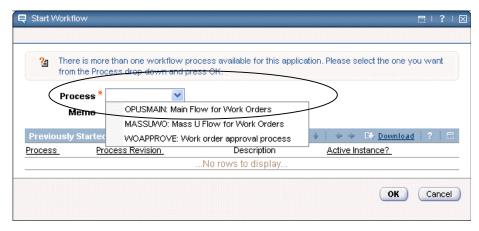
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Sign in to Maximo as *Mike Wilson* to start all the activities listed below.

<u>Note</u>: Because there can be more than one active process against work orders, upon initially routing a work order you will be asked which process to use. Select OPUSMAIN from the **Process** drop-down list.



Open the Work Order Tracking application and complete the following tasks:

 Retrieve work order 1006 and start it in the Workflow process. After completing each step in the process, view the next assignee to determine who has the next task.

<u>Note</u>: You will need to sign in as the next assignee to complete the next task in the process.

Route this work order record through the entire Workflow process.

<u>Note</u>: Do not follow the Cancel paths. You will encounter a problem. Why?

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Opus: Testing the Process

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• **Retrieve** work order 1002 and start it in the Workflow process. After completing each task, determine the next assignee and route this work order record through the entire Workflow process.

Note: Do not follow the Cancel paths.

• **Retrieve** work order 1008 and start it in the Workflow process. At each point, determine who has the next assignment and where the record resides in the process.

When the maintenance supervisor (MAINT) has received the work order record, click on the task description to select the record from his Inbox. View the details of the work order.

Click on the **Plans** tab and then click on the **Materials** subtab. Insert a new row.

In the **Item** field of the new row, enter PUMP100. In the **Storeroom** field, enter CENTRAL. (The **Quantity** field will default to 1.)

<u>Note</u>: Adding the PUMP100 item will cause the work order to be moved through the second level of financial approval, which was not tested in the previous two parts of this exercise.

Save the record, then route the work order on to the *Engineering Department*.

Note: Do not follow the Cancel paths.

Continue to view the Workflow assignments to determine who the next assignees are. Route this work order record through the entire Workflow process.

Testing Workflow Processes continued

Mass U: Testing the Process



Let's assume that Marc Brady calls the Mass U front office with a problem. The front office person will enter the information into the Service Requests application.

Sign in to Maximo as one of the Mass U front office people that you previously created in Maximo (Nick Craddock, Mark Ellison, or Fabiola Panzano).

<u>Note</u>: Your system might be set up to require a new password when the user first enters Maximo. If so, follow the instructions on the screen and write new passwords onto this page.

After signing in, access the Service Requests application from the Service Desk module.

Insert a new service request record with the following information, then save the record:

Field Value
Reported By MARCUS

Summary Electrical outlet not working

Details On the third floor of the dormitory, there is an

electrical outlet that is not working. Room 123.

Follow the process and view Workflow assignments at each step in the process. Sign in as the various assignees to see their Inboxes and to move the process along.

Notes:

- The MASSUSR process should be set to *auto-initiate*, so when you save the service request, the process should start up automatically.
- The supervisor should assign LIBERI as the labor.
- When reporting labor actuals, use 6200-300-000 as the GL Debit Account number in the Labor details on the Actuals tab.
- Be sure to test the path involved in MASSUWO when the work order is "kicked back" to the supervisor by the labor.

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Testing Workflow Processes continued

Challenge Question



The Workflow process allows the labor to "kick back" the work order to the supervisor if there are any problems with the work. When the supervisor tries to send it back to the labor, Maximo displays an error message similar to the one shown below.



Why is this happening?

What can be done about it?

Work with your instructor to make the change to your Workflow process so that no errors occur.

Testing Workflow Processes continued

PURCHREQ: Testing the Process





Sign in to Maximo as *Lou Granger*. Open the Purchase Requisitions application, and insert a new purchase requisition record that contains the following data.

PR Tab:

<u>Field</u> <u>Value</u>

Description Parts for Carton Machine

Company BEX

PR Lines Tab:

Line#	<u>Item</u>	Storeroom	Quantity	Conversion Factor
1	0-7205	CENTRAL	2	1
2	217213	CENTRAL	2	1
3	231177	CENTRAL	2	1
4	335029	CENTRAL	2	1

Start this purchase requisition in the Workflow process.

Using the Workflow History and Map, determine who the assignees are.

Challenge Question



Why are there no current assignees?

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Sign in to Maximo as Granger. Open the Purchase Requisitions application and insert a new PR record that contains the following data.

PM Tab:

Field Value

Description Purchase Engine For Cat Tractor

Company BEX

PR Lines Tab:

Field Value 1

Item 3512DITA

Quantity 1

Order Unit EACH

Conversion Factor 1

Unit Cost 8000.00 Storeroom CENTRAL

Start this purchase requisition in the Workflow process.

Using the Workflow Map and Assignments, determine who the assignees are and route this purchase requisition record through the entire Workflow process.

<u>Note</u>: Remember that you will have to sign in and out of Maximo as various users.

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Testing the Workflow Process

After you have built a Workflow process, you should test all the possible paths a record can follow.

Although the validation process checks that internal Workflow rules were followed, it does not check to see that your business rules will work in the way you expect.

Validate and Enable a Workflow Process

Before you use a Workflow process, it must be validated. You can either directly validate the process or indirectly validate it when enabling the process.

You can use one of the following methods to validate a Workflow process:

- Click the **Validate Process** button.
- Click the **Enable Process** button (will first validate, then will enable, if validation completes with no errors).
- Choose Validate Process or Enable Process from the Select Action menu.

Validation Errors

Errors encountered during the validation process are displayed in a dialog box.

Activating a Workflow Process

Processes can be activated in two ways:

- Select the Activate Process button.
- Choose Activate Process from the Select Action menu.

When a process has been activated, a flag is set. The **Active?** check box is selected.

Synchronization

Any time a subprocess is modified, the process using the subprocess must be synched up, so that the most recent process is the process that a record in a Workflow follows.

The subprocess is synched by selecting **Resynchronize an Active Workflow Process** from the Select Action menu.

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Workflow Management Using MXES

Unit 5: Deploying the Workflow Process



In This Unit

This unit contains the following chapter:

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Unit Overview

Introduction

After your Workflow processes have been tested, the next step in the implementation process is to deploy and manage the processes.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this unit, you should be able to:

- view all current Workflow assignments, and
- update all Workflow processes when personnel change at your site.

Unit Prerequisites

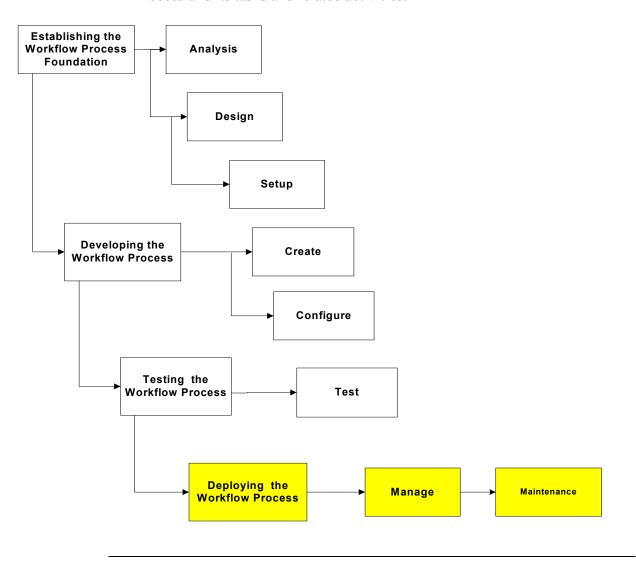
For you to complete the exercises and workshops in this unit, you must have completed the exercises and workshops in Unit 2: "Establishing the Workflow Process Foundation," Unit 3: "Developing the Workflow Process," and Unit 4: "Testing the Workflow Process."

Unit Overview continued

Phase 4: Deploying the Workflow Process When you have tested your process, you can deploy it to the affected business units and gauge its effectiveness.

We Will Cover

In this unit, discussions will focus on *Phase 4: Deploying the Workflow Process* and its tasks and related activities.



Unit Overview continued

Activity Examples

The following table lists examples of the activities you might perform at each task level of Phase 4.

Task	Activity	Actions
Manage	Maintenance	Evaluate, revise, and modify Workflow processes on an ongoing basis

Notes



Keep these factors in mind when deploying a Workflow process:

- Deploying a Workflow process means enforcing a consistent set of business practices and does not account for the flexibility that a manual system allows.
- You are changing the tools and procedures that end users employ to perform their jobs. Including training sessions in your deployment phase will help ease the transition to the new procedure.

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Chapter 10: Maintenance



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Chapter Overview

Chapter Focus

In this chapter, we will focus on the functions that you can use to manage and fine-tune the use of Workflow processes.

Learning Objectives

When you have completed this chapter, you should know how to:

- use the Workflow Administration application to stop a process and reassign a task;
- use an escalation to cause a Workflow process to reassign a task;
- use an escalation to automatically initiate a Workflow process;
- import/export a Workflow process; and
- add process-specific toolbar buttons to records to a Workflow-support application.

We Are Here

The topics we will be covering in this chapter are highlighted below:



The Workflow Administration Application

Overview

The Workflow Administration application is used to reassign and stop Workflow processes. In this section you will have a chance to do both.

Reassign a Task



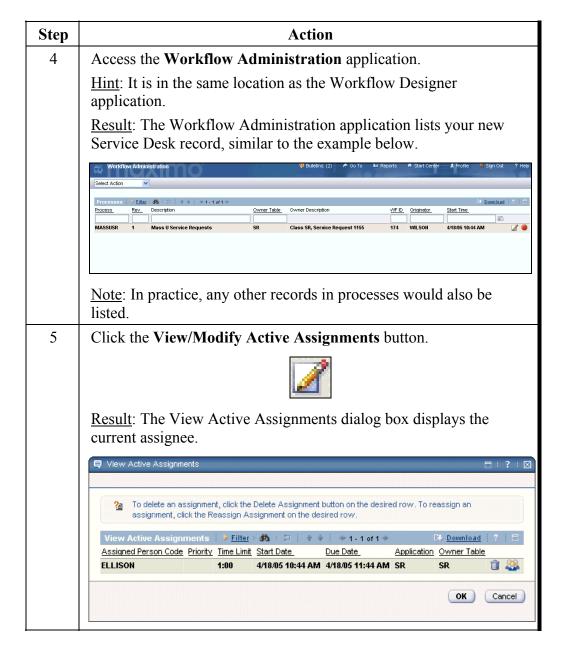
It is possible for an assignee to reassign a task to another person from the Task node dialog when the process is running. However, there might be times when an administrator who is not in the process would like to reassign a task. For this purpose, the person would use the Workflow Administration tool. In the activity below, we will first add a record, then we will use the Workflow Administration application to reassign and stop the record.

Step	Action	
1	Sign in as Mike Wilson, then access the Service Requests application.	
2	Insert a new service request with the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Reported By	WILSON
	Summary	Test of Reassignment
	Details	Reassignment Test
3	Save the record.	
	Result: The record is automatically entered into the MASSUSR process.	

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The Workflow Administration Application continued

Reassign a Task continued



The Workflow Administration Application continued

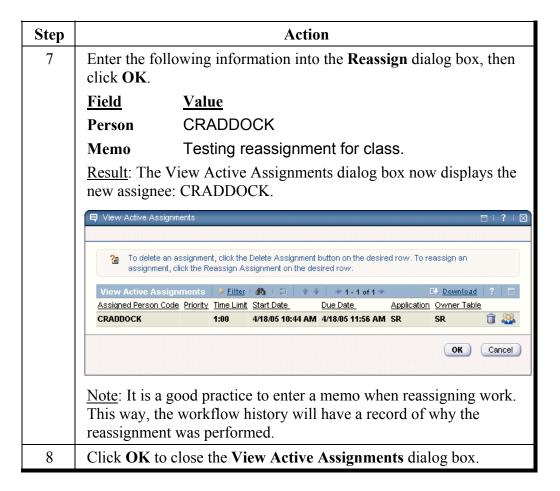
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The Workflow Administration Application continued

Reassign a Task continued



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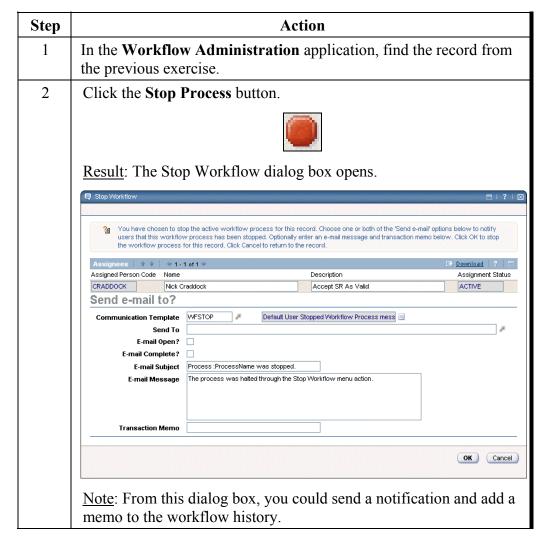
Stop a Record in a Process



You can stop records in processes by selecting the specific record, then selecting Stop Workflow from the Select Action menu. However, there might be times that an administrator wants to stop the record without having to go to the specific application.

In this case, you can use the Workflow Administration application to find the record and stop the process.

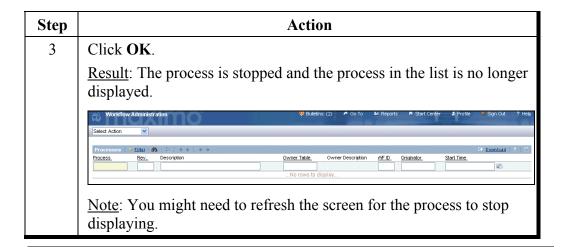
The steps below show you how.



The Workflow Administration Application continued

Stop a Record in a Process

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Reassignment Escalation

Overview

When a role is entered in the Escalation Role field on the Task node properties, Workflow knows the person to whom you want to reassign the task if it is not completed in the designated amount of time. However, an escalation must be set up to cause this to happen.

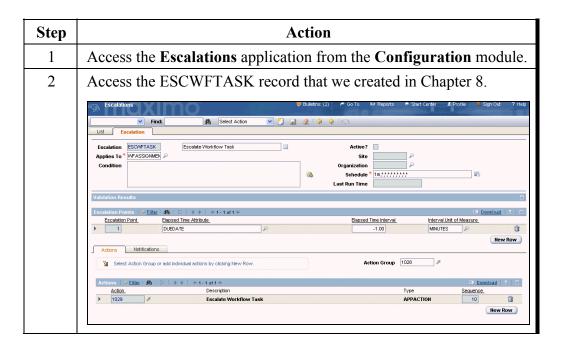
You might recall that we previously set up this escalation, but did not enable it. In this section we will do so.

Enable the Reassignment Escalation



In this activity you will access and enable an escalation—created in a previous exercise—that will search for all open tasks that have exceeded their time limits and reassign (that is, escalate) the task to the person or people associated with the role listed in the Escalation Role field.

Follow the steps below.



Reassignment Escalation continued

Enable the Reassignment Escalation

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Step	Action	
3	Choose Validate from the Select Action menu.	
	Result: Maximo checks the syntax and SQL in the escalation record and indicates that the escalation is valid.	
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	Validation successful.	
	OK	
4	Click OK to close the validation dialog box.	
5	Choose Active/Deactivate Escalation from the Select Action menu.	
	Result: The escalation is now activated. The escalation record is read-only and the Active? check box is selected.	
	Active? ✓	
	Note: The escalation will now poll the system every minute (per the Schedule field) and will escalate all active tasks that are more than a minute beyond their due time (Elapsed Time Interval field).	

Reassignment Escalation continued

Testing the Reassignment Escalation



Now that the reassignment escalation is activated, you need to test it to be sure that it's working.

Here are some basic instructions to follow for testing purposes. Work through these steps with your instructor:

- 1. Create and activate a simple one-task WORKORDER process that makes an assignment to the ORIGINATOR role and escalates it to the existing LIBERI role after one minute.
- 2. Insert a new work order as Mike Wilson, then save it and route it into your new process.
- 3. Check the initial assignment and wait a couple of minutes to ensure that the reassignment is automatically made.

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Escalation to Auto-Initiate

Overview

Previously, you saw how you could use Workflow Designer to auto-initiate processes when a new record is saved. This method limits you to only one auto-initiated process per object.

Another method is to create an escalation that will search for non-initiated records and will place them into a specific Workflow process.

Bypassing the auto-initiate function in Workflow Designer with this method, you can actually make a large number of processes auto-initiate.

Natural Functionality and Auto-Initiate

As soon as a record is placed into a Workflow process, the process takes over and some natural Maximo functionality might be lost. This is the case with the Create Service Request application when an SR process is auto-initiated through Workflow Designer.

If an escalation is built to bring an SR record into a specified process some time after the manual submission of the SR, then the natural functionality of the Create Service Request application is not lost.

The next activities will demonstrate this.

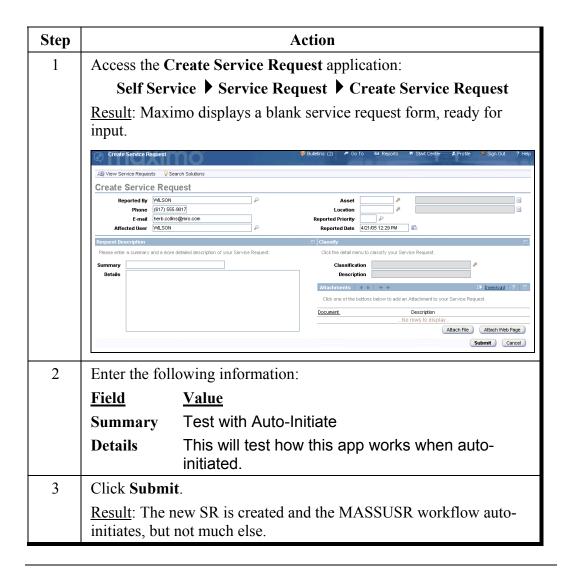
Escalation to Auto-Initiate continued

Create Service Request and Auto-Initiate Processes



In our previous work, we created an auto-initiated process called MASSUSR, which takes newly saved SR records and puts them into the process.

In this example, we will run an SR with the MASSUSR process auto-initiated and see what happens.



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Challenge Questions

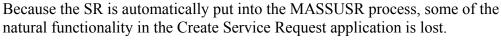


How would the user enter a new SR after submitting the first one?

How does the user know what the new SR number is after submitting it?

How does the user know what happened?

Natural Functionality of the Create Service Request Application



In this activity, you will see how it works naturally.



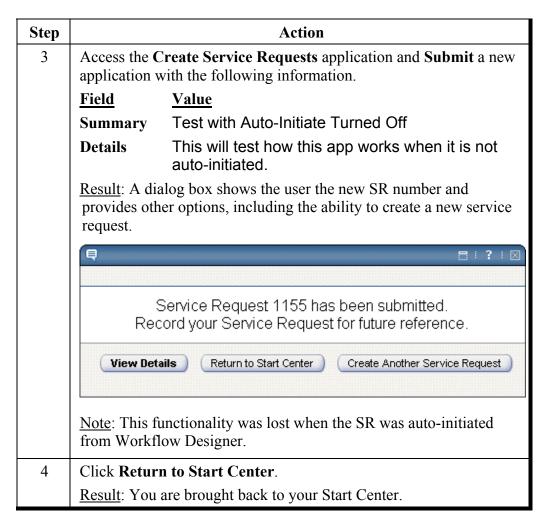


Step	Action
1	Access the MASSUSR process from the Workflow Designer application.
2	Set the process to <i>not</i> auto-initiate.
	<u>Hint</u> : Use the Select Action menu.

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Set Up the Auto-Initiate Escalation



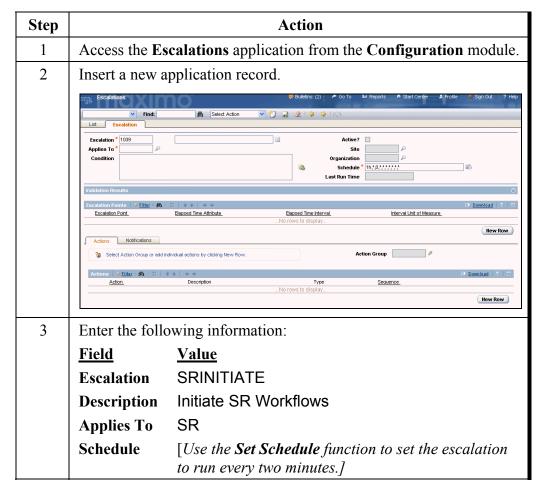


If we set up an escalation that puts SRs into a specified Workflow process at a designated later time, we can achieve two goals:

- maintain the natural functionality of the Create Service Request application
- allow for the auto-initiation of other SR processes

<u>Note</u>: Remember that through the Workflow Designer only one process can be auto-initiated per object. Using Escalations, we can auto-initiate more than one.

The steps below show you how to set up this escalation.



Escalation to Auto-Initiate continued

Set Up the Auto-Initiate Escalation

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Step	Action	
4	Save the escalation record.	
5	Using the following information, add a new row to the Escalation Points table:	
	<u>Field</u> <u>Value</u>	
	Escalation Point Condition LOCATION ='NEEDHAM'	
	Notes:You can manually enter the condition or use the SQL Expression Builder.	
	This condition is set so that only SRs with a location of NEEDHAM will be picked up by this escalation point. In practice, more complex SQL can be used to get more specific about which types of records will be picked up by the designated process.	
6	Save the escalation record.	
7	Add a new row to the Actions table, then hyperlink from the Actions field to the Actions application.	
	Result: You are in the Actions application, as shown in the example below.	
	Actions Finds Select Action Advanced Search Seve Guery Bookmarks Actions Actions Actions Actions Actions Actions Client Actions Actio	

Escalation to Auto-Initiate continued

Set Up the Auto-Initiate Escalation

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Step		Action
8	Insert a new Action record with the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Action	INITMASSUSR
	Description	Initiate the MASSUSR Workflow Process
	Object	SR
	Туре	APPACTION
	Value	WFINITIATE
	Parameter/Attribute	MASSUSR
9	Save the new Action record, then return to the Escalations application with the Action record value. Result: The Actions line on the Escalation is now populated, as shown in the example below. Action Welfications Result: Select Action Group or add individual actions by clicking New Row. Action Group 1034	
	Actions Filter > dt 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 of 1 > Action Description	Type Sewence
	Action NTMASSUSR Initiate the MASSUSR Work Type APPACTION	MASSUSR Workflow Process APPACTION 10 11 12 12 13 14 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15

Escalation to Auto-Initiate continued

Set Up the Auto-Initiate Escalation

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Step	Action	
10	Insert a new line on the Notifications tab that contains the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Role/Recipient	MASSUOFFIC
	Subject	SR # :TICKETID Has Been Submitted
	Message	SR # :TICKETID - :DESCRIPTION has been submitted to your inbox.
11	Save the escalation record.	
12	Select Activate/Deactivate Escalation from the Select Action menu.	
	Result: The Escalation is now activated and starts polling the system according to the timeframe established in the Schedule field.	

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Test the Auto-Initiate Escalation



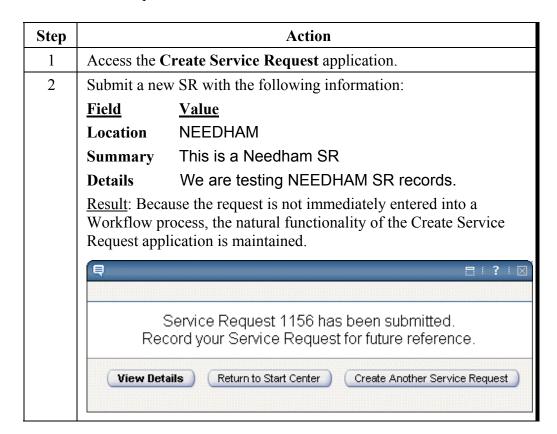


Now that we have set up an escalation to automatically enter specific types of SR records into the MASSUSR process, we need to test it.

We will go into the Create Service Request application and add a record with a location of NEEDHAM.

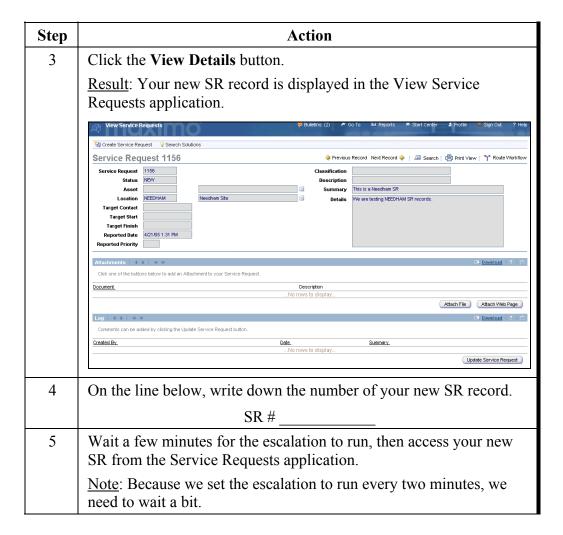
<u>Note</u>: You might recall that we set up our escalation point to look only for SR records for the NEEDHAM location.

Follow the steps below.



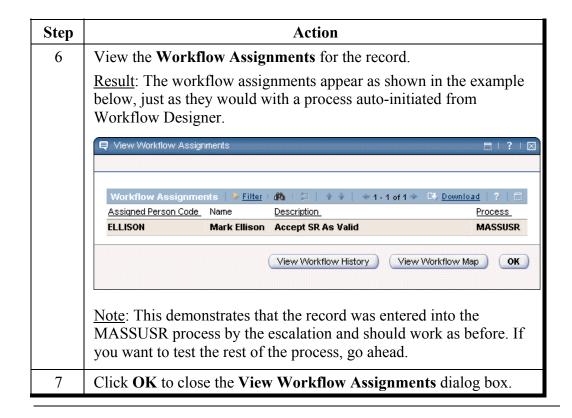
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Test the Auto-Initiate Escalation continued



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Test the Auto-Initiate Escalation continued



Process-Specific Toolbar Buttons

Overview

The Workflow Designer application enables you to add process-specific routing icons to the toolbar of records in a workflow.

This feature is valuable for allowing users to click a specific button to start a specific workflow. Otherwise, the generic route button is used.

If there is more than one process set up against a specific record type, upon clicking the generic route button, the user will be presented with a list of available processes from which to choose.

Use of the process-specific icon avoids the need for the user to choose from this list.

Adding a Process-Specific Icon





In the following exercise, we will add a process-specific icon for the POSTATUS process. Actually, we will be adding two icons:

- one to indicate that the workflow needs to be started, and
- one to indicate that the record is already in a workflow process.

<u>Note</u>: For training purposes, existing icons will be used. However, you can also create and use your own icons.

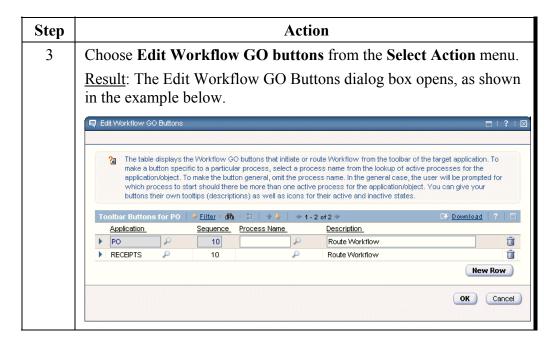
Follow the steps below.

Step	Action
1	Access the POSTATUS process from the Workflow Designer application.
2	Set the process to <i>not</i> auto-initiate.

Process-Specific Toolbar Buttons continued

Adding a Process-Specific Icon

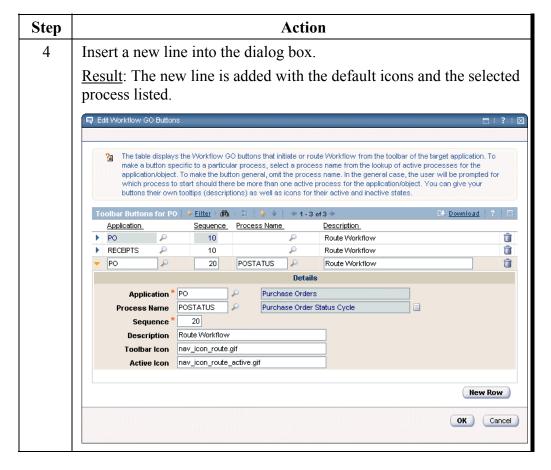
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Adding a Process-Specific Icon

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Process-Specific Toolbar Buttons continued

Adding a Process-Specific Icon

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Step	Action	
5	We want to indicate which icons need to show on the process, so enter the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Description	Route POSTATUS
	Toolbar Icon	nav_icon_assetmove.gif
	Active Icon	nav_icon_assetswap.gif
	Note: For this course, we are using existing icons. In practice, you can create your own for this purpose.	
6	We want the new icon to show up on the toolbar before the default icon, so change the Sequence field to 5.	
	Note: The default icon has a higher sequence number. Therefore, it will be located to the right of the new icon.	
7	Click OK to accept your changes.	

Location of Process-Specific Icons

The source images for your icons must be located in the root Maximo directory along the following path:



[root]\applications\maximo\maximouiweb\webmodule\webclient\images

Process-Specific Toolbar Buttons continued

Testing the New Icons



The new icons were associated with the POSTATUS application, which is part of the PO object. Therefore, the new icons will show up on purchase orders.

We will now create a PO and test our new icons. Follow the steps below.

Step	Action	
1	Access the Purchase Orders application from the Purchasing module.	
2	Insert a new PO record with the following information on the PO tab:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Description	Purchase of Tires
	Company	FSC
3	On the PO Lines tab, enter a single line with the following information:	
	<u>Field</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Item	43992 (Tire, Forklift - TR-70)
	Quantity	10
	Conversion Facto	r 1
4	Save the PO record.	
5	Look at the toolbar	to view the new process-specific icon.
	Note: The relative location of the new button on the toolbar was indicated in the Sequence field when setting up the new icon for the POSTATUS process.	

Process-Specific Toolbar Buttons continued

Testing the New Icons

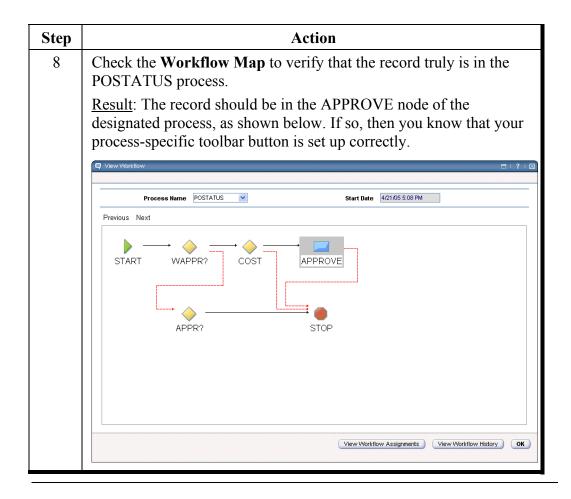
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Step	Action	
6	Move your mouse over the new icon.	
	Result: The tool tip reflects what you put into the Description field when setting up the new icon:	
	Route POSTATUS	
7	Click the Route POSTATUS button.	
	Result: Because the record is now in a Workflow process, the icon shows the graphic indicated in the Active Icon field when setting up the icon.	
	Workflow	

Process-Specific Toolbar Buttons continued

Testing the New Icons

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Chapter Summary

Workflow Administration

The Workflow Administration tool allows you to see which records are in Workflow processes. It also provides a central location from which to reassign current tasks and to stop processes.

Reassignment Escalation

In Workflow processes, you can designate an automatic reassignment of a task by placing a role in the Escalation Role field. However, an escalation record and accompanying action must be set up to cause this to happen.

The created escalation must be valid and active.

Escalation to Auto-Initiate Processes

In addition to using the auto-initiate feature in Workflow Designer, you can create one or more escalations that will search for records with designated characteristics and automatically place them into specified active Workflow processes.

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Workflow Management Using MXES

Appendix A: Import and Export of Process Elements



In This Chapter This chapter contains the following topics:

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Appendix Overview

Overview

Maximo allows you to export and import Workflow processes and certain related supporting data, including:

- Actions
- Roles
- Communication Templates

These records are exported and imported in an XML format via the External Systems application located in the Integration module.

An exported XML file can be *manipulated* for importation into another Maximo system or to the same system from which it was exported.

<u>Note</u>: In this appendix, you will learn how to export and import a Workflow process only.

Please refer to Workflow Help and documentation for more details on the export/import procedure for the additional elements.

The Maximo Enterprise Adapter



To export and import Workflow processes and related data, the Maximo Enterprise Adapter (MEA) must be installed and functioning.

For further information on this procedure, please refer to the *Maximo Enterprise Adapter System Administrator's Guide*.

<u>Note</u>: The file locations indicated in this appendix will be different, depending on your MEA installation.

Export a Workflow Process

Export a Workflow Process

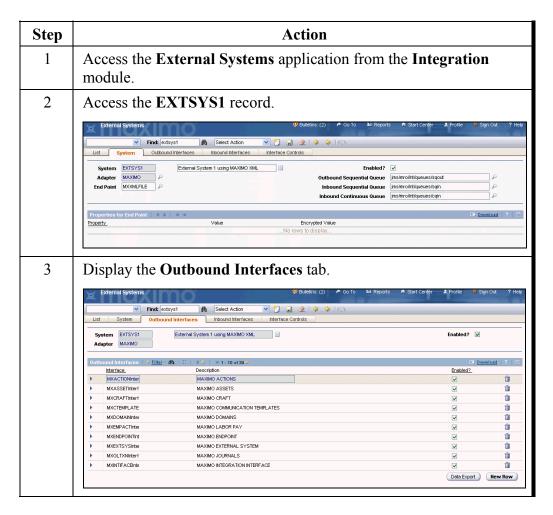


After you create and test your Workflow processes, you will need to migrate them to a production Maximo system from the test and development environment.

Exportation of processes and related records allows you to export these records rather than having to re-create them from scratch.

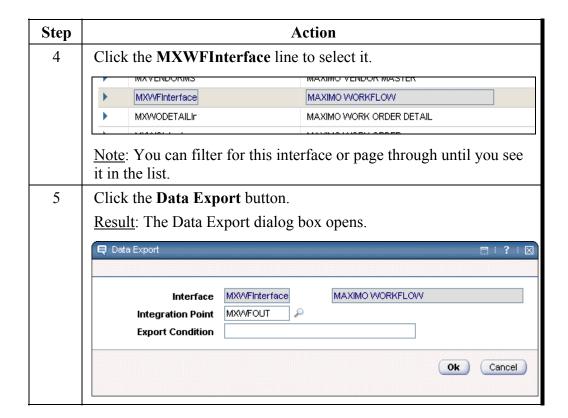
The process below shows you how to export a Workflow process.

Note: For this example, we will export a preexisting process. We will manipulate the data to import the process under a different name.



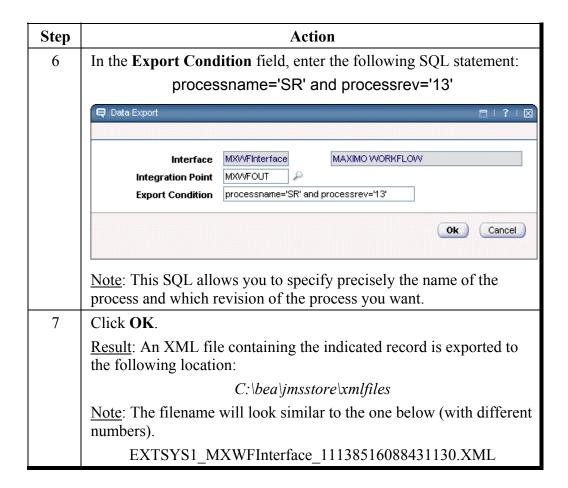
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Export a Workflow Process

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Exported Data

The exported process data comes in a typical XML format. If you are familiar with XML, you will easily see the major components of the exported process in the file.

The graphic below shows a piece of the SR process export XML.

```
<CreationDateTime>2005-04-18T15:13:28-05:00</creationDateTime>
<RecipientID>EXTSYS1</RecipientID>
<MessageID>11138516088431130</MessageID>
  </Header>
  <Content>
    <MXWF>
      <WFPROCESS>
        <PROCESSNAME>SR</PROCESSNAME>
        <DESCRIPTION>Service Request Process/DESCRIPTION>
        <ENABLED>1</ENABLED>
        <PROCESSREV>13</PROCESSREV>
        <CHANGEBY>WILSON</CHANGEBY>
        <CHANGEDATE>2005-02-18T13:54:29-05:00</CHANGEDATE>
        <MIGRATED>0</MIGRATED>
        <OBJECTNAME>SR</OBJECTNAME>
        <ACTIVE>1</ACTIVE>
        <WFPROCESSID>50</WFPROCESSID>
        <SENDERSYSID>MX</SENDERSYSID>
        <SOURCESYSID />
<OWNERSYSID />
        <EXTERNALREFID />
        <AUTOINITIATE>0</AUTOINITIATE>
        <WFNODE>
           <NODEID>1</NODEID>
           <NODETYPE maxvalue="WFSTART">START</NODETYPE>
           <XCOORDINATE>1</XCOORDINATE>
           <YCOORDINATE>3</YCOORDINATE>
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<u>Note</u>: In the next exercise, we will be changing some of this data to reverse the process—importing.

Manipulate Exported Data



After exporting processes and related records, you must manipulate some of the XML code to prepare it for import. In addition, the manipulated data needs to be put into a different location for import.

Note: Back up this file before doing anything to it!

The steps below show you how to make the needed changes to prepare the file for importing into Maximo.

Step	Action
1	Back up the XML file that was created during the export process.
2	Open the file using Notepad or any other convenient text tool.
3	Locate the tag <senderid>. Modify the data in this tag to read:</senderid>
	<senderid>EXTSYS1</senderid>
4	Locate the tag <recipientid>. Modify the data in this tag to read: <recipientid>MX</recipientid></recipientid>
5	Locate the opening for the <wfprocess> tag. Replace the existing tag with the following: <wfprocess action=""></wfprocess></wfprocess>
	Note: Be sure to use two double quotes in this step.
6	Change the data between the opening and closing of the PROCESSNAME tag to the following:
	IMPORTTEST
	Note: This is the name of the process record that will be imported.
7	Change the data between the opening and closing of the PROCESSREV tag to the number 1.
	Notes:
	 This is the revision number of the process record that will be imported.
	• The import process is "smart" enough to automatically increment the revision number if you are importing an existing process name.
8	Save and close the file.

Import a Workflow Process

Overview

Workflow processes and elements can be imported using exported and manipulated XML files from other Maximo systems. This section provides an overview of how to do this.

<u>Note</u>: We cover the import of a process only. For details on how to perform this procedure for other Workflow elements, please consult the technical documentation on this product.

Import a Workflow Process



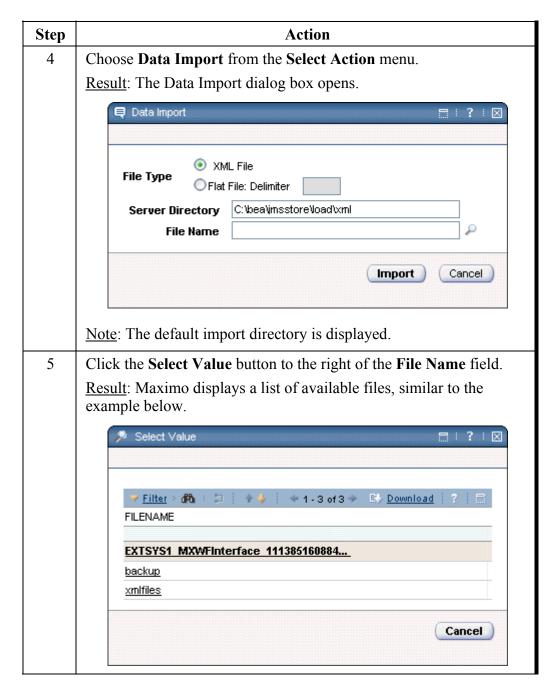
Now that you have exported and manipulated the process data, you can import it. This exercise will show you how.

<u>Note</u>: In practice, you'd probably use this to back up or transfer Workflow process records. However, for our example we will import the altered data back into the same system.

Follow the steps below.

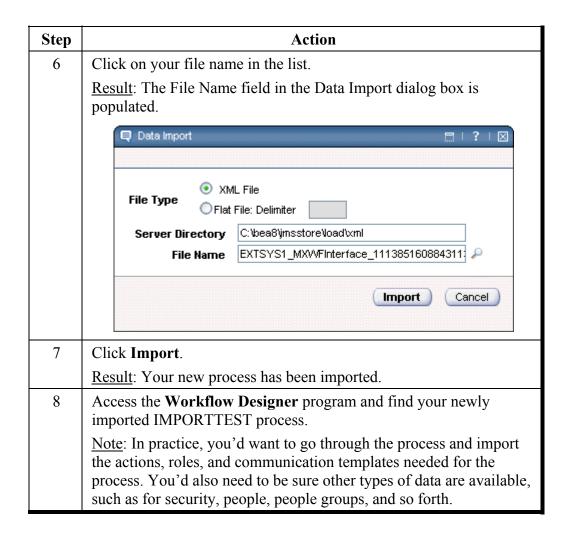
Step	Action
1	Copy the manipulated file to the default import location:
	C:\bea\jmsstore\load\xml\
2	Access the External Systems application from the Integration module.
3	Access the EXTSYS1 record. External Systems
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Import a Workflow Process

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Answer Key



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Chapter 2 Answers

PAGE 2-57
Exercise 1:
Checking a
Workflow
Record

What is the last entry in the Workflow History of your purchase order for office supplies?

Answer: Followed True Action / Jones

PAGE 2-58 Exercise 2: Checking a Workflow Record

Who is the current assignee for Stanley's Broken Window work order?

Answer: Roland Smith

PAGE 2-65 Challenge Question: The Workflow Map

Access the Workflow Map of the PO record for office supplies. Why doesn't Maximo display the Workflow Map for this record?

<u>Answer</u>: Because the workflow has come to a STOP node and the process is complete.

Chapter 2 Answers continued

PAGE 2-70 Workshop	What happens when a record enters a Workflow process?
Exercise 1	Answer: Manual Status changes are no longer allowed.
PAGE 2-70 Workshop	What is a Workflow process?
Exercise 2	Answer: A logical flow of business processes and practices.
PAGE 2-70 Workshop	What is a node?
Exercise 3	<u>Answer</u> : A graphical representation of the activities and conditions defined at a given point in the Workflow process.

ANSWER KEY______3

Chapter 2 Answers continued

PAGE 2-71 Workshop Exercise 4

Name and describe each of the nodes shown below.

Node	Description	
	Manual Input nodes allow you to direct the path of a record. Use a Manual Input node when you want the user to select the next step from a menu.	
	An Interaction node must have one or more action lines entering it, but only one action line can exit. You use an interaction node to help lead an end user down particular problem resolution paths by offering well-defined choices that guide the user through a scripted path and manage the relationship with the record in any given session. A manual input node usually precedes the interaction node.	
	Condition nodes are defined to automatically direct records according to information contained within the record. There must be one positive connection and one negative connection coming out of a Condition node. The connection used by a record as it exits a Condition node is dictated by the SQL expression within the node, which resolves to either true (positive connection) or false (negative connection).	
	Task nodes allow you to direct the path of the record. You must have at least one connection coming out of a Task node. You use a Task node when your business rules call for an affirmative or negative user response to an Inbox assignment.	

Chapter 2 Answers continued

PAGE 2-71 Workshop Exercise 4

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Node	Description	
	The Start node indicates the beginning of a Workflow process.	
	Workflow places one Start node on the canvas when you create a new process. There can be only one starting point to any process.	
	A Subprocess node represents a complete Workflow process nested within another Workflow process. A Subprocess can have a negative line flowing out of it, in addition to the positive. When a Subprocess encounters a stop node it returns to the master process along the same line on which it finished. This enables the Subprocess to carry back the logic that caused the termination to the master process.	
	Stop nodes mark the point where a Workflow process ends and a record leaves Workflow control. Workflow places one Stop node on the canvas when you create a new process. You can place additional Stop nodes on the canvas as needed.	
	You use a Wait node to create a certain reaction to an action. You can define any action to trigger a specified reaction in a Wait node. When Workflow encounters a Wait node in an active process, the process pauses at that node indefinitely until any of the specified events occur. When a specified event does occur, it informs the node and the process resumes by exiting the node at the single exit point.	

ANSWER KEY______5

Chapter 2 Answers continued

PAGE 2-72 Workshop Exercise 5

To use a Workflow process, what two things have to be done?

Answer:

- 1. Enable
- 2. Activate

PAGE 2-81 Workshop Exercise 9

Using the Fix Broken Window work order record, answer the following question:

What is the status of the work order after completing the Workflow process?

Answer: WMATL

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Chapter 3 Answers

PAGE 3-15 Discussion

What key factors must be considered when implementing Workflow? What might be some constraints?

Answers:

- What Maximo applications are being/will be used
- What resources are available
- Willingness of labor/personnel to change
- Return on investment

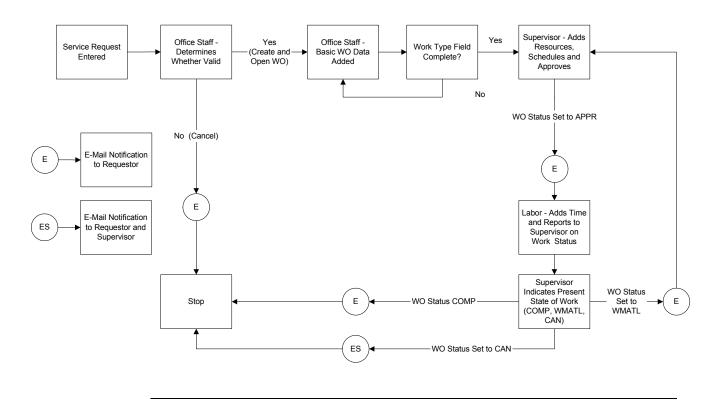
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ANSWER KEY______9

Chapter 4 Answers

PAGE 4-26 Exercise 1:

Mass U's Revised Diagram Using the space below, diagram Mass U's revised Workflow process using the Step Action table on page 4-24.



Chapter 4 Answers continued

PAGE 4-33 Exercise 2: Opus' CM Step/Action Table Based on the Case Scenario, create a step/action table for the Corrective Maintenance work orders.

<u>Note</u>: There is no exact number of steps. Each person or group could have a different number.

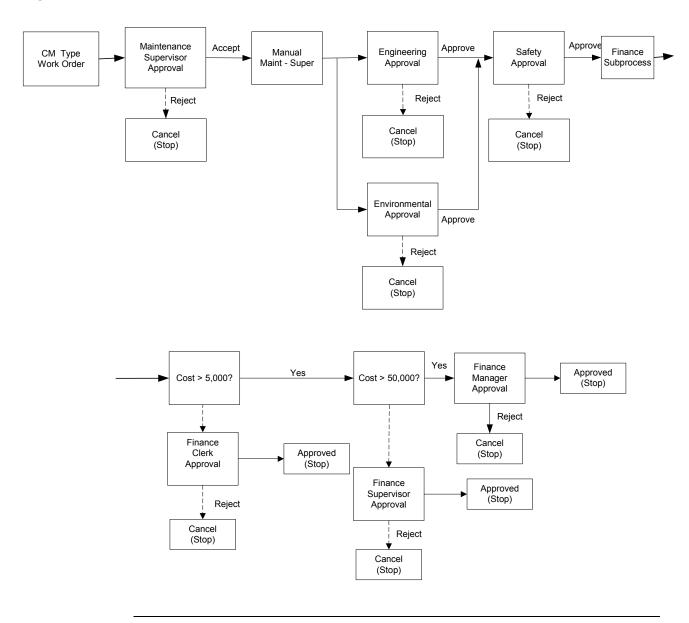
Step	Action
1	A work order is started in the Workflow process.
2	The work order is determined to be a CM work type.
3	The work order is sent to a Maintenance supervisor for review and approval.
4	If the Maintenance supervisor approves the work, then he or she decides, depending on the area affected, which department— Engineering or Environmental—to send the work order to.
5	If the supervisor does not accept the work order, it is rejected.
6	If accepted, the assigned representative from either the Engineering or Environmental department approves or cancels the work order and then sends the work order to the Safety group for a Safety Rep's approval or rejection.
7	A member of the Safety group reviews and approves the work order. He or she sends it to the Finance department.
8	If the total cost is less than \$5,000, an accounts payable clerk can approve or reject the work order.
9	If the total cost is between \$5,000 and \$50,000, the AP supervisor can approve or reject the work order.
10	If the total cost is over \$50,000, the accounting manager can approve or reject the work order. When the work order has financial approval, work can start.

ANSWER KEY_______11

Chapter 4 Answers continued

PAGE 4-34 Exercise 3: Opus' CM Diagram

Based on the Case Scenario, diagram the Corrective Maintenance Work Order Routine.



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PAGE 4-36 Exercise 4: Opus' PM Step/Action Table Based on the Case Scenario, create a step/action table for the Preventive Maintenance work orders.

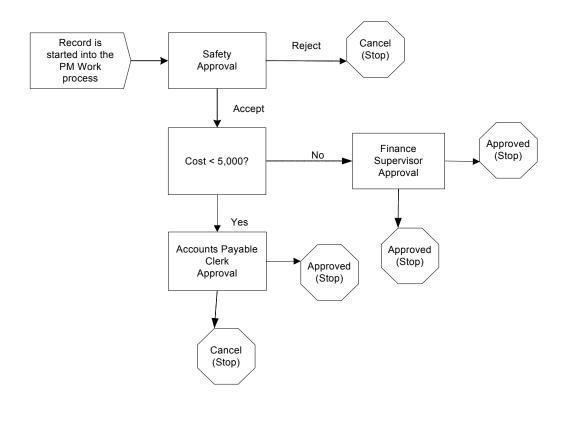
<u>Note</u>: There is no exact number of steps. Each person or group might have a different number.

Step	Action
1	The work order is determined to have a PM work type and routed to the PM subprocess routine.
2	A member of the safety department reviews the work order. If he or she approves the work order, then it is sent to the Finance department. If the work order is rejected, it is canceled.
3	Is the cost greater than \$5,000?
4	If the total cost is less than \$5,000, an accounts payable clerk can approve or reject the work order.
5	If the total cost is over \$5,000, an accounting supervisor can approve or reject the work order.

ANSWER KEY_______13

Chapter 4 Answers continued

PAGE 4-37 Exercise 5: Opus' PM Diagram Based on the Case Scenario, diagram the Preventive Maintenance Work Order routine.



Chapter 4 Answers continued

PAGE 4-38 Exercise 6: Opus' Q&A

Based on this information, answer the following questions about the work order process at Opus.

1. What types of work orders will initially use the workflow process for approvals?

Answer: Corrective Maintenance and Preventive Maintenance

2. How many approval levels are required for the PM and CM work order type?

Answer: 5

3. Who or what starts the process for Corrective Maintenance work orders?

Answer: Help Desk

4. Who or what starts the process for Preventive Maintenance work orders?

<u>Answer</u>: The process is automatically started in the system.

5. List the different groups involved in the Corrective and PM work routines.

<u>Answer</u>: Engineering, Maintenance Supervisors, Financial Clerks, Finance Supervisors, Finance Managers, Safety, Environmental

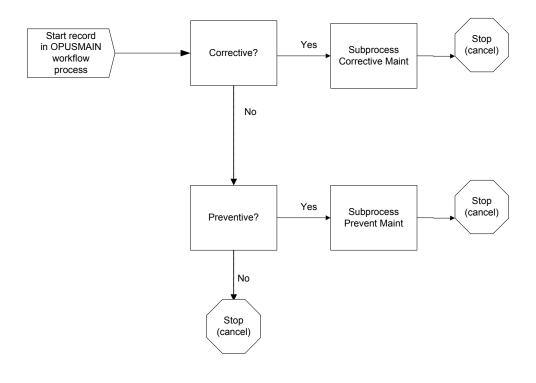
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PAGE 4-38 Exercise 7

Can you think of additional areas that Opus could implement to streamline their processes even further?

Answer:

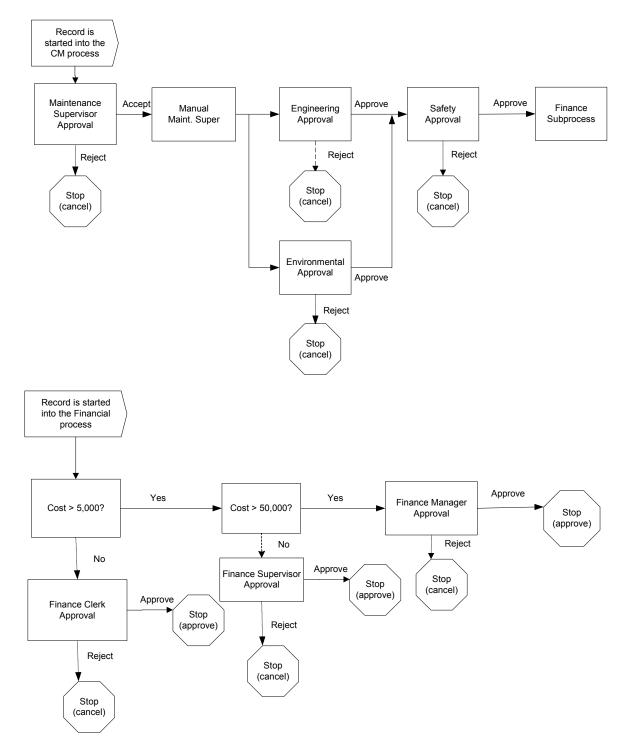
Subprocess routines for work types and financial approvals



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List a few areas that might streamline this process.

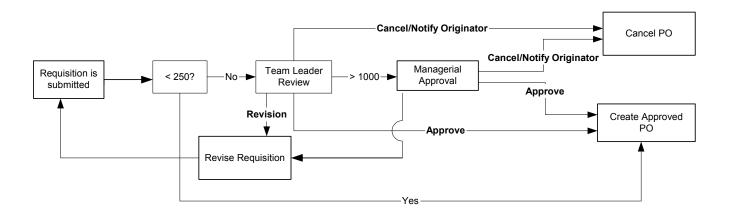
(<u>Hint</u>: Think of Maximo applications and how they can be used in this process.)

Answers:

- Have workers enter their own requisitions into Maximo (PR or DR).
- Use labor groups/roles for team leaders and manager.
- Have Maximo automatically create an approved PO when a PR's status is changed to APPR (approve).
- Build in subprocess routines where possible.

PAGE 4-45 Workshop Exercise 2

Use the space below to diagram the streamlined process.



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Chapter 5 Answers

PAGE 5-11 Exercise 1: Create Other Mass U Users Below is the table from Chapter 4 that should be used as the source for adding the Mass U user records.

<u>Note</u>: Ensure that no delegates have been added to the user records. This will affect the workflow process later on.

		Role/Person		
Person	Position/Craft	Group	Supervisor	E-mail
Kelly Ordway	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	kordway@ massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		
Ted Bateman	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	tbateman@ massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		
Julio Coronado	Maintenance	Supervisor	Diane Liberi	jcoronado@massu.edu
	Supervisor	Group		
Mark Ellison	Office	Facilities	Diane Liberi	mellison@massu.edu
	Manager	Office Group		
Fabiola Panzano	Office	Facilities	Kelly Ordway	fpanzano@ massu.edu
	Coordinator	Office Group		
Nick Craddock	Office	Facilities	Kelly Ordway	ncraddock@ massu.edu
	Coordinator	Office Group		

Chapter 5 Answers continued

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Exercise 2: Modifying the Shift Information of a Mass U Person Record Students should access Fabiola Panzano's Person record and make changes to indicate the information presented below:

Calendar Organization: Night Shift Calendar for EAGLENA

Primary Calendar: NIGHT **Primary Shift:** NIGHT

The shift-related section of the record should look like the graphic below.



Chapter 6 Answers

PAGE 6-9 Exercise 1:

Conventions

Opus' Case Scenario—Node Using Workflow Designer conventions, convert the Opus Corrective

Maintenance process steps into nodes.

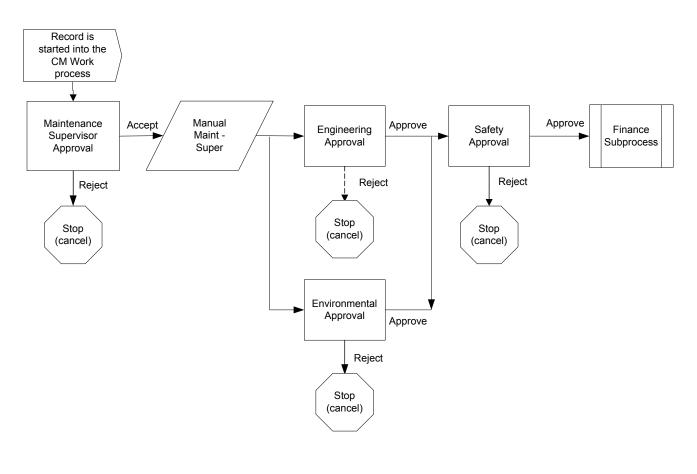
Node	Action
Start	A work order record is determined to be a CM type and enters the Corrective Maintenance (CM) Workflow process.
Task	The work order is sent to a maintenance supervisor for review and approval.
Manual	If the maintenance supervisor approves the work, then he or she decides, depending on the area affected, which department— Engineering or Environmental—to send the work order to.
Stop	If the supervisor does not accept the work order, it is rejected.
Task	If accepted, the assigned representative from either the Engineering or Environmental department approves the work order and sends the work order to the Safety group for a safety rep's approval.
Stop	If not accepted, the assigned representative from either the Engineering or Environmental department cancels the work order
Task	A member of the Safety group reviews and approves the work order. He or she sends it to the Finance department.
Subprocess	If the work order is given preliminary approval, it is then sent to the Finance department and then enters a financial subprocess.
Stop	If Safety does not give approval, the work order is canceled.

Chapter 6 Answers continued

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Convert the nodes into a flowchart.

Exercise 2:
Opus' Case
Scenario—
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Chapter 6 Answers continued

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Using Workflow Designer conventions, convert the Opus Finance process steps into nodes.

Exercise 3: Opus' Case Scenario—Node Conventions

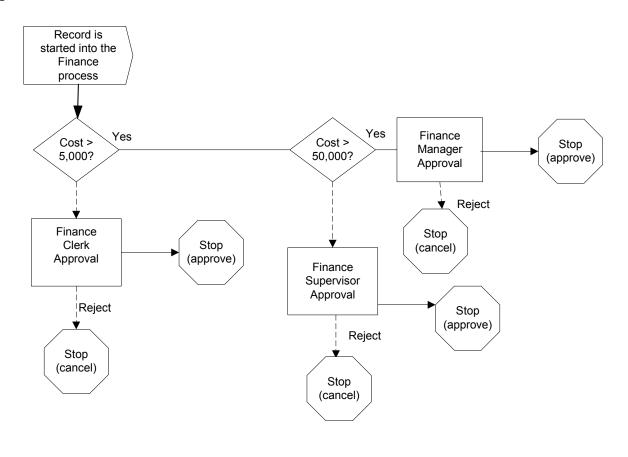
Node	Action	
Start	A work order record enters the Finance Workflow process.	
Condition	If the total cost is less than \$5,000 it is sent to the accounts payable clerk.	
Task	The accounts payable clerk can approve or reject the work order.	
Condition	If the total cost is between \$5,000 and \$50,000 it is sent to the AP supervisor.	
Task	The AP supervisor approves or rejects the work order.	
Condition	If the total cost is over \$50,000, it is sent to the accounting manager.	
Task	The AP manager approves or rejects the work order. When the work order has financial approval, work can start.	

Chapter 6 Answers continued

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Convert the nodes into a flowchart.

Exercise 4: Opus' Case Scenario-Converting Nodes into a Diagram



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PAGE 6-13 Exercise 5: Opus' Case Scenario—Node

Conventions

Using Workflow Designer conventions, convert the Opus Preventive Maintenance process steps into nodes.

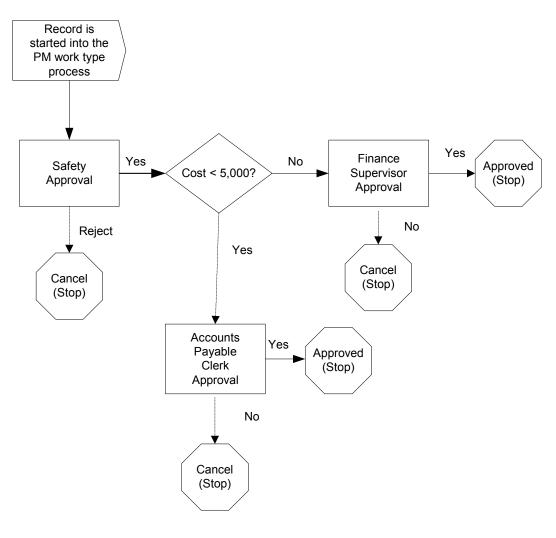
Node	Action		
Start	The work order is determined to be a PM work type and goes in the PM work routine.		
Task	A member of the Safety Department reviews the work order. If he or she approves the work order, it is sent to the Finance Department. Otherwise, the work order is rejected.		
Condition	Is the cost greater than \$5,000?		
Task	If the total cost is less than \$5,000, then an accounts payable clerk can approve or reject the work order.		
Task	If the total cost is over \$5,000, then a supervisor can approve or reject the work order.		

Chapter 6 Answers continued

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Convert the nodes into a flowchart.

Exercise 6:
Opus' Case
Scenario—
Converting
Nodes into a
Diagram



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Exercise 7:
Mass U's Case
Scenario—Node
Conventions

Using Workflow Designer conventions, convert Mass U's steps into nodes.

Node(s)	Action					
Start	A service request is entered into the Create Service Requests application (online) or the Work Order Tracking application (telephone).					
Task	If a Service Request is created, the office staff determines the validity of the request. If it is not valid, the request is canceled.					
Interaction	If it is valid, a work order record is created and presented to the staffer who validated the request.					
Task	For valid work requests, information is added to work order record by the staff. Then the work order is forwarded to supervisor.					
Condition	The Work Type field <i>must</i> be completed before the work order goes to the supervisor. If it is not, the work order is routed back to the office staff for completion of this field.					
Stop	On cancellation of a service request, an e-mail notification will go the originator and the supervisor. Then the workflow process is stopped.					
Task	The supervisor will add resources, assign and approve the work order. An e-mail notification will be sent to the requestor.					
Task	A hard copy of the work order will be given to the assigned labor, who will report labor time and inform the supervisor of the status of the work.					

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Exercise 7:
Mass U's Case
Scenario—Node
Conventions

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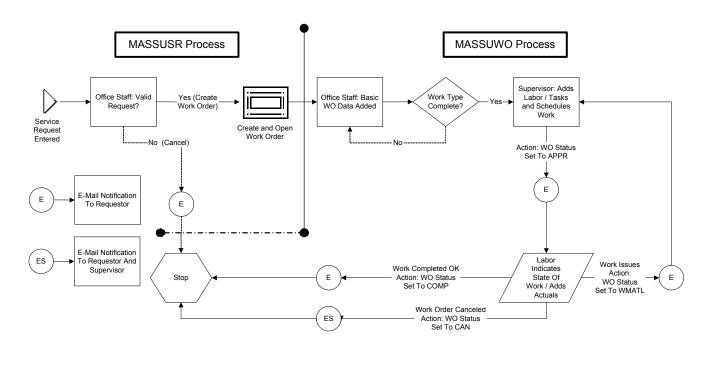
Node(s)	Action
Manual Input	When the labor routes the work order record from his Inbox, he will be asked by the process whether the work is:
	• completed
	waiting for materials
	• canceled
	Workflow will change the status of the work order, depending on the selection.
Action (line)	If the work is not completed, then the process will set it to a status of Waiting for Materials (WMATL) and an e-mail notification will be sent to the person requesting the service. The record is then routed back to the supervisor for an eventual Completed status.
Action (line) Stop	When work is completed, the process changes the status on the record to COMP and routes the record to the end of the process. If the work order is completed (COMP), it finishes the Workflow process and an e-mail notification goes to the person requesting the work.
Stop	If the work is canceled, the status is set to CAN by the process and an e-mail notification is sent to the requestor.

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Convert the nodes into a flowchart.

Exercise 8:
Mass U's Case
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Diagram

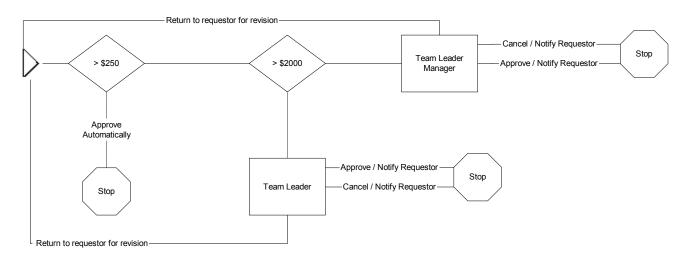


PAGE 6-23 Workshop Exercise Convert the generic flowchart diagram below into a diagram using Workflow Designer nodes.

Note: This process is for purchase requests.

Hint: Creating a step/action table can help you in determining nodes.

Original Diagram

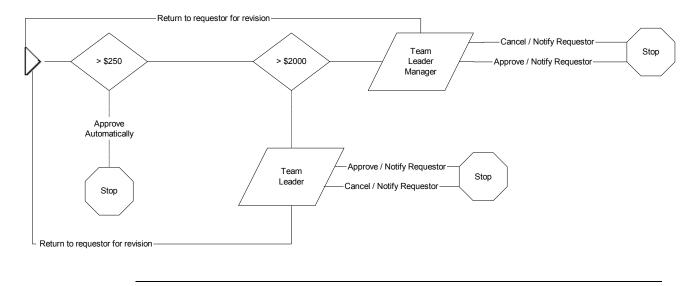


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Answer



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Chapter 7 Answers

PAGE 7-20 Opus: Exercise 1

In the Opus Workflow routine, if the work order is a Corrective Maintenance (CM) type work order, it will go into a Corrective Maintenance subprocess routine. Using the diagram below, complete the following tasks:

• Create the process using the following information:

Name: OPCMMAIN

Description: Flow for CM Work Order Process

Object: WORKORDER

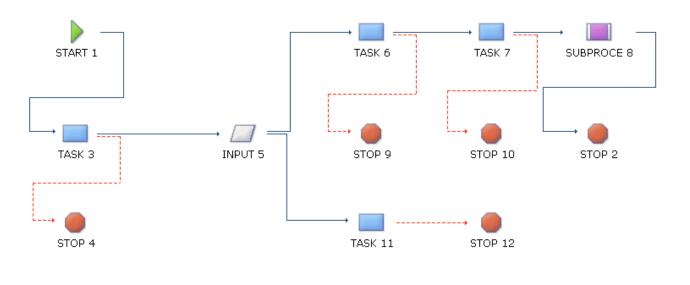
• Add the required nodes.

• Make the connections between nodes.

• Save the Workflow process.

<u>Note</u>: Remember, on process creation, a Start and Stop node will automatically be added to the canvas.

Your canvas should look similar to the graphic below:



PAGE 7-21 Opus: Exercise 2

In the Opus Workflow routine, if the work order is a Corrective Maintenance (CM) type work order and is given preliminary approval, it will then go into a Financial Approval subprocess routine.

Using the diagram below, complete the following tasks:

• Create the process using the following information:

Name: OPFIN

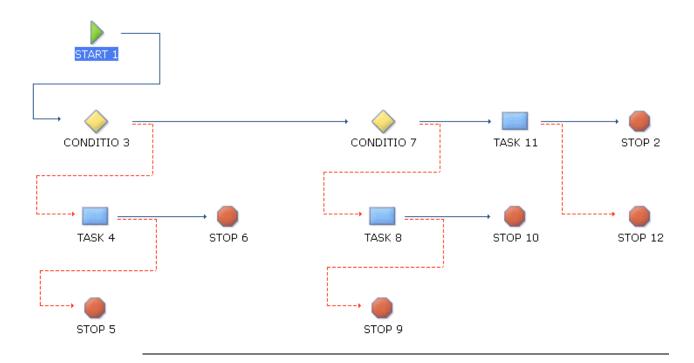
Description: Flow for Financial Approval Process

Object: WORKORDER

- Add the required nodes.
- Make the connections between nodes.
- Save the Workflow process.

<u>Note</u>: Remember, on process creation, a Start and Stop node will automatically be added to the canvas.

Your canvas should look similar to the graphic below:



Chapter 7 Answers continued

PAGE 7-22 Opus: Exercise 3

In the Opus Workflow routine, if the work order is not a Corrective Maintenance (CM) type work order and is a PM type, it will instead go into a PM subprocess.

Using the diagram below, complete the following tasks:

• The PM process is similar to the financial process, so you can follow the instructions on page 7-5 to duplicate the financial process and edit the duplicate process. Use the following process properties for this new Workflow process.

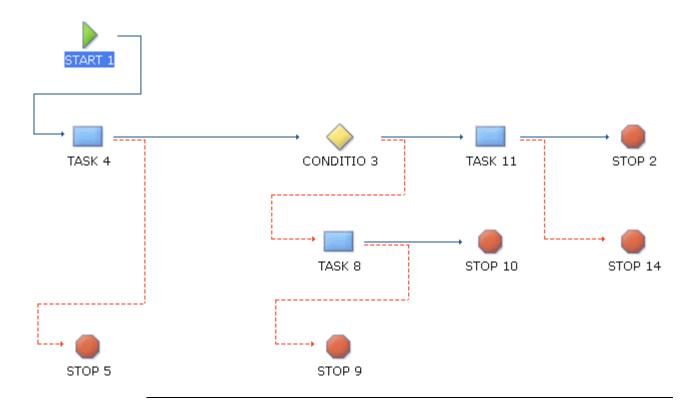
Name: OPPMMAIN

Description: Flow for PM Work Order Process

Object: WORKORDER

• When finished, your process should look like the one below. Save this process.

Your canvas should look similar to the graphic below:



PAGE 7-23 Mass U: Exercise 1

The Mass U process will start out with a service request, then will create a work order from that service request. From the point of work order creation, the work order will be the record used in the process to plan and record work.

Because a Workflow process can support only one type of record, you will need to create *two* processes.

Use the information and the diagram below for node and connection placement in the processes.

<u>Hint</u>: The work order process will start with the diagram node named *Office Staff: Basic Work Order Data Added*.

Service Requests

Process: MASSUSR

Description: Mass U Service Requests

Object: SR

Work Orders

Process: MASSUWO

Description: Mass U Service Request Work Orders

Object: WORKORDER

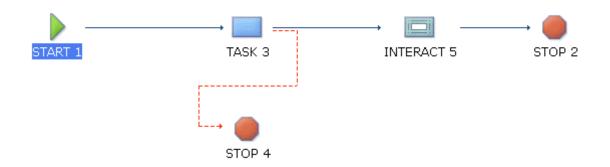
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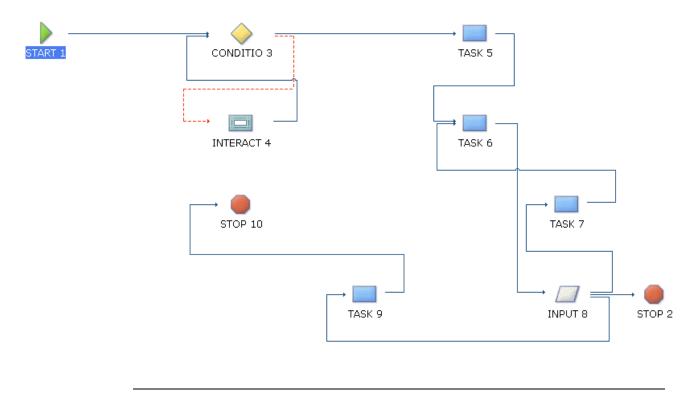
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Mass U: Exercise 1

One possible solution for the MASSUSR process might look similar to the graphic below:



One possible solution for the MASSUWO process might look similar to the graphic below:



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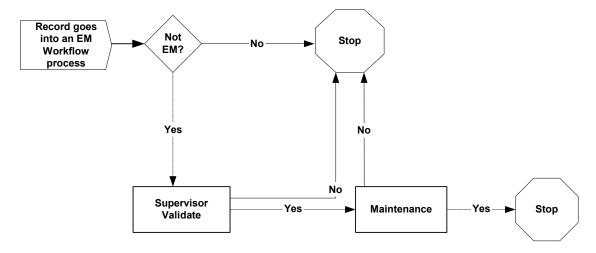
Use the diagram below for node and connection placement and the following information to create a subprocess for this Workflow routine.

Name: EMWORK

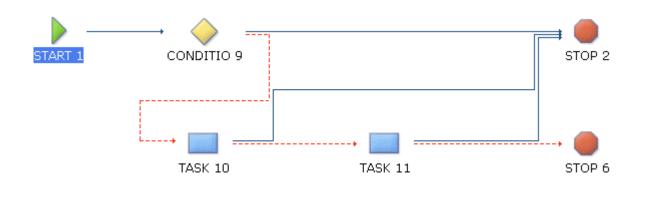
Description: Process for Emergency work

Object: WORKORDER

<u>Note</u>: Remember, on process creation, a Start and Stop node will automatically be added to the canvas.



One possible solution for the EMWORK process might look similar to the graphic below:



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Use the diagram below for node and connection placement and the following information to create a process for this Workflow routine.

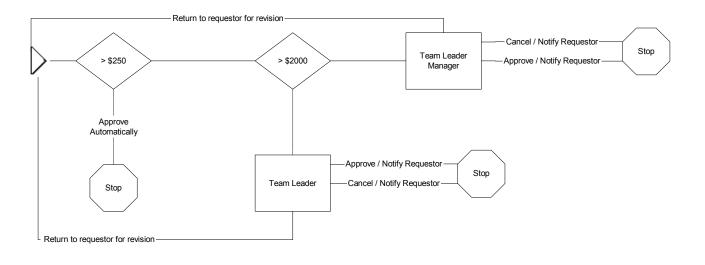
Name: PURCHREQ

Description: Flow for Purchase Requisitions

Object: PR

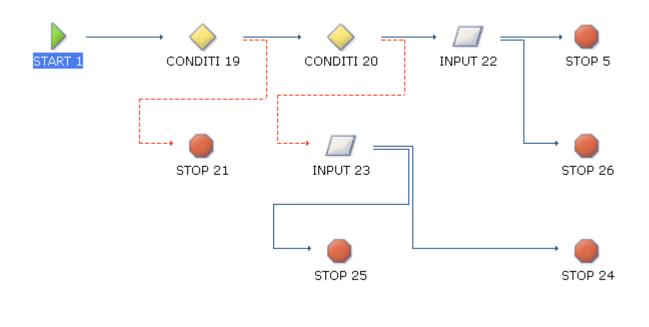
Thinking about the guidelines for nodes and their connections in the canvas, how will this diagram be revised when created in the Workflow Designer?

Try to revise this process on the Canvas tab so that the nodes connect to one another. Don't configure the nodes, just lay them out and connect them.



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One possible solution for the *PURCHREQ* process might look similar to the graphic below:



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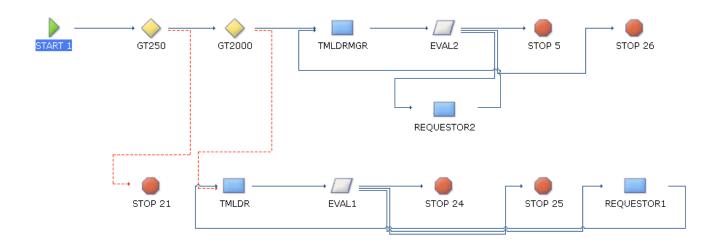
PAGE 8-28 Challenge Question

Thinking about the business rules, why would it not be good logic to have a WO Cancel action on the WOTYPEPM condition? Why would you not want to do this?

<u>Answer</u>: If you had any other type of work order entered into the system, you would not want the work order to be canceled.

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The graphic below shows a possible solution to configuring the PURCHREQ process.

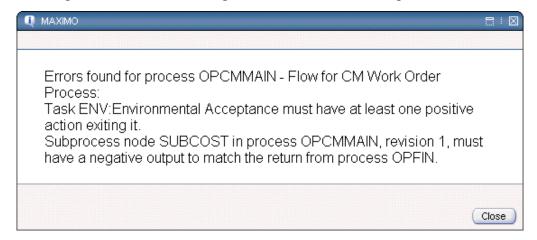


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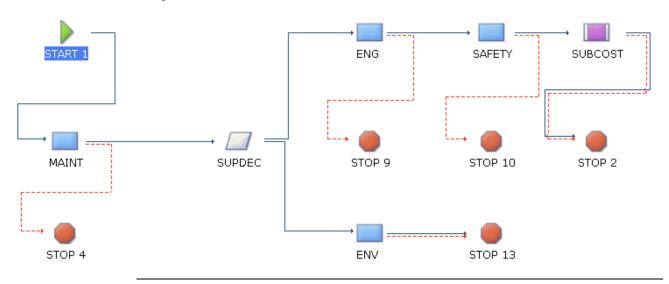
PAGE 9-10

Exercise 1: Validate and Enable—Error on OPCMMAIN Node The errors in OPCMMAIN are that it needs:

- a second positive connection coming out of the ENV task to a STOP node, and
- a negative connection coming out of the SUBCOST subprocess.



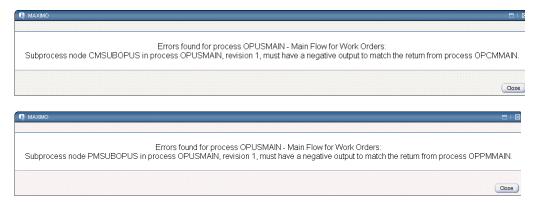
Working with your instructor, add the necessary elements to validate this process.



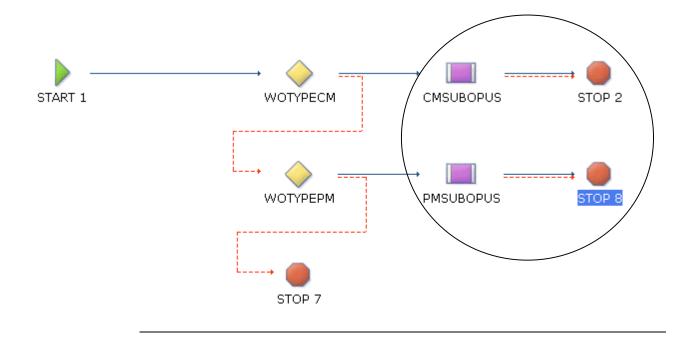
PAGE 9-10 Exercise 1: Validate and Enable—Error on OPUSMAIN Node

The error in OPUSMAIN is that it needs *both* a negative and a positive connection coming out of the CMSUBOPUS and the PMSUBOPUS subprocesses.

<u>Note</u>: You might not get both errors in the same dialog box. After fixing the CMSUBOPUS node, you might get the second error for the PMSUBOPUS node, as shown below.



Working with your instructor, add the necessary elements to validate this process.



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PAGE 9-14 Opus: Testing the Process

Retrieve work order 1006 and start it in the Workflow process. Using the Map tab, determine who the assignees are and route this work order record through the entire Workflow process.

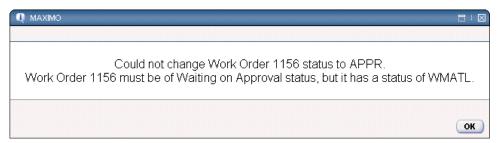
Do not follow the Cancel paths. You will encounter a problem. Why?

<u>Answer</u>: The work order already had a status of APPR when it started. It did not need to be approved.

To remove the work order assignment from the Inbox, use the Workflow Administration application.

PAGE 9-17 Challenge Question

The Workflow process allows the labor to "kick back" the work order to the supervisor if there are any problems with the work. When the supervisor tries to send it back to the labor, Maximo displays an error similar to the one shown below.



• Why is this happening?

Answer: Because Maximo does not allow work orders to go from a status of WMATL to APPR. This is a business rule built into the WORKORDER object. You cannot do this even from the work order Tracking application.

• What can be done about it?

<u>Answer</u>: Maximo will allow work orders to go from a status of WAPPR to a status of APPR. So, instead of having a direct action to make the work order go from WMATL to APPR (in the connection line between WOSENTBACK and LABORINFO), you can create a GROUP type action that contains two actions:

- o the first to change the work order to status WAPPR, and
- the second to change the status to APPR.

This way, the work order is not moving directly from WMATL to APPR, which violates the Maximo business rules.

Work with your instructor to make the change to your Workflow process so that no errors occur.

PAGE 9-18 Challenge Question

Why are there no current assignees?

<u>Answer</u>: The cost is low enough so that no further approval is needed after the purchase requisition is routed through Granger.

Chapter 10 Answers

PAGE 10-13 Challenge Questions

How would the user enter a new SR after submitting the first one?

<u>Answer</u>: The user would have to re-access the Create Service Request application from the Go To menu to get a new blank record.

How does the user know what the new SR number is after submitting it?

<u>Answer</u>: The user can go to the View Service Requests application, but on the Create Service Request application there is no indication of the SR number.

How does the user know what happened?

<u>Answer</u>: After submitting the SR, the user gets no confirmation or other indication that anything happened.

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Educational Services Student Feedback Form

Name: Instructor: Date:									
		Excel- lent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor		
1.	The course structure and style was:								
2.	The course content was:								
3.	The workshops as a whole were:								
4.	The length of the course was:								
5.	Course organization was:								
6.	Relevance and usefulness of course content was:								
7.	Opportunity for practicing what was learned was:								
8.	Amount you learned in the class was:								
9.	The instructor's effectiveness in teaching the subject matter was:								
10.	Use of class time was:								
11.	Instructor's use of examples and illustrations was:								
12.	Instructor's ability to answer student questions was:								
13.	Instructor's ability to present alternative explanations when needed was:								
14.	Tailoring of instruction to varying student skill levels was:								
15.	Instructor demonstrations were:								
16.	Instructor's ability to solve unexpected problems was:								
17.	Which aspects of this course were mos	t effective	?						
18.	Which aspects of this course detracted from your learning?								
19.	What suggestions do you have for impr	roving this	course?_						