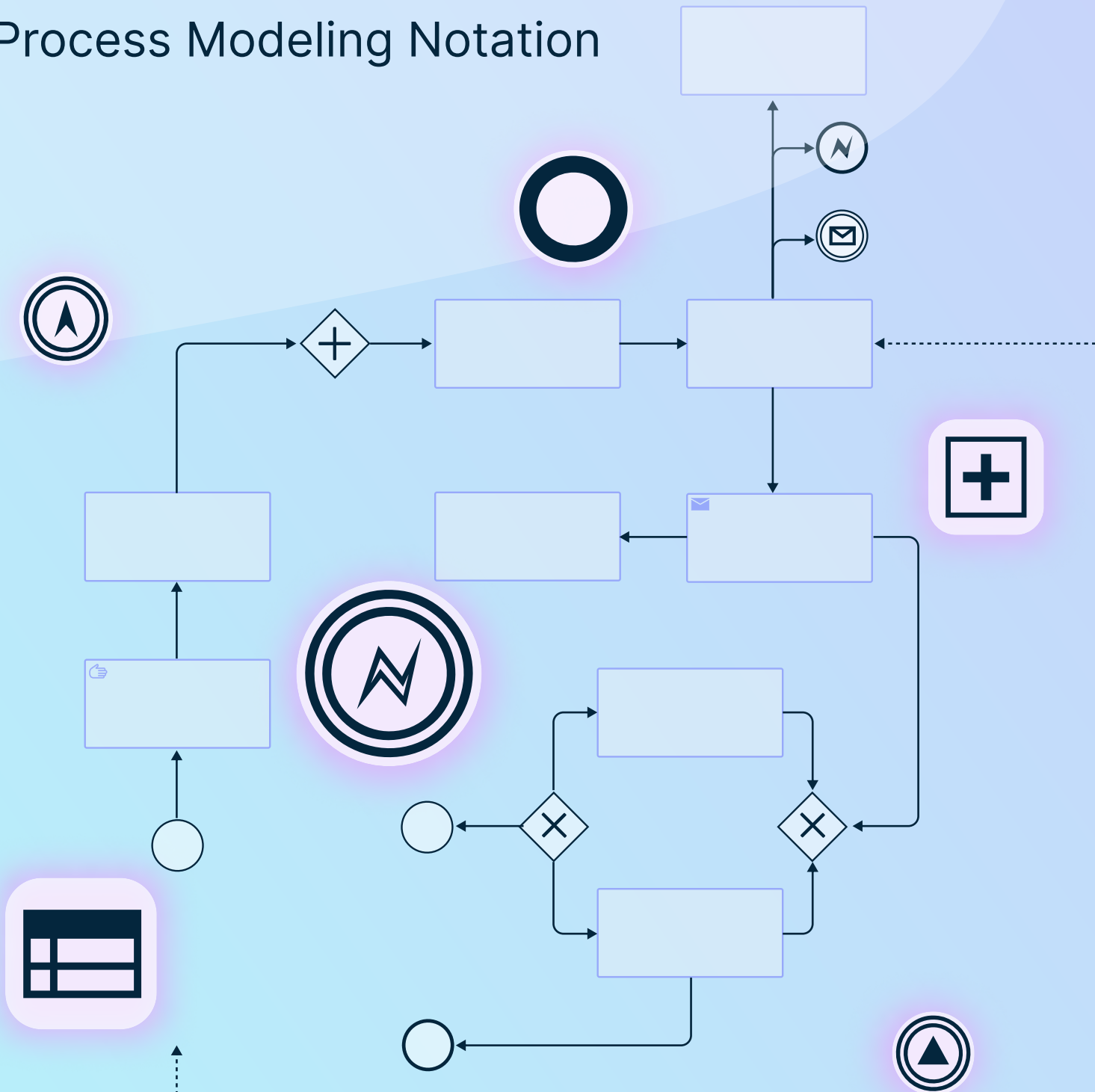


What is BPMN?

The Easy Guide to Business
Process Modeling Notation





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In this guide, we will delve into what is BPMN, including its history, when and how to use it, and the benefits it brings to the table. We'll explore BPMN diagrams, their elements, and symbols, and provide examples to illustrate their practical applications. Additionally, we'll discuss the challenges of creating BPMN diagrams and how tools like Creately can simplify the process.



What is BPMN?

Business Process Model and Notation (BPMN) is a standardized diagramming language that provides a graphical representation of business processes, enabling organizations to document, analyze, and optimize their workflows. Unlike traditional flowcharts, BPMN diagrams are rich with specific symbols and notations that cater to the complexities of modern business activities.

↳ Build on ideas

Standardization →

BPMN is a globally recognized standard, ensuring consistency and clarity across various stakeholders and software tools

Expressiveness →

With a comprehensive set of symbols, BPMN can illustrate complex process dynamics such as parallel tasks, events, and decision gateways.

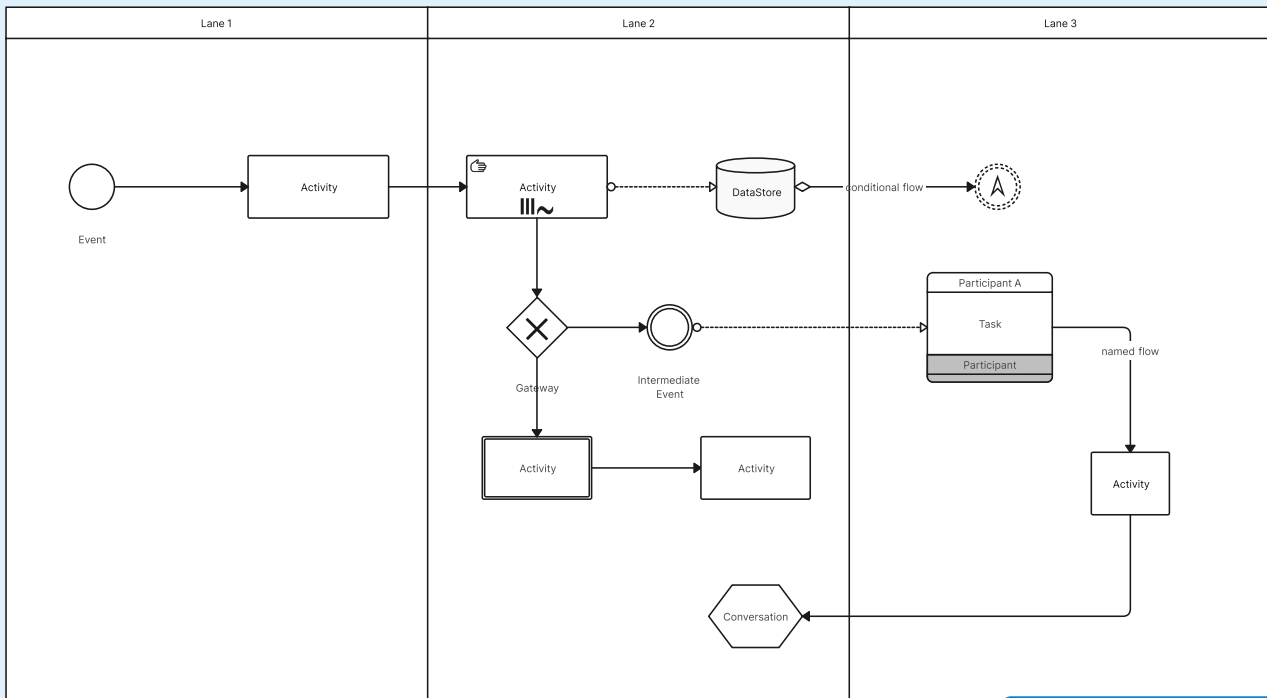
Versatility →

It's suitable for both technical users who design and implement processes and business stakeholders who need to understand them.

While other process modeling languages exist, BPMN's widespread adoption is due to its balance of simplicity and expressiveness. It bridges the gap between the technical implementation of processes and the business strategy that guides them.



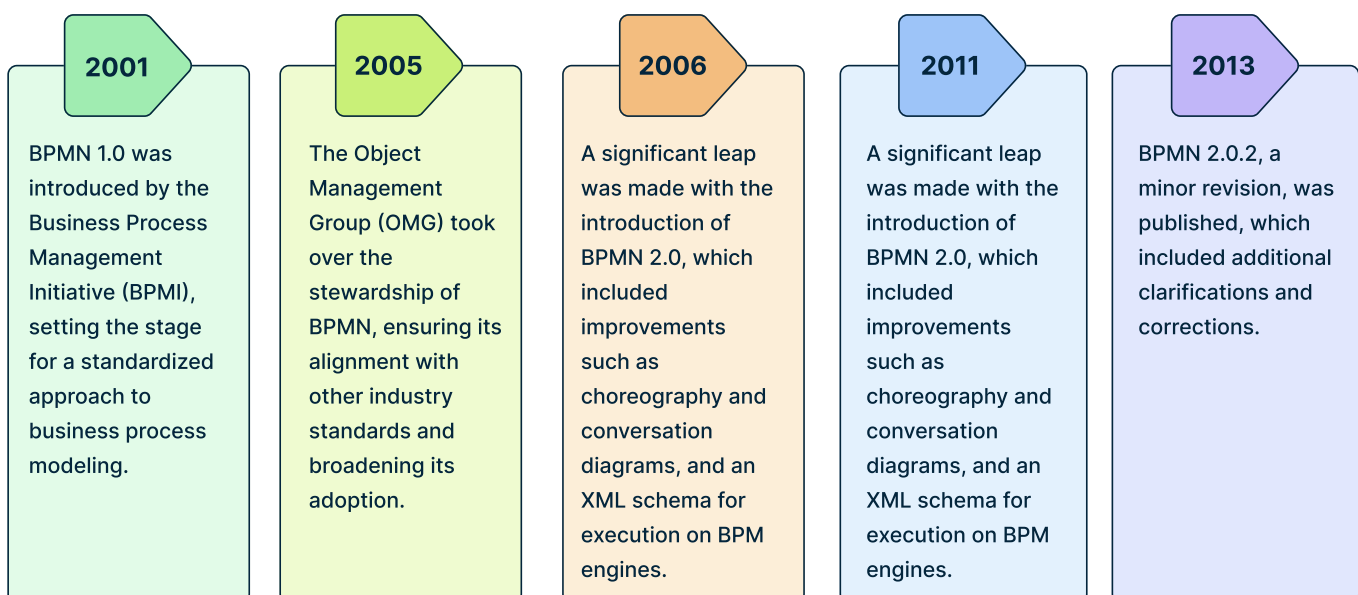
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History of BPMN

Here are some key milestones that have shaped BPMN into the robust framework it is today. These milestones not only reflect the technical advancements but also the collaborative efforts of key organizations and figures dedicated to the development of BPMN.



When to Use BPMN

BPMN diagrams are particularly beneficial in scenarios where clear communication and detailed process mapping are essential. Here are some appropriate use cases for BPMN diagrams

Complex workflow visualization →

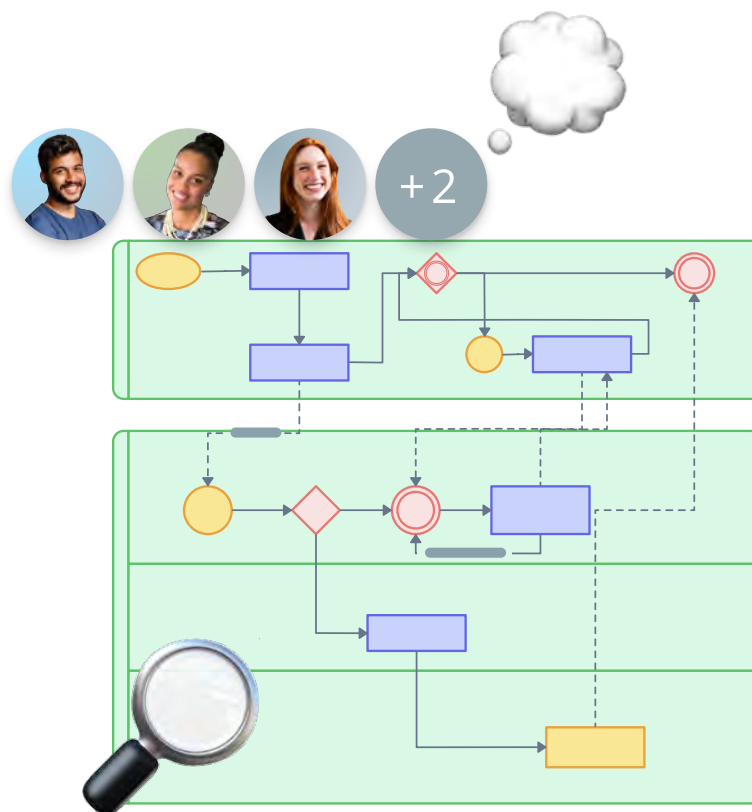
When dealing with intricate workflows that involve multiple stakeholders, BPMN diagrams provide a standardized method to visualize and communicate the processes.

Business process improvement →

BPMN is ideal for identifying bottlenecks and inefficiencies in existing processes, helping teams to optimize and refine their workflows.

System integration planning →

For projects that require the integration of various systems, BPMN diagrams can outline the interactions and data flow between these systems, leading to a smoother integration.



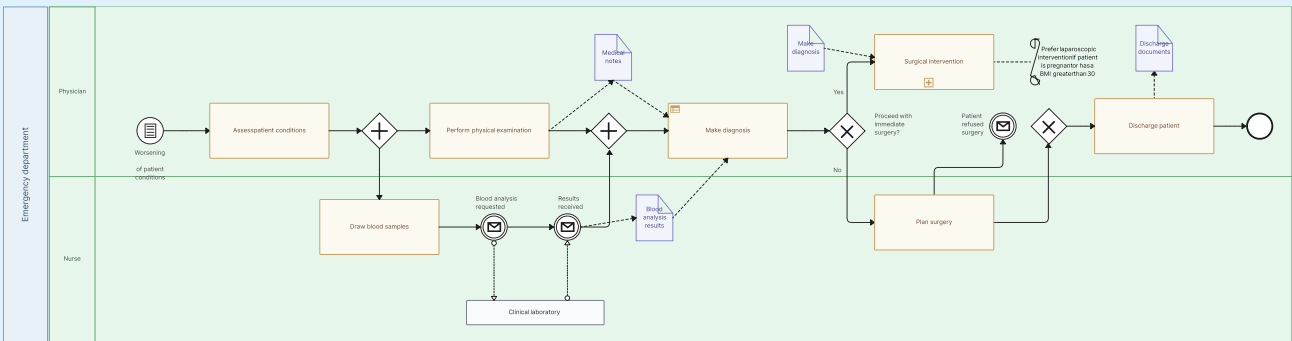


BPMN Examples

BPMN diagrams serve as a universal language, bridging the gap between process design and implementation. Let's delve into some illustrative examples from various industries

Healthcare →

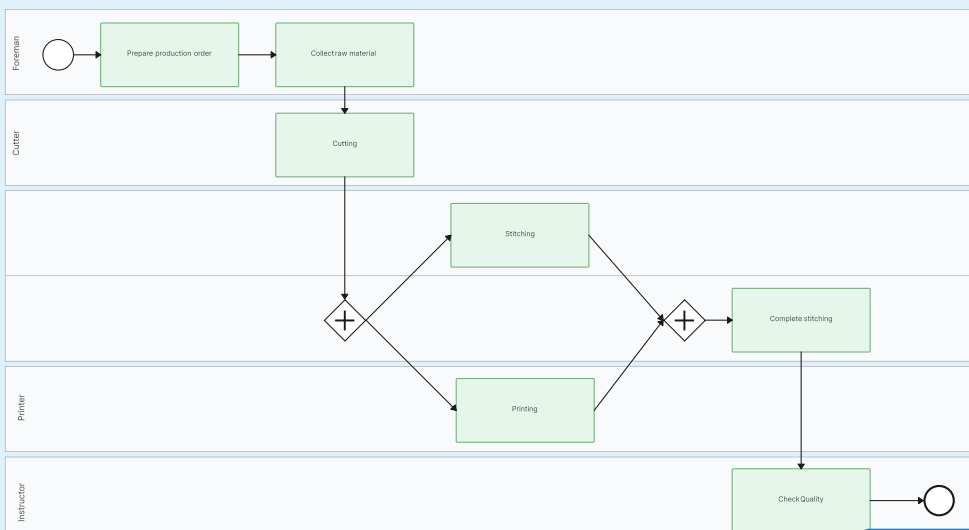
A BPMN diagram can map out patient admission processes, making sure that each step from registration to discharge is clearly defined and optimized for efficiency and patient care.



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Manufacturing →

BPMN diagrams are used to streamline production workflows, identifying bottlenecks and enabling seamless coordination between different departments, from procurement to shipping.

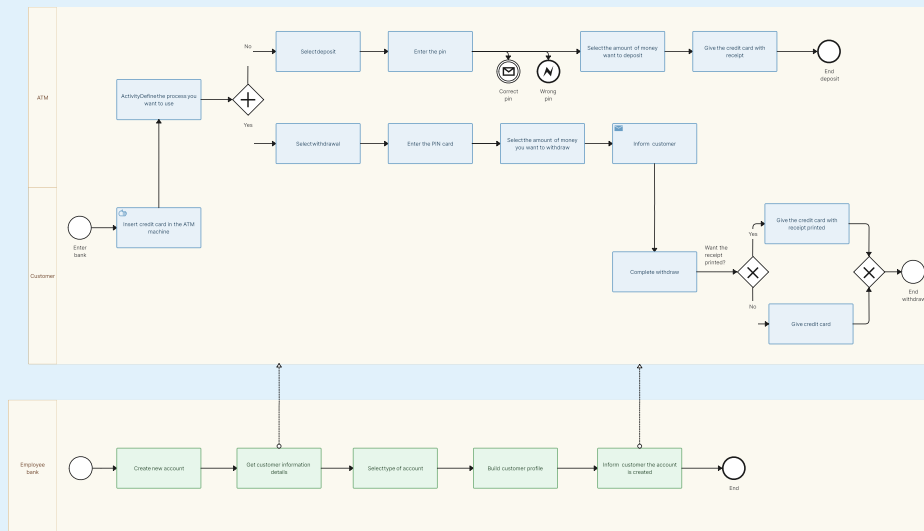


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Banking →

In the banking sector, BPMN diagrams facilitate the visualization of loan approval processes, making it easier to identify areas for improvement and ensure compliance with regulatory standards.



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