



Solution Architecture

Part 1

Agenda

- The Solution Architecture role
- Shadowing
- Process mapping for RPA

Today's goals:

- Prepare members on a set of Solution Architecture responsibilities

Solution Architect role

The RPA Solution Architect is responsible for identifying, designing, and planning automations for development

Core Responsibilities

- Use case identification
- Shadowing
- Process mapping and optimization
- Solution evaluation and design
- Process Definition Document (PDD) creation
- Automation build and testing management

Shadowing

Shadowing is the first step, but it requires knowing where you're going and what your development team will need.

Slow down with end-users

- Schedule time with SMEs and supervisors
- Set expectations
- Explain the goals

Mechanics

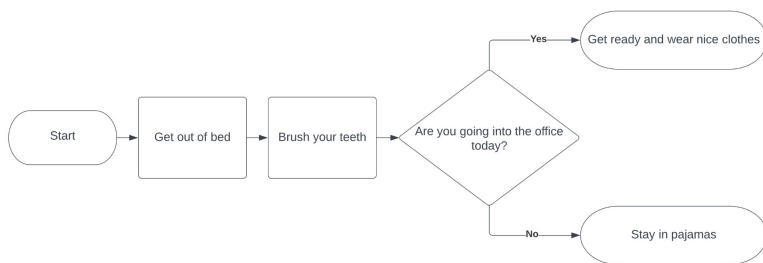
- Record the session for revisiting
- Snap screenshots of important actions or decisions
- Focus on rationale and required information

Process mapping is for turning operational requirements into technical requests, referencing during quality assurance and/or maintenance, and transferring knowledge across stakeholders.

Process mapping basics

Master the basics, especially if you've never built a process map before.

Nodes



Terminal/Terminator - Indicates the beginning or end of a process

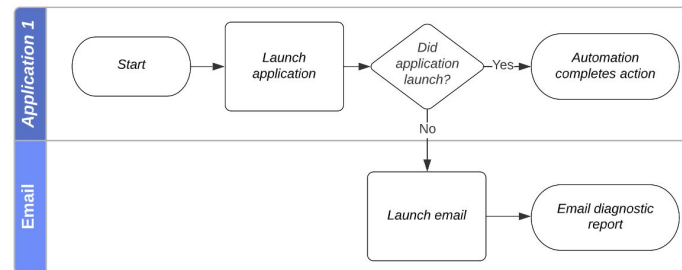


Process - Assigns a specific action within the process



Decision - Indicates a choice that results in more than one possible action

Swimlanes



For more examples of shapes and their intended use, see [here](#).

Process mapping for RPA

Start with mapping the process in its current state then outline the best process for the automation.

Current State: The process is mapped as an exact representation of the manual process performed today. Current state process maps are shown with no predetermined or upstream improvements.

Desired State: The process is mapped as a streamlined representation to better suit RPA implementation and sustainability. The process may have fewer steps or show improvements.

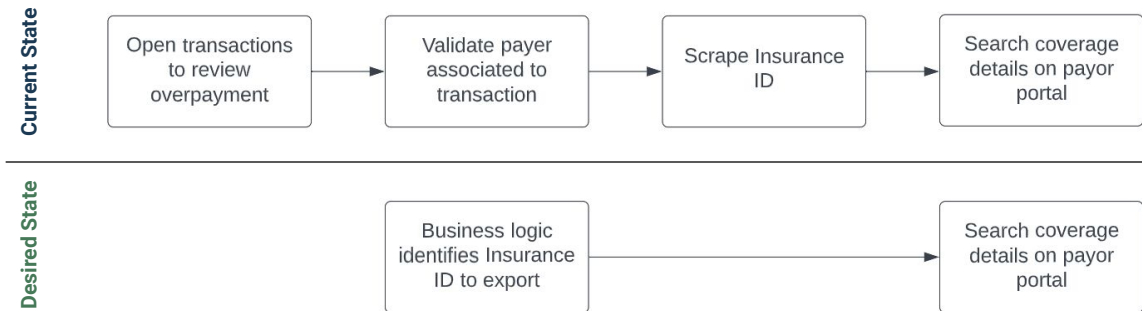
Discussion:

1. How important is it to capture both current and desired states?
2. How do you learn what is most efficient in an automation?
3. Process improvement: Don't build an automation on a poorly designed process

Standardizing upstream data

The goal is to reduce the number of decisions and steps as much as possible.

Example - Overpayment Identification



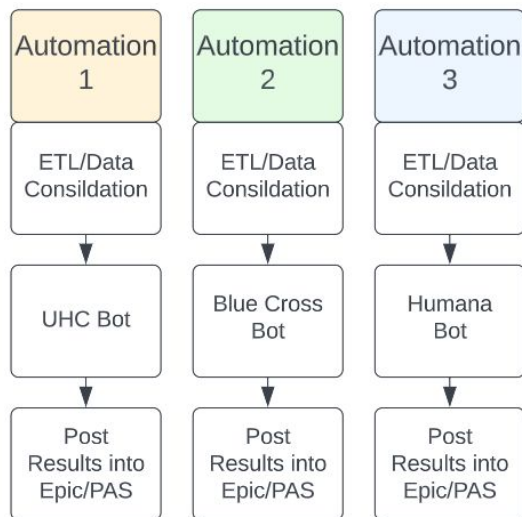
Why?

Reduced steps and decisions improves build time, complexity, and maintenance.

Modular design

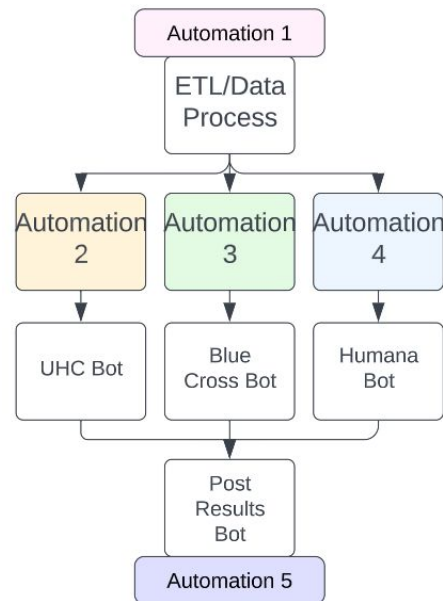
Splitting a very complex process into multiple, simpler processes will save you time and effort down the road.

Non-modular example



Versus

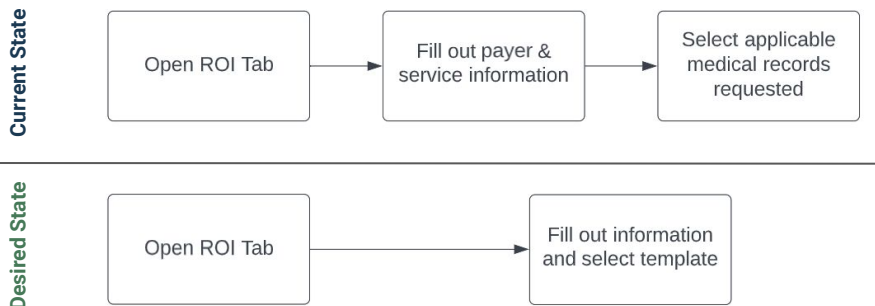
Modular example



Reducing clicks and actions

Any reduction in clicks and actions is beneficial in the long run.

Example - Medical Records



Medical record templates based on CARC and RARC codes would need to be built using native EHR functionality

Discussion:

1. What are other examples?
2. How do you account for the prep work needed?

Resolution and format of screens

As they say, “the devil is in the details”.

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Caution:
If using OCR, screen resolution, color, and formatting can cause issues

Key concept: Make sure what you are process mapping will be consistent with the interface the automation is using

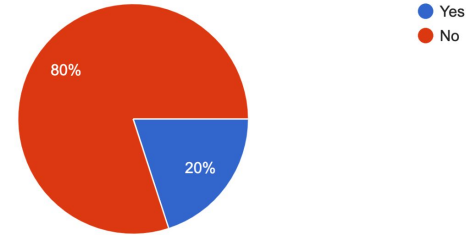
Tarpon Community

Only one organization in the Community has dedicated a position to Solution Architecture.

Question 7: Tarpon Health Governance Survey

Does your program have a Solution Architect who designs automation specifications?

5 responses



Who's performing these functions in your organization?

Tell us how we did



1 - Least valuable

10 - Most valuable

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