

Configurable modeling conventions

Individual process modelers typically have their own style and patterns they apply when creating process diagrams. Flexibility built-in to the BPMN 2.0 modeling language supports a wide variety of modeling styles that can be employed when designing business processes. These differences in modeling styles potentially introduce a significant variety in process representation that is not always intended or desirable.

Not only does the Signavio Process Editor provide a professional platform for modeling business processes, it also offers configurable modeling guidelines which help ensure that all models adhere to the organization's defined modeling standards.



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Different process modelers tend to use their own style and patterns in creating process diagrams. These different approaches can be traced to an individual's level of training in BPM, the potential lack of established modeling standards within an organization, or even familiarity with different tools to create process models, some of which may not have been standards compliant. Even within the BPMN 2.0 modeling language, multiple modeling styles can be employed when designing business processes. In many cases, all of these factors result in a variety in model representation that is not always intended or beneficial. These style differences often introduce misunderstanding when communicating processes across an organization. This is especially the case where models have been generated by different process modelers.

Now, Signavio's Process Editor also offers easily configurable modeling conventions which support consistent generation of models according to standards acceptable to the organization.

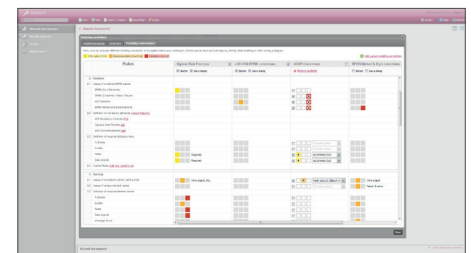
A standard set of modeling guidelines helps process modelers in the creation and communication of standard-consistent process models. Enterprises can now define their own specifications and guidelines for modeling business processes and maintain that standard

even when engaging third party BPM experts or while managing through employee turnover. Signavio's focus on collaborative BPM helped us recognize the importance of configurable modeling guidelines to help organizations ensure a standardized way of representing process diagrams.

Using the Signavio Process Editor, you can easily define modeling guidelines for your organizations workspace. You can decide which guidelines are classified as a recommendation or mandatory, and which rules must be followed by all process modelers. By default, Signavio's modeling guidelines provide a best practice selection of modeling rules that you can apply to insure model consistency. You can either apply these as-is, or extend them with organization specific modeling guidelines you define.

Modeling conventions are defined by the administrator of the workspace. When saving a process model, the parts in the diagram that do not comply with the established rules are highlighted for the modeler.

To obtain a holistic view of the quality of the process models, it is also possible to generate a report highlighting any models with exceptions to the defined rules.



At one glance

- Individual configuration of modeling conventions
- Automatic validation of modeling rules
- Quality test when saving
- Modeling conventions report for process quality

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