

Speeding up: How Deutsche Telekom utilizes blueprint and reference case management to accelerate time to market







The mission: retire the legacy platform and transform 800 legacy processes

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HRcules

Mission goals



Transfer of >800 HR processes



Fixed retirement deadline in 2025



Ongoing legal challenges that MUST be incorporated in processes on short



An efficiency target of 35%



While realizing 8.4 out of 10 points in customer satisfaction

The challenge: Building a process within a day



How to create the fastest flywheel between business and IT?

Business challenge

- Design optimal process
- Huge list of legacy requirements
- Scattered process responsibilities
- First time Pega Contact
- Excellent business experts
- Limited digitalization experience





IT challenge

- Stable requirements needed
- Huge time to market pressure
- Scaling development
- Expectations always exceeding budget

We defined three ways of developing in PEGA

Conventional Agile Development

PEGA Blueprint Reference Case Model

Bad news: There are no shortcuts in setting up your Pega Platform



Respecting Pega's philopsophy and the system mechanics enables delivery at speed

Educate & Understand

Build a component based fundament

Start Easy& Level Up

Industrialize









Common Mistakes:

- Treat Pega as just another tool -> Pega comes with philosophy, that needs to be understand and respected
- Try to build everything upfront before the uses cases are implemented \rightarrow functions remain theoretical and will never fit process needs
- **Start with the most complex process** → Time-to-market will fail expectations, reusables will be tough, mistakes will be made
- Lack a roadmap on how to stack reusables and processes → Facts & Figures should define business value, impact and dev complexity
- Explore every process as if it would be the first \rightarrow Figure out core functions and patterns, develop a delivery model that is built to scale

Pega Blueprint Benefits: Get an idea of a process

Creates understanding where there was none before

"Pega Blueprint is like a smart translation tool that understands inputs from people with different backgrounds who couldn't understand each other before."



Pega Blueprint Benefits: Speed up elaboration

Facilitates the capture of requirements

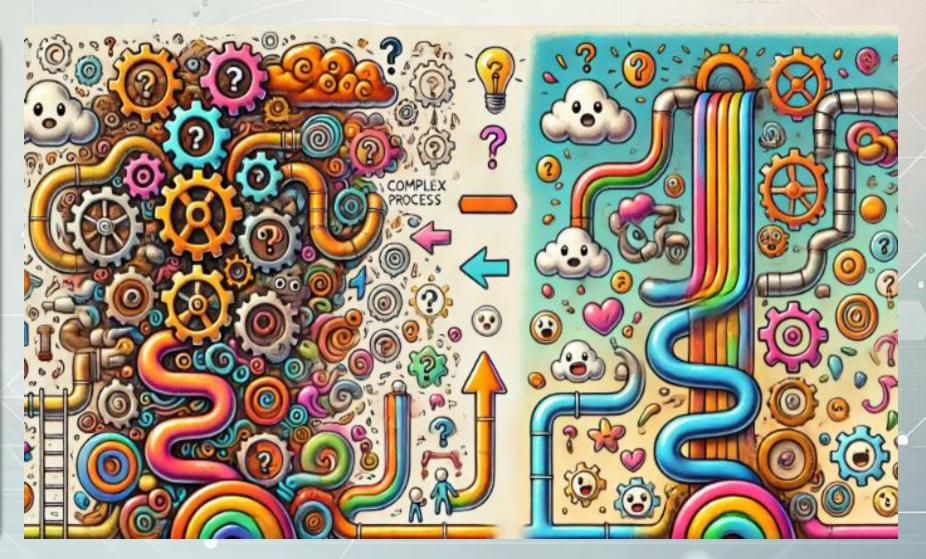
"Pega Blueprint offers the ability to have more than one click dummy at an early stage, which improves understanding and reduces the time spent on explanations and discussions."



Pega Blueprint Benefits: Speed up elaboration

Breaks down complex processes into Micro-Journeys

"Pega Blueprint slices processes into Micro-Journeys, allowing teams to manage smaller case types with the benefit of faster delivery and reusability."



Introduction to the reference case model



Introduction to the reference case model





Are you familiar with this situation?

What are you able to offer?

Thoughts...

- I need to have my process with all features I currently have...
- There are this and this special situation which should not be forgotten...
- I need to have full control about my process...
- I need to address the issue what the old system was not able to do....
- I expect to talk with an expert who knows my business...



What are your requirements ?

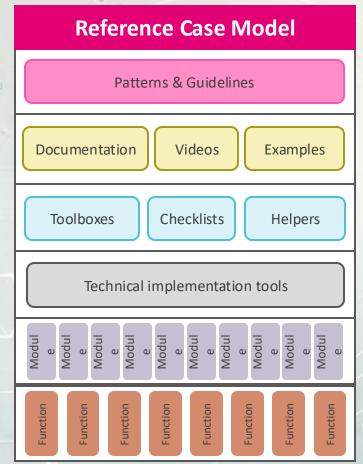
Thoughts...

- I want to understand the business value of the process and what this process is about...
- Let's think about the happy path first and skip discussions about the unusual situations....
- Let's think the process newly and see what can be made better...
- I would expect that they made herself familiar with the new system upfront....



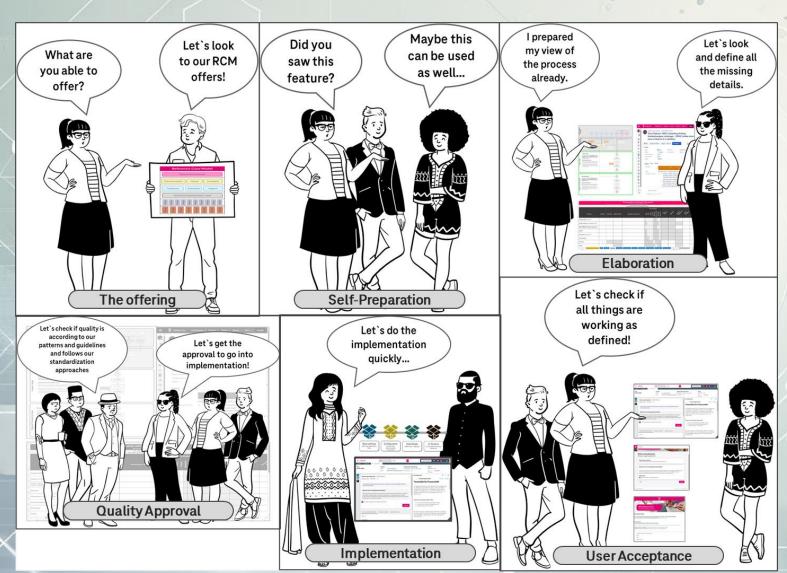
Industrialization approach of process implementation







Standardized delivery chain **





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Reference Case Model – Standardized delivery chain



1 Exploration

2 Elaboration

3 Implementation

- Preanalysis of processes and collection of all necessary information.
- Validation of requirements and definition of efficiency measurements
- Define the process flow and module usages.
- Collect all process related data fields which are captured, modified or displayed during the process flow.
- Build the mock-ups for the UI-Screens incl. all labels and translations

- Translate the requirements and add all needed configurations into the system
- Define the case specific data model incl. translations
- Build the UI-Screens













Documentation



Video tutorials



How to guides



Checklists



Support team

Exploration & Elaboration

I prepared based on the information my view of the process.

Reference Case Model

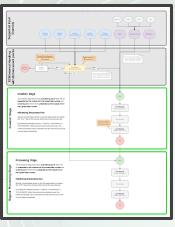
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Examples

Documentation

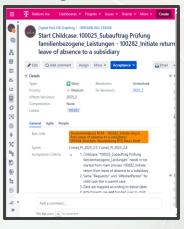


Process flow + UI



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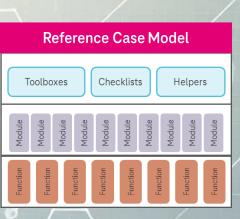


Let's look and define all the missing details.









Process Design Board / Design Authority

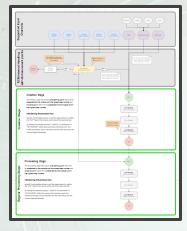
Let's check if quality is according to our patterns and guidelines and follows our standardization approaches



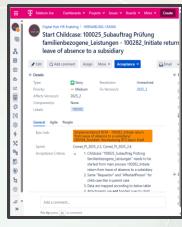
Reference Case Model

Patterns & Guidelines

Process flow + UI



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Data model + Functions

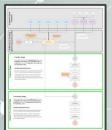


Let's get the approval to go into implementation!



Implementation / Delivery

Process flow + UI



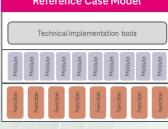
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Data model + Functions



Reference Case Model



Let's do the implementatio



Base settings

(Case Type, BROM Class, Skills)



Configuration

(Process flow, Communication, Documents)



Data Model

(Data model, mappings)



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UI-Screens

(Circumstances, Sections, Validations)

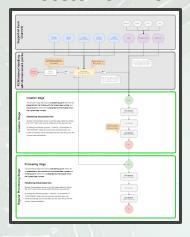


User acceptance / Go-Live

Let's check if all things are working as defined!

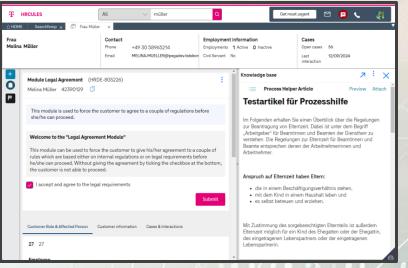


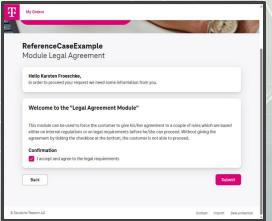
Process flow + UI



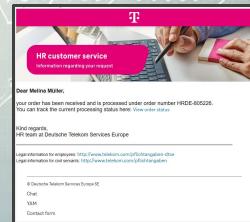
Data model + Functions







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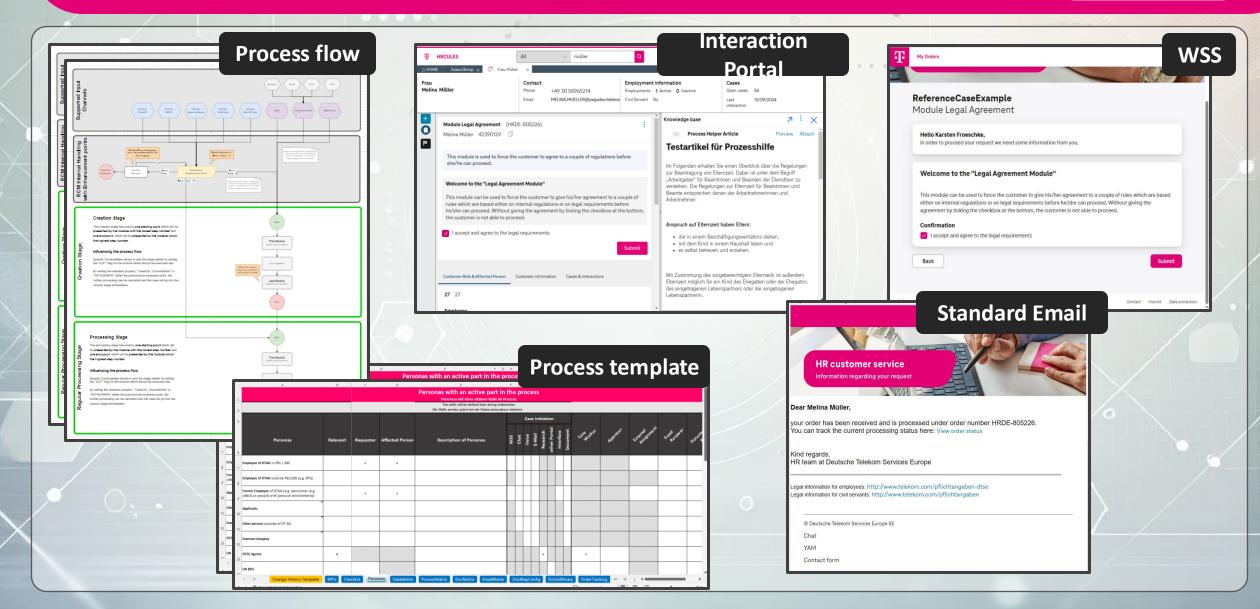


A template based approach makes life easy for business and business architects



Reference Case Model – Impressions







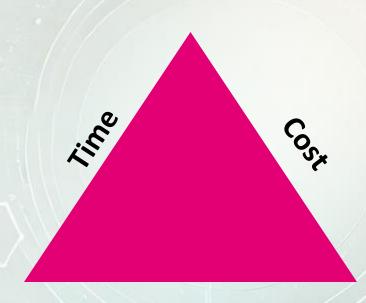
There is always a catch: Pega Blueprint & Reference Case Model might bore out developers – so utilize them on innovation topics



The magical triangle of cost, time & quality applies here as well

Classical agile development:

Not cheap, scalable, but of high integration and automation



Quality

Reference case model:

Cheap and fast, but limited efficiency drivers, integration and automation trying to be the best of both worlds

Pega Blueprint:

Fast, easy to use, cheap, but limited to the core features

Important:

We perceive a very fast development of PEGA blueprints capabilities, this evaluation is based on available features by end of 2024

There are clear use cases for each development approach

Is the process high volume and/or high impact?



Conventional/agile development

- Classical requirement engineering
- Enrich requirements by Pega Blueprint
- User story documentation
- Development
- Integration & automation
- Testing



Can patterns, functions& Integrations be reused?

No

Yes

Reference Case Model

- Initial draft by Pega Blueprint
- Requirement gathering based on template
- Pattern / module based implementation
- Limited available features

Pega Blueprint

Focus on citizen development

No

- Stand alone application
- Leverage Pega Blueprint to the largest extend possible

Take-Aways

- There is no fast track
 Speeding up and industrializing your Pega Delivery requires a robust fundament and modular approach that is ideally incrementally build
- There is no one size fits all
 One of the key assessment of your project / process must be a) where and by which delivery model do I want to build it and b) how much am I willed to spend?
- Discipline and governance are key successfactors
 Clarity in requirements combined with an approach of checks & balances allows sustainable development
- Less is more
 If you want to become really fast, it currently means skipping some scope, integrations and automations
- Focus on innovation
 Industrializing processes with Pega Blueprint and Reference case model has the risk to bore out developers. Make sure to balance industrializing with exploring and developing innovations to get the most out of the project
- Speeding up
 the process transfer time from an average of 7 month to less than one month





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