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Change Notice

This document now contains an extended tutorial that includes a section on how to Customize Forms.

Welcome to Bonita Open Solution!

Download Bonita Open Solution 5.2: www.bonitasoft.com/products/downloads.php

Use this QuickStart Guide to get started with Bonita Open Solution and become familiar with designing a process with its graphic tools.

Download, install, and launch Bonita Open Solution 5.2

Download Bonita All-in-One. When the zipped folder has been downloaded, extract all files. To launch Bonita Open Solution and begin designing a process:

- open the unzipped **bonita-all-in-one** folder
- launch the **BonitaStudio** application file for your operating system.

QuickStart Overview and Tutorial

The **Overview** may help you to begin working with **Bonita Open Solution** quickly. After the Overview is a **Tutorial** that will take you through creating, running, and managing a Process step by step.

QuickStart Overview

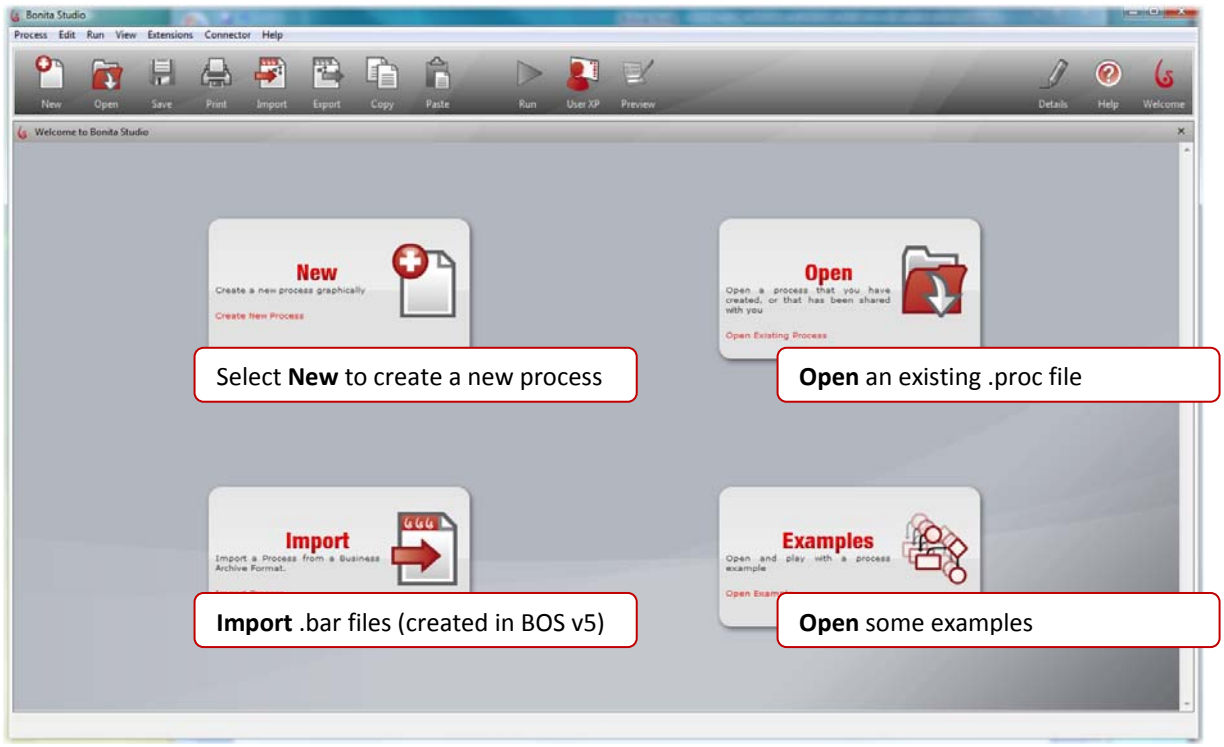


Figure 1. Welcome to Bonita Studio

You can also go directly to **User Experience** (on the Tool Bar) where existing Processes and Cases are managed.

Bonita Studio

When you click ***New*** to enter Bonita Studio, the Whiteboard is ready to begin:

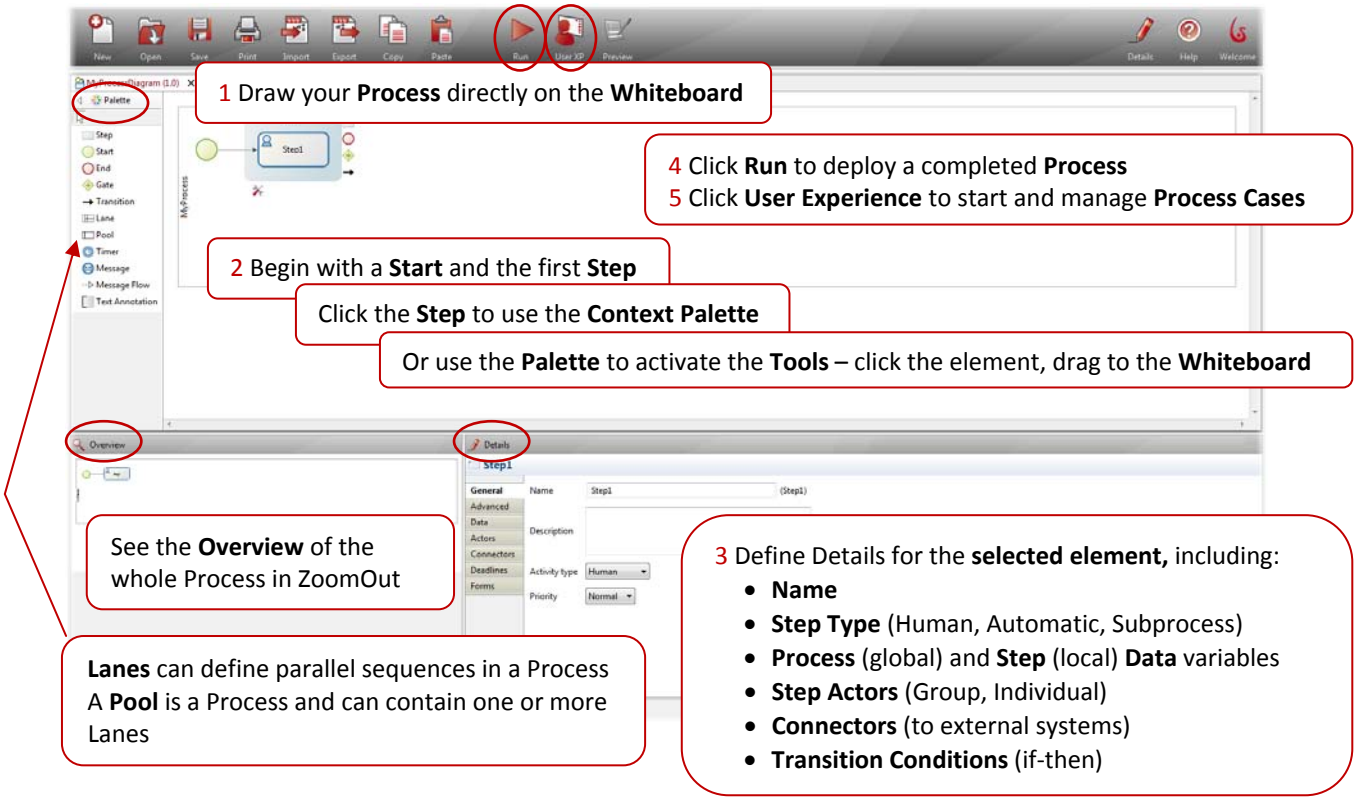


Figure 2. Bonita Studio ready to design a new Process

Bonita User Experience:

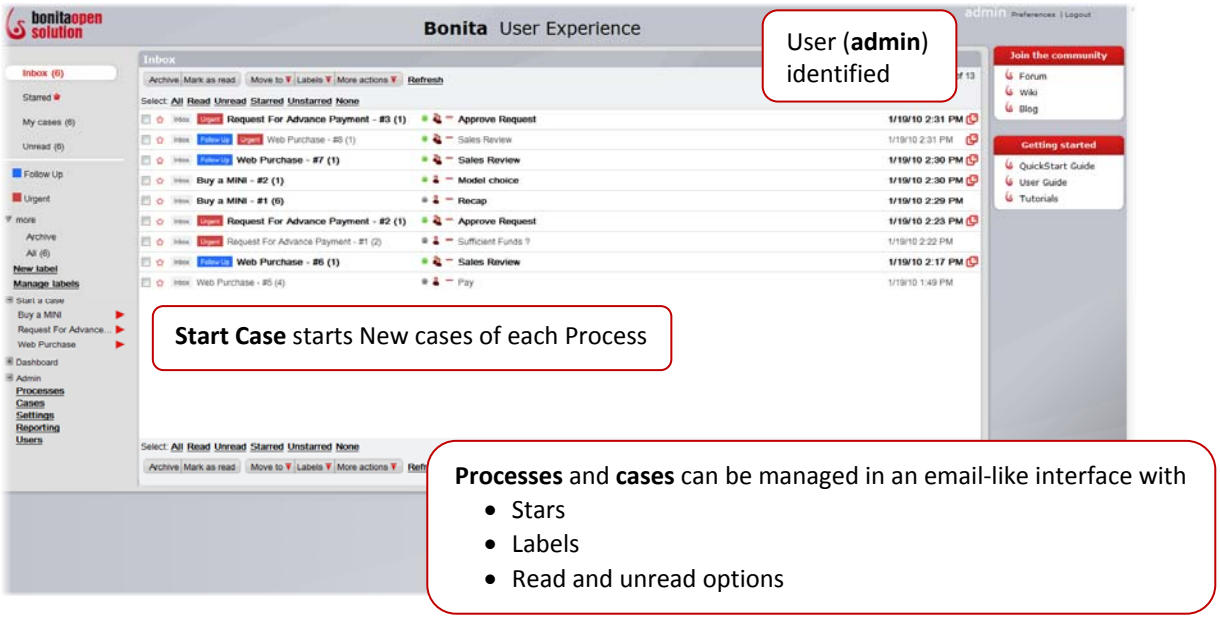


Figure 3. Bonita User Experience provides an in-box to manage Processes and Cases

QuickStart Tutorial

Follow the QuickStart tutorial example to:

- Design a complete **Process** graphically in **Bonita Studio**, as you
  - Draw **Steps** and **Transitions** using the graphic tools in the Bonita Studio **Palette**
  - Create an iteration and add a **Gate**
  - Add **Conditions** to Transitions
  - Add **Details** to the Process (global variables)and to Individual Steps (local variables)
- **Run** the Process you create
- Complete a Process **Case** and interact with the manual Steps
- See the Process, and the Cases you will create, in **Bonita User Experience**
- Return to the Process and design Forms using the **Form Builder** function of **Bonita Studio**

Prepare to Design a Process Graphically in Bonita Studio

Design a simple process, `Web Purchase`:

1. A customer orders an item from a web store.
2. A company sales employee processes the request manually (approves it, rejects it, or adds more information to the order).
3. If/when the customer's order is approved, he/she pays for the order.
4. The customer chooses whether to have the item shipped by Express Delivery.
5. The transaction is archived.

The Process will look like this when completed:

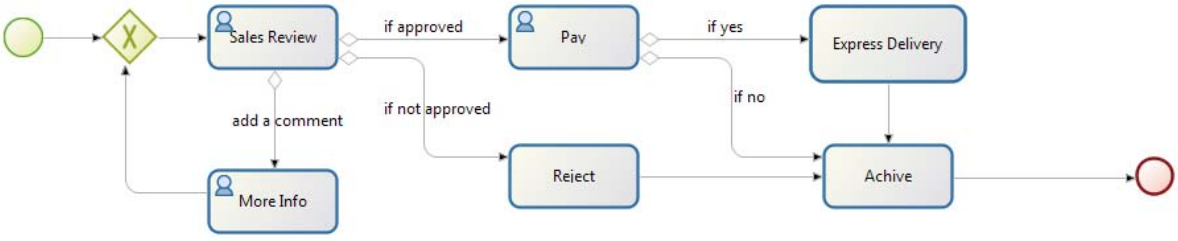


Figure 4. Completed Web Purchase Process

(It might be helpful to keep this handy as you design the Process.)

Launch Bonita Studio

Launch Bonita Studio and Select **New** to create a new Process. Bonita Studio will appear with a **Start** a first **Step**.

Draw Steps and Transitions

Start by defining the **Steps** to create a Web Purchase process.

The first step in this Process is to review and process a customer's order. (In this tutorial, you'll define the customer order *after* defining the process to handle it.)

Click the initial Step, if necessary, to highlight it. Note that its Context Palette is highlighted too.

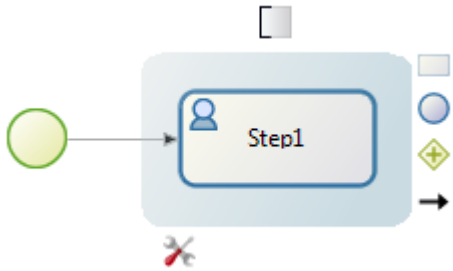
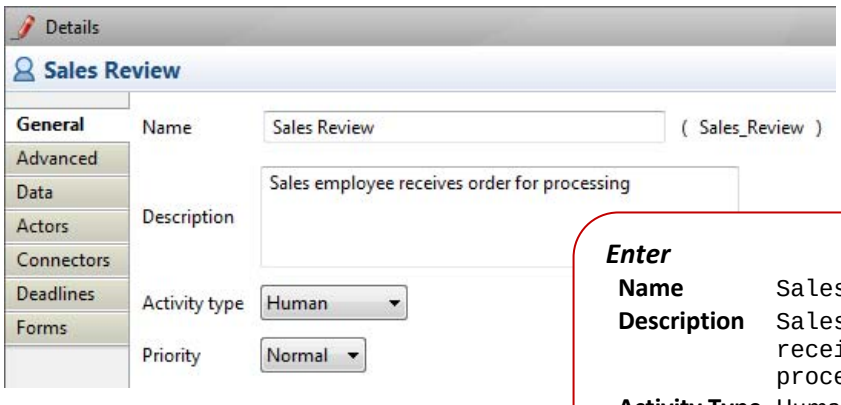


Figure 5. Begin a new Process with a Start and a Step

Go to the **Details** panel, click **General** if necessary to highlight it, and enter:



Enter

Name	`Sales Review`
Description	`Sales employee receives order for processing`
Activity Type	Human
Priority	Normal

Figure 6. Enter General Details for Sales Review

Before adding the next Steps, define who will take action in this Step - the Actor(s).

Click the **Actors** in **Details** for **Sales Review**. Note that Initiator show up here as a default Actor. However, since the Actor for this Step is *not* the Initiator, you will change this.

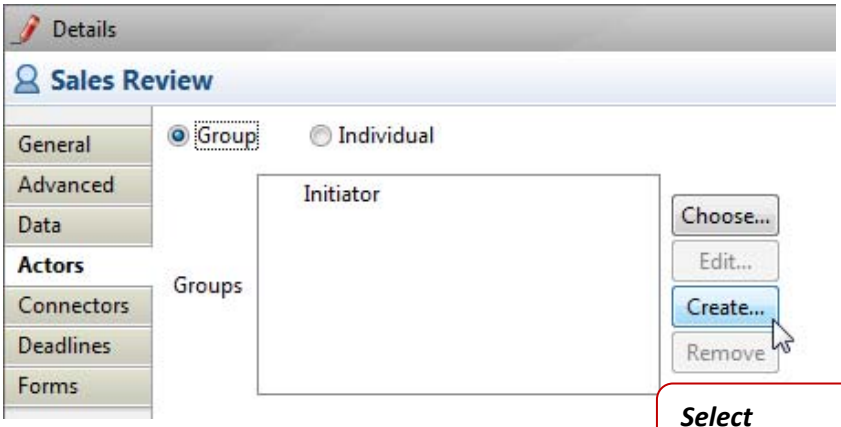


Figure 7. Create a Group of Actors for Sales Review

Complete the wizards:

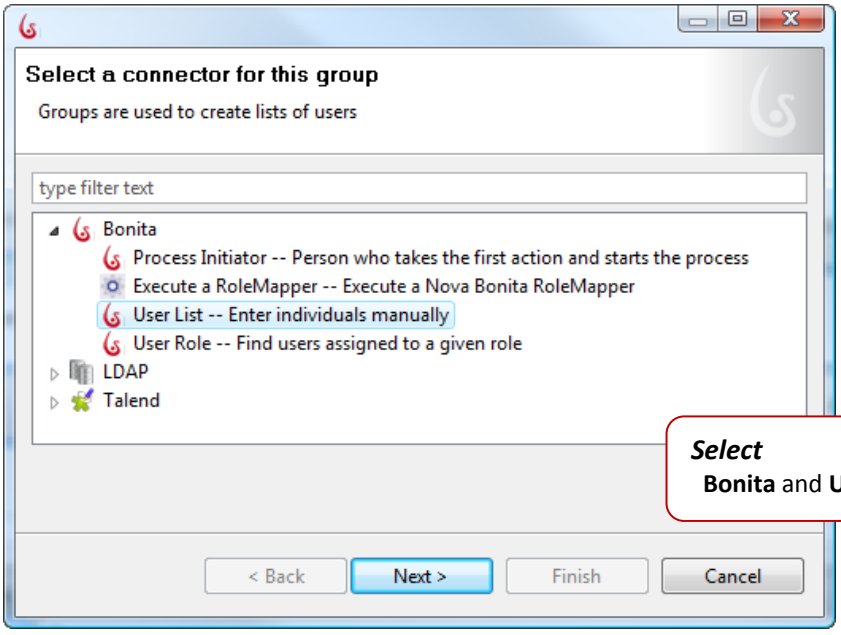


Figure 8. Select the option to manually enter names for a User List

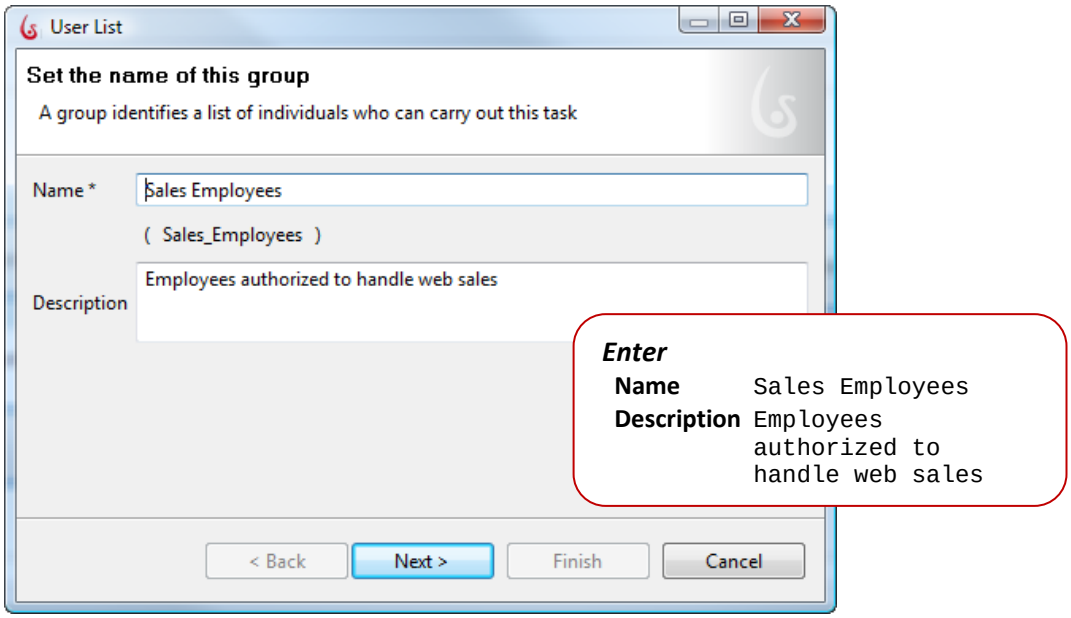


Figure 9. Name the Group

When you define Actors in this Process, you'll include "admin" in the list. When you Run the completed process, Bonita User Experience opens for the "Admininstrator" by default. Including the admininstrator in the list of Actors for all Human Steps ensures that you'll see those Steps in the default User Experience inbox.

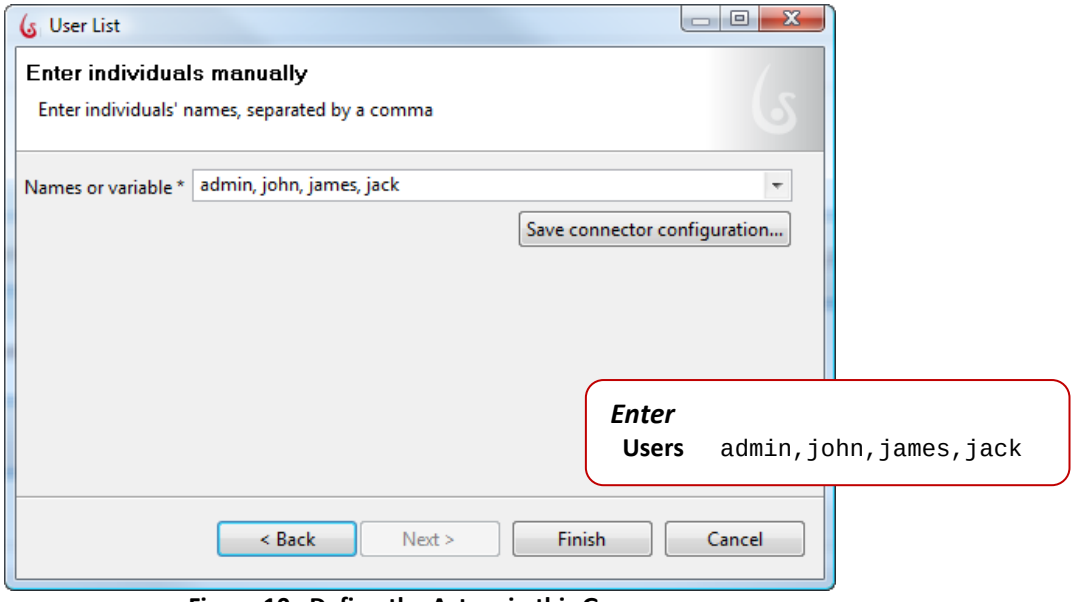


Figure 10. Define the Actors in this Group

The Group you just created will now show in the list of Groups available for this Step.

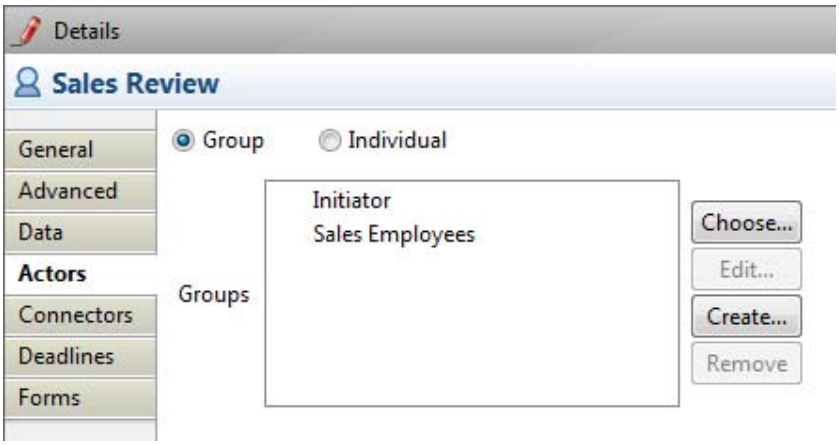


Figure 11. The newly created Group shows up in the Groups list for the Sales Review Step

Highlight **Initiator** and ***Remove*** this Actor.

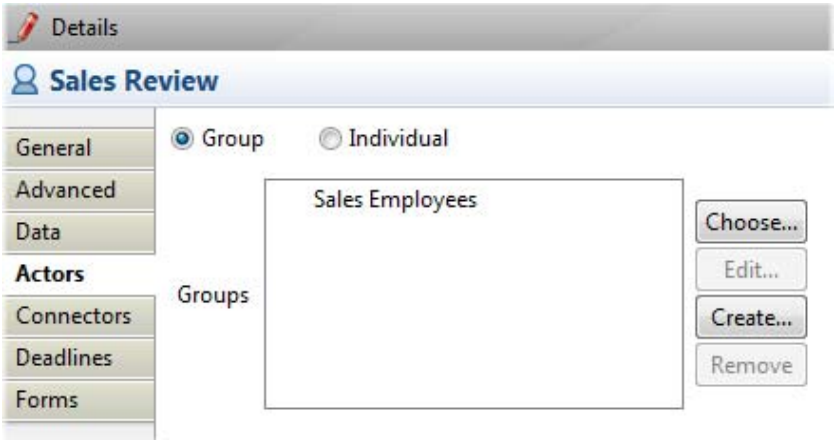


Figure 12. *Sales Employees* is now the only group of Actors for this Step

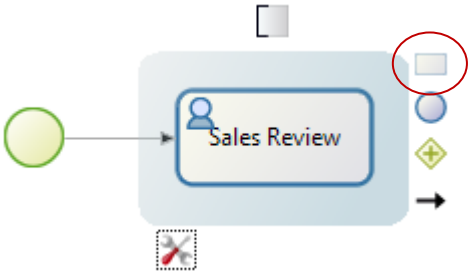
You'll come back to this Step later to add additional Details.

At this point in the process, the sales employee can choose to:

1) validate the request and the customer can pay; OR
2) reject the request; OR
3) enter more information relevant to the customer's order.

Accordingly, next add 3 Steps, all connected to Sales Review, as detailed below.

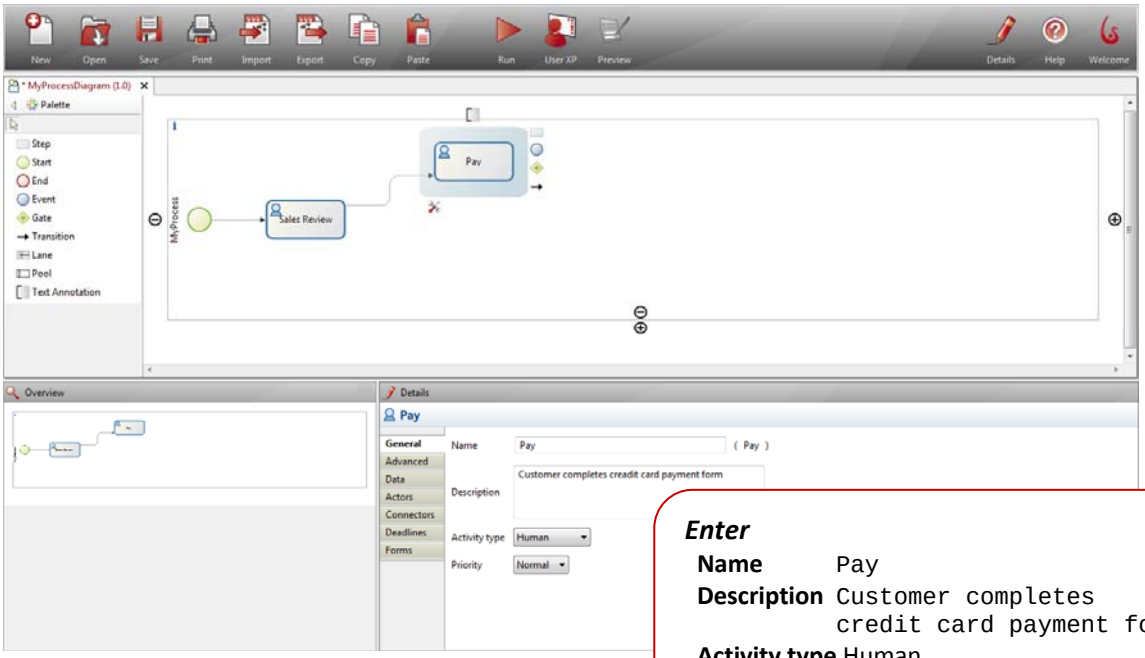
Sales Review should still be highlighted. (If not, click it.) The Context Palette to the right of the Step is highlighted too.



Click on the Step tool (circled) and drag a new Step onto the Whiteboard

Figure 13. Use the Context Palette to draw new elements on the Whiteboard

Be sure that the new Step is highlighted. Go to **Details** and click **General** to name it:



Enter

Name Pay
Description Customer completes credit card payment form
Activity type Human
Priority Normal

Figure 14. Name a new Step and enter its General Details

Click on **Actors** to define:

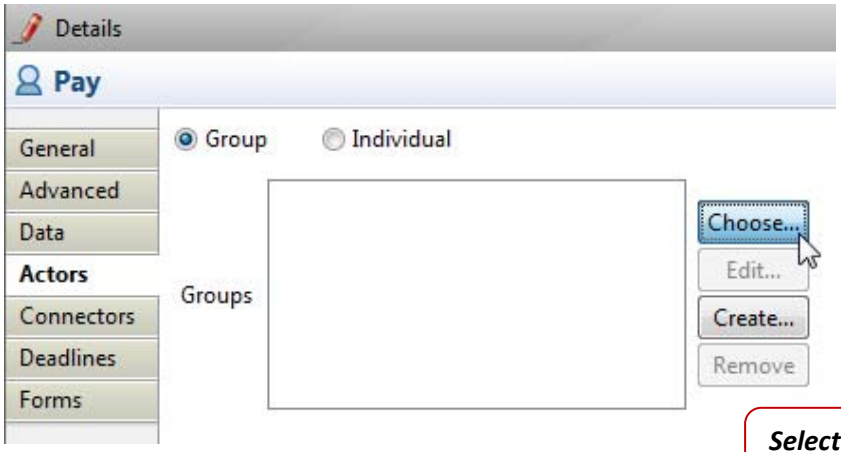


Figure 15. Define the Actors for this Step

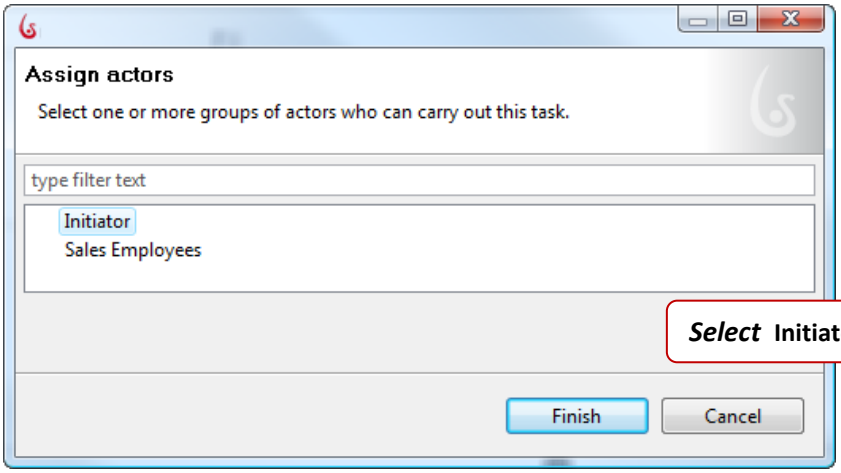


Figure 16. Select the Process Initiator as the Actor for this Step

Now add the other 2 Steps connected to Sales Review. First, **Reject**. In ***Details -> General***:

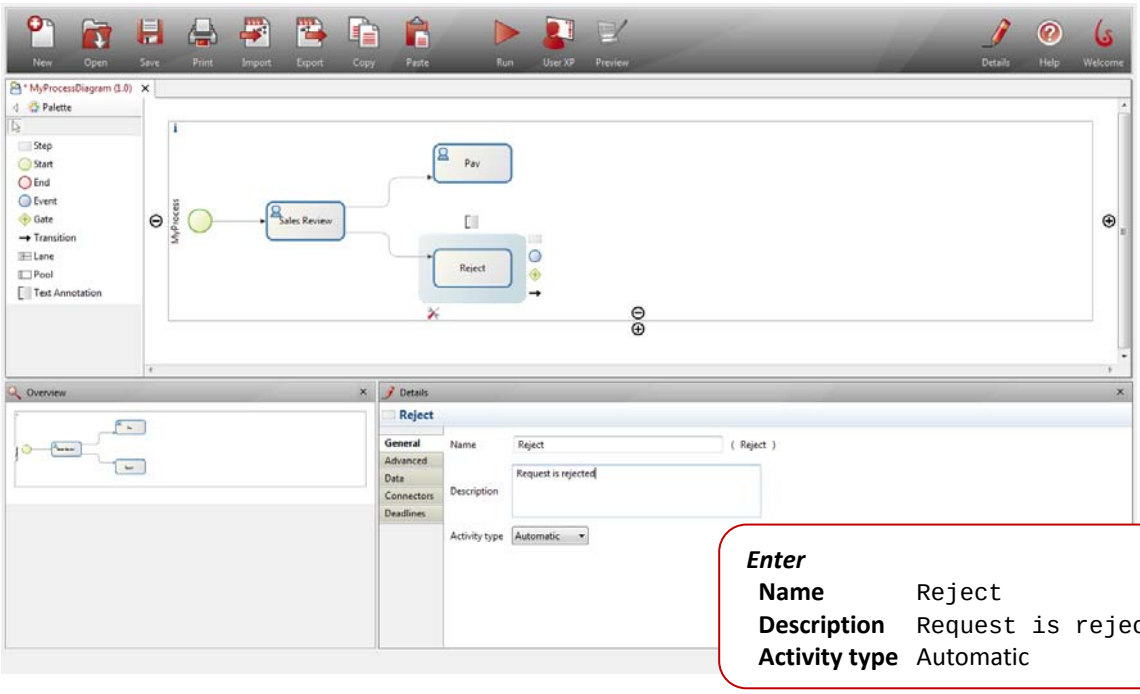


Figure 17. Add Reject Step and define its General Details

Then, **More Info**. In ***Details -> General***:

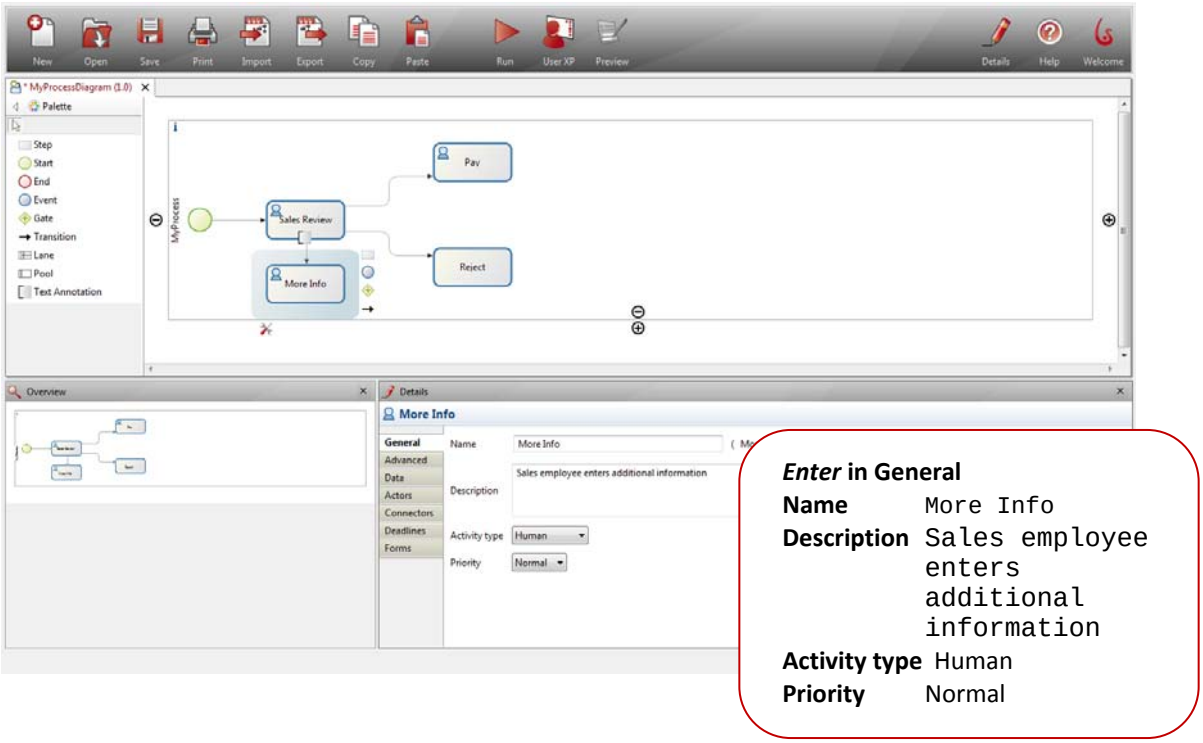


Figure 18. Add More Info Step and define its General Details

Then in ***Details -> Actors -> Group,*** select ***Choose:***

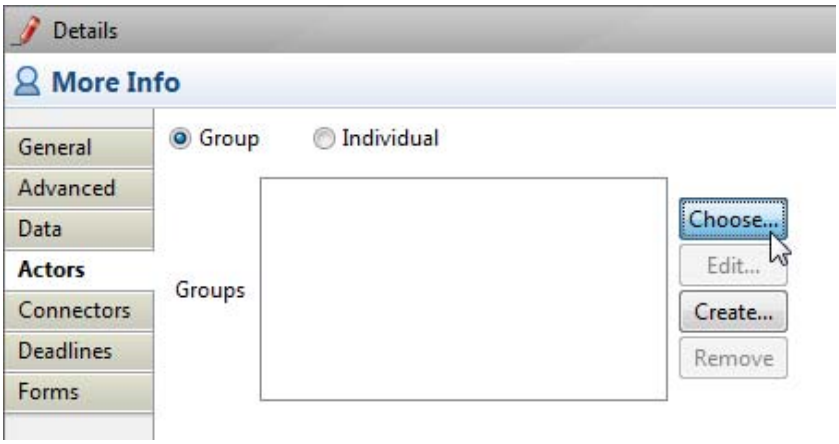


Figure 19. Choose the Group of Actors for More Info

Complete the **Assign Actors** wizard:

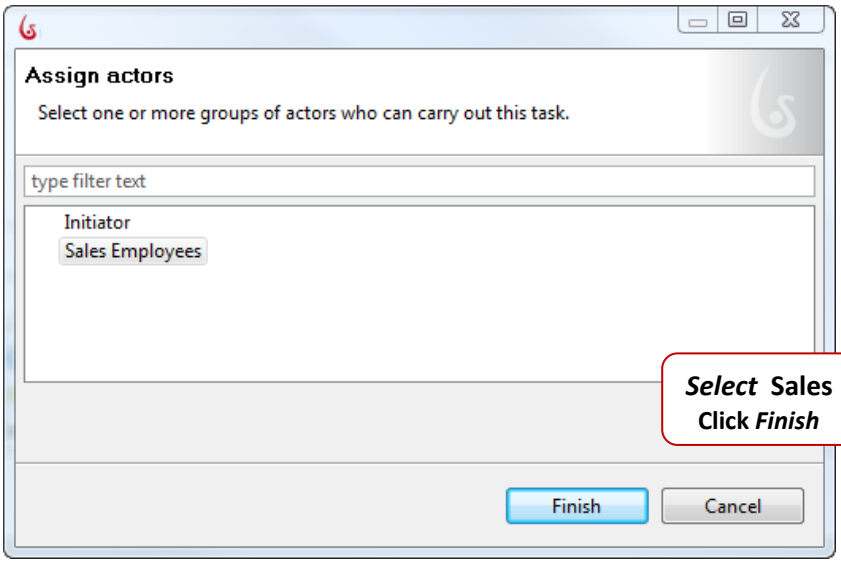


Figure 20. Select the already defined Group Sales Employees

You'll add the information that determines the necessary conditions (if-then) for each of these 3 Transition paths later.

Rename the Pool from `My Process` to `Web Purchase`. Click on the Pool to deselect all elements. Click on ***MyProcess -> Details -> Pool***:

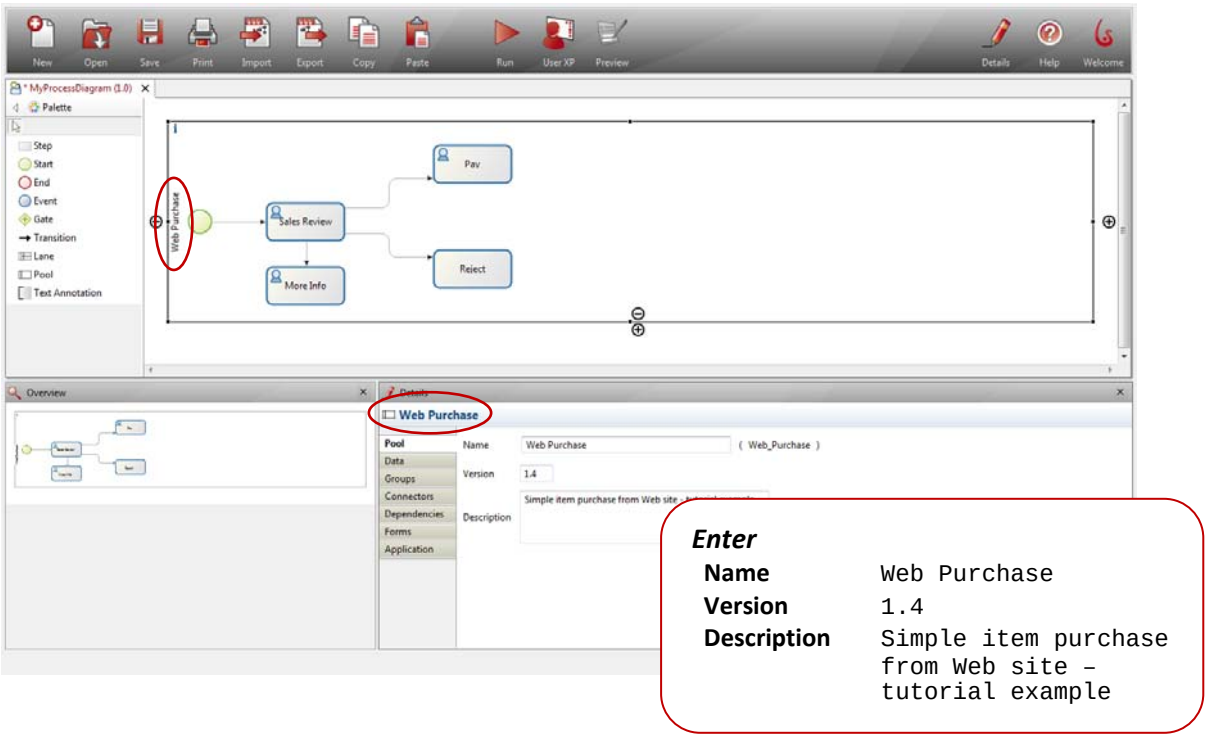


Figure 21. Rename this Pool

Rename the Process Diagram from **`MyProcessDiagram`** to **`Web Purchase Diagram`**. Click outside the Pool to deselect all elements. Click on ***MyProcessDiagram -> Details -> Diagram***:

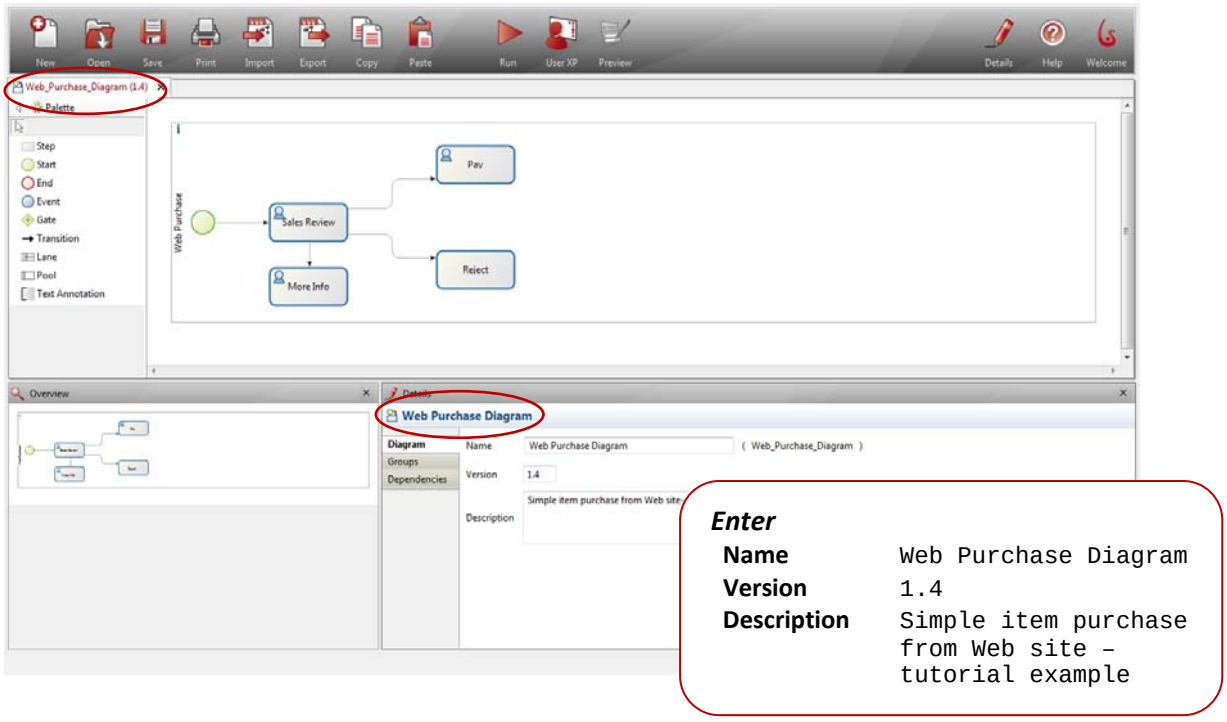
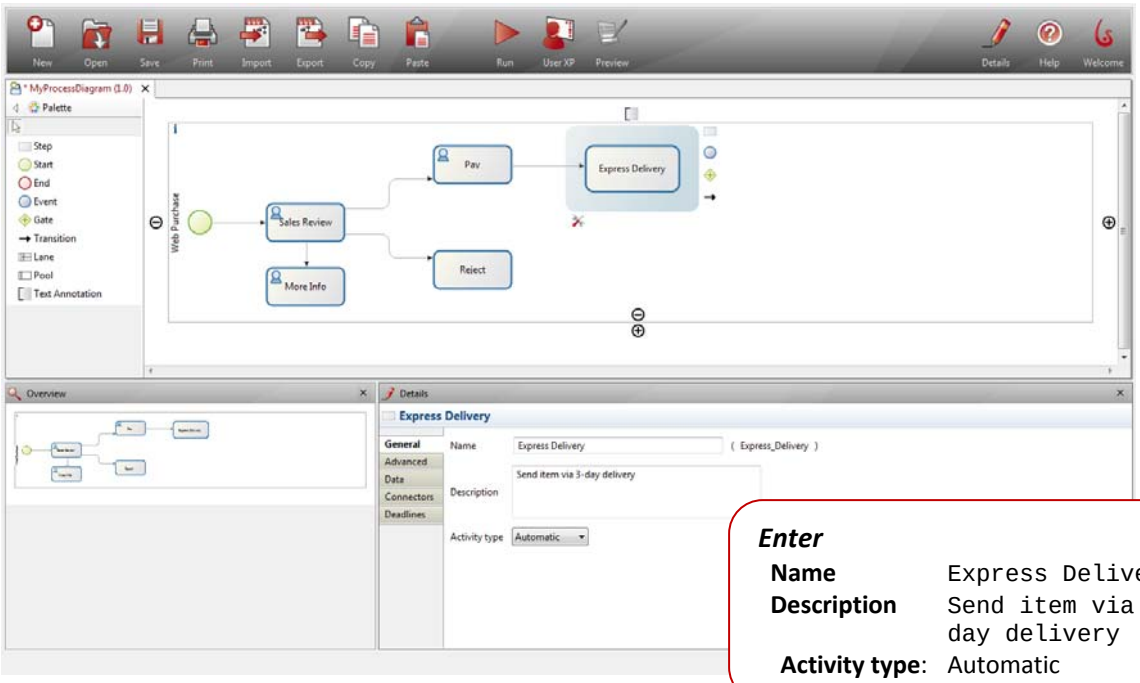


Figure 22. Rename this Process Diagram

Save the Process. The Whiteboard tab is now labeled **`Web Purchase Diagram (1.0)`** and the Pool is now labeled **Web_Purchase**. Continue the Process definition.

As the customer completes the Pay Step, he/she will choose whether the item is to be sent express. Click **Pay** and use the Context Palette to add a new Step. Name it **`Express Delivery`**.



Enter

Name	`Express Delivery`
Description	`Send item via 3-day delivery`
Activity type:	Automatic

Figure 23. Add Express Delivery Step and define its General Details

End this Process by archiving the interaction. Add a Step after Express Delivery, go to **Details -> General**, and name it **Archive**.

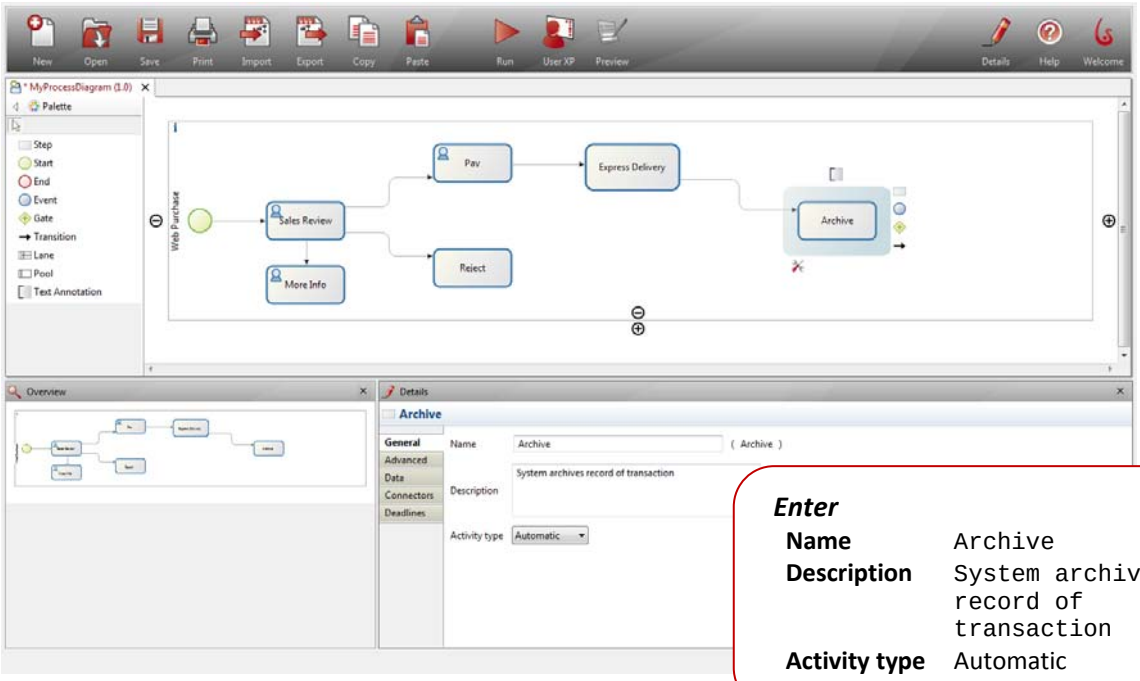


Figure 24. Add Archive Step and define its General Details

Now that all the Steps have been defined, add the **Transitions** to connect them.

As "no-express-delivery" requests will also be archived, add a **Transition** between **Pay** and **Archive**. Select → **Transition** from the Palette, click **Pay** and drag the arrow to **Archive**.

As rejected requests will also be archived, add a **Transition** between **Reject** and **Archive**. Select → **Transition**, then **Reject** and drag to **Archive**.

End the process – highlight **Archive** and add an **End**. Drag the Event into place, and select the red End event to create and End.

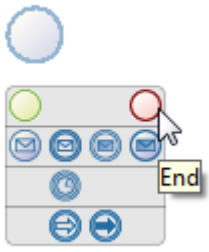


Figure 25. Add an End event

Click and drag the individual elements in your Process to rearrange them if you wish. Unruly transition arrows can be moved manually by selecting the Transition, and clicking or unclicking the Automatic layout box in its Details.

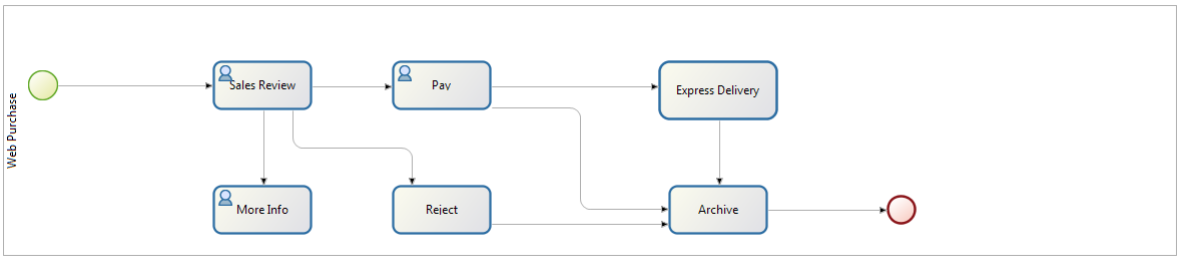


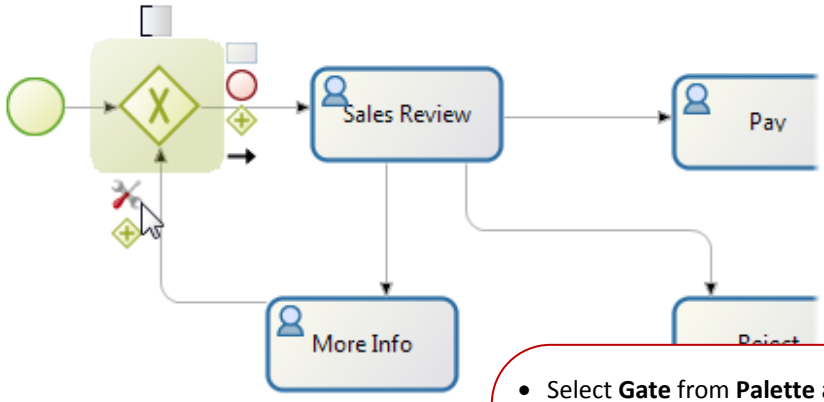
Figure 26. Rearrange the Process elements on the Whiteboard

The general sequence of the Process is nearly defined. Now add missing information to complete it.

Create an Iteration and add an XOR gate

Note that **More Info** has an input but no output. In this simple tutorial example Process, the output will be returned to the sales employee so he/she can add information and complete the approval.

However, Sales Review will then have two inputs. A **Gate** will define how these inputs should be treated. Sales Review can proceed with either input, so an **XOR Gate** is needed.



- Select **Gate** from **Palette** and place it on the Whiteboard.
- Change Gate **Type** to **XOR**.
- Draw **Transition** between **More Info** and **Gate**. (Select → from the Palette, click **More Info** and drag the arrow to **Gate**.)
- Delete Transition **Start** - **Sales Review** (with a right click or with *Delete* on the keyboard)
- Draw new Transition **Start** - **Gate**.
- Draw new **Transition Gate** - **Sales Review**.

Figure 27. Add an XOR Gate

Note: If there is no XOR gate to resolve multiple inputs, Bonita Open Solution treats them as XOR by default. The Step will take the first to arrive and proceed.

Add Conditions to Transitions

Note that Sales Review has 3 outputs, and each Case of the Process will follow only one of them. One way to define how a Process will "choose" to follow which path is to define specific **Data** in the Details of **Sales Review**. Then define a Condition for each Transition.

Select **Sales Review** and in its **Details**, add **Data**:

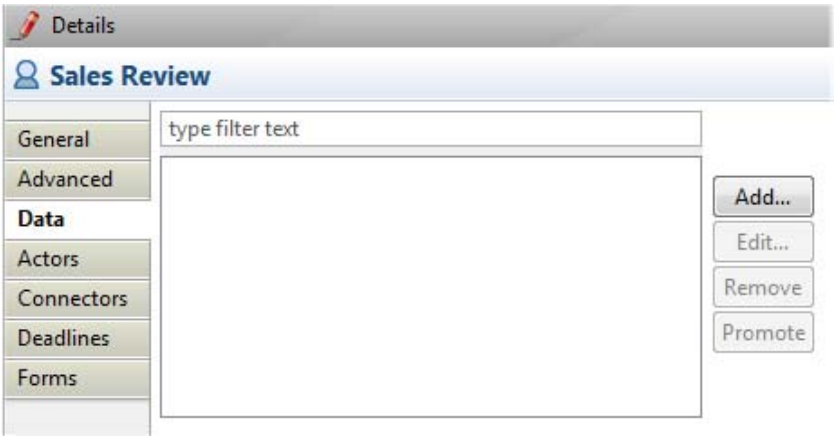
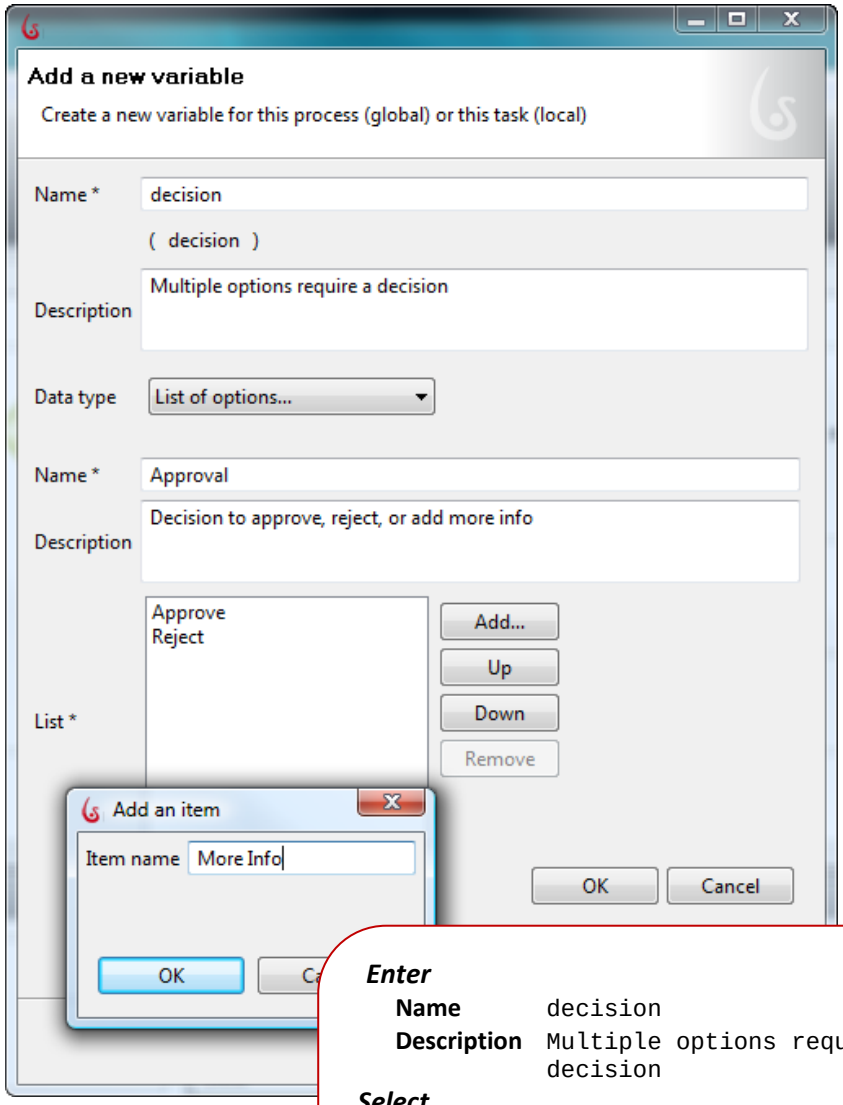


Figure 28. Add Data to Details for Sales Review

In the next wizard, define the Data type as a **List of options**, give it a name, and add the list items.



Enter

Name	`decision`
Description	`Multiple options require a decision`

Select

Data type	`List`
Name	(list): `Approval`
Description:	`Decision to approve, reject, or add more info`

Add `Approve`, `Reject`, and `More Info`

Figure 29. Define a list for Sales Review

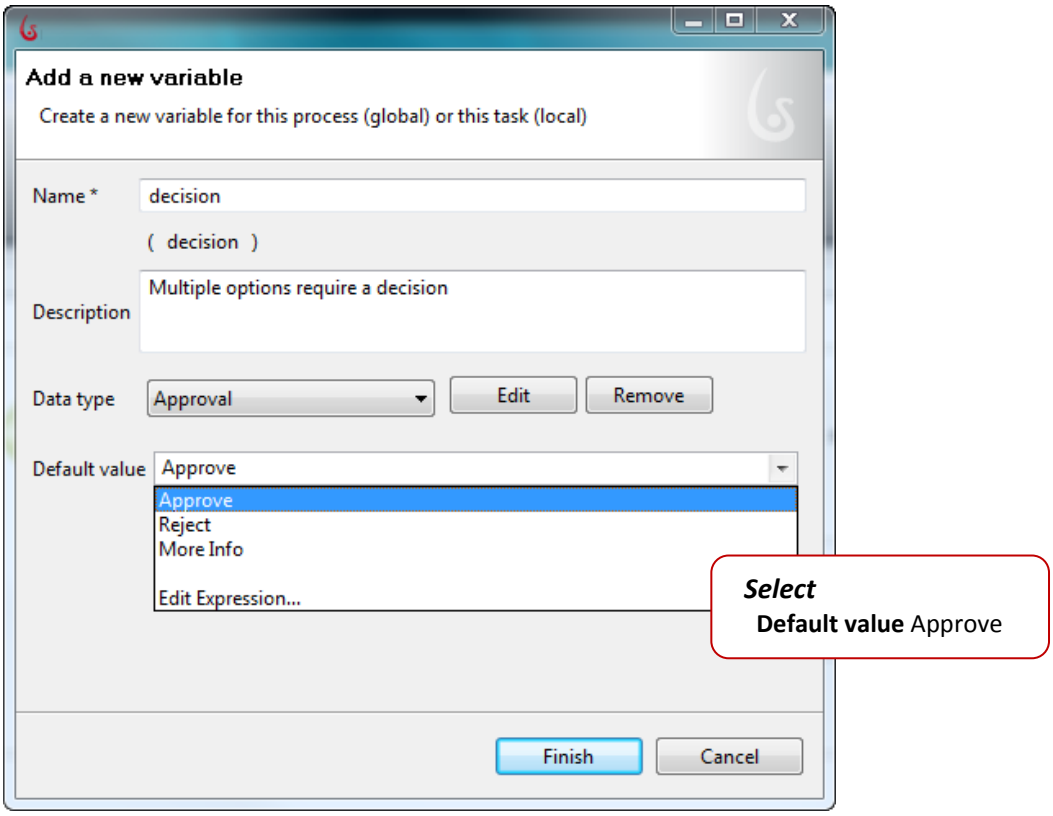


Figure 30. Select a default value for the List

The list variable now shows in ***Sales Review -> Details -> Data***.

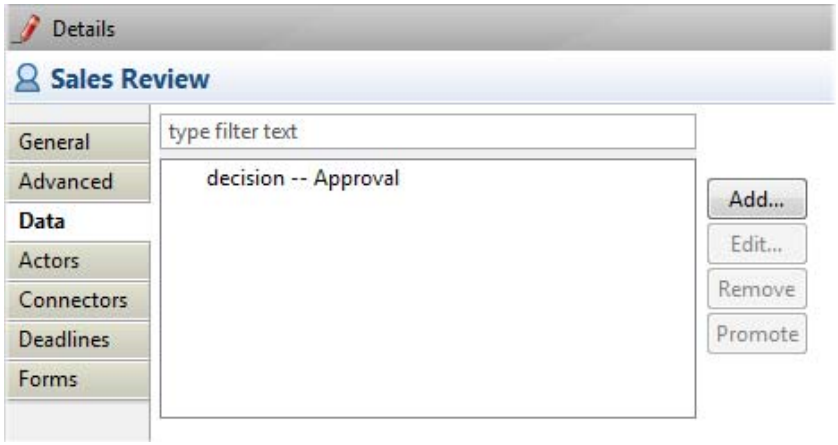
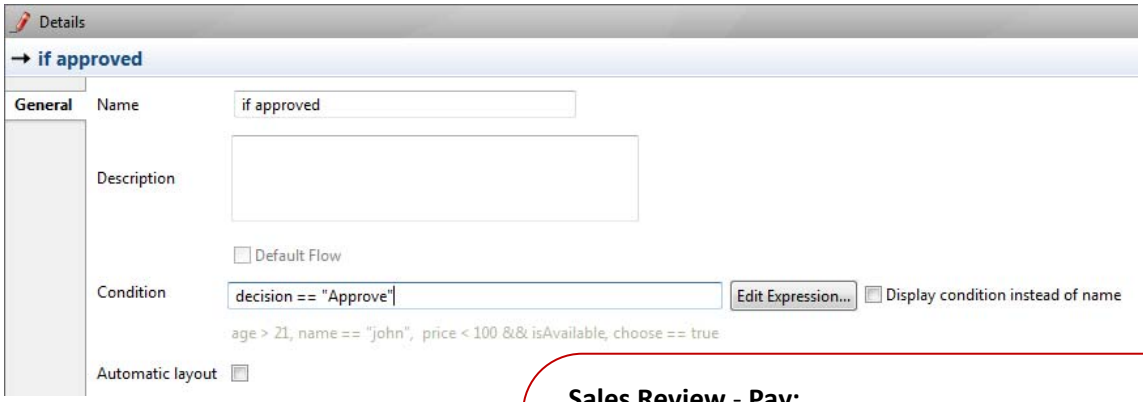


Figure 31. Newly created Data (variable) shows up in Data for this Step

Associate each Transition output from **Sales Review** with its associated decision **Condition**. Select each Transition in turn:



Sales Review - Pay:
Name `if approved`
Conditions `decision== "Approve"`
Sales Review – Reject:
Name: `if not approved`
Conditions: `decision=="Reject"`
Sales Review - More Info:
Name: `add a comment`
Conditions `decision== "More Info"`

Figure 32. Define Conditions for Transitions

The Name of each Transition now shows on the Process. Click and drag to move them if you wish.

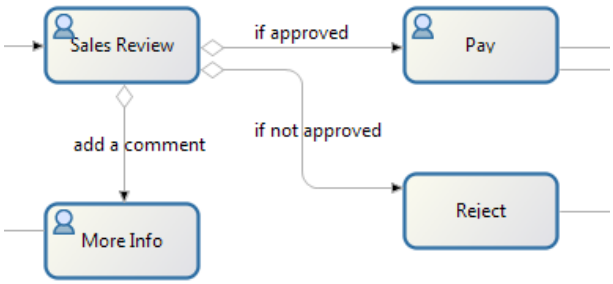


Figure 33. Transition Names appear on Whiteboard

Note that Pay has two outputs, too. You'll return to modify its Details in a similar way. But first…

Add Details to Process/Steps

Complete the Details, beginning with Data, for the global Process **Web Purchase**. This information will be used to generate the form that the customer completes to begin the process. Global data is accessible to any Step in the Process; while local data is available only to the Step where it is defined.

Add 4 global Data variables: 3 Text and one List. Click on the Pool, go to **Web Purchase Details**, select **Data**, then **Add**.

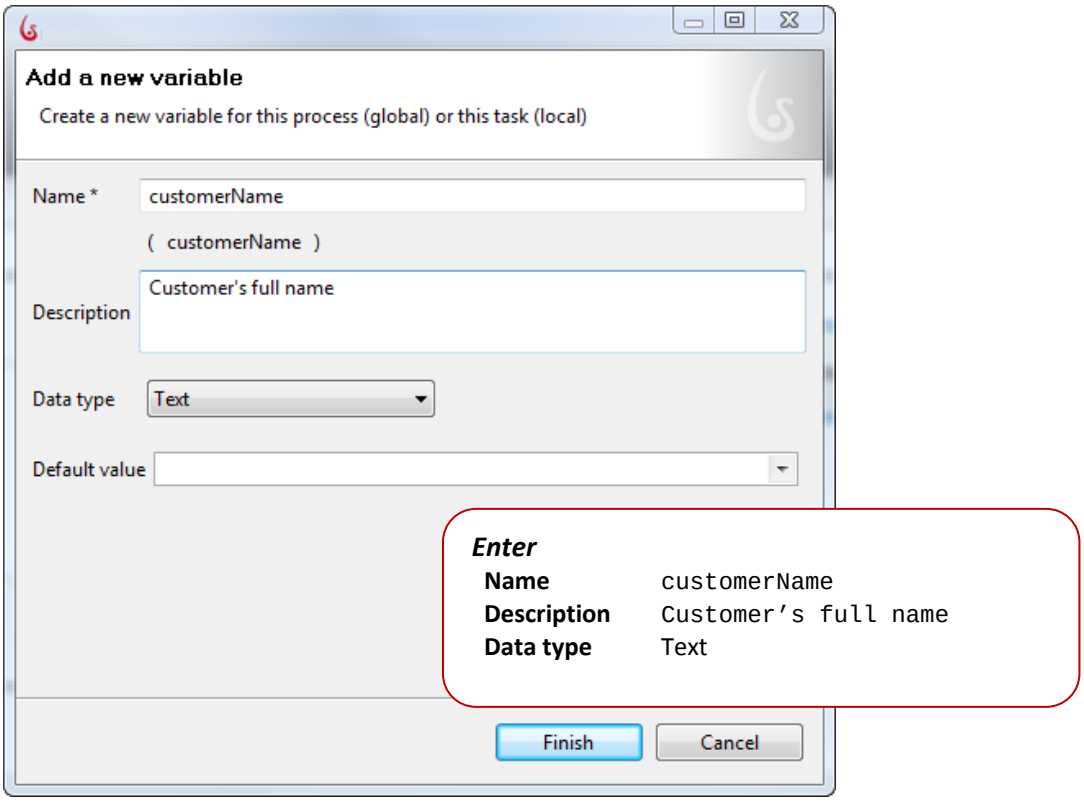


Figure 34. Add Data to Details for Web Purchase Process (global variable)

Continue, and Add `customerPhone` and `customerEmail` as simple Text variables with no default values.

For the last variable, add a List of options.

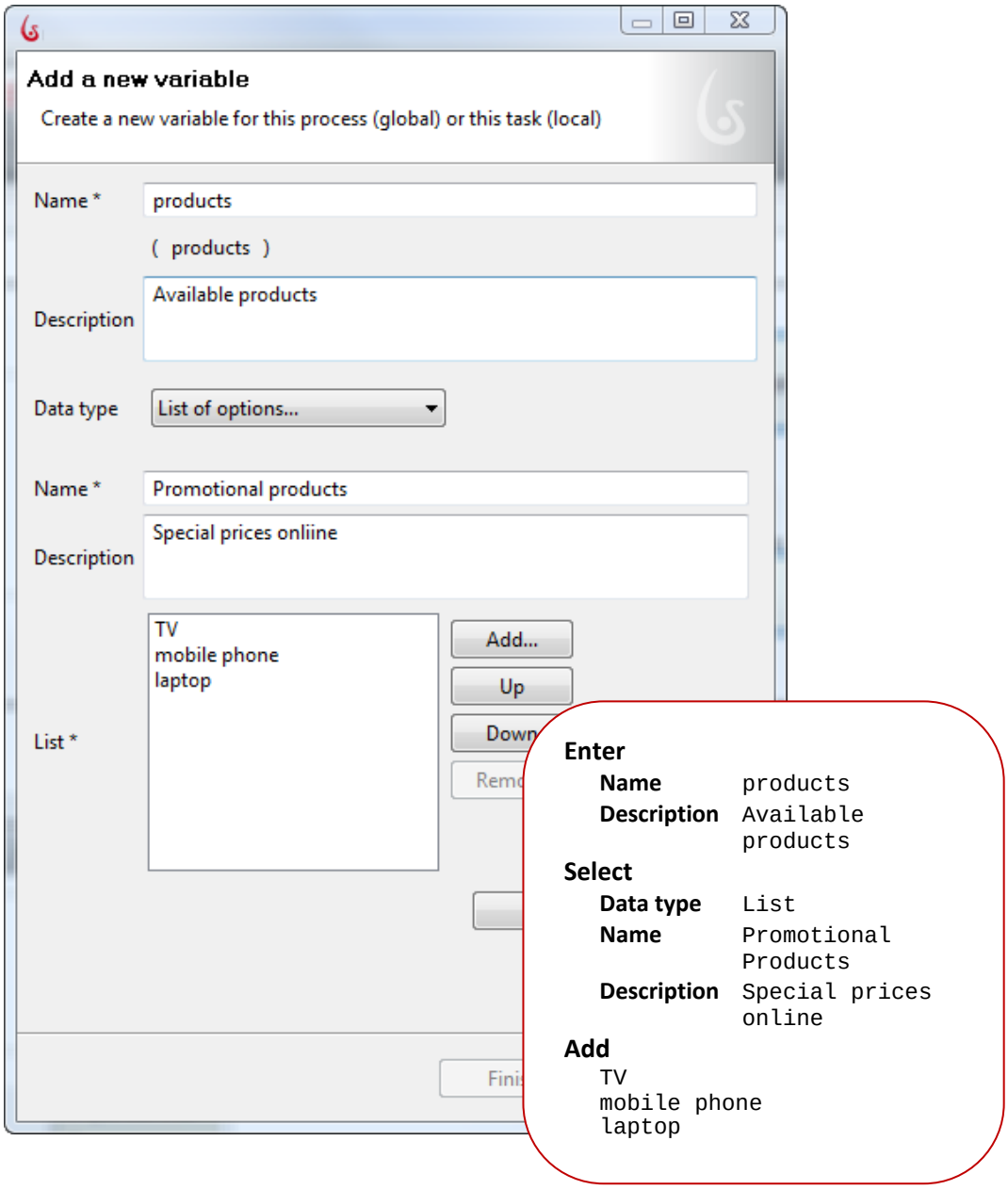


Figure 35. Define a list at Process level (global list variable)

Select a default:

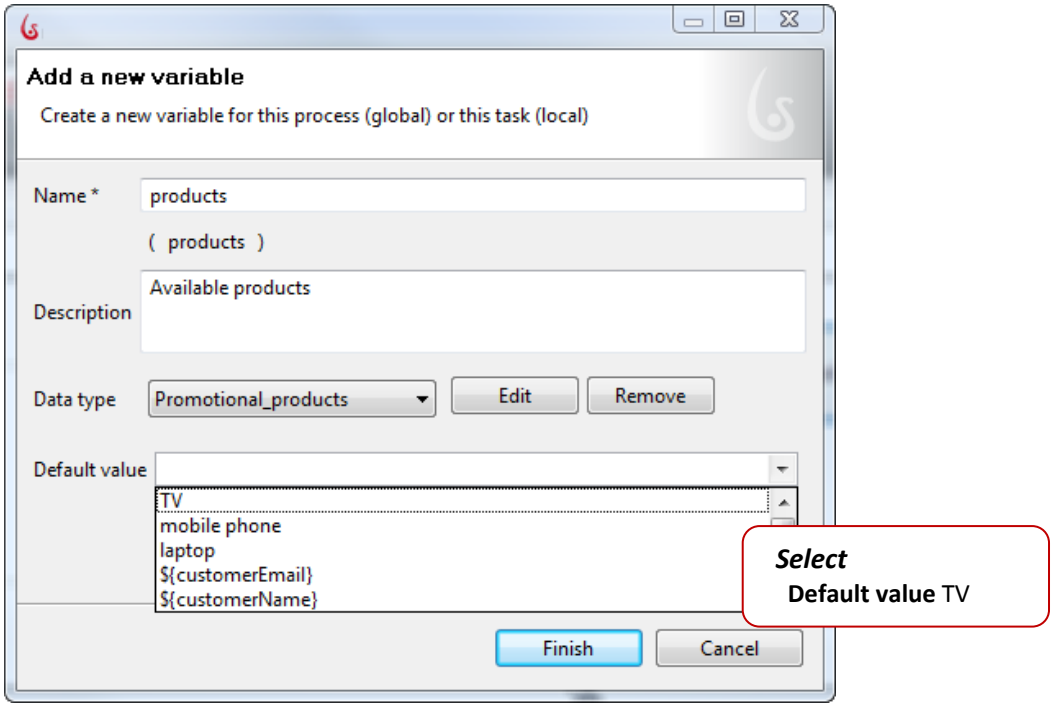


Figure 36. Select a default value for the list

Note that ***Web Purchase -> Details -> Data*** now contains 4 global variables.

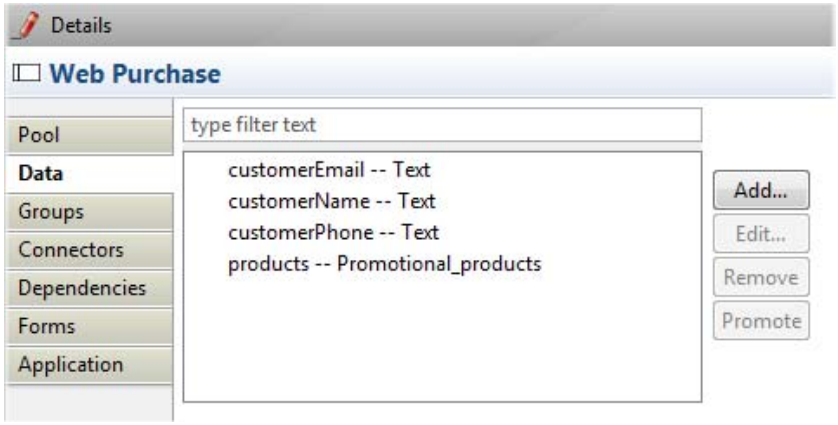


Figure 37. Newly created Data (variables) show up in Data for the Process

Now complete the details for the **More Info** and **Pay** Steps:

Go to **More Info -> Data** and select ***Add***:

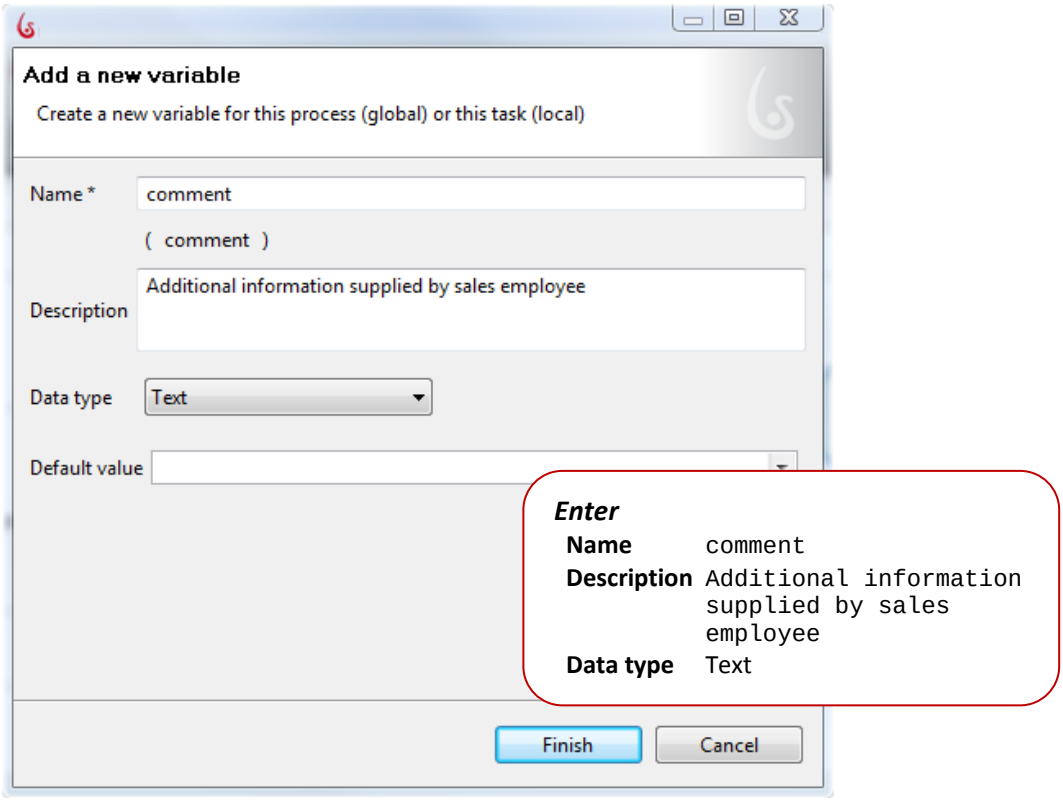


Figure 38. Add Data to Details for More Info

The new variable now shows in Details.

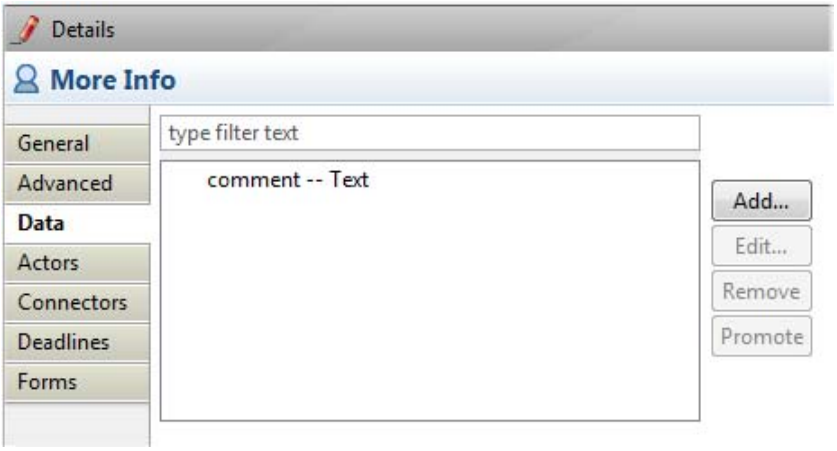


Figure 39. Newly created Data (variable) shows up in Data for this Step

Go to **Pay ->Data** and select ***Add***.

Add 2 text variables and 1 Boolean variable:

Add 2 text variables:

- **Name**: `creditCardNumber`
- **Description**: `Customer's Credit Card`
- **Data type**: Text

and

- **Name**: `expirationDate`
- **Description**: `Card valid until`
- **Data type**: Date
- **Default value**: `Now`

And Add a Boolean yes/no for the choice of express delivery:

- **Name**: `chooseExpressDelivery`
- **Description**: `If yes - send express; if no - send regular post`
- **Data type**: Boolean
- **Default value**: `true`

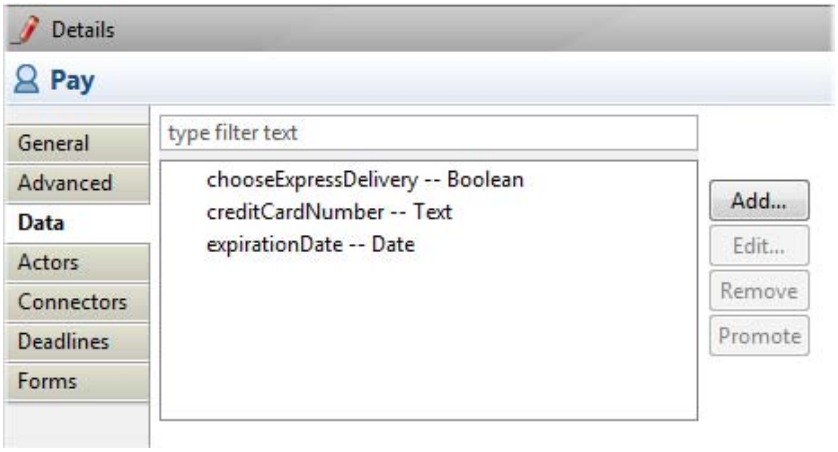


Figure 40. Newly created Data (variables) show up in Data for this Step

Here is where you'll define the conditions for each output path.

Add "if-then" **Conditions** to 2 **Transitions.**

Select the **Transition** between **Pay** and **Express Delivery**. In the **Conditions** field, enter `chooseExpressDelivery`. This Groovy expression evaluates to `chooseExpressDelivery=true`.

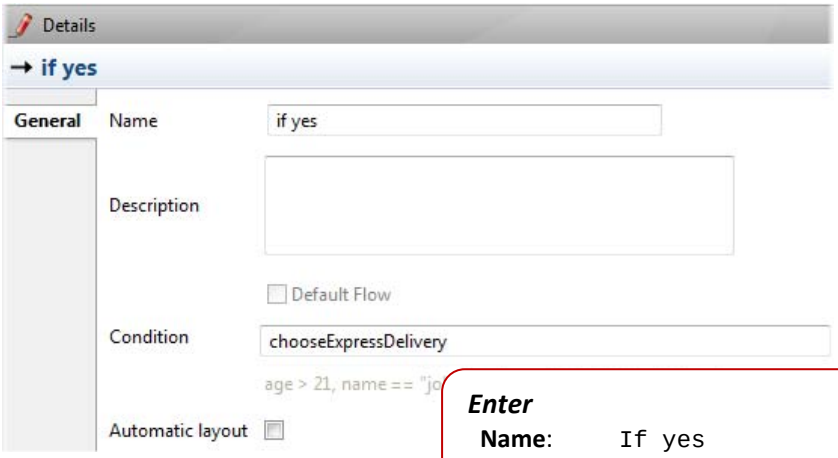


Figure 41. Add a Boolean Condition (true) to a Transition

Select the **Transition** between **Pay** and **Archive**. Change its name to "if no." In the **Conditions** field, enter `!chooseExpressDelivery`. This Groovy expression evaluates to `chooseExpressDelivery=false`.

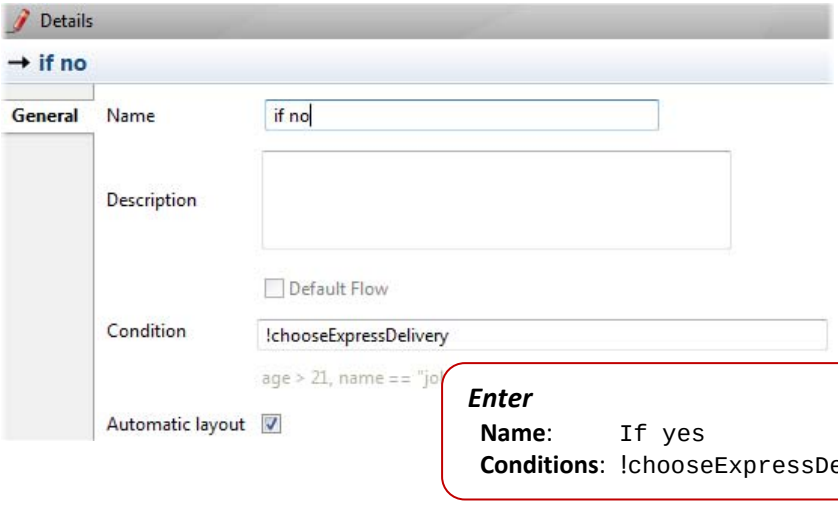


Figure 42. Add a Boolean (false) Condition to a Transition

The Name of each Transition now shows on the Process.

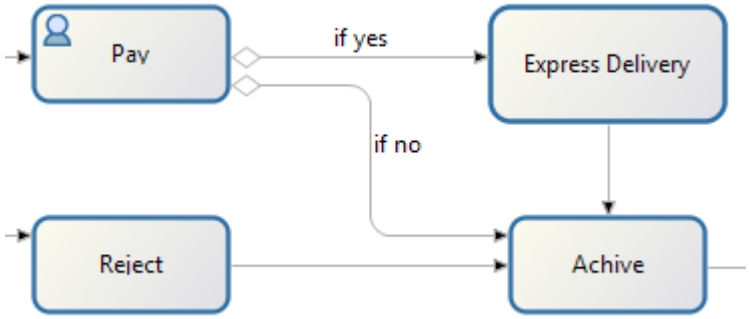


Figure 43. Transition Names appear on Process

The Process is now complete and ready to deploy/run. Save your Process.

Run a Process

To **Run** (deploy) your process, click the Run icon from the Task bar or select ***Run*** from the Menu bar.

After a few moments, **Bonita Open Solution** will present a series of status messages. The deployment is successful. Note that you are logged in as the Admin.

The Process can now run Step by Step. The forms are presented in the default Bonita Form and default Bonita Web Application, which you have not customized (the fields are not presented in any specified order, they are labeled with the variable name, and so on). After you complete the Run a Process section, you can return to Bonita Studio and change these forms (see Customize Forms).

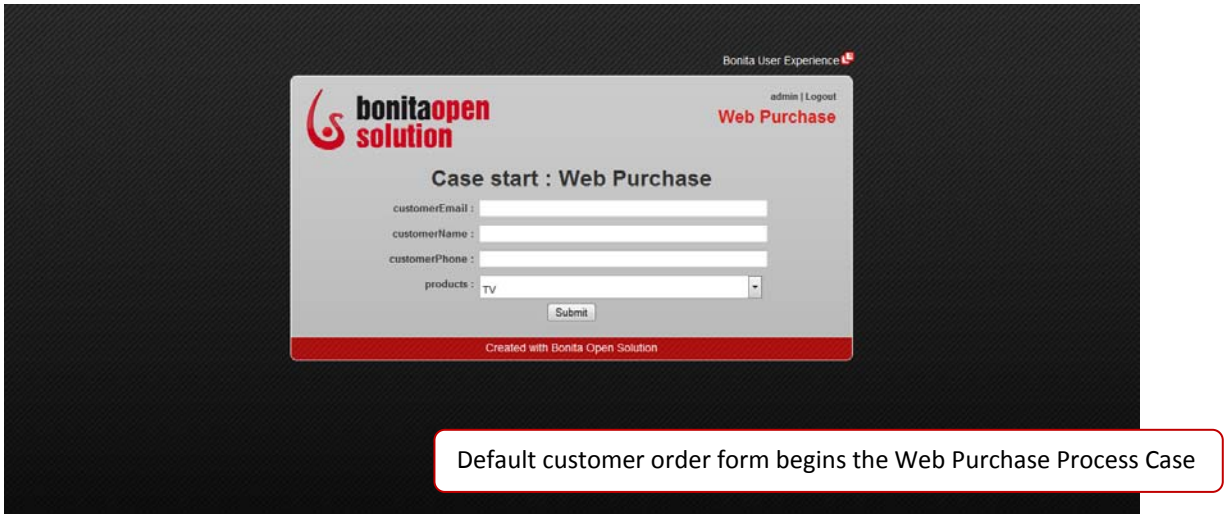


Figure 44. Web Purchase Process Case initial Form (customer order form)

At each Step, you can take action as you have previously defined it. (Note that you as Administrator are testing the manual actions of the Customer (Initiator) at the beginning of the Process and at **Pay**, and of the Sales Employee at **Sales Review** and **More Info**.)

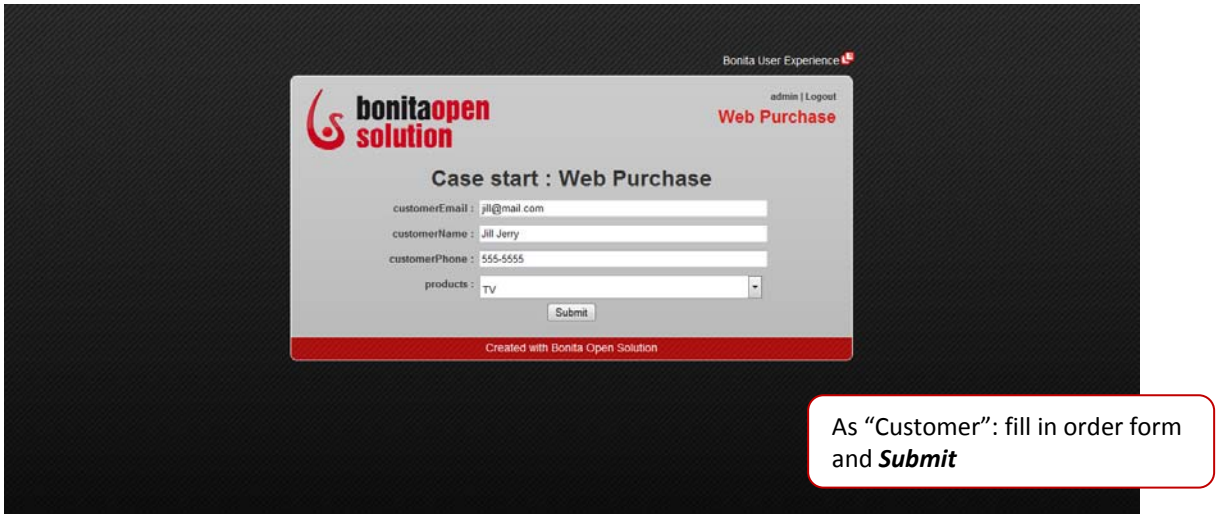


Figure 45. Fill in Web Purchase Process customer order Form to start a Case

The information entered by the "customer" is presented for approval in the Sales Review Step. You can now *Approve*, *Reject*, or request to enter *More Information*. Note that the Step candidates include the individuals you have identified as Sales Employees, plus the admin.

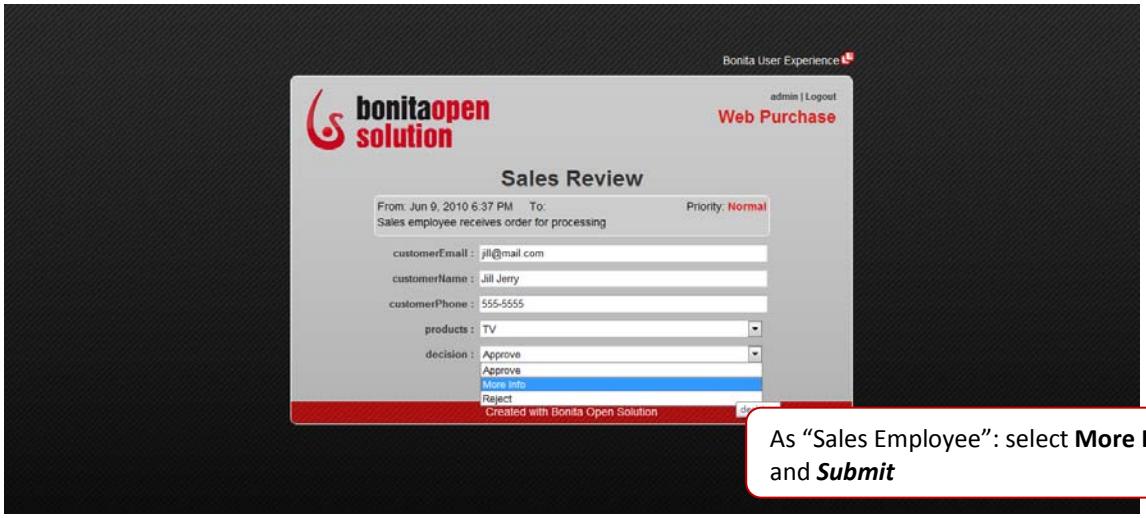


Figure 46. Choose a Decision at Sales Review Step

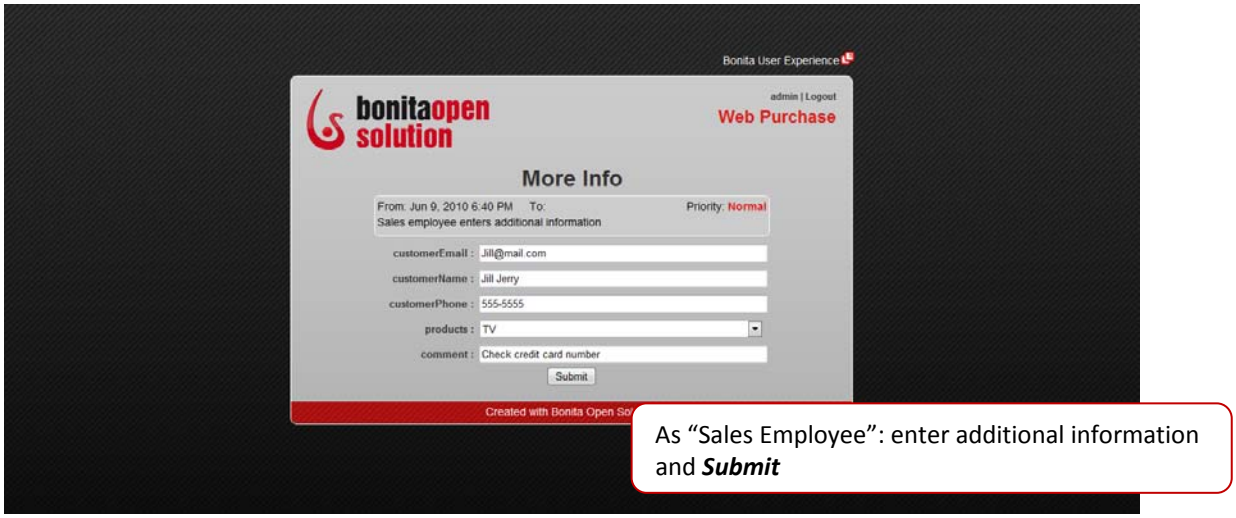


Figure 47. Fill in Form presented at More Info Step

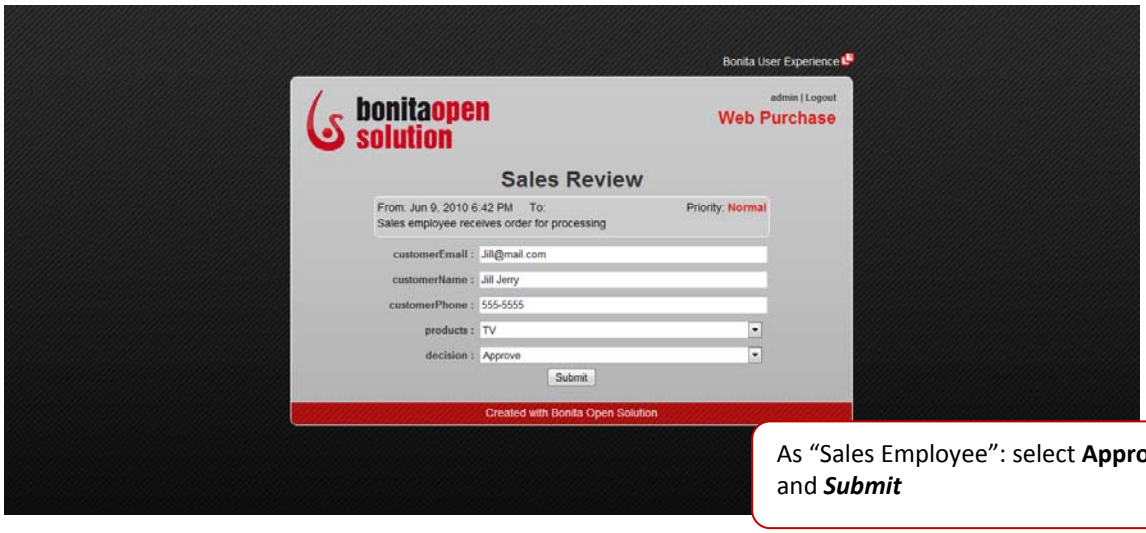


Figure 48. Fill in Form presented (again, after iteration) at Sales Review Step

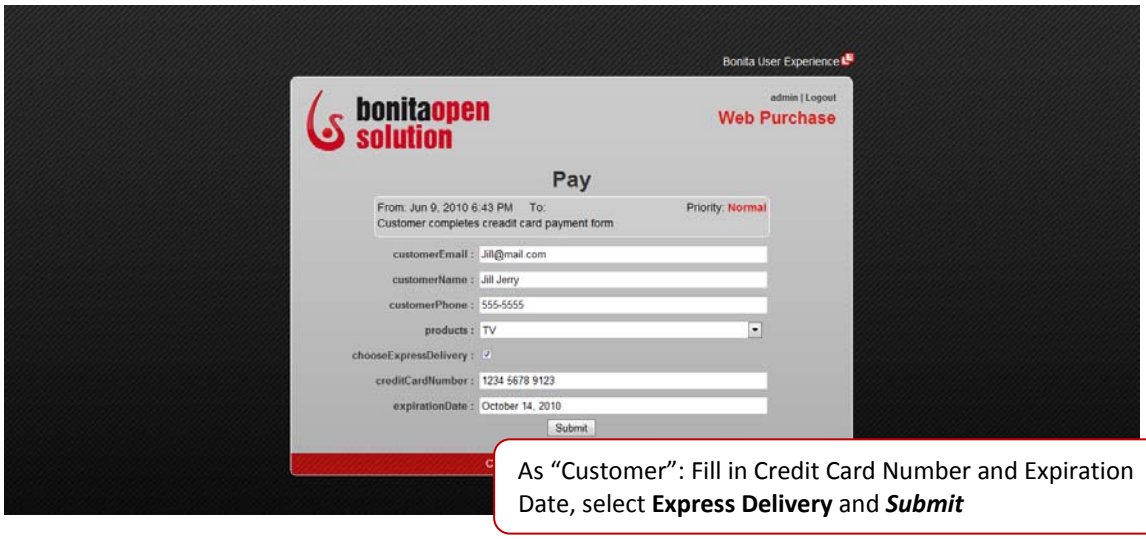


Figure 49. Fill in Form presented at Pay Step

Note that at this step, the Form would be presented to the Initiator, but by default the admin has access to activate it.

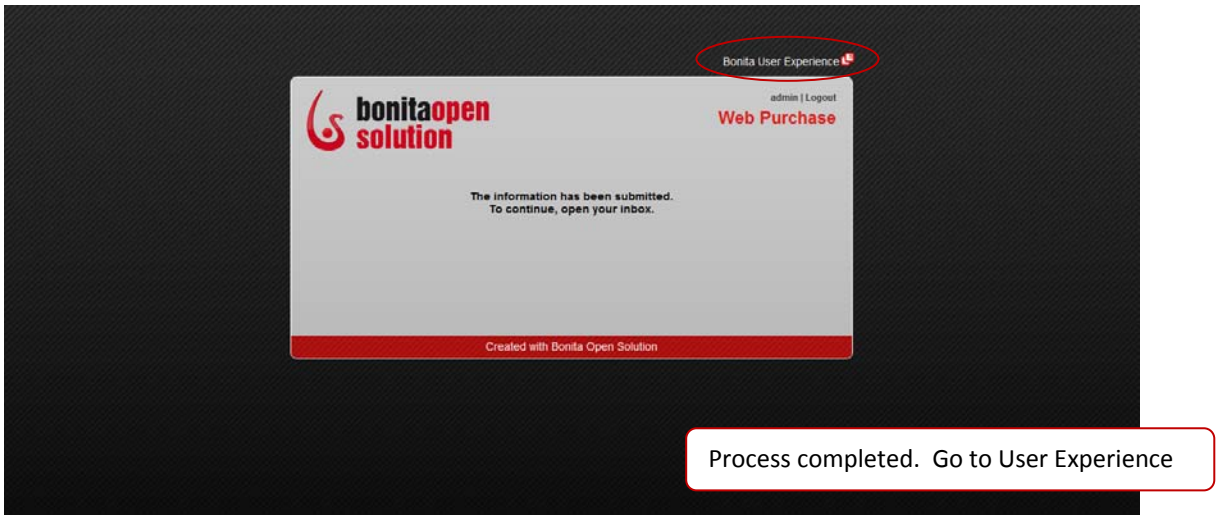


Figure 50. Web Purchase Case completed

Click on **Bonita User Experience** (circled in red) to open.

Complete a Process Case

Use **Bonita User Experience** to run multiple Cases of this Process. Note that you can also open the User Experience by clicking on the **User XP** icon on the Task bar in **Bonita Studio**.

Your inbox now contains a record of all the actions you have been involved in. You can look at these actions at any time.

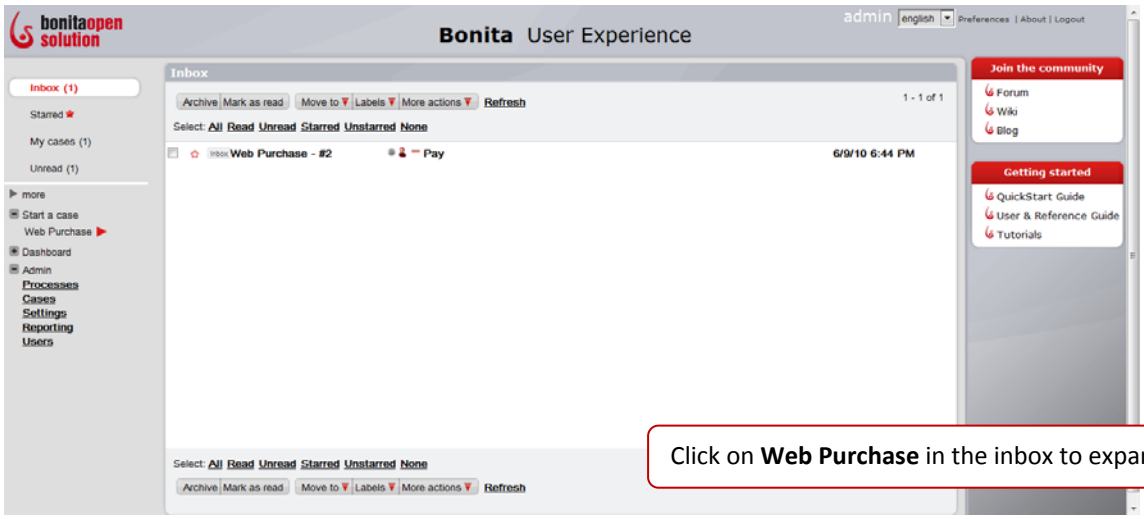


Figure 51. Bonita User Experience with completed Web Purchase Process test Case

Click the case to expand it.

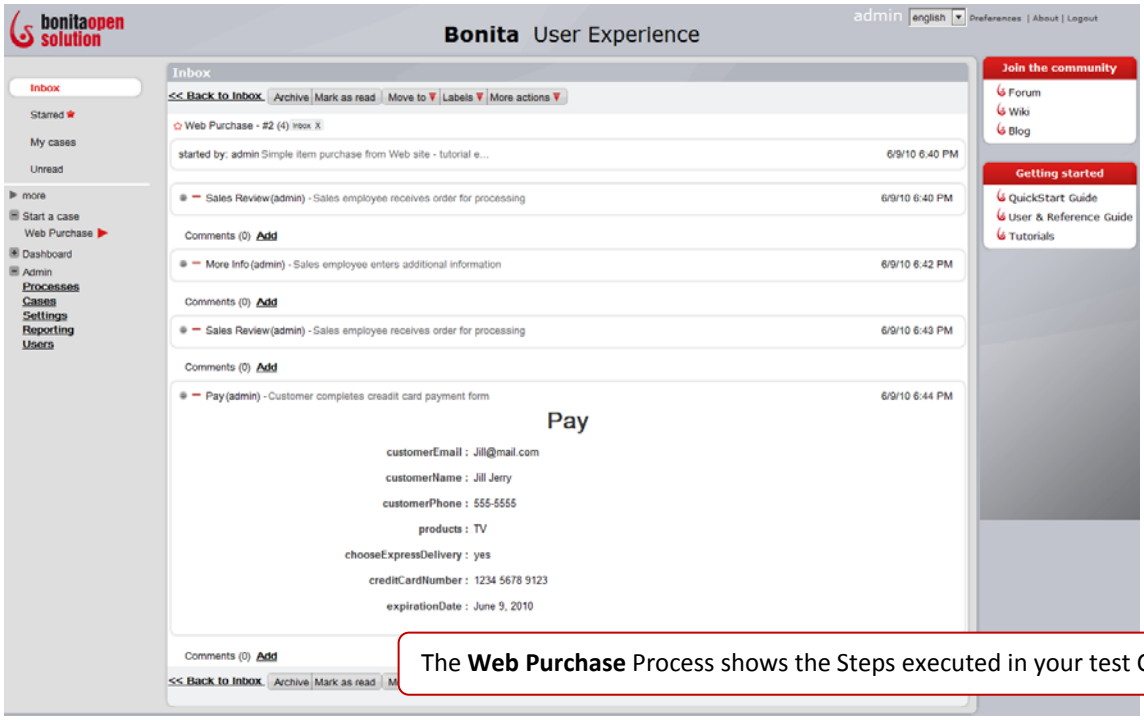


Figure 52. Web Purchase Process test Case expanded

To see the entire Process, including Automatic Steps, Start, End, and Gates, go to ***Admin -> Cases*** on the left side of the window. Again click on Web Purchase to expand it.

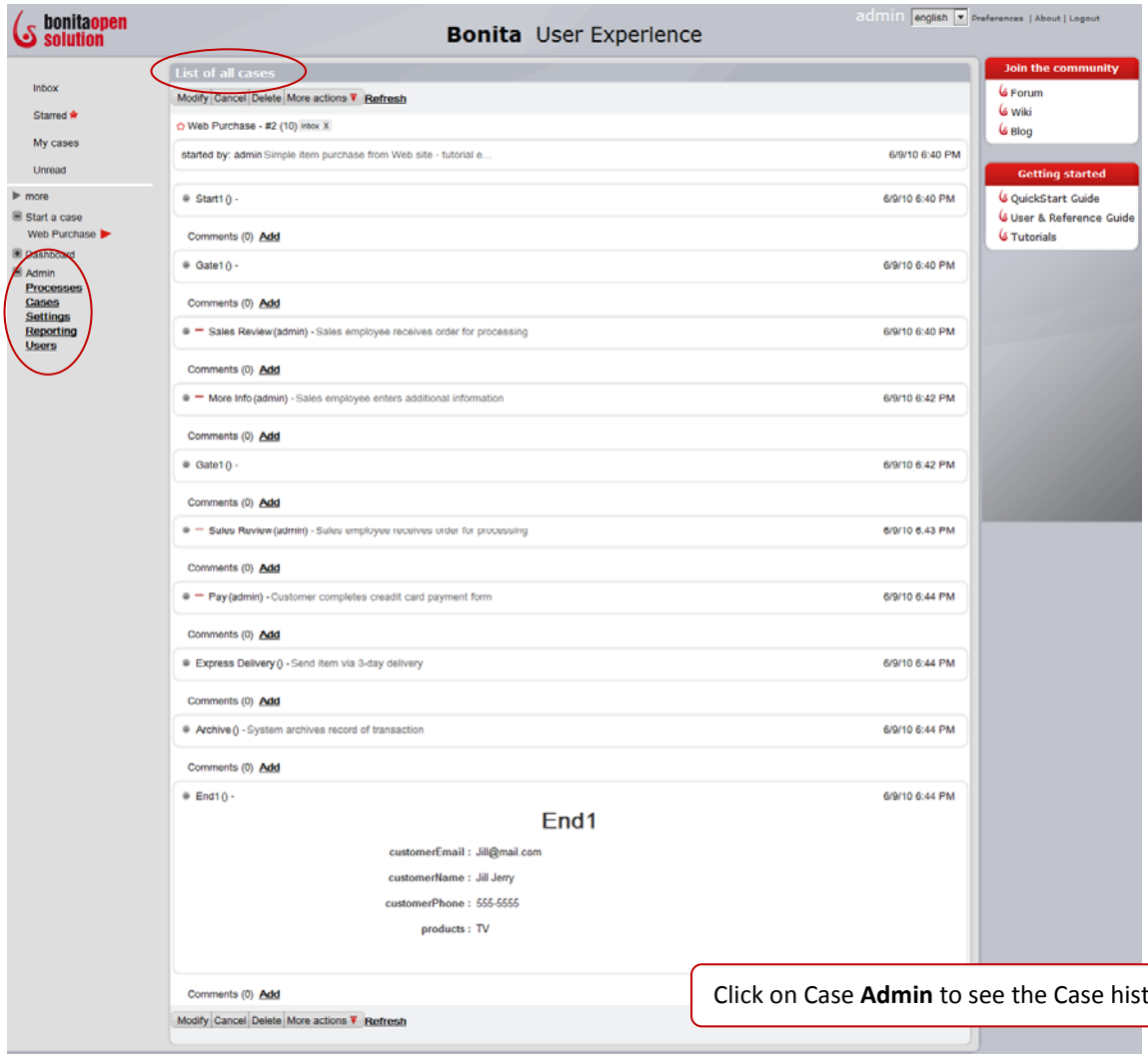


Figure 53. See the entire Case History with the Admin function

To run this Process again:

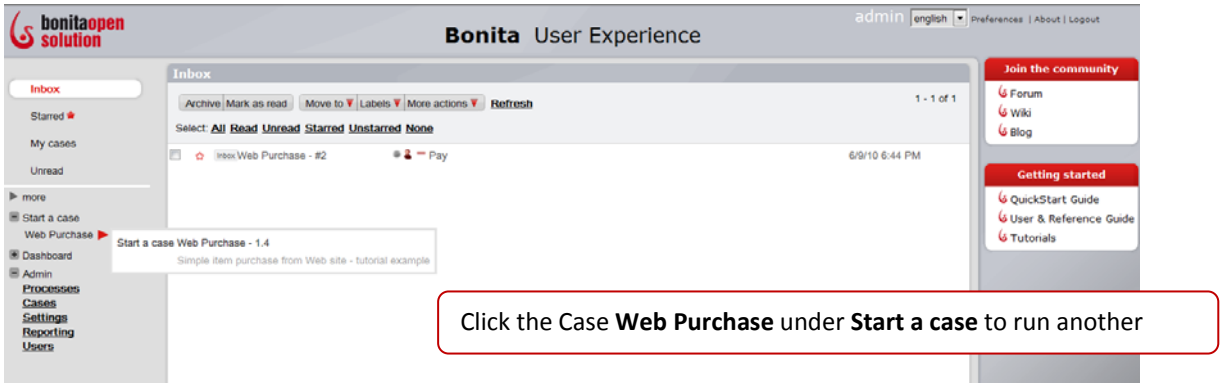


Figure 54. Start another Case for the Web Purchase Process

The Process starts again with a new Case.

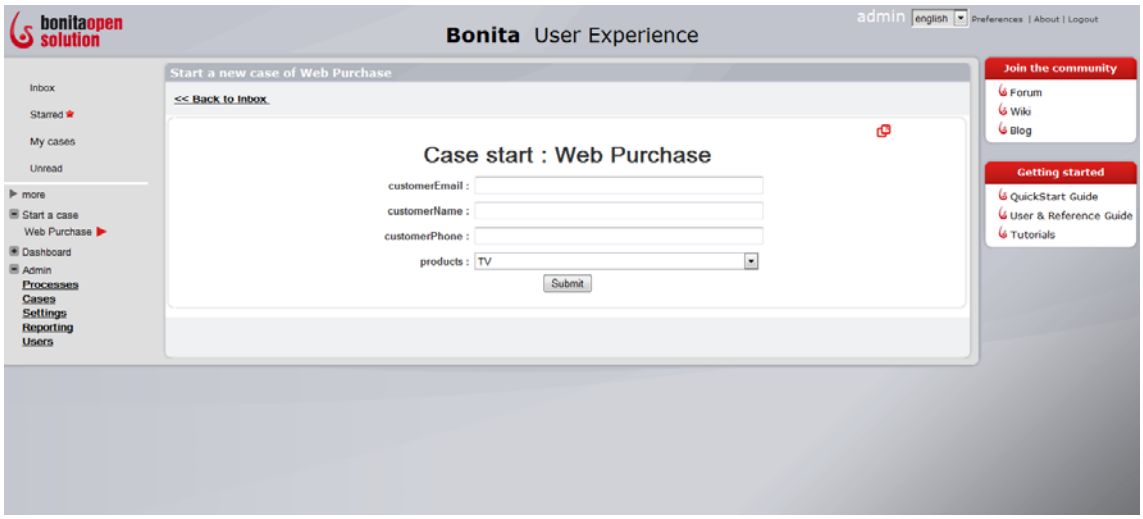


Figure 55. Fill in web purchase process customer order Form to start a new case

Try running several Cases to try different choices at each Step.

Customize Forms

To customize the way information is presented to the end user in the four Bonita Open Solution-generated forms in this tutorial example, return to Bonita Studio.

Add a case start Form

The first Form presented in this process, **Case Start: Web Purchase** is the one that begins this process. To customize it, click on the Process Pool. Go to **Details -> Forms -> *Add***.

A wizard appears with all of the Data variables available for this Form.

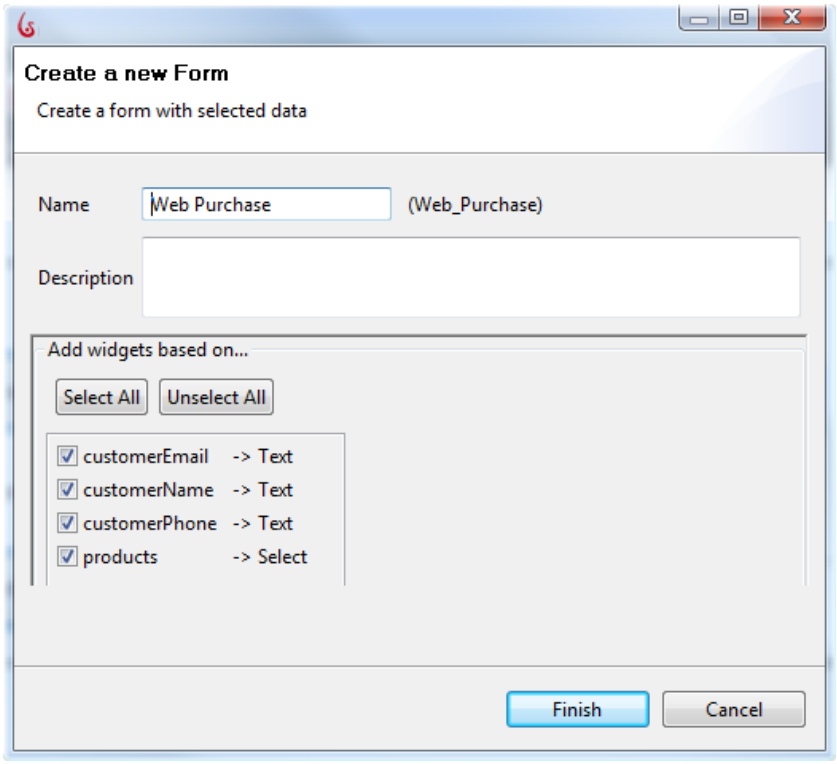


Figure 56. Select Data to appear in new Form

For this example, leave all choices checked and ***Finish*** to continue. A default version of the Form will appear, along with the Details panel for the Form.

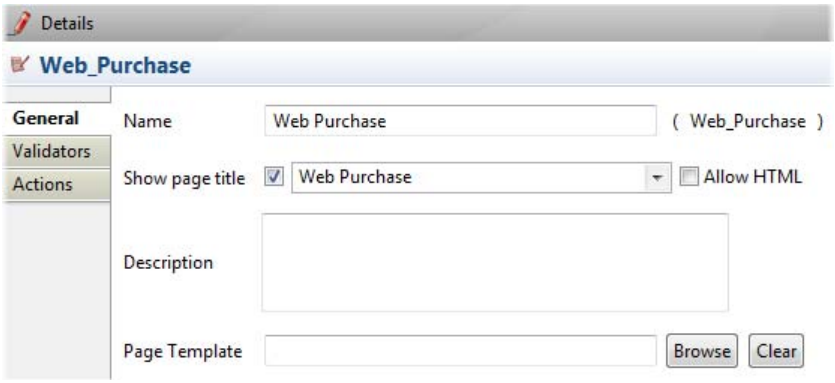


Figure 57. Details panel for Web Purchase Form

To see the entire Form, close the **Details** and **Overview** Panels (click on the X in the upper right corner of each panel).

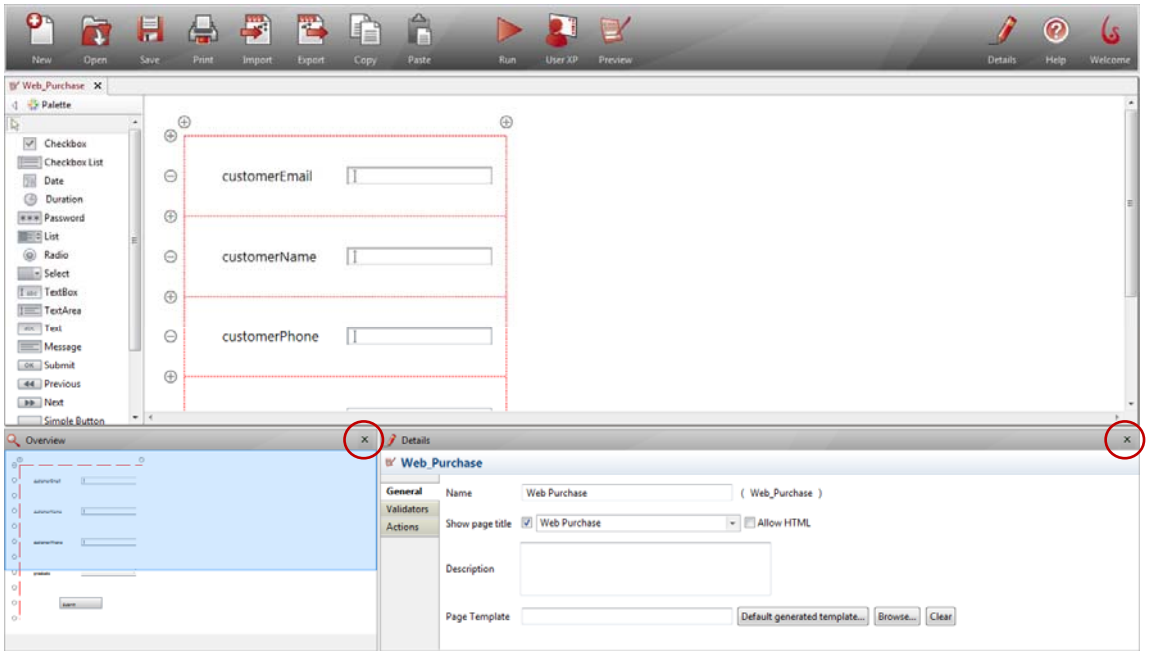


Figure 58. Close Details and Overview panels to see the entire Form

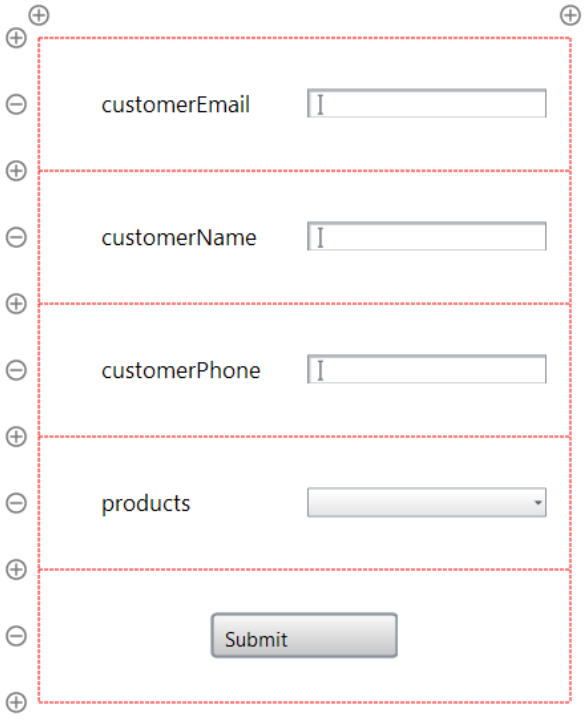


Figure 59. initial Web Purchase Form ready to customize

Each Data field in the Form is presented in a widget. You can customize the order and presentation of each widget in the Form.

Reorder widgets in Form

It's easier to move widgets when there is an empty space. Add one to the top of the Form by clicking on the "add a row" symbol ⊕ at the top left:

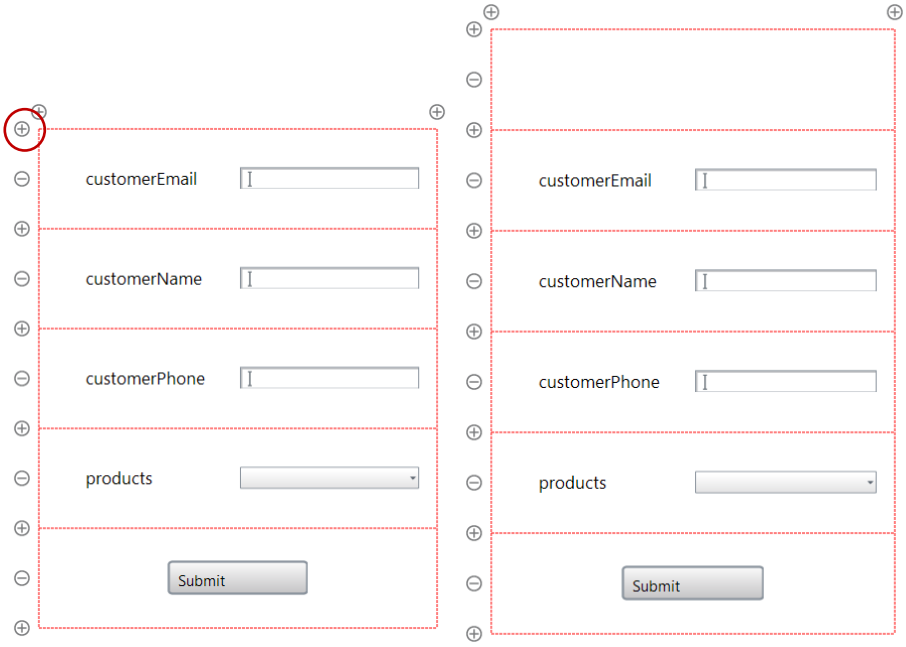


Figure 60. Add a blank widget to the top of the Form

Now you can click and drag the "customerName" widget to the first row of the Form.

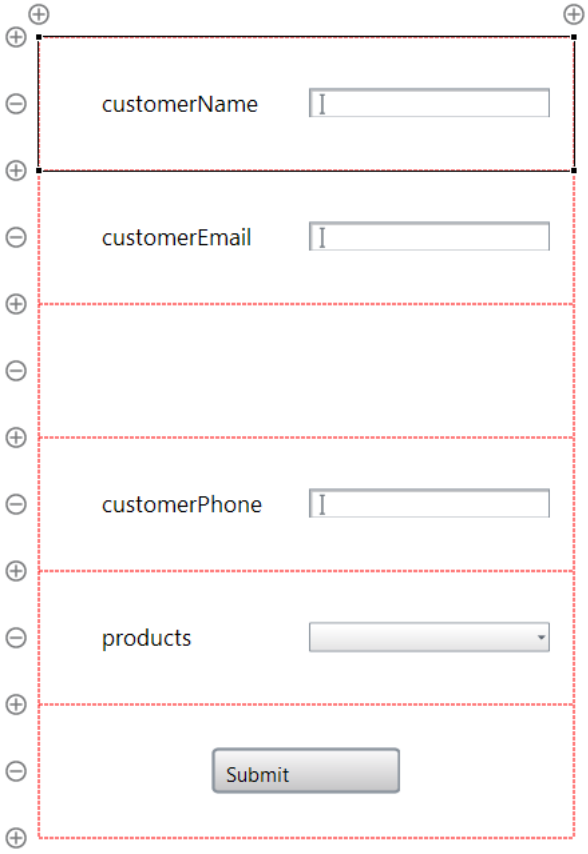


Figure 61. Reorder the widgets in the Form

Click and drag the other widgets into the order you want.

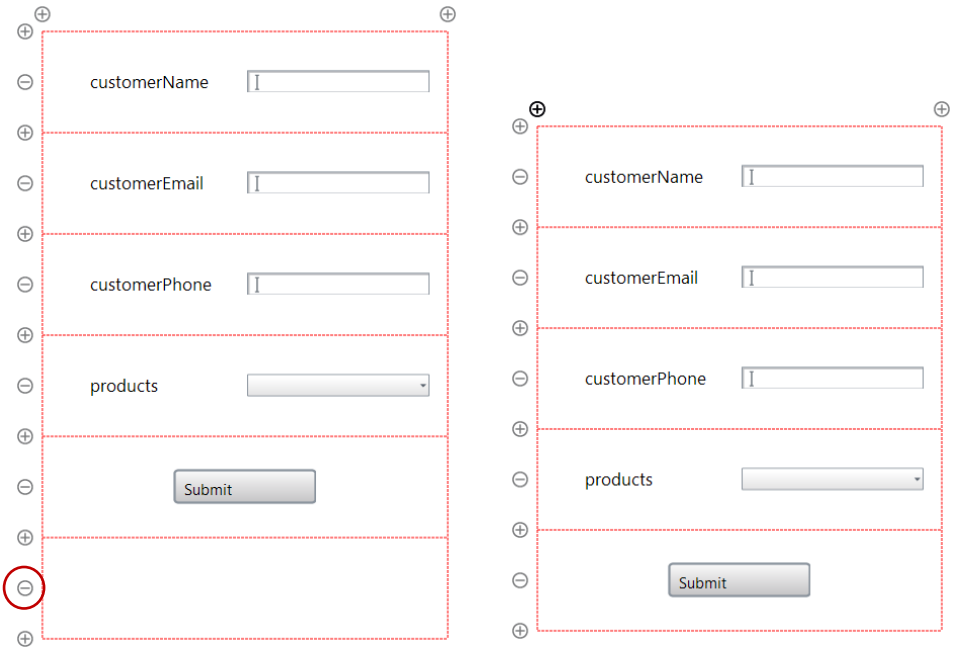


Figure 62. Remove the extra widget

To remove the extra widget, click on the "remove a row" symbol ⊖ at the bottom left.

Customize widgets in Form

Now you can customize the details for each widget. Begin with **customerName**; click the widget and go to **Details**. (You may need to restore the View to see the Details panel again. Go to the Menu bar and select **View -> Reset view**.)

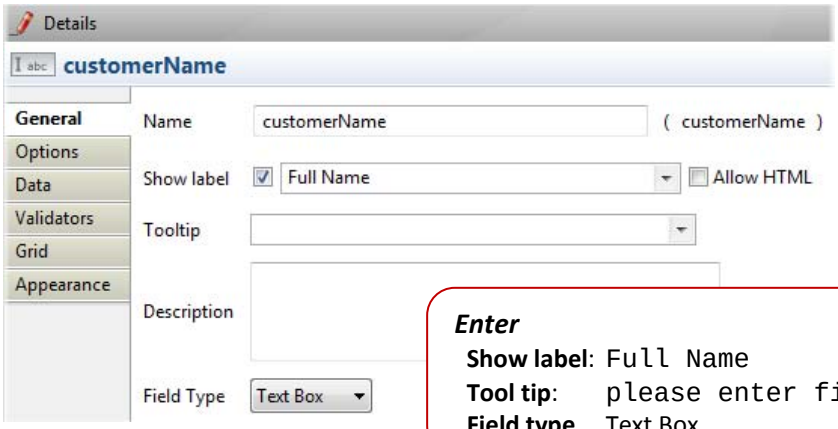


Figure 63. Customize General details for widget

Go to **Options** and select **Is mandatory**.

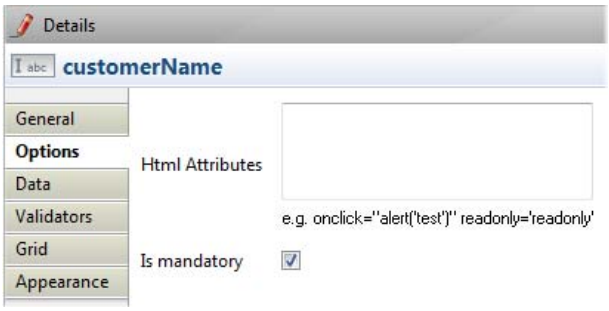


Figure 64. Indicate that the Customer Name field must be completed in the Form

There are no changes to Data, Validators, Grid, or Appearance for this widget. Continue to the next widget, **customerEmail**. Change the Show label field to `Email address`.

Go to **Details -> Validators -> *Add***.

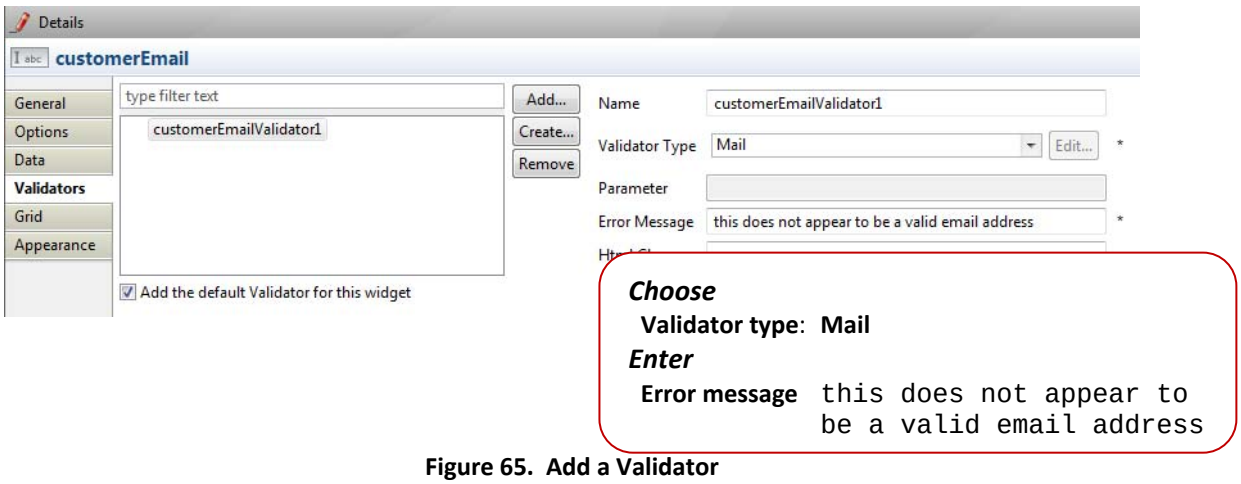


Figure 65. Add a Validator

If a red X appears in the field, save the Diagram and it should resolve and disappear.

There are no changes to Data, Grid, or Appearance for this widget. Continue to the next widget, **customerPhone**. Go to **Details -> General**.

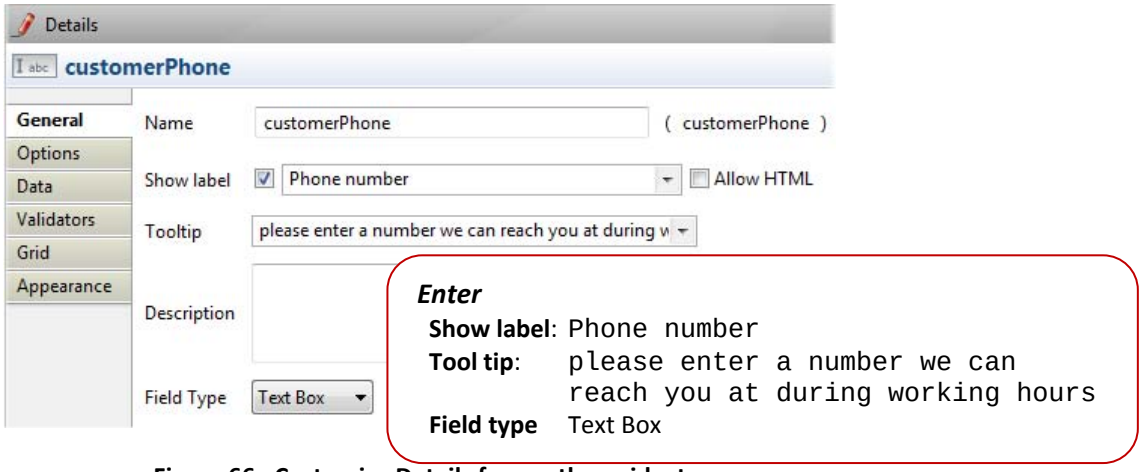


Figure 66. Customize Details for another widget

There are no changes to Data, Validators, Grid, or Appearance for this widget. Go to **Options** and select **Is mandatory**.

Continue to the next widget, **products**. Go to **Details -> General**.

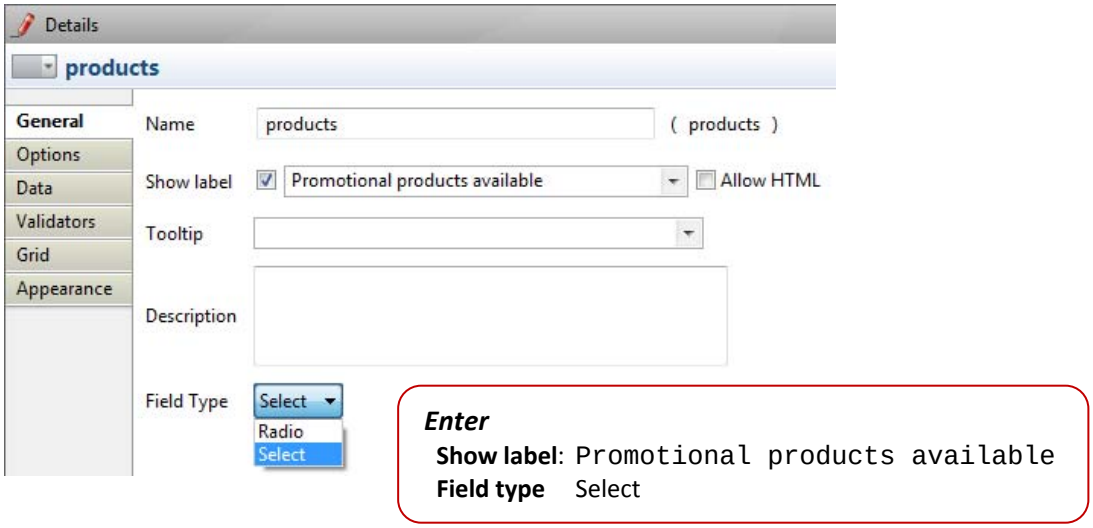


Figure 67. Create a drop-down list for a list of choices

For this Data variable, a drop-down list allows the user to select more than one item from a Data list.

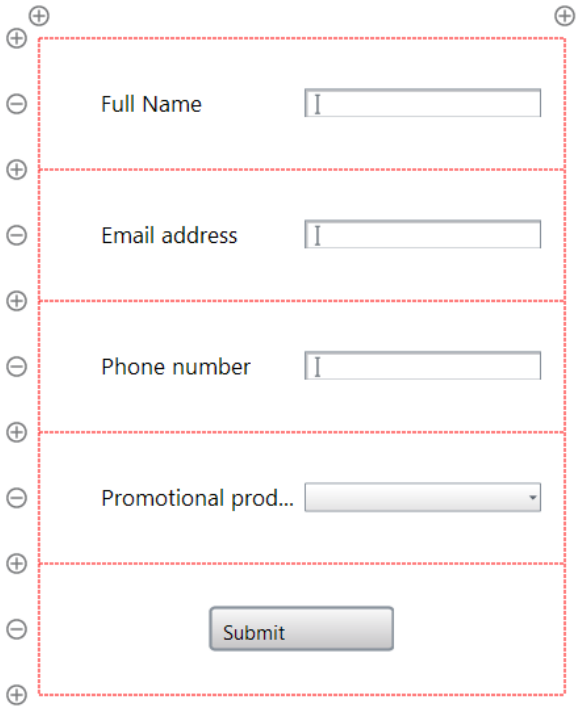


Figure 68. Customized Form

Preview the Form you have created by selecting **Preview** from the Task Bar.

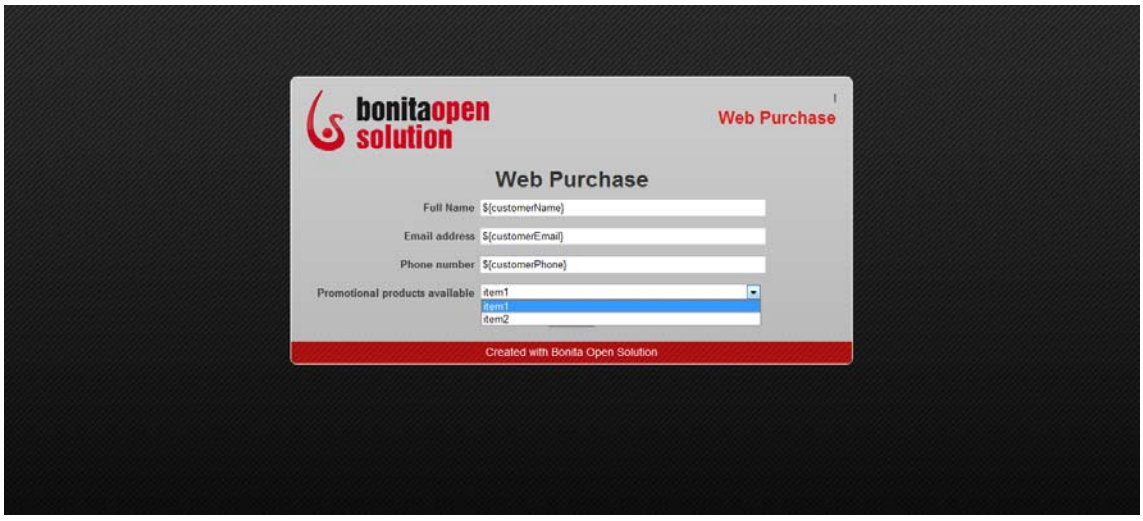


Figure 69. Preview customized Form (to initiate Process)

Close the Form and save it by clicking on the X on its tab.

Add a Sales Review Form

Unlike the "live" Form presented to the Initiator to start this Process, the Form at the Sales Review Step primarily serves to carry data forward for review. There is only one "live" field for the Sales Employee, the "Decision" choice.

Create a Form here to do this.

Go to **Sales Review -> Details -> Forms -> *Add***. Again select all Data available here to carry into the Form.

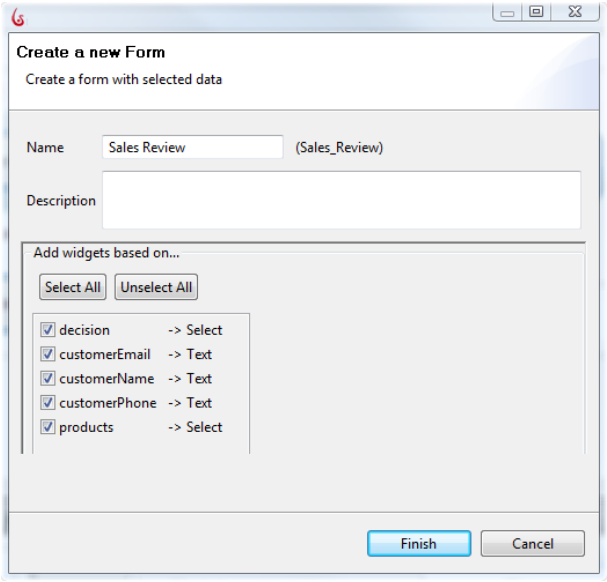


Figure 70. Select widgets to show in new Form

Add a new space to the Form just above the ***Submit*** button. Drag and drop the **decision** widget to this space. Re-arrange the other widgets (see Figure below) and delete the resulting empty widget.

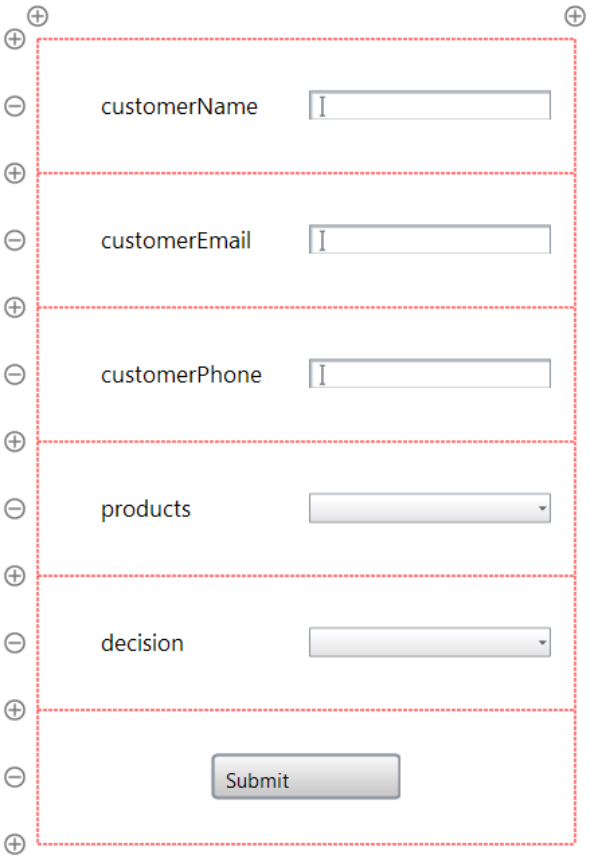


Figure 71. Arrange widgets in order

Reformat the widgets for **customerName, customerEmail, customerPhone,** and **products** to carry forward data already entered by the Initator.

Click on the **customerName** widget to see its Details panel. Here you can change its Field Type from TextBox (live) to Text (read only).

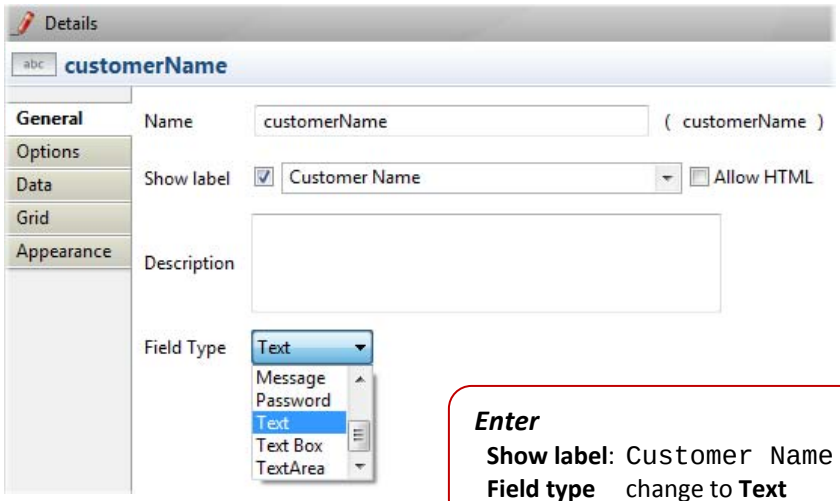


Figure 72. Change widget from TextBox (live) to Text (read only)

Repeat this for **customerEmail**, and **customerPhone.**

To change **products** to a read-only text field, you will need to redefine a widget.

Use the ⊕ to insert a new widget. Click and drag a Text widget from the Palette into the new space.

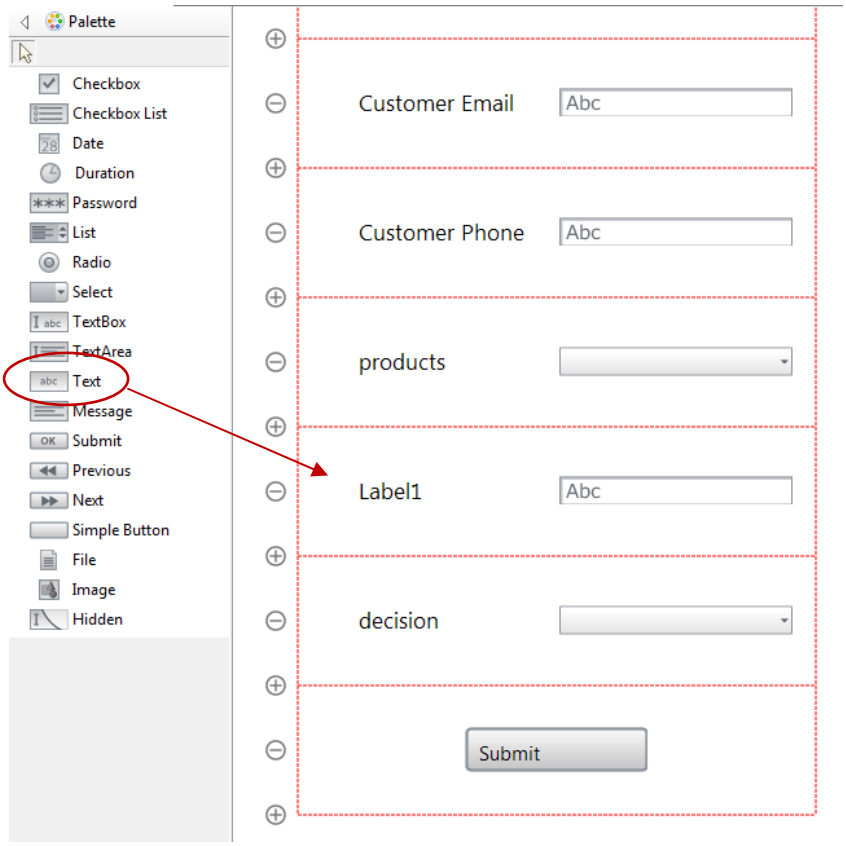


Figure 73. Add a new Text widget

Click on the new widget, go to Details -> General and rename the widget and Label.

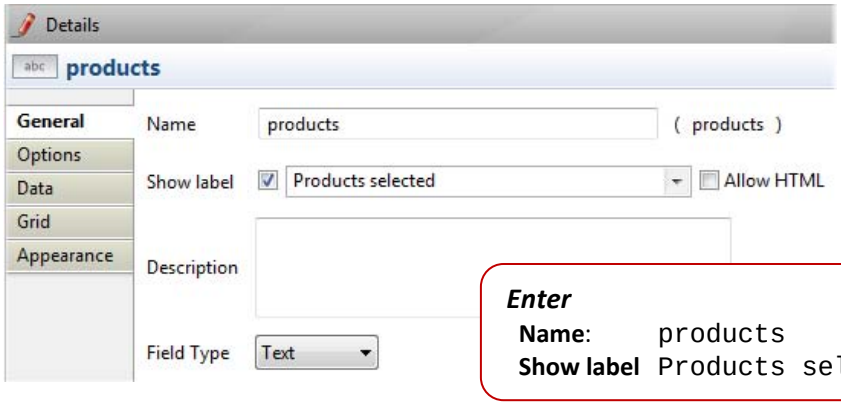


Figure 74. Rename new widget

Delete the old **products** widget.

In the new Products widget, go to **General -> Data**. Select ${products}.

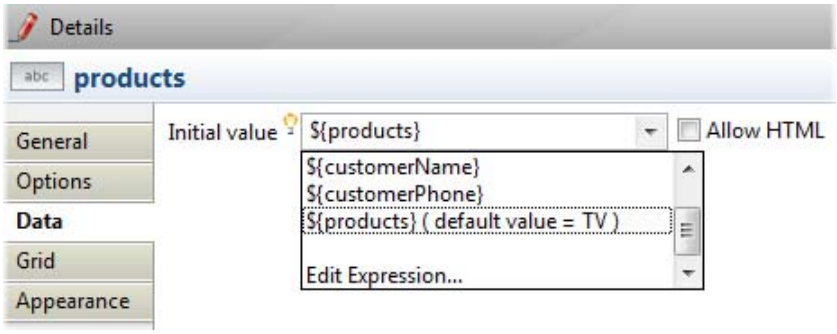


Figure 75. Select data value for Products text field

Last, go to decision -> General. Choose **Radio** as the Field Type. **Radio** allows only one choice from a Data list. This is the only "live" field in this Form.

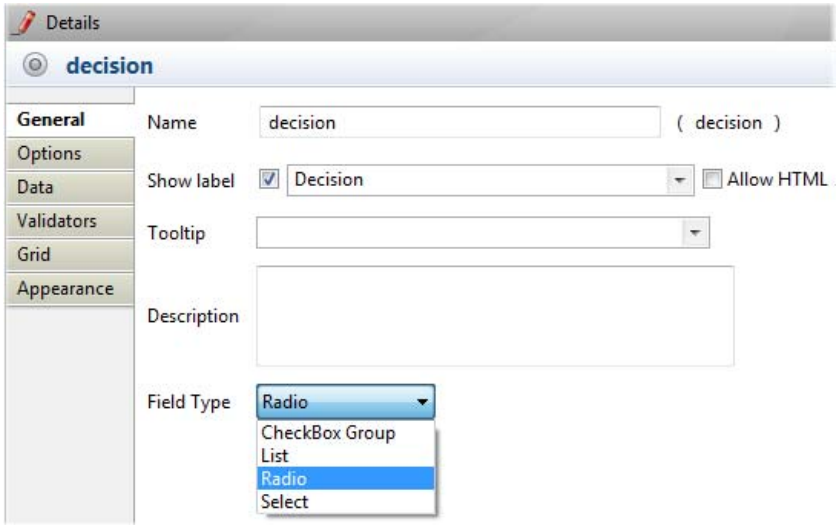


Figure 76. Choose Radio as the Field Type for decision

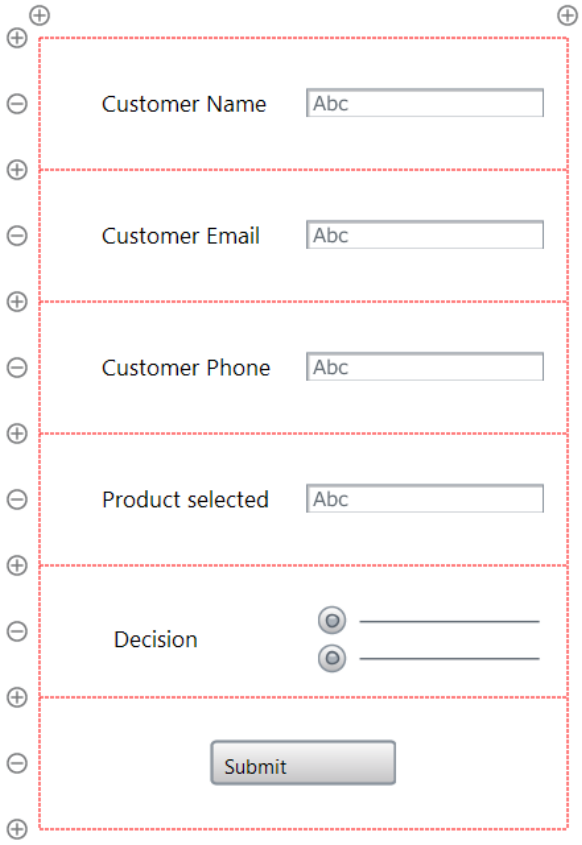


Figure 77. Customized widgets in Sales Review Form

Preview the Form you have customized.

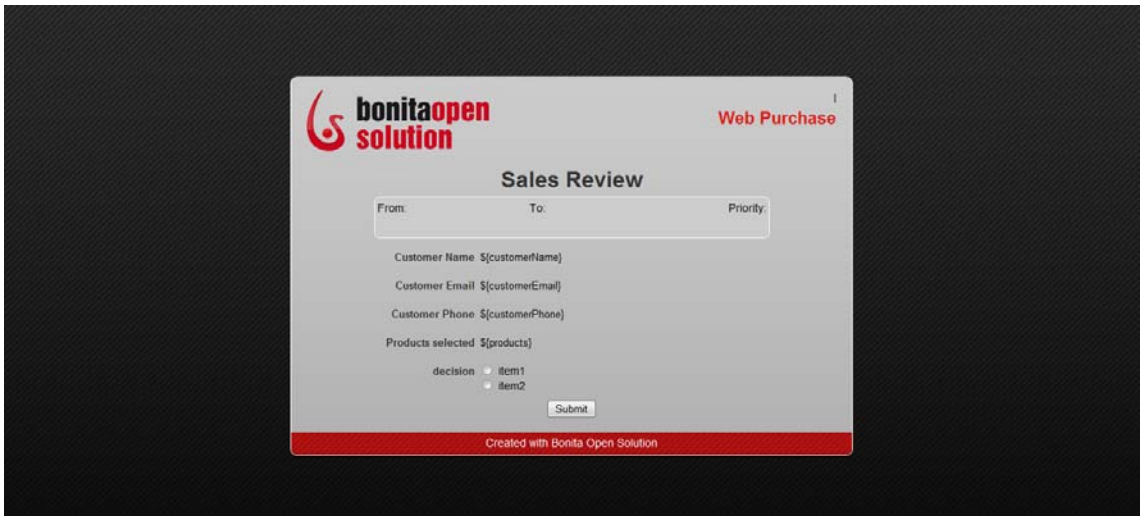


Figure 78. Preview customized Form (for Sales Review Step)

Customize the Form in **More Info** in the same way. Leave the field for comment (Add comment) as a live TextBox.

The Form for the Step **Pay** will again be presented to the Initiator, so you can add a widget to summarize the customer's order.

Click on Pay and go to **Details -> Forms -> *Add***.

When the Create a New Form wizard appears, select only **chooseExpressDelivery, creditCardNumber,** and **expirationDate.**

Re-arrange the widgets as shown in the figure below. Add a new widget by clicking and dragging the **Message** widget into the top spot.

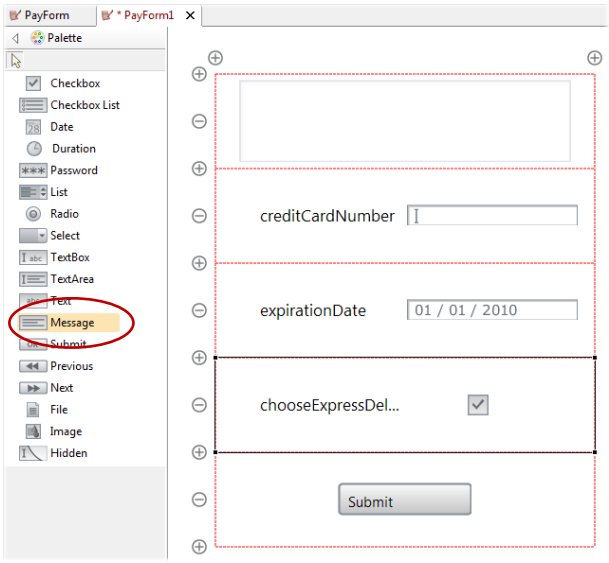


Figure 79. Create a Form for the Pay Step

Go to Details and change the following widget labels:

- creditCardNumber: `Credit Card Number`
- expirationDate: `Expiration Date`
- chooseExpressDelivery: `Do you want express delivery? Check if yes:`

For the new Message widget, go to **Details -> Data**. For **Initial value**, select **Edit Expression**. Create a Groovy expression to present a message in the Form.

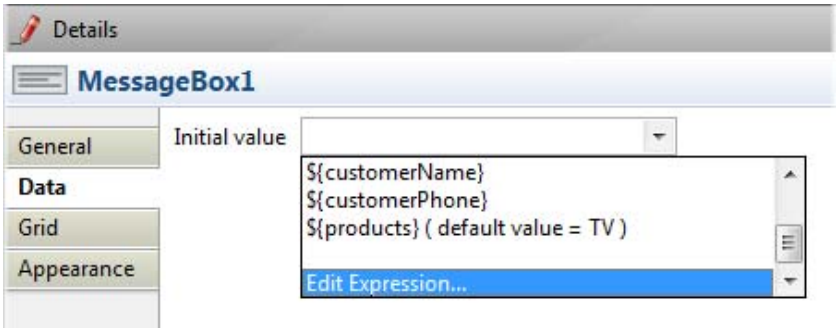


Figure 80 Select Edit Expression to create an Expression in Groovy

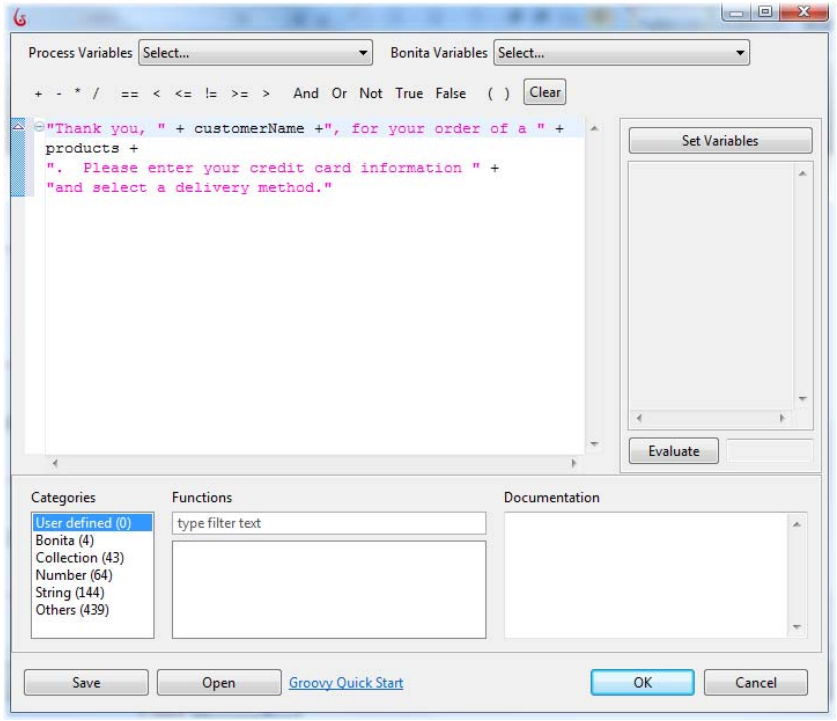


Figure 81. Enter a Groovy expression to be evaluated and presented in the Message

Preview the Form you have customized.

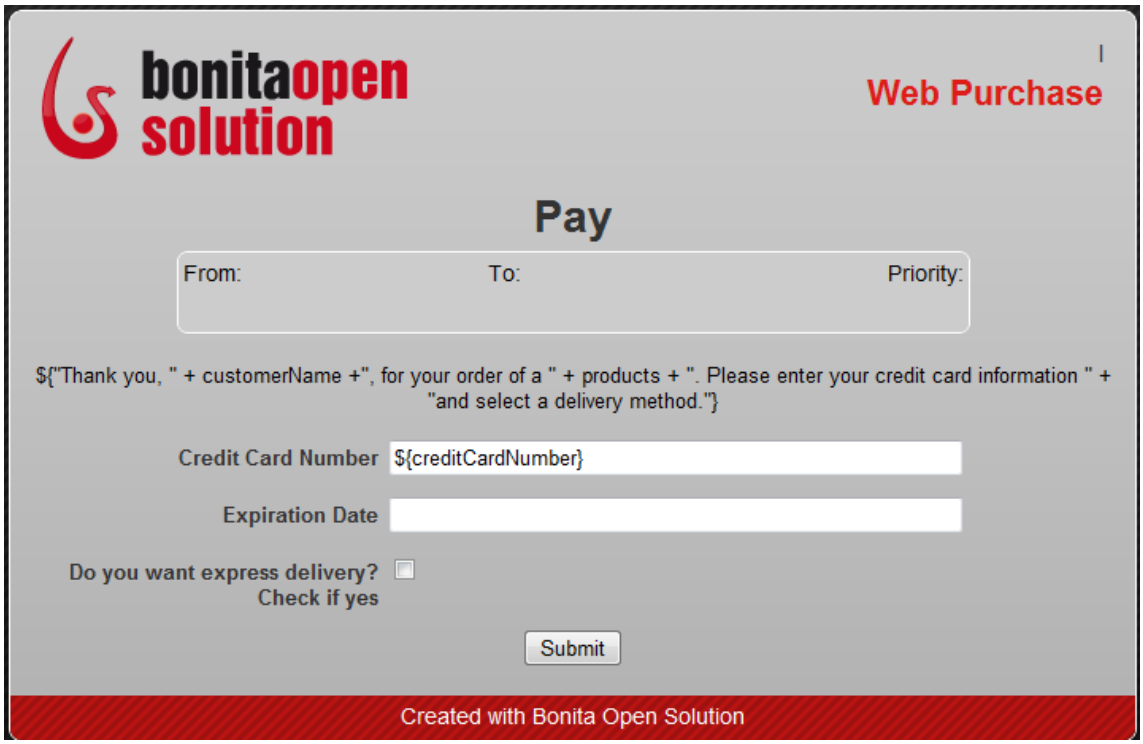


Figure 82. Preview customized Form (for Pay Step)

Close and Save the Form. Save your Process as `Web Purchase Diagram 1.4`. ***Run*** it.

You should now see the Forms you have designed presented in the default Bonita Open Solution Web Form.

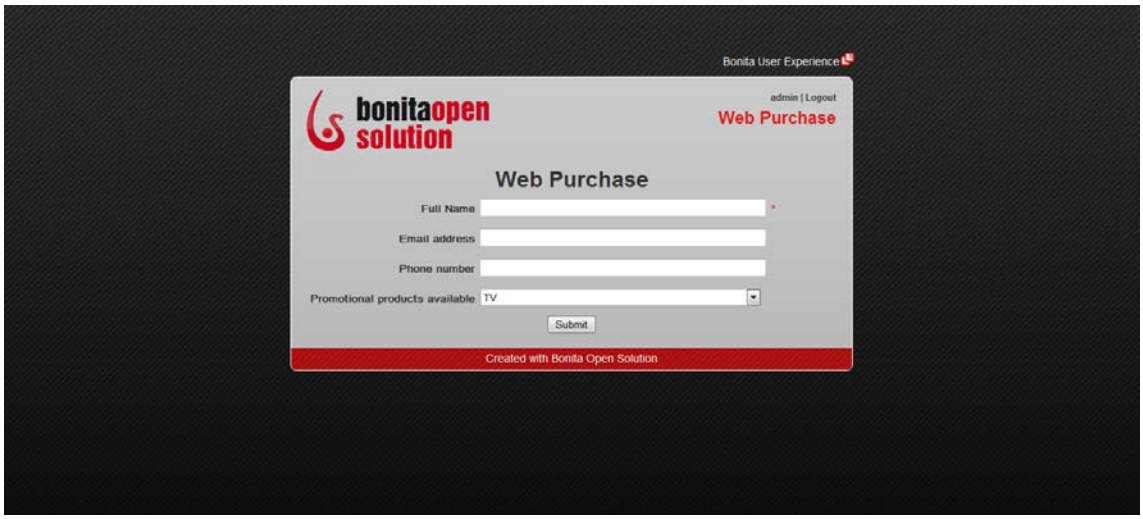


Figure 83. Customized Form (fields) presented in Bonita Open Solution default web Form

Summary

You have used only some of **Bonita Open Solution**'s functions, specifically:

The graphical interfaces of **Bonita Studio**, to create a complete Process by

- drawing Steps and assigning them as Human or Automatic;
- assigning Actors to Human Steps;
- adding global variables to the Process and local variables to Steps, which in turn have been used to create interactive forms;
    - defining text and list variables;
    - defining a Boolean variable;
- defining Conditions on Transitions to manage multiple output choices from a Step; and
- defining a Gate to manage multiple inputs to a Step in an iteration.

The default Forms interface of **Bonita User Experience**:

- to Run a completed Process and enter information into the interactive forms created from your variables.

The e-mail like interface of **Bonita User Experience**:

- to see the completed Case Steps;
- to consult the Case history
- to Run an additional Case (or two, or several) of your Process.

The Form Builder customization feature of Bonita Studio:

- to select which data fields to present in a Form
- to configure how those data fields will be presented to the User.

If you explore a bit more in **Bonita Open Solution**, you will find other functionalities not addressed in this QuickStart - for example, in the Details for a Step, you can define **Connectors** to link to external databases and to messaging systems, and much more.

Feedback, Questions, and More Information

For an expanded explanation of the functionalities in Bonita Open Solution, see the Bonita Open Solution User and Reference Guide.

We welcome your feedback. Use the BonitaSoft Forum to let us have it!
(www.bonitasoft.org/forum)

The BonitaSoft Forum is the place for your questions too. And check out our **Bug Tracker**, **Source Code**, and more.
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Have fun with Bonita!