



SupportPac LA71: IBM WebSphere Operational Decision Management Integration for WebSphere Process Server

Getting started with IBM Business Process Manager

Task 1 - Business Process Author defines a Decision as part of a BPMN Business Process

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Overview

In Business Process Manager 7.5 Business Process Authors can use Process Designer to quickly define and simulate the business processes needed. This task provides a completed sample of a business process that has been created in this way including all the information models used in the tutorial. This will form the basis for the remainder of the tutorial.

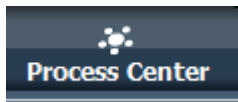
You should complete all steps in this task to understand the tutorial scenario.

Step 1. Import Process Application Definition

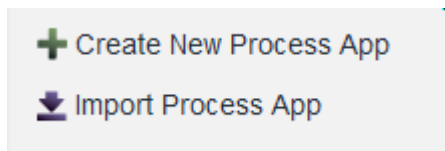
The Business Process author will define a business process application to contain the Business process and decisions that they require. This must be imported into Process Center before you can examine it.

Login to Process Designer as tw_admin / tw_admin

Navigate to Process Center by clicking the icon below



Import the completed Process App by selecting the Import Process App link.

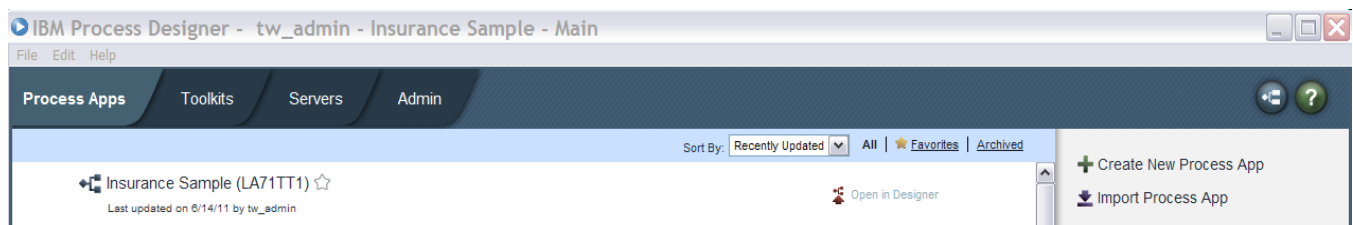


Browse to **[SupportPac LA71 Path]\BPMTutorial\task1\Insurance_Sample – LA71TT1.twx** and click **Open**.

Click **Next >>**.

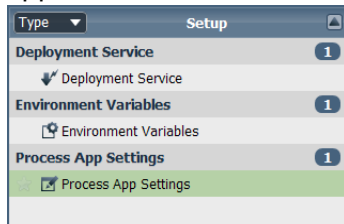
In the **Will be Imported** screen check the name of the Process App and click **Import**.

The Insurance Sample (LA71TT1) - Process App should be visible in Process Center when it finishes importing.

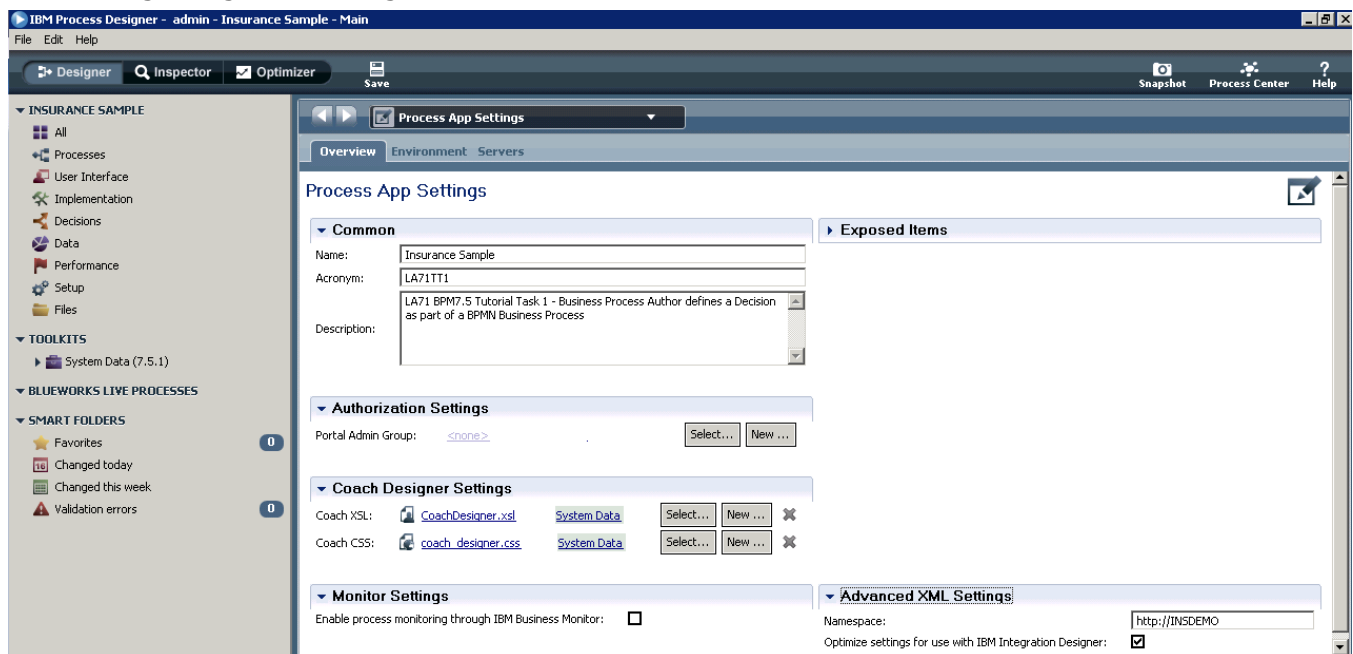


Select the **Open in Designer** link and Process Designer opens the Insurance Sample.

Select **Setup** in the navigator and double-click **Process App Settings** to see the overall Process App definition.



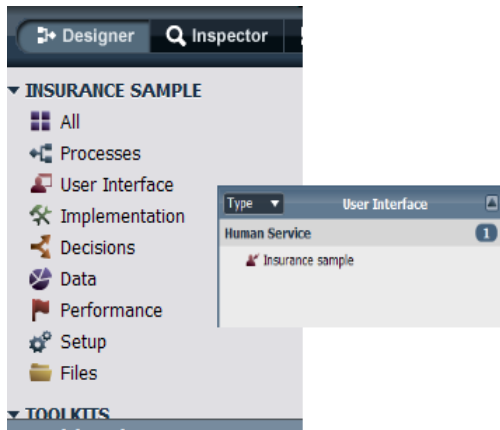
The Process App Settings screen shows the main details for the Process Application. Note that in this case the default Namespace used for all the Business Objects and interfaces has been defined as <http://INSDEMO> to keep consistency with the schemas that will be used by the development team using Integration Designer..



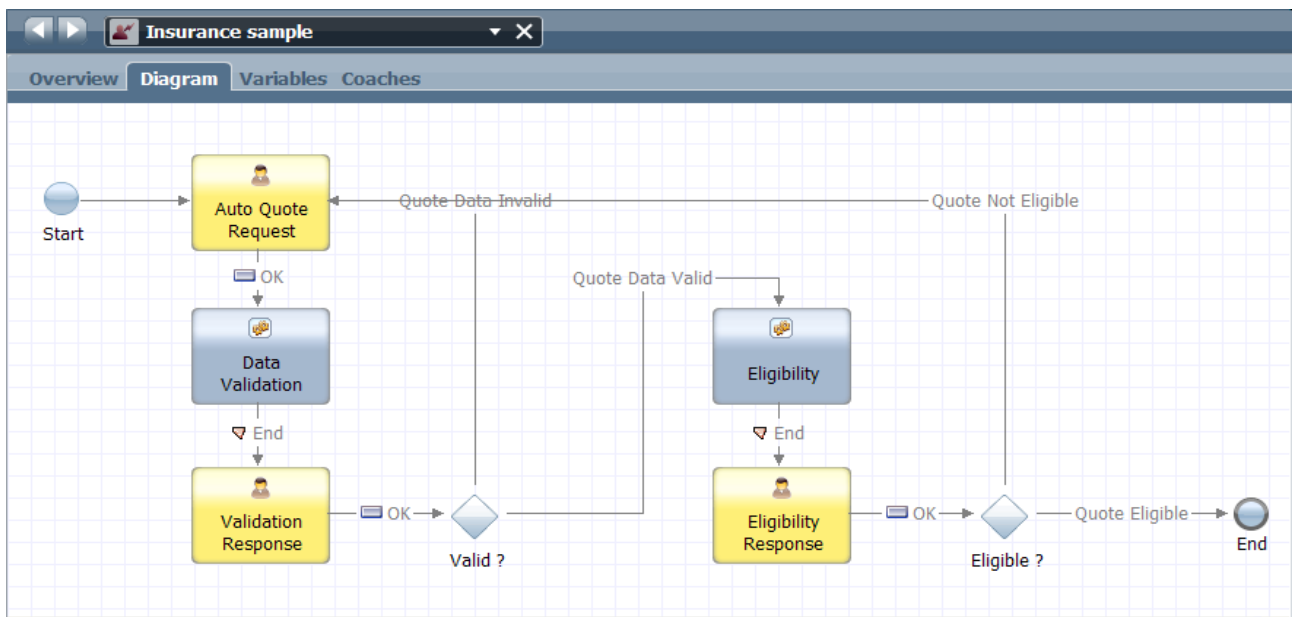
Step 2. Examine the Business Process.

The Insurance sample has a very simple process consisting only of a User Interface flow. To examine the flow:

Select the **User Interface** icon and from the pop-up select the **Insurance sample** Human service.



The diagram tab shows the human service flow that will be used in this scenario.

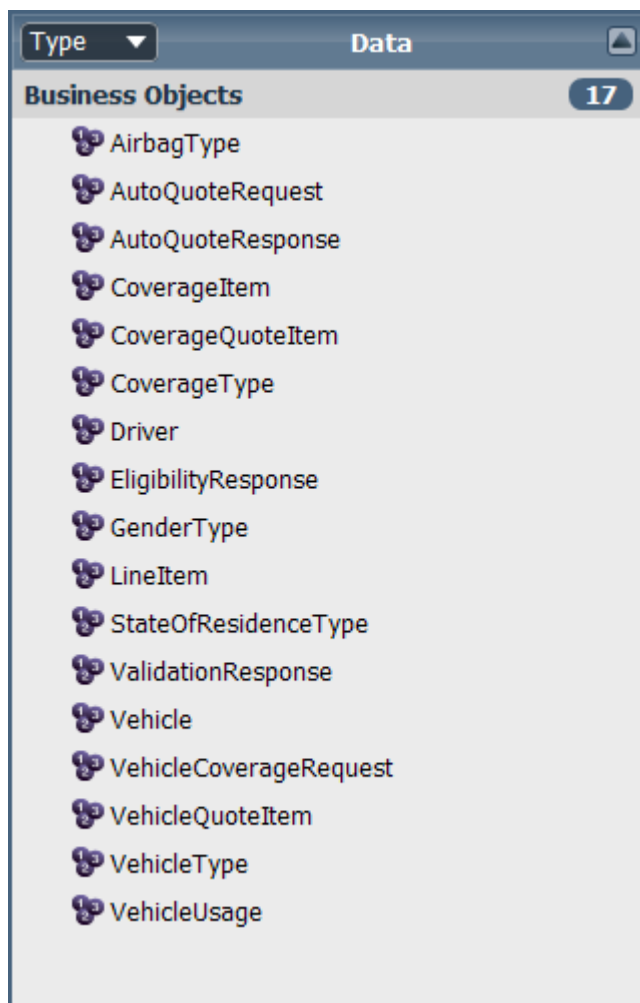


The **Auto Quote Request** Coach provides a means to set up details of the driver and vehicle for which the insurance quote is required. The **Data Validation** and **Eligibility** Nested Services are place-holders for the decisions to be made. These initially invoke the embedded rules services provided in Process Designer but will later invoke the Advanced Integration Services provided by development through Integration Designer.

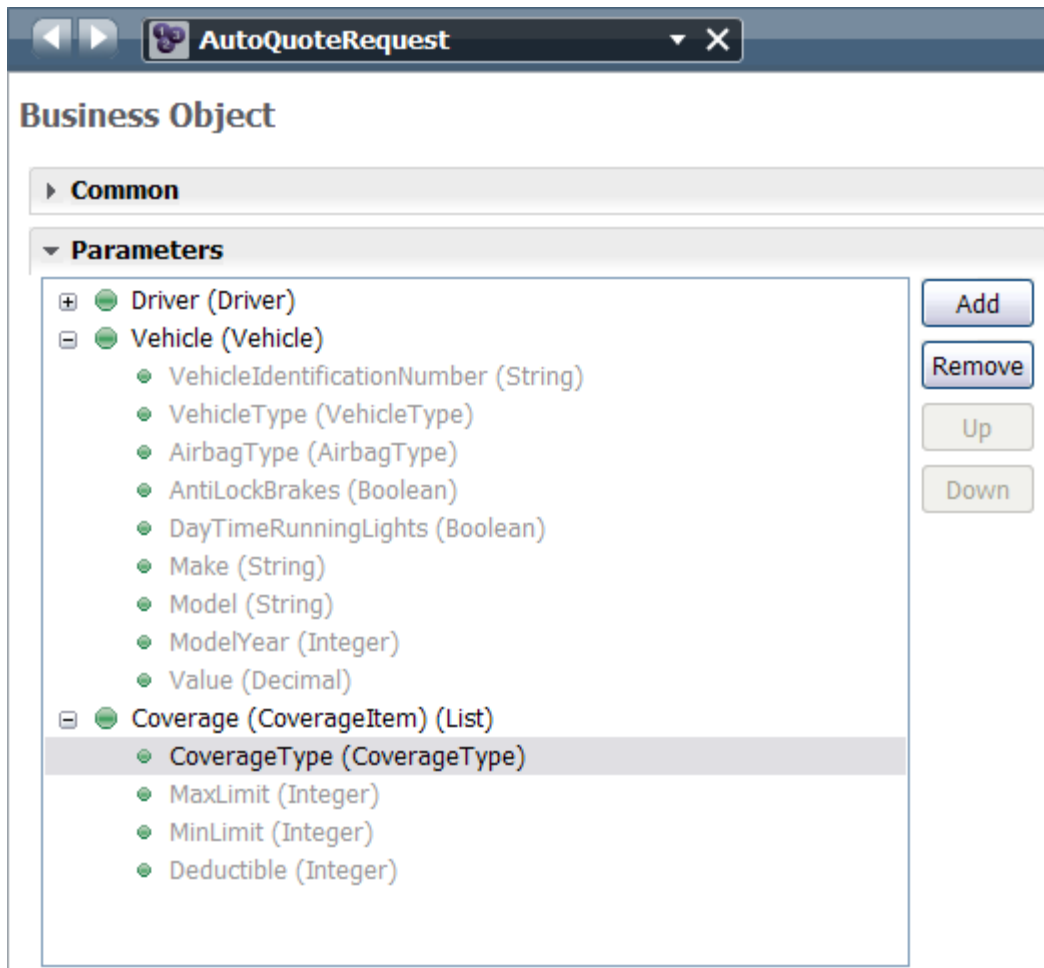
Validation Response and **Eligibility Response** are coaches that show the respective decision response. The **Valid ?** Gateway checks the response from the **Data Validation** decision and if any data is invalid returns to the **Auto Quote Request** Coach to reenter the data. The **Eligible ?** Gateway checks if the quote request was deemed eligible for the quote and if not, again returns to reenter the data. While not a realistic scenario this allows the two decisions to be easily evaluated.

Step 3. Examine the Information Model used in the process.

The Business Process Author will define an information model describing the characteristics of the quote that are important to the business. This would include details of the drivers, vehicles and type of cover required. All this information is described in the form of Business Objects in Process Designer allowing the Business Process Author to quickly express the sort of information they need. To examine the Information models select the **Data** icon and double-click the **AutoQuoteRequest** Business Object from the pop-up.



This will result in the **AutoQuoteRequest** Business Object editor opening where the structure and fields of the object can be viewed and edited.



Each parameter can be a simple structure, another business object or a list.

Enumerations can be supported by making the business object a simple type selection as shown below. This will appear as a domain in any rule vocabulary allowing a selection to be made from the choices available.

Double-click the **GenderType** business object under the **Data** icon to see an example.

GenderType

Business Object

Common

Name: GenderType
Modified: tw_admin (Jun 5, 2011 12:24:21 PM)
Documentation:

Simple Type

Type: Selection
Error Message:

Behavior

Definition Type: Simple Type

Selection Validation

Value	Display Text
male	male
female	female

Add
Remove

Internally these information models are converted into schemas which are used later when interfacing to Integration Services and Rules. These schemas may be viewed in the advanced properties panel by pressing the **View XML Schema** button.

Advanced Properties

XML Serialization:

Exclude from XML: false
Anonymous Type: false
Type Name: <default>
Namespace: <default>
Element Name: <default>
Element Namespace: <default>
Base Type Name: <default>

View XML Schema

This results in a schema that can be viewed and saved as shown below.


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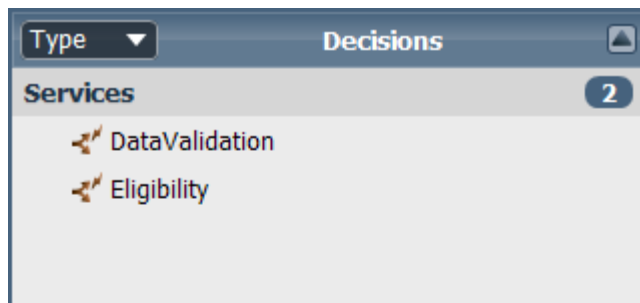
- <xs:schema targetNamespace="http://INSDemo" elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
- <xs:complexType name="AutoQuoteRequest">
- <xs:sequence>
  <xs:element name="Driver" type="tns:Driver" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="Vehicle" type="tns:Vehicle" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="Coverage" type="tns:CoverageItem" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" nillable="true"/>
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- <xs:complexType name="Driver">
- <xs:sequence>
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  <xs:element name="FirstName" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="LastName" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="Age" type="xs:int" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="StateOfResidence" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="Occupation" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="Gender" type="tns:GenderType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="Married" type="xs:boolean" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="Graduated" type="xs:boolean" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="FullTimeStudent" type="xs:boolean" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="GoodStudentCertificate" type="xs:boolean" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="DrivingLicenseNumber" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="FirstDrivingLicenseDt" type="xs:dateTime" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
  <xs:element name="VehicleVandalizedOrStolen" type="xs:boolean" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>

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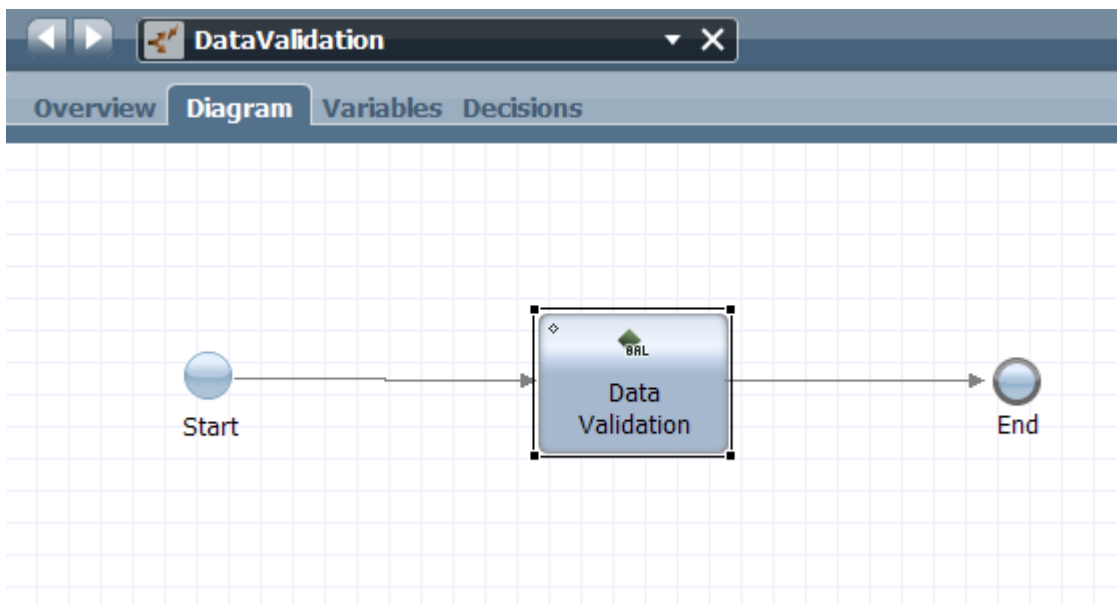
These schemas then form the basis of the information model for both decisions and processes.

Step 4. Definition of Decision services and associated vocabulary.

The decisions within the process are defined as decision services and may be examined by selecting the **Decisions** icon in the navigator.



This shows the two decision services that the Business Process Designer has created. Selecting each of these shows the flow that represents the decision service. For the **DataValidation** decision service, this includes a single BAL Rule called **Data Validation**. Each BAL Rule will result in its own rule project when exported.



The signature of the decision service is setup in the **Variables** tab. This references the Business Objects defined earlier and forms the basis for the vocabulary used when authoring rules. The parameters appear as variables in the rules while the business objects appear as object types within the vocabulary.

The screenshot shows the "Variables" tab of the "DataValidation" window. The left pane shows a tree structure of variables:

- Variables
 - Local
 - Input
 - AutoQuoteRequest (AutoQuoteReque
 - Driver (Driver)
 - Vehicle (Vehicle)
 - Coverage (CoverageItem)(List)
 - Output
 - DataValidationResponse (ValidationR
 - Validated (Boolean)
 - MainMessage (String)
 - ErrorMessages (String)(List)
 - Private
 - Exposed Process Variables
 - Localization Resources

Buttons on the right of the tree include: Add Private, Add Input, Add Output, Link Epv, Link Localization, Remove, Move Up, and Move Down.

The right pane shows the "Details" for the selected variable:

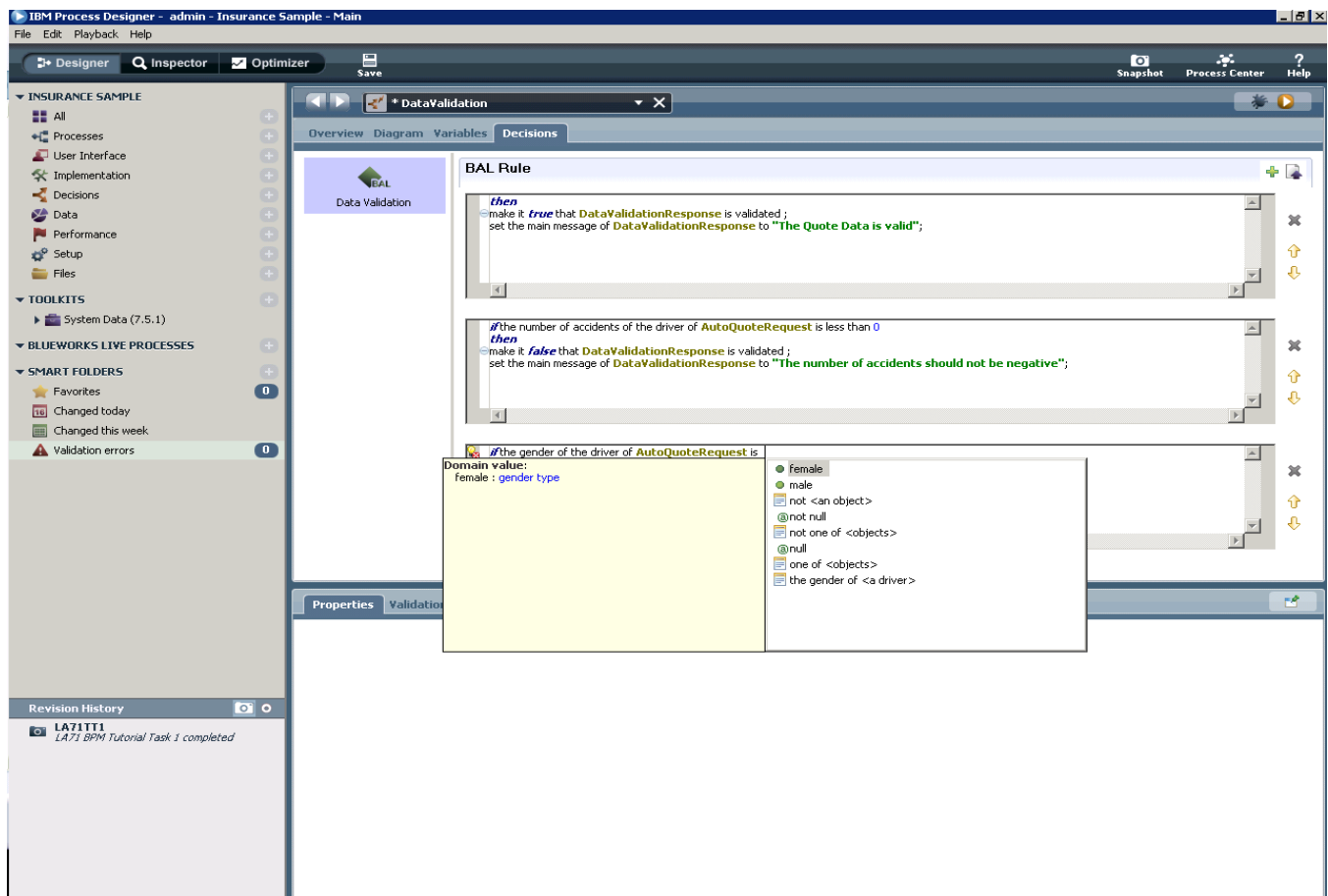
- Name: AutoQuoteRequest
- Documentation: (empty text area)
- Is List: ☐
- Variable Type: [AutoQuoteRequest](#) (with "Select..." and "New" buttons)
- Default Value
 - Has Default: ☒
 - Table:

Property	Value
Driver	
DriverID	0
FirstName	""
LastName	""
Age	0
StateOfReside	""
Occupation	""
Gender	"male"
Married	false

Step 5. Definition of the decision rules.

Now the vocabulary has been defined, the rule editor can be used to define the behavior required as shown below. The rule editor is context sensitive and prompts for possible terms to complete the rule including showing the possible values of domains as shown here.

Navigate to the **Decisions** tab which should show the **Data Validation** BAL Rule. Add a new rule by clicking the **+** icon and then experiment with the intellirule editor.



Delete the rule you created before progressing further in the tutorial.

Step 6. Testing the embedded rules decisions in the process

The Business Process Designer can test and iterate around the information models and the decisions that are required. Using the coaches the data required can be entered and the decisions tested.

In this tutorial you will modify the number of accidents to check each of the decisions. Navigate to the **Insurance sample** human service.

Click the **Run** icon.



In the **Auto Quote Request** coach, type **-1** in the **Number Of Accidents** field which should result in the **Data Validation** decision showing an invalid response. Click **OK**.

Auto Quote Request

Driver

First Name:

Last Name:

Age:

Gender:

Number Of Accidents:

Vehicle

Vehicle Identification Number:

Make:

Model:

Value:

OK

Validation Response

Validation Response

Validated: ☐

Main Message:

OK

Press **OK** again to get back to the **Auto Quote Request** coach.

This time set the **Number of Accidents** to **5**, which should provide a valid response but the quote should not be eligible. Click **OK** to move to the next screen.

Auto Quote Request

Driver

First Name:

Last Name:

Age:

Gender:

Number Of Accidents:

Vehicle

Vehicle Identification Number:

Make:

Model:

Value:

OK

Validation Response

Validation Response

Validated: ☒

Main Message:

OK

Eligibility Response

Eligibility Response

Eligible: ☐

Main Message:

OK

Finally if the **Number of Accidents** is set to **2**, the validation response should be validated and the quote should be eligible.

Auto Quote Request

Driver
First Name:
Last Name:
Age:
Gender:
Number Of Accidents:

Vehicle
Vehicle Identification Number:
Make:
Model:
Value:

Validation Response
Validated: ☒
Main Message:

Eligibility Response
Eligible: ☒
Main Message:

Step 7. Export the decisions for IT to create a managed decision service.

Once the Business Process Author is satisfied that the decisions are correct each ruleset is then selected and exported as a project. The decision service is selected and the BAL Rule opened in the Decisions tab.

DataValidation

Overview Diagram Variables **Decisions**

BAL
Data Validation

BAL Rule

then
make it **true** that **DataValidationResponse** is validated ;
set the main message of **DataValidationResponse** to **"The Quote Data is valid"**;

if the number of accidents of the driver of **AutoQuoteRequest** is less than 0
then
make it **false** that **DataValidationResponse** is validated ;
set the main message of **DataValidationResponse** to **"The number of accidents should not be neg"**

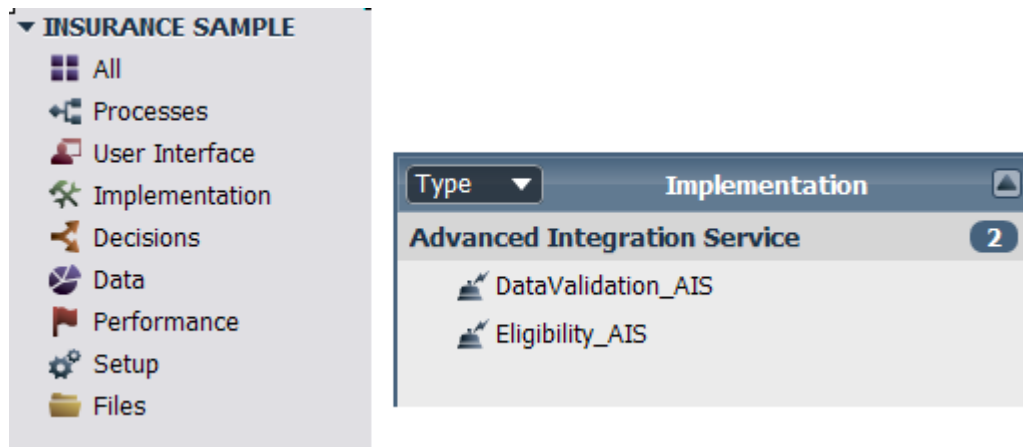
To export the ruleset press the **Export** icon and select the location to save the file.



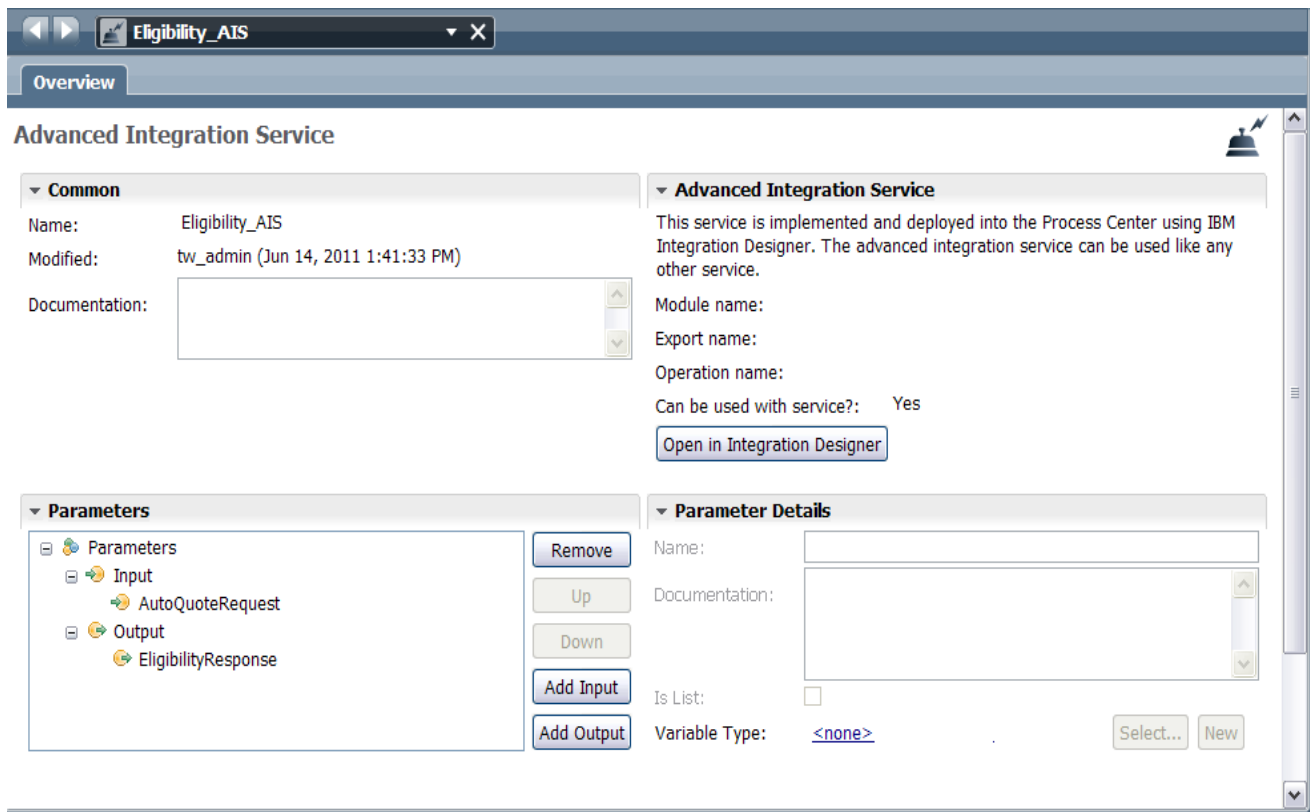
These rules have already been saved to **[SupportPac LA71 Path]\BPMTutorial\task1** and will be needed for task 2.

Step 8. Definition of Advanced Integration Service interfaces for the decisions.

The final step in the Business Process Authors role is to define an Advanced Integration Service that can utilize decisions running as SCA component in process server. These service definitions are visible by selecting the **Implementation** icon.



Selecting an implementation then shows the interface for each of these services.



When the IT developers open the AIS in an Integration Designer workspace, the implementation module, exports and operation are defined. Since the parameters are identical to the existing

decision services, these AIS implementations can be easily interchanged with the current decision services.

This completes the Business Process Authors definition of the decisions that they wish to manage within this business process. You will revisit the Business Process Author role when the decision implementations are completed.