

# IACD Reference Team: Shareable Workflows



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# Sharable Workflows – Background & Concept



- **Background:**

- **Current Orchestration tools tend to have have proprietary GUI/UX for playbook/workflows.**

- **Concept of Shareable Workflows:**

- **Promote a common visual/data format which represent sharable workflows that can be imported to and from different orchestration tools.**
- **Allows sharing of workflows for orchestration, vendor independence of IT cyber systems.**
- **This would allow greater adoption of workflows that could be shared, uploaded, downloaded, adopted.**
- **Standardized reference workflows could be hosted by government and other cyber organizations (DHS, ISAC, NIST, CIS, etc.).**
- **Preference for an non-proprietary standard that are open source and currently in use.**
- **Support graphical and digital data structure.**

# Sharable Workflows – Proposed Solution



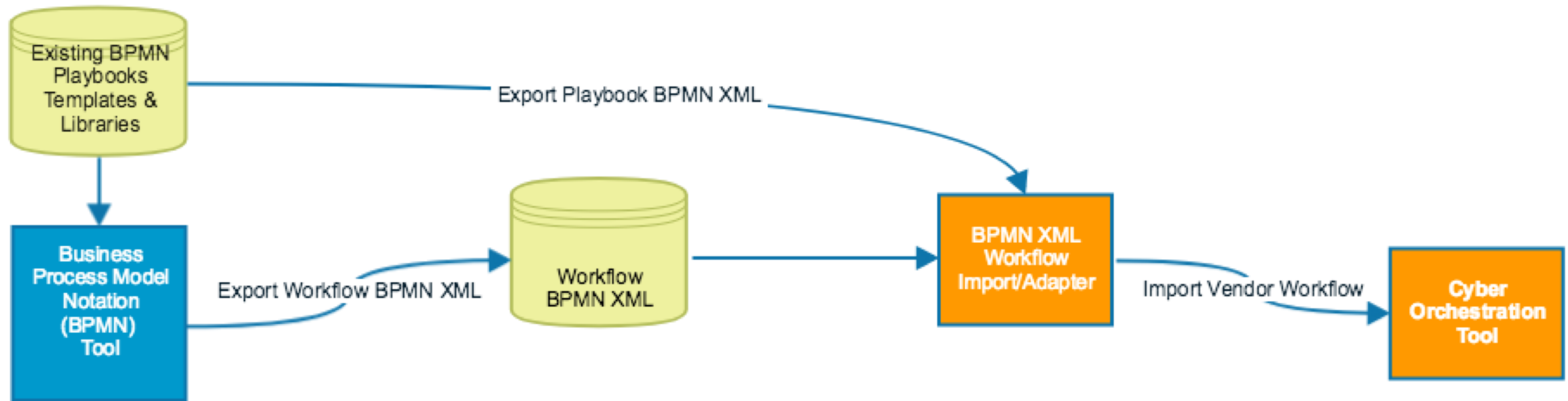
- **Business Process Model Notation (BPMN) 2.0** is a graphical open source business process modelling language.
- **XML based language that is fully interchangeable between BPMN tools.**
- **30+ vendors (Oracle and IBM) provide both free and licensed/fee-based BPMN tools.**
- **Hierarchical structure allows layered workflows to provide more detail as layers of IT are traversed.**
- **Use STIX, TAXII, Att@ck, OpenC2 and Common Exchange Format (CEF) data integrated into the sharable workflows for passing pertinent data enrichment from orchestration tools to SIEM and other cyber tools.**

# Sharable Workflows – Major Accomplishments

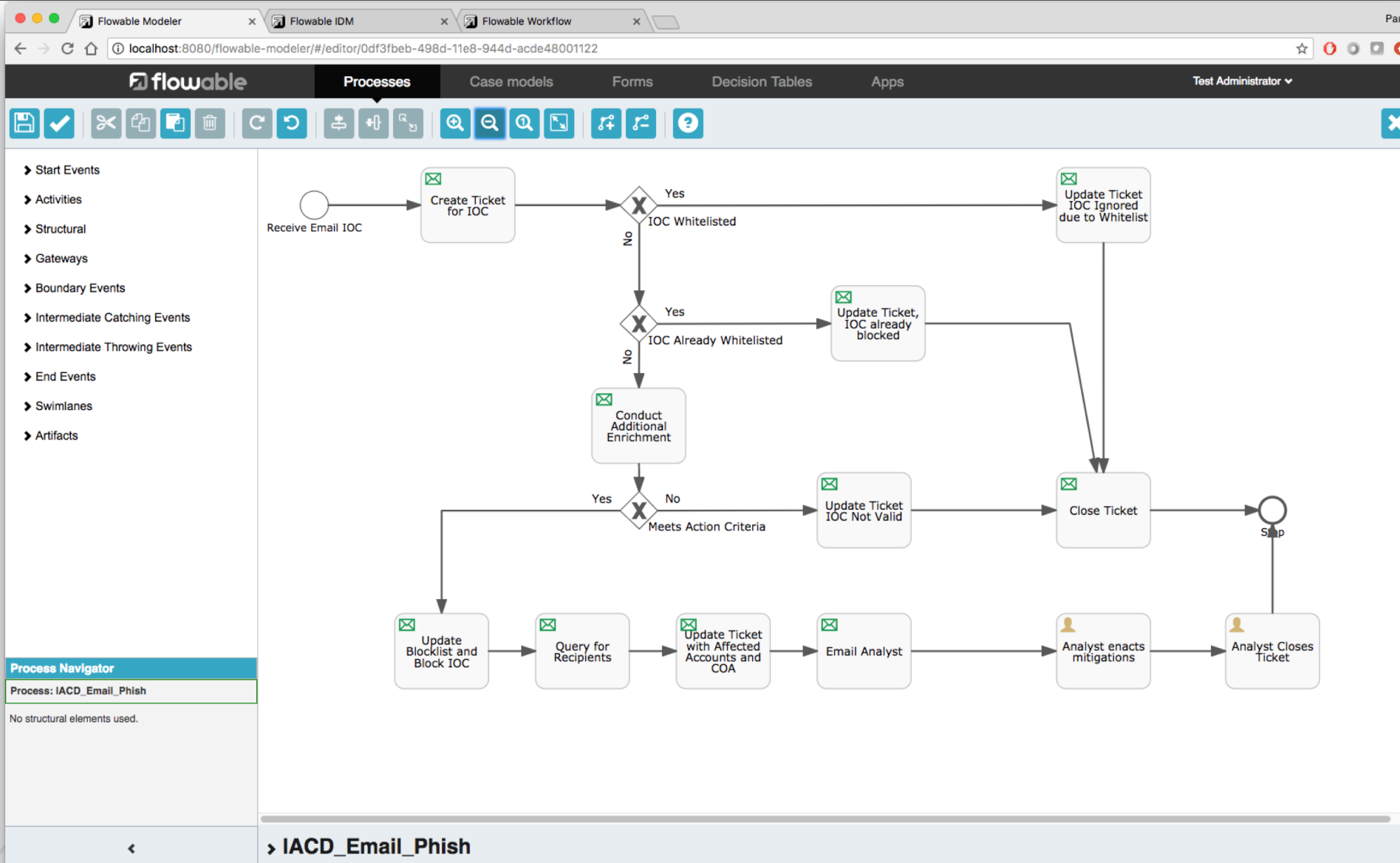


- 1. Created Simple Phishing Email example for Sharable Workflow**
  - ✓ Created XML and JSON files to represent a Phishing Email workflow.
- 2. Success During Integrated Cyber (IC) Conference in May 2018:**
  - ✓ Demonstrated concept of Sharable Workflow with Cybersponse
  - ✓ Cybersponse imported the XML into their tool with some manual user data manipulation
- 3. Building More Relationships with Key Industry Partners**
  - ✓ IBM's Resilient, Phantom, and Demisto have expressed interest in working with APL IACD on Sharable Workflows

# Sharable Workflows – Flow



# Sharable Workflows – Phishing Email Example



# Sharable Workflows – Phishing Email XML



The screenshot displays an online XML editor interface. The left pane shows the XML code for a BPMN process, and the right pane shows the corresponding XML tree structure.

**XML Code (Left Pane):**

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1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <definitions xmlns="http://www.omg.org/spec/BPMN/20100524/MODEL" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:flowable="http://flowable.org/bpmn" xmlns:bpmndi="http://www.omg.org/spec/BPMN/20100524/DI" xmlns:omgdc="http://www.omg.org/spec/DD/20100524/DC" xmlns:omgdi="http://www.omg.org/spec/DD/20100524/DI" typeLanguage="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" expressionLanguage="http://www.w3.org/1999/XMLSchema" targetNamespace="http://www.flowable.org/processdef">
3   <process id="IACD_Email_Phish" name="IACD_Email_Phish" isExecutable="true">
4     <documentation>IACD IC Email Phish example</documentation>
5     <dataObject id="Domain_Name" name="Domain Name" itemSubjectRef="xsd:string">
6       <extensionElements>
7         <flowable:value/>
8       </extensionElements>
9     </dataObject>
10    <dataObject id="IPv4_address" name="IPv4 Address" itemSubjectRef="xsd:string">
11      <extensionElements>
12        <flowable:value/>
13      </extensionElements>
14    </dataObject>
15    <dataObject id="IPv6_address" name="IPv6 Address" itemSubjectRef="xsd:string">
16      <extensionElements>
17        <flowable:value/>
18      </extensionElements>
19    </dataObject>
20    <dataObject id="MD5_hash" name="MD5 Hash" itemSubjectRef="xsd:string">
21      <extensionElements>
22        <flowable:value/>
23      </extensionElements>
24    </dataObject>
25    <dataObject id="DataObject_1bl3jq7" itemSubjectRef="xsd:string">
26      <extensionElements>
27        <flowable:value/>
28      </extensionElements>
29    </dataObject>
30    <dataObject id="DataObject_06lgy20" itemSubjectRef="xsd:string">
31      <extensionElements>
32        <flowable:value/>
33      </extensionElements>
34    </dataObject>
35    <startEvent id="Start" name="Receive Email IOC" flowable:formKey="OpenC2_Form">
36      <documentation>Receive Email IOC</documentation>
37    </startEvent>
38    <endEvent id="Stop" name="Stop">
39      <documentation>Stop</documentation>

```

**XML Tree (Right Pane):**

- process ..
  - @id: IACD\_Email\_Phish
  - @name: IACD\_Email\_Phish
  - @isExecutable: true
  - documentation IACD IC Email Phish example
  - dataObject ..
    - @id: Domain\_Name
    - @name: Domain Name
    - @itemSubjectRef: xsd:string
    - extensionElements ..
      - flowable:value
  - dataObject ..
    - @id: IPv4\_address
    - @name: IPv4 Address
    - @itemSubjectRef: xsd:string
    - extensionElements ..
      - flowable:value
  - dataObject ..
    - @id: IPv6\_address
    - @name: IPv6 Address



# Shareable Workflows– Way Forward



- **Template document on Sharable Workflow standard.**
  - Model after Oasis OpenC2 format.
- **Engage other Orchestration tool vendors to gain feedback and advice on importation of Sharable Workflows into their tools.**
  - Vendor community approach to driving the standard.
- **Incorporate additional OpenC2 data commands structures to pass to SIEM tools.**
- **Produce concept of Sharable Workflow repositories for IACD and ISAC community dependent.**

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