

Project Overview

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- **Introduction**

- Producer Express (PX), and PX automates the interaction between producers, distributors, and carriers .
- AutoPilot is one of the central concepts in PX that is a completely configurable system
- AutoPilot is driven by the open-source project OSWorkflow and its task is to configure the XML files to define the steps in a workflow.
- A graphical desktop application will be useful to assist users to minimize the amount of time and work to configure workflows:

AutoPilot Workflow Editor

- **Purpose**

- To design a graphical desktop application in order to configure AutoPilot workflows and create/view/edit the corresponding XML files.

- **Scope**

- Useful tool to create/view/edit the corresponding XML files graphically using basic flowchart shapes
- Will decrease the required time spent by users for dealing with XML configuration files which results in an increase productivity.
- Sircon's PSO analysts will benefit from the application as well as Sircon's development and professional support teams.



System Components

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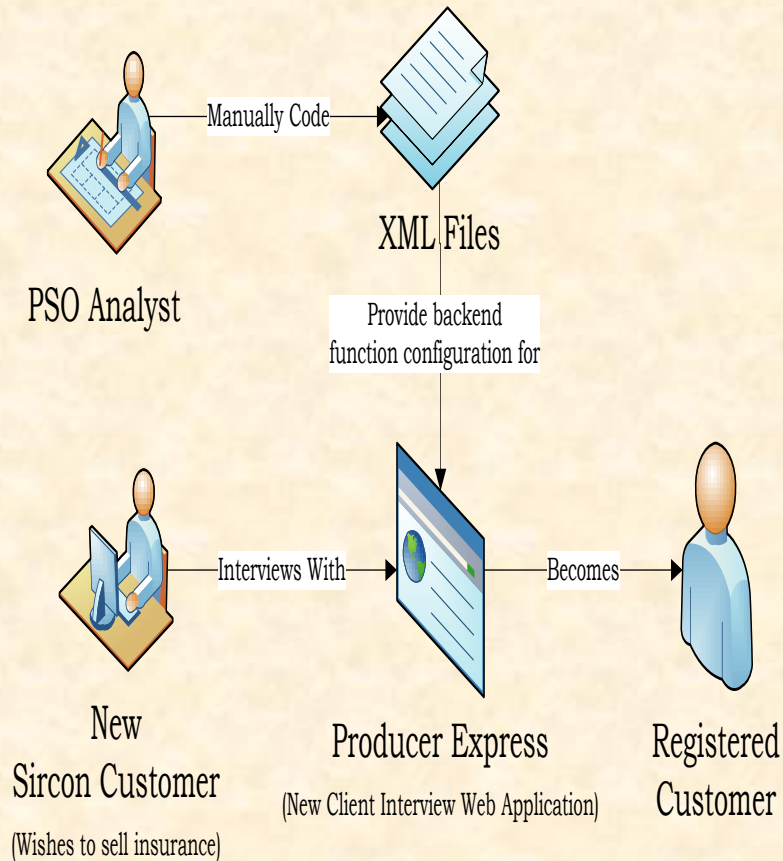


- Software Platforms / Technologies
 - Java
 - NetBeans IDE
 - SWING UI
 - XMLBeans Parser Library

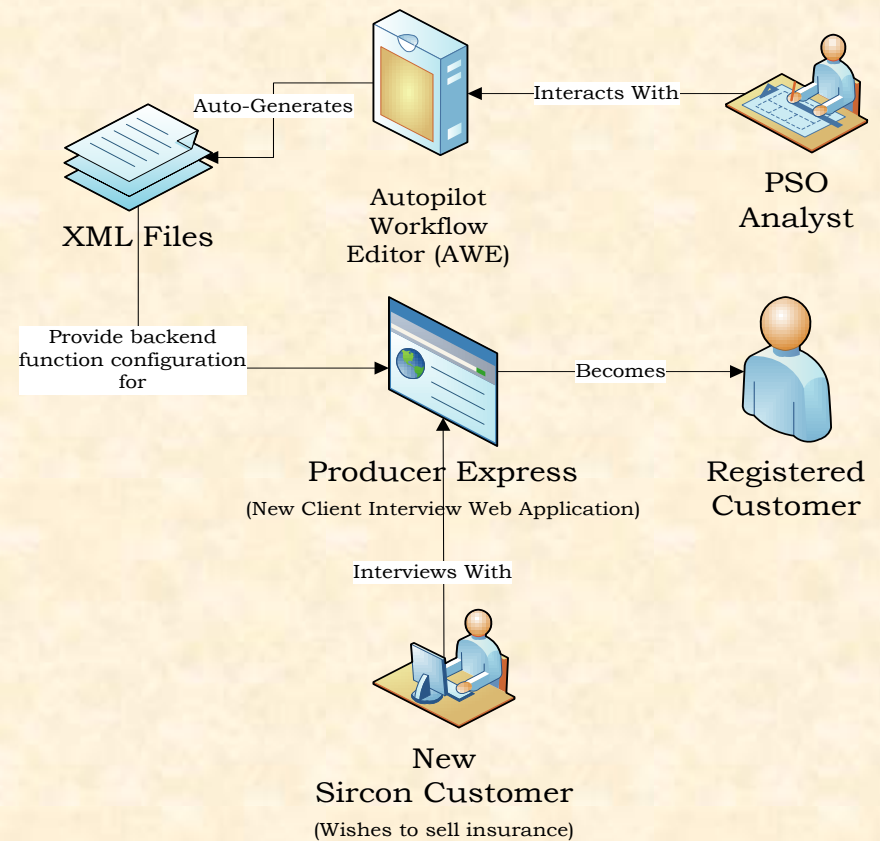
Functional Overview

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Current Workflow Editing Process



New Workflow Editing Process





Project Schedule

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Overall

1. Framework
 - a) Framework for Project Complete
 - b) Date: Feb. 5
2. Alpha Demonstration
 - a) Internal Representation and Output to Screen
 - b) Date: Feb. 15
3. Beta Demonstration
 - a) Everything except for non-crucial features
 - b) Date: Mar. 14
4. Project Video
 - a) Begin immediately following Beta Demonstration
 - b) Date: Mar. 28



Project Schedule

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XML Team

1. XML Parser
 - a) XML Parser + XML Beans Data Structures set up
 - b) Date: Jan. 30
2. Domain Model
 - a) Class Structure and Implementation
 - b) Date: Feb. 5
3. XML Auto-correction
 - a) Auto-correct nesting of XML
 - b) Date: Feb. 12
4. XSD Format
 - a) XSD File Format for Functions + Decision Points
 - b) Date: Feb. 15
5. Branch Structure
 - a) Internal Rep for GUI Branch Component
 - b) Date: Feb. 29



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GUI Team

1. GUI Components
 - a) Display and Place GUI components to screen
 - b) Date: Feb. 1
2. Drawing Workflow
 - a) Drawing Domain Model Objects in Workflow
 - b) Date: Feb. 7
3. XML Auto-correction
 - a) Auto-correct nesting of XML
 - b) Date: Feb. 12
4. XSD Format
 - a) XSD File Format for Functions + Decision Points
 - b) Date: Feb. 15

• XML Tag Definitions (backend)

- Read and writing XML files will be based upon the OSWorkflow XML Schema defined on the website
- Example Tag Definition from Schema:
 - **Result** - a conditional result of an action

Result
XML Syntax
<pre> <xs:element name="result"> <xs:complexType> <xs:sequence> <xs:element ref="conditions" /> <xs:element ref="validators" minOccurs="0" /> <xs:element ref="pre-functions" minOccurs="0" /> <xs:element ref="post-functions" minOccurs="0" /> </xs:sequence> <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:string" use="optional" /> <xs:attribute name="owner" type="xs:string" use="optional" /> <xs:attribute name="join" type="xs:string" use="optional" /> <xs:attribute name="display-name" type="xs:string" use="optional" /> <xs:attribute name="step" type="xs:string" use="optional" /> <xs:attribute name="old-status" type="xs:string" use="required" /> <xs:attribute name="status" type="xs:string" use="optional" /> <xs:attribute name="split" type="xs:string" use="optional" /> <xs:attribute name="due-date" type="xs:string" use="optional" /> </xs:complexType> </xs:element> </pre>

- **Functions-** A function that is executed automatically by OSWorkflow or by in-house code
 - An essential element within the XML and GUI
 - Various types of Functions, such as ‘*class*’ or ‘*spring*’ type
 - *Class Functions* (Java-based): the ClassLoader must know the class name of your function. This can be accomplished with the argument `class.name`

Function (type="class")
Example
<pre><function type="class"> <arg name="class.name">com.acme.FooFunction</arg> <arg name="message">The message is \${message}</arg> </function></pre>

Back-end Scope

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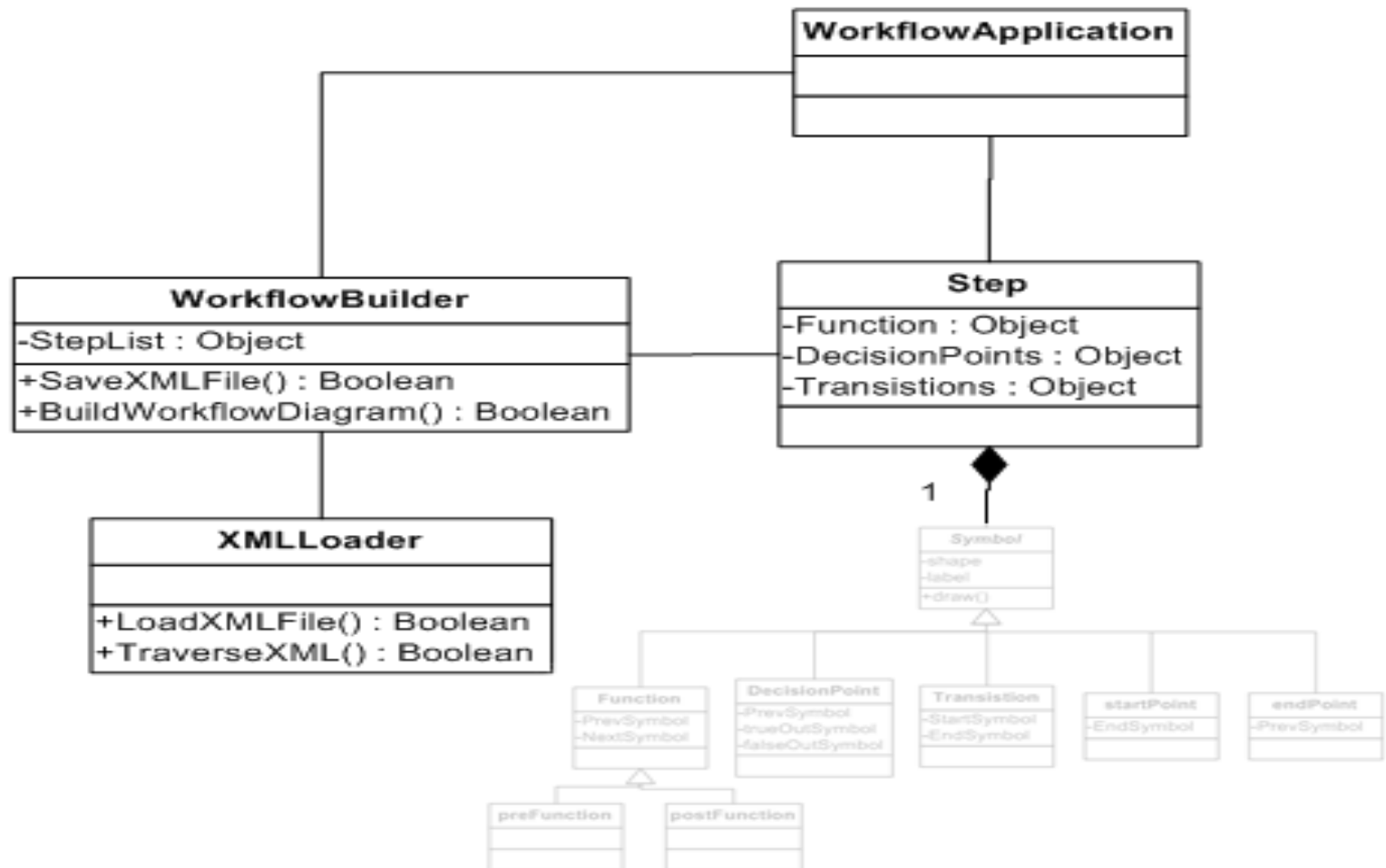
- The OSWorkflow contains a large number of possible tags that must be accounted for within our application
 - Action, Arg, Common-Action, Condition, Function, Global-Actions, Global-Conditions, Initial-Actions, Join, Meta, Permission, Post-Functions, Pre-Functions, Register, Restrict-to, Results, Split, Step, Trigger Functions, Unconditional Result, Validator, Workflow
- Reading data and writing data could be easily accomplished with a data structure hierarchy based upon tags
- However our GUI will only represent a simplified viewpoint
- Our Domain Module (class structure for data in the front-end) will only view the workflow as functions (normal, pre, post) and decision points
- Therefore a bidirectional translator between two data hierarchies will be necessary



Class Diagrams

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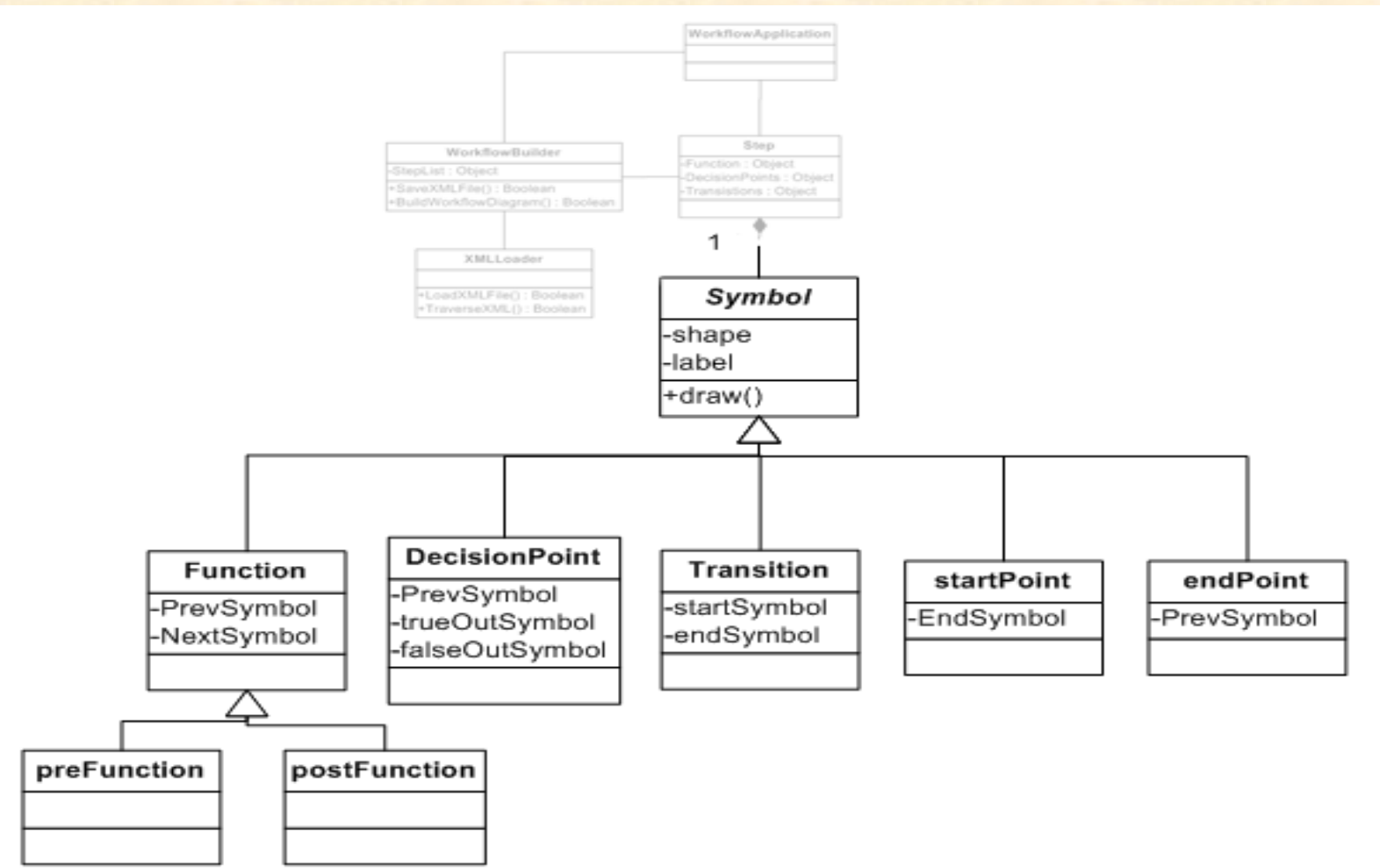
- Autopilot Workflow Editor: Class Diagram Part 1



Class Diagram- Cont.

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- Autopilot Workflow Editor: Class Diagram Part 2

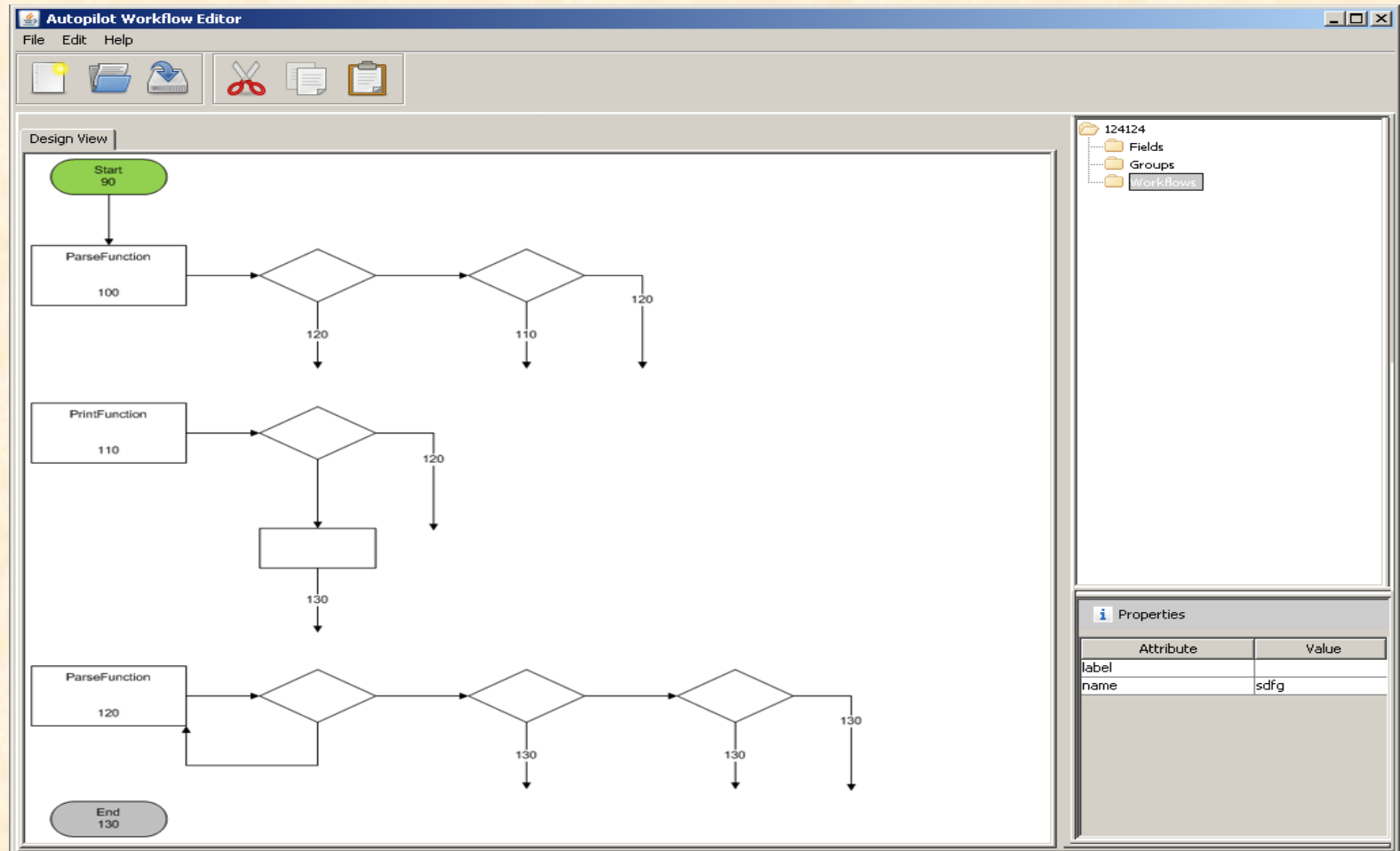




Prototype

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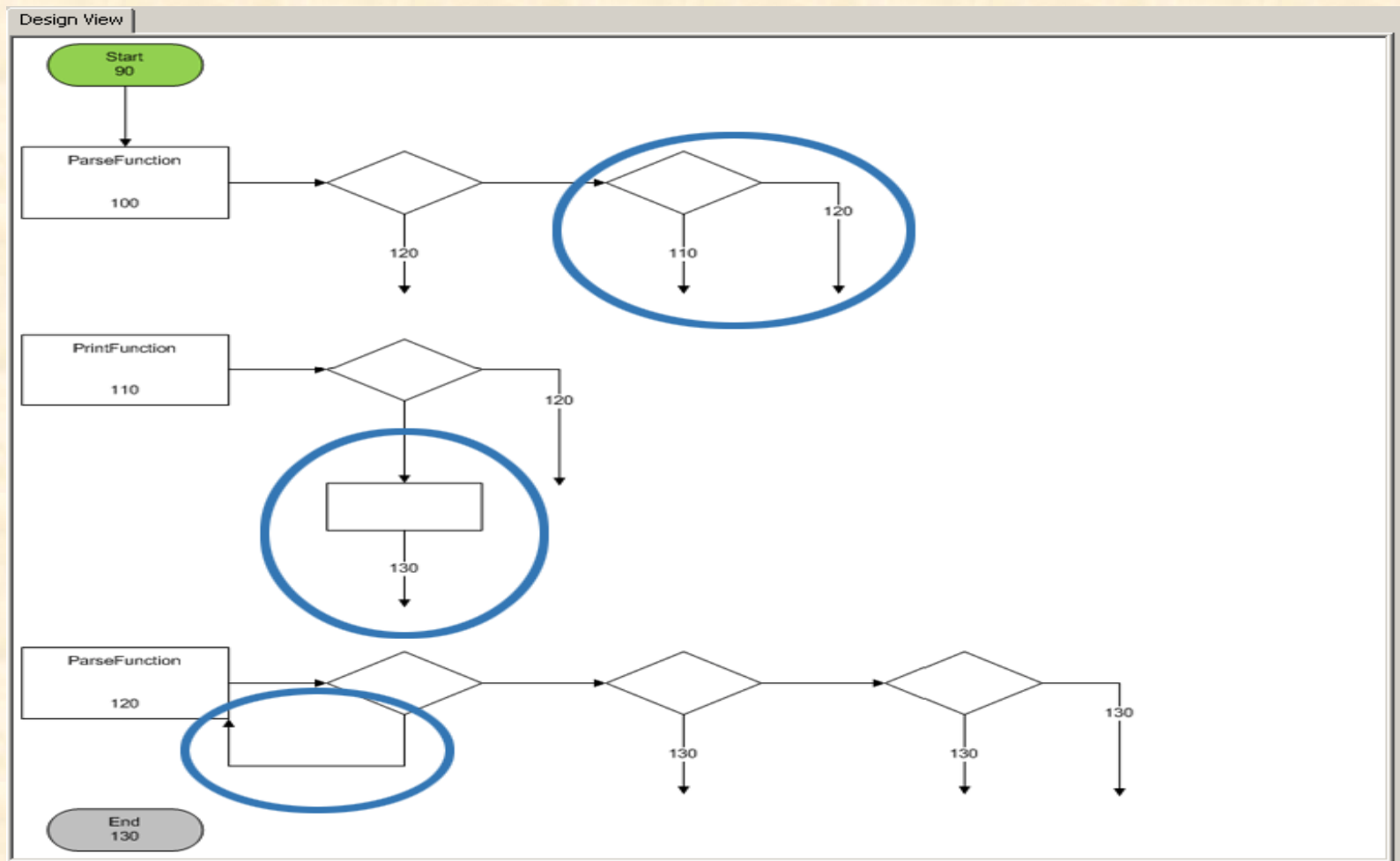
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- Autopilot Workflow Editor: Prototype Part 2



Prototype – Cont.

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- Title: Autopilot Workflow Editor: Prototype Part 3

