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Human Values and the Business Intervention Model

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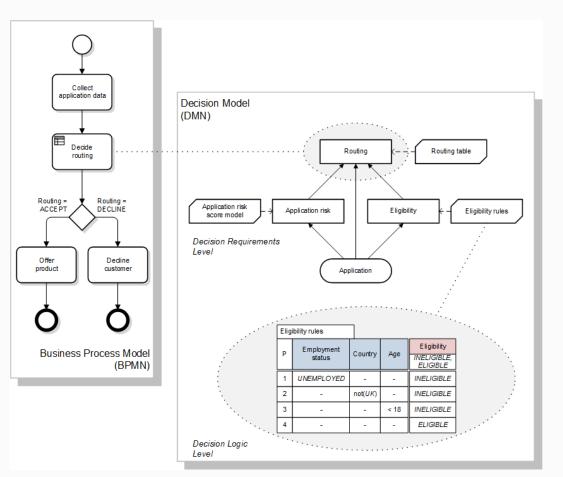
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Use case composition

- BPM+ provides three levels of modelling:
 - BPMN & CMMN for decision orchestration (processes / cases)
 - DMN for decision structure (DRD)
 - BKMs to hold decision functionals (detailed logic / ML models)
- Models composed into a hierarchy: a Use Case Composition
- Defines business decision making as executable models of desired business behaviour



What's missing?

- Successful at capturing "what" and "how" of decision-making
 - Separation of concerns between levels simplifies models in each layer
 - Composable, executable, business-friendly
 - Simple integration with ML models as contents of BKMs
 - Provides transparency and explainability of decision-making
- Still does not capture the "why": the business motivation
 - Decisions are agnostic as to outcomes
 - KPIs do not express value and are not part of model
- Need a mechanism for embedding human values
 - Business goals
 - Environmental, Societal & Governance goals



Objectives

- Embed human values in compositions
- Close the loop on decisions
- Support users with proposed improvements
- Provide transparency and explanation of motivation
- Make accessible to business users
- Make shareable as assets

Existing Motivation Models

- For the purpose of attaching human values to use case compositions...
 - OMG BMM:
 - Too abstract
 - Based on Business Rules Approach
 - BA Guild BAM, OMG BACM, ArchiMate:
 - Too complex
 - Address business architecture rather than behaviour
- So focussing on the specific concepts required...

OMG BMM Business Motivation Model v1.3 2015	BA Guild BAM Business Architecture Model V2.0 2022
OMG BACM Business Architecture Core Model V1.0 2022	Open Group Archimate V3.2 2022





Precepts

Changes to models are business interventions

Models represent and implement business behaviour, so changes to a model are business interventions, not just code changes



Successive interventions provide improvement

Business users implement successive incremental interventions to achieve their business goals



Each intervention has an explicit target

The business user has a specific business performance target in mind for every intervention



Targets are defined using metrics

Business performance is measured using metrics (KPIs), and targets are defined against those performance metrics



Performance is monitored against targets

The performance of the modelled system may be monitored and checked against the performance metrics

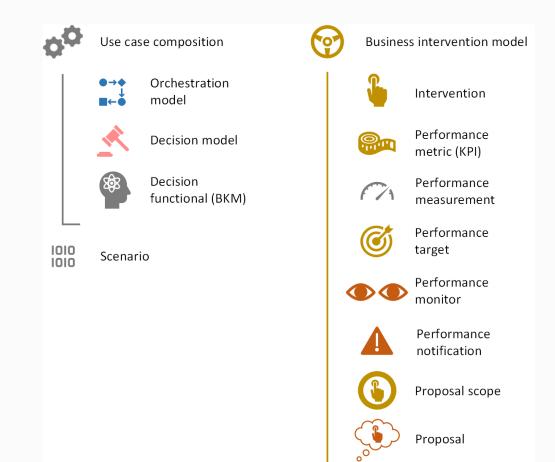


Feedback closes the loop

The results of monitoring allow evaluation of previous interventions and consideration of further interventions

Concepts

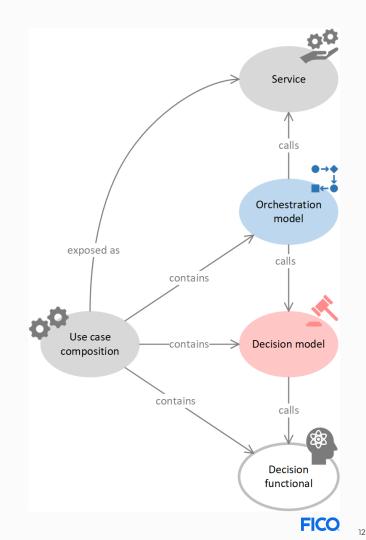
- First task: select the concepts to be reified in the model
- Concept model provides the classes and principal relationships of an ontology
- Ontology forms basis for conceptual design of UX



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Use case composition

- Contains a hierarchy of linked models
 - Orchestration models (e.g. process, case)
 - Decision models (DRDs)
 - Decision functionals (contents of BKMs)
- May be exposed as a Service called by other compositions



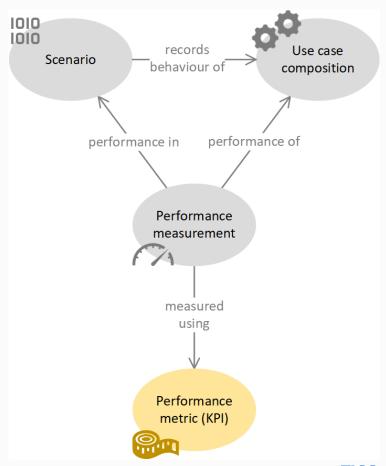
Performance

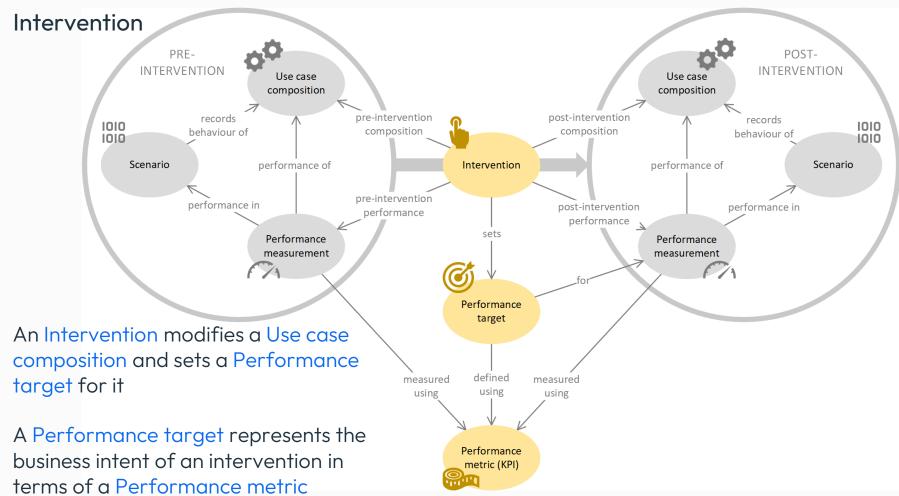
The user's objective is to maintain or improve some aspect of business *performance*

A Performance measurement records the performance of a Use case composition in a Scenario (real world or simulated)

A Performance metric defines how performance should be measured / calculated

- May address business values and/or societal values (ESG goals)
- Overall value might be assessed using a utility function of several Performance metrics



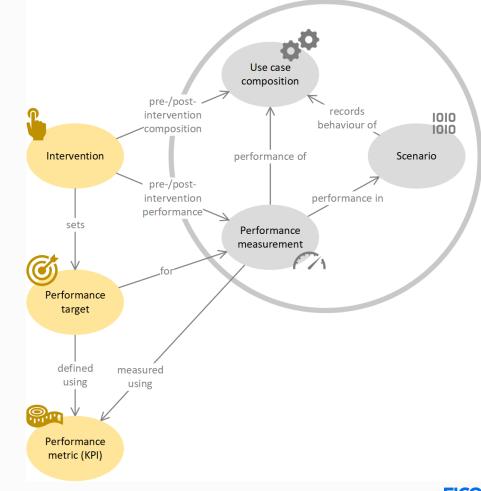


Intervention

Folding pre-intervention and postintervention instances together...

An Intervention modifies a Use case composition and sets a Performance target for it

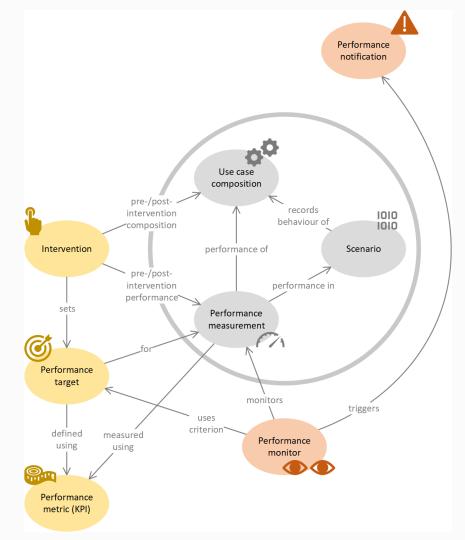
A Performance target represents the business intent of an intervention in terms of a Performance metric



Feedback

A Performance monitor checks a measurement against a target

A Performance notification is triggered when any target criterion is violated

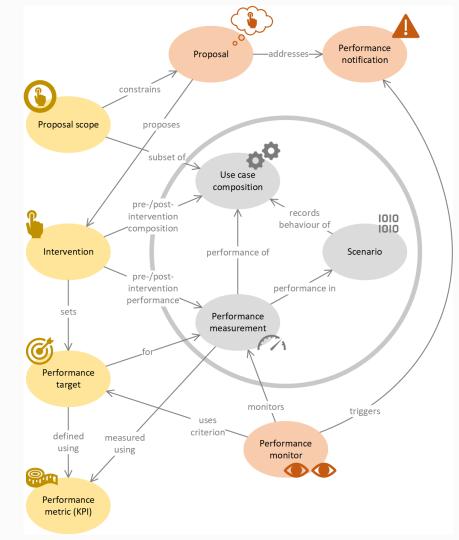


Proposal

The system may address a Performance notification by generating Proposals in line with the Proposal scope

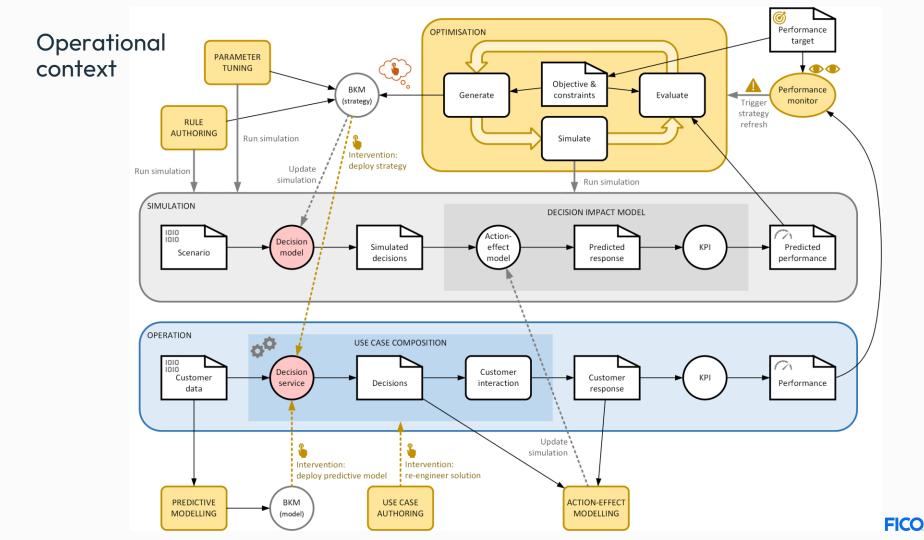
The user may adopt a Proposal and implement it as an Intervention

The Proposal scope specifies (*inter alia*) which elements of the Use case composition may be modified

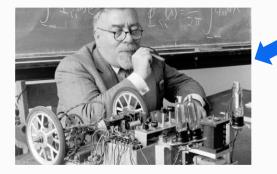








Historical context



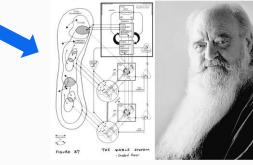
Norbert Wiener with moth

Cybernetics: How can an organism steer itself?



Cybernetics, conference 1953

=> Control theory, information theory, robotics, neural networks, computer science, Artificial Intelligence



Stafford Beer with VSM

Management Cybernetics: How can we steer an organisation?

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