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Subject: Automatic Transition

Posted by [rashad](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 12:18:32 GMT

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I am playing around with the workflow engine and I am trying to create a simple workflow like this:

"Request Vacation" -> Start->"Manager Approve"->End

So the are:

Places

Start

Manager Approval

End

Transitions:

Approve

Dummy

Arcs:

Start->Approve

Approve->Manager Approval

Manager Approval->Dummy

Dummy->End

So what should I do inside the dummy transition to finish the workflow?

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Subject: Re: Automatic Transition

Posted by [AJM](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 16:03:44 GMT

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If you are trying to construct a workflow to implement Start->"Manager Approve"->End then this has two places and one transition, so why are you inserting a second transition called "dummy"?

If you look at file [radicore/workflow/docs/workflow-examples.html](#) you will see some examples which have been set up in the workflow database.

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Posted by [rashad](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 00:16:33 GMT

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The reason I am doing this is because the workflow won't get validate if there's no intermediate places, that's why I thought of an automatic transition to go around this problem

Thanks for your reponse

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Subject: Re: Automatic Transition

Posted by [AJM](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 09:32:48 GMT

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Do you really want a workflow which has only one transition? Is this a realistic scenario? Can a workflow with a single transition really be classed as a workflow?

If you must do it, you should remember that each transition in a workflow equates to a transaction (task) on the MENU database, so if you want a dummy transition you must relate it to a dummy task, one that uses a transaction pattern which updates the database (otherwise the workflow details cannot be updated) but which does not actually update the database. You could, for example, use a task which sends the employee an email to say "request granted".

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