

# Build a better life by translating problems to Datalog and Answer Set Programming(ASP)

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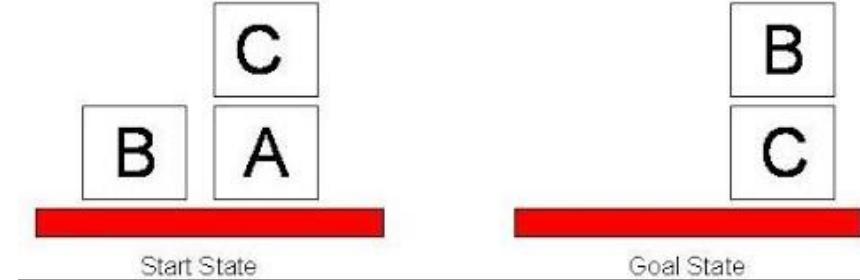
*Station 1:*

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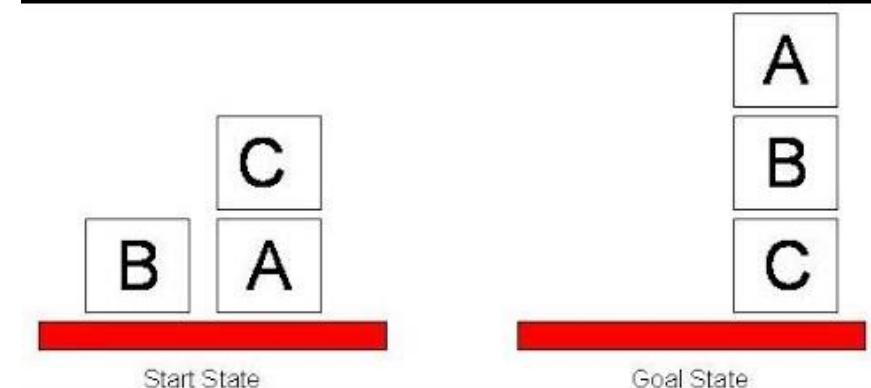
AI Planning

# AI Planning...



- fluents: **on(c, a)** , **on(b, table)** , **on(a, table)**
- Actions: **move(c, table)** with
  - preconditions:
    - executable move(B, L) if block(B).
    - nonexecutable move(B, B).
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  - effects:
    - caused on(B, L) after move(B, L).
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# AI Planning... intuitive encoding



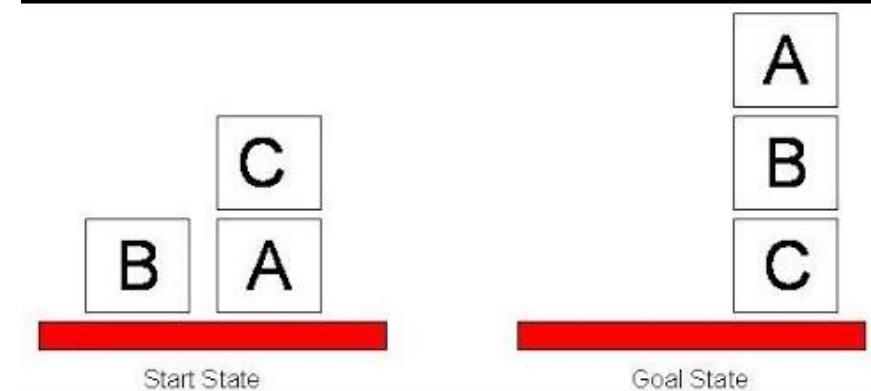
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- Actions: `move(c, table, T)` .
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```
:– move(B, B, T) .  
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```

- effects:  
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`-on(B, L, T+1) :- move(B, L1, T) , on(B, L, T) , L1<>L.`
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```
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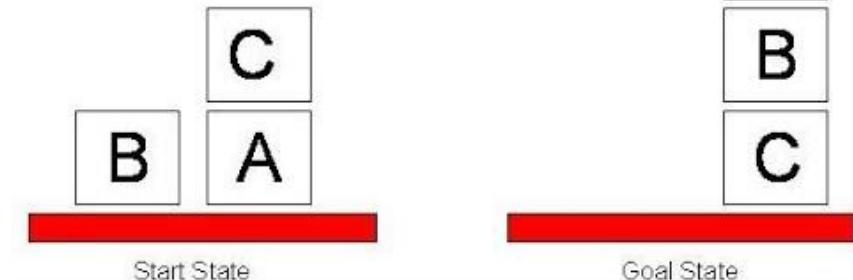
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# AI Planning... guess and check:



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```
move(B, L, T) v -move(B, L, T) :- block(B), location(L), time(T).
:- move(B, B, T).
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```

**Goal:**

```
goal(T) :- on(a, b),
          on(b, c),
          on(c, table).
:- not goal(maxTime).
time(0..maxTime).
```

# AI Planning... ease of extensions:

- Nondeterministic actions:

- E.g., “clumsy” move

```
on(B, L, T+1) v on(B, table, T+1) :- cmove(B, L, T), on(B, L, T), block(L).  
on(B, L, T+1) :- cmove(B, L, T), on(B, table, T).
```

- Action costs /cost optimal planning:

```
cost(T, 1) :- cmove(B, L, T).
```

```
cost(T, 2) :- move(B, L, T).
```

**:~ cost(T,Cost) . [Cost:]**

# AI Planning

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## Answer set planning under action costs

Authors:

Thomas Eiter, Wolfgang Faber, Nicola Leone, Gerald Pfeifer, Axel Polleres

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, Volume 19, Issue 1 • July 2003

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## Action costs /cost optimality

Towards automated integration of guess and check programs in answer set programming: a meta-interpreter and applications

Authors:

Thomas Eiter, Axel Polleres

Theory and Practice of Logic Programming, Volume 6, Issue 1-2 • January 2006 • pp 23-60 • <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1471068405002577>



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## A logic programming approach to knowledge-state planning: Semantics and complexity

Authors:

Thomas Eiter, Wolfgang Faber, Nicola Leone, Gerald Pfeifer, Axel Polleres

ACM Transactions on Computational Logic, Volume 5, Issue 2 • April 2004 • pp 206-263 • <https://doi.org/10.1145/976706.976708>



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Semantic Web

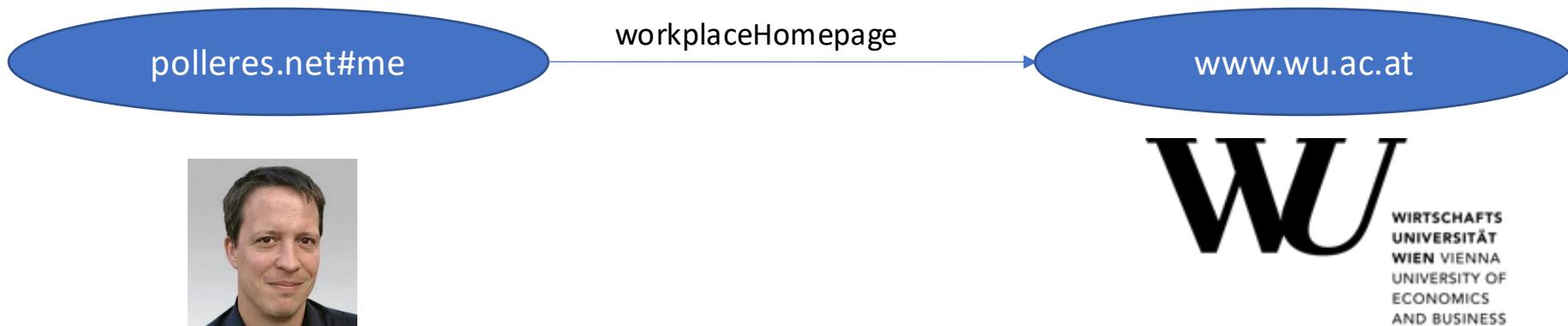


# Semantic Web ... RDF Triples

- “Typed” links on the Web ...

`<http://www.polleres.net#me> <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/workplaceHomepage> <http://www.wu.ac.at> .`

- ... can be seen as subject-predicate-object edges in a Graph:



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- ... available on the Web
- ... *queryable via a query language called SPARQL!*



[1,101,215,718](#) triples/edges



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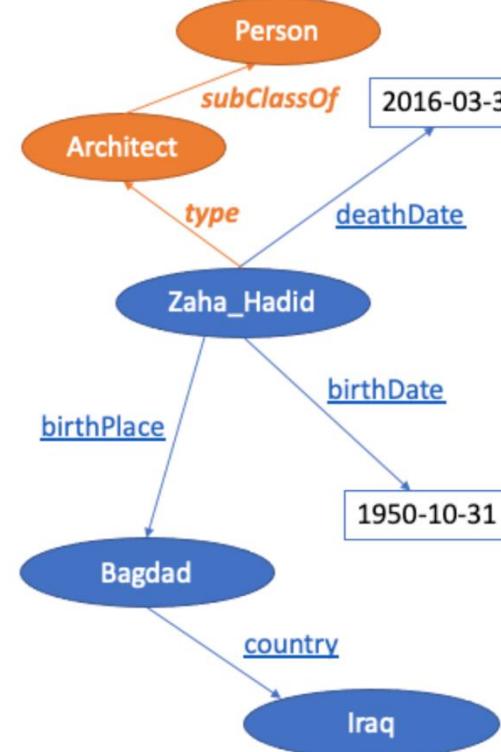
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The screenshot shows the English Wikipedia page for Zaha Hadid. It includes a sidebar with navigation links like Main page, Contents, Recent changes, About Wikipedia, Contact us, Donate, Help, Learn to edit, Community portal, Recent changes, Updated files, Tools, What links here, Recent changes, Special pages, Permanent link, Page information, Cite this page, Wikipedia live, Print/export, Download as PDF, Printable version, In other projects, Wikipedia Commons, Wikisource, Languages, and a search bar.

The main content area displays biographical information about Zaha Hadid, including her birth (Zaha Mohammad Hadid, 31 October 1950), death (31 March 2016, aged 65), nationality (Iraq, United Kingdom), alma mater (American University of Beirut, Architectural Association School of Architecture), occupation (Architect), parents (Mohammed Hadid, Wajeeha Sabonji), practice (Zaha Hadid Architects), buildings (Vitra Fire Station, MAXXI, Bridge Pavilion, Contemporary Arts Center, Heydar Aliyev Center, Riverside Museum), and website ([www.zaha-hadid.com](http://www.zaha-hadid.com)). There is also a small image of her and a caption about her work at the Heydar Aliyev Cultural Center.

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[http://dbpedia.org/resource/Zaha\\_Hadid](http://dbpedia.org/resource/Zaha_Hadid)



```
PREFIX dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
```

```
SELECT ?N WHERE {
?X rdf:type dbo:Architect ;
rdfs:label ?N .
{{?X dbo:birthPlace dbr:Bagdad}
UNION
 {?X dbo:birthPlace dbr:Vienna}}
```

```
FILTER (lang(?N) = "en")}
```

# Semantic Web ...Status ~2006

- Semantics of SPARQL in parts undefined
- Various extensions being discussed...



SPARQL Query Language for RDF

W3C Recommendation 15 January 2008

# SPARQL... intuitive encoding

- Why I liked SPARQL?

```
SELECT ?X
WHERE {
    ?X rdf:type dbpedia:Architect.
    ?X dbpedia:birthPlace dbpedia:Baghdad .
}
```

for the same reason I love ASP! *Obvious similarities to Datalog...*

```
answer(X) :-
    triple( X, birthPlace , baghdad ) ,
    triple( X, type , architect) .
```



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# SPARQL... intuitive encoding some not entirely trivial, e.g. OPTIONAL:

*Give me people who know somebody and OPTIONALLY their email address:*

```
triple( :tim, knows, :jim ) . triple(:tim, email, timbl@w3.org ) .  
triple( :jim, knows, :tim ) .
```

**Example Query:**

```
answer(X,M) :- evalP(X,Y,M) .  
  
evalP(X,Y,M) :- triple( X, knows, Y ) , triple( X, email, M ) .  
  
evalP(X,Y,null) :- triple( X, knows, Y ) , not evalP1(X) .  
evalP1(X) :- triple( X, email, M ) .
```

X	Y	X	M	X	Y	X	M	X	Y	M
tim	jim	tim	timbl@w3.org	tim	jim	tim	timbl@w3.org	tim	jim	timbl@w3.org
jim	tim	jim		jim	tim	jim	timbl@w3.org	jim	tim	

X	M
tim	timbl@w3.org
jim	

$\uparrow \pi_{X,M}$

# SPARQL... intuitive encoding

[**Polleris, 2007**] shows that all of SPARQL 1.0 can be translated to (safe) nonrecursive Datalog<sup>not</sup>.

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## From SPARQL to rules (and back)

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Author:  Axel Polleres [Authors Info & Claims](#)

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WWW '07: Proceedings of the 16th international conference on World Wide Web • May 2007 • Pages 787–796 • <https://doi.org/10.1145/1242572.1242679>

[**Angles&Gutierrez 2008**] vice versa show that (safe) nonrecursive Datalog<sup>not</sup> likewise be encoded into SPARQL.

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## The Expressive Power of SPARQL

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Authors:  Renzo Angles,  Claudio Gutierrez [Authors Info & Claims](#)

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ISWC '08: Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on The Semantic Web • October 2008 • Pages 114–129 • [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-540-88564-1\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-540-88564-1_8)

# SPARQL... ASP's ease of extensions:

1) We could show that additional features of SPARQL 1.1 were also easily encodable in Datalog...

Articles

## On the relation between SPARQL1.1 and Answer Set Programming

Axel Polleres & Johannes Peter Wallner

Pages 159-212 | Published online: 24 Jun 2013

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2) ... and (already before) proposed a semantics to using SPARQL as a rules language to define the semantics of RDF sources potentially mutually referring to each other...

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SPARQL++ for mapping between RDF vocabularies

Authors: Axel Polleres, François Scharffe, Roman Schindlauer [Authors Info & Claims](#)

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Web source P1:

```
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:tim :email <mailto:timbl@w3.org> .  
:jim :knows :tim .  
  
CONSTRUCT { ?s :email ?m }  
FROM P2  
WHERE { ?s :email ?m }
```

Web source P2:

```
:jim <mailto:jim@rpi.edu> .  
  
CONSTRUCT { jim :knows ?m }  
FROM P1  
WHERE { :jim :knows ?m }
```

# SPARQL... ASP's guess and check :

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WHERE { ?s ... OPTIONAL ... }
```

Web source P2:

```
:jim <mailto:jim@rpi.edu> .  
  
CONSTRUCT { jim :knows ?m }  
FROM P1  
WHERE { :jim ... NOT EXISTS ... }
```

Could involve recursion and cycles over negation, elegantly solvable with ASP semantics!

# Semantic Web ... more recent ASP applications:

- SHACL: a language to formulate constraints over RDF graphs

**Shapes Constraint Language (SHACL)**  
W3C Recommendation 20 July 2017



- E.g.:

Shape:

```
:StudentShape a sh:NodeShape ;  
    sh:targetNode :Ben ;  
    sh : property [  
        sh:path :enrolledIn ;  
        sh : qualifiedMinCount 1 ;  
        sh : qualifiedValueShape [  
            sh:class :Course ] ] .
```

Each defined target node needs to fulfill the constraints, in this case:

There needs to be at least one Course that the student is enrolled in.

Data Graph:

```
: Ben :enrolledIn :C1 .  
:C1 :type Course .
```

# SHACL ... computing repairs by Guess and check:

- Idea: Without going into details of the encoding: we encode repairs inspired by

**Database Repairing and Consistent Query Answering**  
Synthesis Lectures on Data Management

August 2011, 121 pages, (<https://doi.org/10.2200/S00379ED1V01Y201108DTM020>)

Leopoldo Bertossi  
Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

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Repairing SHACL Constraint Violations Using Answer Set Programming

Authors: Shqiponja Ahmetaj, Robert David, Axel Polleres, Mantas Šimkus [Authors Info & Claims](#)

The Semantic Web – ISWC 2022: 21st International Semantic Web Conference, Virtual Event, October 23–27, 2022, Proceedings • Oct 2022 • Pages 375–391 • [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-19433-7\\_22](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-19433-7_22)



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Data Graph:

```
: Ben :enrolledIn :C1 .  
:C1 :type Course.
```

vs.

```
:Ben :enrolledIn :C1 .  
:Ben :enrolledIn :new1 .  
:new1 :type Course.
```

Guess a pair (A,D) of additions and deletions that repair all target nodes

- cardinality minimality
- strategy for introducing new nodes (for minimality constraints)
- relaxed encoding to repair a maximal number of target nodes
  - in the case not all target nodes can be repaired
- Implementation using Java and Clingo

# SHACL ... computing repairs by Guess and check:

Somewhat work in progress, since it is not 100% clear what a “good” repair semantics should look like, but – we hope - encoding this as a repair problem helps to ***clarify the semantics of the standard***:

- encode more complex repair policies
  - *e.g. fix a part of the vocabulary/signature*
- similar issues as in SPARQL++ arise when you allow recursion (cf.
- raise a discussion about intuitive repairs, may need extension of the SHACL standard!

Active work in this space, we can built upon:

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## Stable Model Semantics for Recursive SHACL

Authors:  Medina Andresel,  Julien Corman,  Magdalena Ortiz,  Juan L. Reutter,  Ognjen Savkovic,

 Mantas Simkus [Authors Info & Claims](#)



KR Proceedings ▶ 2021 ▶ Full Papers ▶ Pages 12–21

## Reasoning about Explanations for Non-validation in SHACL

✉ Shqiponja Ahmetaj (Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria)  
✉ Robert David (Semantic Web Company, Austria)  
✉ Magdalena Ortiz (Technical University of Vienna, Austria)  
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**Part 3:**  
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**SIEMENS**

Business Process  
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# Resource allocation in BPM

- Recently concluded PhD thesis:



Giray Havur



**SHAPE**  
Safety-critical Human- and dAta-centric Process management in Engineering projects



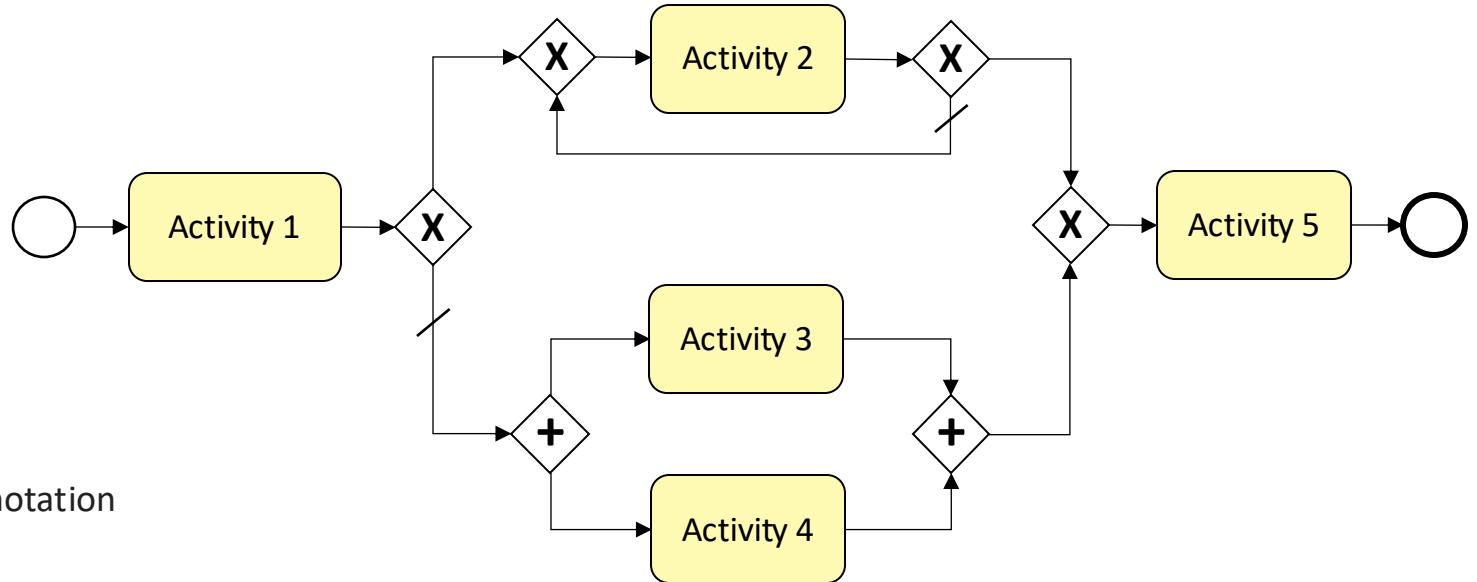
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# Organizing Work

## Business Process Modelling Notation

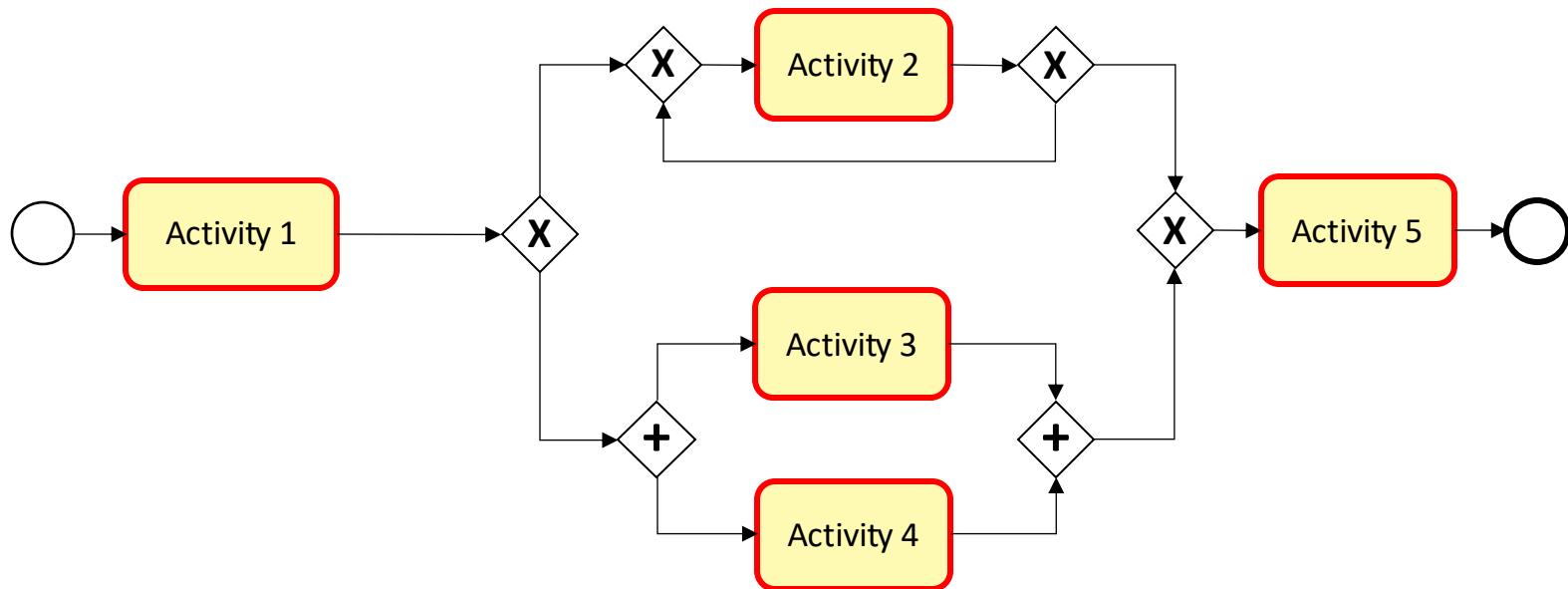


- A standardized and popular graphical notation for specifying business processes



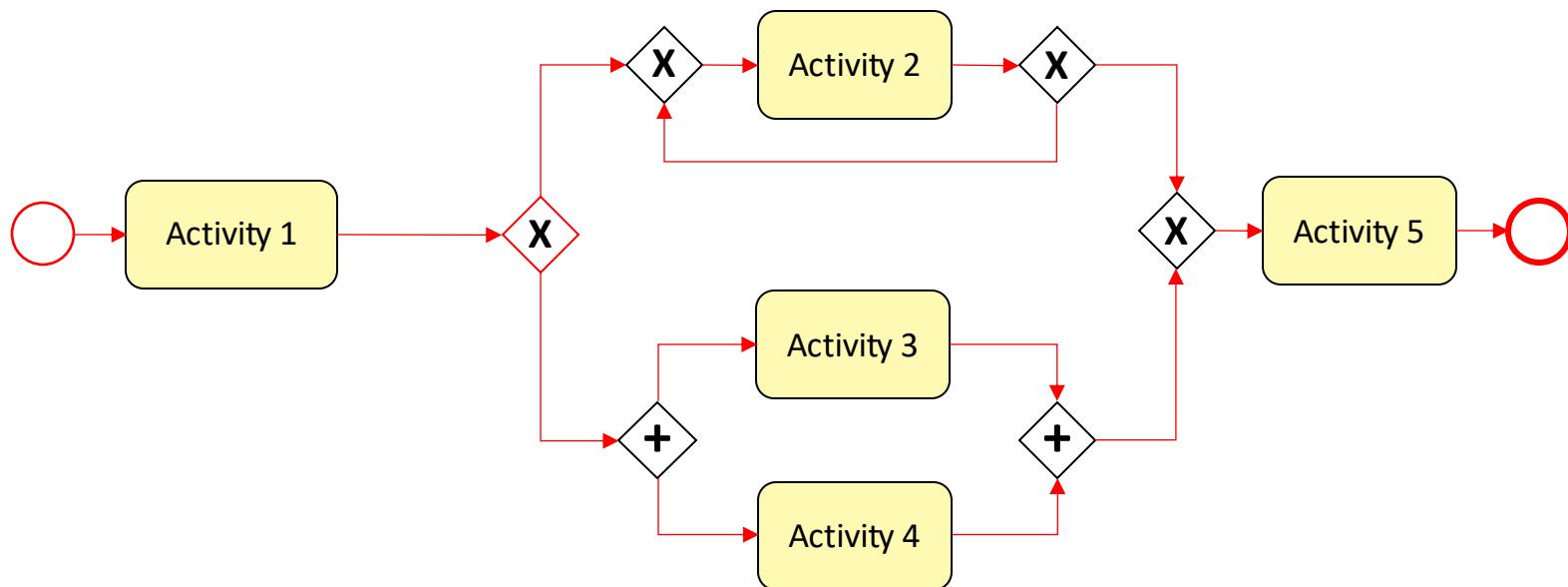
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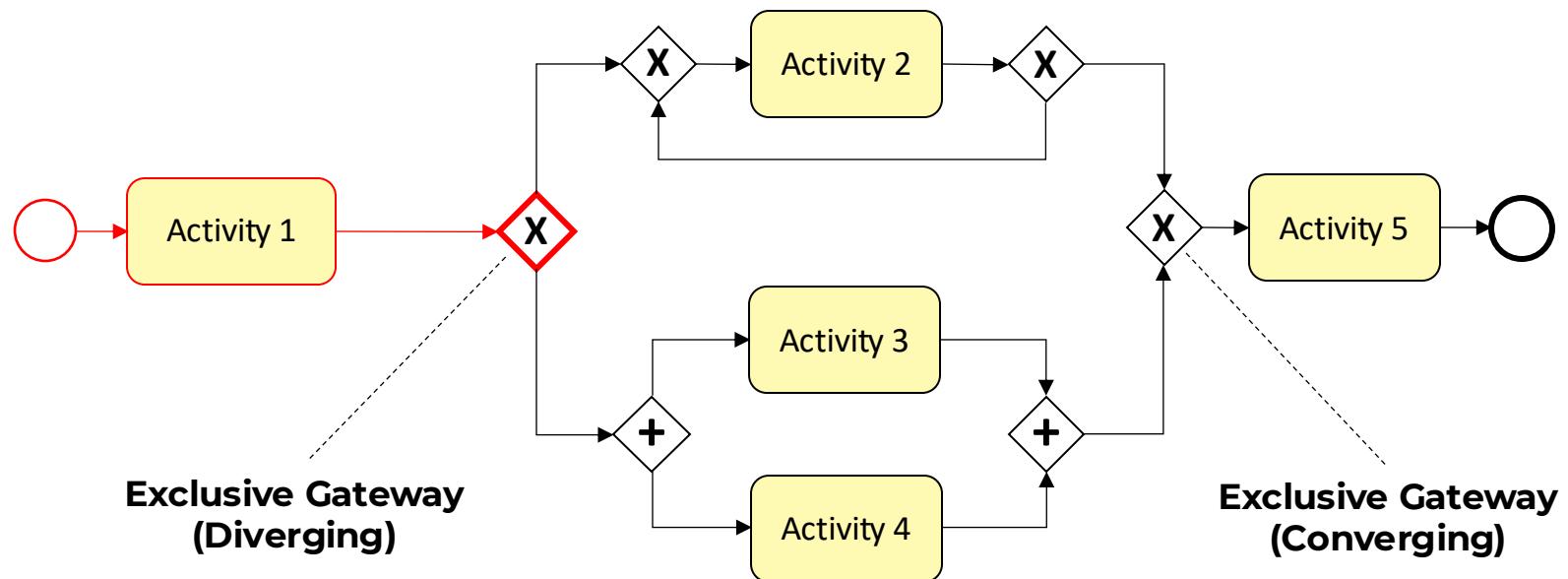
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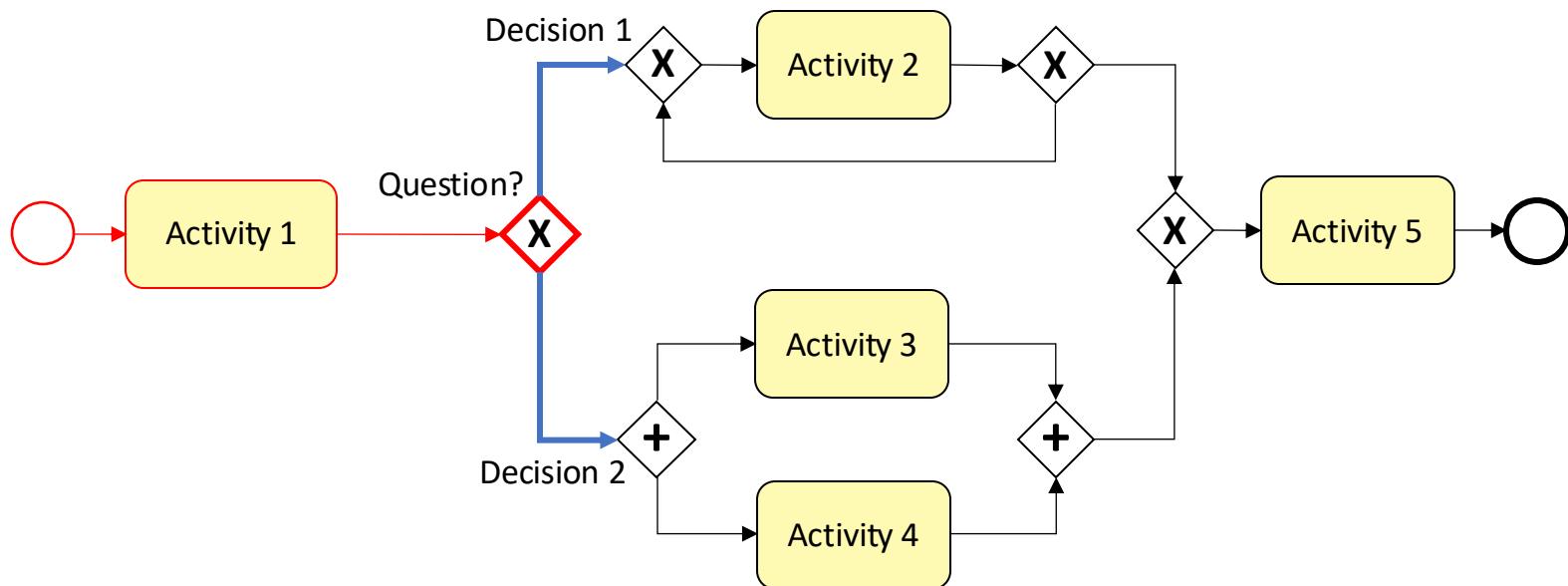
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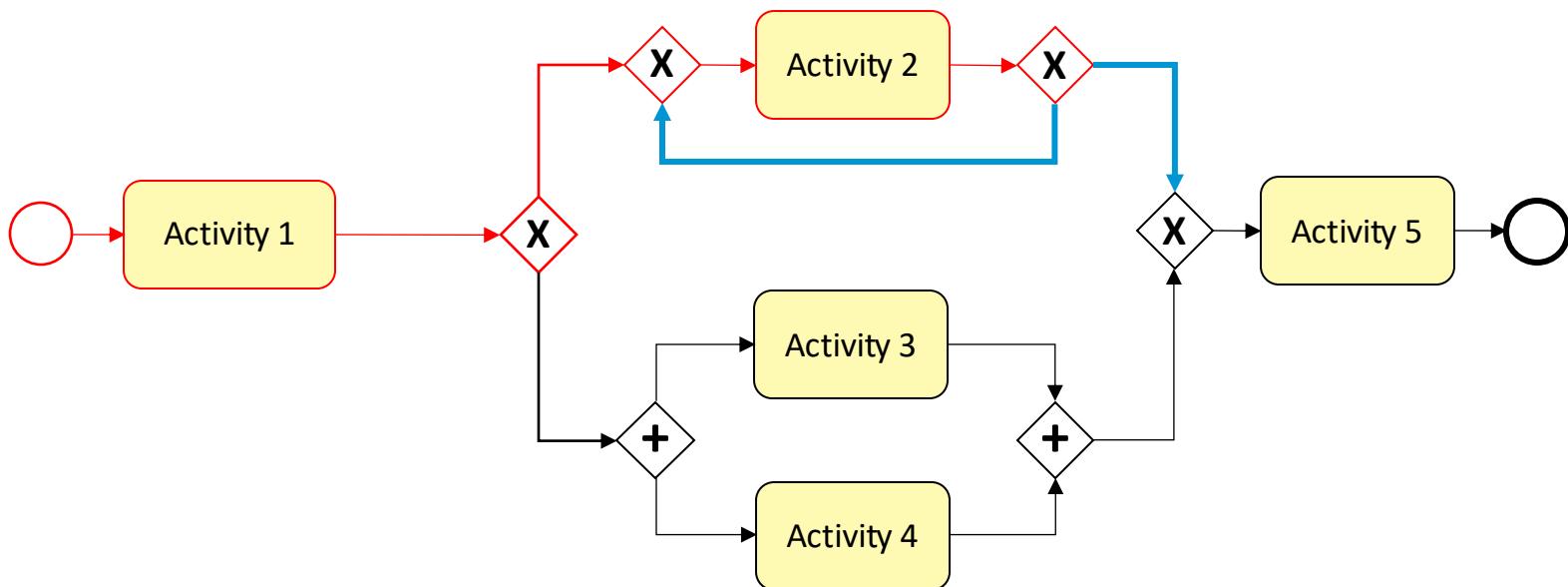
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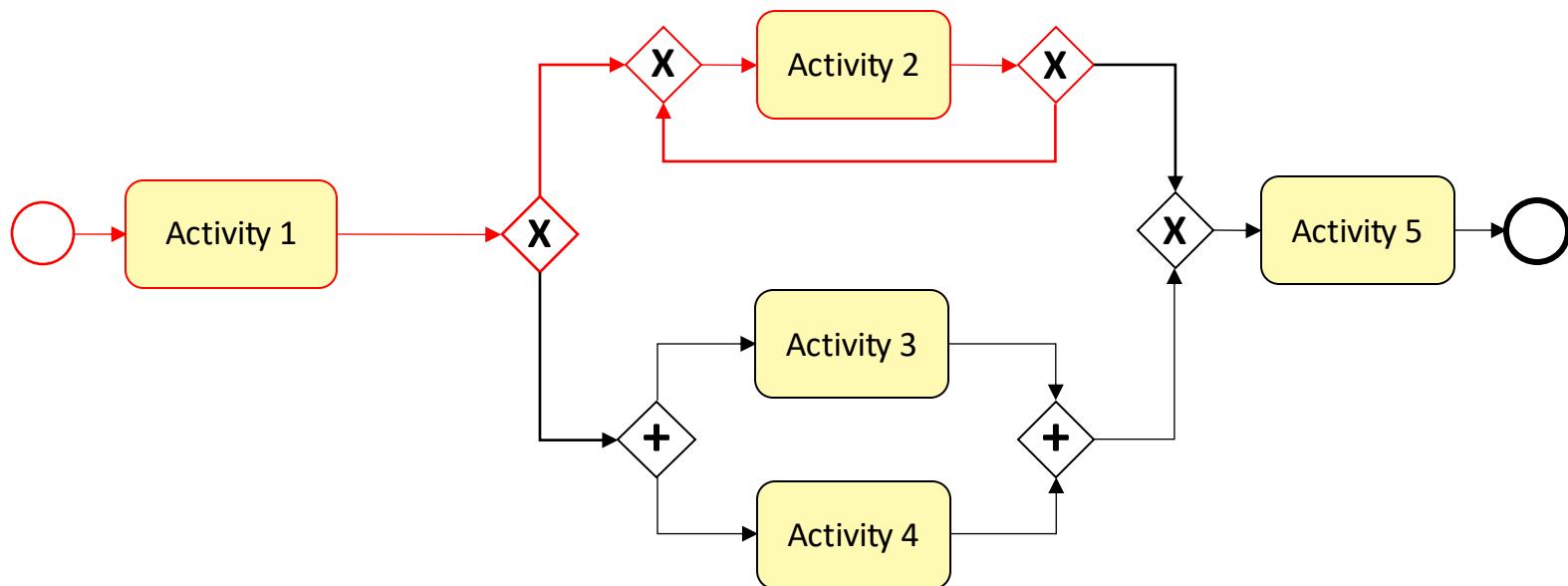
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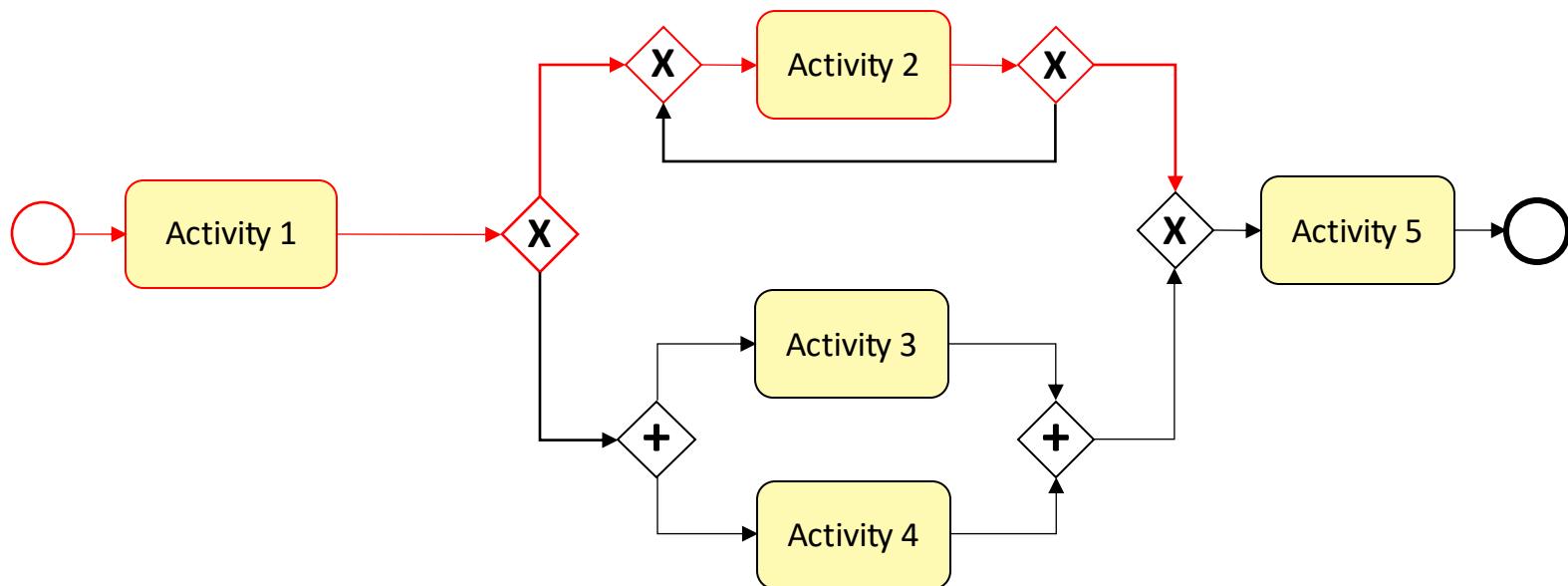
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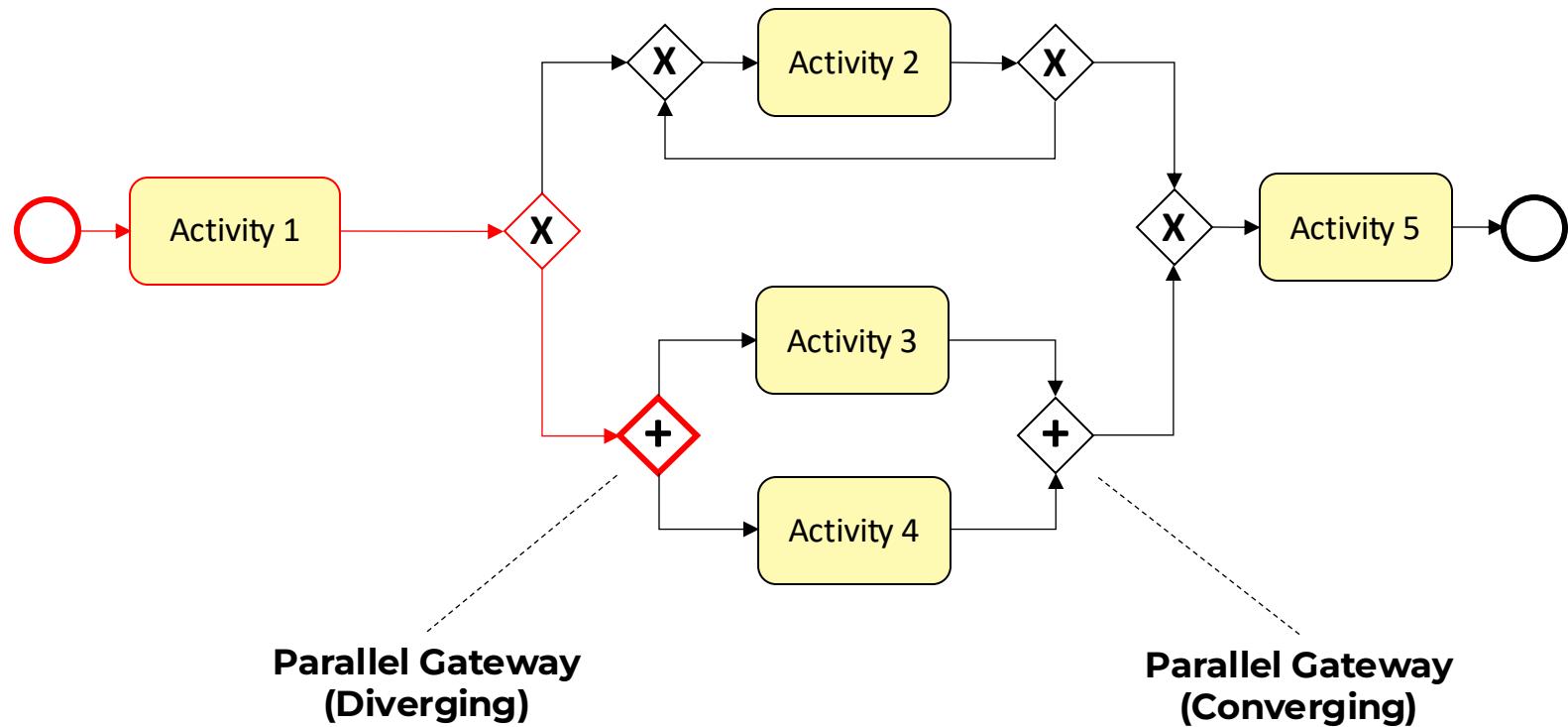
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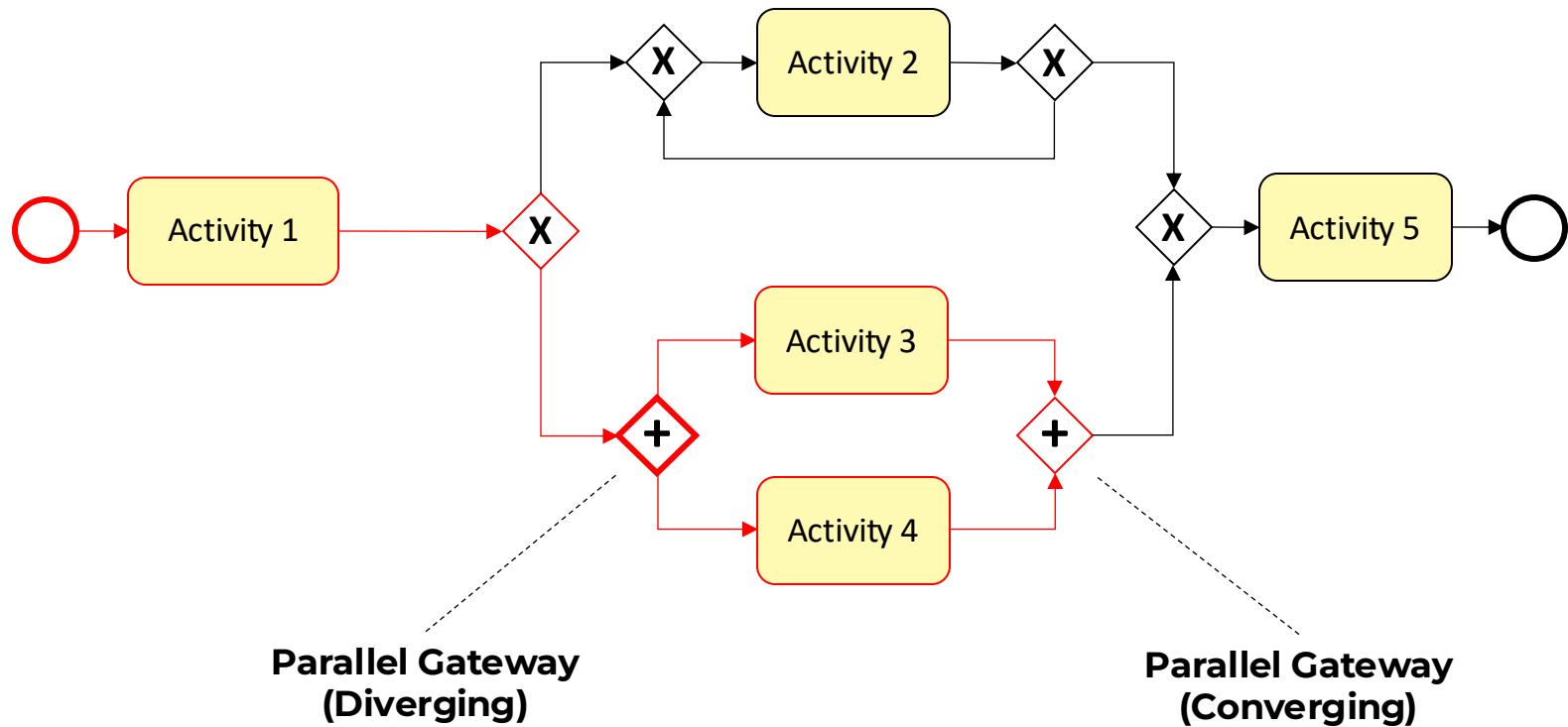
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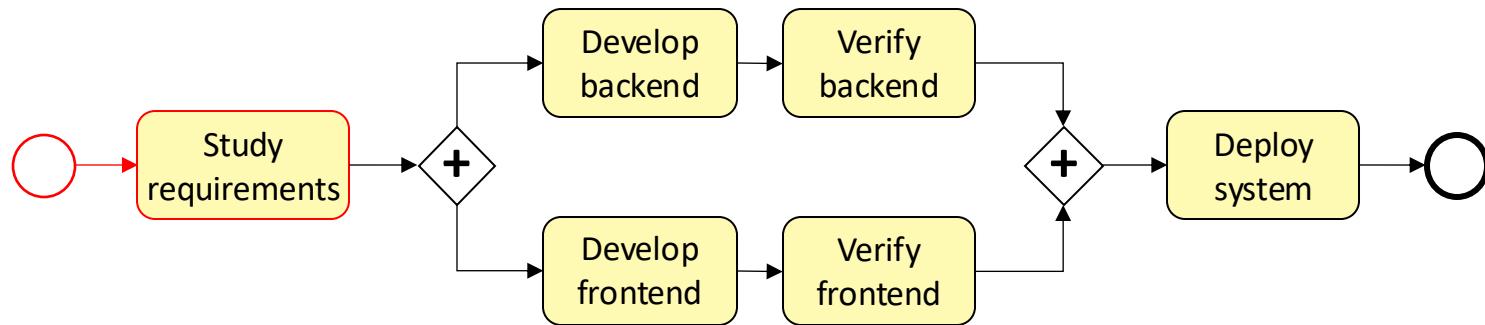
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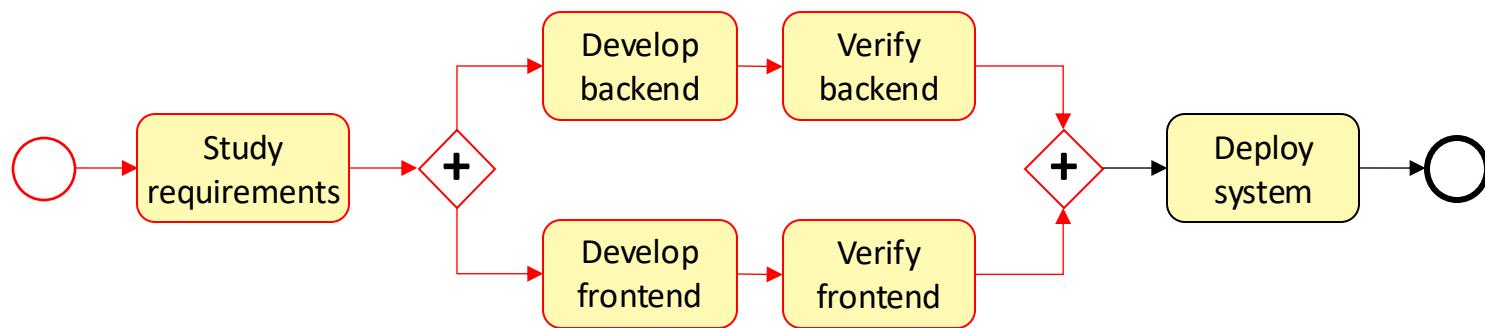
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Process Model: A BPMN Model for Software Development

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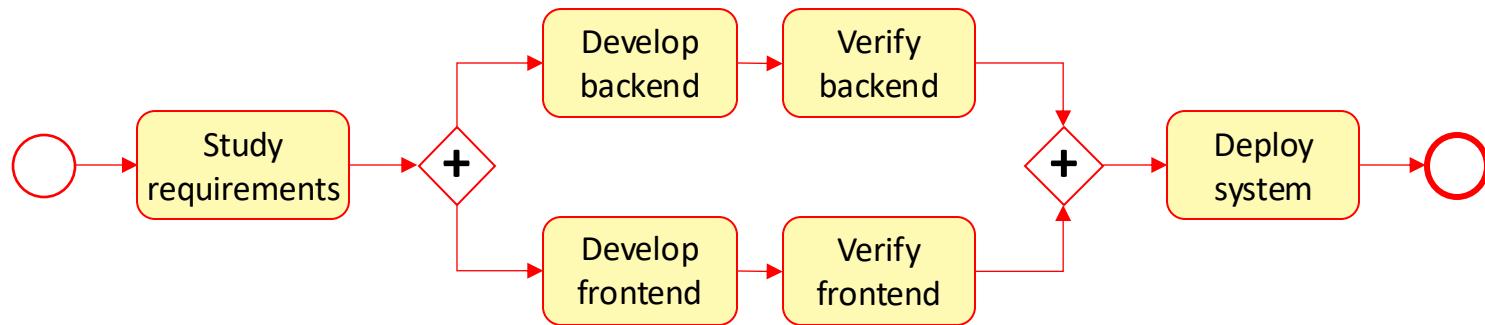
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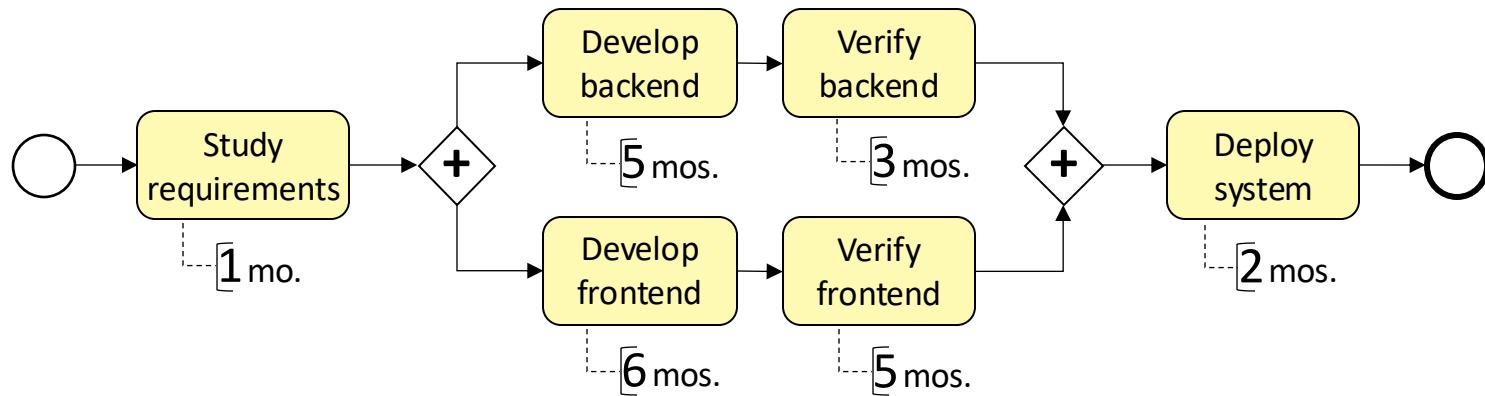
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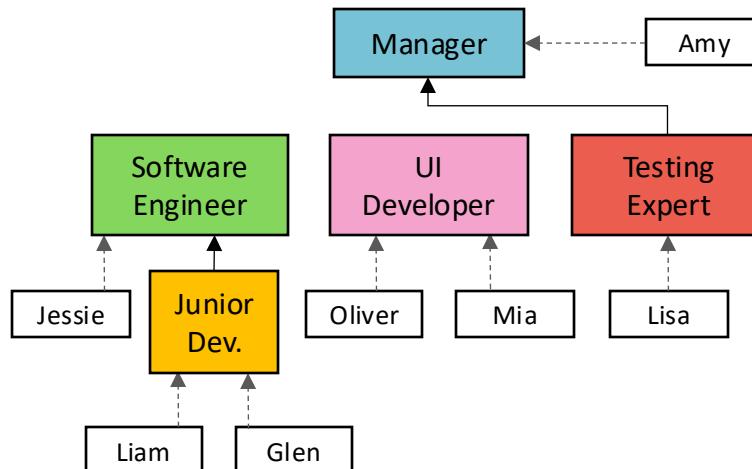
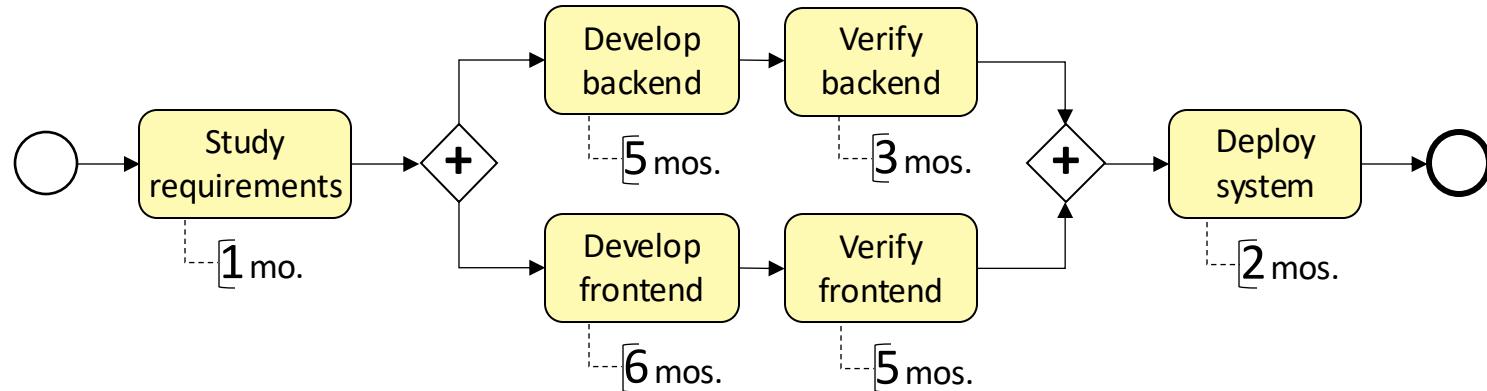
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# Organizing Resources

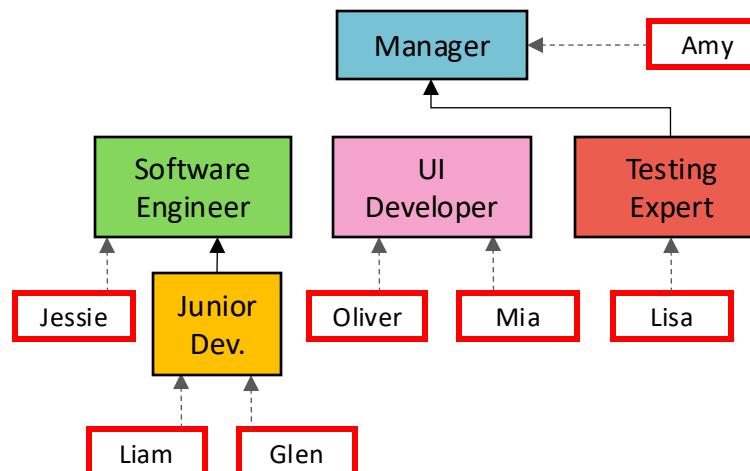
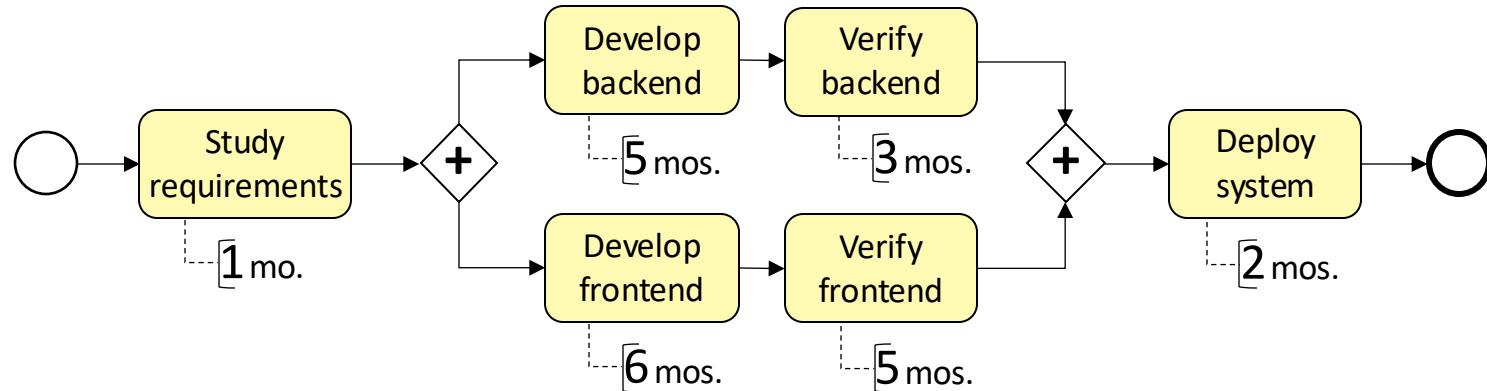
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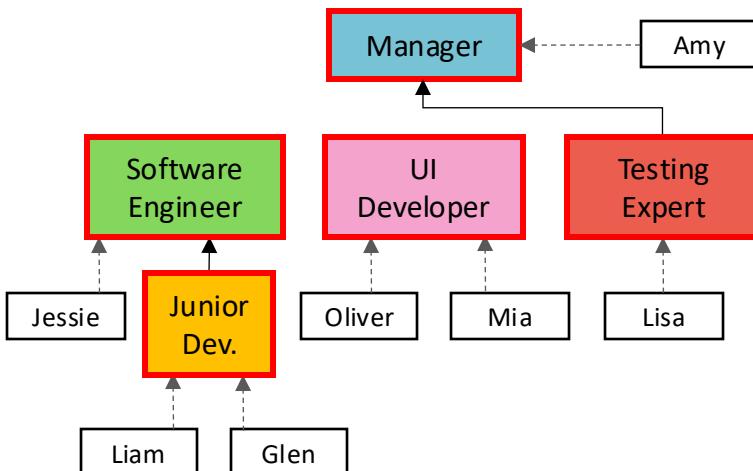
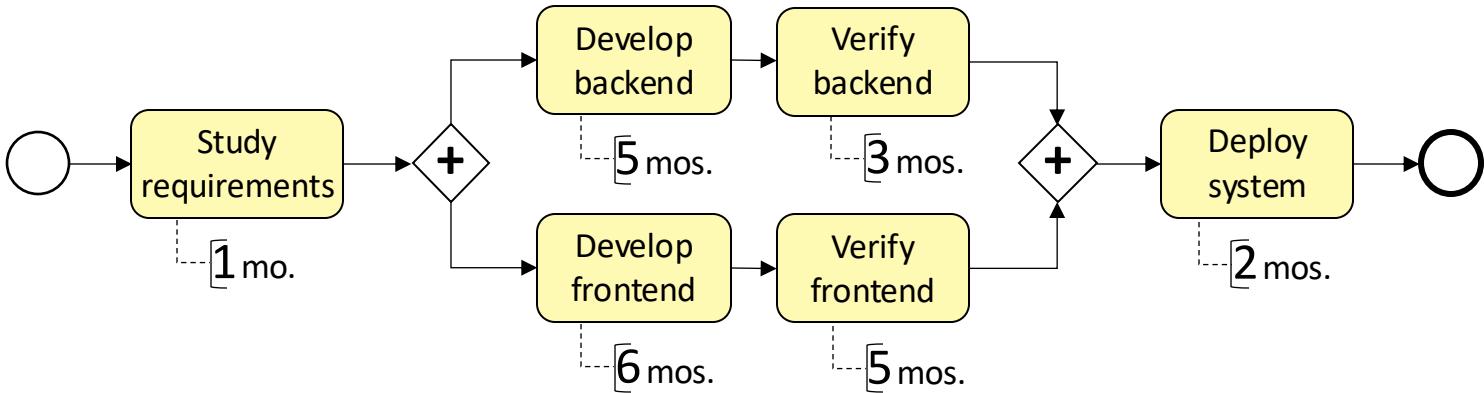
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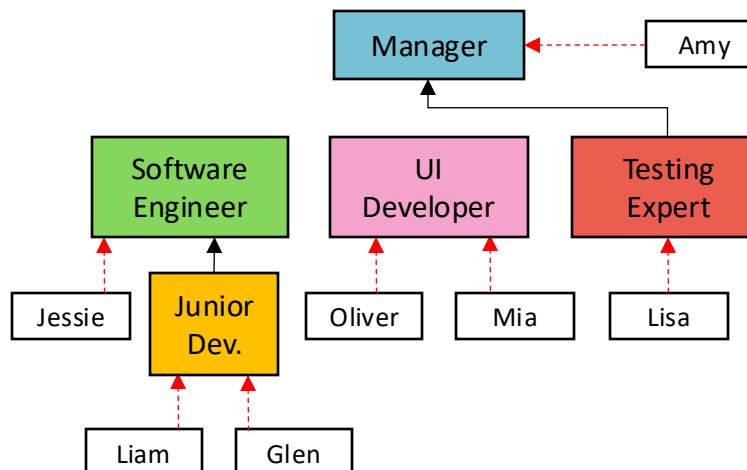
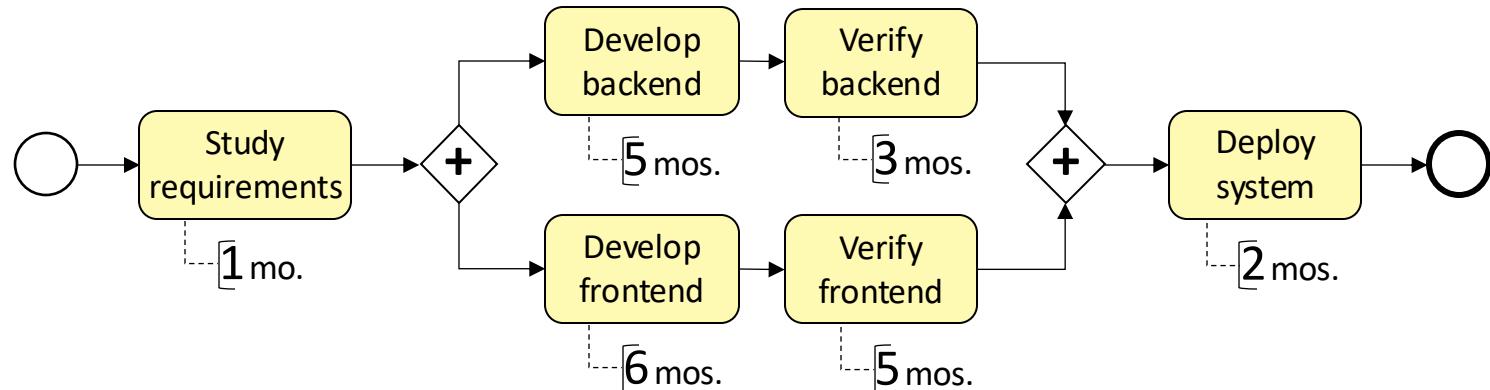
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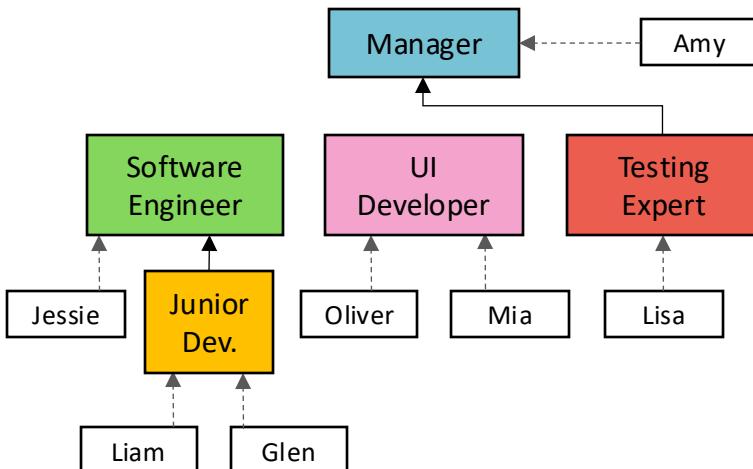
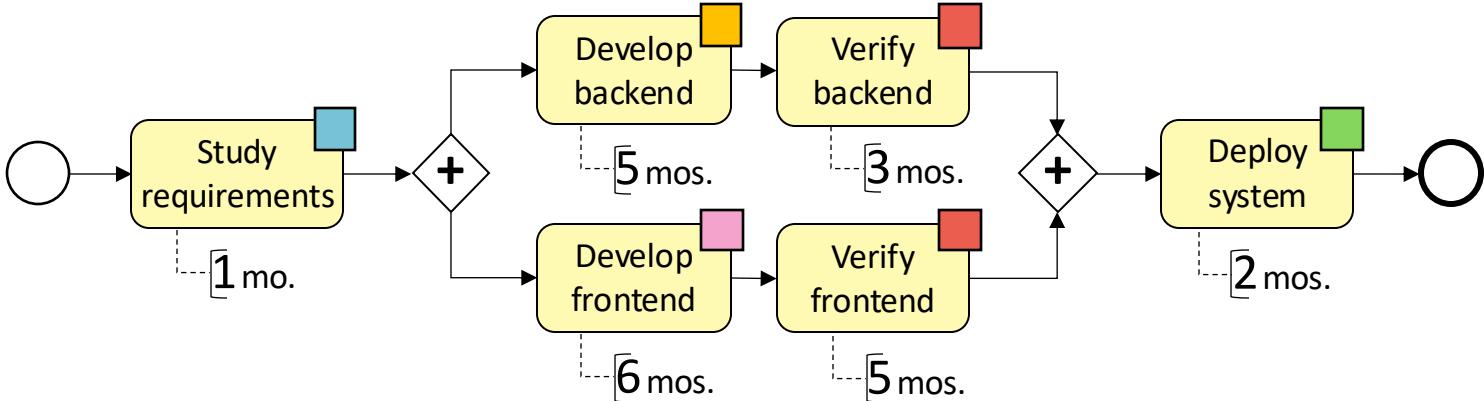
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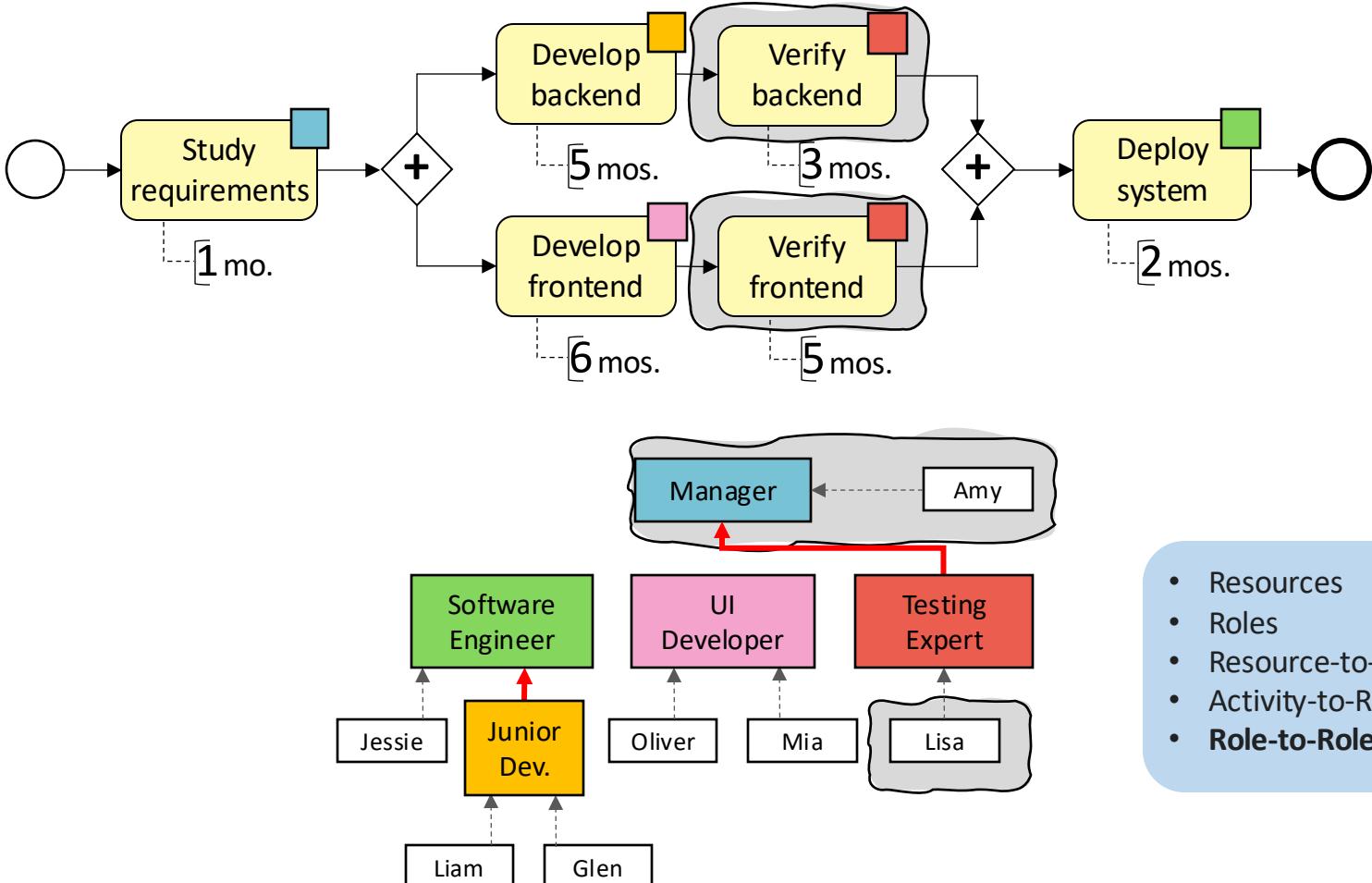
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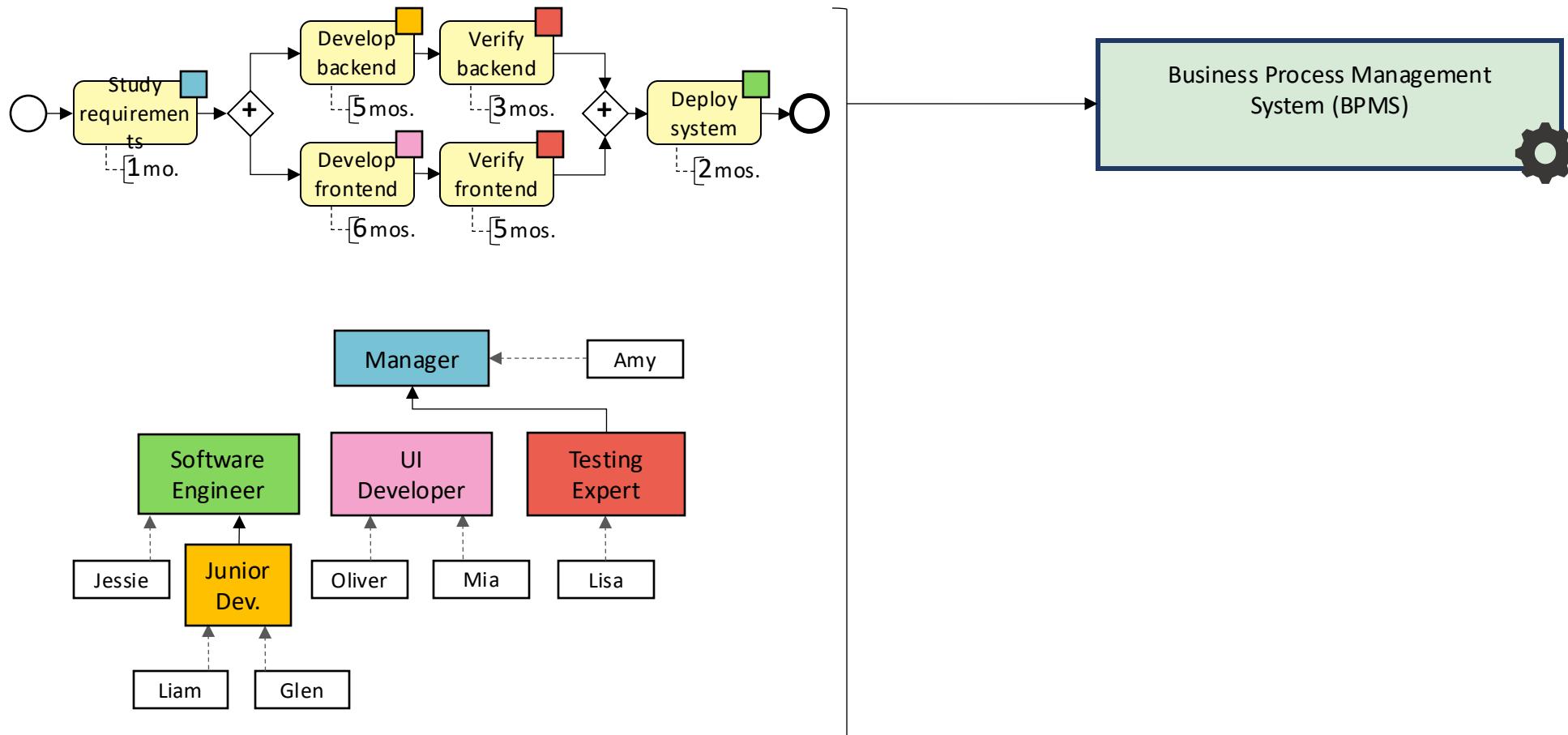
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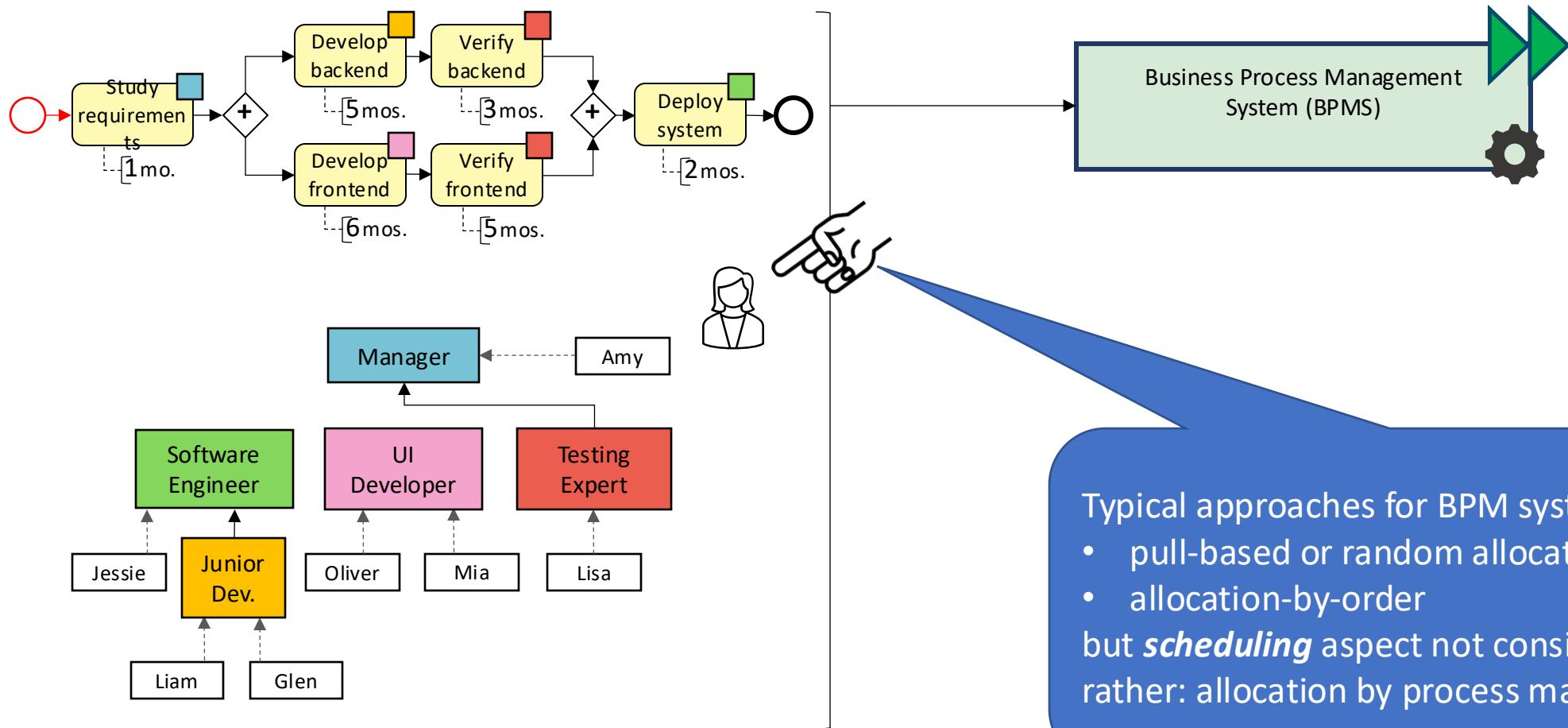
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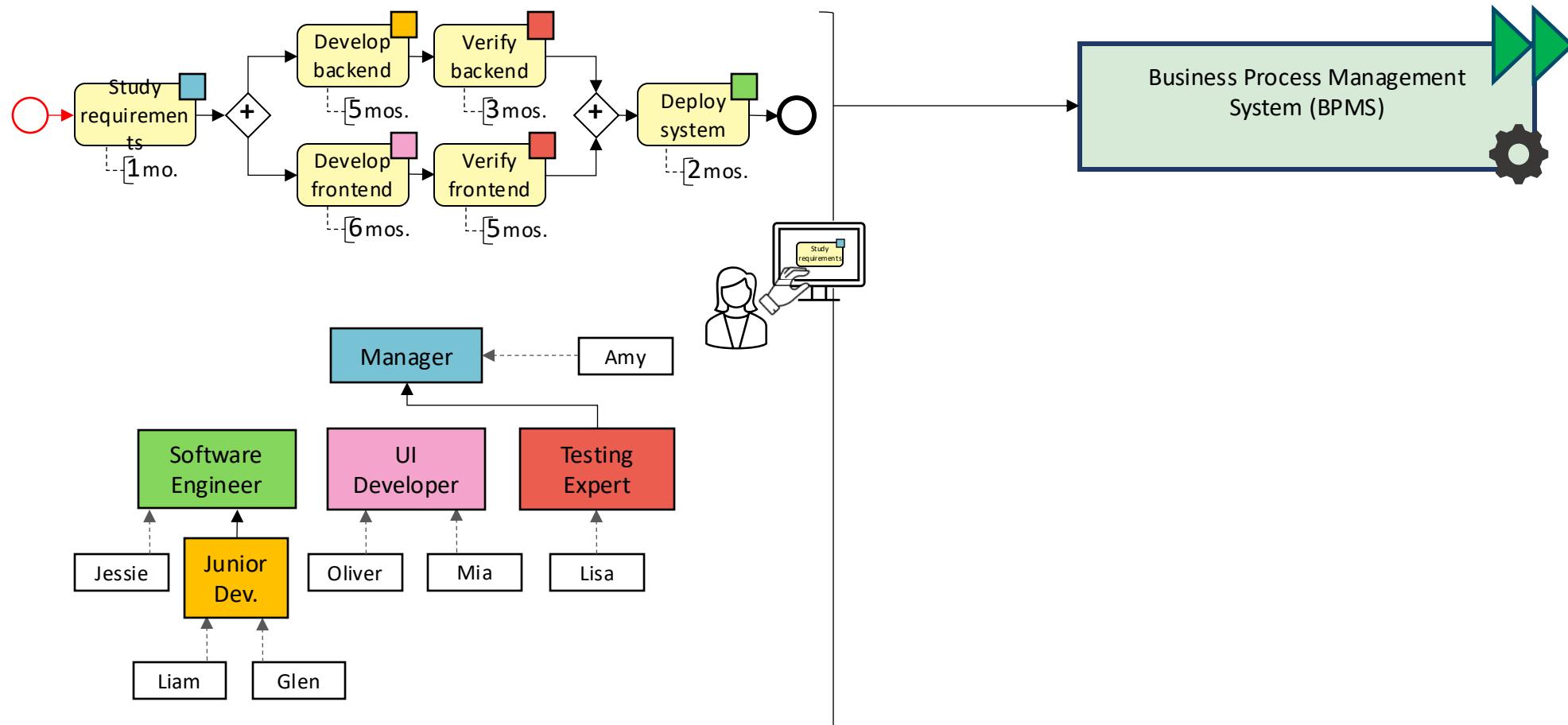
Typical approaches for BPM systems:

- pull-based or random allocation,
- allocation-by-order

but **scheduling** aspect not considered so far,  
rather: allocation by process managers.

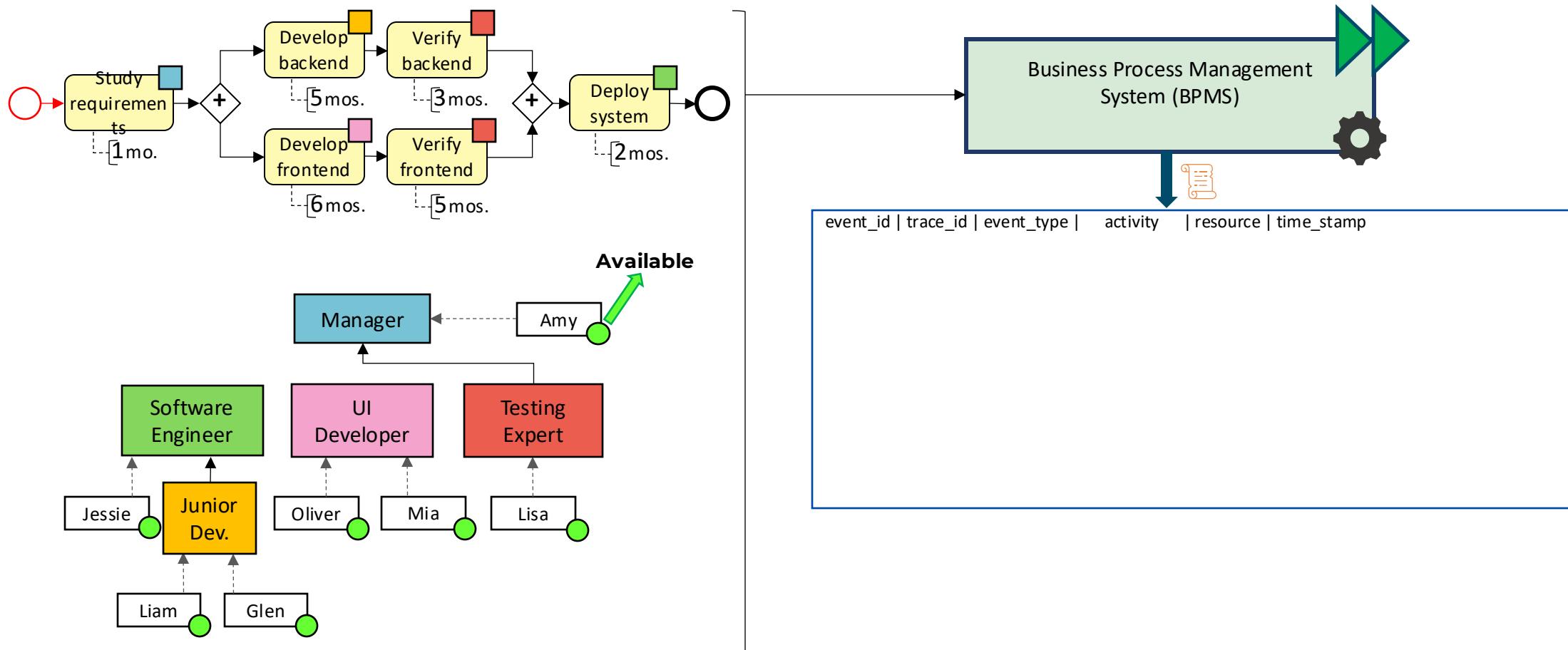
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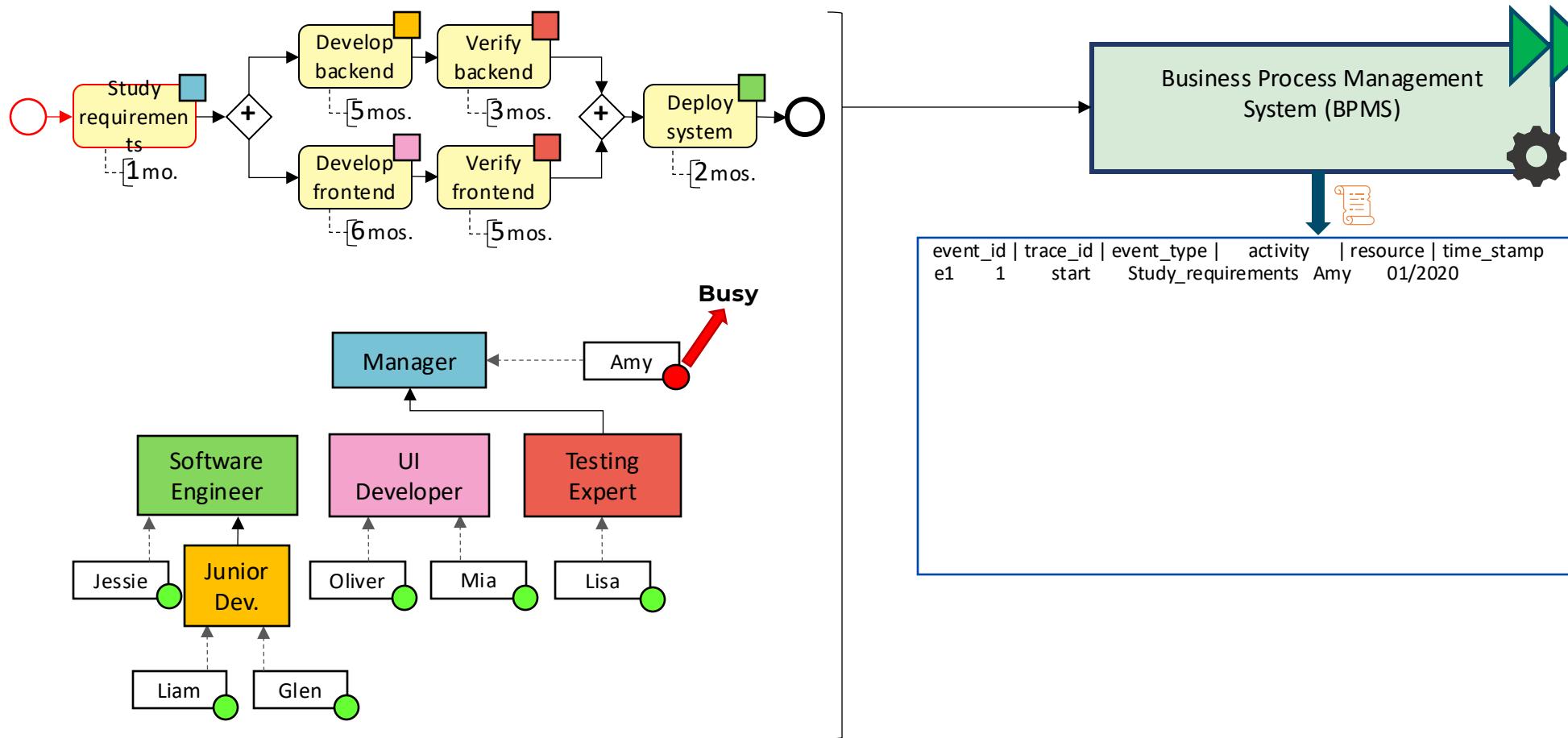
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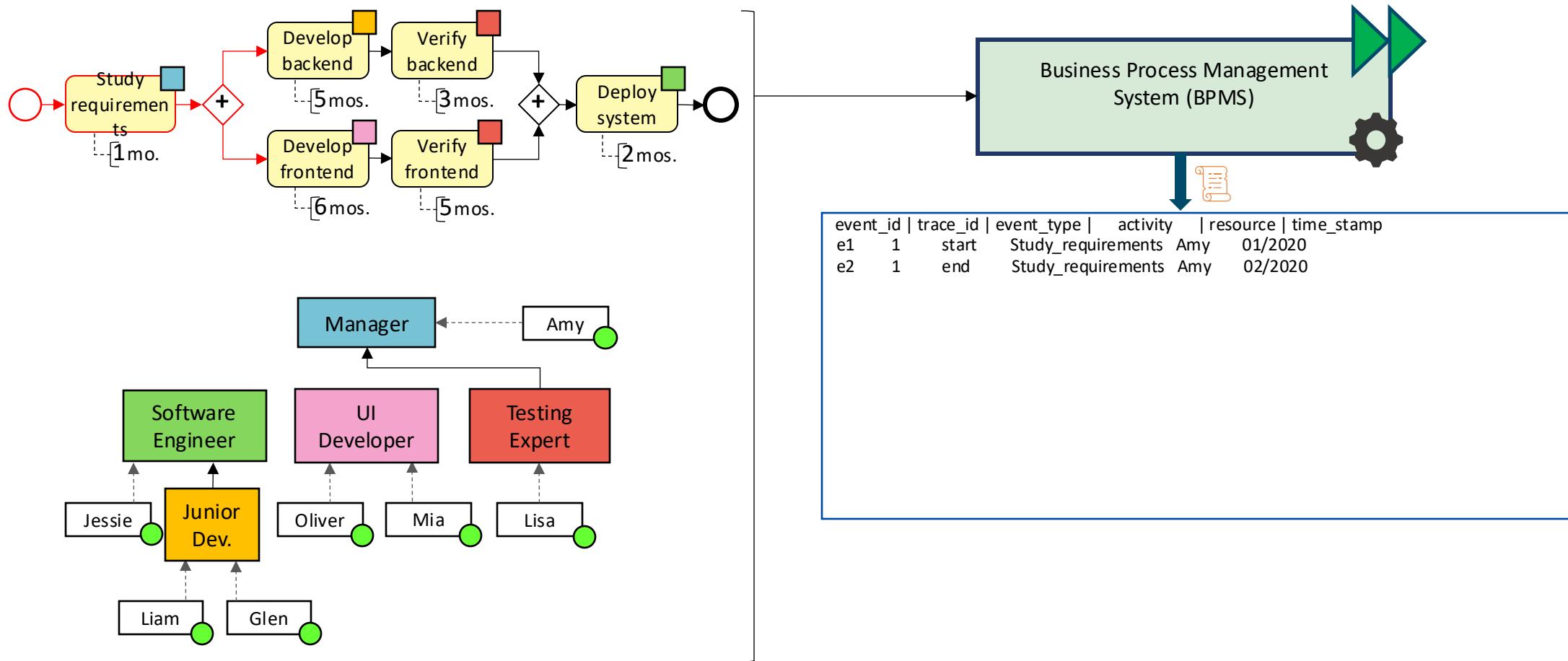
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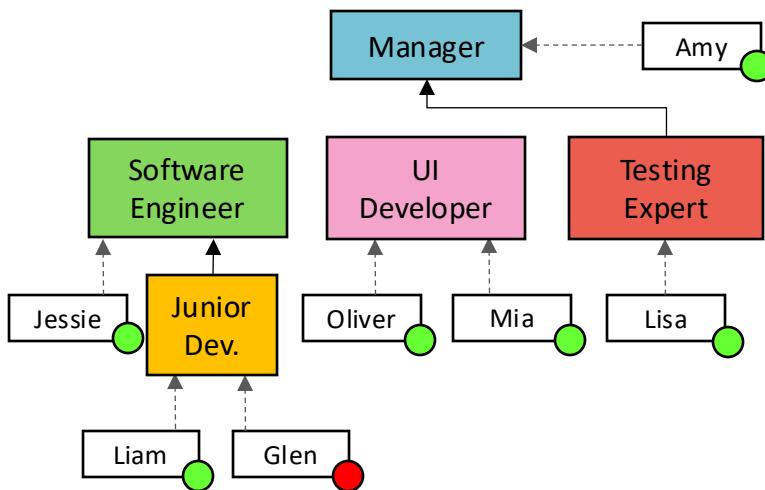
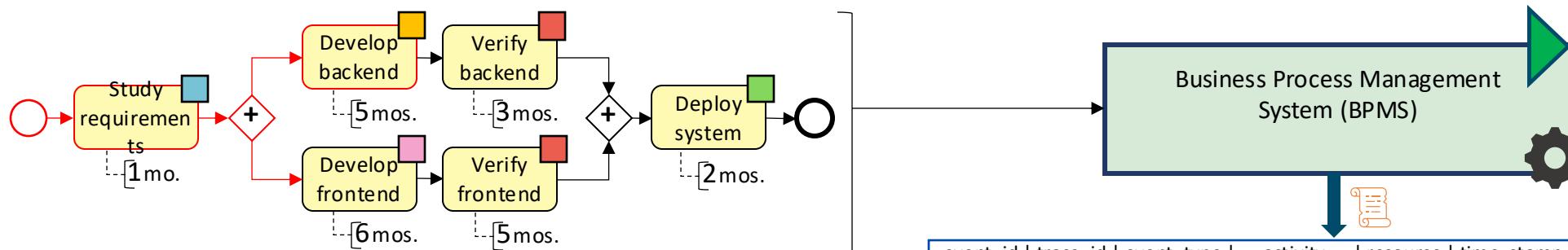
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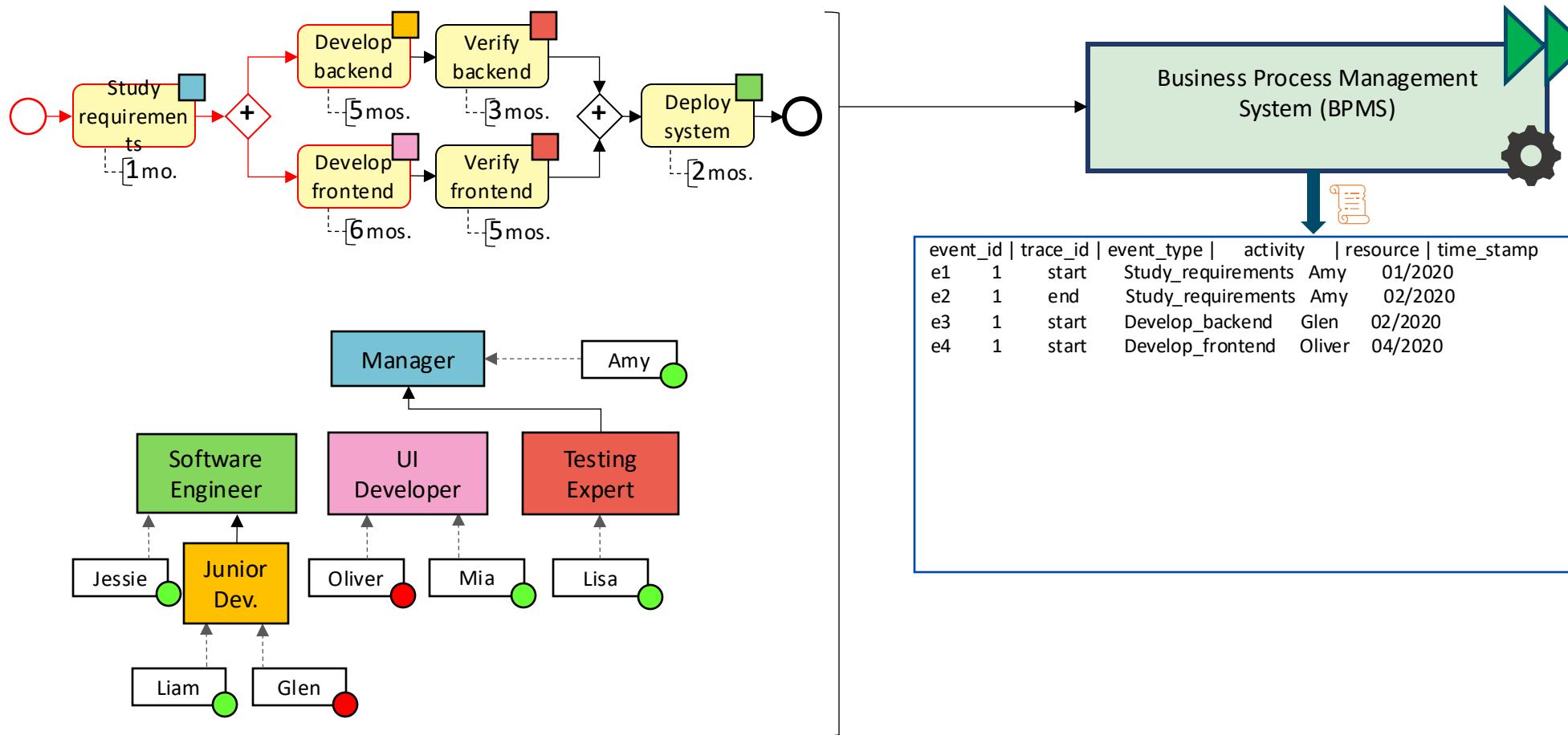
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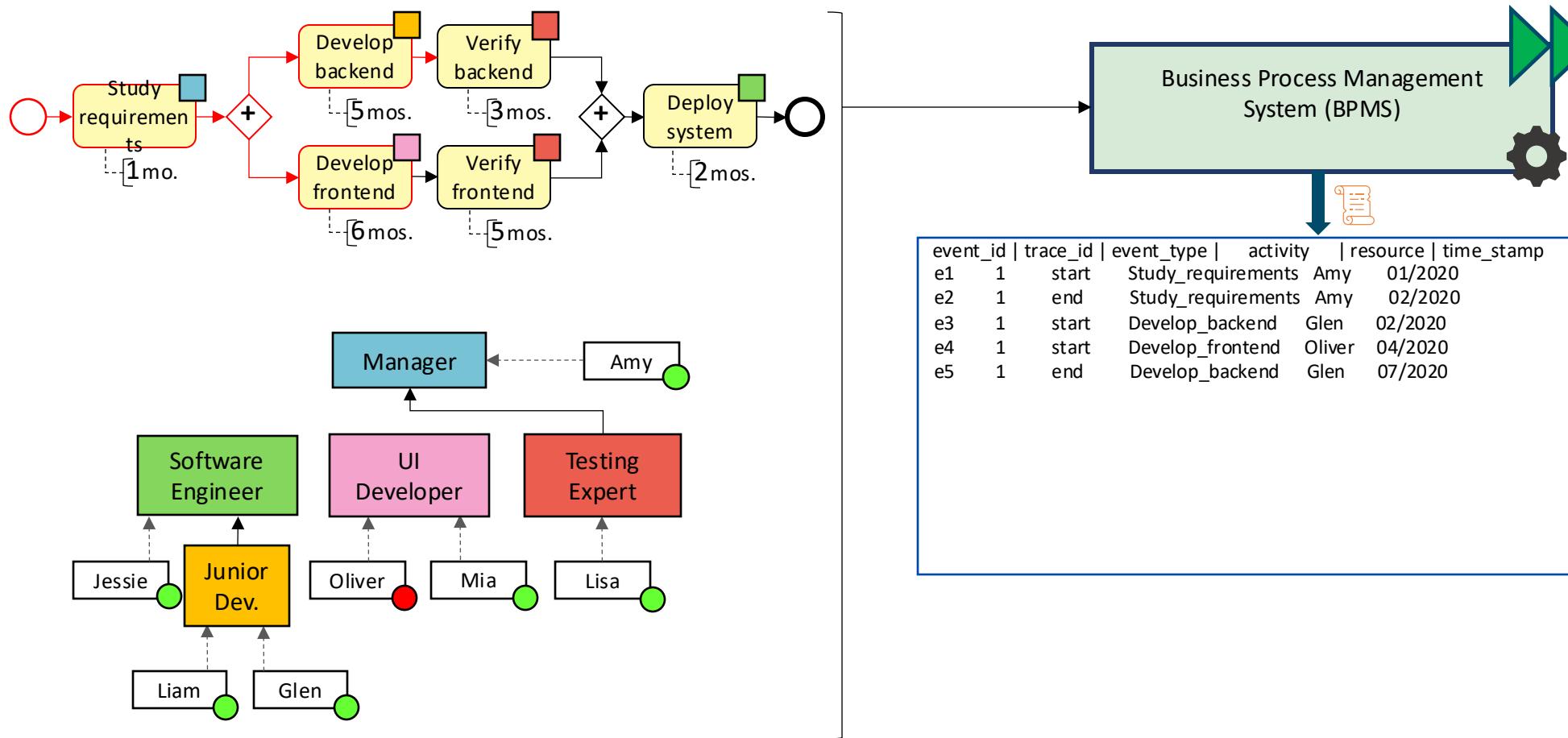
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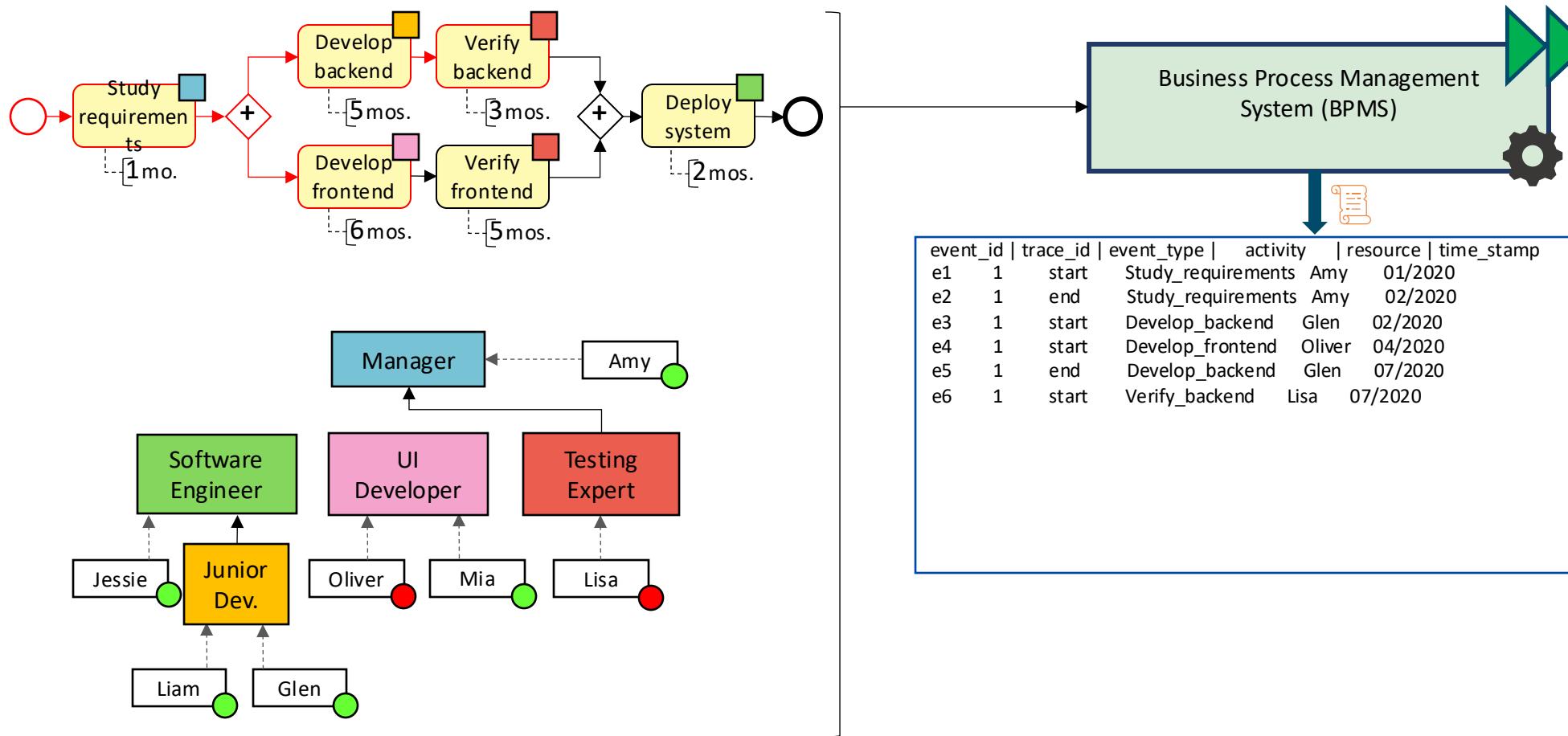
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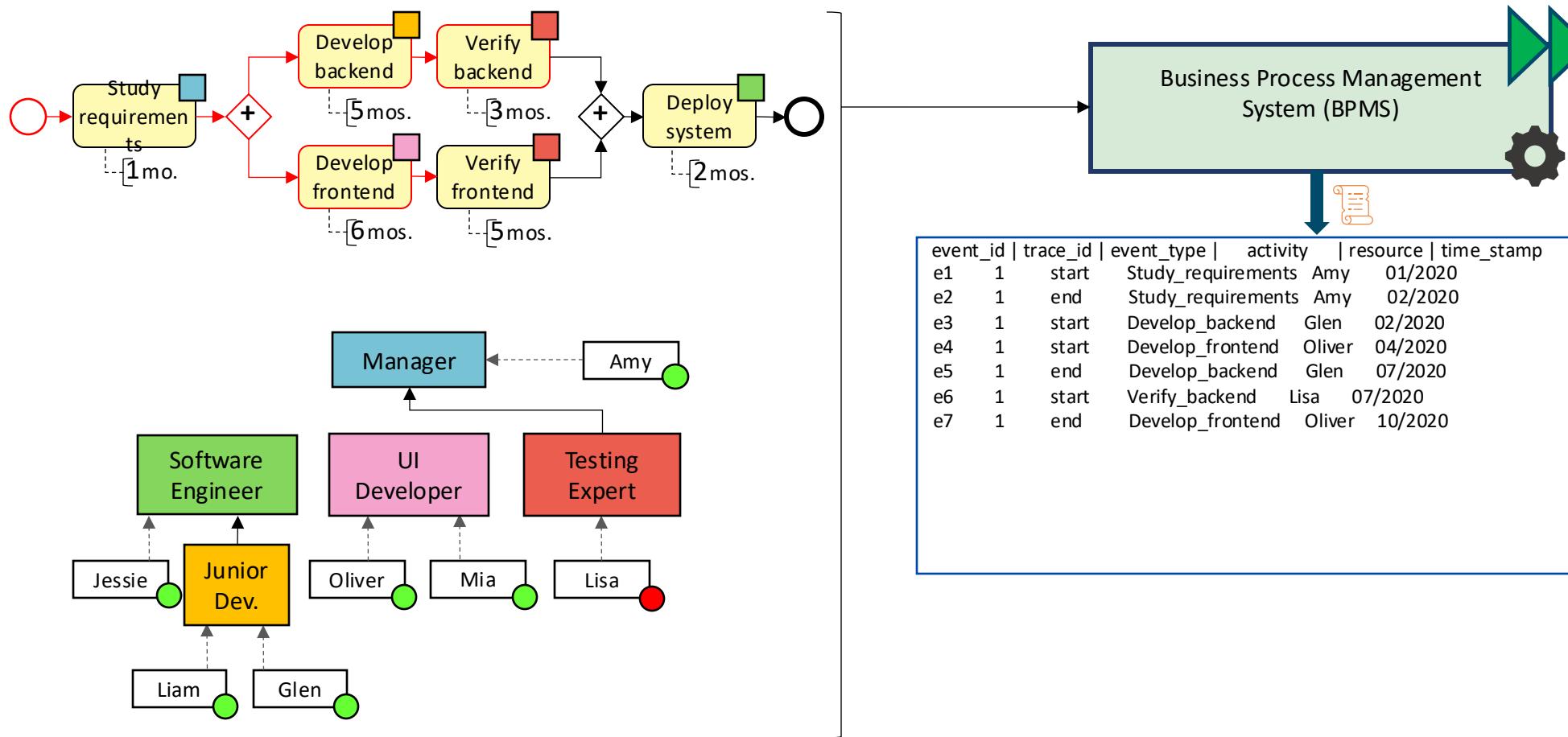
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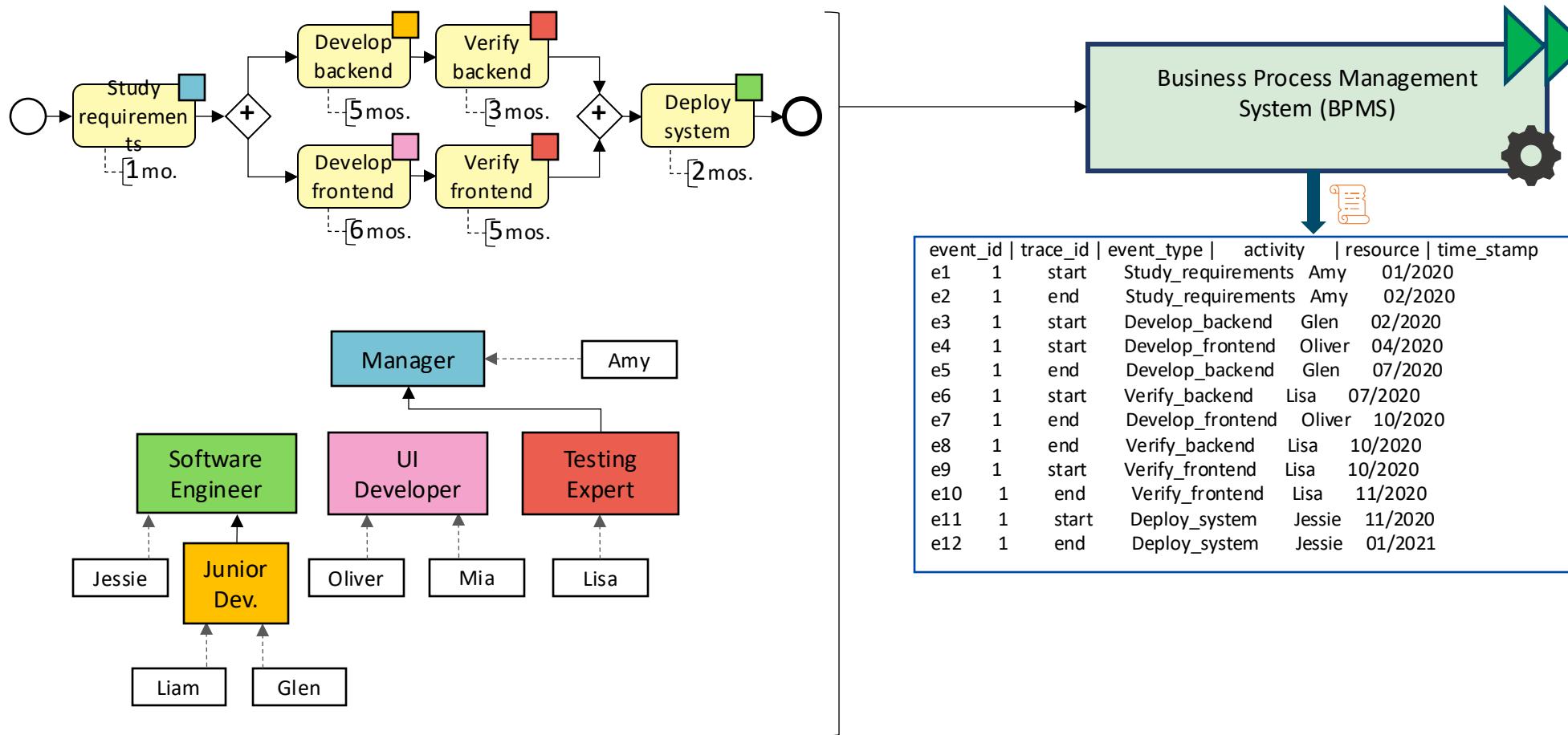
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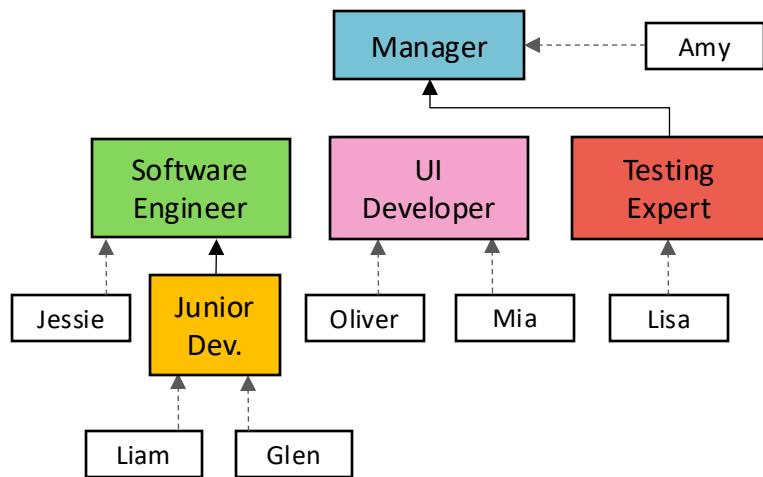
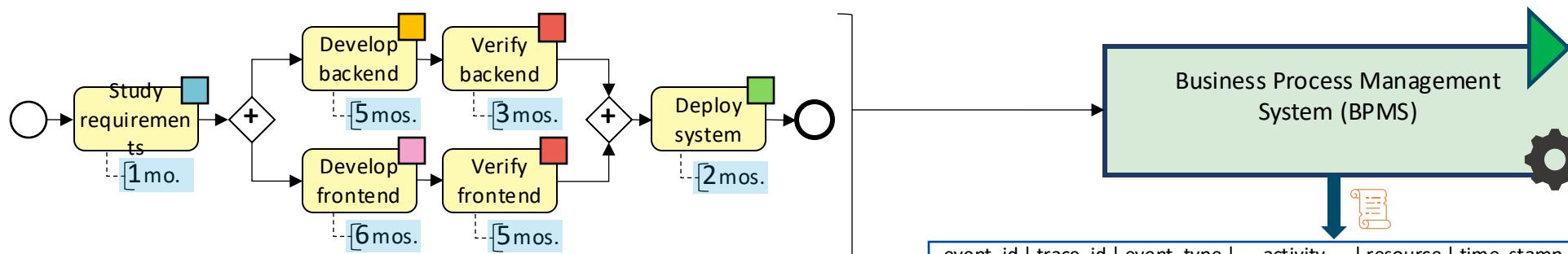
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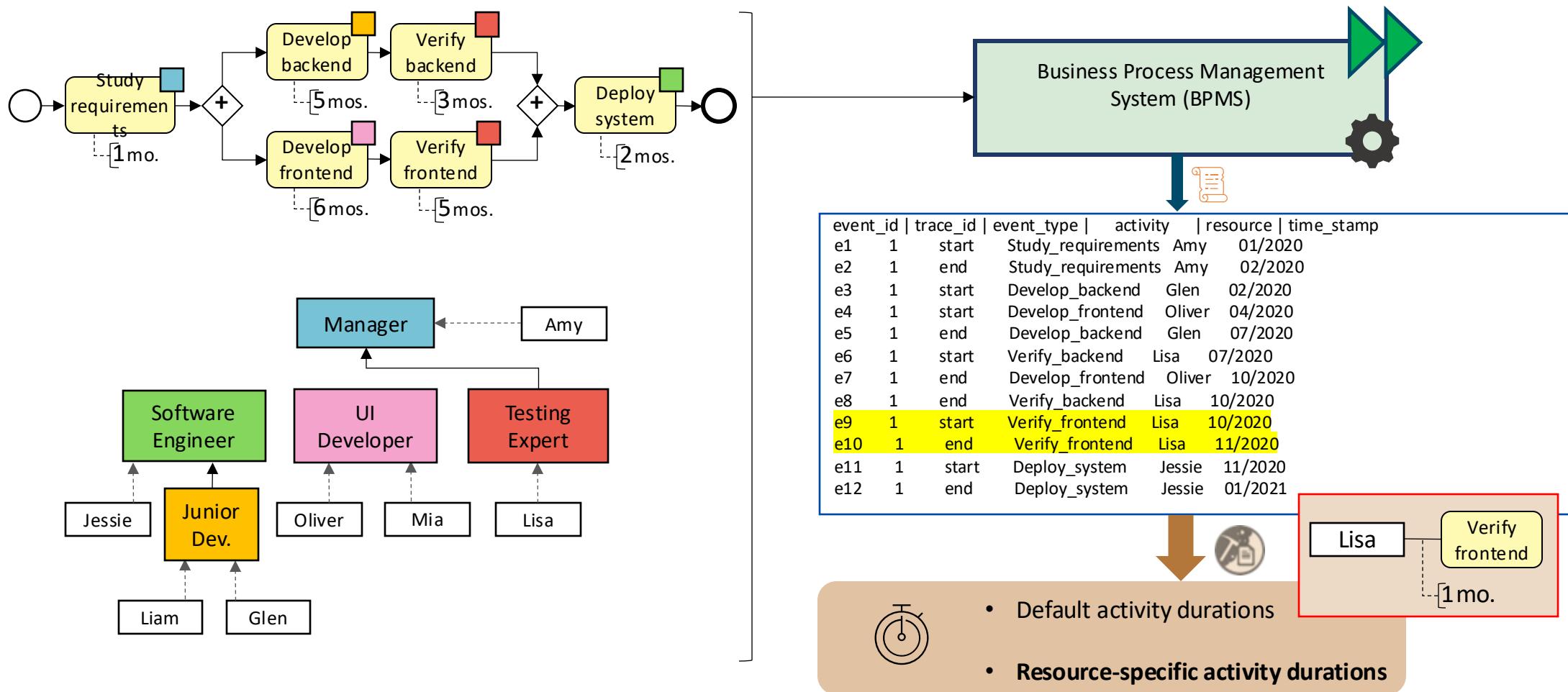


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e5	1	end	Develop_backend	Glen	07/2020
e6	1	start	Verify_backend	Lisa	07/2020
e7	1	end	Develop_frontend	Oliver	10/2020
e8	1	end	Verify_backend	Lisa	10/2020
e9	1	start	Verify_frontend	Lisa	10/2020
e10	1	end	Verify_frontend	Lisa	11/2020
e11	1	start	Deploy_system	Jessie	11/2020
e12	1	end	Deploy_system	Jessie	01/2021

- Default activity durations

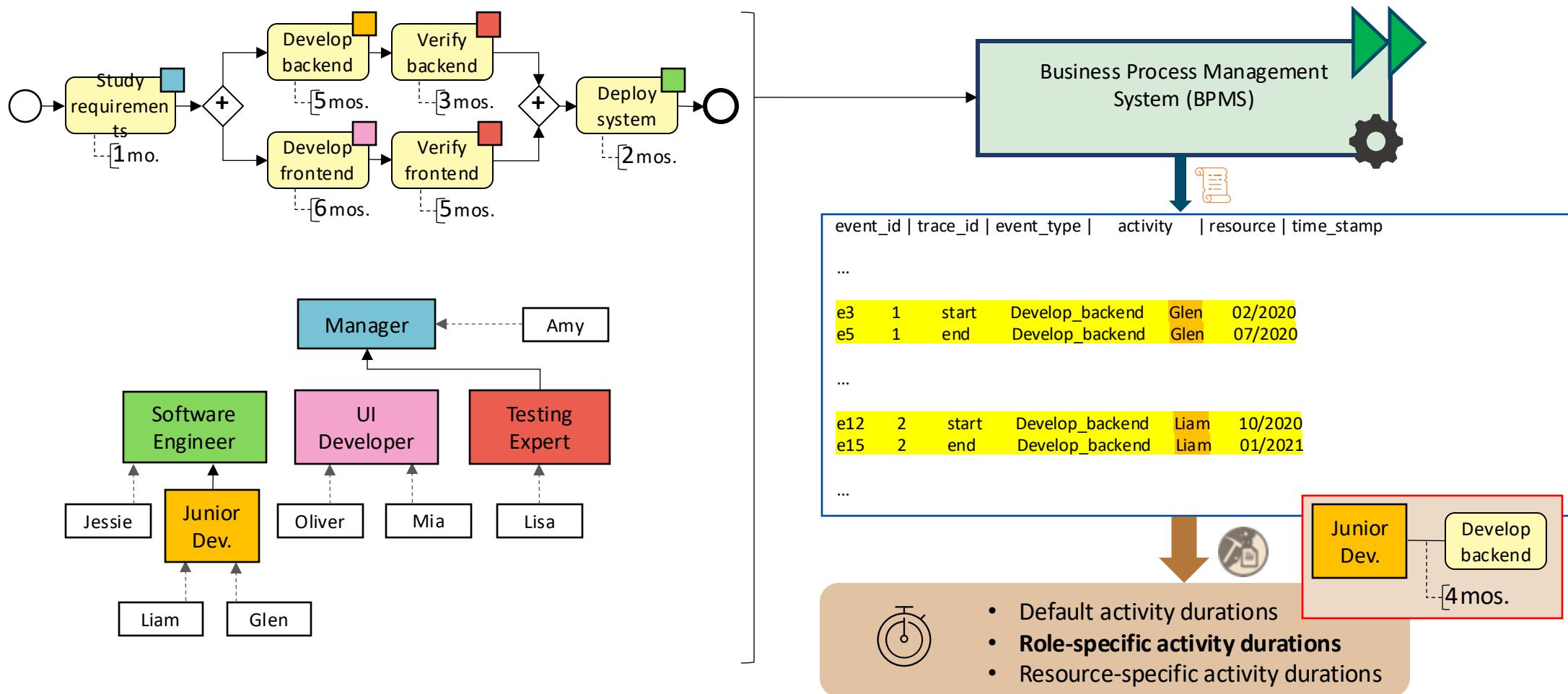
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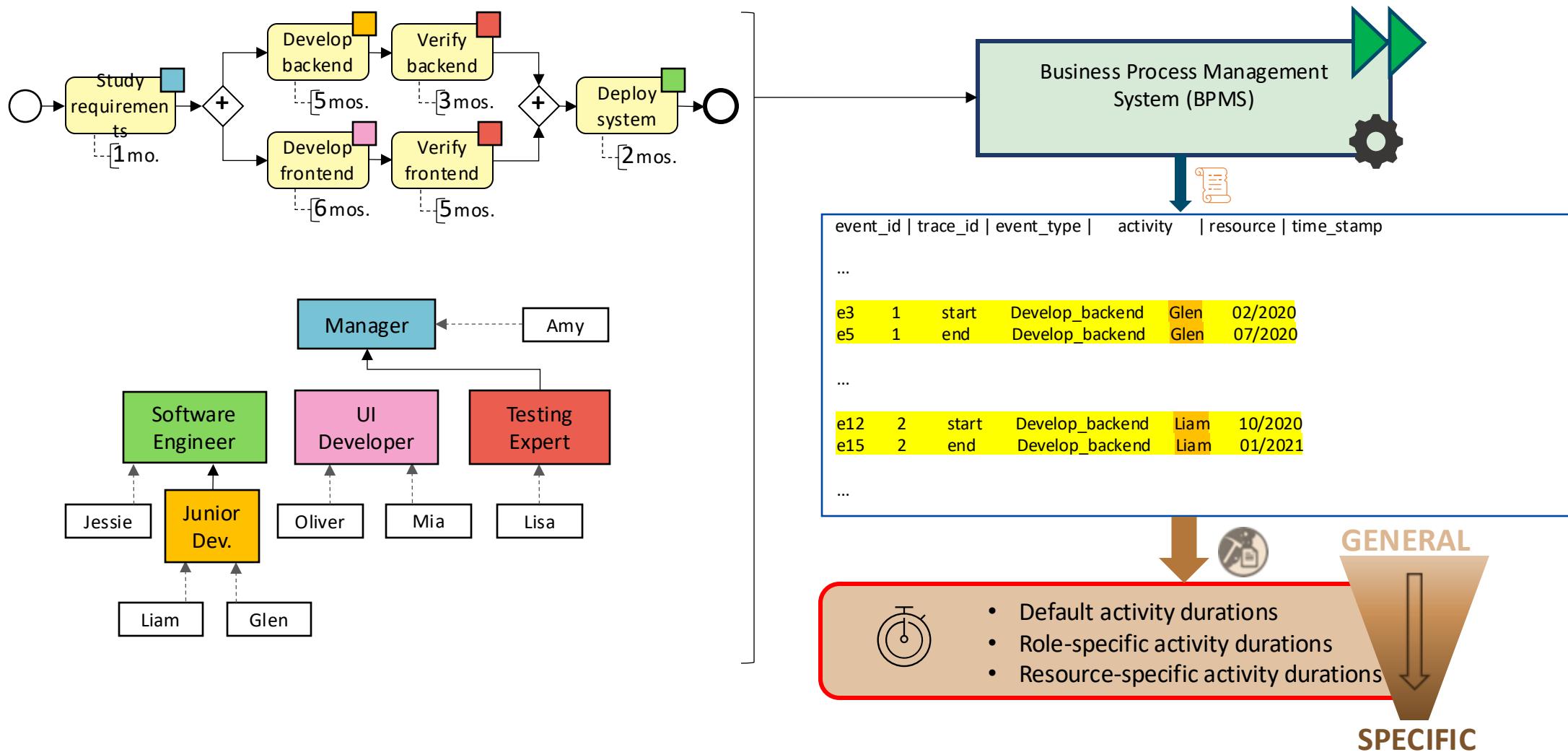
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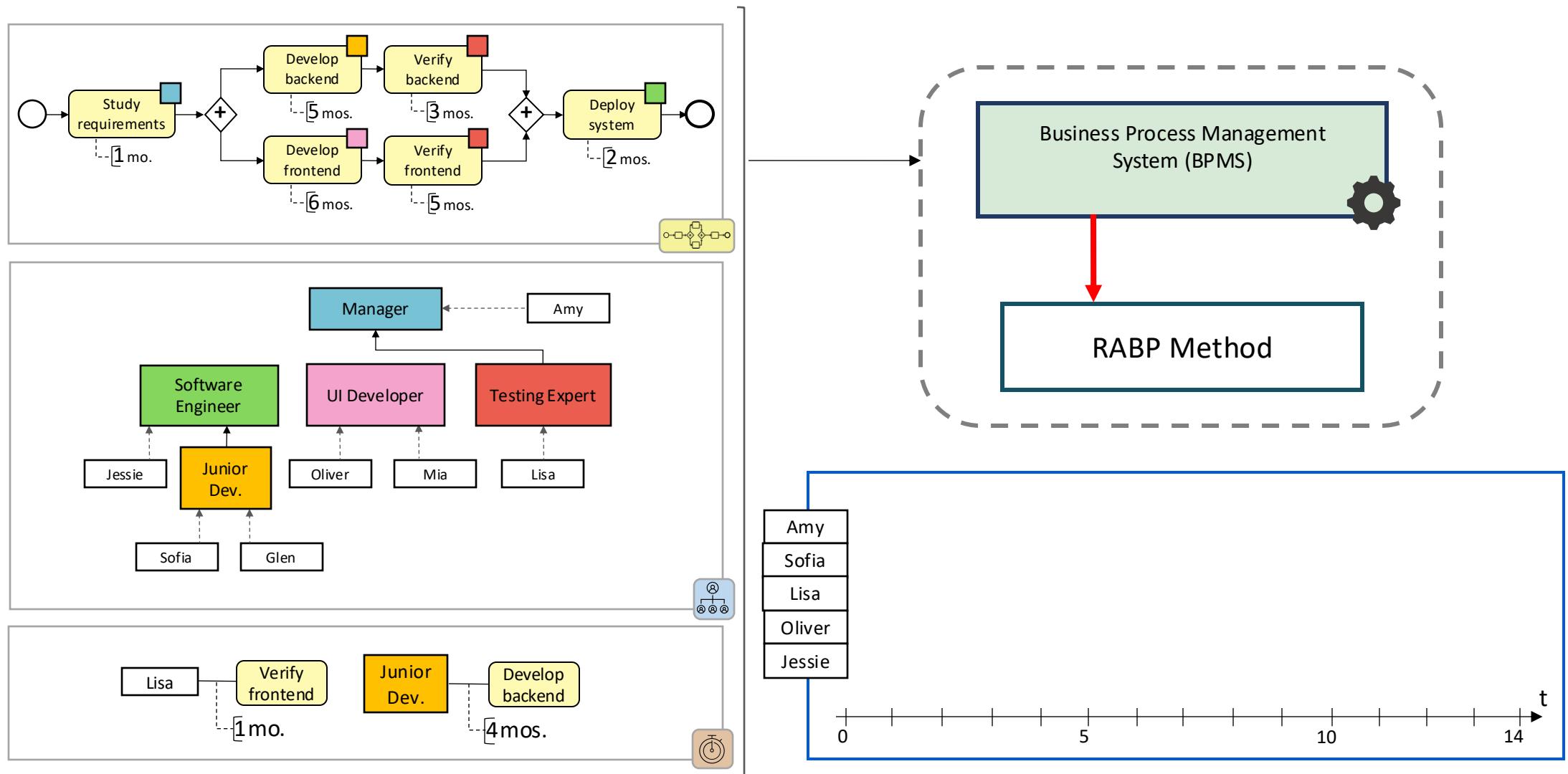


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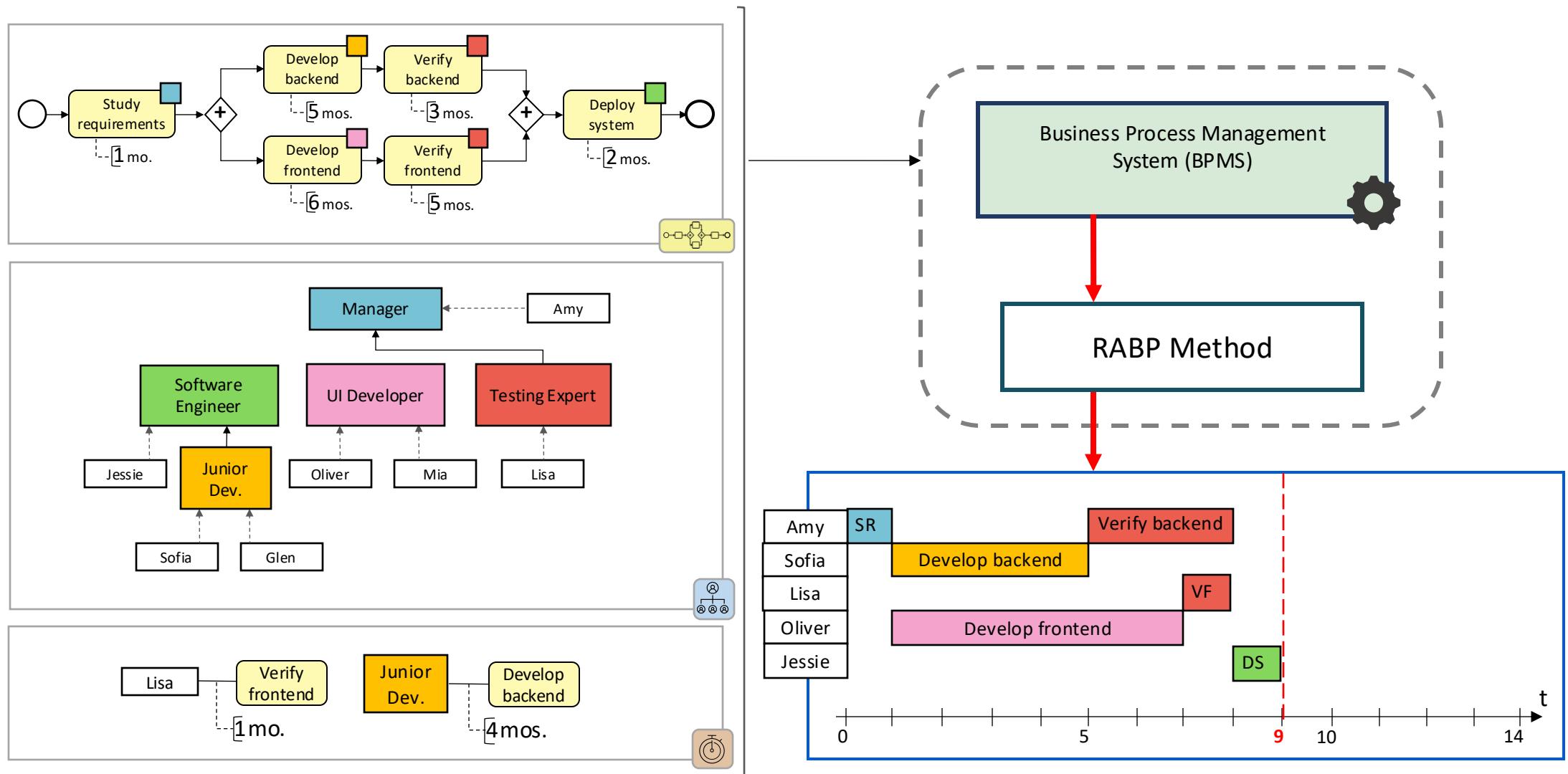
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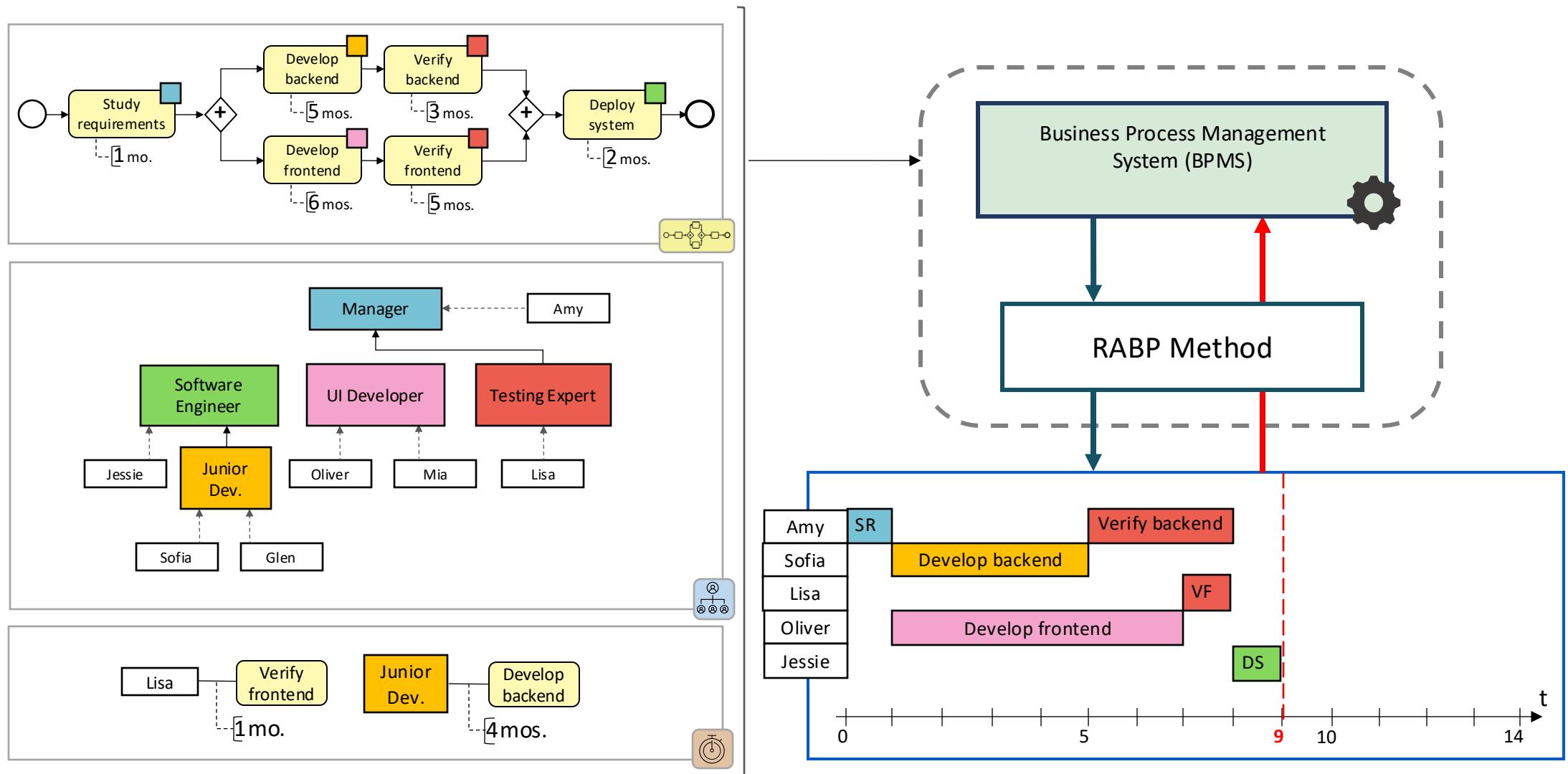
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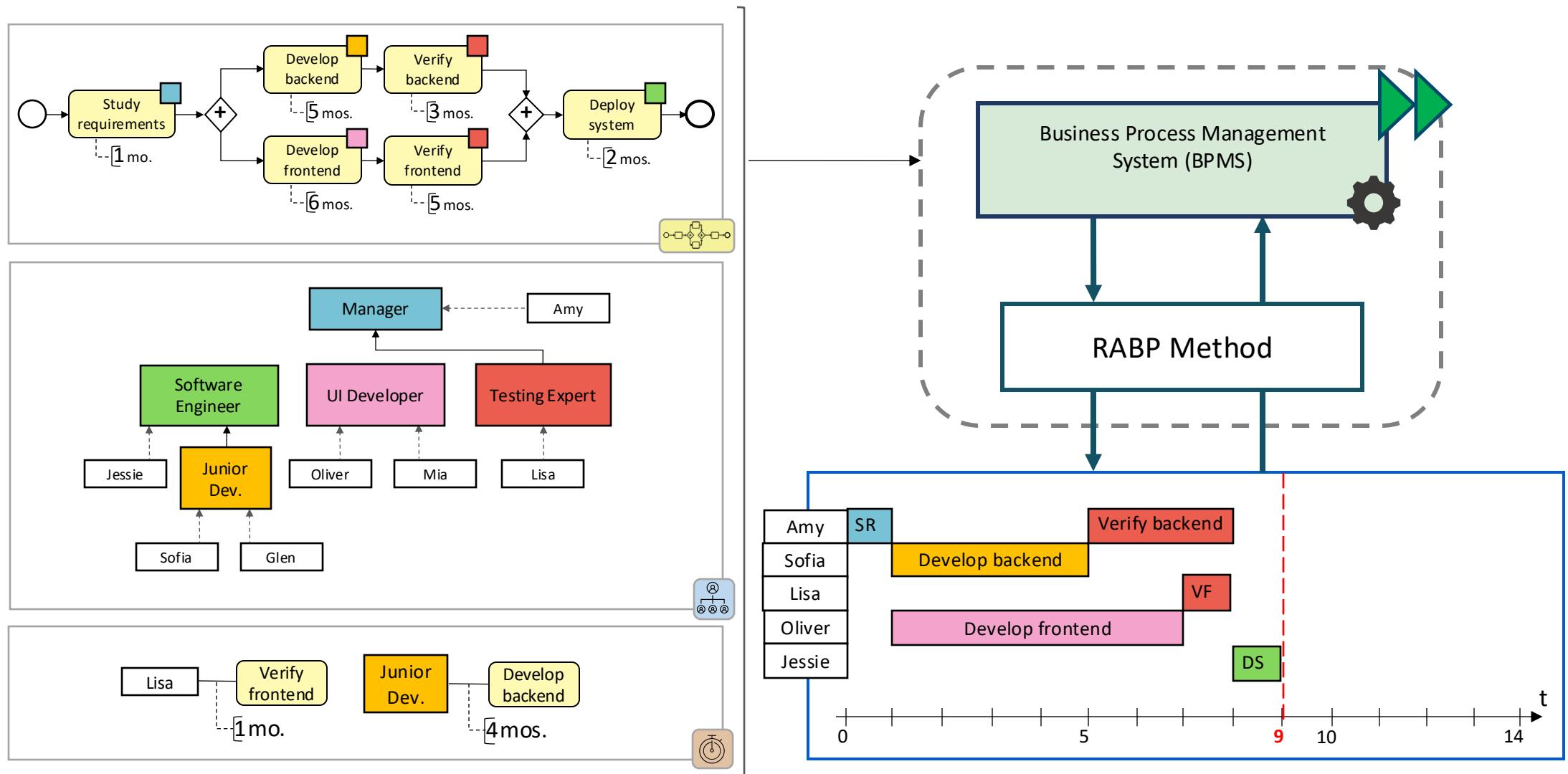
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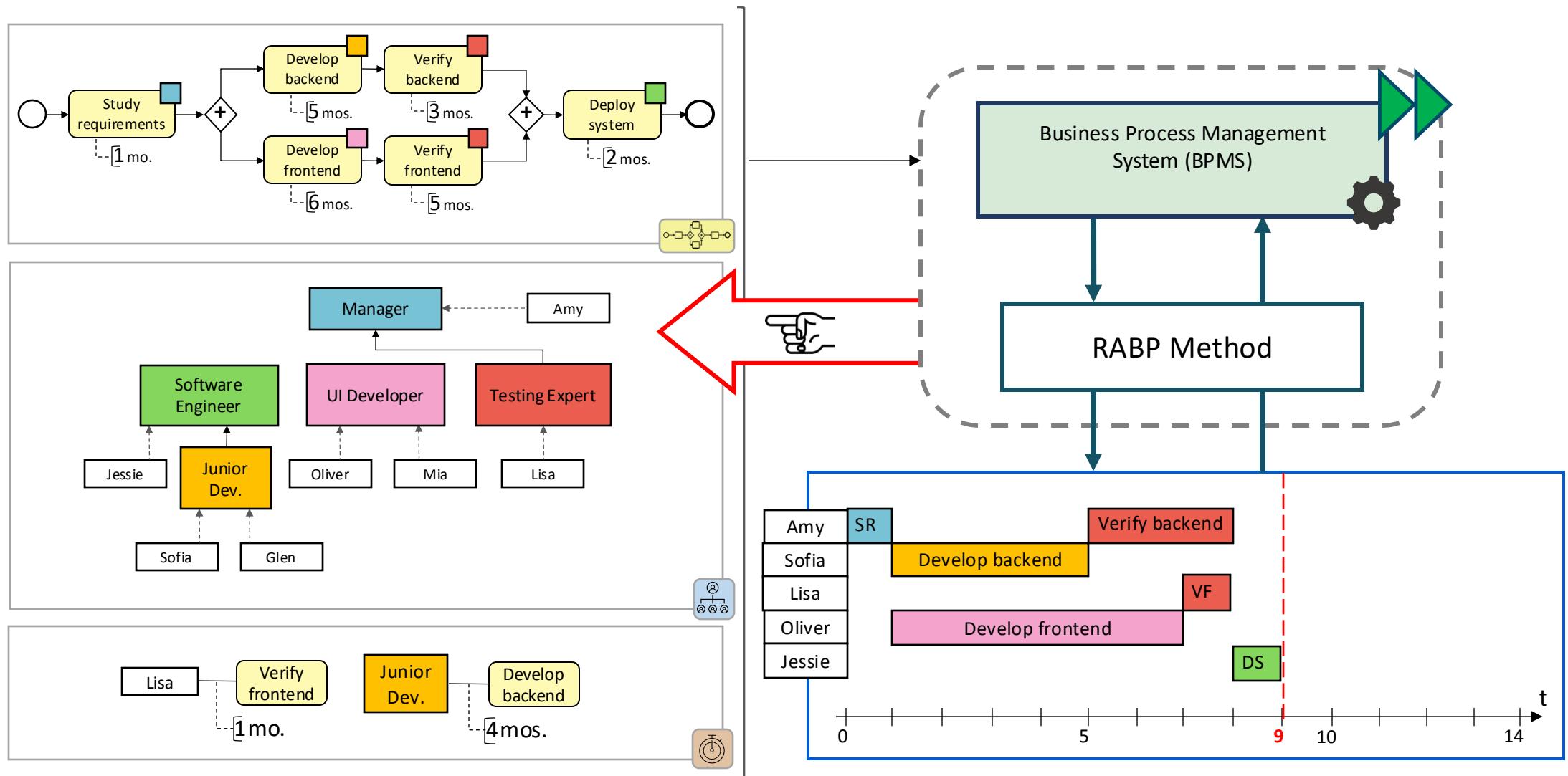
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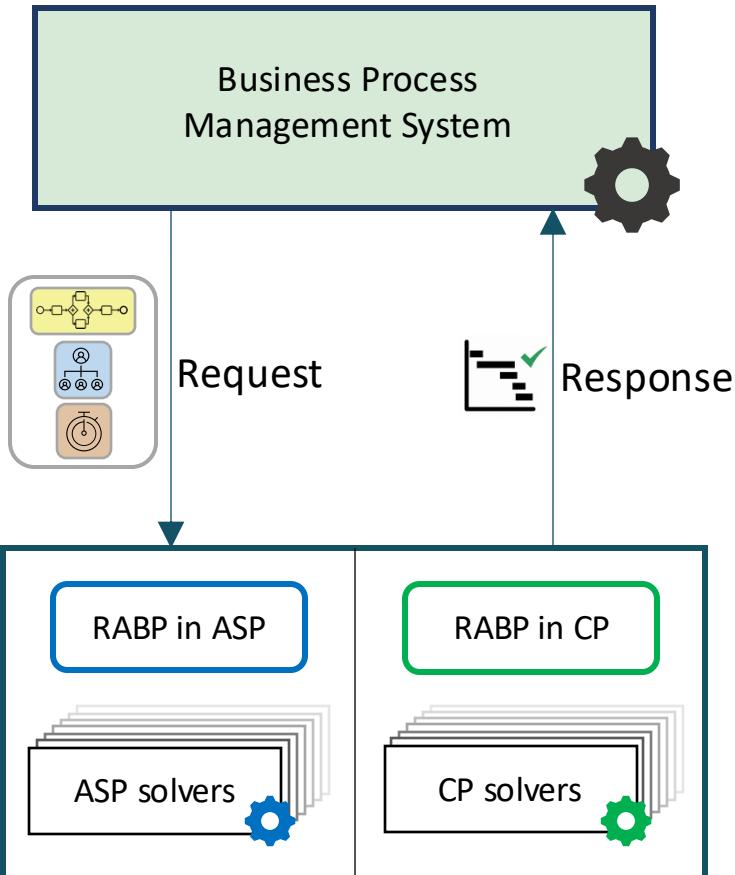
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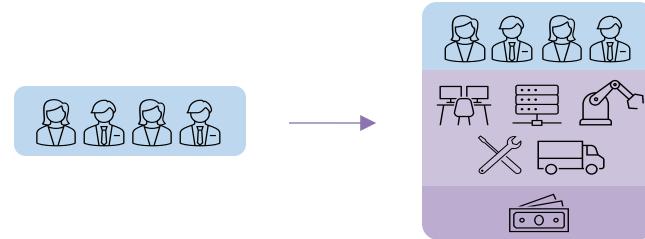
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# Goals:



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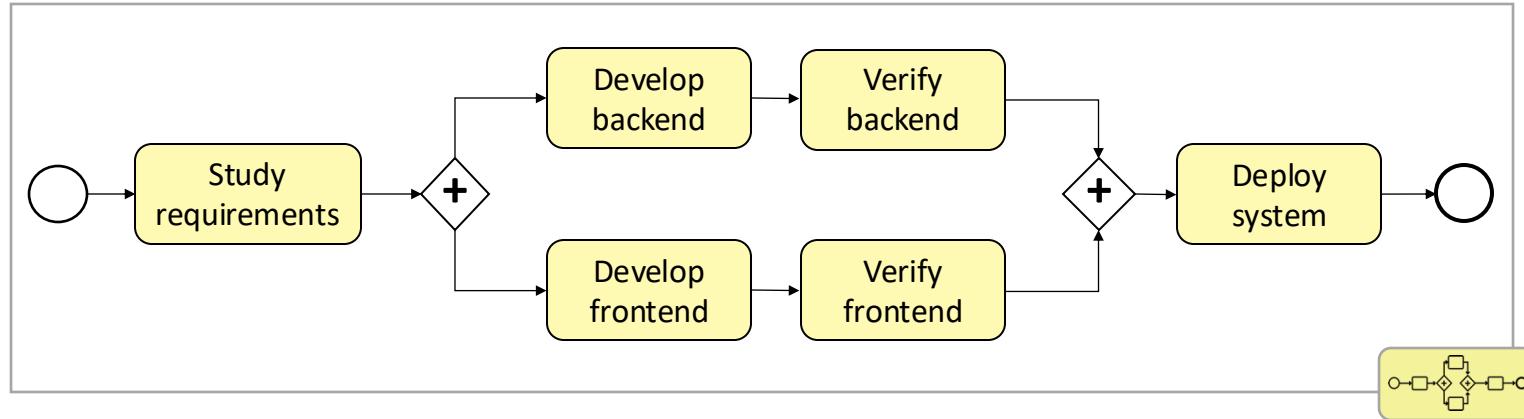


2. Selecting suitable KRR formalisms for implementing RABP

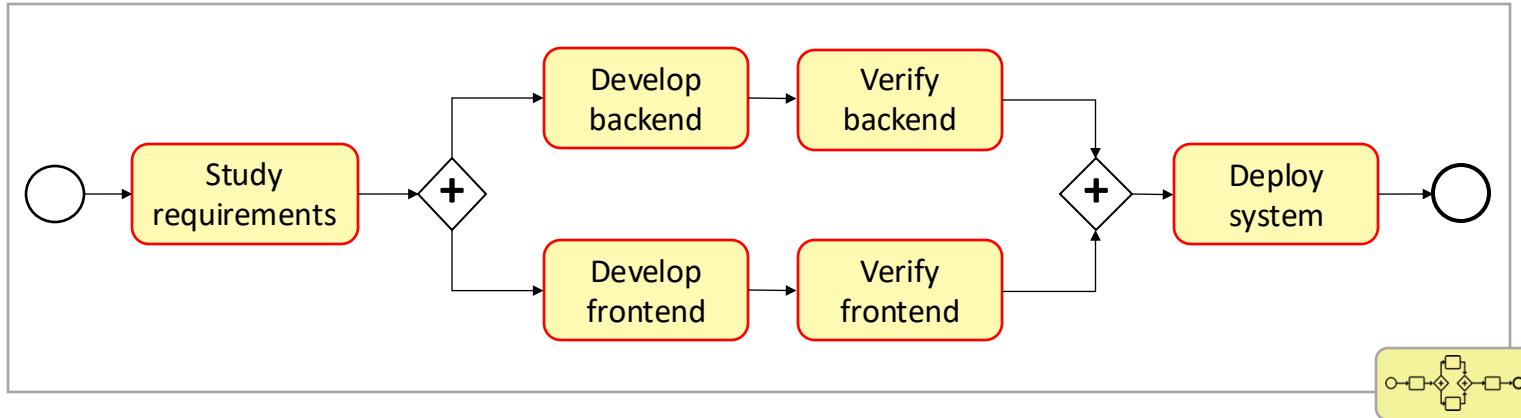
- Declarative formalisms
  - Answer Set Programming (ASP)
  - Constraint Programming (CP)

3. Devising a realistic benchmark for testing RABP methods

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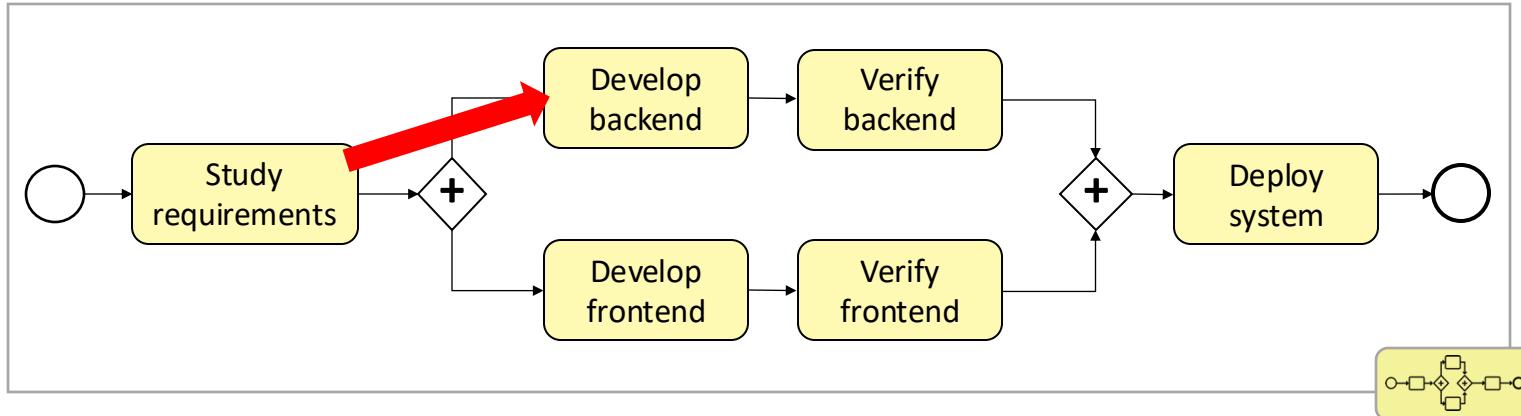


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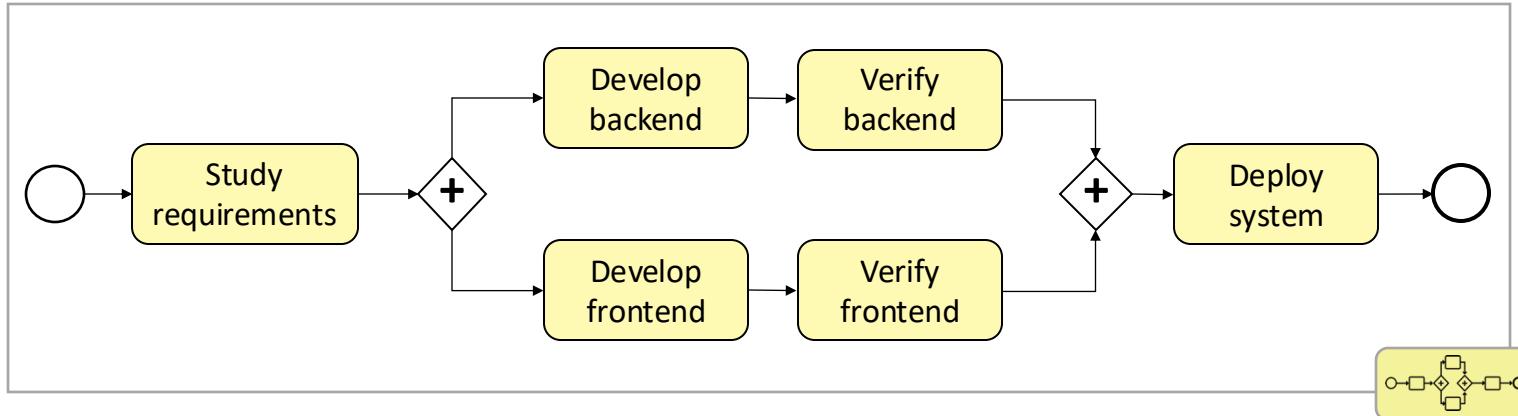
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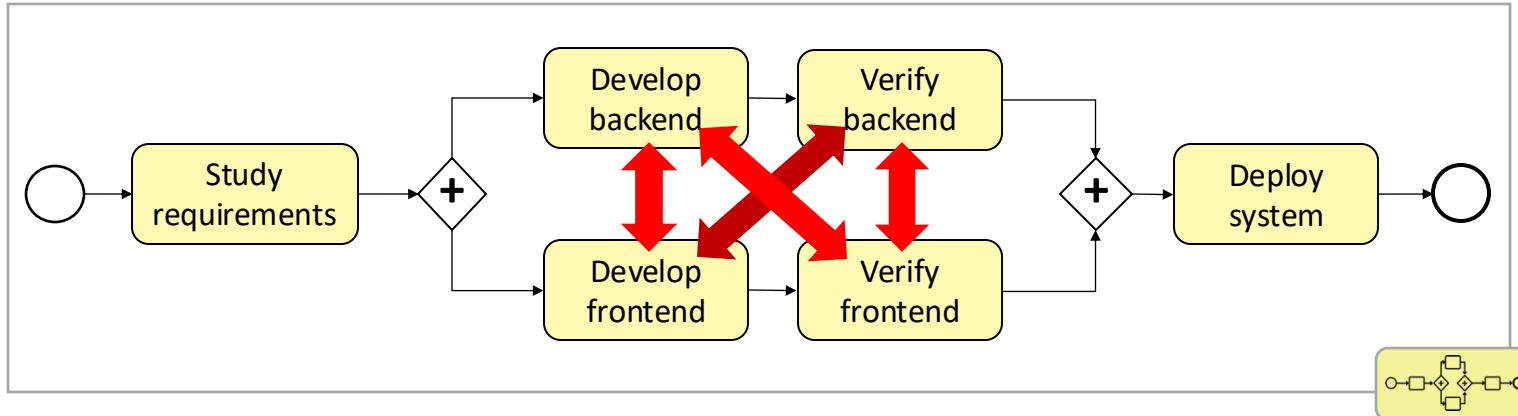


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## Contributions to RQ1

# Representation of Processes in ASP

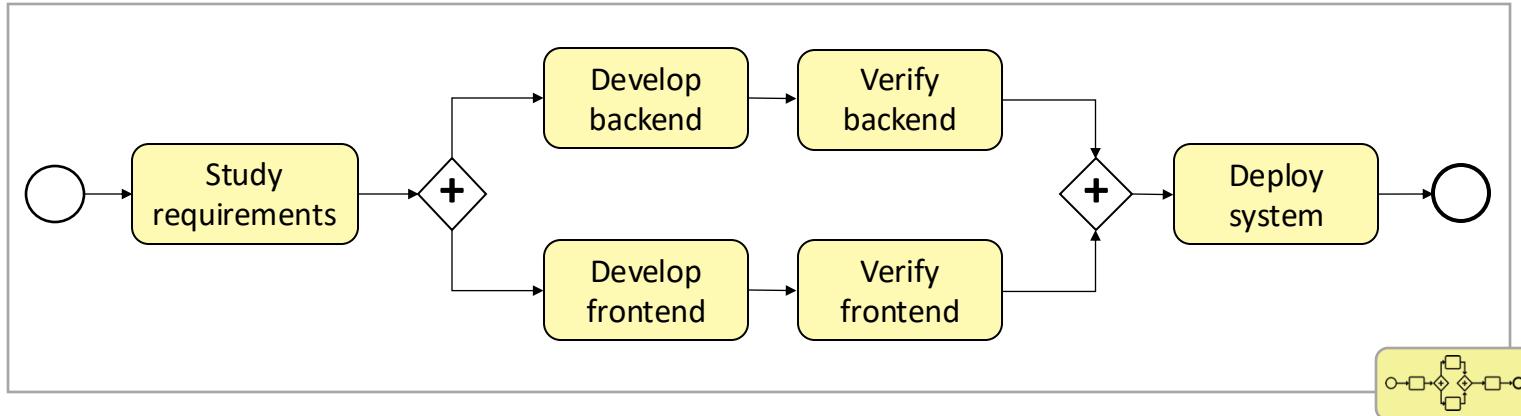


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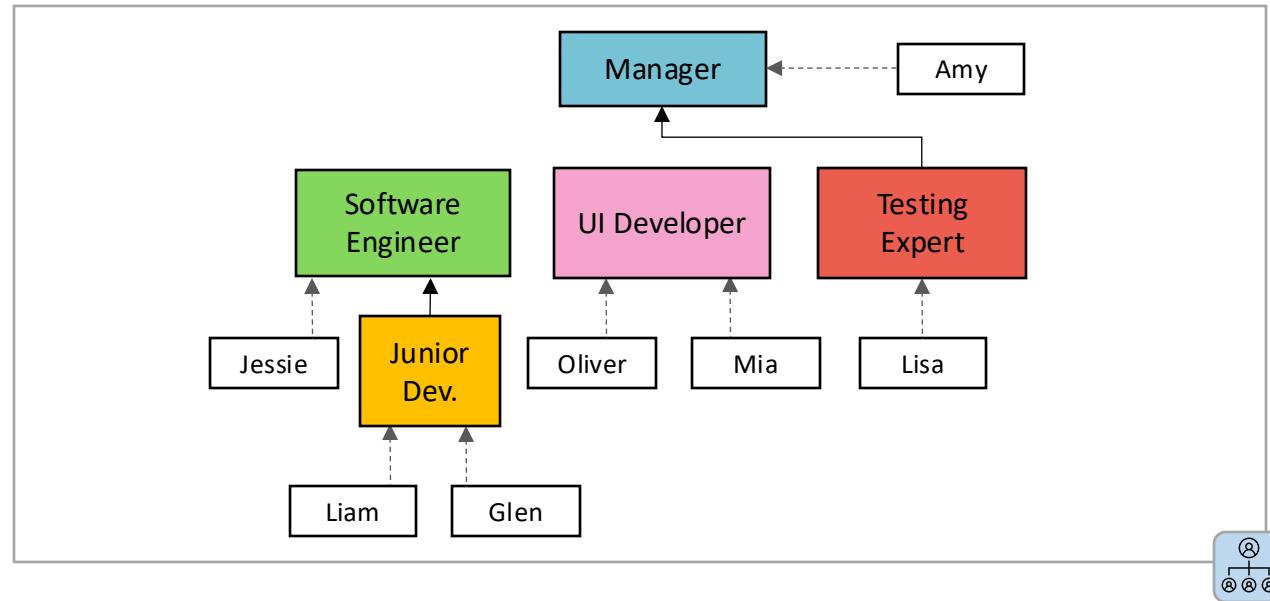


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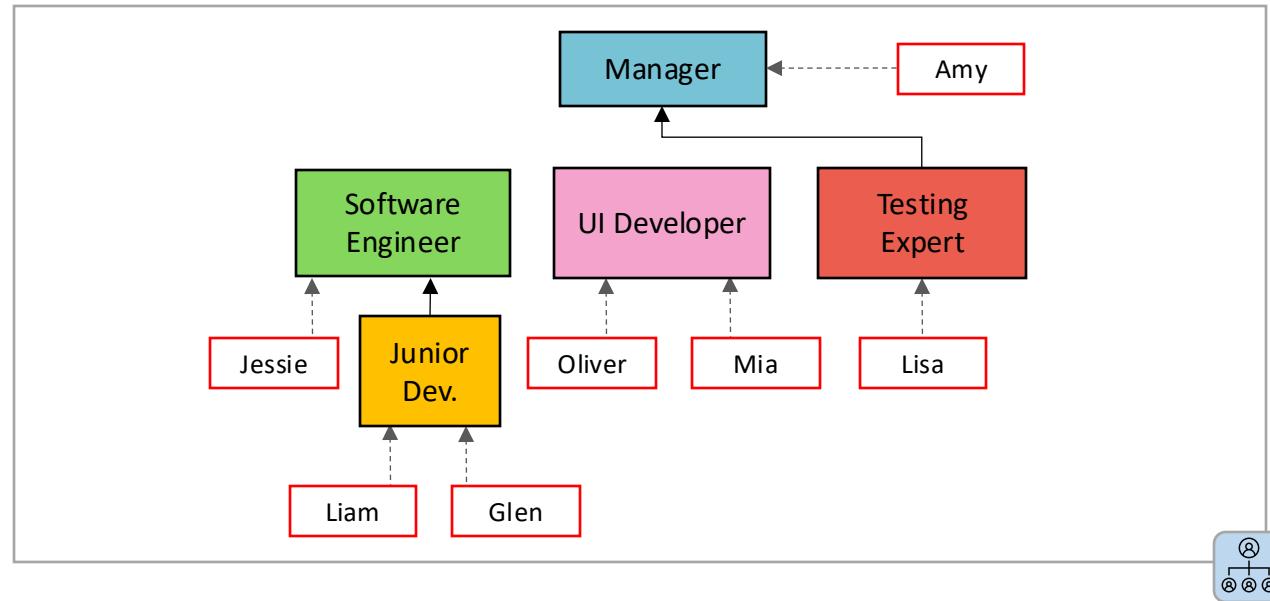
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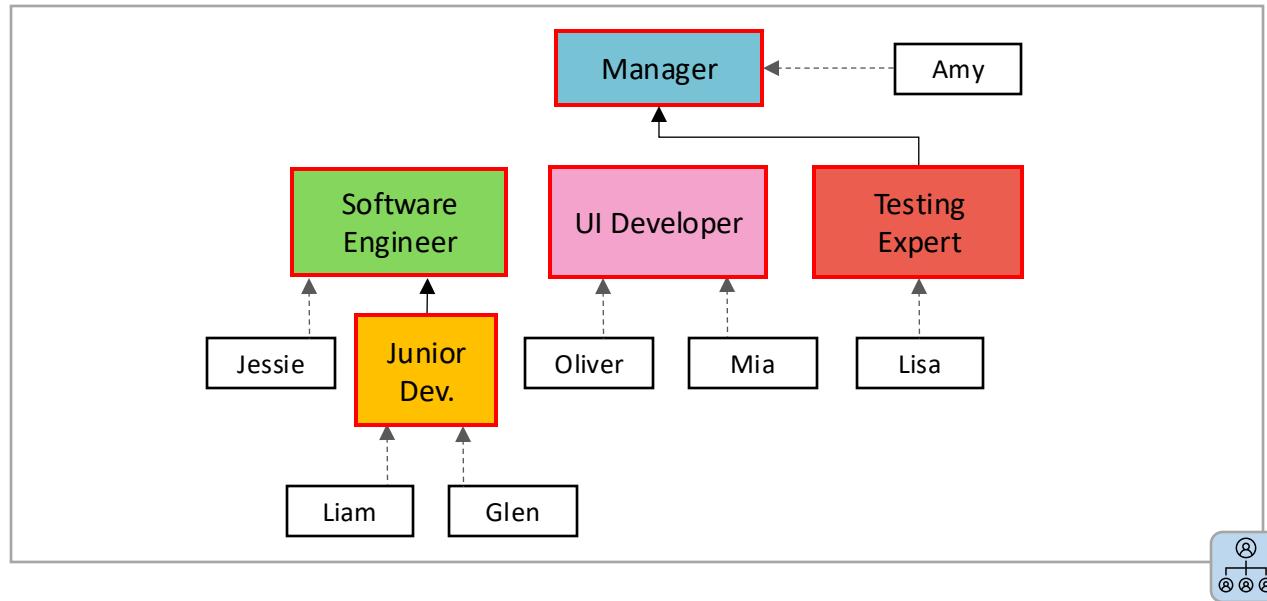


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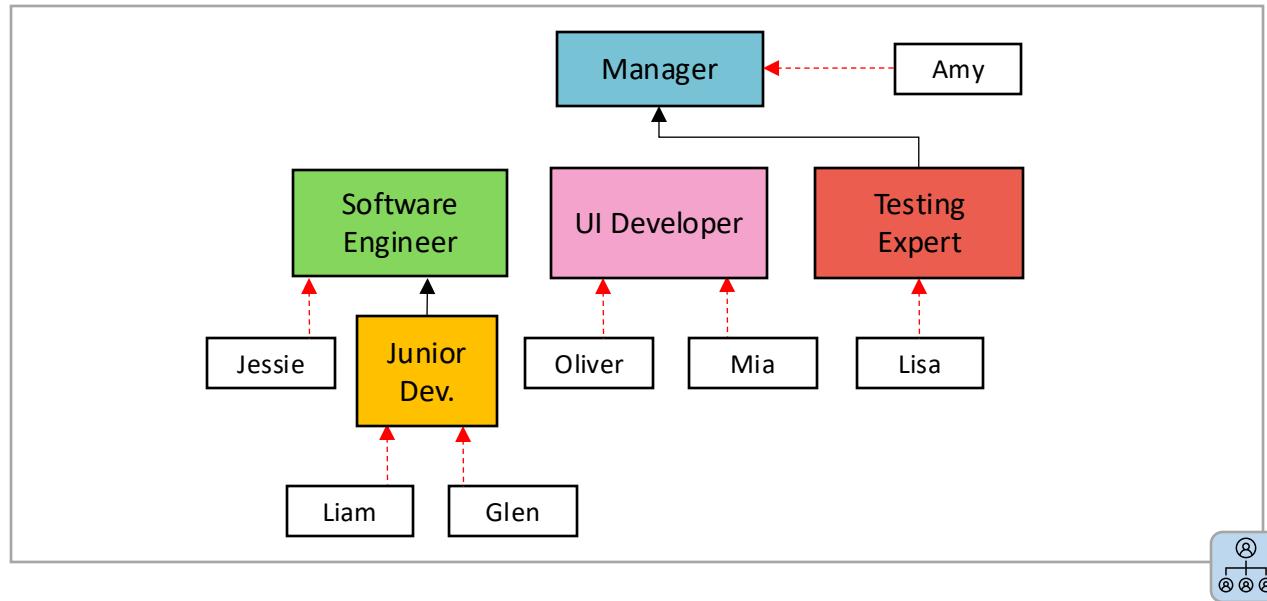
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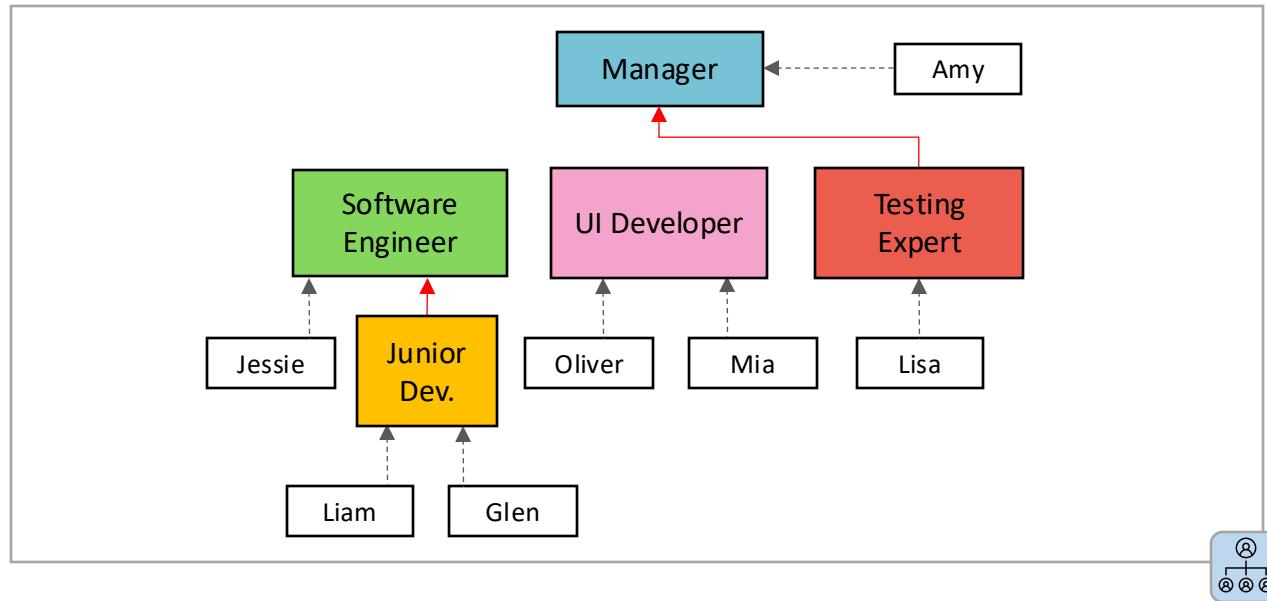


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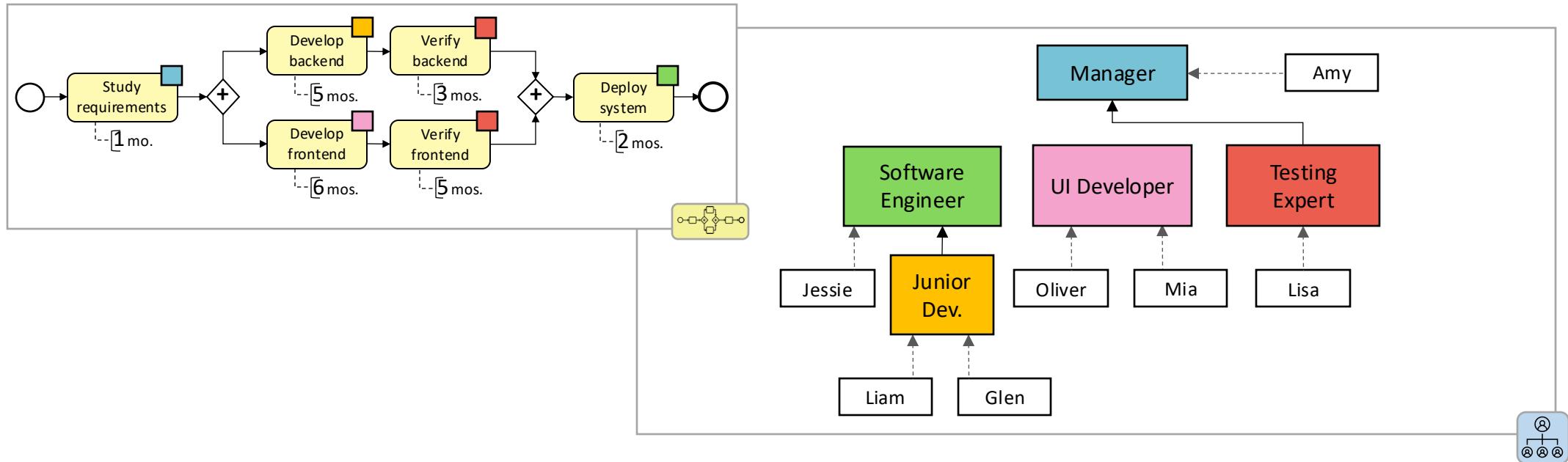
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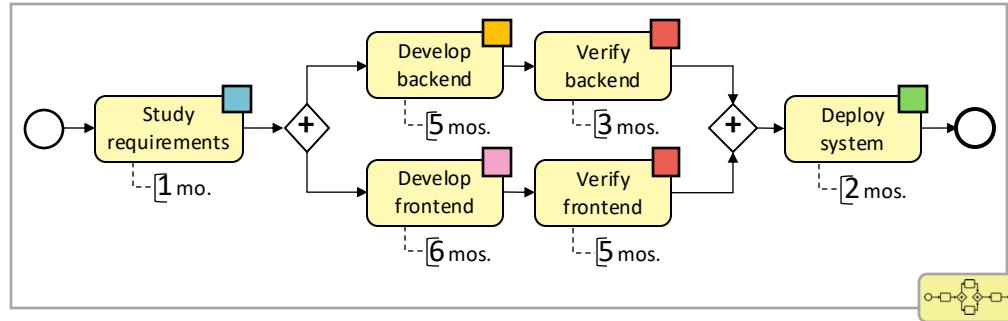
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IIAC("Manager", "TestingExpert").
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alAC("DevelopBackend", "JuniorDeveloper").
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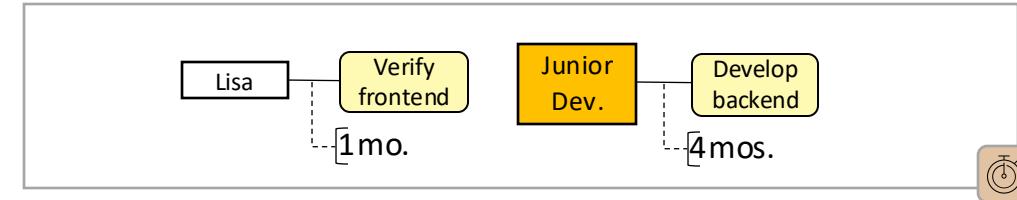
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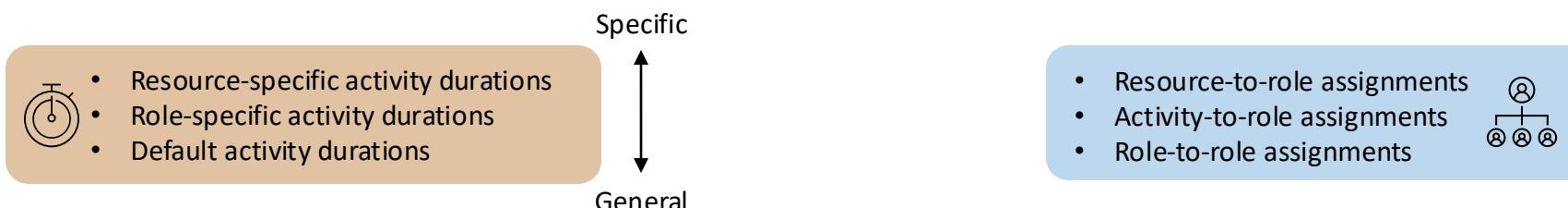
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defaultDuration("StudyRequirements",1).
defaultDuration("DevelopBackend",5).
defaultDuration("VerifyBackend",3).
defaultDuration("DevelopFrontend",6).
defaultDuration("VerifyFrontend",5).
defaultDuration("DeploySystem",2).
    
```



```

rsaDuration("Lisa","VerifyFrontend",1).
IsaDuration("JuniorDeveloper","DevelopBackend",4).
    
```



```

allowedRAD(R,A,D) :- rsaDuration(R,A,D), rIAC(R,L), aIAC(A,L).
allowedRAD(R,A,D) :- IsaDuration(L,A,D), not rsaDuration(R,A,_), rIAC(R,L), aIAC(A,L).
allowedRAD(R,A,D) :- defaultDuration(A,D), not rsaDuration(R,A,_), not IsaDuration(L,A,_), rIAC(R,L), aIAC(A,L).
    
```

# BPM.... Guess and Check

% generate allocations

```
1<={allocation(R,A,S,C): time(S), time(C), allowedRAD(R,A,D), C=S+D}<=1 :- activity(A).
```

% check for scheduling of the preceding activities

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:- dPrec(A1,A2), allocation(_,A1,_C1), allocation(_,A2,S2,_), C1>S2.
```

% check for scheduling of the concurrent activities

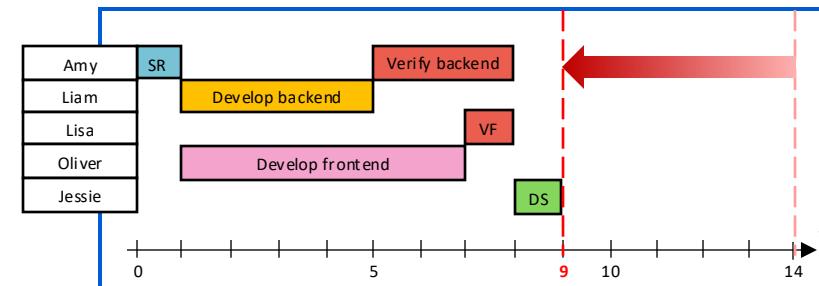
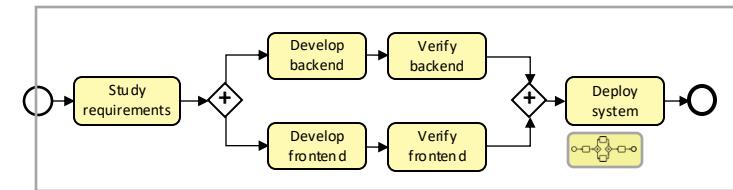
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:- conc(A1,A2), allocation(R,A1,_C1), allocation(R,A2,S2,C2), S2<C1, C2>=C1, A1<A2.
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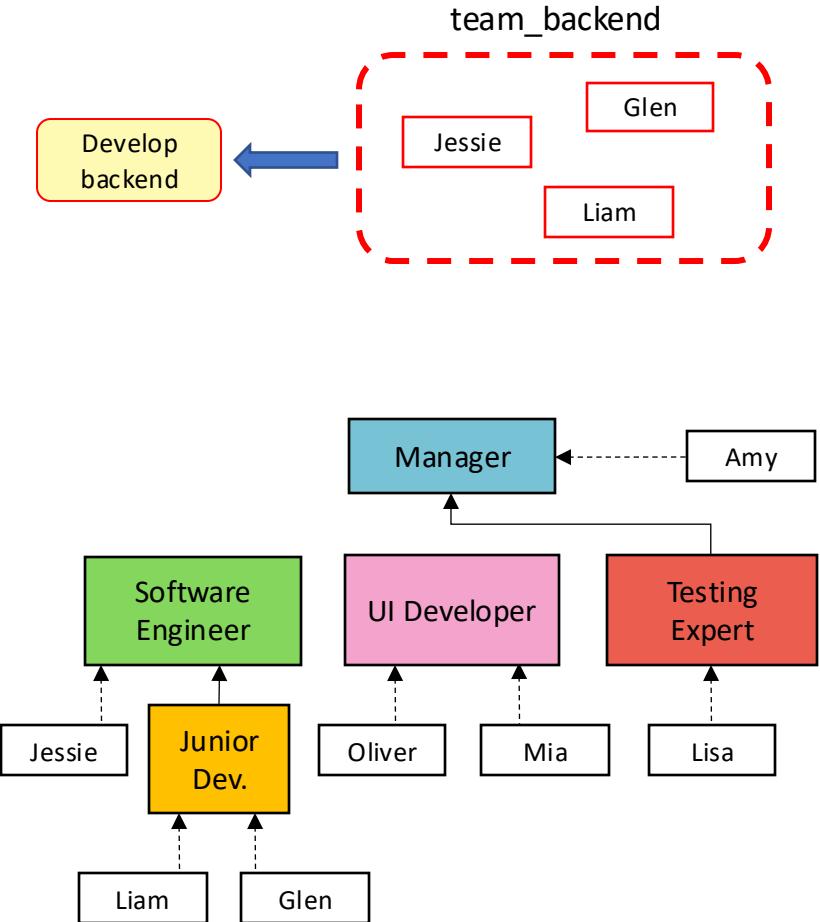
% minimize makespan

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:~ makespan(U). [U]
```



## BPM ... Easily Extensible encoding

- Teams
  - E.g., `team("team_backend",R) :- rIAC(R,"JuniorDeveloper").`
  - `team("team_backend",R) :- rIAC(R,"SoftwareEngineer").`
  - `tRequirement("DevelopBackend","team_backend").`

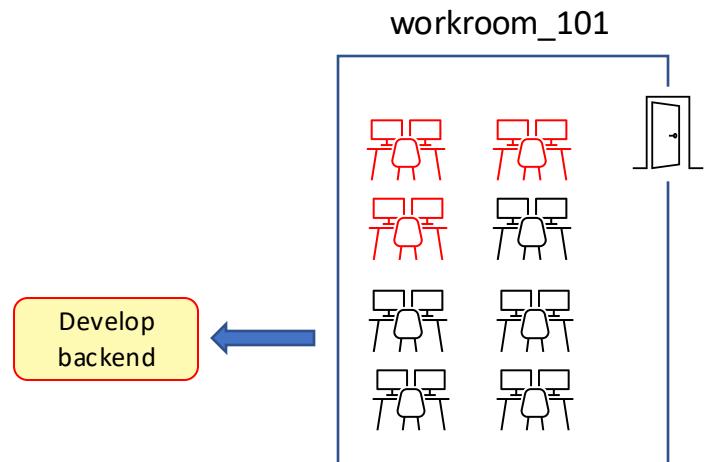


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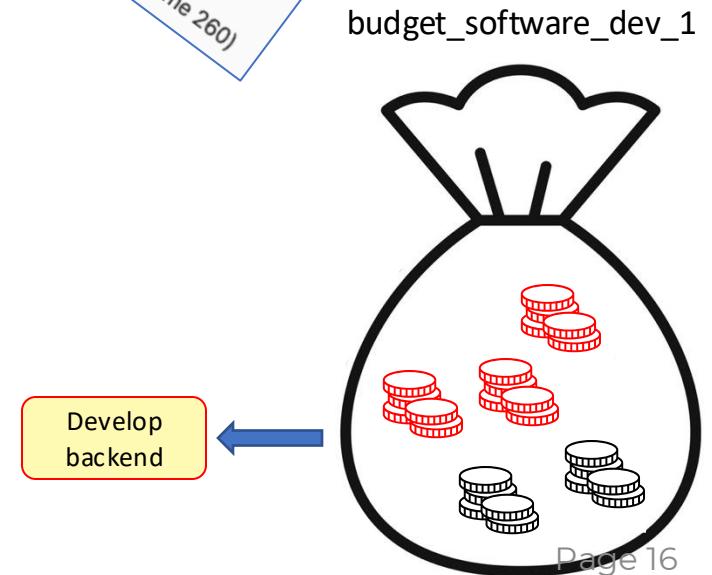


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```
nResource("budget_software_dev_1",50000).  
nRequirement("DevelopBackend","budget_software_dev_1",N) :-  
TPM = #sum{PM,R: allocate(R,"DevelopBackend",S,C), PM=C-S},  
costPersonMonth(CPM), N = TPM * CPM.
```



# RABP in Practice: Camunda BPMS Integration

Screenshot of the RABP (ASP) application interface:

**Role Assignment Complete**

**RAL Information**

ASSESSMENT OF INPUT DOCUMENTS: IS A PHASE265  
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CREATE DOCUMENT AND PLAN OVERVIEW: IS A PHASE265  
INPUT DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE AND APPROVED BY CUSTOMER: IS A PHASE265

**Assigned Resources**

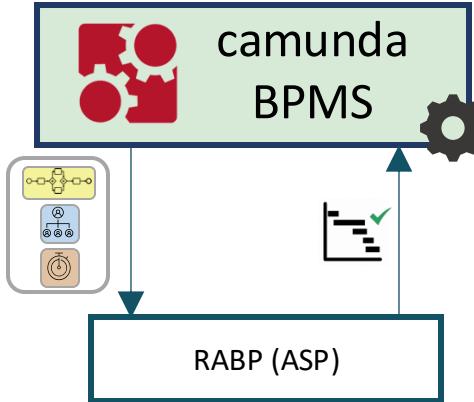
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Creation of Document Overview	Demo Demo	08.10.2015 09:17:46	09.10.2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create Document and Plan Overview	Demo Demo	08.10.2015 09:17:46	09.10.2015
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Input Documents Available and Approved by Customer	Demo Demo	08.10.2015 09:17:46	09.10.2015
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create README	Demo Demo	08.10.2015 09:17:46	09.10.2015
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create Concept of Ordering	Demo Demo	08.10.2015 09:17:46	09.10.2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordination Development, SPP, Decision Circle-Upgrade, Establishing Technique/System Architecture	Demo Demo	08.10.2015 09:17:46	09.10.2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	Projecting SIP	Demo Demo	08.10.2015 09:17:46	09.10.2015

**Validate** **Confirm Assignment and Start Process**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1PxXoQR9n4>



camunda cockpit

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PROCESS DEFINITION : Phase 265

Version 1

Running Instances

- of the selected version: 2
- of all versions: 2

Filter

by variable  
by business key  
by start date

Head of Unit

ProjectStart → Assign Projectant

Assign Phase 265 → Create Project Folder → Create Document and Plan Overview

Created? Decision Diamond

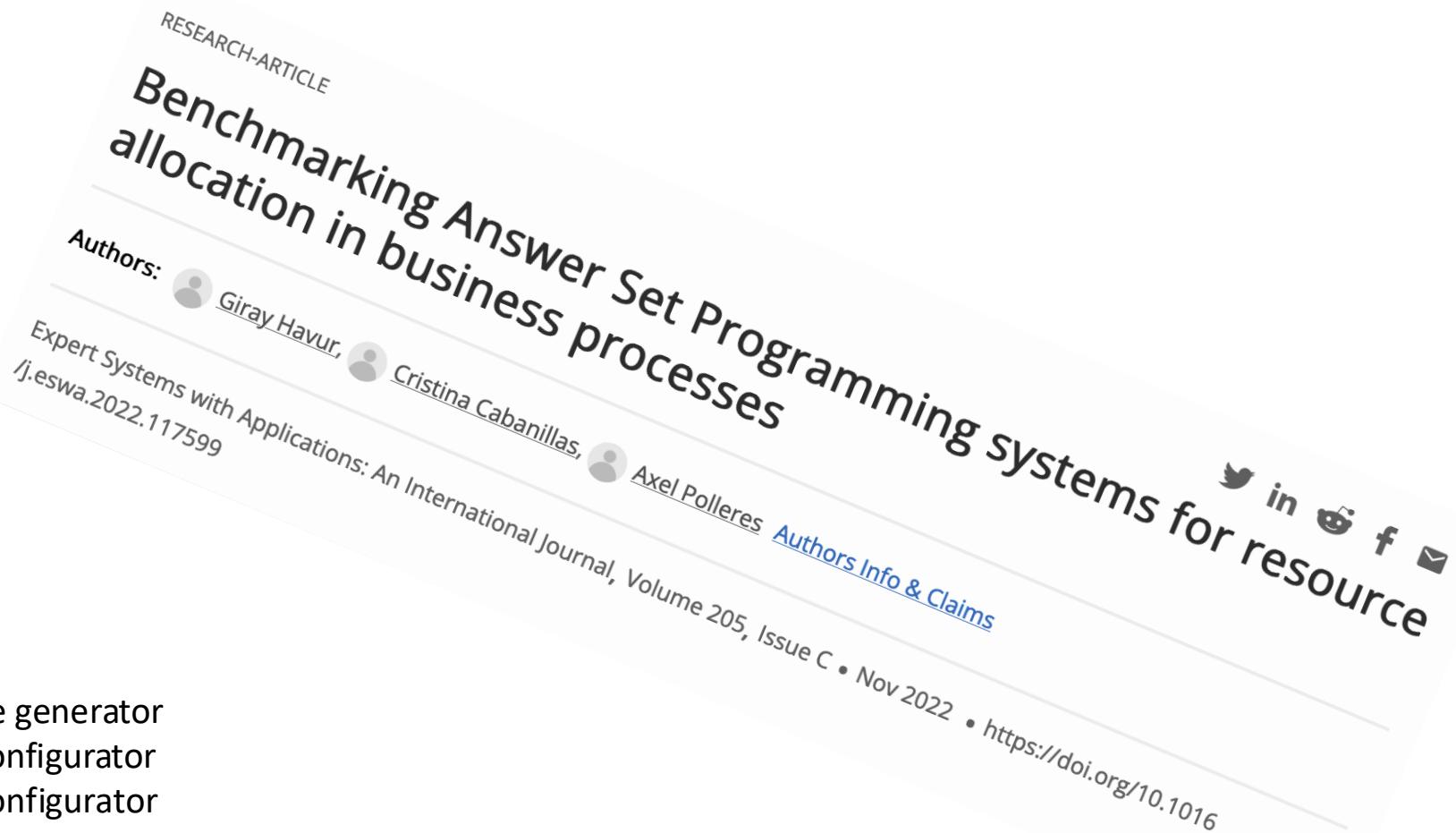
Process Instances    Called Process Definitions    Job Definitions

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This screenshot shows the Camunda cockpit interface for the "Phase 265" process definition. It displays the "Running Instances" section, which lists two instances. The process model on the right shows a start event leading to an "Assign Projectant" task, which then leads to an "Assign Phase 265" task. This is followed by a "Create Project Folder" task, a "Create Document and Plan Overview" task, and a decision diamond labeled "Created?". If the answer is "Yes", it leads to a final task. The bottom of the screen shows tabs for "Process Instances", "Called Process Definitions", and "Job Definitions", along with a list of active instances and their details.

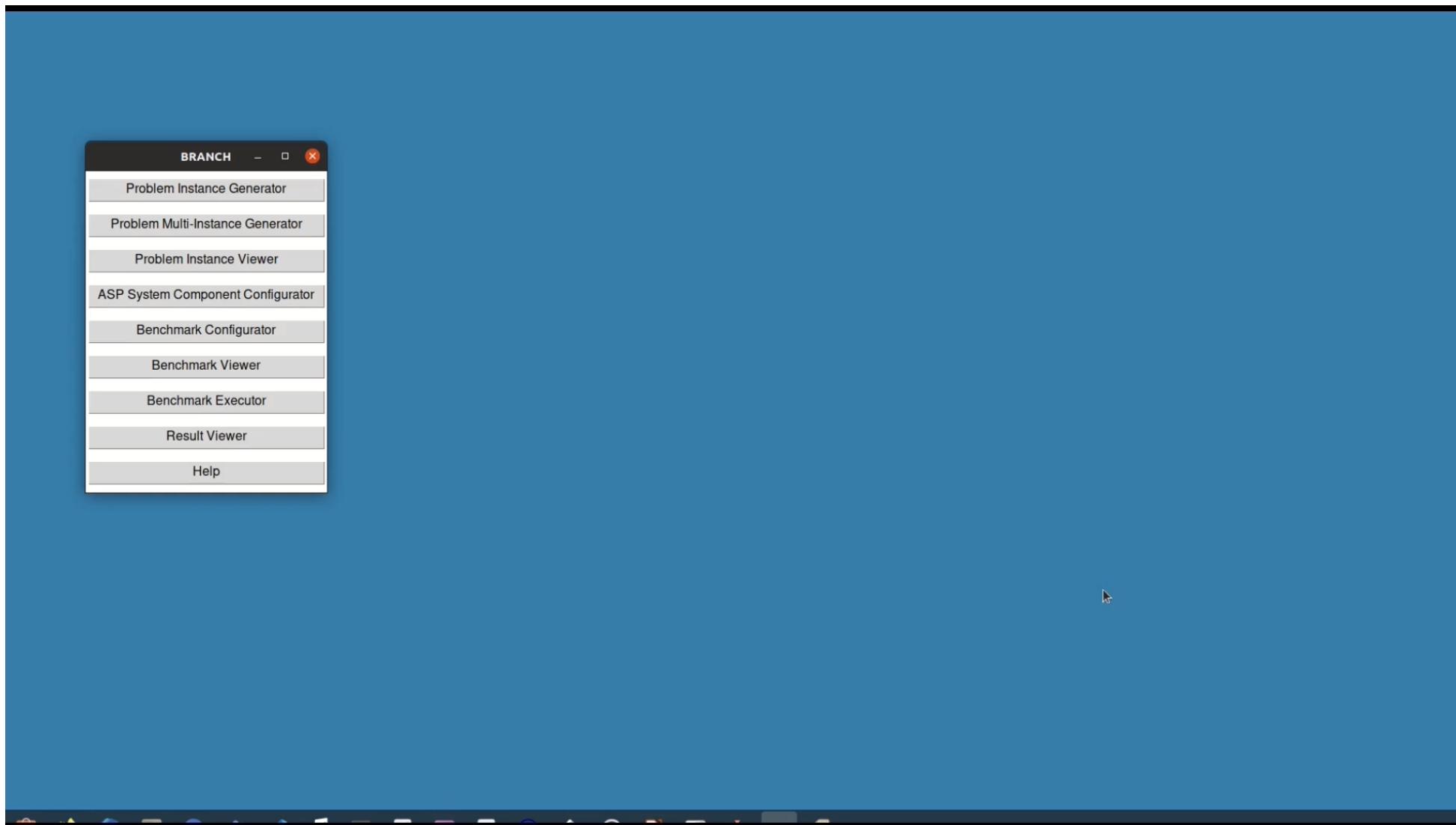
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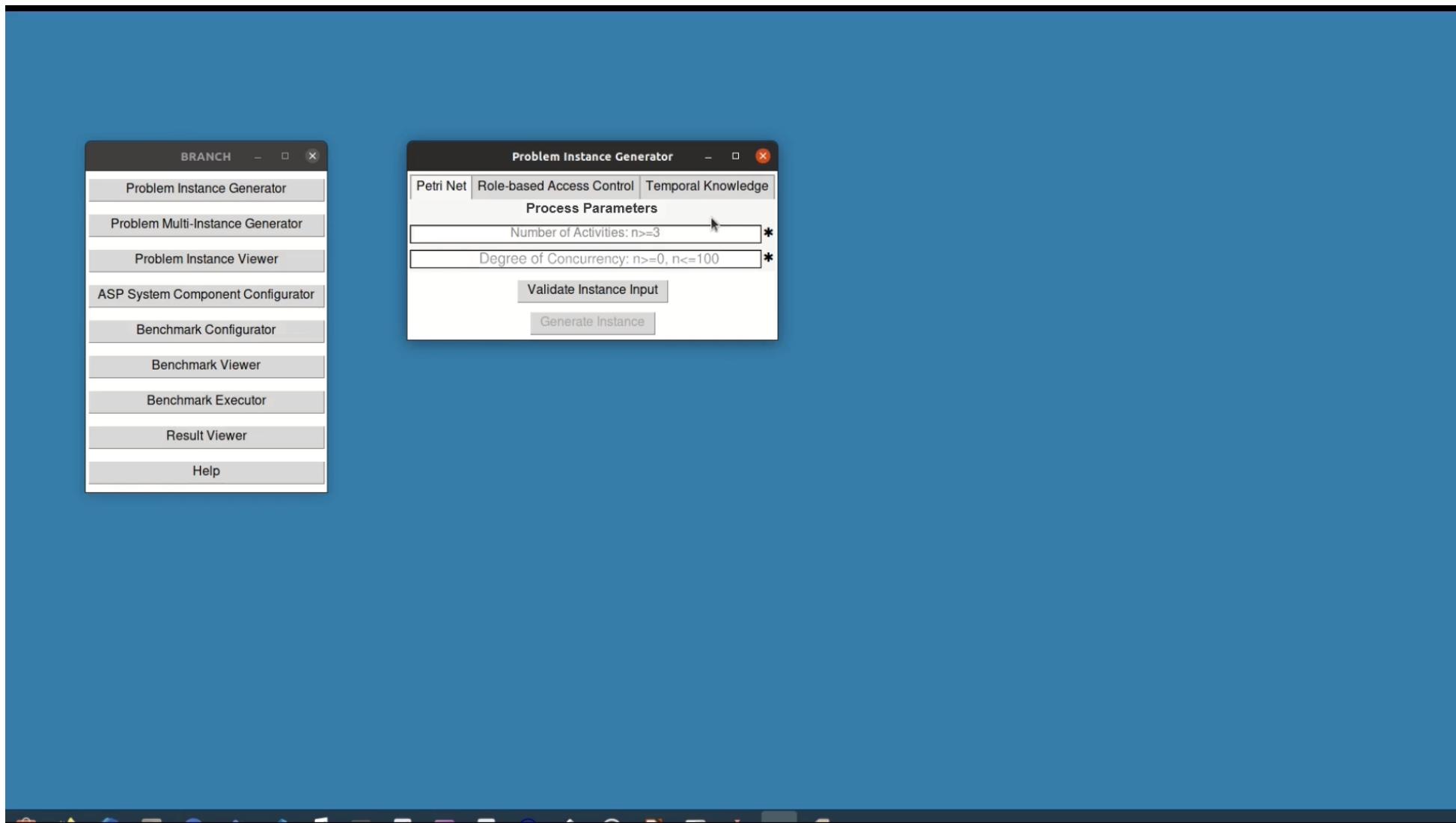
- **BRANCH**

- RABP instance generator
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- Benchmark configurator
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- Results viewer

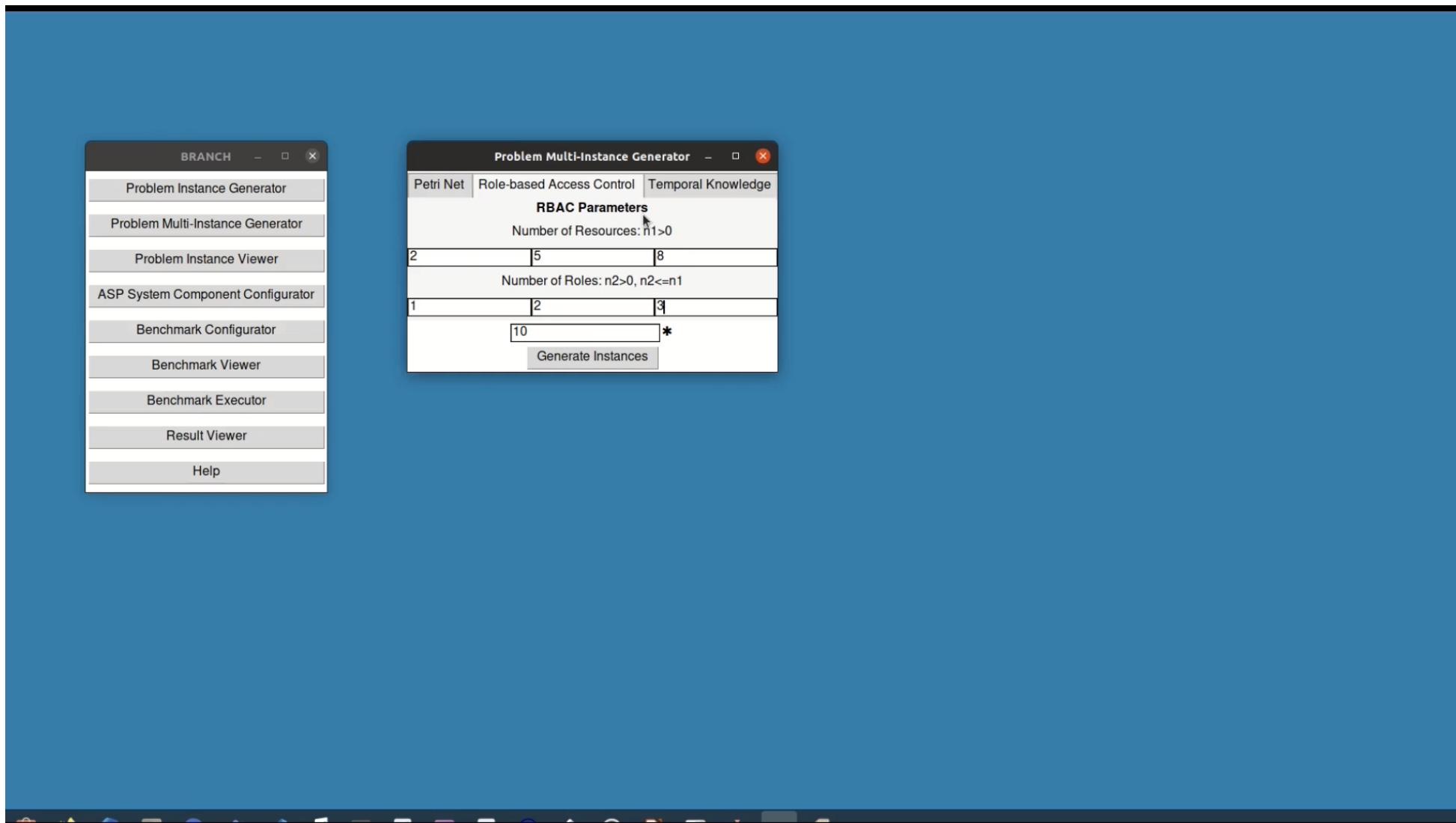
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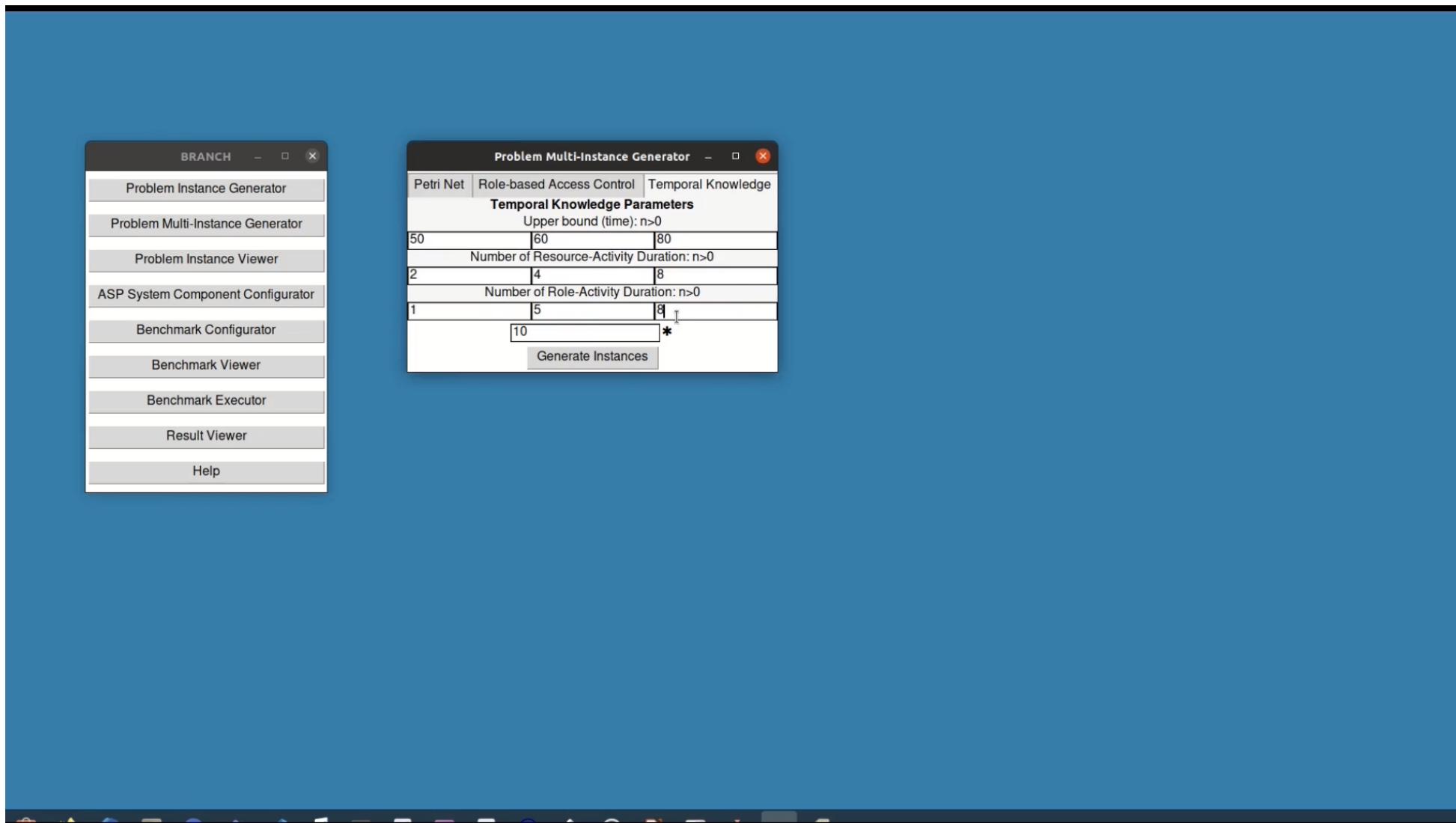
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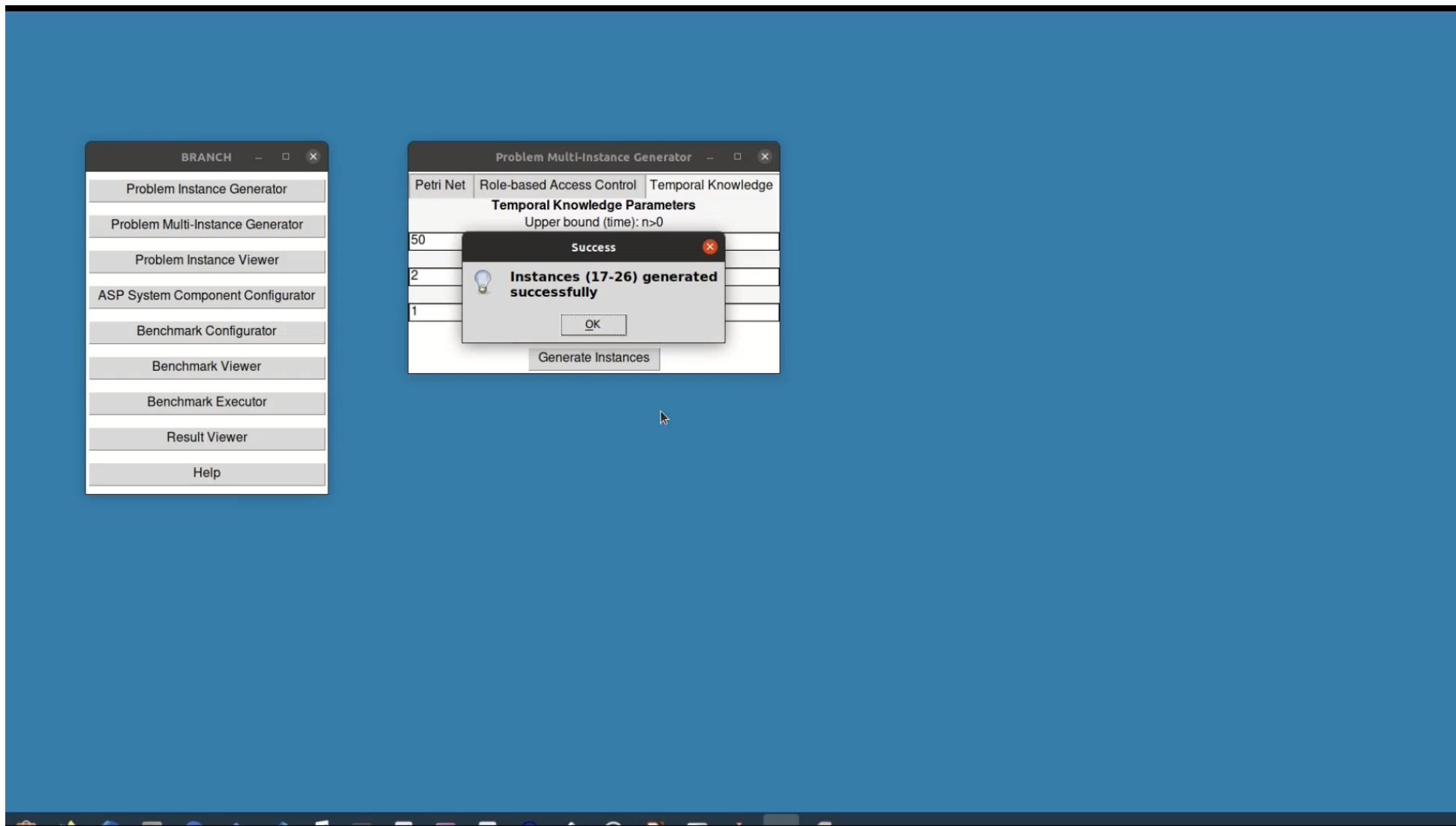
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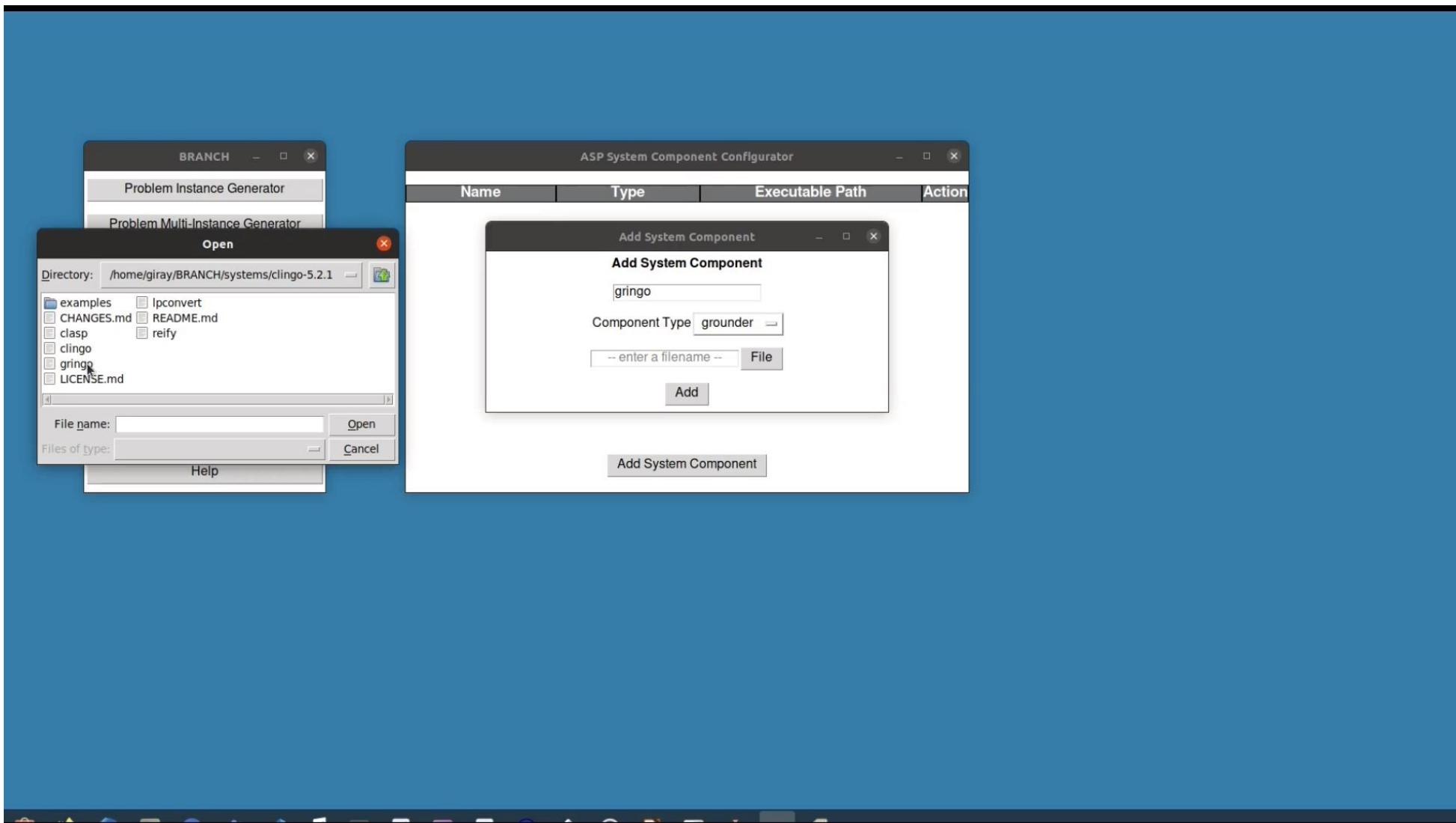
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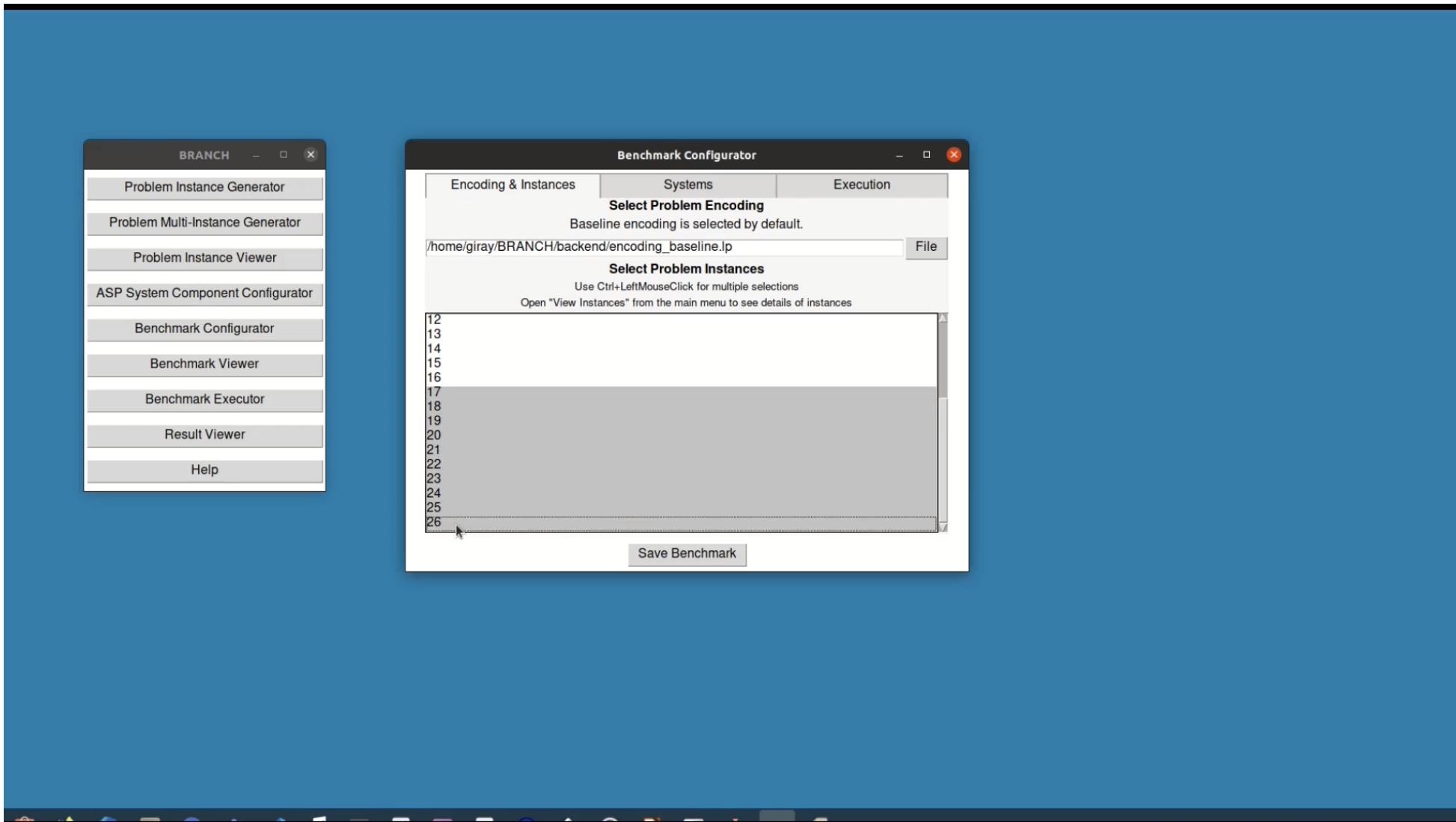
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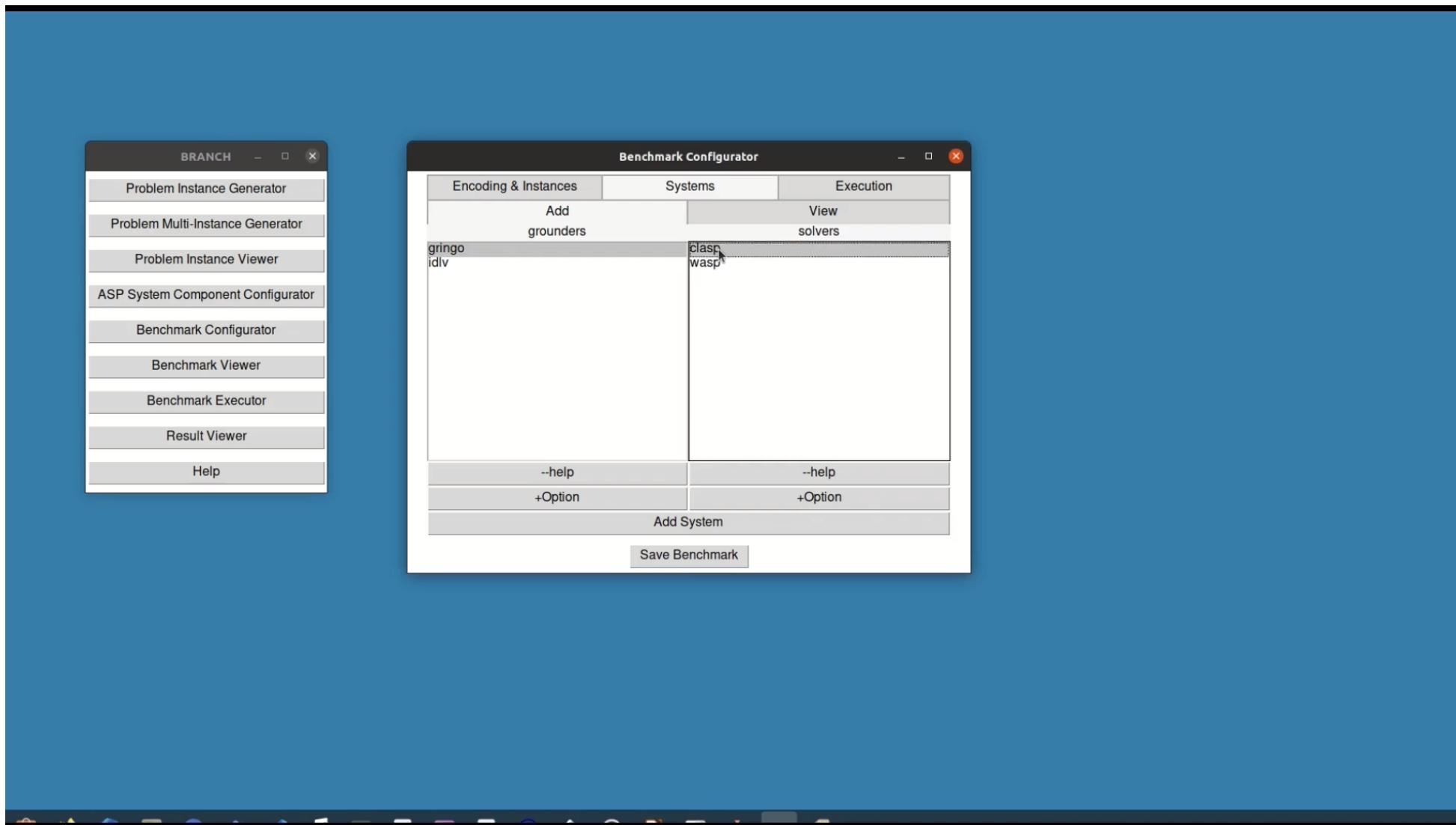
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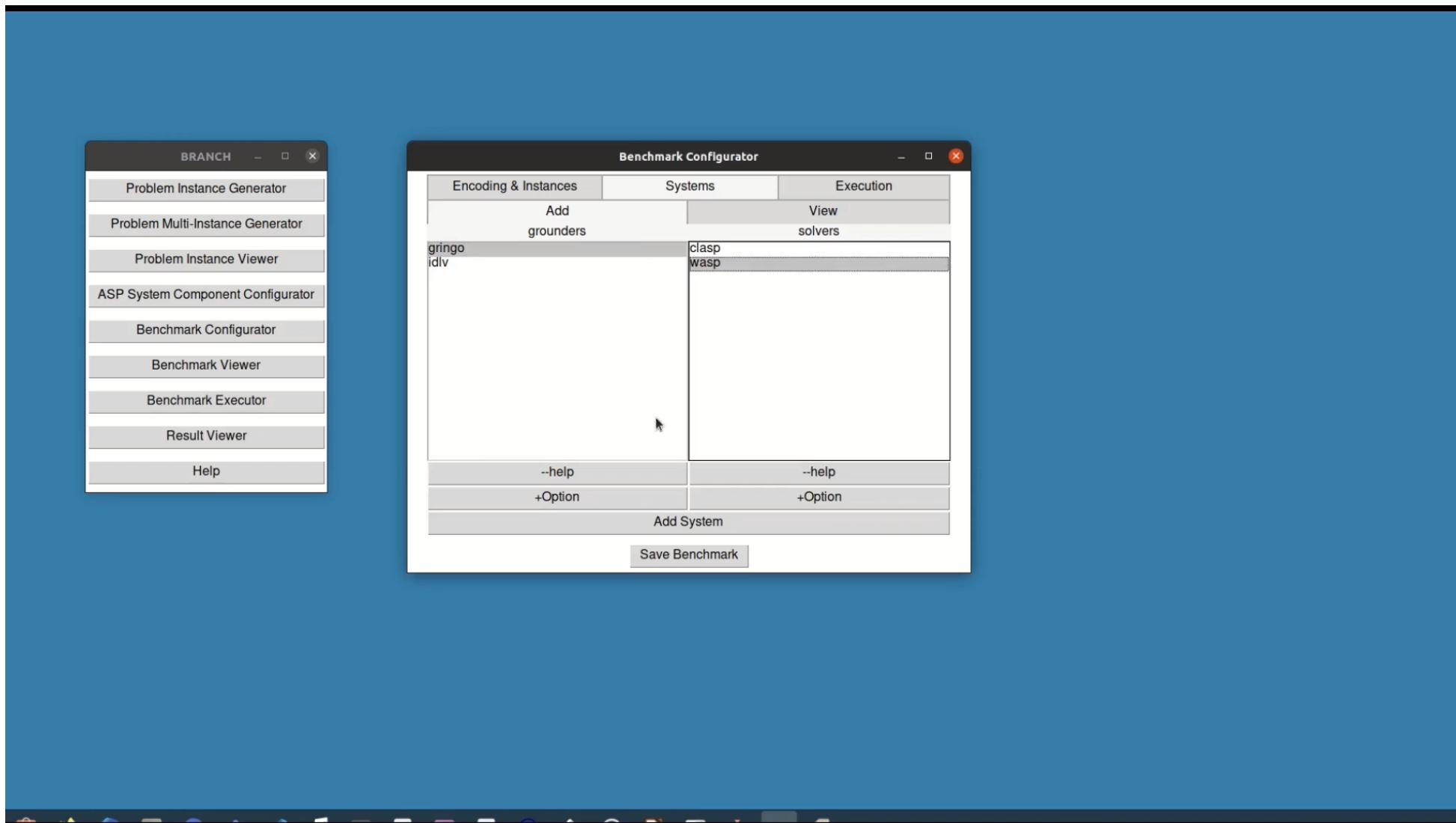
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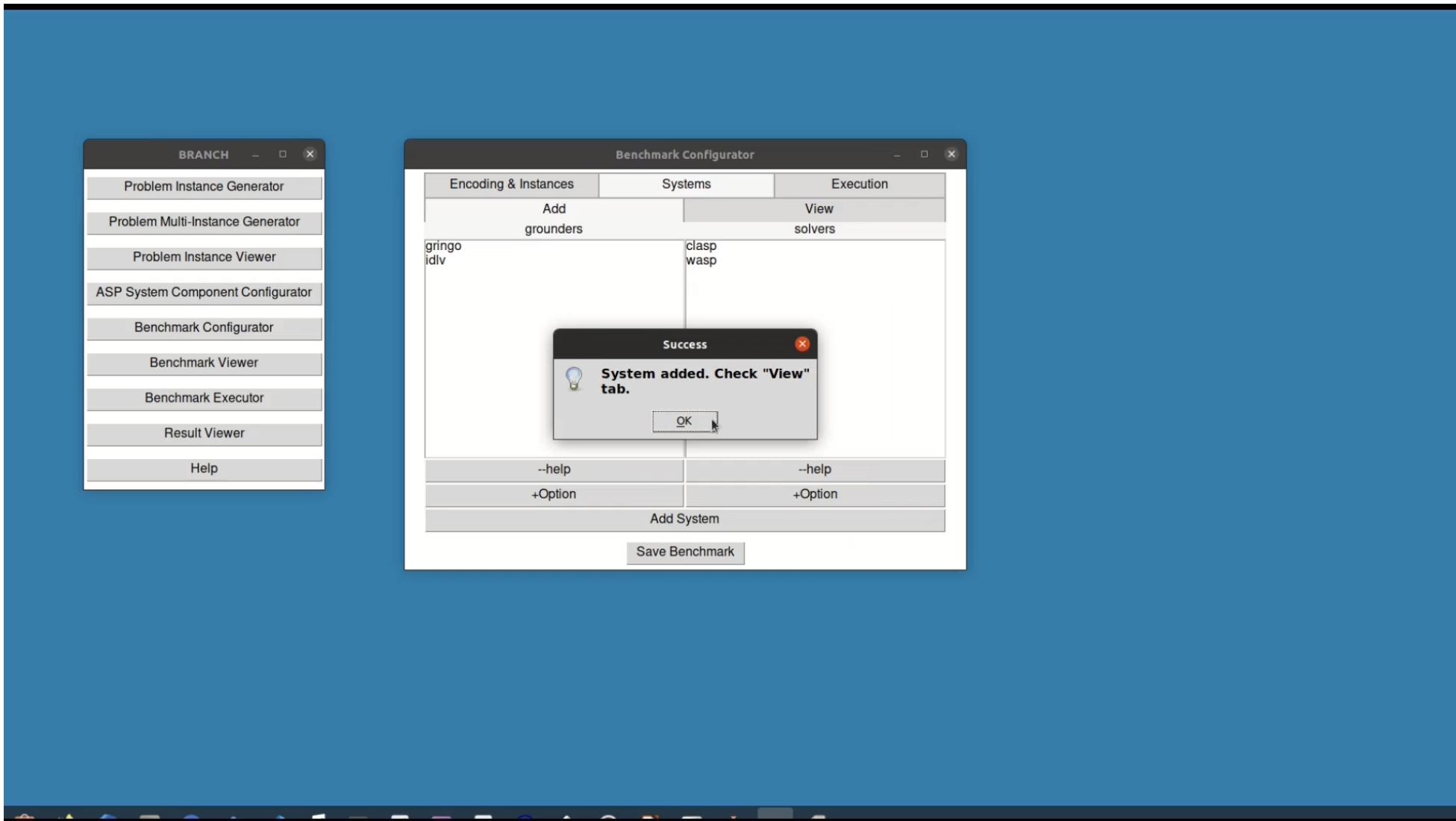
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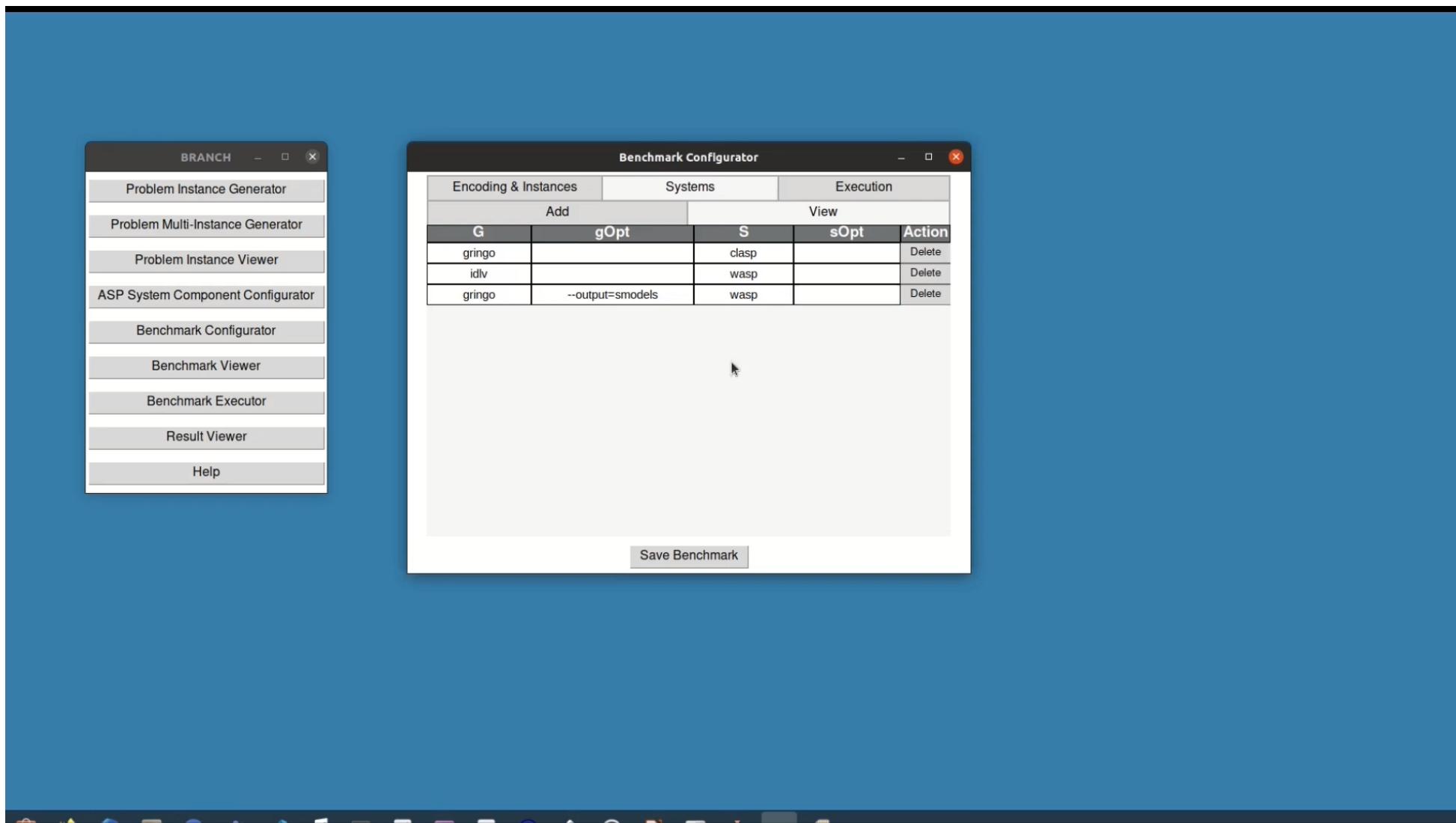
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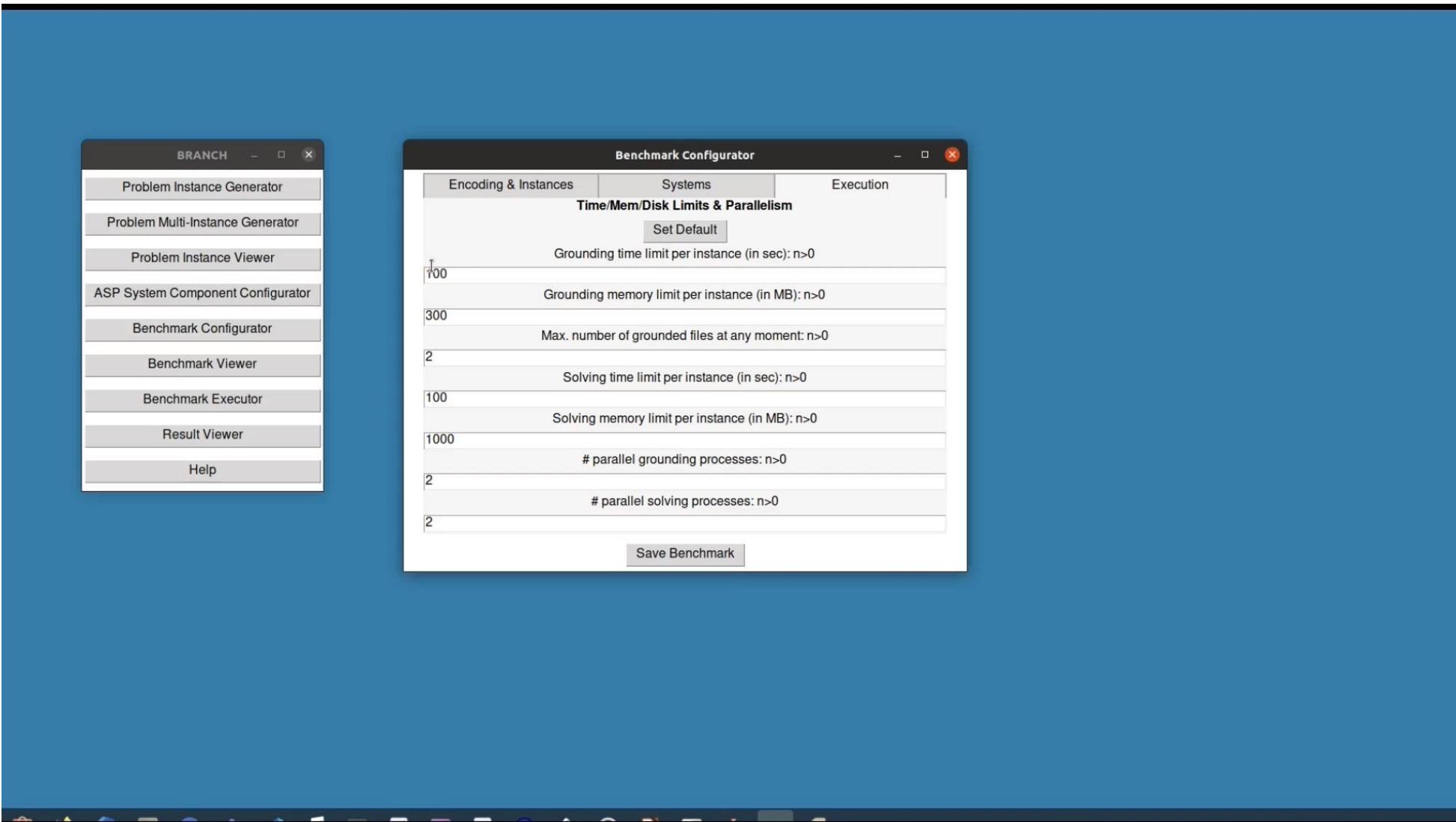
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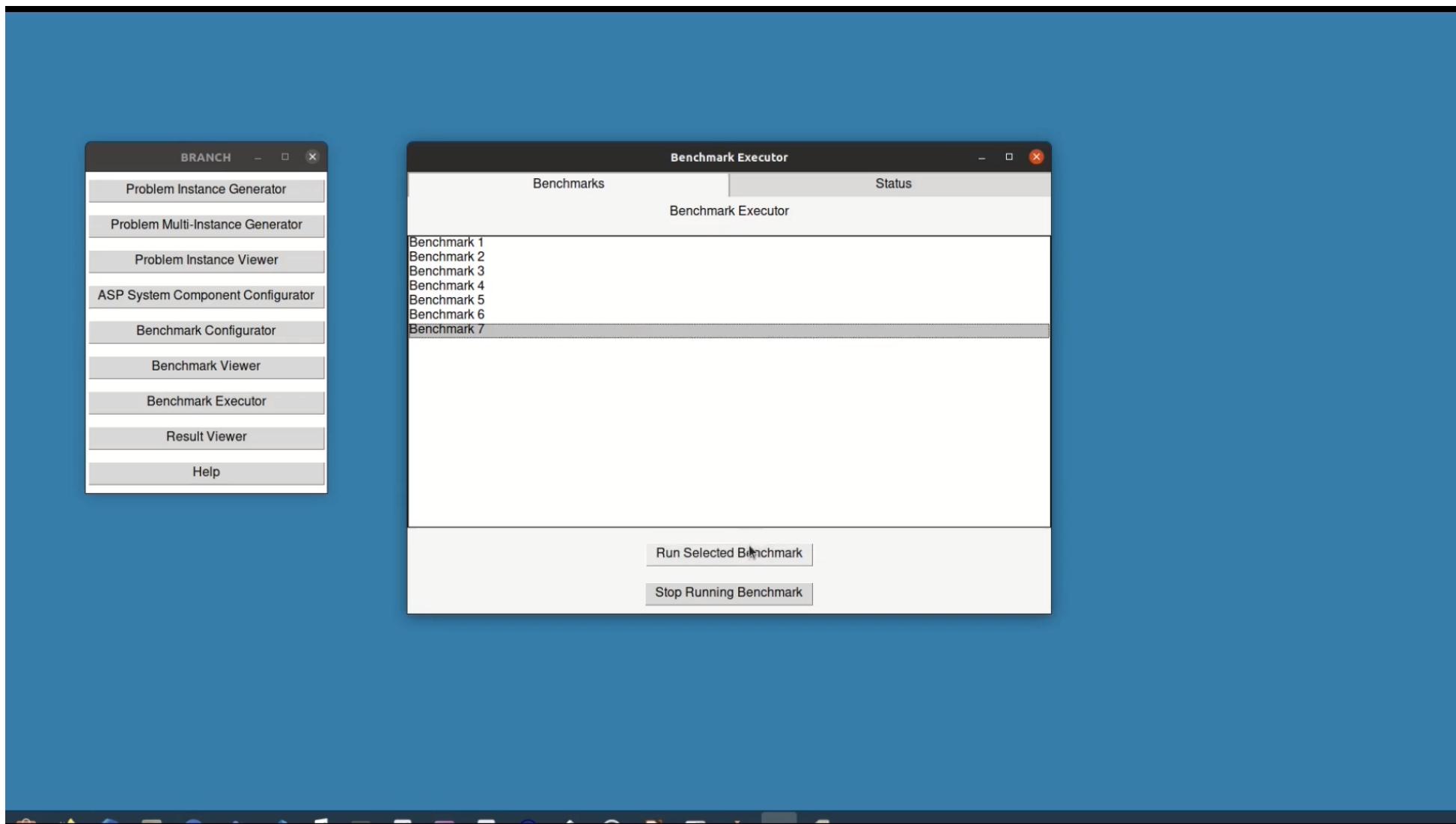
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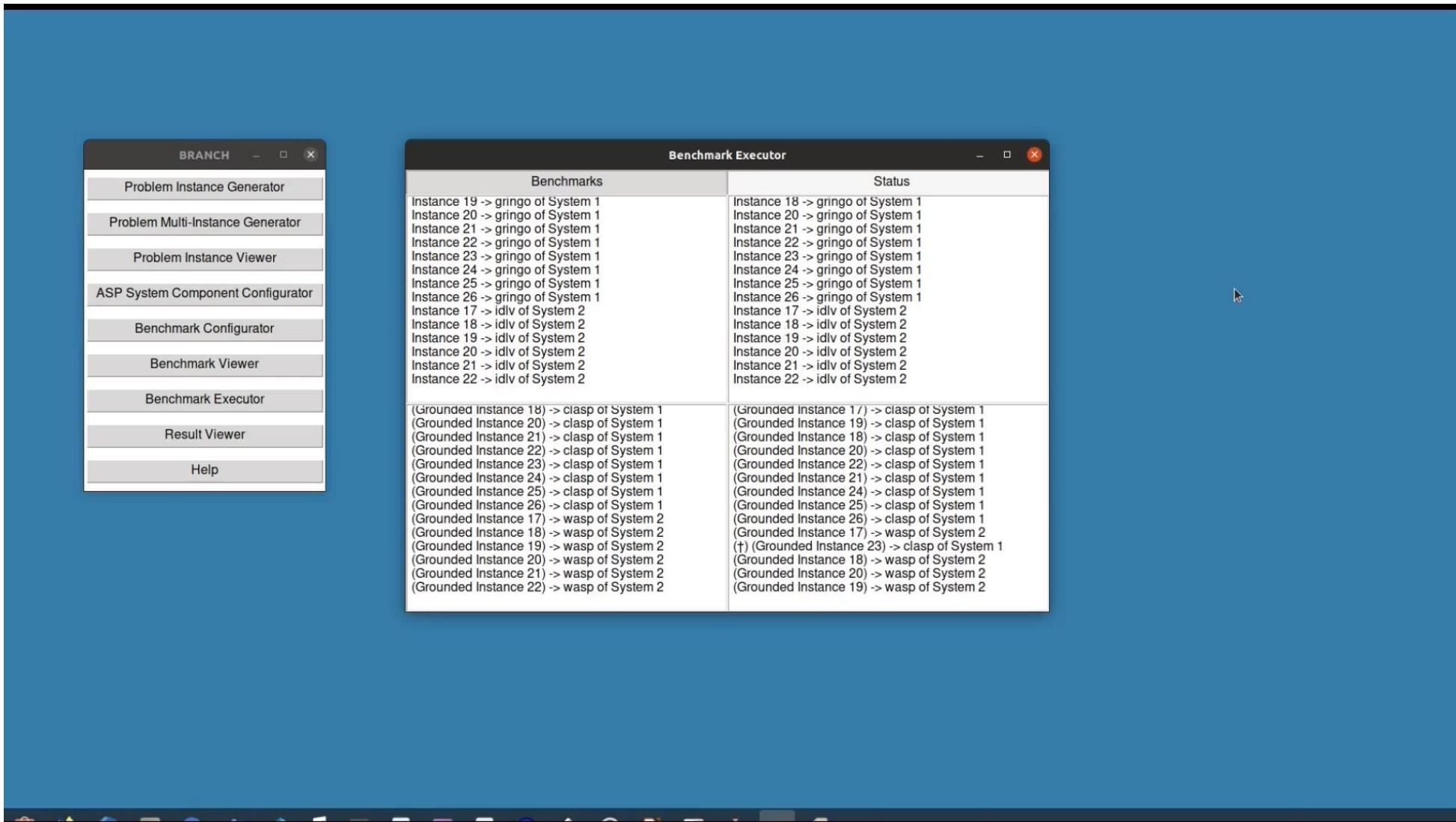
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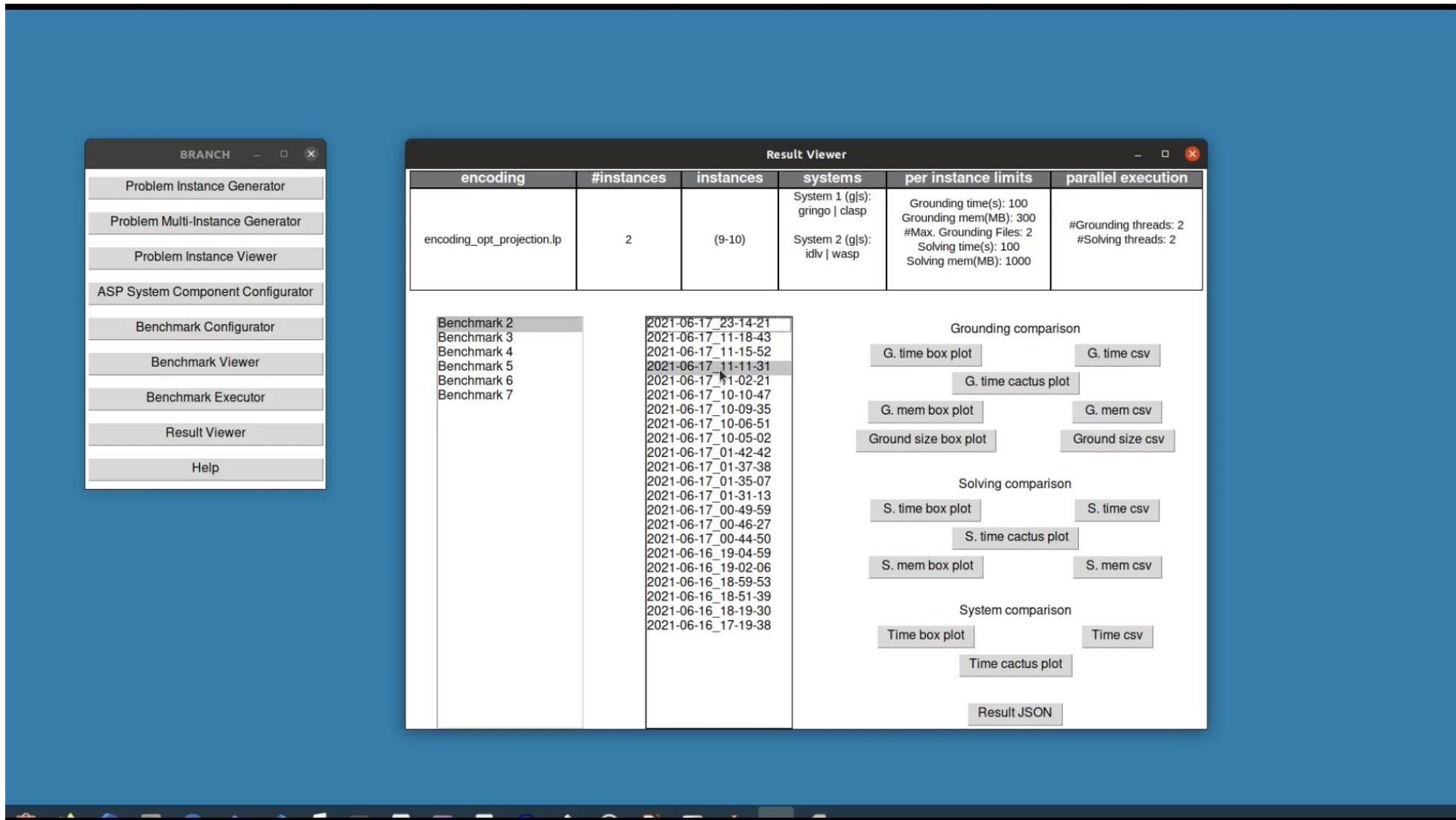
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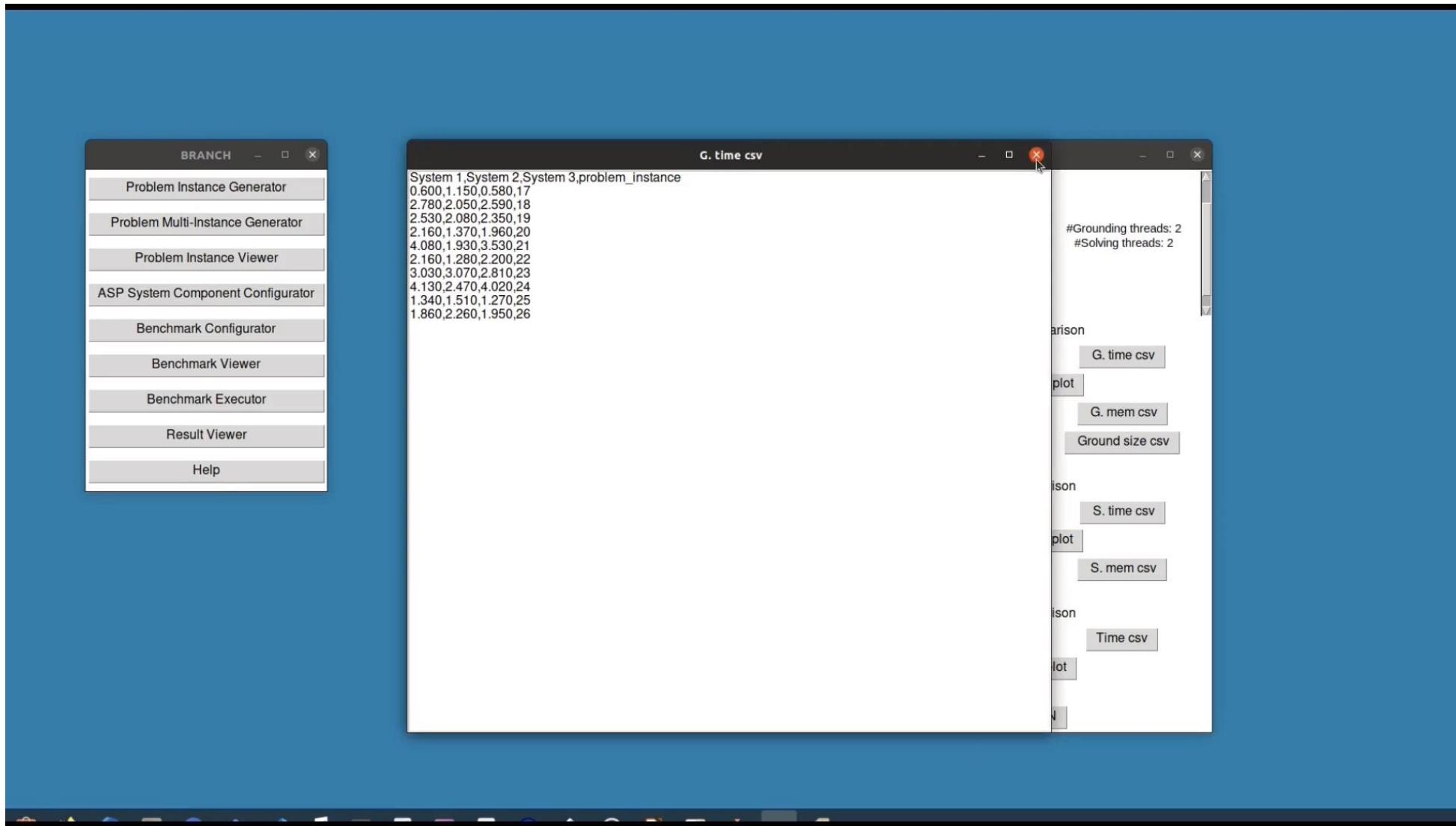


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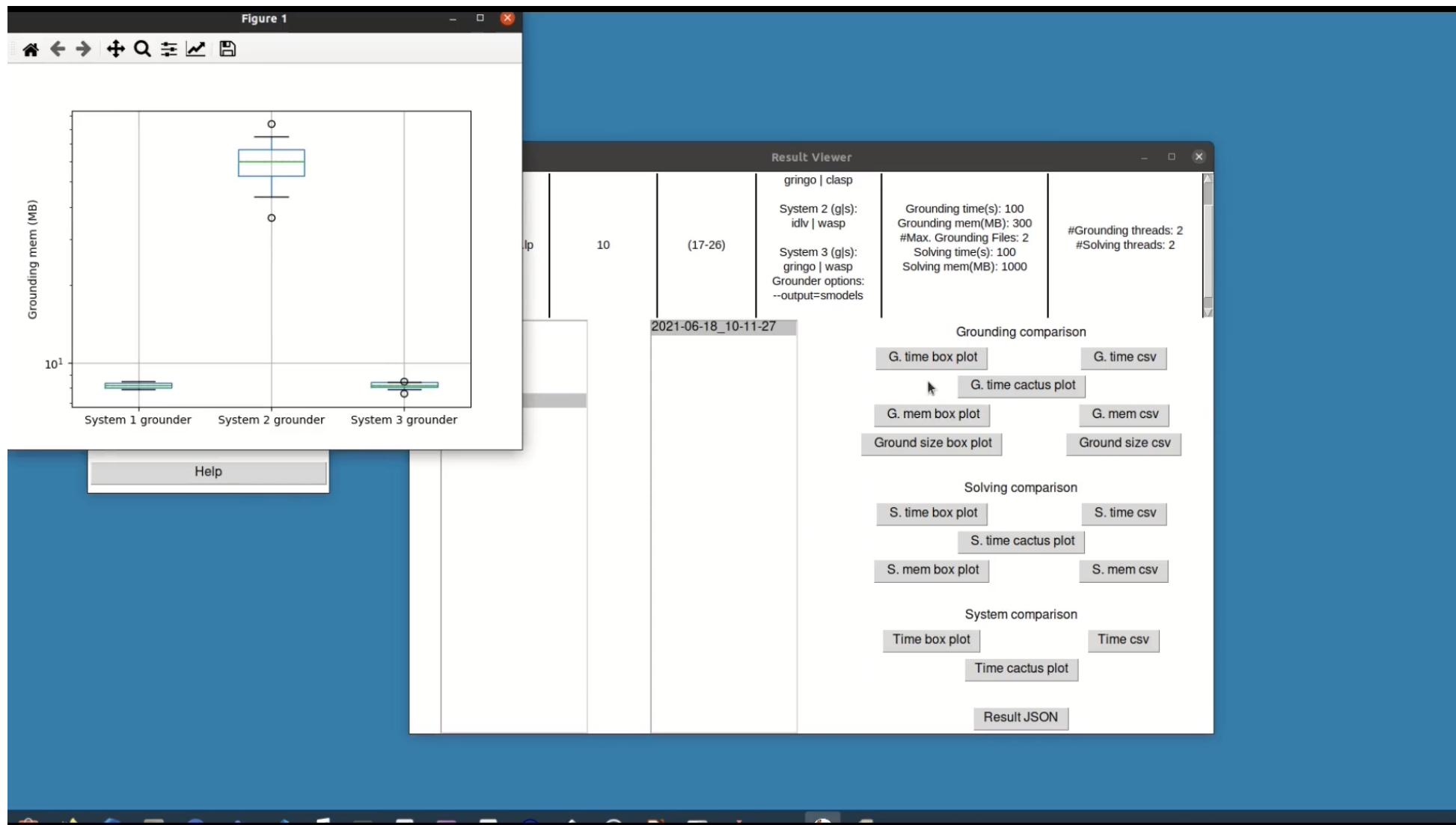
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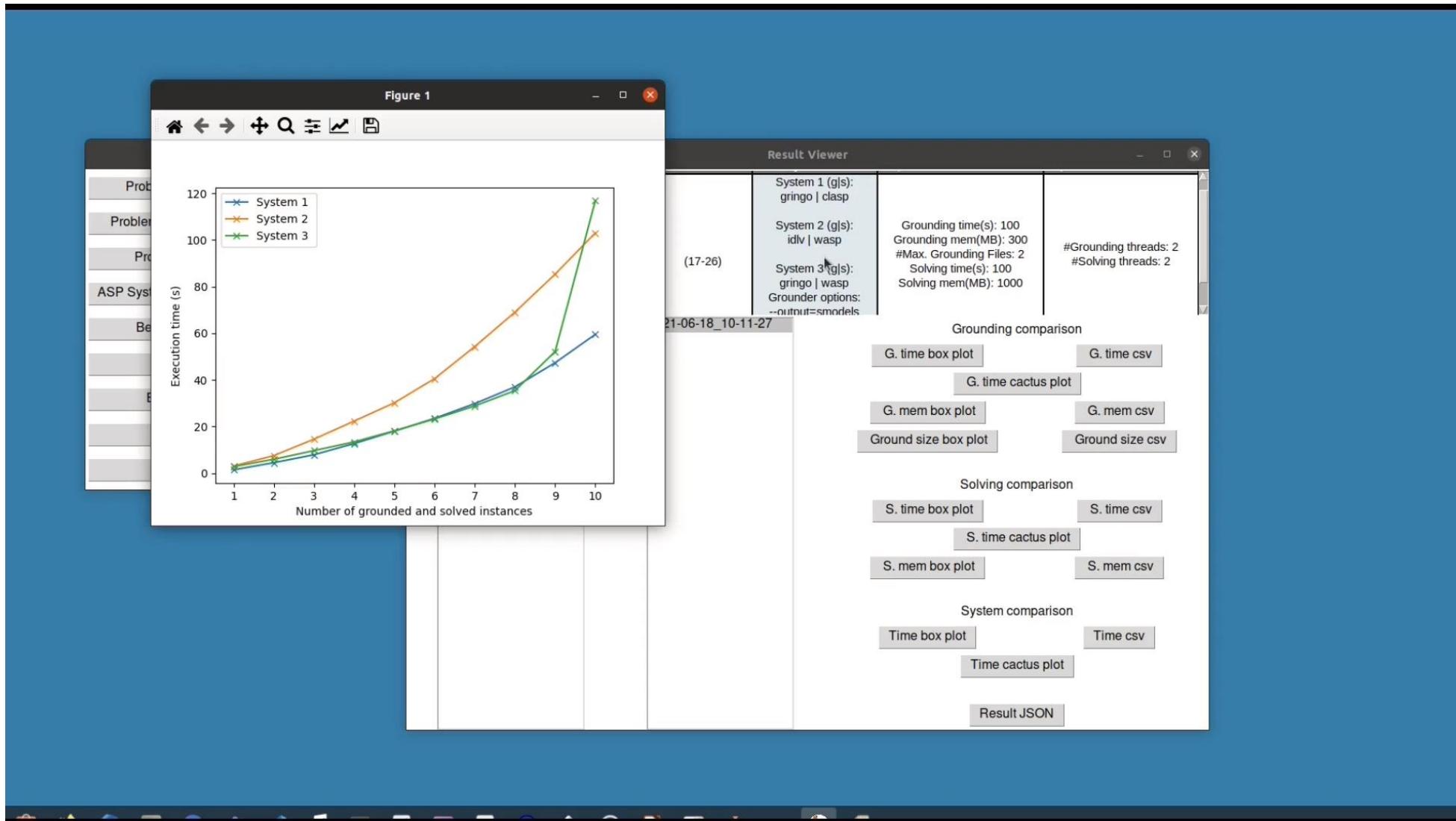
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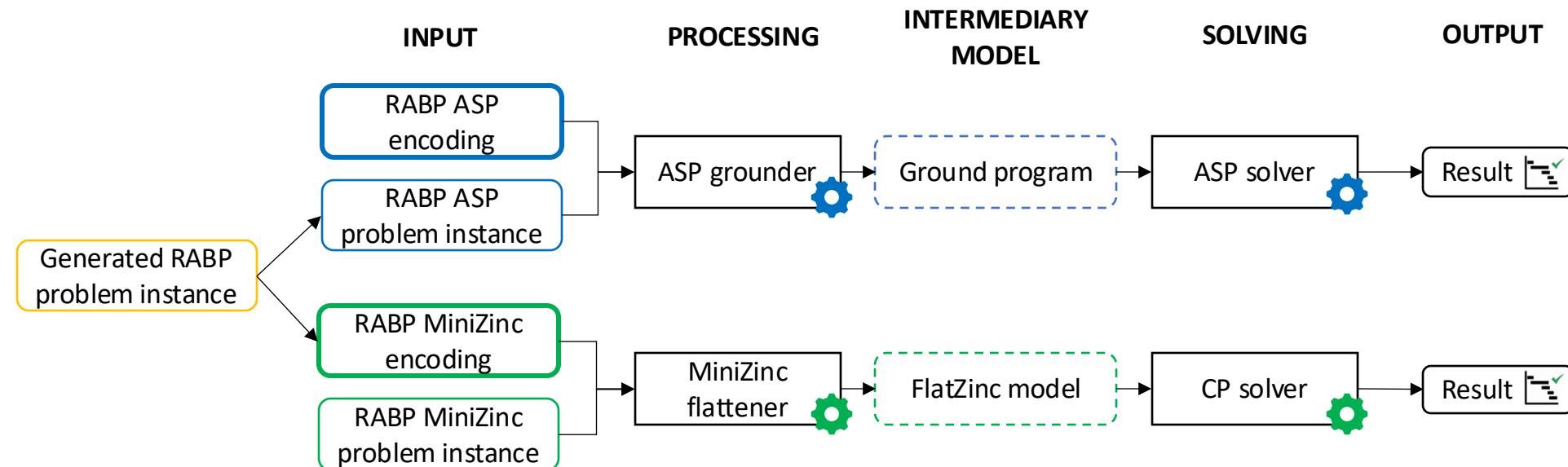
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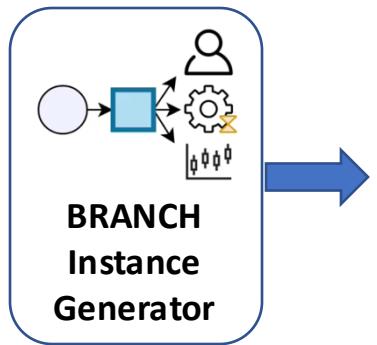
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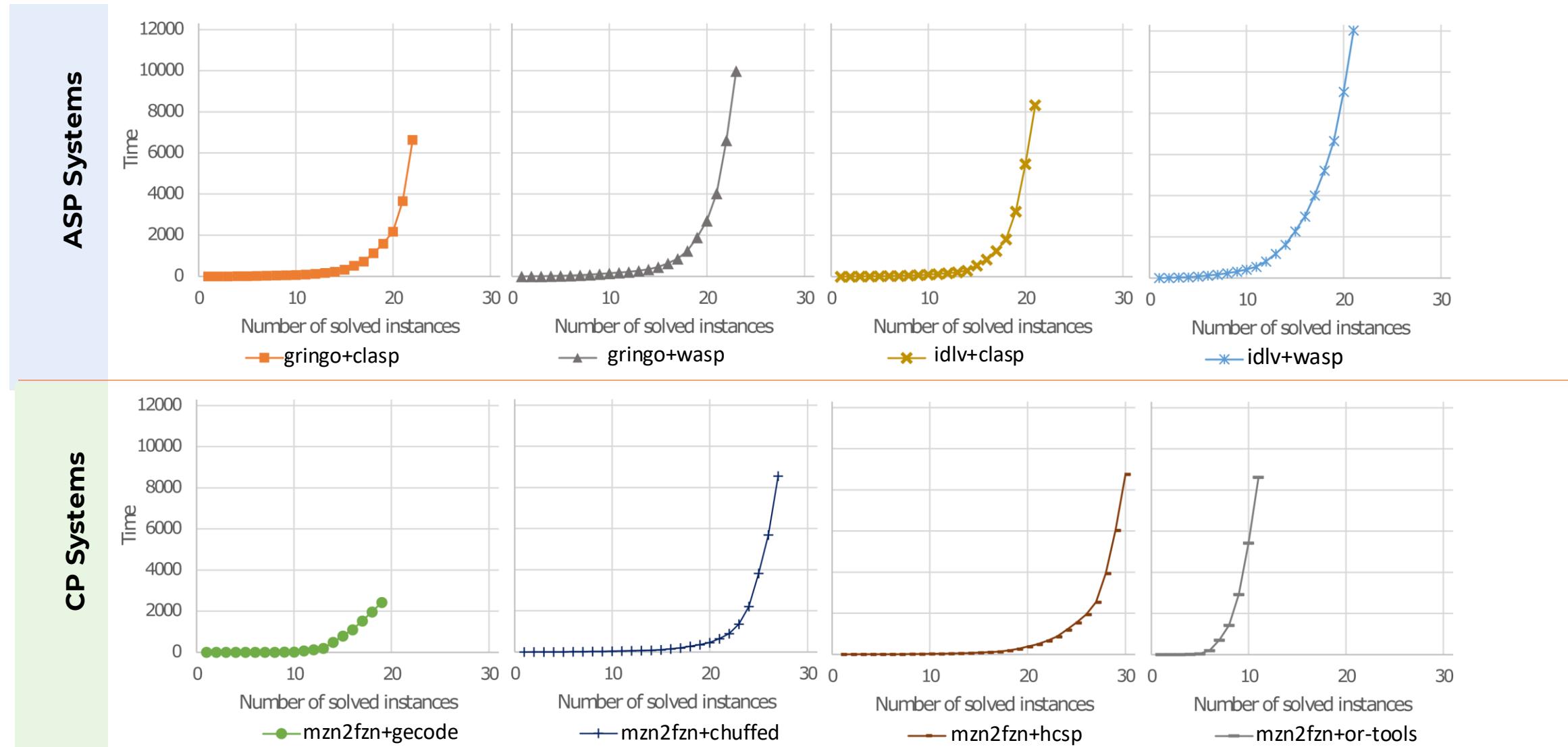
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# ASP vs CP: Performance Evaluation



## ASP vs CP

	ASP	CP
Performance	++	+++
Readability	+++	+
Encoding RABP Problem	+++	++
Encoding RABP Instances	+++	+

## Representing a wide variety of resources in RABP

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RESEARCH-ARTICLE



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More details in Giray's thesis...

*Thank you!*



# Why I love ASP (since over 20 years)...

- *Intuitive*, understandable problem *encodings*...
- ... easily *extensible*
- the beauty of **Guess and Check** to solve complex problems on top
- integrateable in real systems... looking forward to learn more from you!

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1999-2003



AI Planning

*Part 2:*

2003 – to date...



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