QPR ProcessAnalyzer

How the product works



Agenda

Material for ~6-8 hours training with hands-on exercises

- Preliminaries
 - Introductions
 - Making sure that the environment works
- Introduction to Automatic Business Process Discovery (ABPD)
 - Why ABPD: application areas
 - How: the analysis process
 - Focus: the scope of this training
- Architecture of QPR ProcessAnalyzer
- Starting the QPR ProcessAnalyzer
 - Basic concepts
 - Data: format and import
- Discovery and Filtering
 - Flowchart and Path
 - Creating Filters
- Analysis
 - Profiling
 - Influence
 - Bottleneck analysis
 - Drill-in: cases and events
- Keeping on track with things (1)
 - Filter management
 - Bookmarks
- Distributing the results
 - Web interface
- Keeping on track with things (2)
 - Models and Projects, Export
 - User management and user rights
- Enrichment advanced example
 - Export cases
 - Import new case attribute
- Exercises & Further linformation



Introduction

Automatic Business Process Discovery and QPR ProcessAnalyzer

Traditional world meets automated discovery

Traditional world



Workshops

Subjective 'as-wish'
Time consuming
Vulnerable to human interpretation

Automated discovery



ABPD

Automated Business Process Discovery

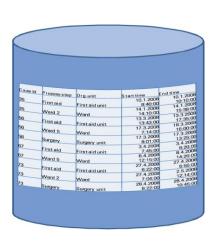
Exact 'as-is' process flowchart Instant process insight Captures process metrics Uses facts stored in IT systems

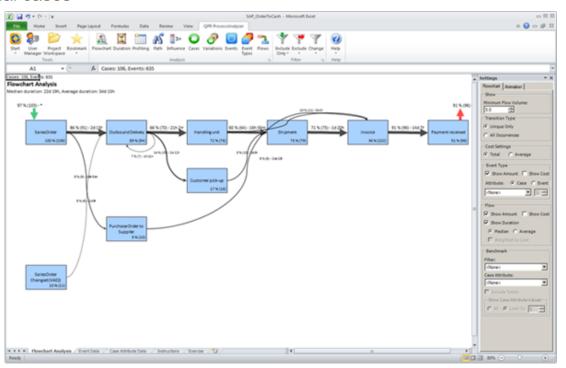
Combine both for optimized result



Automated Business Process Discovery

- Automated Business Process Discovery (ABPD) is a method for analyzing and visually representing processes based on data stored in log files
 - Automatically draws process charts and shows process variations
 - Shows resource use over time and in different process steps
 - Visualizes flows using advanced techniques
 - Shows congestions and bottlenecks
 - Allows drill-down to individual cases







Application areas

Process improvement

- Reduce costs
- Recude variations and deviations
- Improve productivity
- Reduce lead times
- e.g. LEAN, Six Sigma etc.

Regulatory compliance

- Conformance
- Internal auditing

Enterprise Architecture

- System redocumentation
- Baseline analysis



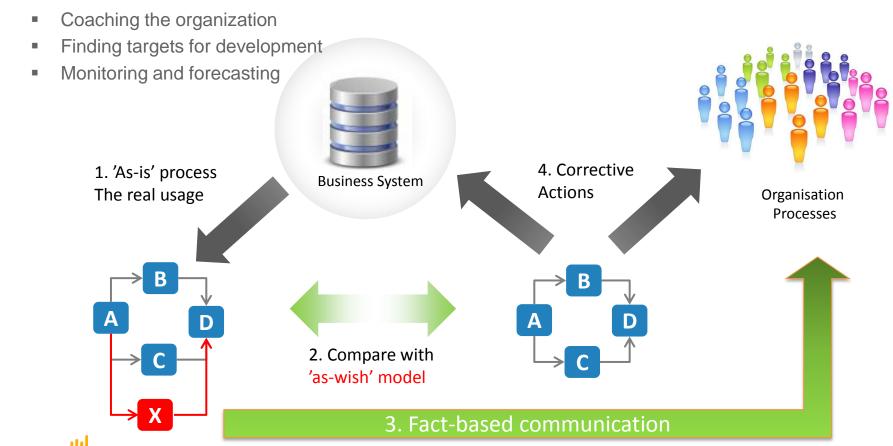
Deliverables and benefits

Deliverable	Contents	Benefits
Business Process models	How activities are performed establishing end-to-end processes	Understand current processes, identify best practice, identify problems and bottlenecks, improve processes.
Organizational models	How various organizational units co- operate	Understand and improve cross-organizational co-operation, remove bottlenecks.
IT System documentation	Show how various IT systems are actually used during the process	Document and validate IT system usage, educate users, develop IT systems.
Performance metrics	Basic measures including processing times, waiting times	Review performance, set clear goals and manage improvement initiatives.
Segment Analysis	Comparison reports showing the differences between selected segments	Understand segments and improve segment-specific procedures.



Supports fact-based communication and process management

- QPR ProcessAnalyzer provides
 - quantitative facts about the process compared with opinions or qualitative assessments
- Use the information in:

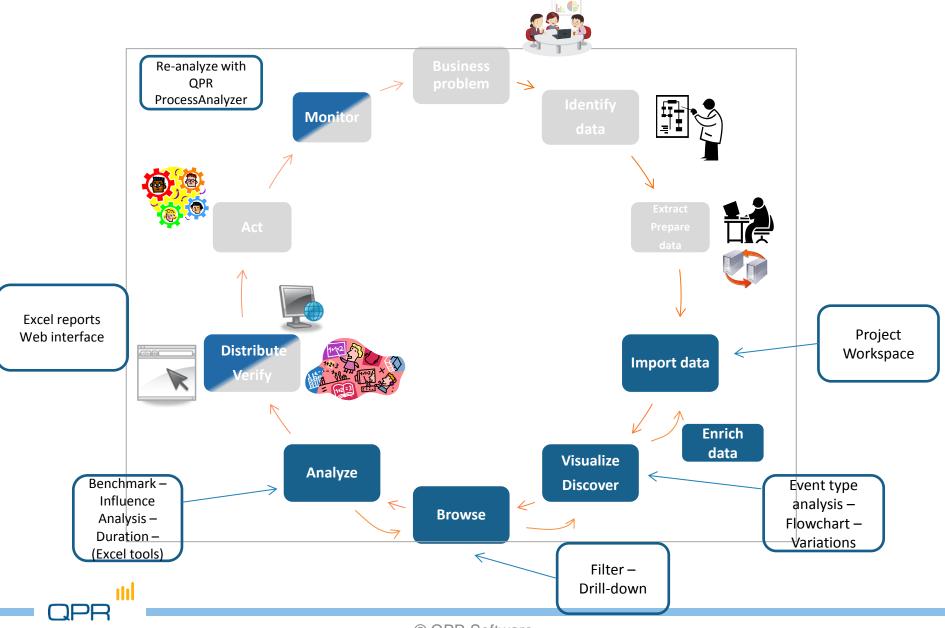


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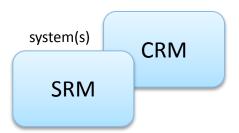
QPR ProcessAnalyzer and Business Process Management

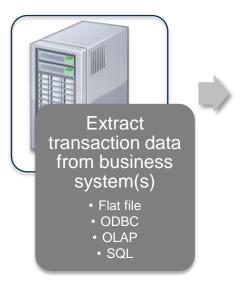


QPR ProcessAnalyzer and the analytical BPM cycle

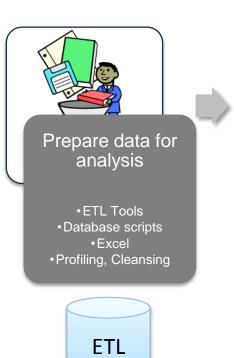


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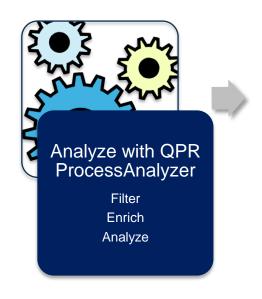








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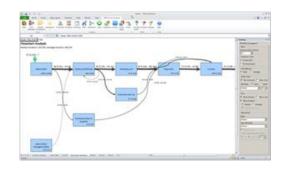
Steps in more detail

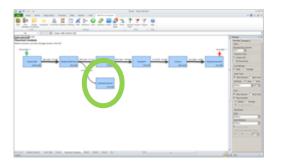
Business problem	 define the problem and stakeholders translate the business questions into analysis questions
Identify data	•scope the analysis in technical sense •find relevant data in source systems •find key experts and documents
Extract data	 extract the data from the source system, and load it into preparation environment
Prepare data	 prepare the data for QPR ProcessAnalyzer by transformation to Cases, Events and Attributes that match the analysis questions
Import data	•Import Event and Case data into QPR ProcessAnalyzer
Process analysis	 Validate the quality, completeness, and relevance of the data and transformations Discover - Browse - Filter - Drill-in - Examine Cases - Analyze Enrich the data by creating new attributes
Verify	•Check that the results are adequate from the organization, source system, and reporting systems
Distribute	Distribute the results of the analysis (Excel reports & web interface)
Act	•Plan and implemetn beneficial actions for business process
Monitor	 Follow the effect of the the actions by repeating the analysis cycle Using ProcessAnalyzer and/or by other means

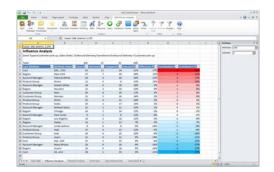


Summary

- Helicopter-view discovery
 - The actual process visualized based on your data
 - See relevant metrics in process context
- Process details and analysis
 - Interactive browsing, filtering, selection
 - Viewpoints into bottlenecks, variations and deviations
 - Drill-down, case-based reasoning
- Fact-based communication means
 - Discovery of the problem areas of the process, based on the data → no longer speculative
 - Distribute the results to organization









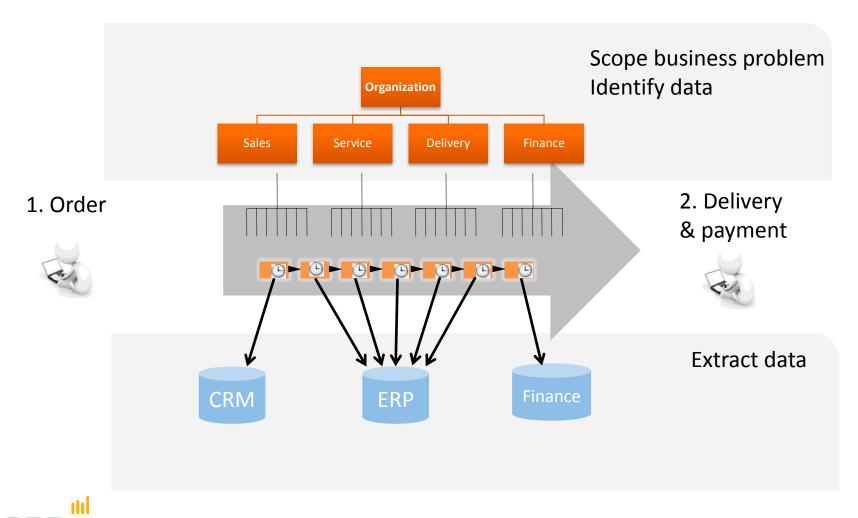
QPR ProcessAnalyzer in practice

Example of Order-to-Cash analytics



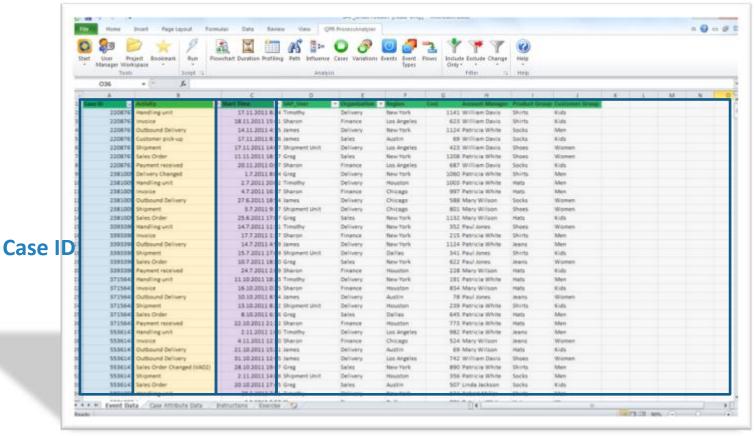


Scoping: Order-to-Cash process





Import data



Event type Timestamp (activity name)

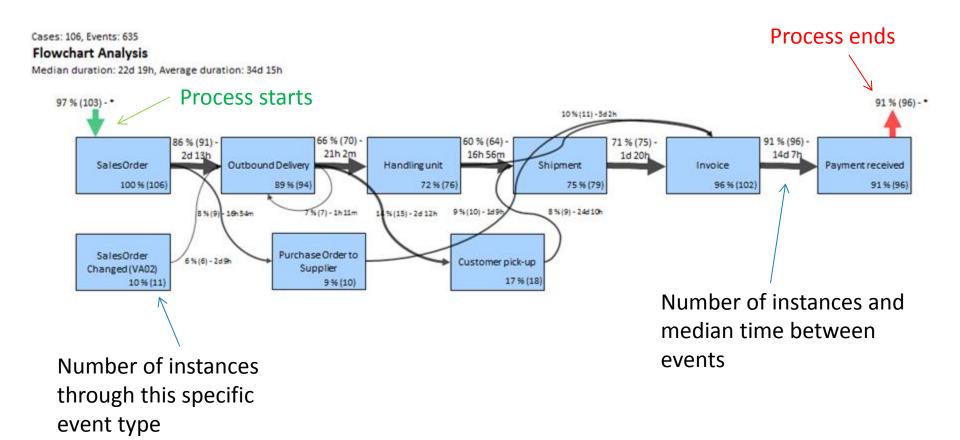
Optional: attributes, e.g. product group, organization unit, site, resources

Note: MS Excel can show up to 1 million rows.





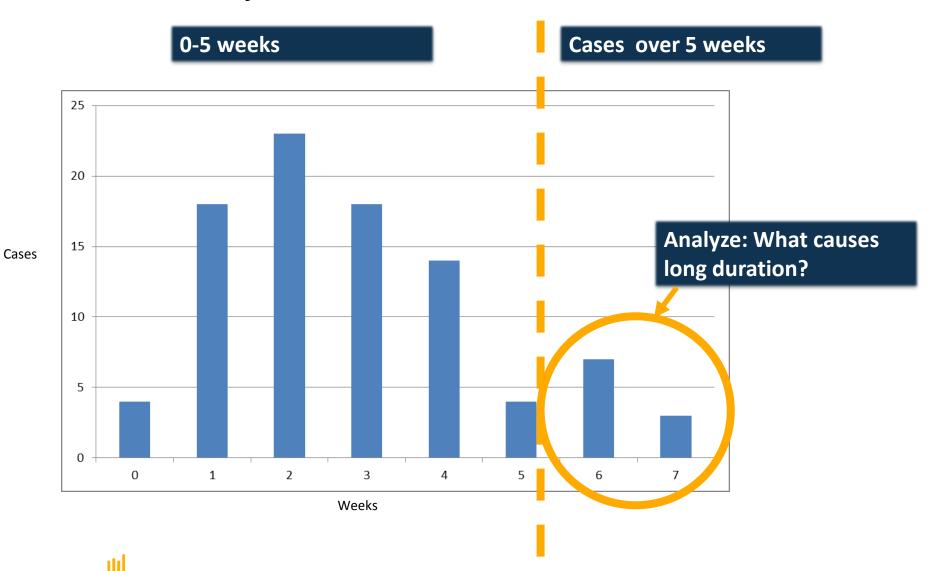
Visualize – Discover - Select





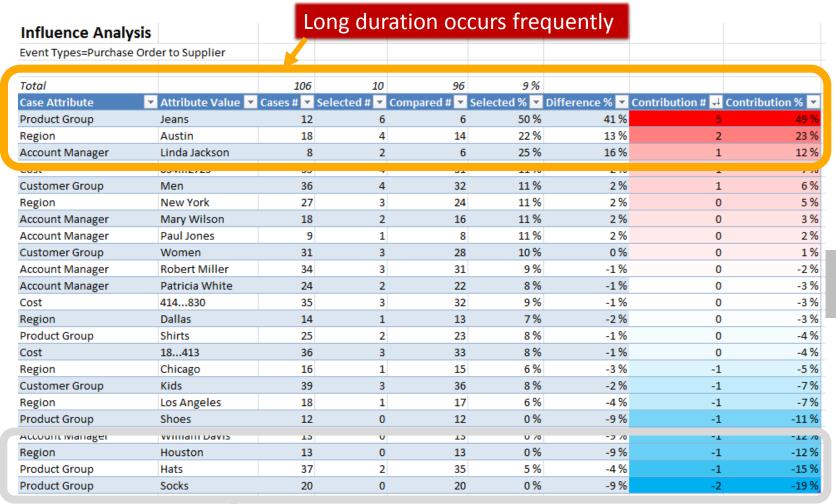


Select - Analyze





Root causes



Neutral relation

Long duration occurs infrequently



Architecture

- QPR ProcessAnalyzer Xpress
- QPR ProcessAnalyzer Database
- QPR ProcessAnalyzer Pro

QPR ProcessAnalyzer product options

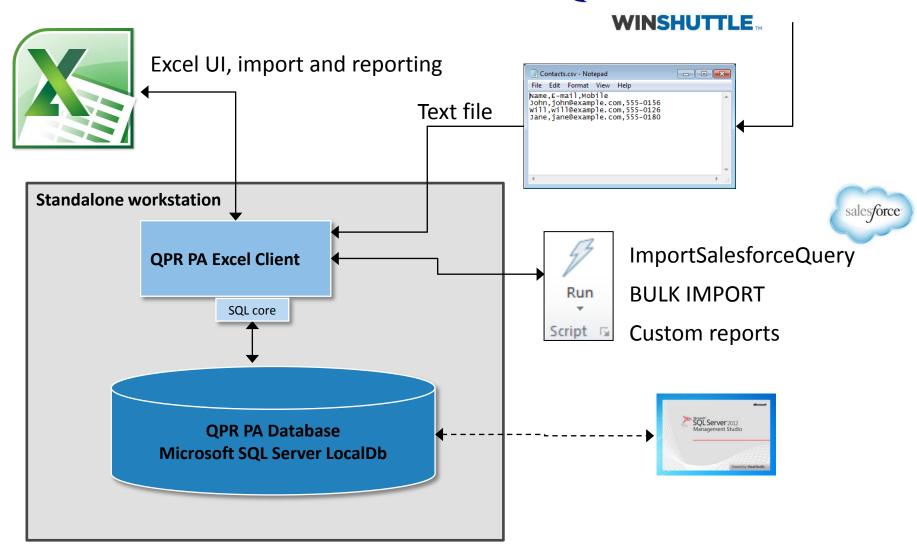
- QPR ProcessAnalyzer Xpress
 - The stand-alone version
- QPR ProcessAnalyzer Pro
 - Uses a QPR ProcessAnalyzer web service
- QPR ProcessAnalyzer Database
 - Uses a direct database connection to an MS SQL Server

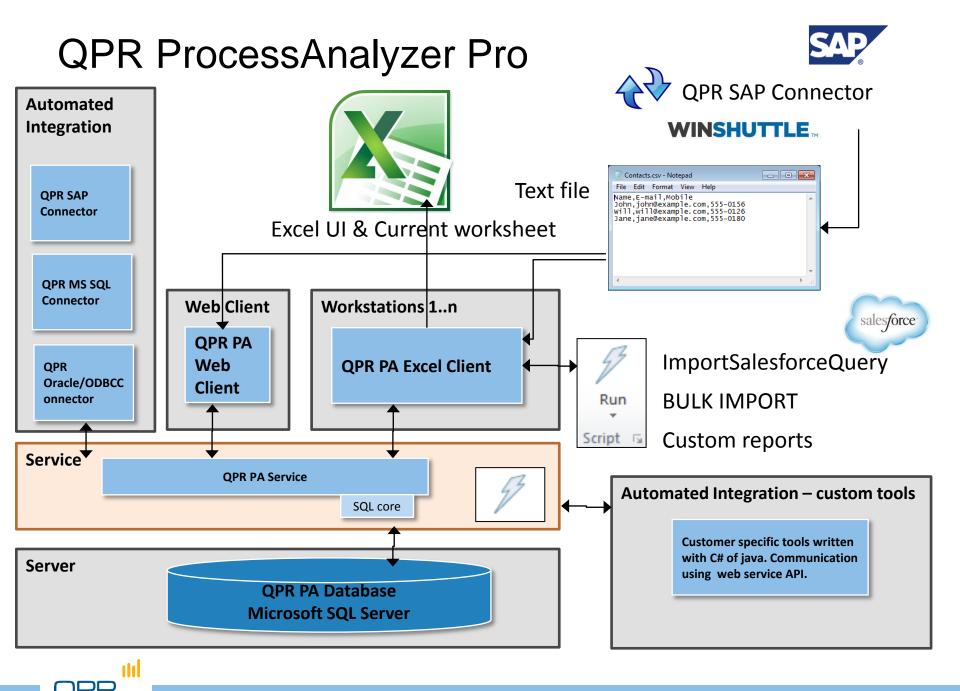


QPR ProcessAnalyzer Xpress



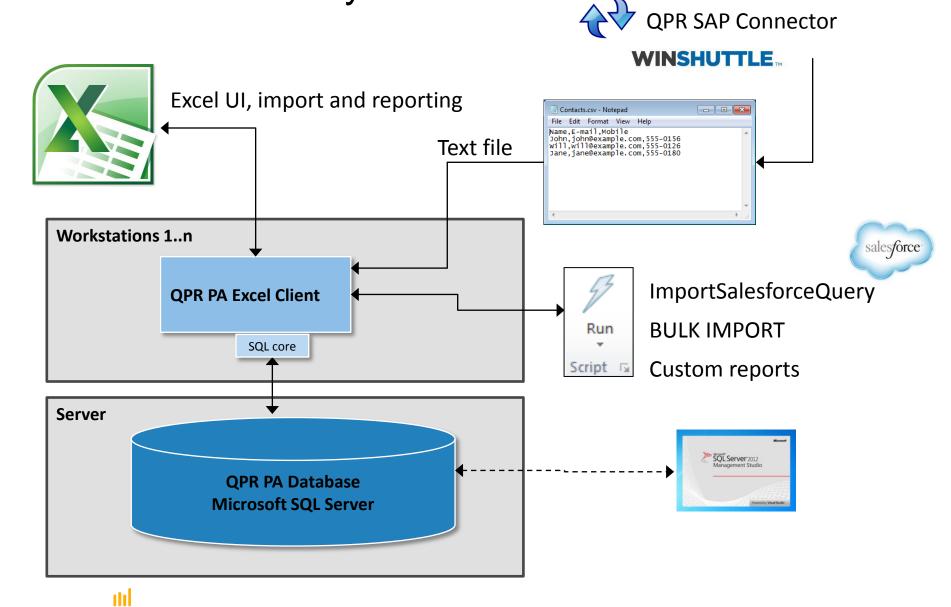






QPR ProcessAnalyzer Database





Getting started

Starting QPR ProcessAnalyzer
Documentation
Loading the data
Creating a model



Explore, ask, analyze, show!

- QPR ProcessAnalyzer is an interactive ABPD tool for "making questions and finding answers" on process data by
 - exploring (discovering, visualizing, and browsing) the process in a holistic, visual way
 - making analysis on process features and causal relations
 - drilling into details
- Analysts' business is to
 - obtain appropriate data in right format
 - find out and state the relevant "questions for data"
 - find the answers by using QPR ProcessAnalyzer
 - come up with more questions and findings
 - help stakeholders and other experts to understand the results



Functions needed to get started

Log in / out
View session information and operation log

Select project / process model
Import data from Excel sheets to ProcessAnalyzer

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Manager Workspace

Script is Flowchart Duration Profiling Path Influence Cases Variations Events Types

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WIKI
Demo data
Version information
Product activation

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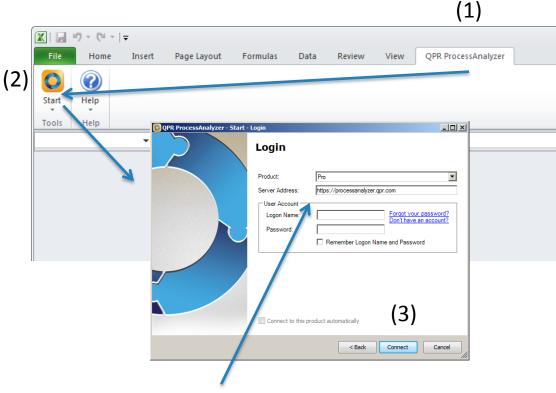
Change password User management



Start

- Excel add-in starts from the tab
 (1)
- Select "Start" to give your credentials either as a Pro (= the cloud service) or Xpress user (= the standalone version)
- If you use the Xpress version, product activation is first required
- For logging out, select Start > Logout

Tip: In certain circumstances MS Office may deactivate add-ins. If the tab for already installed ProcessAnalyzer disappears, check the status of QPR ProcessAnalyzer add-in from MS Office Excel options.



Default address for the web service (in Pro version)

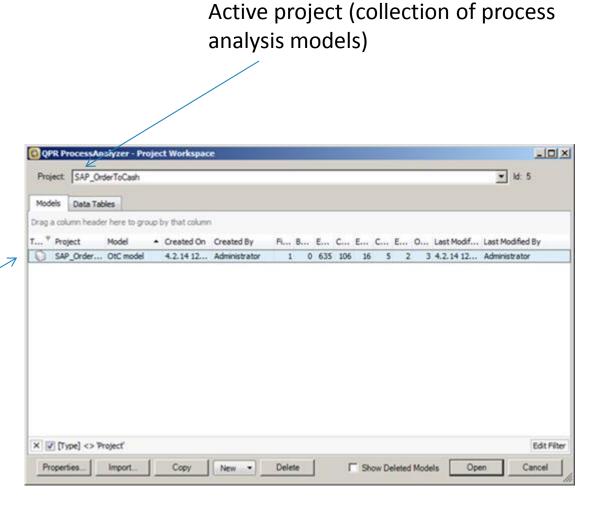
In special configurations the address may be different



Start

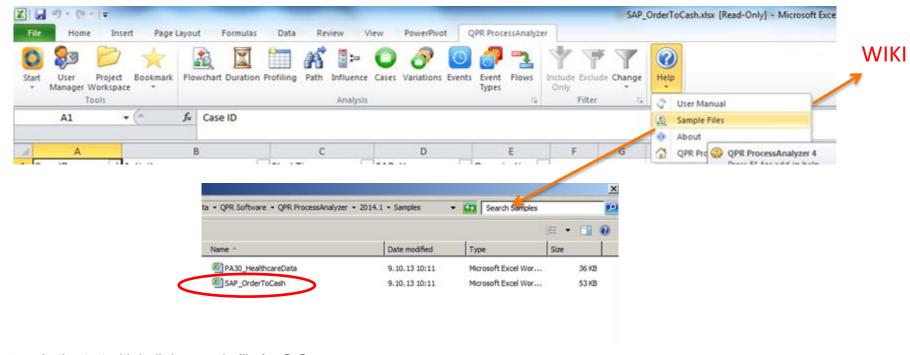
- The Excel add-in connects to the QPR ProcessAnalyzer service. Once the connection is established successfully, the Project Workspace dialog appears. (Note that the contents of the listed projects may vary from the screenshot below.)
- Click "Open" to open the highlighted model or "Cancel" to proceed without opening

Available models





Getting demo data



- Let's start with built-in sample file for OtC process
- Select "Help" from ribbon and load Sample file "SAP_OrderToCash"
 - Tip: for documentation & instructions refer to QPR ProcessAnalyzer Wiki
 - Wiki opens from "User Manual"
- In the Excel file:
 - Event data, Case data
 - Short instructions
 - Exercise questions



Cases and Event types, Events, and Timestamps

Relation of QPR ProcessAnalyzer data and process visualization



Summary of QPR ProcessAnalyzer data concept

Event data

(compulsory)

The process: How did this case proceed?

A sequence of Events

Data

Multiple rows for each Case

Optional Event attributes apply to individual events

Case data

(optional)

The explanations: What is this case?

A set of Case attributes

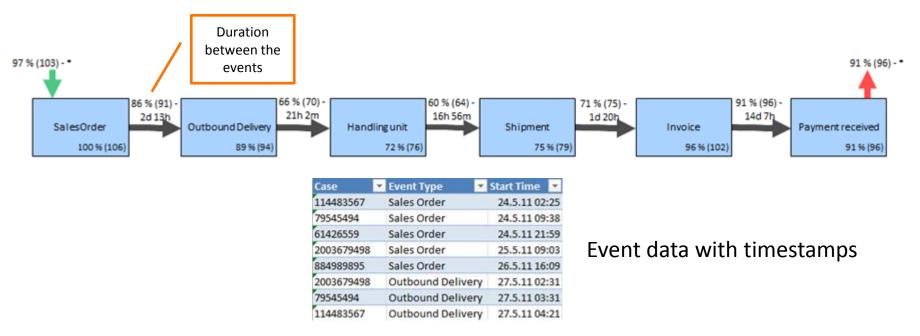
Data

One row for a Case

Attributes describe the complete case



A case is a sequence of events



- Event type = name of an event ("activity name")
- Event = specific event with a timestamp
- Duration = time between successive event timestamps
- There is only one timestamp associated with an activity
 - Tip: if the start and end times of an activity are of importance, code them as two events e.g. Sales Order (start) / Sales Order (end)

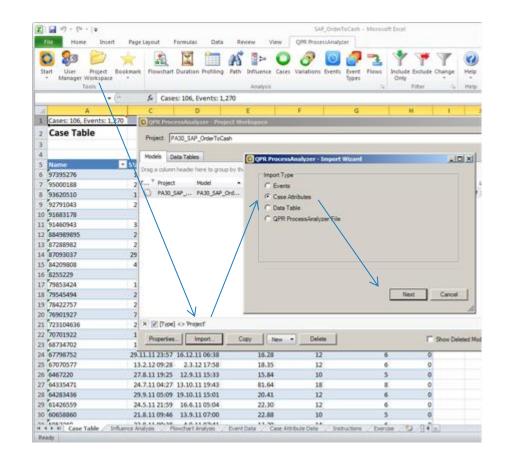


Import



Import data from Excel sheets

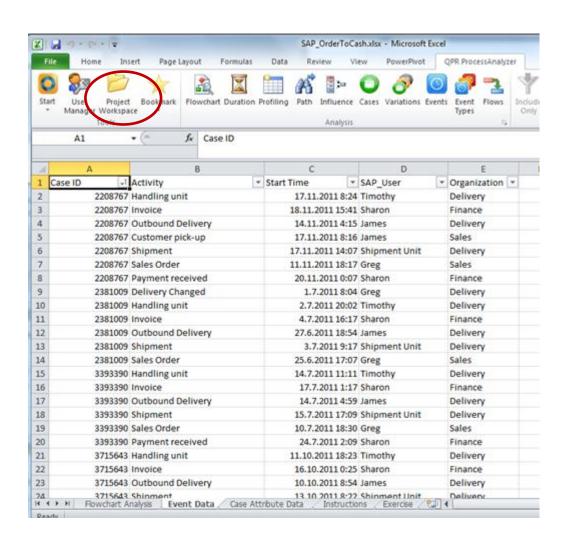
- Start with "Project Workspace"
- Select "Import"
 - Note: what is in the project/model list is not of importance here
- Select Events, Case Attributes or Data Table
 - Example figure applies to "Case Attributes"
- The fourth radio button "QPR ProcessAnalyzer File" is meant for Exported Model
 - see Wiki





(1) Import Events and Event attributes

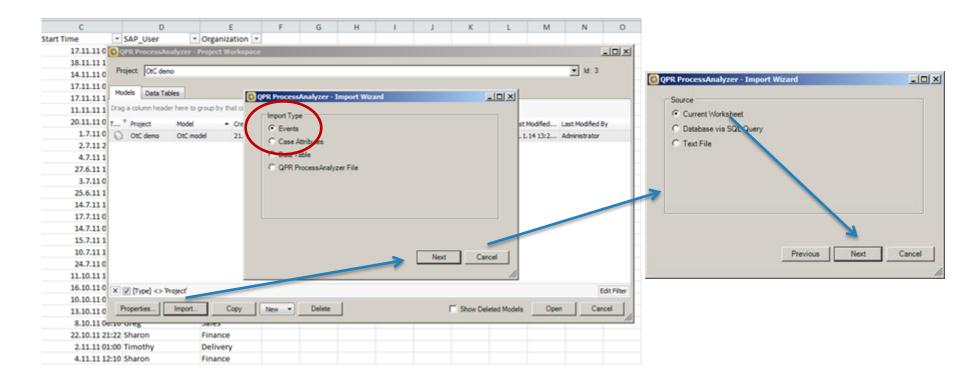
- Select the sheet with Events and Event attributes
- Select "Project Workspace"
 - Note: what is in the project/model list is not of importance here...





(1) Import Events and Event attributes

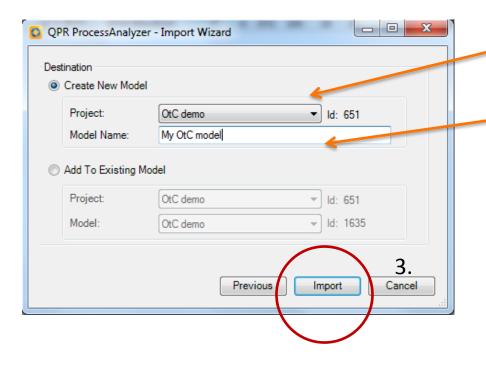
Ensure that the "current worksheet" is the one that includes the proper data!





(1) Import Events and Event attributes

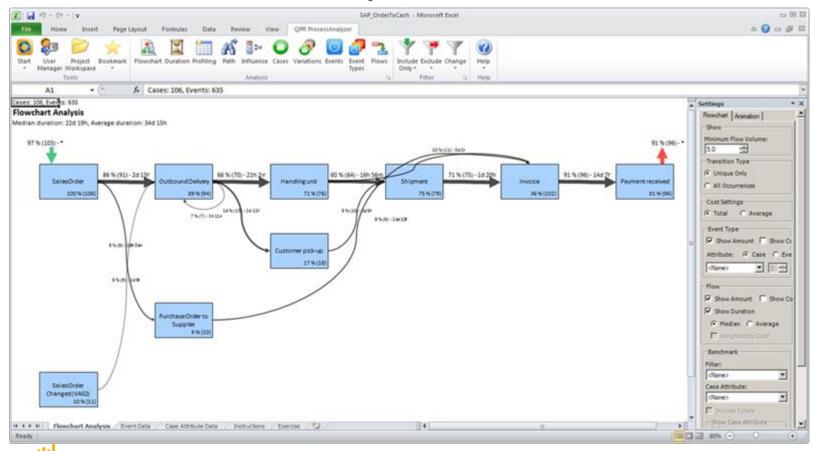
Create a new model



- Select Project. Models are organized into Projects. (You have similar access rights to all models within a project.)
- 2. Give a name for the model.

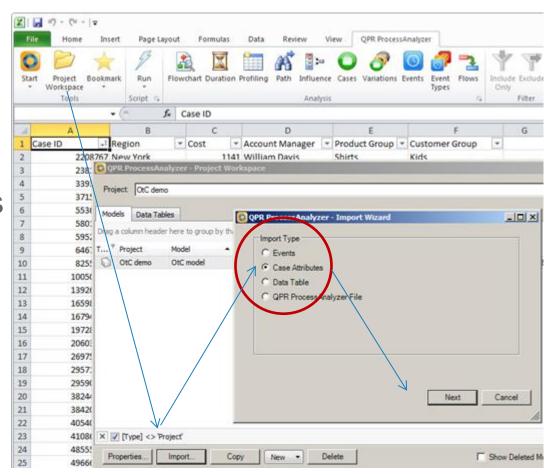
Process Model

 Your first model! QPR ProcessAnalyzer automatically renders the Flowchart Analysis



(2) Import Case attributes

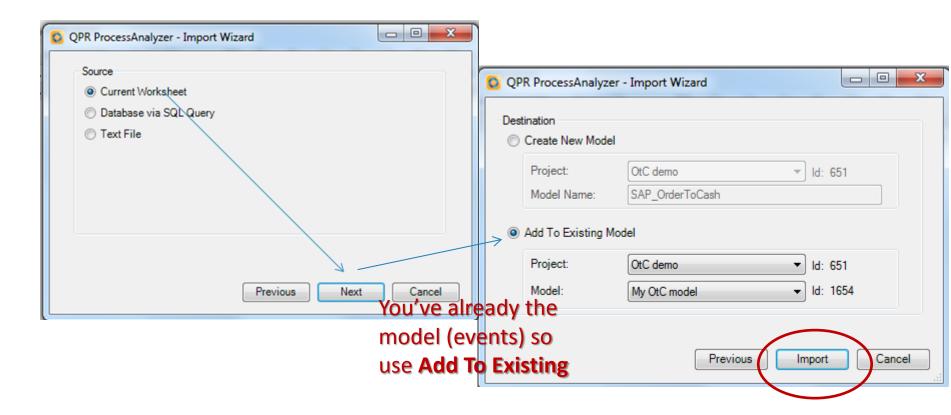
- Select the sheet with Case attributes
- Select "Project Workspace"
- Proceed as with events but remember to select "Case Attributes"





(2) Import Case attributes

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Details

Details and advanced features of data load and data format



Case vs. Event attributes in practice

- Conceptually
 - Case attribute refers to a complete Case
 - Event attribute refers to individual Events
- Technically
 - An attribute can be used as a Case attribute if it can have only one value during one Case
 - Example: Opportunity creator is conceptually related only to Order creation, but can be used as Case attribute (since it can't get several values during a case)
- Current usage in analysis tools
 - Case attributes can be used in Influence Analysis and Benchmarking, Profiling, and Flowcharts, and Case Analysis functionality
 - Currently Event attributes have more limited use: Flowcharts and Profiling
 - Note: Even if some attribute is "conceptually" associated with an event, it can be used in analytics as a Case attribute as far as the technical specification holds. That is, the attribute value must be unambiguous for one Case.



Load data (format details)

- Event data
 - Excel sheet format
 - First line must have a header
 - First three columns are always reserved for CaseID, Event type name, and Timestamp in this order. Yet there must be a label, it may be whatever.
 - Timestamp must be in date/time format
 - There may be additional Event Attributes. Their label is taken as the labeling in Process Analyzer
 - There is a reserved, special label "Cost" that defines Event Cost
 - Format (CSV, MS SQL)
 - Refer to Wiki http://devnet.qpr.com/pawiki/index.php/Workspace
- Case data
 - Excel sheet format
 - First line must have a header
 - First column is always reserved for CaseID. Yet there must be a label, it may be whatever.
 - From 2nd, 3rd, ... columns are the Case attributes. Their label is taken as the labeling in Process Analyzer
 - There is a reserved, special label "Cost" that defines [Case] Cost.
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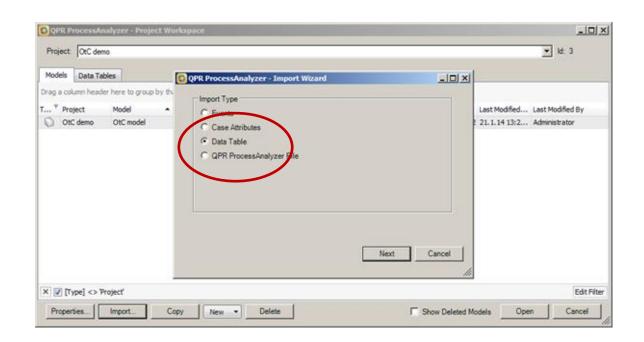
Load data (format and functional details)

- Event data
 - There must not be
 - Missing case ID for any line
 - Missing timestamp for any line
 - If you load events in several batches, these are always appended to data
 - You don't have to prepare and load all data at once, but you can load it in several batches
 - You cannot add new event attributes for existing events nor overwrite existing ones
 - You cannot remove events from the model
 - Tip: If you make a mistake, and don't want to start a new model from scratch load only the
 erroneous event type again on a new name and exclude the invalid event type in analysis
- Case data
 - There must not be
 - Duplicate case IDs in the same file
 - Missing case ID for any line
 - There may be case IDs for which there are no Events in the model. These are stored, but not used in analysis.
 - Loading additional case data
 - Case attributes are recognized by their labels: they may appear in whatever order but remember that the first column is always the case ID, no matter what its label is.
 - For existing case IDs and attributes: if you load the same case IDs again, the data is overwritten
 - If there are new case attributes, these are appended
 - You can add new case attributes to existing cases and overwrite existing values
 - You cannot remove a case attribute from the model



Data Table Import

- Data Tables are user-defined tables tied to projects in QPR ProcessAnalyzer Service
- You need Administrator rights to the project to import them
- Imported tables can be used in scripts





More advanced: SQL and CSV

- Direct import from CSV files or MS SQL database
 - If data is readily in MS SQL database / CSV, one will skip the redundant step of importing it to Excel and again to ProcessAnalyzer
 - Especially useful with large amounts of data (no Excel restrictions)
- See Wiki for instructions



Manage scripts

 Scripts allow user to develop ETL scripts in their own context and share the ready-made scripts inside a project

1. Access Script Manager from the Script tab Cases: 106, Events: 635 Cases: 106. Events: 635 Flowchart Analysis Median duration: 22d 19h, Average duration: 34d 15h 97% (103) - " 91% (96) - 1 QPR ProcessAnalyzer - Script Manager QPR ProcessAnalyzer - Script Properties Context: System 86 % (91) - 2d 13h Id: 20004 Sales Order 1a50e058-3cde-4443-a721-40e8e206d937 Enumerate events Group: Enumerates the events wihin Tags: Flow durations Additional information of flo Path durations. Column 'Start' shows the starting event type and 'End' the ending of of the path. This script computes the number, average duration, and percentiles 0, 10, 25, 50 (median), 75, 90, and 100 (max) of duration of paths starting from 'Start' and ending to 'End'. Reports also the count for flashis with Start-End event type parts and the number of cases having the path. Reports also the number of flo For more information on Script Code print 'Start, Use filter ' + convert(char,@ FilterId) naths wrt to Start-End event (SELECT 'AnalysisType', '6') UNION ALL Purchase Order to (SELECT 'MaximumCount', '0') UNION ALL ETL scripts, see Wiki Supplier Copies the current model into (SELECT 'FilterId', convert(char, @_FilterId)) UNION ALL (SELECT 'TargetTable', '#event') --#GetAnalvsis print 'Copied Events' select #event.[Case], #event.[Event type], #event.[Start time], ROW_NUMBER() OVER(PARTITION BY [Case] ORDER BY [Start Time], [Event Type] ASC) Sales Orde into #rep from #event; Changed (VA02) print 'Removed default fields & added ranknum' insert into #rep ([Case], [Event type], [Start Time], rank num) select [Case], 'START' as [Event type], min([Start time]) as [Start time], 0 as insert into #rep ([Case], [Event type], [Start Time], rank num Show in Script Gallery Hide Script Details Save Cancel Edit Run Close H + H Flowchart Analysis Sheet1 Sheet2 Sheet3 1

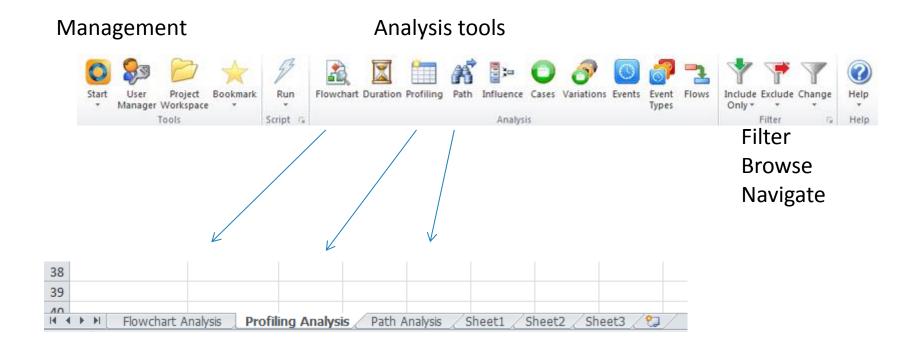
Discovery

Flowchart
Path Analysis
Selecting, Filtering



Analysis Tools used & Excel sheets

- In this section, we use three Analysis tools (flowchart, profiling, and path) from the Tools ribbon
- Whenever use start an analysis, the result will appear on a specific Excel sheet
- When you re-run the analysis, the corresponding sheet gets overwritten
- Tip: If you wish to save an analysis result, rename the sheet on a non-reserved name.

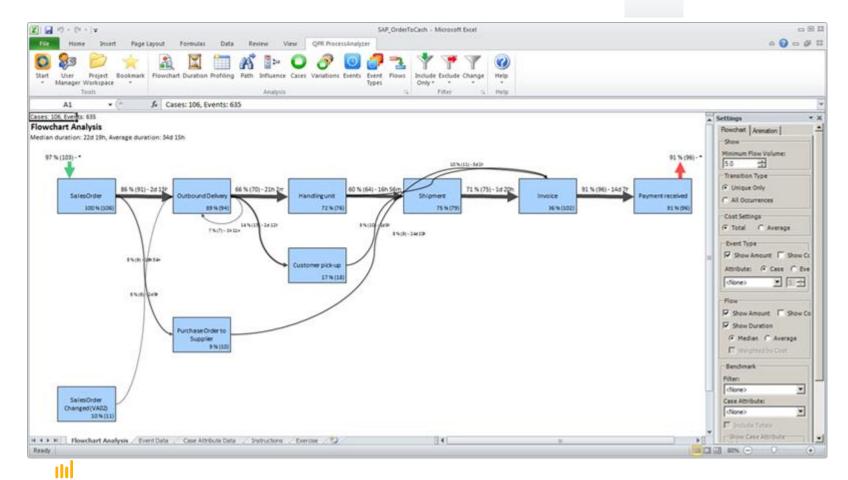




Flowchart view

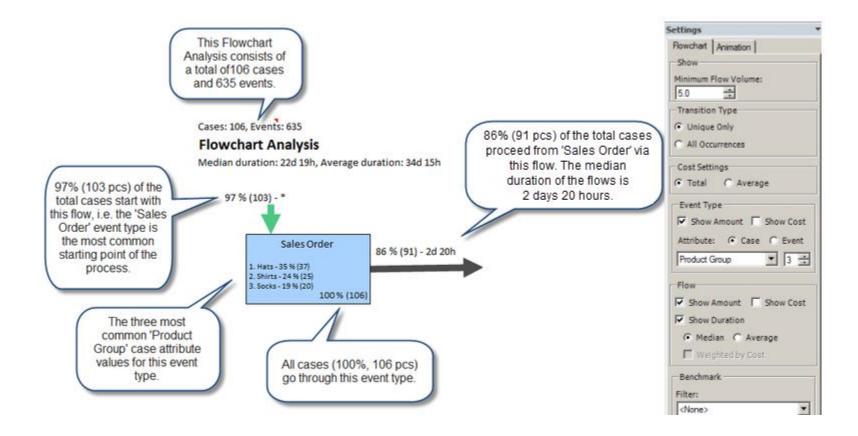
You can re-run Flowchart Analysis by clicking





Basic concepts

Flowchart view elements



Basic concepts

cases Duration from start-to-end. Note: the duration is measured. If there is only one event, the duration is zero. The duration average/median include all cases. This Flowchart Flowchart Animation Analysis consists of Show a total of 106 cases Minimum Flow Volume: and 635 events. Transition Type Cases: 106, Events: 635 (Unique Only 86% (91 pcs) of the total cases Flowchart Analysis C All Occurrences proceed from 'Sales Order' via Median duration: 22d 19h, Average duration: 34d 15h this flow. The median Cost Settings duration of the flows is 97% (103 pcs) of the 2 days 20 hours. 97 % (103) - * total cases start with Event Type this flow, i.e. the 'Sales Show Amount | Show Cost Control event Order' event type is Attribute: • Case C Event type labeling the most common Sales Order 86 % (91) - 2d 20h starting point of the Product Group 1: Hats - 35 % (37) process. 2. Shirts - 24 % (25) 3. Socks - 19 % (20) 100% (106) Sow Amount | Show Cost Show Decation The three most common 'Product Group' case attribute Control the flow values for this event All cases (100%, 106 pcs) go through this event type. Benchmarkabeling type. Filter: . <None>

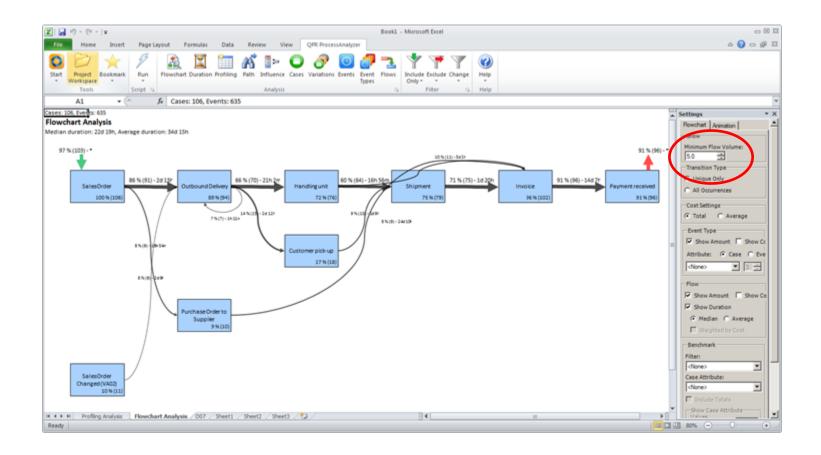
Don't show flows that

involve less than 5% of

Example

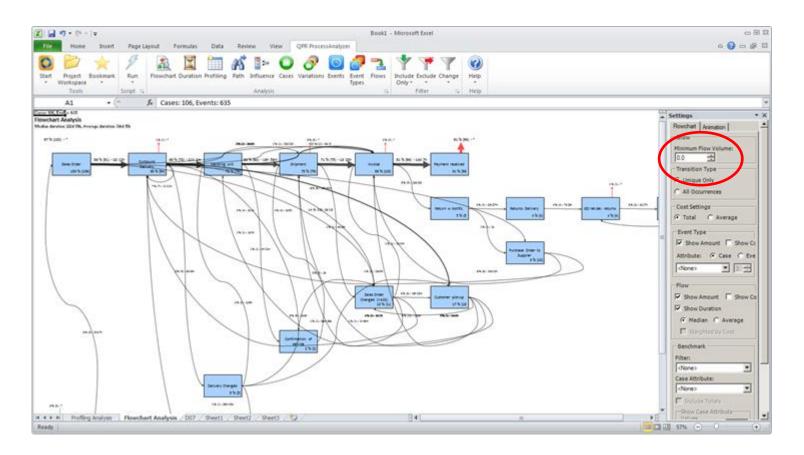
- Show the data event ID etc.
 - Look at the high level 'as-is' image which is simple
 - Lower the flow volume from 5.0 to 0.0 and see how "the spider web" appears and the reality is not as simple as one expects it to be
 - Example of conformance mapping:
 - the organizations/process owners/analysts can see if the created process model matches reality
 - Add also the Cost/ Case attribute information to the event type





1. 'as-is' situation

Here is the current process. It looks fairly clean and functioning. Note that the minimum flow volume is at 5 – change it to 0.

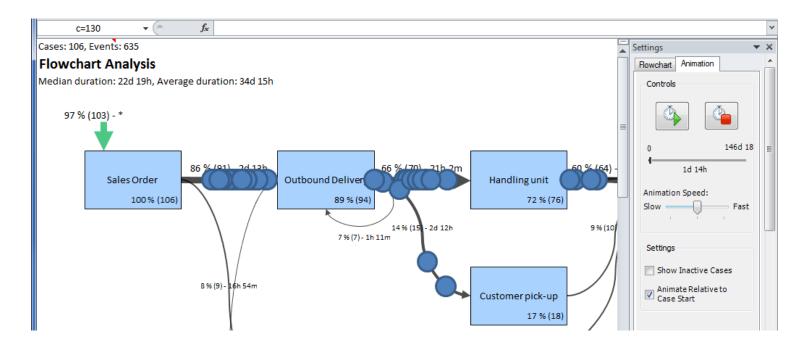


2. The spider web 'as-is'

With 0 as the Flow Volume, the real status of the process flow is clearly shown with all its deviations.

Flowchart animation

- Shows the execution of cases according to their sequence and timestamp durations
- Helps in visualizing bottlenecks and problems in the process



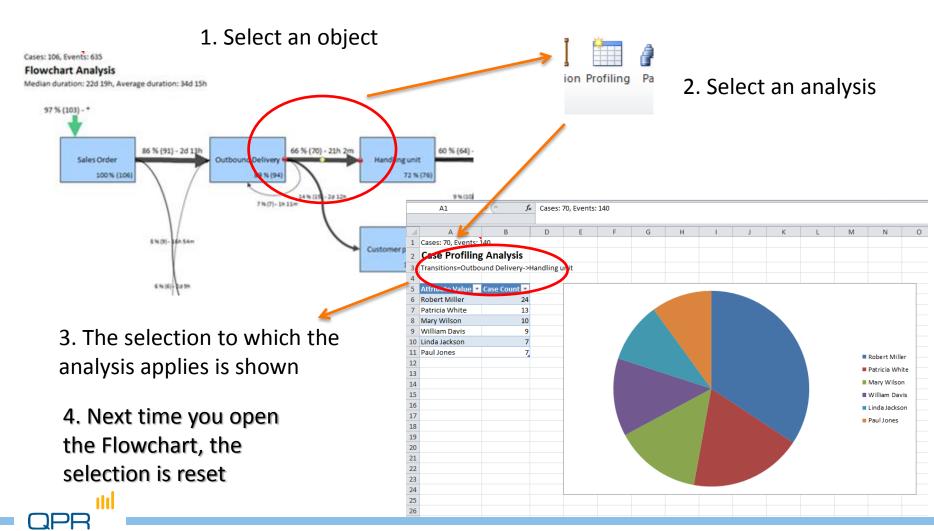


Drilling-down and analyzing

- From most analysis views you can select
 - graphical objects (event type boxes, flow arrows, and/or start/termination arrows)
 - 2. cells from tables
- After selection, you can start any other analysis tool from the ribbon
 - The analysis is now performed once on the subset of data that you just selected
 - In order to continuously use a specific subset of data for analysis, you use Filters: Include and Exclude
- Tip: In addition to selecting the objects from the Flowchart view you can for example
 - Select specific variations in the Variations view
 - select Influence to know the characteristic attributes for these variations
 - select Duration to see the cycle time of the variation
 - Select a certain path in the Path view and check all cases (Case Analysis) or that go through this path
 - Example: see from which sub-variations (possibly labeled using event attributes) one arrives to a certain event type



Select & Analyze



Filtering

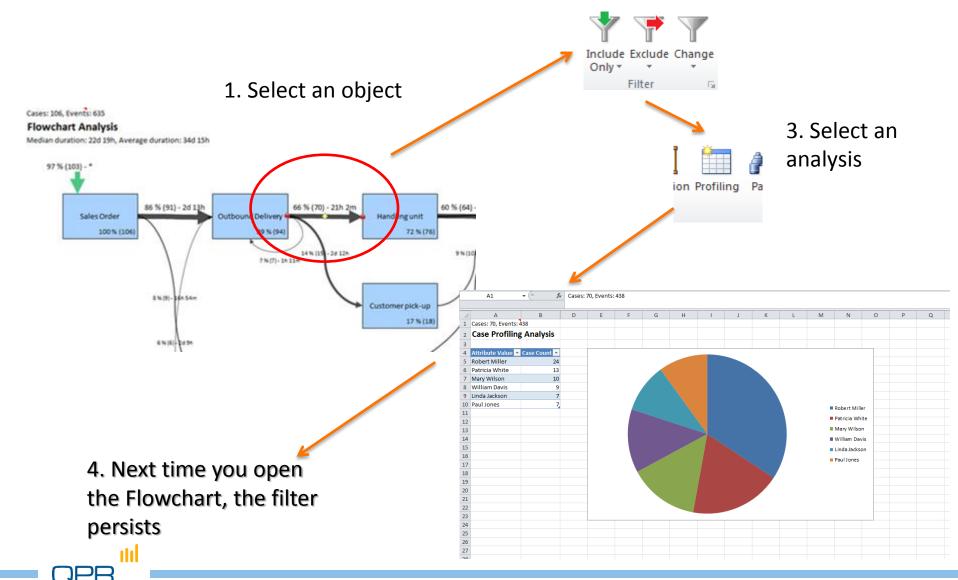


- A persistent selection can be made by filtering
 - Cases
 - Event types
- Filtering allows
 - Concentrating on relevant parts of the process in the context of the analysis task. Examples:
 - analyze only Los Angeles (include only the cases with the case attribute region=Los Angeles in the Profiling view)
 - analyze only the cases not yet invoiced (exclude cases that contain event "Invoiced" in Event Type table or Flowchart...)
 - analyze the full lead time between Standard order and Picking request (exclude other event types)
 - Cleansing erroneous or exceptional behavior



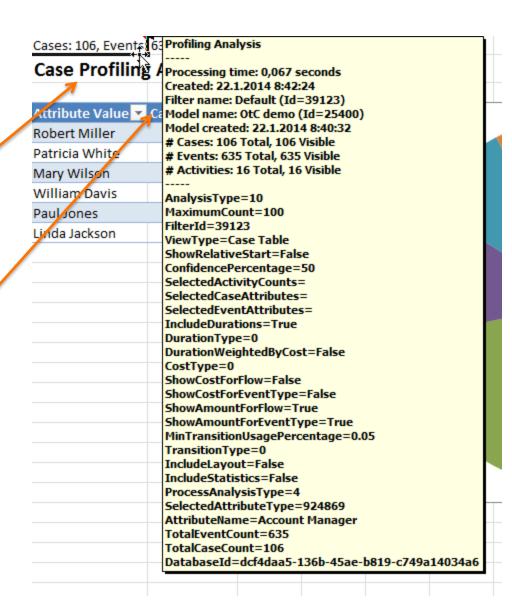
Filter & Analyze

2. Filter (include only cases)



Filtering

- Note that there is now no selection label
 - Cell A1 shows that there is a filter
 - Filter appears to Filter stack
- We'll come back to this later on





Filters (details)

- Filters can be created almost from any selection made in any analysis view selection
 - A restriction: you cannot select specific *Events* to be filtered (only event types)
- Filters are applied "on top of each other"
 - i.e. you narrow your event type / case set as you proceed
 - Filters are collected into a stack, and you can recall an earlier filter whenever you wish
- You can specifically remove the previously made case, event type, or variation filter from the current filtered view
- When including cases by selecting several Event Types, QPR ProcessAnalyzer uses AND operation: you pick cases that include all of the selected events

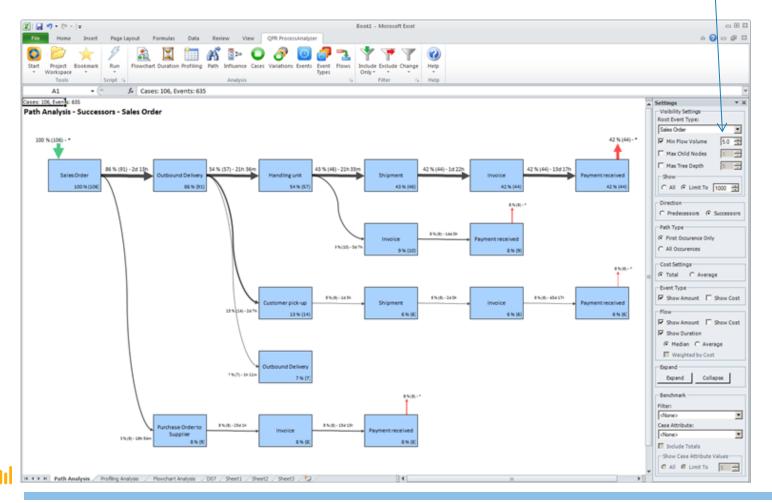


Path view



Another "helicopter view" for variation oriented view

Flow volume

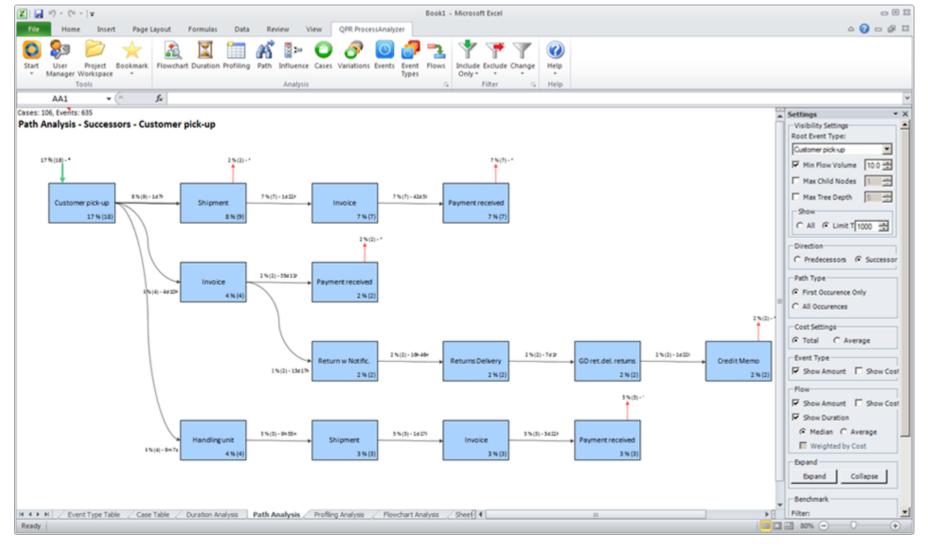




Successor / predecessor paths

You can trace how the process ends up in a certain state Root node (one or all)

Note that you can see paths to an event type Path Analysis - Predecessors - Return w Notific. Visibility Settings Root Event Type: Return w Notific 1500 Min Flow Volume 10.0 4 Max Child Nodes 1%(1)-349 15(0-5(0) 15(1)-149 1500-108 2 N(2) - 1600 55(5)-13/13 Max Tree Depth SalesOrder landling unit Changed (VA02) 1%(1) 2 % (2) 5 % (5) 1 % (1) 1961 1%(1) CAL @ Limit T 1000 -@ Predecessors C Successor 1%(1)-1#10 Path Type SalesOrder 15(1)-15(1) First Occurence Only 1%(1) C All Occurences 15th Cost Settings @ Total C Average 3 % (2) - 5 e 121 2%(2)-2429 Event Type: SalesOrder 15(2)-5(2) 2%(2 13(1) Show Amount | Show Cost @ Median C Average 1%(3)-34370 1%(5)-149 SalesOrder Handlingunit Weighted by Cost 1 % (1) - 5 e (8) Expand Collapse



Path

Look at the variation and see what process steps usually follow or lead to the variation.



Flowchart vs. Path view

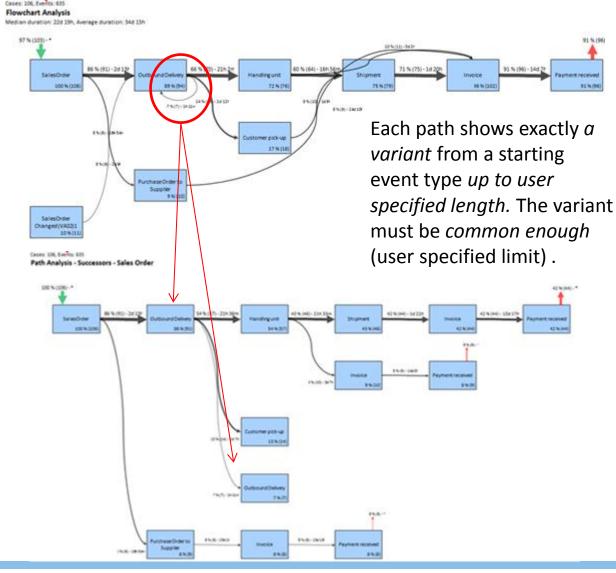
Flowchart view

- Ideal for overview
- Capable of compactly showing all transitions and event types
- Each event type and transition type shown only once
- Based on the same transition table as "Flows"

Path view

- Ideal for getting precise understanding of process variations in an structured manner
- Capable of showing all variants unambiguously
- Event and transition types reappear
- Based on tree structure either from or to some event type

Loops and recursions are easily spotted on flowchart but "opened" in path view



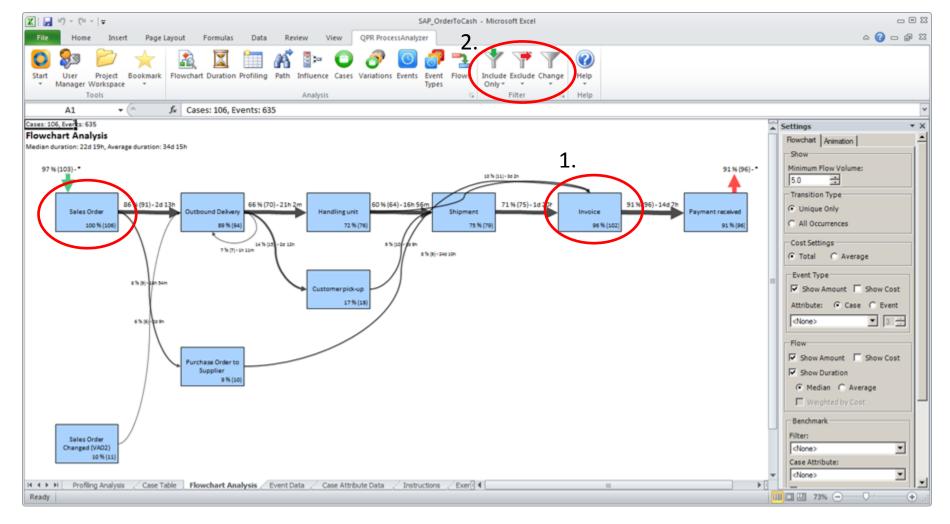
Example



The scene

- Step 3. How big percentage of orders is invoiced?
 - Find out what percentage of orders are not invoiced.
 - Find out what happens in the process linked with the value of the missing invoices.



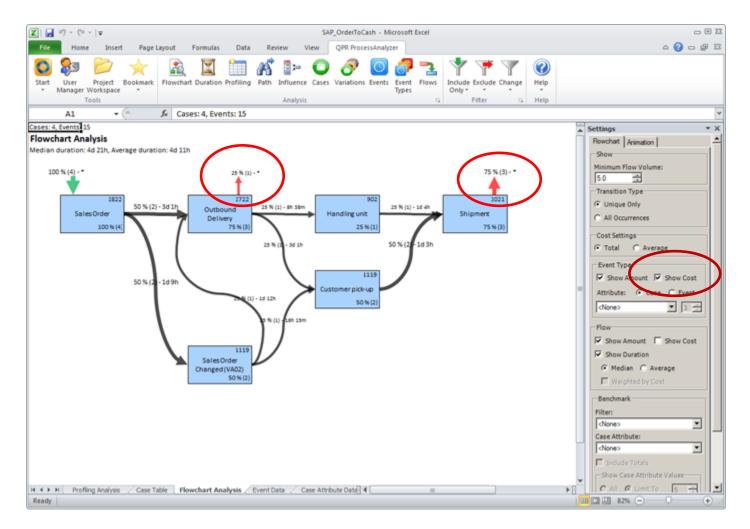


Not all orders invoiced

From the flowchart, you can directly see that from Sales Order, 96% are invoiced. What happens to the 4% which are not invoiced? This needs further investigation:

- 1. Choose Invoice Event Type
- 2. Click on Exclude



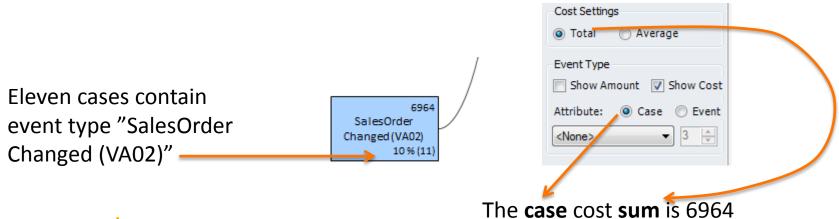


Not all orders invoiced

You can see how the process goes for the orders that are not invoiced and also the monetary value that is lost. One case is lost in Outbound Delivery and three shipped out without invoices.

Case Cost

- Case cost is imported to the model in Case attribute data
- Use column name Cost
- The flowchart / path / flows / event type views compute and show the sum cost of cases that include the specified event type
- (Event cost is imported in Event Attributes)



Analysis

Validation Analysis functions

Profiling the data

Event types Profiling

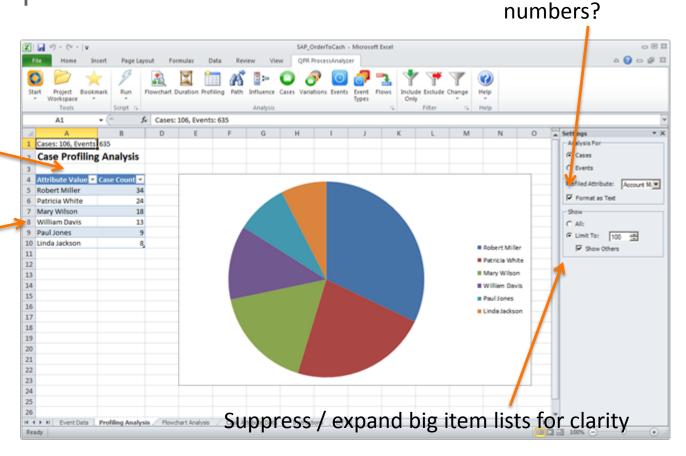


Profiling



- Use for understanding or validating the data
- Making appropriate selections / filters
- Drill-down
- StatisticsSort / filter

Select for filtering or analysis focus



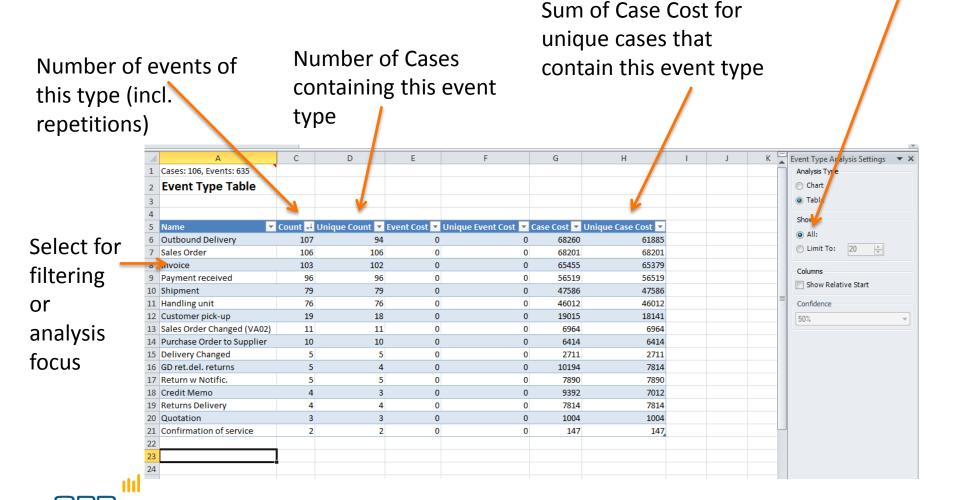
Sort as text or



Event type



Note: the default is to show 20 most common event types. Change to "All" to see all event types.



Advanced notes

Attribute and process data validation



Attribute check

- Objective
 - avoid GIGO (garbage in garbage out)
 - Ensure that you understand the meaning of case and event attributes
- Tools: QPR ProcessAnalyzer Profiling (+ SQL + other data tools)
- Questions
 - What does this attribute mean?
 - What is this variable type (nominal, float, number, time)
 - What are the codes that appear in the data
 - What is the distribution? Does it affect the analysis?
 - Some questions:
 - Is the distribution correct (or at least possible)
 - Are there outliers ("too big", "too small") or erroneous values
 - Are there missing values, is it ok?
 - Should zero, or some other values, be treated separately?



Process sanity-check & initial analysis

- Objective: Enable analytics: avoid GIGO, enrich the process model with relevant attributes / events
 - Tools: QPR ProcessAnalyzer + Excel (+ SQL, other data tools)
- Often the data to ProcessAnalyzer is acquired through several steps and include lots of processing.
- Event Types
 - Is the volume ok / Check frequency of events
 - Do you understand the meaning of the activities?
- Cases
 - Number of cases started / ended in the time frame
 - Look for gaps / spikes / trends
 - Check typical case length (cycle time) vs. the available data time window
- Process
 - Verify with a process expert
 - Is the ABPD visualization realistic at all?
 - Are the lead times realistic?
 - Check resolution (only date available vs. time)
 - Check zero lead time ordering inconsistencies
 - Are we missing something essential?
- Create features that are necessary for the analysis
 - Filter unnecessary events / cases
 - Cleanse or reshape data
 - Make more transformations (events / cases)
 - Reacquire data



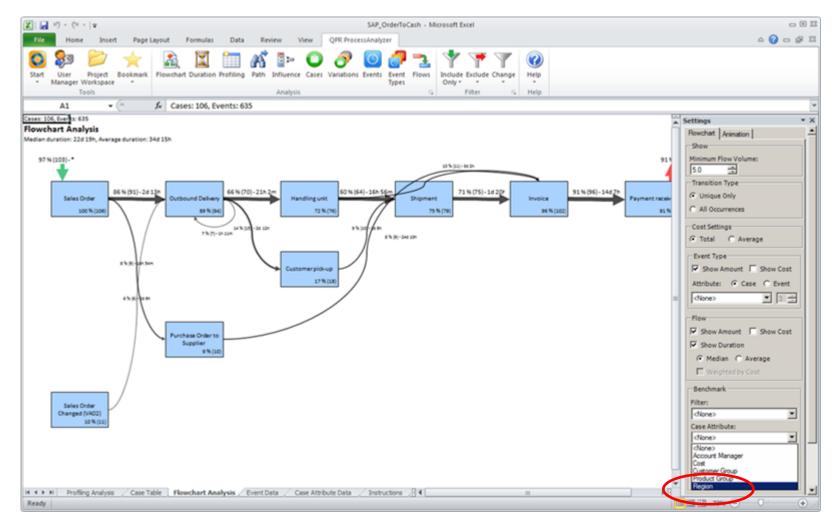
Benchmarking

Paths / Flowchart Conformance



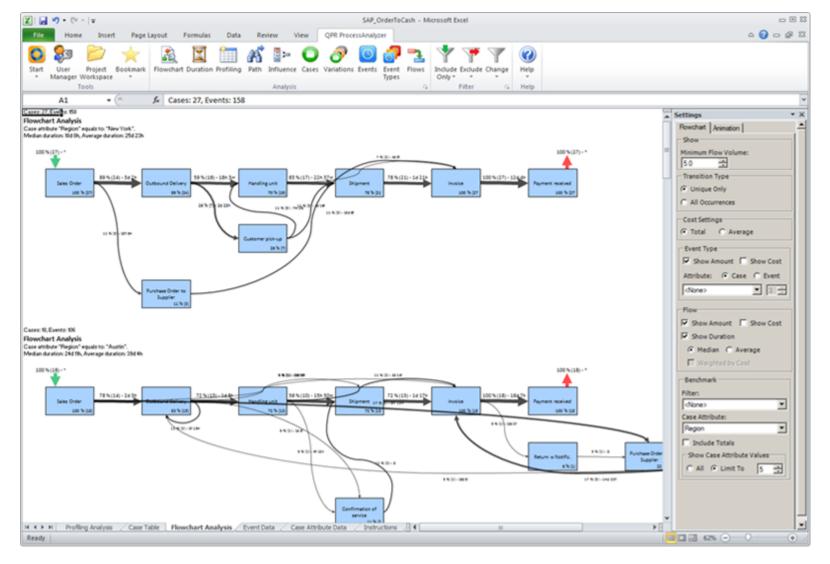
Benchmarking

- Going back to Flowchart, users are able to benchmark and compare processes based on system's users or case attributes
- In one view the users can see how the processes are performing depending on the comparison criteria



Bottleneck / Conformance discovery - Benchmark

From the Flowchart Analysis view, go to Benchmark section and select Region.

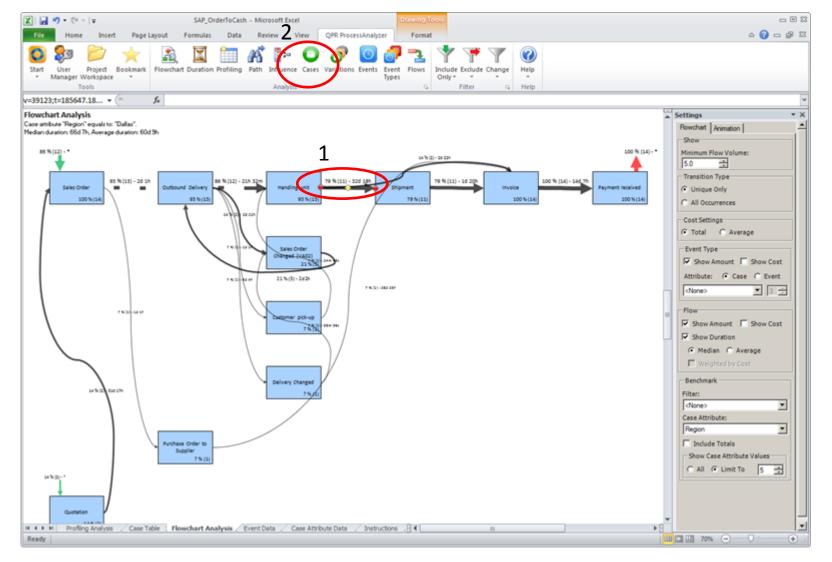


Bottleneck Discovery / Conformance - Benchmark

Now you can see the process per Region and compare the performance of those locations. It seems that New York and Austin are performing fairly well.

Scroll down to find Dallas.

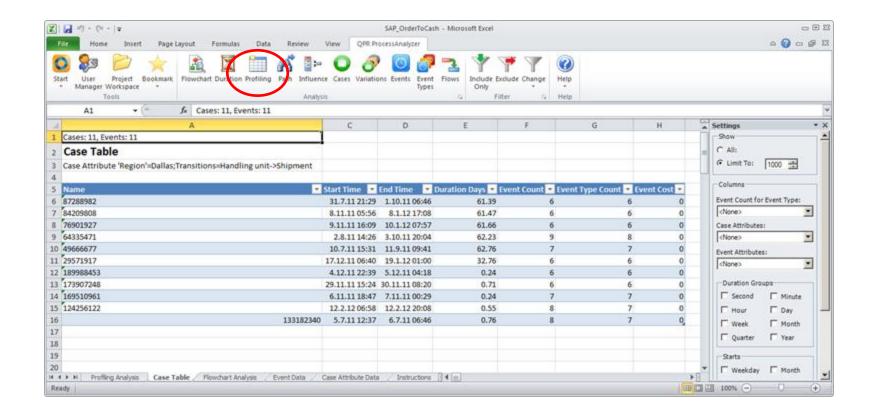




Bottleneck discovery - benchmark

Dallas: There we can see that time between Handling Unit and Shipment takes over 31 days.

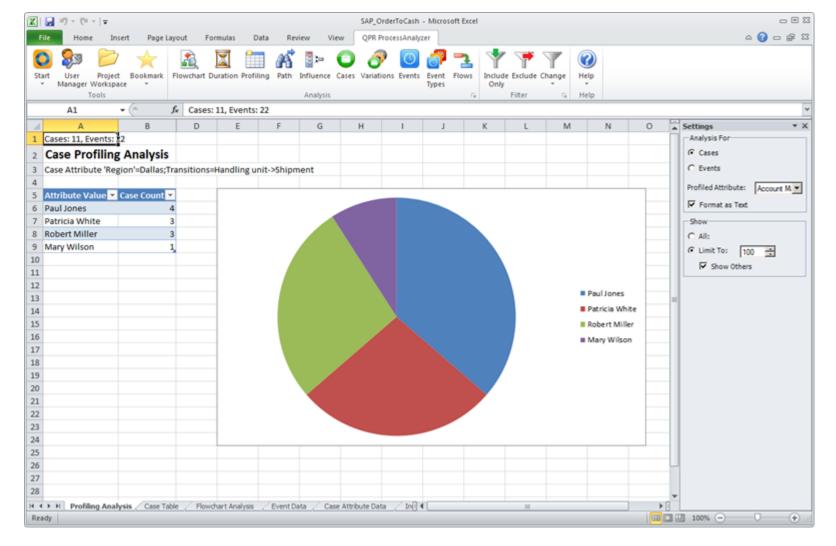
Click on the arrow and then select the Cases tab.



Bottleneck discovery - benchmark

From the Cases tab, identify the specific cases which allow you to discover what attributes are behind these cases and finally the root cause. Select the Profiling tab.





Bottleneck discovery - benchmark

With Profiling Analysis, you can see e.g. which account managers have been responsible for the cases, allowing you to get to the root cause of the delayed deliveries.



Performance and bottlenecks

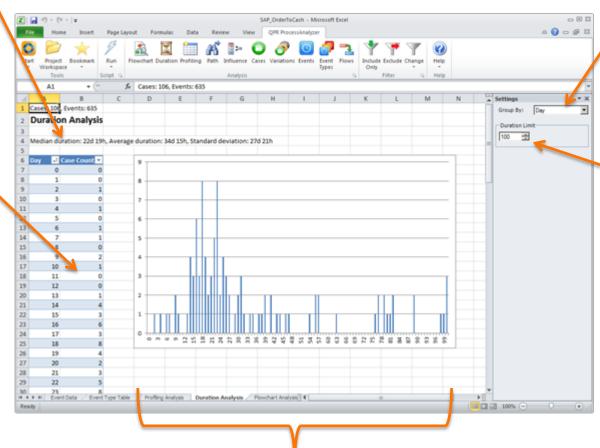




Total duration: average / median / std of Durations from first event to last in each Case

Currently rounded to nearest integer; (in future ceiling)

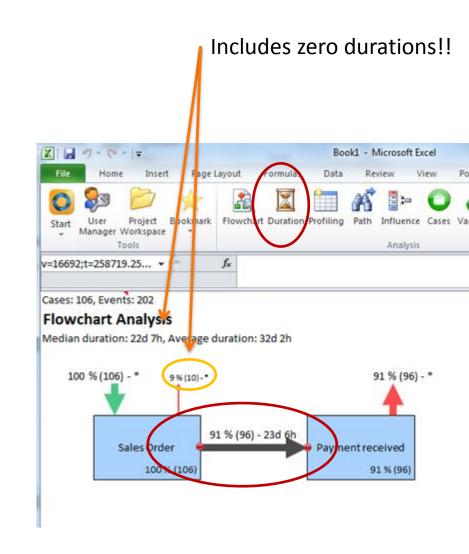
Select for filtering or analysis focus



Select resolution

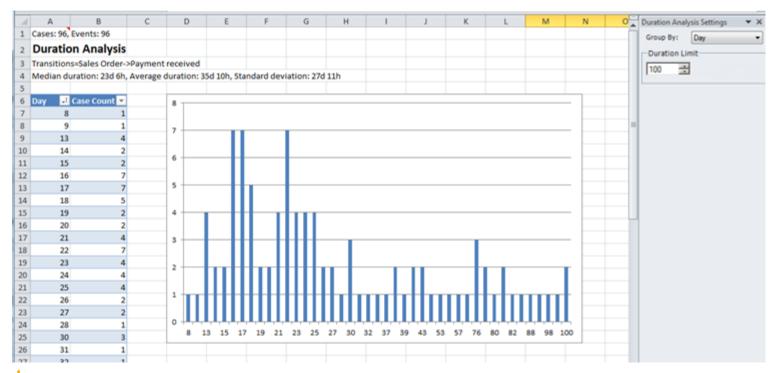
Collect values bigger than this to last bin

- Problem: we wish to see specifically the lead time "Sales order – Payment received"
 - Flowchart with all event types shows lead times for immediate transitions
- Include only the wanted start / end event types (Sales Order, Payment received)
 - Note: 9% of cases do not reach Payment received
 - These contribute 0s to average / median!
 - Select the flow order-payment
 - Run "duration"





- Final total lead time analysis for Sales Order Payment received
 - 96 cases include a path from Sales Order to Payment received





Note:

- QPR ProcessAnalyzer always uses full calendar time between event timestamps
- It is currently not possible to count time "on office hours only" or other similar logic
- In order to emulate this kind of logic, the original data should be manipulated accordingly



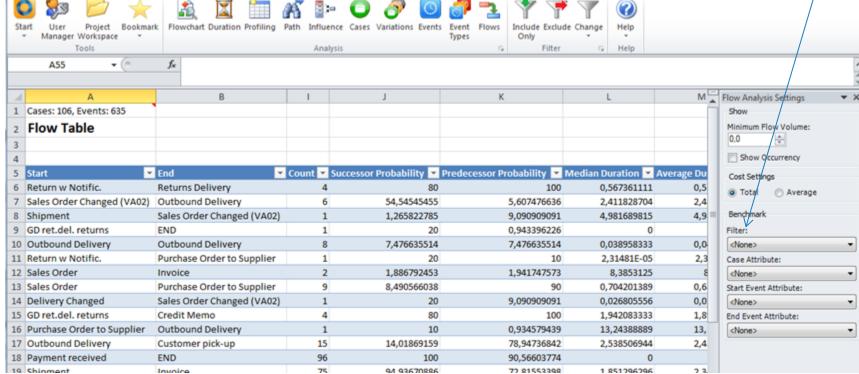
Flows

Tabular reports
Detailed metrics and comparison



Flows Flows

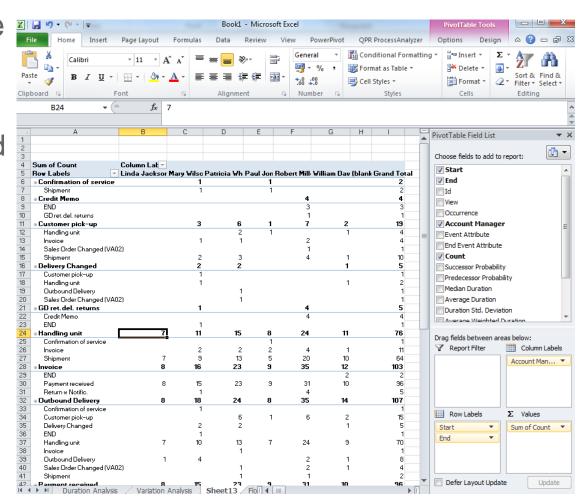
- Shows the Flowchart in tabular format
- Ideal for detailed conformance checking
- Pivot table trick" (see next slide)
 Benchmarking!
 Image: Ima





Advanced: Pivot table trick

- Use Excel pivot table to analyze the Flows table
 - Example of detailed comparison of process flow by account manager
 - Applies also to lead times etc.





Influence Analysis

Explanations
Root causes

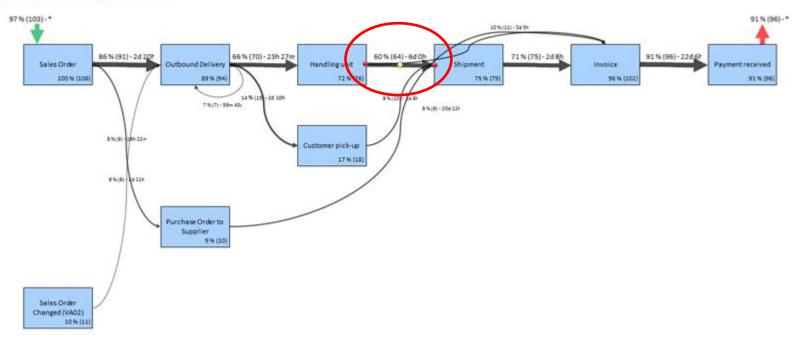


Influence

- To ease and speed up the discovery, we have ready-made analyses in the product
- Variations
 - how many there really are: have a holistic look
- Root cause analysis
 - Look at a variation from the model and discover which case attributes have an impact (and how much) to the variations
 - Script: say that how easily users can drill down from the flowchart to 'deeper' information
 - The influence analysis allows for quick prioritization of corrective actions and gives an inclination of where the problem lies straight from the product – no need for extensive/time-consuming process mining/data mining/calculations etc.



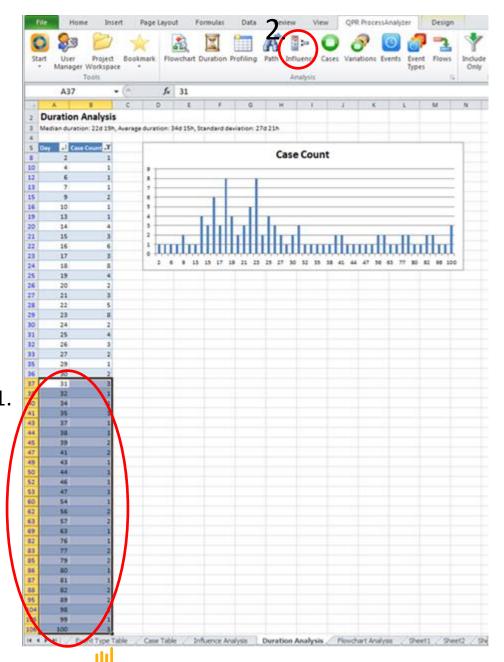
Cases: 106, Events: 635
Flowchart Analysis
Median duration: 22d 19h, Average duration: 34d 15h



Bottleneck discovery (duration)

Notice that it takes 6 days, in most cases, from the Handling Unit to go to Shipment. That is unusual and needs further investigation. Select the Duration tab.





Bottleneck discovery

In the Duration Analysis you can see all cases and their duration. Discover that there are deliveries taking more than 30 days...

- 1. Select those cases from the table.
- 2. Click the Influence tab.

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Bottleneck discovery (influence)

You can see that "Dallas" is strongly related to deliveries with an exceptionally long lead time



Details of Influence view

Contribution

- Make a selection in the data (by using cases, event types, variations etc.)
 - The selected group = S, others = O
- Contribution calculation counts first the number cases in S and O.
 - Say that #S =100 and #B=900. (S = 10% of all cases)
- Select an attribute value, e.g. "User"
- Contribution calculation proceeds by counting how many cases belong to S for each distinct value of the selected attribute "User".
 - Say that for User = Mary there are 50 cases altogether, 25 S's and 25 O's
 - If the attribute "User" would not affect anything at all, one expects there to be 10%*50 = 5 S's and 90%*50= 45 O's.
- The attribute values are now ordered according to the difference between the observed = 25 and neutral assumption = 5 => + 20
- In some cases the relative frequency might be more useful

Subset

- Done for any type of variable if #unique values > # of subsets x 10
- The values are sorted and splitted into equal size bins
- Say that you have values 1-1000, subset = 3 => There would be three bins: 1-333, 333-666, 666-1000
- Note
 - Sound only for ordered attributes
 - ...but currently done for any type of variable (e.g. Names), even if it does not make sense
 - This should be remembered especially if you use selection "All"



Variation Analysis

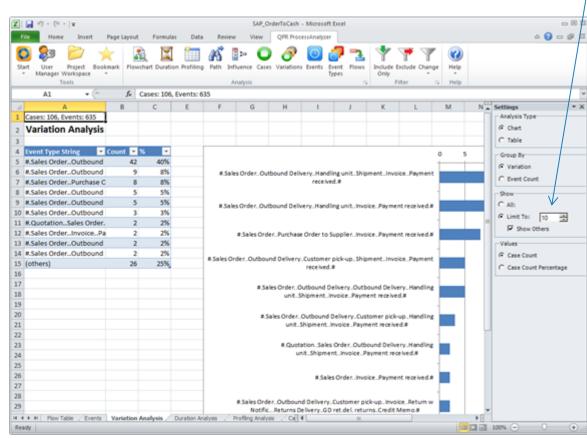


Variations



- A variation is a unique sequence of events
 - The attributes and durations may differ
- Use for detailed conformance checking
- The distribution describes process heterogeneity

Change to expand / suppress the list





Case Analysis Events

Drill-down
Statistics
Enrichment



Case Analysis



- Case based reasoning
 - Drill-down to individual case level and check the data (attributes)
- Use for creating data for further analysis
 - Example: classify by event type combinations
 - Count change events and compare durations for different combinations of changes etc.
 - Example: Create new case attributes
 - Make new attributes based on old and import them
 - Examples:
 - currency conversion
 - classify cases based on total duration
 - classify cases based on start month / end month

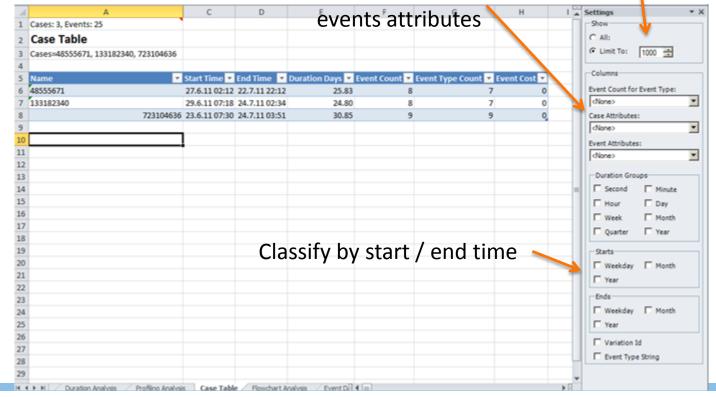


Case Analysis



- Drill-down to individual case level and check the data (attributes)
- Use for creating data for statistical analysis
- Create new case attributes

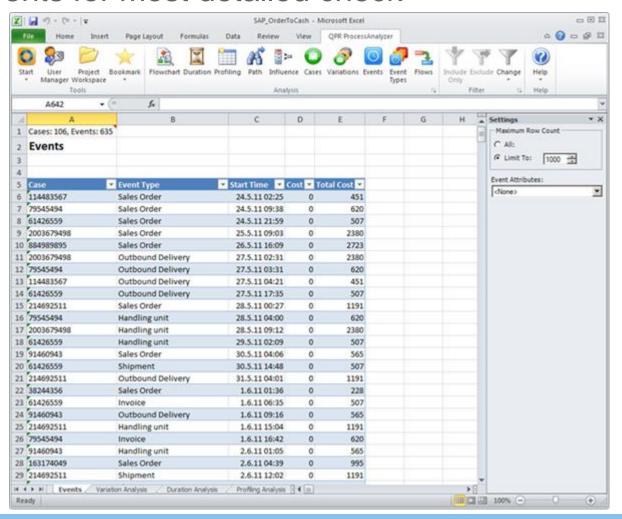
Remember to set to "All" if you require all cases!



Event Analysis Events



Retrieve events for most detailed check



Keeping on track with things

Filter management Bookmarks



Keeping on track of things

Filters

- Each time you include/exclude, a new filter is created to the filter stack.
- You can select any of the filters at any stage for analysis, and even rename them for convenience.
- Complete filter stack opens from ribbon
 - You can edit and view filter details in "Properties"

Bookmarks

- Filters do not store any other information on analysis views than the case/event type selection.
- Bookmark stores the Analysis view (Flowchart, Profile, Influence,...)
 as such (=the analysis type + the filter + any parameter selections).
 When you create a bookmark, you may rename it for convenience.
- Status info: Cell A1
 - The comment box shows details of the current analysis
 - Attach the text into possible questions sent to Customer Care

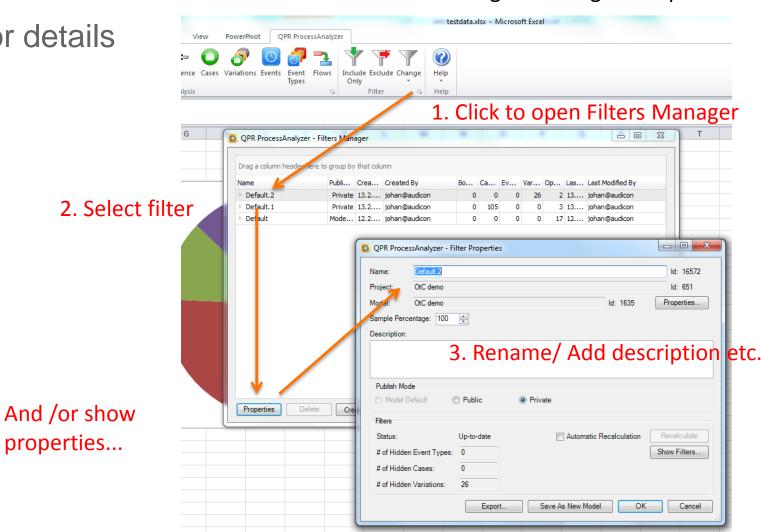


Manage filters

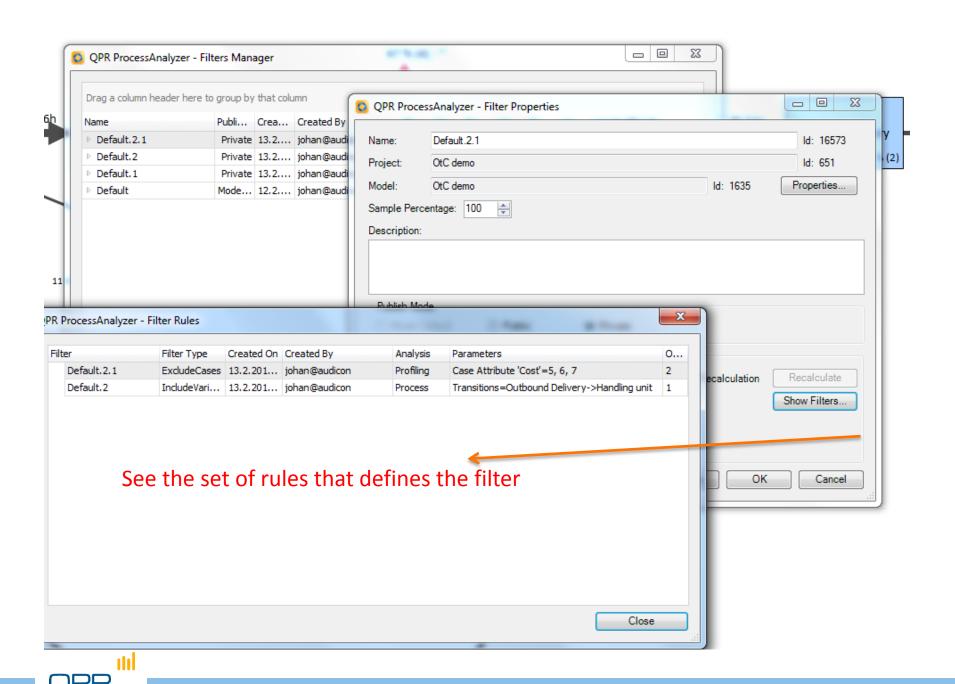


Managing / tracking filters

testdata.xlsx - Microsoft Excel See Wiki for details



Change button gives a quick list



Bookmarks

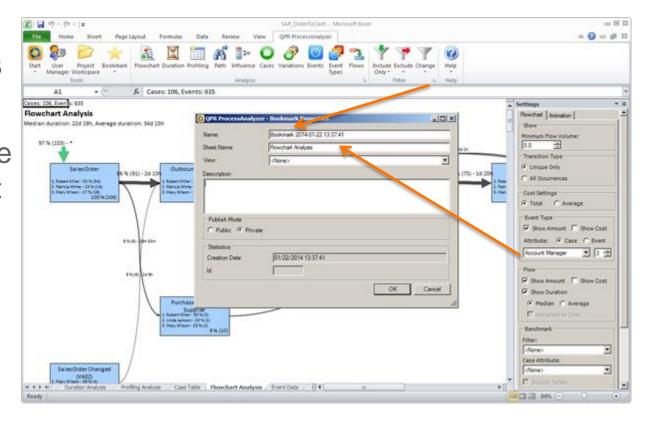


Bookmarks



- Bookmark stores the analysis view
 - Filters
 - Analysis settings
- Tip:

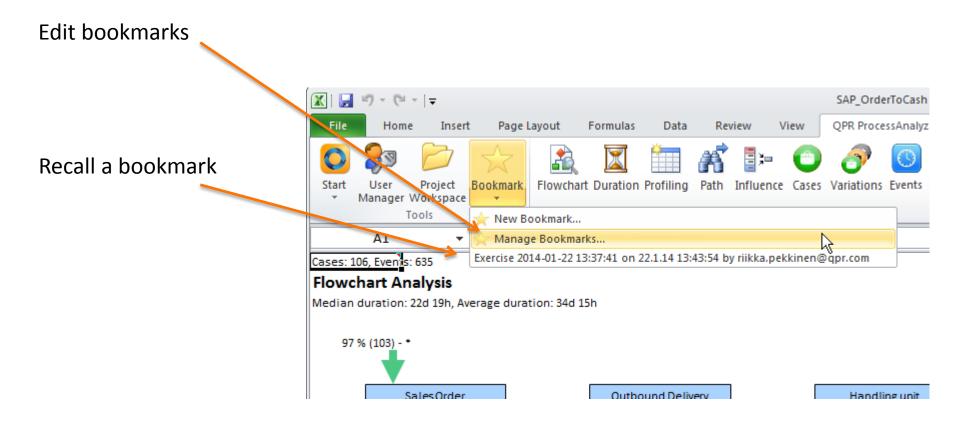
You can change the default Excel sheet name in order to produce results on a specified sheet and prevent overwriting the ongoing analysis.





Bookmarks







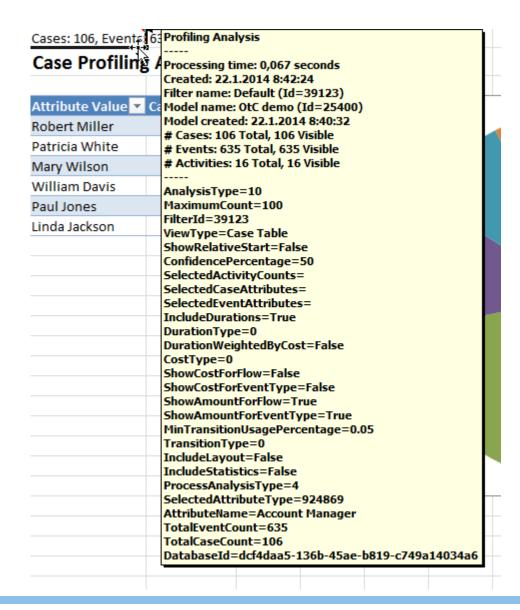
Status info

"Cell A1"



Status cell A1

- Provides detailed information on analysis. For example:
 - Run time
 - Filter
 - View and model identification
 - Amount of data
 - Analysis parameters
 - Important information for CustomerCare





Distributing results

Distributing Excel reports
Web UI



QPR ProcessAnalyzer Web UI

- Can be utilized for similar process analysis tasks as Excel add-on, but is especially useful when:
 - you cannot, for some reason, utilize the Excel add-on
 - when your customer internal or external cannot utilize the Excel add-on
 - when you present pre-defined analysis results (bookmarks)
 and want discussion for these results between stakeholders
- Can be accessed from any modern web browser



How to access Web UI

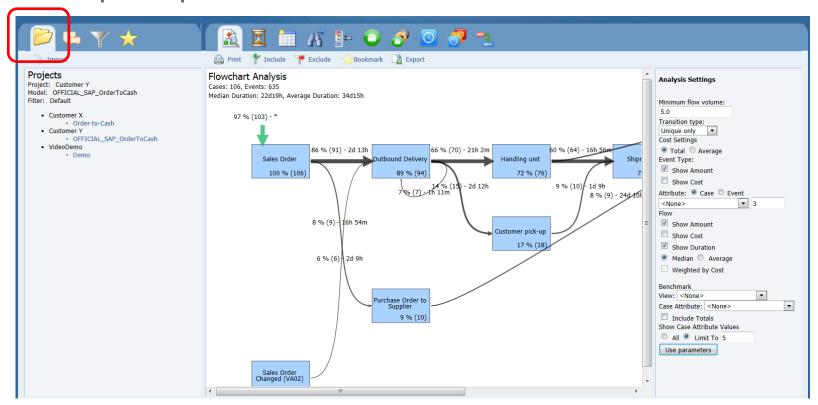
- Browse to address http://processanalyzer.qpr.com/global
- Enter your QPR ProcessAnalyzer login name and password to the corresponding fields and click Login





Basic usage

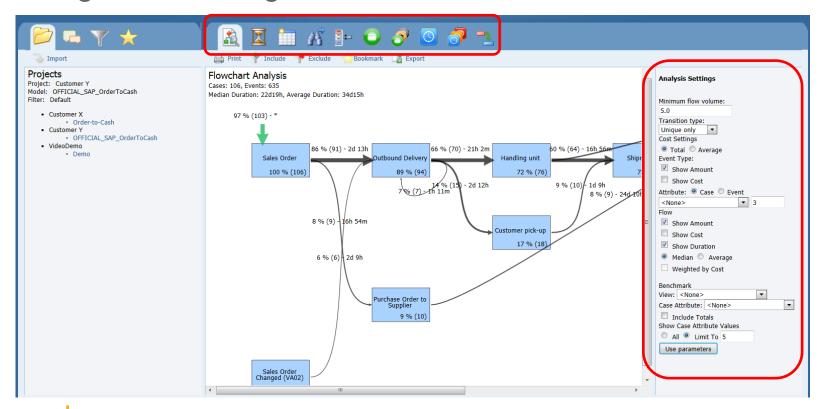
Once you have logged in, you can access all projects and models that you have access to by selecting Projects folder from top-left part of the screen:





Basic usage

By clicking the analysis icons on the top of the screen you can access different analysis. You can also change analysis settings from the right-hand side of the screen.



Bookmarking reports

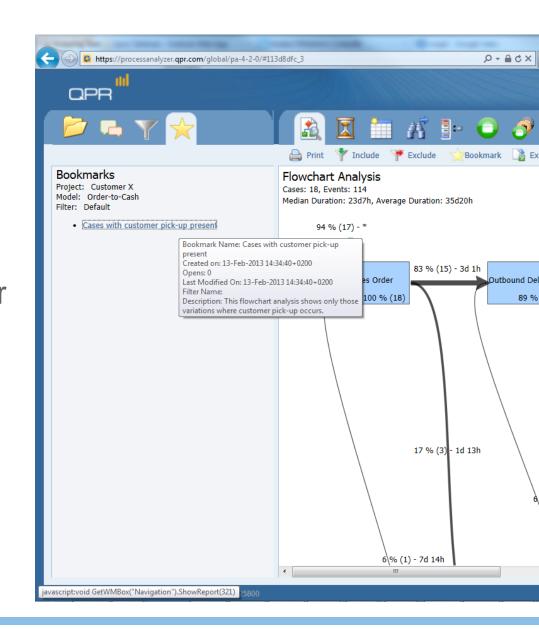
When you have created a public bookmark in Excel add-in when creating analyses, these bookmarks are visible to all users that can access the project.

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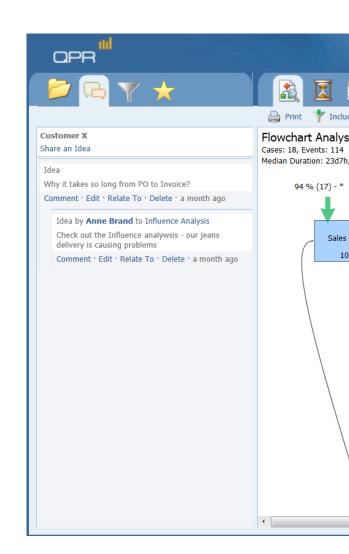
Bookmarking reports

- After the public bookmark has been saved, it appears in the Bookmarks tab of the Web UI.
- This way, you can deliver analysis results easily to different stakeholders within the organization, or possibly for external organizations.



Collaborating with the analysis results

- By clicking the Collaboration tab on the top right side of the screen, you can communicate with other users that have sufficient rights to the model.
- You can create new comments, reply to other users' comments, and attach a specific view to a comment by clicking "Relate To" link when creating or editing a comment.





Keeping on track of things

Models and Projects, Export User management and user rights

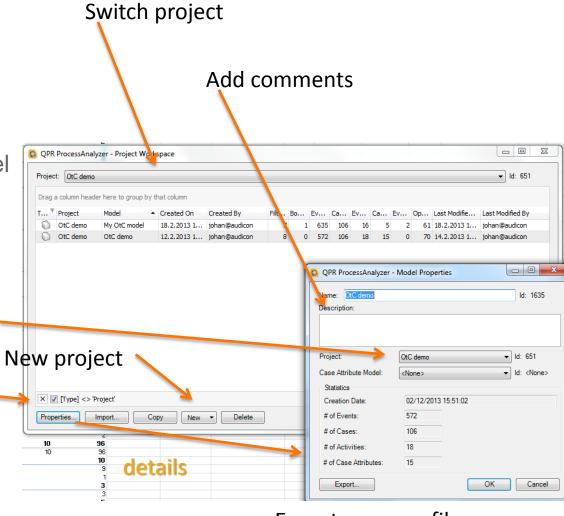


Projects and models

- Project is a folder into which the models are organized
 - Models inherit the project access rights
 - Note: if you move a model from one project to another it inherits the access rights of its new parent project

Move this model to another project

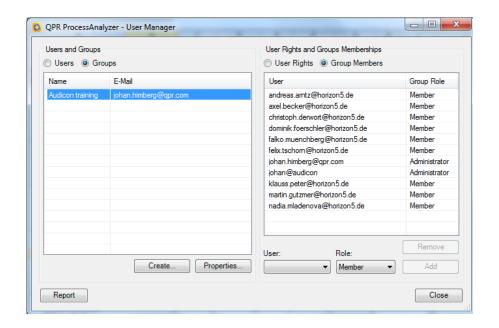
Uncheck to list both projects and models



Export as pacm-file (can be imported in "Import")

User management / groups

See WIKI for details





User rights

User Roles and Rights: <All>

The "<All>" level user right refers to the QPR ProcessAnalyzer Service.

Role	Create Project	Create Model	Import Model	Import Data	View Model	Create Filters/Analyze Model	Delete Model
Administrator	~	~	~	~	~	✓	~
Model Creator	~	~	~	~			
Evaluator	~	~	~	~			

- Evaluator and Model Creator get the project Administrator role for the projects that he/she creates (see User Roles and Rights for Individual Projects below). He/she can delete models in the created projects only.
- There is a maximum number of 10 models the Evaluator can create, and each model can contain a maximum of 1000 events, event attributes, and case attributes each.

User Roles and Rights for Individual Projects

Role	Create/Import Models	Assign User Roles	View Models	Create Filters/Analyze Model	Import Data	Delete Model
Administrator	~	~	~	✓	~	~
Analyzer			~	~		
Designer			~	~	~	~
Viewer			~			

Note that the Administrator role here refers to the project.



Enrichment of the data

Advanced example

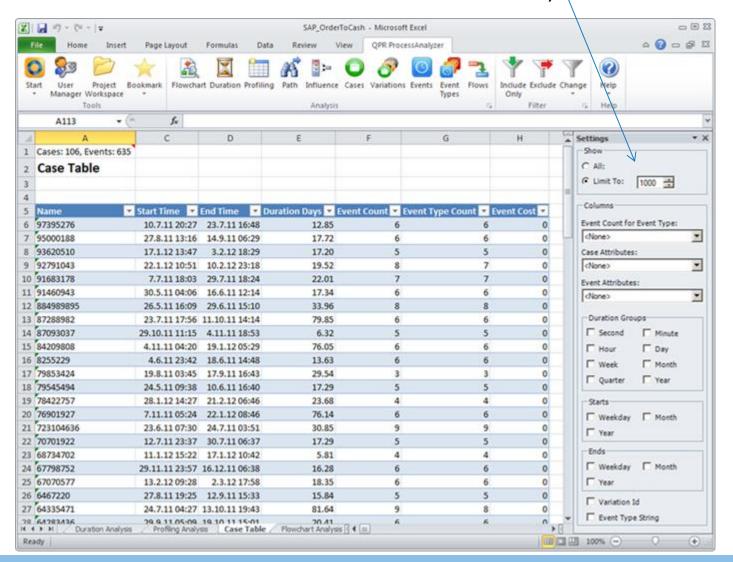


Problem

- We wish to
 - Evaluate how many cases start /month

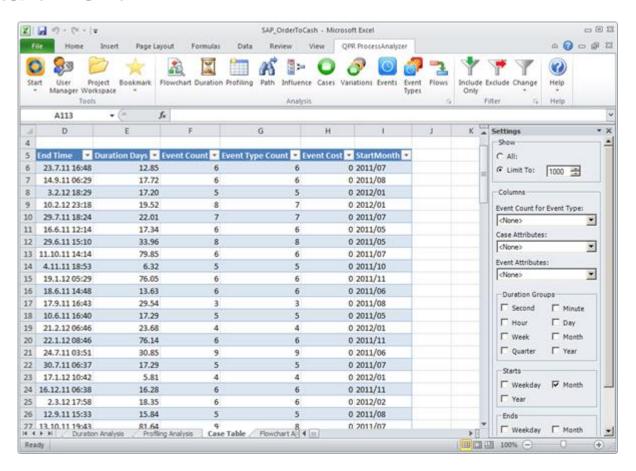
Retrieve case data

Make sure that you get everything (set to "All" if more than 1000 events)



Make a new case attribute

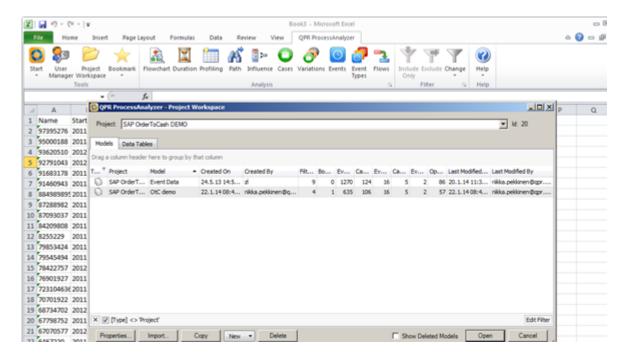
Use Start month



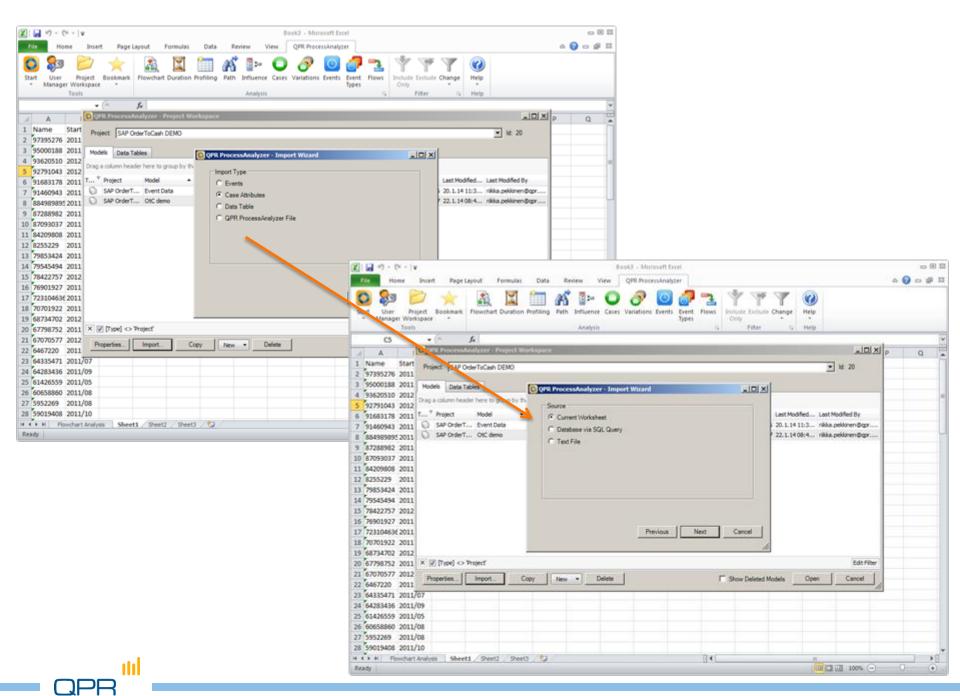


Prepare data for import

- Make an "importable" data set
- Copy to an empty sheet
 - Delete extra information and headers
- Import as Case attributes

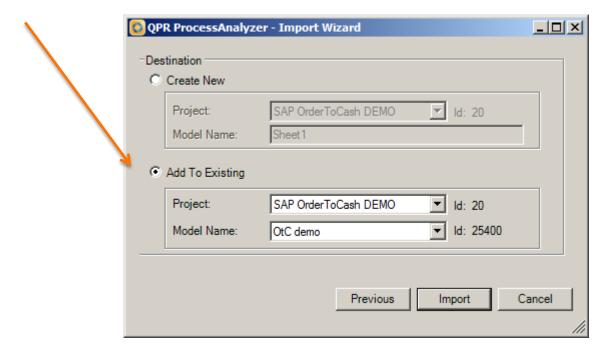






Import

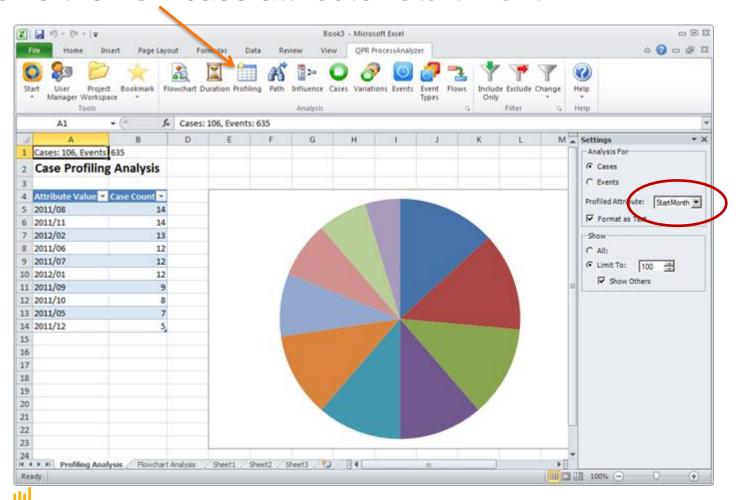
- Remember to choose "Add to Existing"
 - Project / model name may be different in the screenshot than in your example





Profile

Profile the new case attribute "Start Month"



Excel tricks...

- Tip: Change the graph in Excel
 - Pie chart is not good for time series data

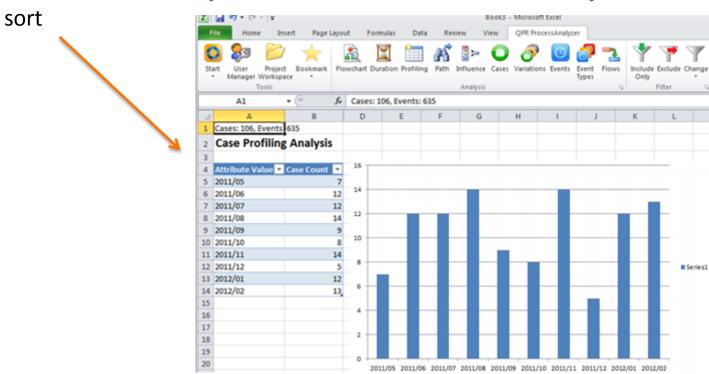




Final statistics

Sort and you'll see number of Orders /month

 Typical thing to do when validating the consistency between the source system and QPR ProcessAnalyzer



Advanced

Compare monthly lead times



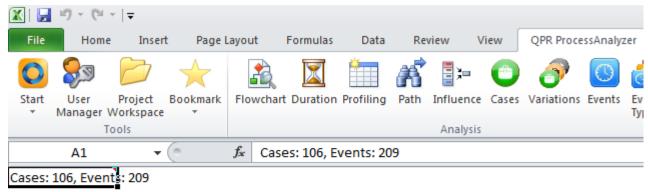
Problem

- We wish to
 - benchmark the OtC process by start month
 - compare the monthly cycle time



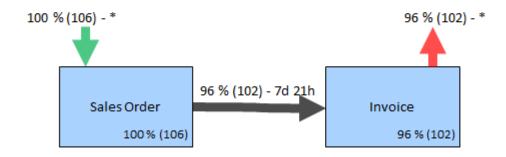
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Select the lead time of interest by appropriate filtering

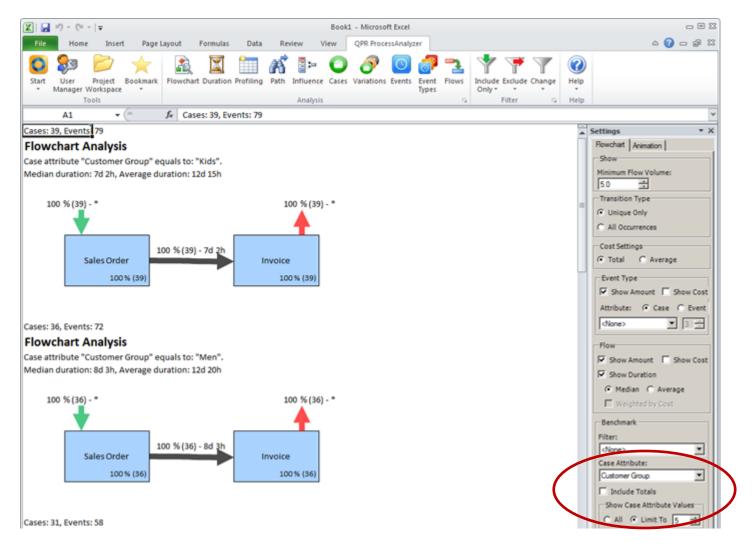


Flowchart Analysis

Median duration: 7d 18h, Average duration: 12d 13h



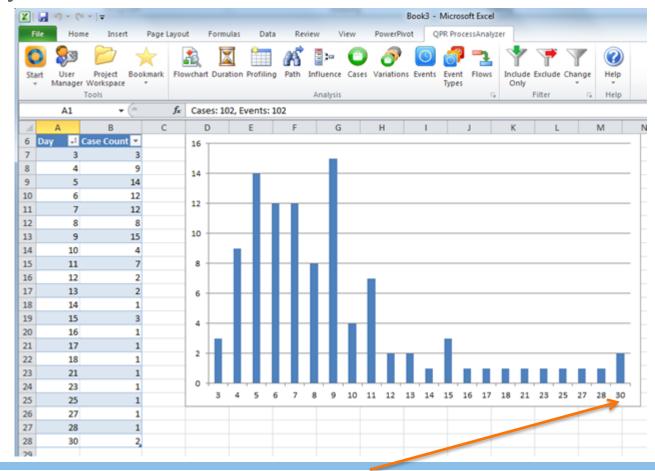
Benchmark





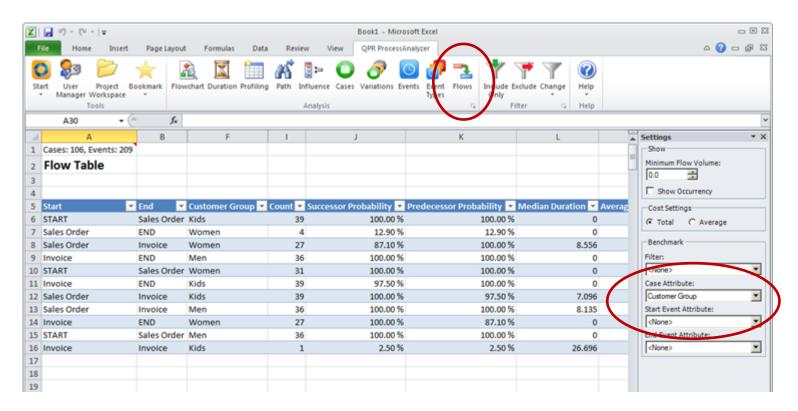
Check time-window consistency

- Check how long lead times exist
- Filter if necessary



Flows

Use the flow report to make nice graphs





Exercises & further information



Individual exercises

The data in this Excel workbook can be used to find answers to following 10 exercise questions:

- 1. How big percentage of orders is invoiced?
- 2. What product is most often delivered by Supplier?
- 3. What are the 3 most common reasons for the order to be returned by customer ("Return w Notific.")
- 4. Which customer group is most likely to change their Order
- 5. What is the total cost of all Sales Orders?
- 6. What is the total cost of Orders that are returned with notification?
- 7. What is the most important reason for OrderToCash process to last for more than 80 days?
- 8. Comparing to average orders, what is the main reason for those orders to take so much time?
- 9. What is the most common process variation and how many orders belong to that variation?
- 10. What is the Order Number (name) of the order where the sales order is changed after the shipment has been done?



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Further Information

- Wiki: http://devnet.qpr.com/pawiki
- Support area: http://www.qpr.com/products/qpr-processanalyzer-support.htm
- ABPD group in LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Automated-Business-
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