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# AltaVista Process Flow

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Corporate restructuring, regulatory compliance, new technologies and applications--today's complex and rapidly changing business environment compels large corporations to improve business practices and procedures in order to remain competitive. Capitalize on multi-faceted process management software that enables you to profit from cutting-edge technologies without sacrificing legacy systems or disrupting existing business processes. AltaVista™ Process Flow defines, implements, and manages business processes across distributed production applications.

## FEATURES

- Automates and consistently manages multi-step, multi-participant production workflow across diverse applications and platforms.
- Lets you integrate new technologies such as intranet and Internet applications with your legacy applications, and quickly update business processes in participating applications without changing application code.
- Includes comprehensive and dependable features such as automatic failover with no single point of failure, transparent to both the end-user and application developer, and reliable work queuing with automatic recovery.
- Helps make the most of existing processes and encourages reuse through a single graphical application development and workflow environment. Users can easily call existing components and services without complex API programming.
- Scales across your enterprise, and provides high-speed messaging between many distributed process engines.

## Seamless integration with multiple platforms and applications

Many traditional workflow solutions are unable to maximize opportunity-rich environments such as the Internet, intranets, and electronic commerce. AltaVista™ Process Flow expands beyond these limitations to integrate existing production applications and provide full interoperability with desktop applications.

You gain critical integration of Internet and intranet applications with the process engine through Java/IOP and HTTP. A powerful C++ and CORBA interface enables integration with existing C and C++ programs, as well as those written in traditional languages such as COBOL and Fortran. Full interoperability with desktop applications is provided through ActiveX. As a result, AltaVista Process Flow is able to integrate with most application packages, as well as with customized applications and applications developed in-house.



## Generations ahead

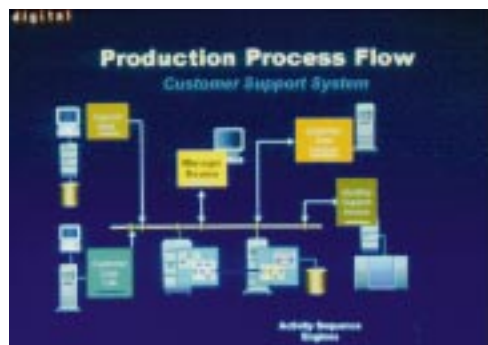
Based upon an architectural approach patented by DIGITAL™, AltaVista Process Flow is generations ahead of existing workflow products such as FlowMark®. Unlike Lotus® Notes™, it is a production process flow system that does far more than simply route a document from person to person. This versatile software includes controls for complex processes and enables you to easily update processes without rewriting application code—saving you money and valuable staff time.

## Easy to manage

Numerous features give you essential manageability, including distributed monitoring and control from a single console, the ability to centrally define and distribute new business processes, and graphical trend analysis. Once deployed, the software retains auditable information to allow you to discover new ways to optimize the workflow within your business. This "history database" records every step of each business process instance as your business policy is enforced.

## Undemanding administration

For smooth administration, AltaVista Process Flow provides multiple, high-speed distributed engines and makes sure every engine has a back-up that will automatically take over activity coordination if the primary fails. There is one or more centralized console to register process definitions on running engines, regardless of their physical locations. This robust software guarantees that the latest process definition is always used, without having to change any application logic or restart the engine.



## Enhance the performance of your business processes

AltaVista Process Flow can dramatically reduce your future development costs, protect your investments in existing systems and applications, and dramatically increase the speed with which you can make business process changes or additions. Areas in which it can help you discover and take advantage of opportunities for improved process efficiency include Web-enablement, business process reengineering, and systems integration.

**Web-enablement.** AltaVista Process Flow easily incorporates new interfaces that integrate the Web with legacy systems. You'll reduce the risk of new applications adversely affecting existing operations, and save money and time because the overall process stays the same.

**Business process reengineering.** As many firms struggle with cumbersome legacy systems and applications, they are faced with the challenge of implementing modernization while reducing risk. With its flexible architecture and smooth integration with existing production applications, AltaVista Process Flow ties together people, paperwork/applications, and automated machines to help create updated systems and streamlined processes.

**Systems integration.** To gain a competitive advantage, you might want to update or combine business processes by integrating existing systems with newer technologies. AltaVista Process Flow helps you adapt quickly to change without slowing existing processes. You can combine new and old processes without expensive restructuring of either system.

## Free your resources for new opportunities

The versatility and efficiency of this software offer widespread capabilities—from document management to enterprise-wide production workflow systems. Whatever direction your business and systems growth takes, AltaVista Process Flow is a cost- and time-effective way to enhance the performance of your business processes. With its one-of-a-kind abilities, it greatly expands your opportunities to profit from cutting-edge technologies without sacrificing legacy code and systems.

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