

**CAMUNDA  
CON**

**LIVE**

# Intelligent Process Automation with Camunda and Amazon Comprehend

Dr. Marigianna Skouradaki, Novatec Consulting GmbH





# Intelligent Process Automation with AWS and Camunda

Dr. Marigianna Skouradaki

23.09.2021

**CAMUNDA**

Platinum  
Partner  
CERTIFIED

# Dr. Marigianna Skouradaki

---

*Data Intelligence Consultant &  
Certified Camunda Engineer*

- BPM and data analysis
- Algorithms on graph similarities
- Benchmark for modern Workflow Engines
- Intelligent Process Automation
  
- Active in Camunda und Machine Learning Projects
- Trainer of the Data Science Training



## Takeaways

**What is** Intelligent Process Automation?

**Why** now?

**How** to build an intelligent process?

## Agenda

1. Intelligent Process Automation
2. Intelligent Costs Submission Process
3. Demo

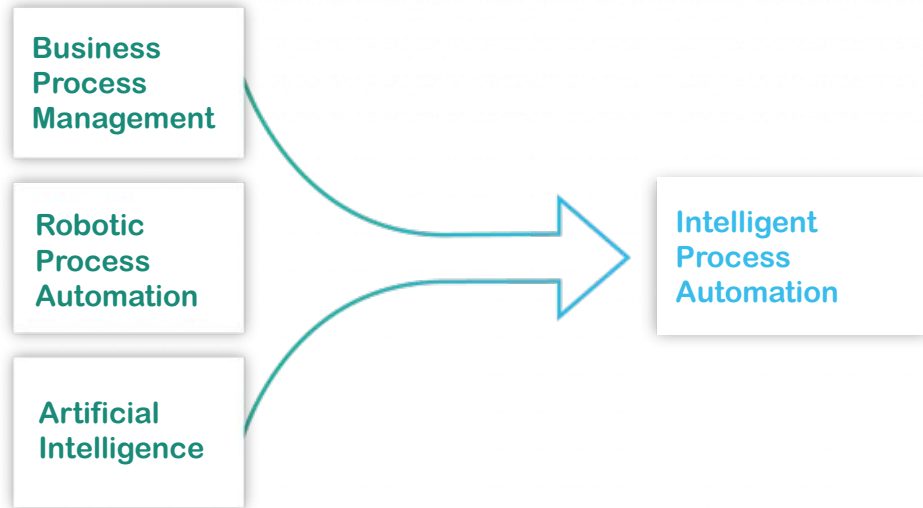


---

# Intelligent Process Automation

# Intelligent Process Automation

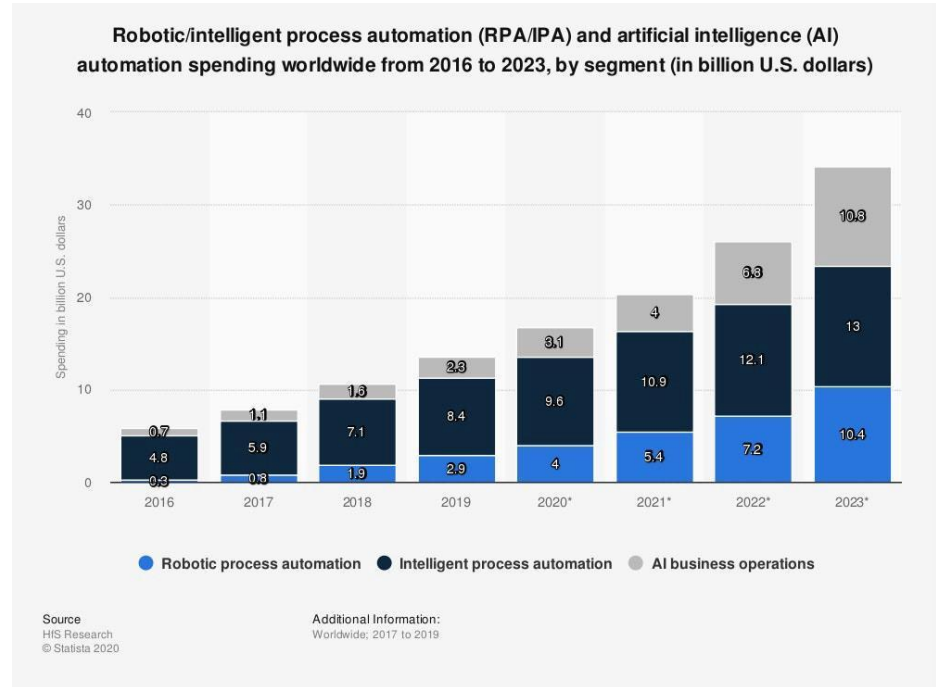
---



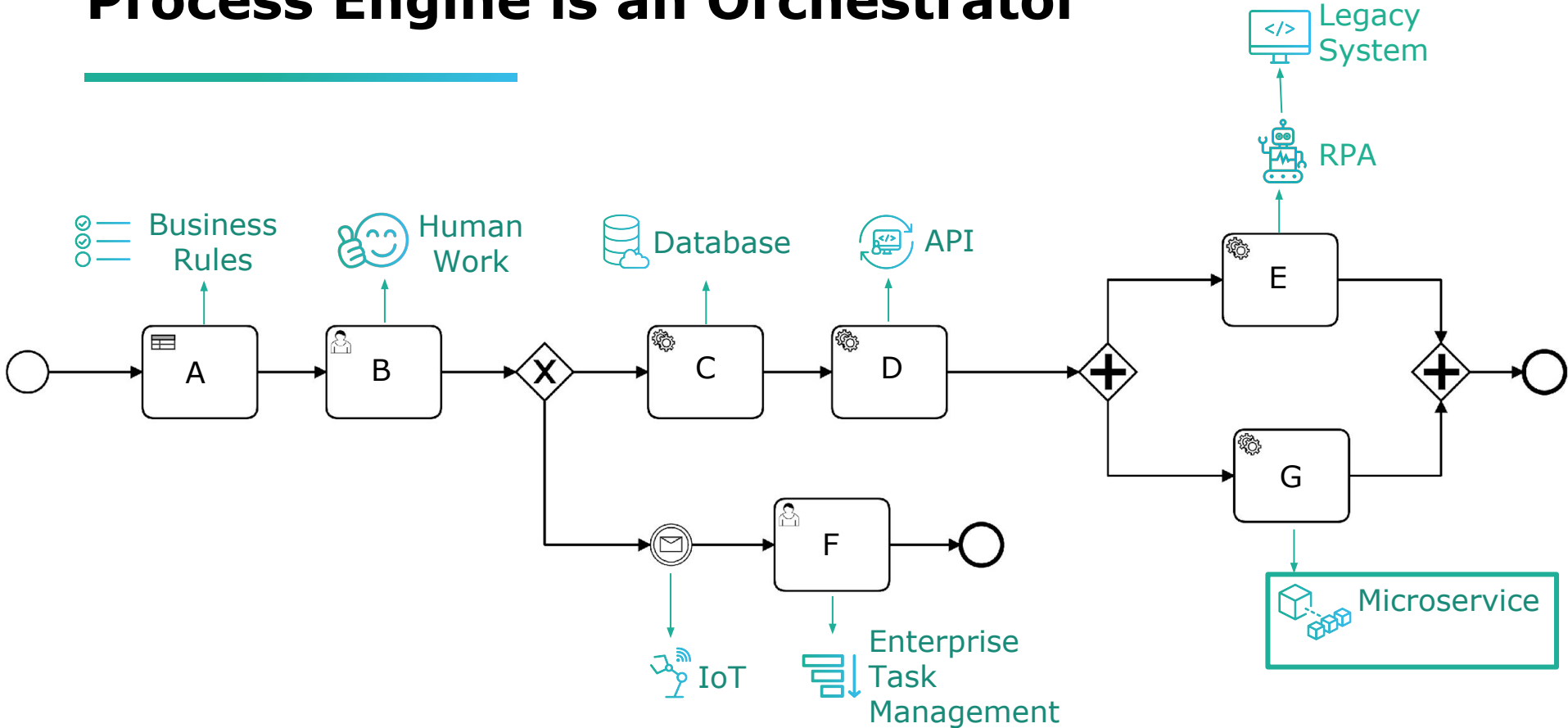
<https://www.novatec-gmbh.de/beratung/intelligente-prozessautomatisierung/>

# “The Future is Both Automated and Intelligent” (Forbes)

- Camunda closed a \$100 Million Series B Funding Round
- UiPath \$10 Billion is the most valuable Software-Start-up of Europe
- SAP bought Signavio for 1B€
- IBM introduced Watson Orchestrator in 2021 and bought MyInvenio



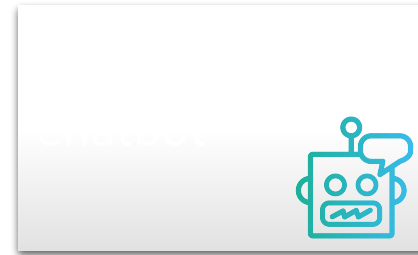
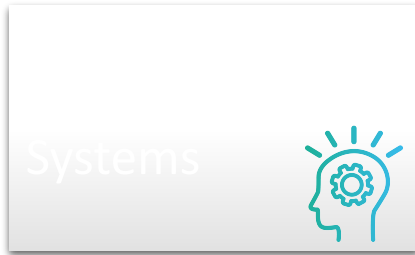
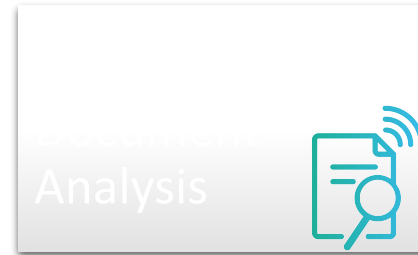
# Process Engine is an Orchestrator





# Machine Learning Applications in BPM

---



# Example: Intelligent Document Analysis

IC/EC Fahrkarte

IC/EC Fahrkarte

IC/EC Fahrkarte

IC/EC Fahrkarte

**IC/EC Fahrkarte**

Fahrtantritt Hinfahrt: 24.08.2017  
 Fahrtantritt Rückfahrt: 24.08.2017

**Flexpreis (Hin- und Rückfahrt)**

Klasse: 2  
 Erw: 1  
 Hinfahrt: Stuttgart → Wörth(Rhein), mit IC/EC  
 Rückfahrt: Wörth(Rhein) → Stuttgart mit IC/EC  
 Über: VIA: BIET\*VAI\*(PF/BR)\*KA  
 Umtausch/Erstattung kostenlos bis 1 Tag vor Reiseantritt (Hinfahrt)

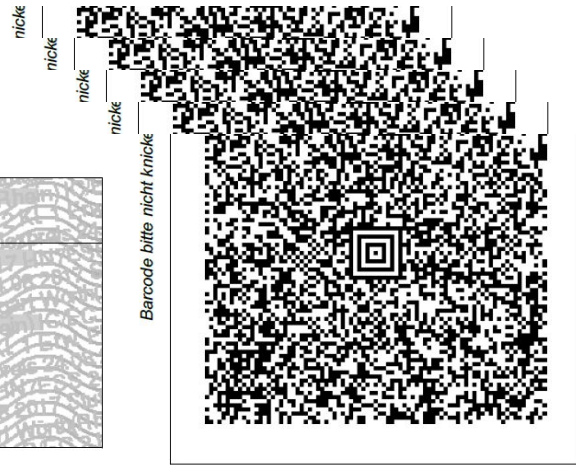
**Zahlungspositionen und Preis**

Positionen	Preis	MwSt (D) 19%	MwSt D: 7%
IC/EC Fahrkarte 1	50,00€	50,00€	7,98€
Zahlungsmittelentgelt 1	0,50€	0,50€	0,08€
<b>Summe</b>	<b>50,50€</b>	<b>50,50€</b>	<b>8,06€</b>

**Kreditkartenzahlung**

Betrag 50,50€ VU-Nr 4556695619 Transaktions-Nr 614553  
 Datum 16.08.2017 Gen-Nr 495975

Ihre Kreditkarte wurde mit dem oben genannten Betrag belastet. Die Buchung Ihres Online-Tickets erfolgte am 16.08.2017 15:55 Uhr. DB Fernverkehr AG/DB Regio AG, Stephensonstr. 1, 60326 Frankfurt, Steuernummer: 29/001/60002.



- Invoices
- Receipts
- Handwritten files
- Contracts...

Hinfahrt:  
 Gültig ab: 24.08.2017

Rückfahrt:  
 Gültig ab: 24.08.2017

Zangenabdruck

Zangenabdruck

Frau MARIGIANNA SKOURADAKI  
 Auftragsnummer: HN7ESS



# Example: Intelligent Document Analysis

## IC/EC Fahrkarte

Fahrtantritt Hinfahrt: 24.08.2017
Fahrtantritt Rückfahrt: 24.08.2017
Flexpreis (Hin- und Rückfahrt)
Klasse: 2
Erw: 1
Hinfahrt: Stuttgart → Wörth(Rhein), mit IC/EC
Rückfahrt: Wörth(Rhein) → Stuttgart mit IC/EC
Über: VIA: BIET*VAI*(PF/BR)*KA
Umtausch/Erstattung kostenlos bis 1 Tag vor Reiseantritt (Hinfahrt)

## Zahlungspositionen und Preis

Positionen	Preis	MwSt (D) 19%	MwSt D: 7%
IC/EC Fahrkarte 1	50,00€	50,00€	7,98€
Zahlungsmittelentgelt 1	0,50€	0,50€	0,08€
<b>Summe</b>	<b>50,50€</b>	<b>50,50€</b>	<b>8,06€</b>

Kreditkartenzahlung			
Betrag	50,50€	VU-Nr	4556695619
Datum	16.08.2017	Gen-Nr	495975
Transaktions-Nr	614553		

Ihre Kreditkarte wurde mit dem oben genannten Betrag belastet. Die Buchung Ihres Online-Tickets erfolgte am 16.08.2017 15:55 Uhr. DB Fernverkehr AG/DB Regio AG, Stephensonstr. 1, 60326 Frankfurt, Steuernummer: 29/001/60002.

Barcode bitte nicht knicken



Name	MARIANNA SKOURADAKI
Total Amount	50,50€
Payment Method	CREDIT CARD
Contract Number	HN7ESS
Date	24.08.2017

Hinfahrt:  
Gültig ab: 24.08.2017

Zangenabdruck

Rückfahrt:  
Gültig ab: 24.08.2017

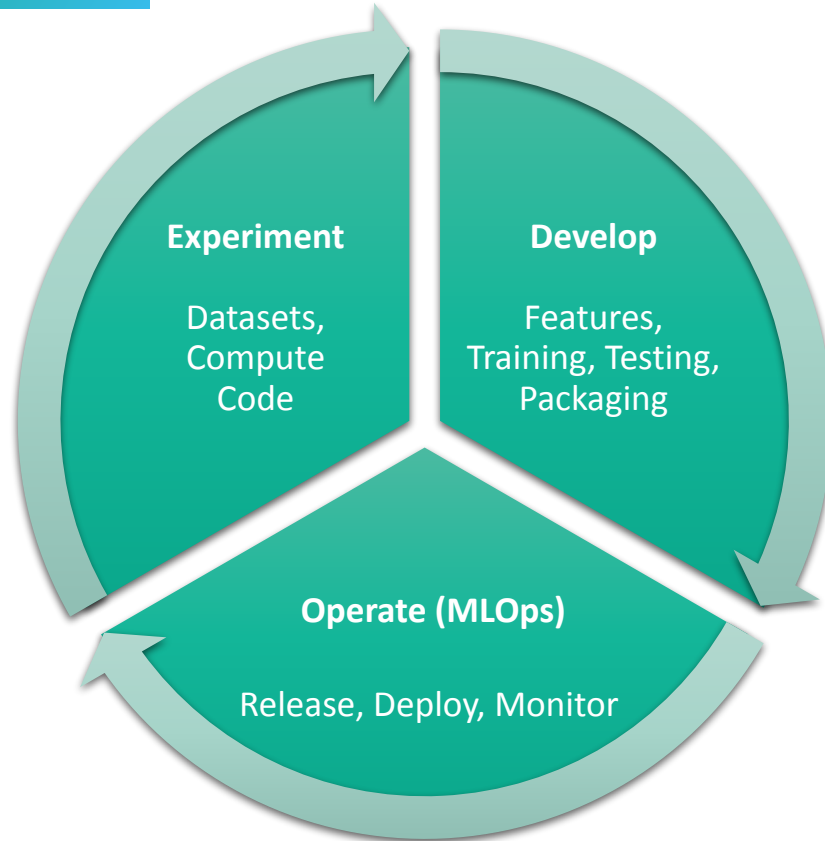
Zangenabdruck

Frau MARIANNA SKOURADAKI  
Auftragsnummer: HN7ESS

Key-Value Pairs

# Machine Learning Lifecycle

---

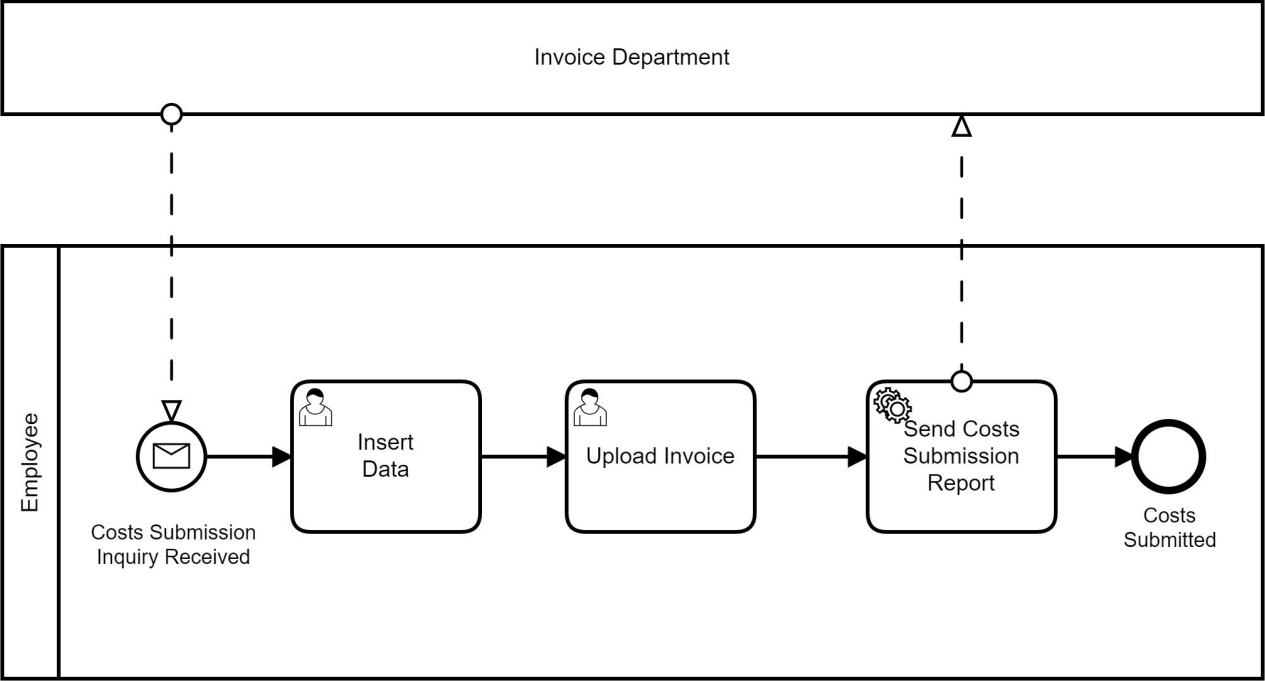


MLaaS

---

# Intelligent Costs Submission Process

# Semi-automated Cost-Submission Process



# AWS Textract (MLaaS)

Services ▾  [Alt+S] msk @ novatec-playground ▾ N. Virginia ▾

Select Document

**Zahlungspositionen und Preis**

Positionen	Preis	MwSt(D) 19%	MwSt(D) 7%
(CH)C Fabrikant	50,00€	9,50€	3,50€
Zahlungsmitteltarif	0,50€	0,00€	0,00€
<b>Summe</b>	<b>50,50€</b>	<b>9,50€</b>	<b>3,50€</b>

**Kreditkartenzahlung**

Betrag	50,50€	VU-Nr	4556695619
Datum	16.08.2017	Gen-Nr	614553

Ihre Kreditkarte wurde mit dem oben genannten Betrag belastet. Die Buchung Ihres Online-Tickets erfolgte am 16.08.2017 15:55 Uhr. DB Fernverkehr AG/DB Regio AG  
Stephensstr. 1, 80326 Frankfurt, Steuernummer: 29101161002

**Ihre Reiseverbindung und Reservierung Hinfahrt am 24.08.2017**

Halt	Datum	Zeit	Gleis	Produkte	Reservierung
Stuttgart Hbf	24.08	ab 07:29	11	IC 2184	
Karlsruhe Hbf	24.08	an 08:53	9		
Karlsruhe Hbf	24.08	ab 09:06	1	RE 12012	
Wörth/Rhein	24.08	an 09:15	3		

**Ihre Reiseverbindung und Reservierung Rückfahrt am 24.08.2017**

Halt	Datum	Zeit	Gleis	Produkte	Reservierung
Wörth/Rhein	24.08	ab 18:44	4	RE 12037	
Karlsruhe Hbf	24.08	an 18:54	102		
Karlsruhe Hbf	24.08	ab 19:06	11	IC 2188	
Stuttgart Hbf	24.08	an 20:03	14		

0,08€ Summe 50,50€ 50,50€ 8,06€ Rückfahrt:

Kreditkartenzahlung Gültig ab: 24.08.2017 20

Zangenabdruck Betrag 50,50€ VU-Nr 4556695619

Transaktions-Nr 614553 Datum 16.08.2017 Gen-Nr 495975 Zangenabdruck

Ihre Kreditkarte wurde mit dem oben genannten Betrag belastet. Die Buchung Ihres

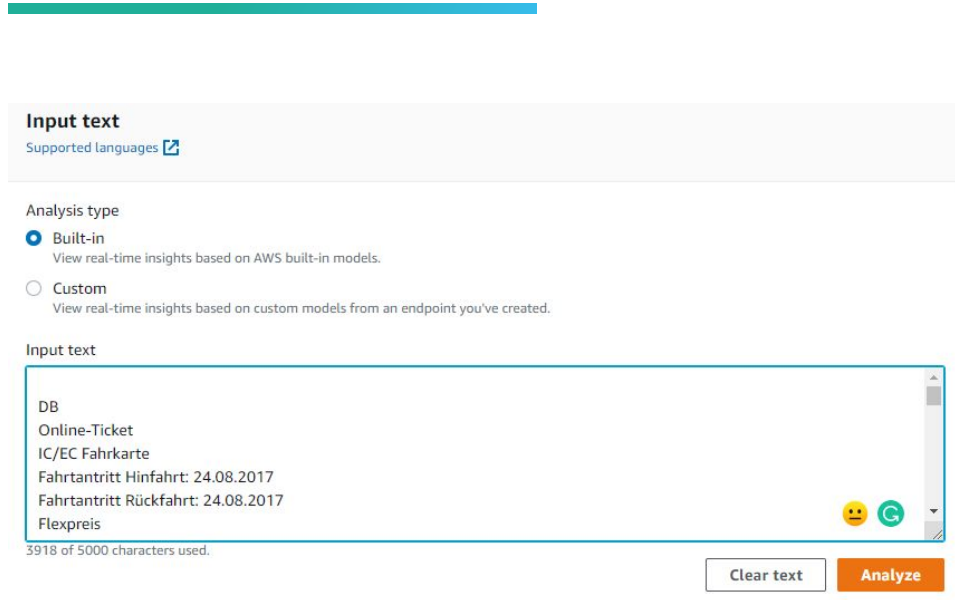
Frau MARIANNA SKOURADAKI

Online-Tickets erfolgte am 16.08.2017 15:55 Uhr. DB Fernverkehr AG/DB Regio AG,

Auftragsnummer: HN7ESS



# AWS Comprehend (MLaaS) 1/2



The screenshot shows the AWS Comprehend console interface. At the top, there is a section titled "Input text" with a link for "Supported languages". Below this, the "Analysis type" is set to "Built-in" (selected with a radio button), with a subtext "View real-time insights based on AWS built-in models." The "Custom" option is also visible but not selected. The "Input text" field contains the following text: "DB", "Online-Ticket", "IC/EC Fahrkarte", "Fahrerantritt Hinfahrt: 24.08.2017", "Fahrerantritt Rückfahrt: 24.08.2017", and "Flexpreis". Below the text field, it indicates "3918 of 5000 characters used." At the bottom of the interface, there are two buttons: "Clear text" and "Analyze".

By default, Amazon Comprehend identifies entities:

- COMMERCIAL\_ITEM
- DATE
- EVENT
- LOCATION
- ORGANIZATION
- OTHER
- PERSON
- QUANTITY
- TITLE

# AWS Comprehend (MLaaS) 2/2

## Analyzed text

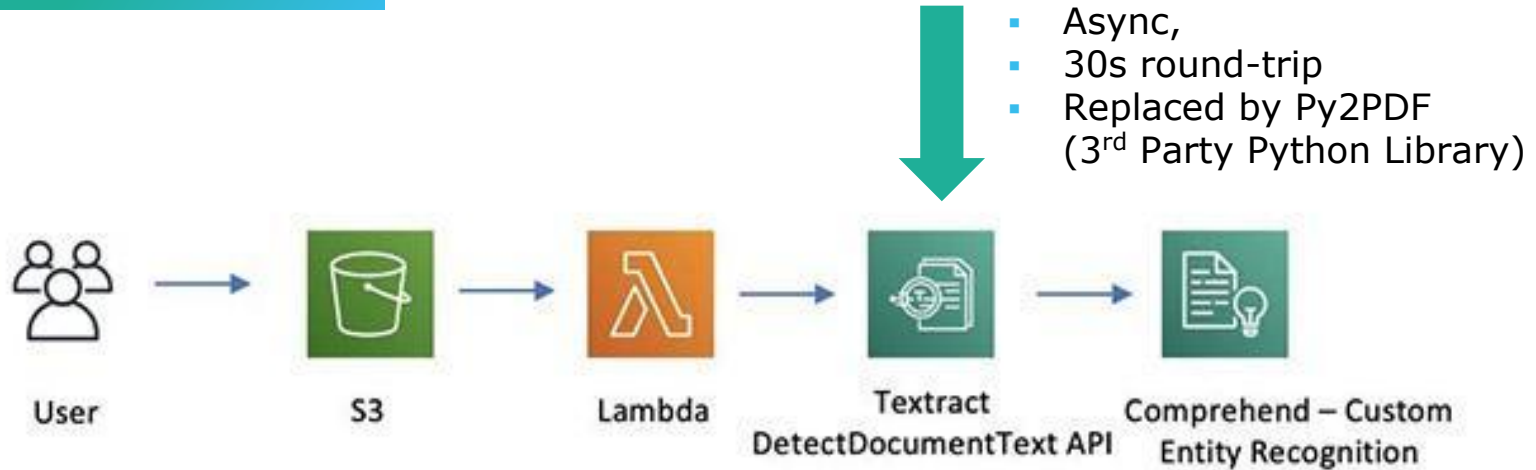
DB Online-Ticket  
IC/EC Fahrkarte  
Fahrtantritt Hinfahrt: 24.08.2017  
Fahrtantritt Rückfahrt: 24.08.2017  
Flexpreis Stuttgart  
Klasse:  
Hinfahrt:  
mit IC/EC  
Rückfahrt Wörth (Rhein) Stuttgart, mit IC/EC  
tiket

## Results


Entity	Type	Confidence
DB Online-Ticket	Organization	0.76
IC/EC Fahrkarte	Commercial item	0.65
24.08.2017	Date	0.99+
24.08.2017	Date	0.99+
Flexpreis Stuttgart	Commercial item	0.55
IC/EC	Commercial item	0.40
Wörth	Location	0.95

AWS Comprehend returns a **confidence score** and positional information of the detected entity

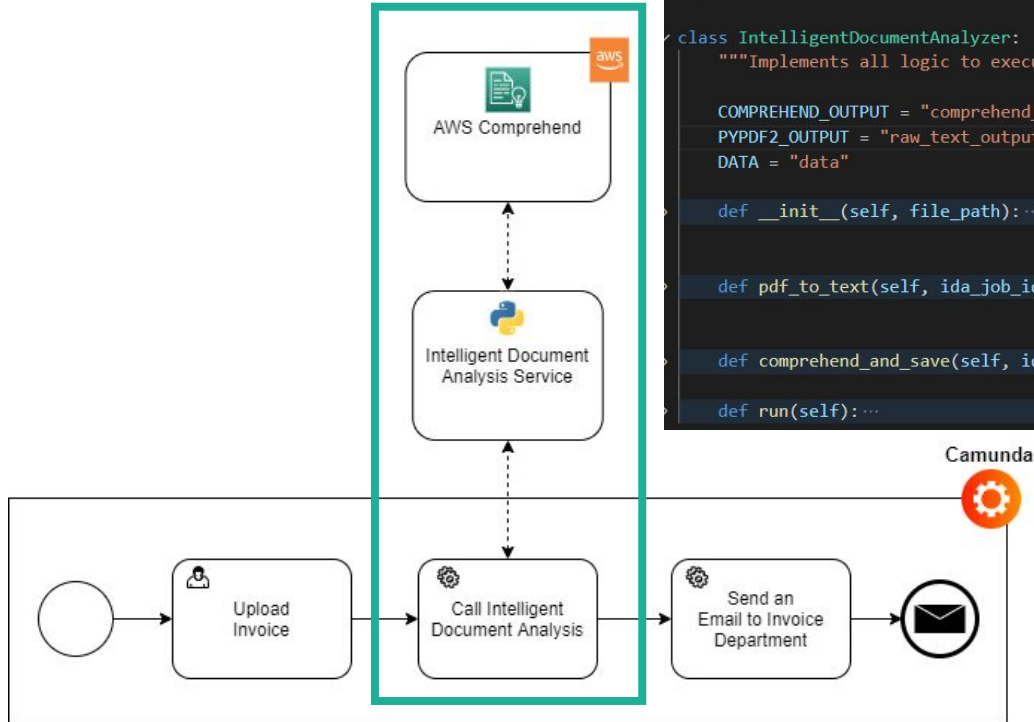
# End-to-end Intelligent Document Analysis with AWS



Source: <https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/machine-learning/extracting-custom-entities-from-documents-with-amazon-textract-and-amazon-comprehend/>

- 
- Supports sync
  - Async lasts 6min
  - Custom training requires 10 documents per custom label

# Architecture



```
import boto3
import json
import logging
import os
from os import path
import pandas as pd
import PyPDF2
import uuid

class IntelligentDocumentAnalyzer:
    """Implements all logic to execute Named Entity Recognition on a document."""

    COMPREHEND_OUTPUT = "comprehend_output"
    PYPDF2_OUTPUT = "raw_text_output"
    DATA = "data"

    def __init__(self, file_path):...

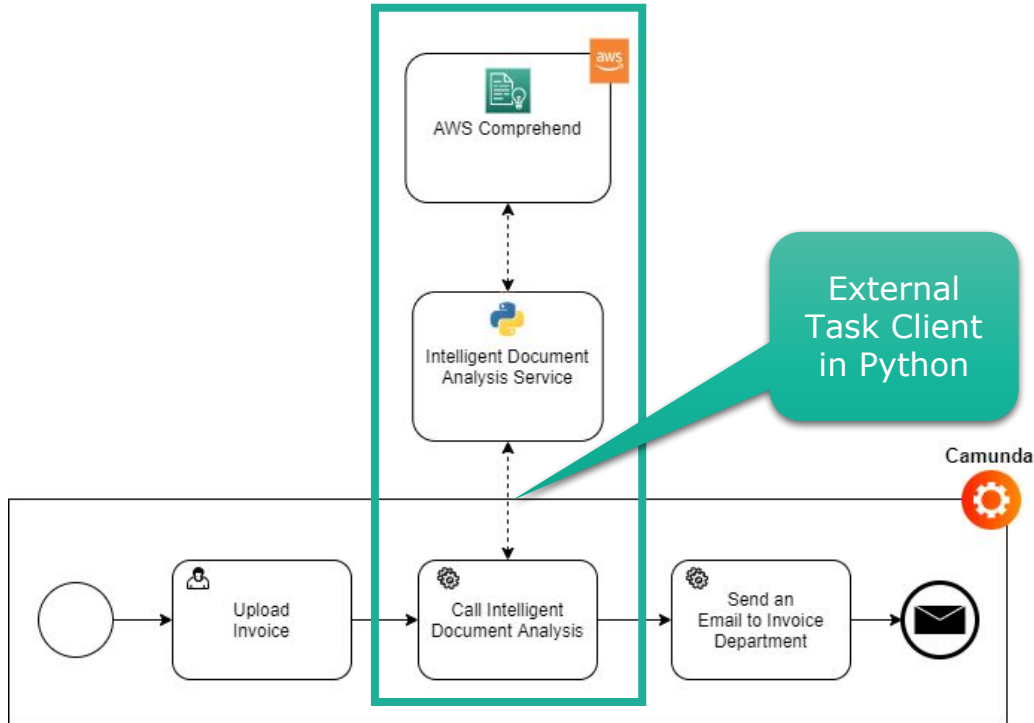
    def pdf_to_text(self, ida_job_id):...

    def comprehend_and_save(self, ida_job_id, raw_text_file_path):...

    def run(self):...
```

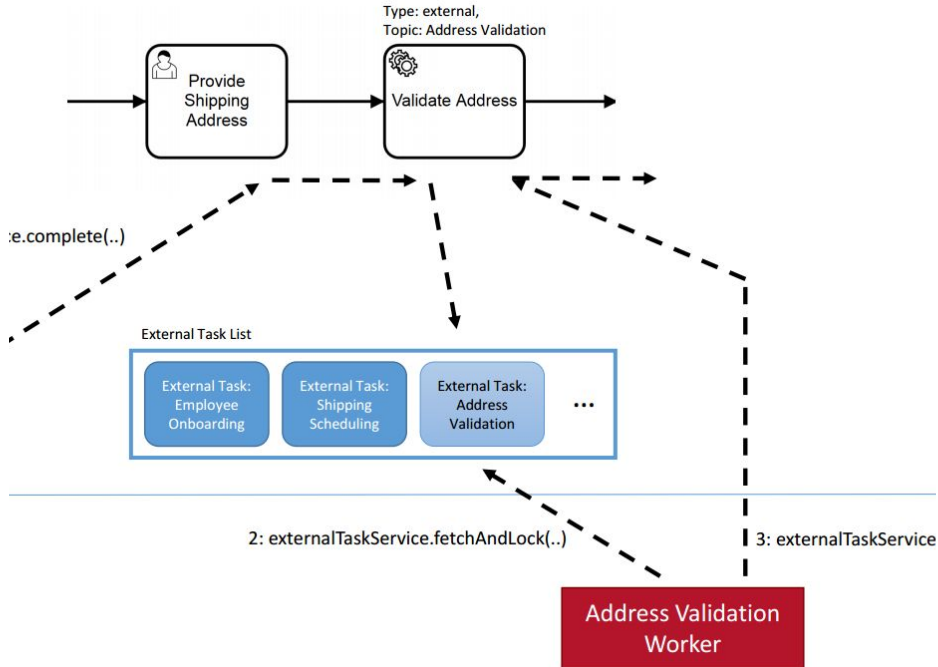
<https://www.novatec-gmbh.de/en/blog/ipa-camunda-comprehend/>

# Implementation Details



<https://www.novatec-gmbh.de/en/blog/ipa-camunda-comprehend/>

# External Task Pattern



- External Task is a service task that provides a unit of work in a list that can be **polled** by workers
- **Polling**: no information is pushed by Camunda

Source: <https://docs.camunda.org/manual/7.15/user-guide/process-engine/external-tasks/>

# External Task Client in Python

CamundaCon, 2019

```
AWS: Add Debug Configuration | AWS: Edit Debug Configuration (Beta)
def main():
    logging.info("Intelligent Document Analysis is running")
    while(True):
        camunda_client= camunda_external_task.client(PROCESS_ENGINE_URL, "ida_task")
        camunda_client.subscribe(topic = "IDA")

        file_path = get_invoice_file(PROCESS_ENGINE_URL, camunda_client.processInstanceId)

        extracted_values_dict = extract_data_from_file_to_dict(file_path)

        camunda_client.complete(**extracted_values_dict)

        logging.info("WorkerId: {} of process instance id: {} completed".format(camunda_client.workerid, camunda_client.processInstanceId))
    return
```

## Alternative:

<https://github.com/camunda-community-hub/camunda-external-task-client-python3>

# Chosen Camunda Deployments

---

## Camunda Platform Run

Simple and Powerful

Java background not needed

Enables fast service orchestration



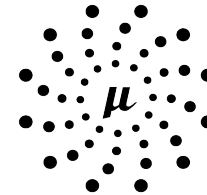
## Camunda Micronaut

Developed in Novatec with the support of the open-source community

Lightweight

Faster start-up times

Less memory consumption



M I C R O N A U T

<https://www.novatec-gmbh.de/en/blog/micronaut-meets-camunda-bpm/>





---

# Demo





# Takeaways

---

- IPA is about leveraging the automation level of your business process with intelligent services
- Now is the right time to apply IPA and it can be very profitable to the business
- It is relatively easy to connect AI logic to Camunda
  - No deep understanding of ML needed
  - MLaaS and External Task Client in Python open a lot of possibilities



# Interested? Get in touch!

---

## **Blog Post**

<https://www.novatec-gmbh.de/en/blog/ipa-camunda-comprehend/>

## **Intelligent Process Automation Offering**

<https://www.novatec-gmbh.de/beratung/intelligente-prozessautomatisierung/>

## **MLOps Offering**

<https://www.novatec-gmbh.de/beratung/mlops/>

## **Dr. Marigianna Skouradaki**

Consultant

[marigianna.skouradaki@novatec-gmbh.de](mailto:marigianna.skouradaki@novatec-gmbh.de)

# Quiz

---

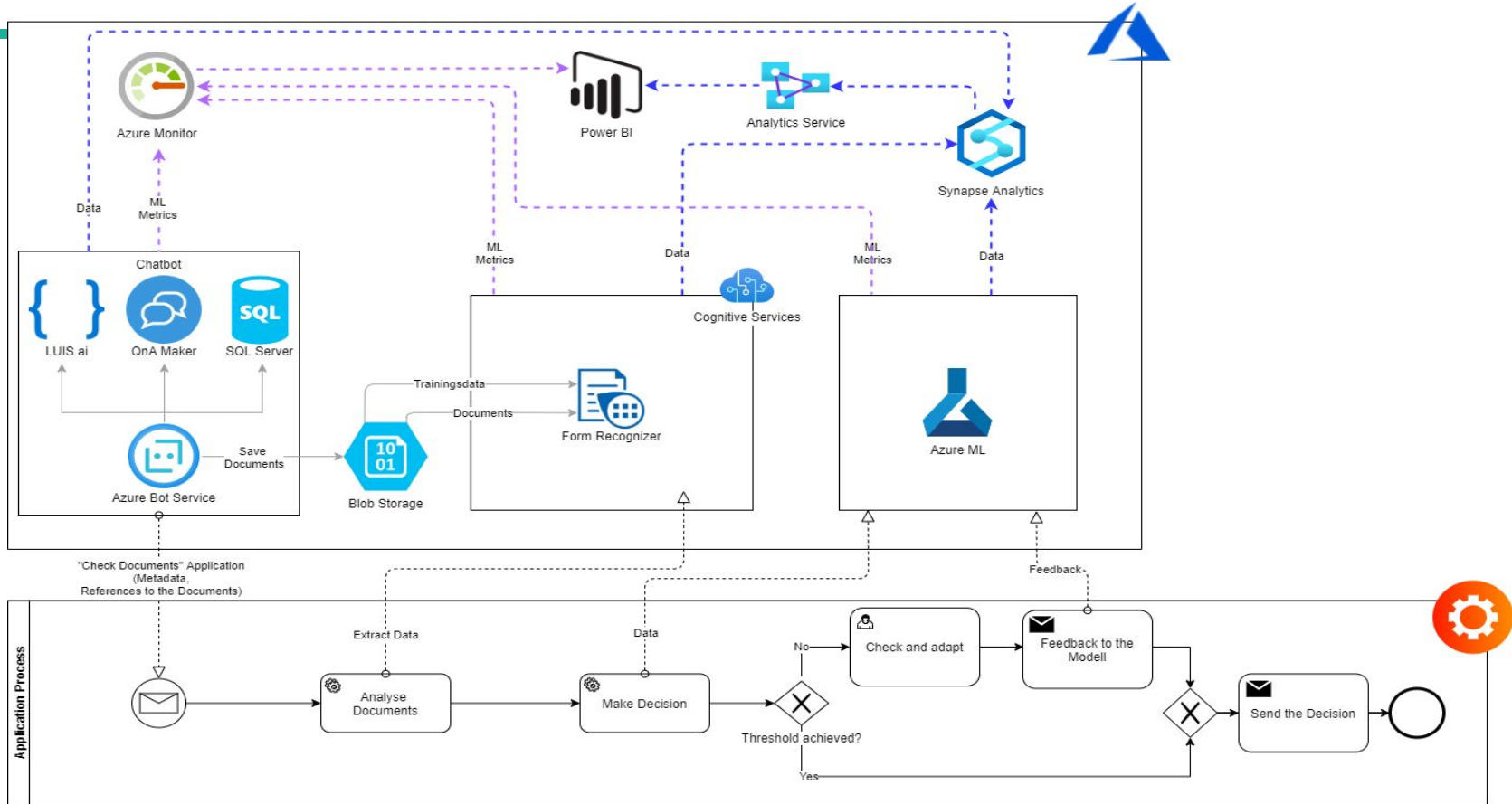


<https://www.menti.com/vbjnorxu7f>

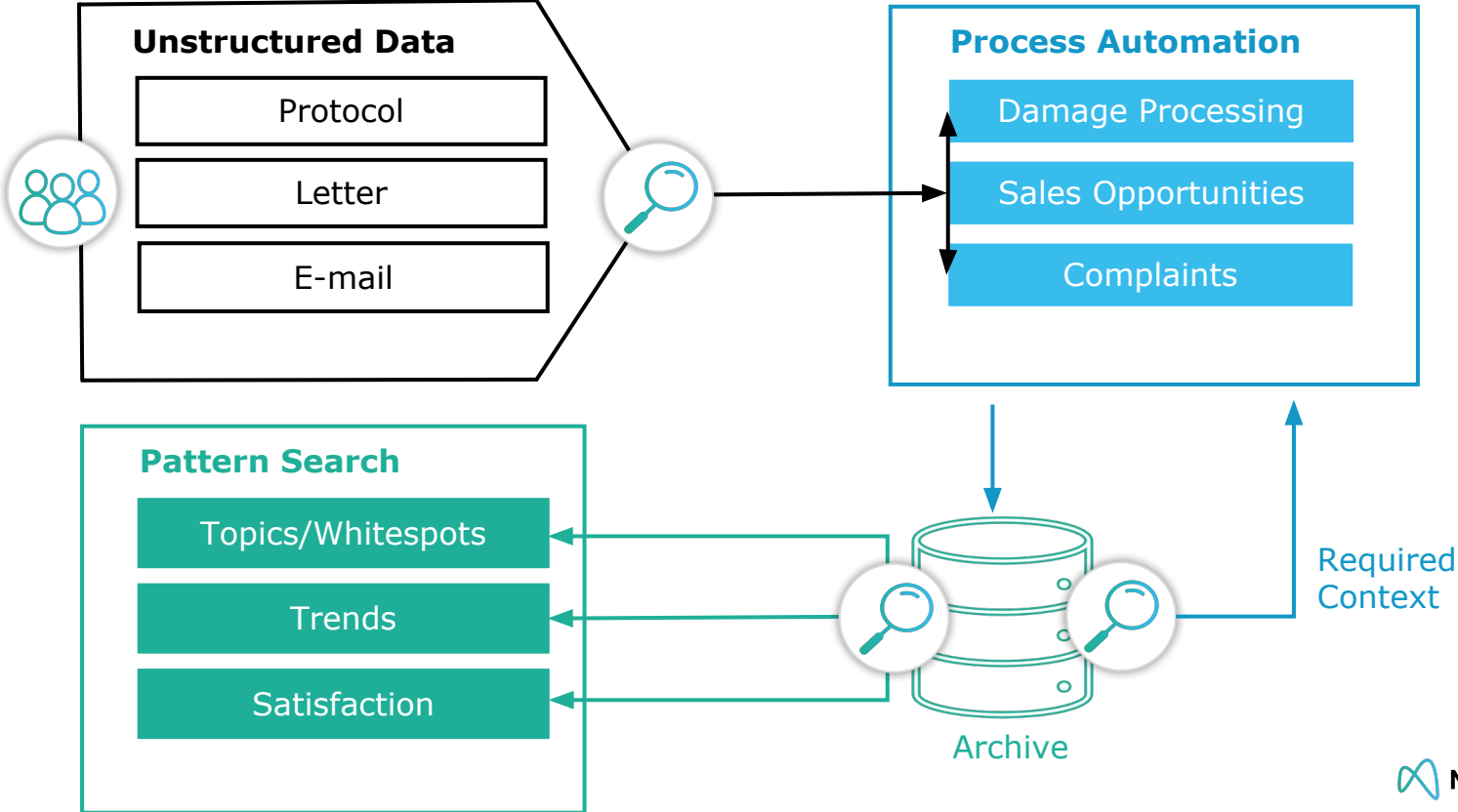
Code: **6828 4009**

*Which terms are related to  
Intelligent Process  
Automation?*

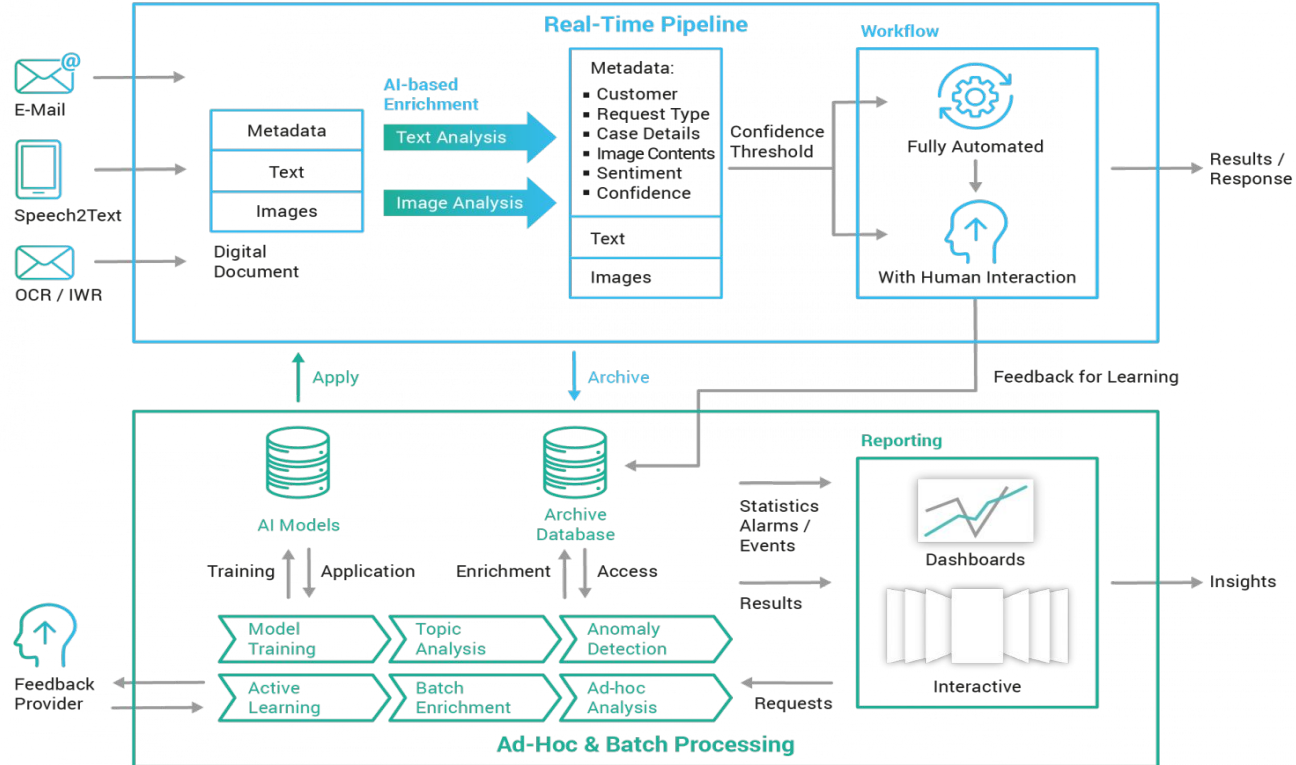
# Example: Azure Architecture



# Intelligent Document Analysis in Action

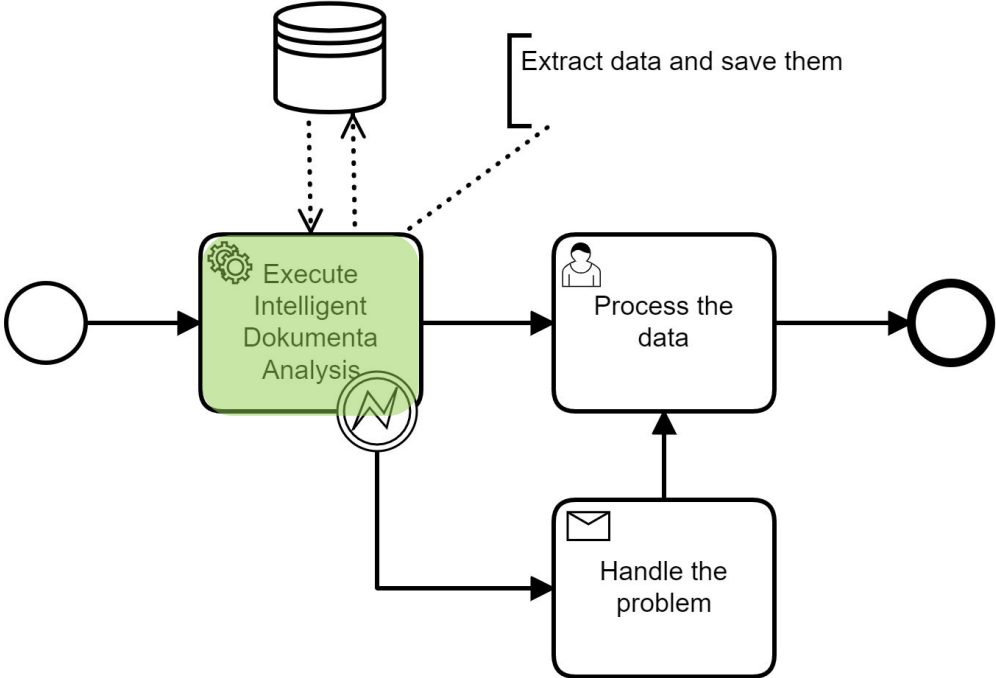


# Functionality of Intelligent Document Analysis

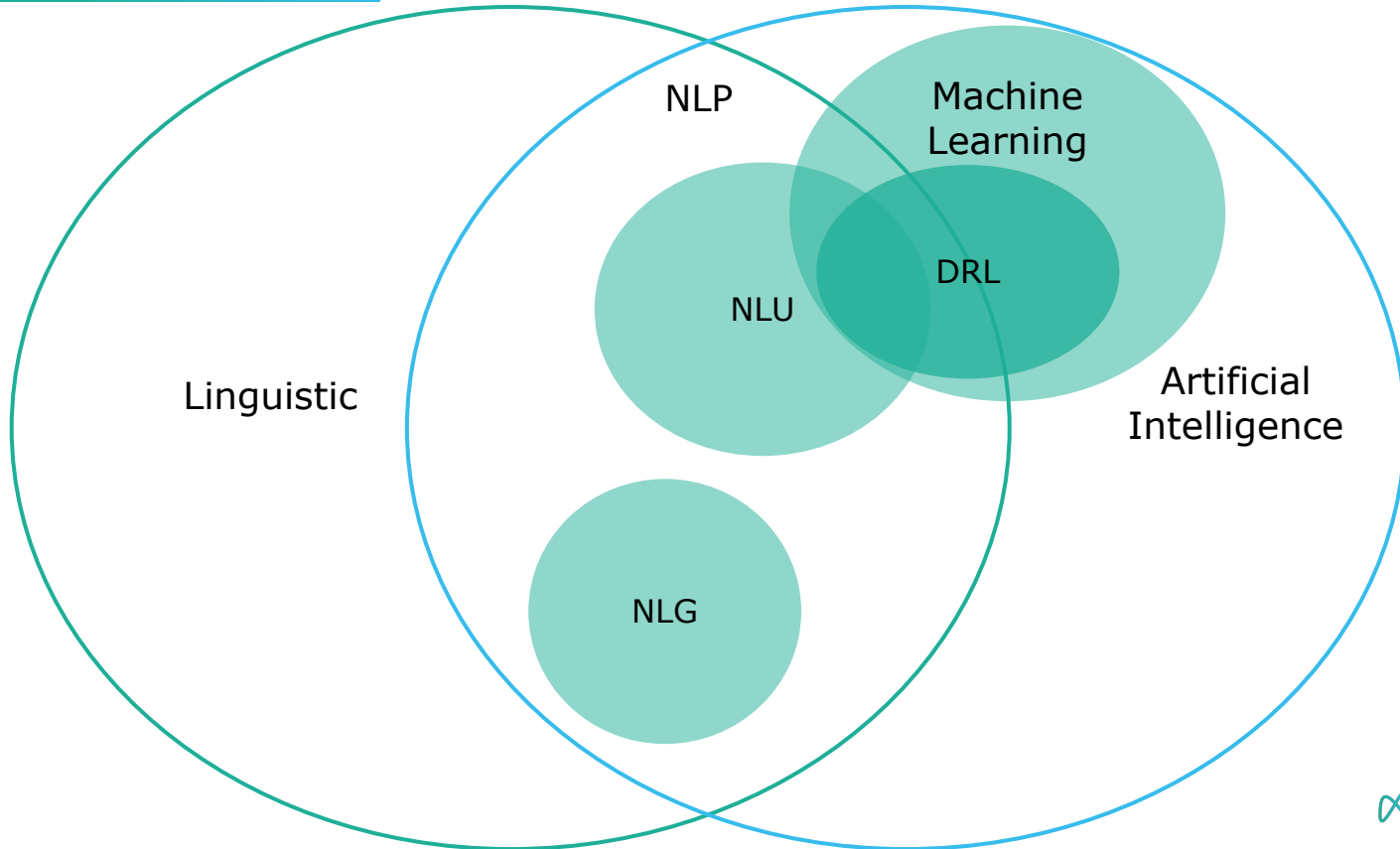




# Integration of IDA in BPM



# Natural Language Processing (NLP)



# Limitations

---

## Textextract

- Supports only asynchronous detection of text in PDF files
- Response times for analyzing one file were approximately 30s round trip
- To achieve better response times, we replaced Textextract functionality with Py2PDF local library

## Comprehend

- Custom entity recognition requires 10 documents per custom label
- Asynchronous call with one PDF file as input takes approximately 6 minutes to respond
- Although not tested in detail, we suspect that this time would remain stable even with a larger batch of files.

# Intelligent Document analysis

## Problems with current methods of analysis

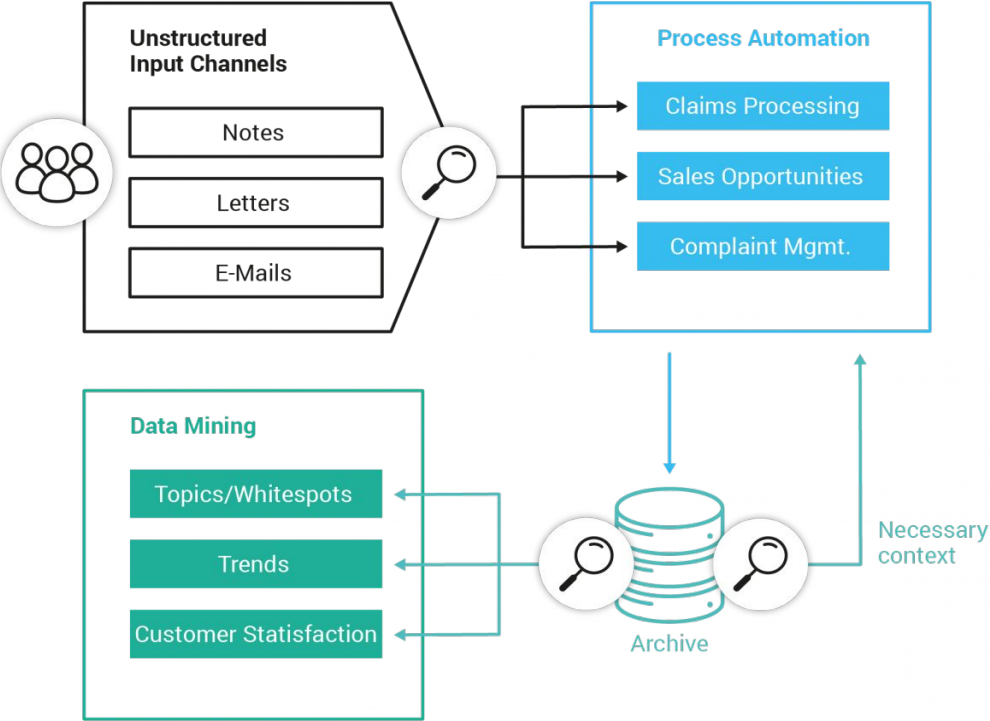
- Big data: Too many documents that are impossible to analyze manually.
- Analysis processes that are slow because they are not automated
- Knowledge loss because it was not possible to process all the information

## Benefits as a result of intelligent document analysis

- Customer satisfaction increased as a result of faster processes
- Improved quality of services as a result of greater know-how
- (Product) improvements as a result of pattern recognition and trend recognition in documents
- Targeted, personalized and sustainable addressing of customers as a result of data-driven marketing



# Intelligent Document Analysis in Action



# MLOps: DevOps for Machine Learning

## Problem definition for manual training & operations

- Long roll-out cycles for new models due to a manual training process
- No continuous and standardized quality assurance of data and models
- No automation, standardization and transparency can be achieved due to lack of data, experiment and model management

## Benefits of MLOps

- Automation through standardized ML pipelines (e.g., training & model deployment)
- Bridging the gap between development phase and practical deployment
- Versioning of data, hyperparameters & models
- Data and model testing to identify issues as early as possible in the ML pipeline
- Production monitoring to ensure models are performing to expected quality as they process new data



# Translate Recognized Entities to own Model

```
class EntitiesExtractor:
    """Contains all logic to extract relevant information from the recognized entities and save them t
    It currently works for DB Tickets.
    """

    def __init__(self, entities_file_path):...

    def extract_organization(self):...

    def extract_name(self):
        """Extracts the full name (firstname, lastname) from the recognized entities file."""

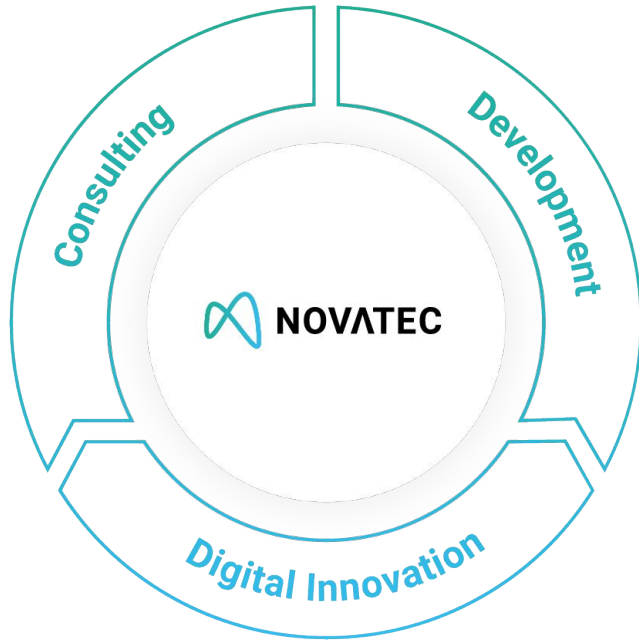
        globals().update(self.__dict__)

        name_fields = data[(data["Type"] == "PERSON")]
        if name_fields.shape[0] != 0:
            name=""
            for field in name_fields.itertuples():
                name = name + " " +field.Text

            names = name.split(" ")[:-1]
            extracted_data["firstname"] = ' '.join(names)
            extracted_data["lastname"] = name.split(" ")[-1]
        else:
            extracted_data["firstname"] = np.nan
            extracted_data["lastname"] = np.nan
```

# Accompanying Novatec into the digital future

---



## Our Portfolio

As an independent IT specialist, we have been leading our customers into the digital future since 1996.



# Novatec in Numbers

---



# Our Portfolio

---



Agile  
Organization



Artificial Intelligence  
& Machine Learning



Quality  
Engineering



Internet of Things  
(IoT)



Agile Software  
Engineering



Augmented &  
Virtual Reality



IT Architecture & Cloud



Business Process  
Management

**CAMUNDA**

Platinum  
Partner  
CERTIFIED



Enterprise Architecture  
Management



Application Performance  
Management