Support your BPM initiatives with a powerful social, mobile, and cloud-based platform.

Business process management (BPM) is evolving rapidly in the face of ongoing advancements in technology, an increasingly multigenerational workforce, and an evolving and complex regulatory landscape. Underpinning every BPM initiative is a focus on creating and sharing professional process diagrams. There is continuing interest in automating business processes, and today’s organizations are increasingly focused on constant monitoring of these processes for effective business governance. In recent times, many organizations and BPM professionals have come to realize that a socially inclusive and democratized approach is critical for the success of BPM initiatives.

**Jumpstart professional process diagramming**

With a familiar and intuitive interface combined with new and updated process templates, shapes, and formatting options, Visio makes it easy for you to create and define highly professional diagrams.

- **Quickly create a range of process diagrams using templates and shapes based on the latest standards**, such as Business Process Model and Notation (BPMN) 2.0, and Unified Modeling Language (UML) 2.5, as well as basic templates such as for cross-functional flowcharts and basic workflows.

**Visio Pro for Office 365 includes a wide range of BPM templates**

Microsoft Visio provides easy-to-use, powerful process diagramming, automation, and validation capabilities. In conjunction with interoperability with Microsoft Office 365, it delivers a strong social and mobile foundation that can help your organization drive successful BPM initiatives.
• Leverage the pre-crafted starter diagrams to onboard your new process modeler quickly with contextual tips and tricks.

Pre-crafted starter diagrams for BPMN template

• Use built-in validation capabilities to check the structural integrity of your SharePoint workflows before you configure and deploy them further; you can also extend the built-in validation capabilities with custom rules to help ensure compliance with industry standards, government regulations, and your own organizational policies.

• Customize and complete your process diagrams with hundreds of new and updated themes, effects, shapes, and callouts.

Hand-drawing style for team brainstorming

Support an inclusive and collaborative BPM strategy

BPM initiatives seldom succeed without support from the employees who will be most affected by them. The most successful organizations proactively follow an inclusive and collaborative BPM strategy from the early design stages. The close interoperability between Visio and Office 365 offers a strong platform to help you build a highly participative and social BPM strategy that includes both internal and external participants.

• Finish projects quickly by enabling multiple users to work on the same process diagram at the same time.

• Make it easy for users to collaborate as they work by being able to initiate voice, video, or instant messaging (IM) conversations with each other using Microsoft Skype for Business right from within Visio.
Monitor and share process performance in real-time

Once your processes are deployed, ideally you will continuously monitor them to identify opportunities to improve performance and any need for redesign. Visio Pro for Office 365 with its all new web app can help you monitor the performance of your processes through a browser—from simple, cross-functional flowcharts or BPMN diagrams all the way to complex SharePoint workflows—by dynamically visualizing related key performance indicators (KPIs).

- **Take advantage of the social capabilities in Office 365**, which enable participants to follow process documents, discussions, and newsfeeds from a wide range of mobile phones and tablets.

- **Enable BPM reviewers and stakeholders to easily add comments to process diagrams**; if they don’t have Visio installed on their computer, they can review and add comments to diagrams using Visio Services in their browser.

- **Manage process diagram documentation, version control, IP, and check ins/check outs** using the Visio Process Repository in Microsoft SharePoint Online (part of Office 365) and the new native Information Rights Management.

**Engine Plant Status**

Assembly process monitoring using data graphics
The versatility and ease of use provided by Visio, together with the unparalleled productivity and mobility capabilities represented by the Microsoft Office platform, deliver a strong foundation for all your BPM needs.

Note: All of the same capabilities are included in Visio Professional 2016 and Visio Pro for Office 365.