Luther Case Study

Mortgage and Insurance Policy Sourcing end-to-end Process Operations

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1. Executive Summary

Taking out mortgage loans and insurance policies are some of the most important and complex decisions a person can make. With mortgage loans particularly, due to their importance and complexity, over 80% of people choose to use a broker to source and apply for their mortgage loan[1].

Even using brokerage services, the mortgage loan and insurance policy sourcing process remains complex. Brokers must verify customer information, source many available policies from different lenders for the customer's consideration, and accurately complete complicated loan and policy applications.

Sesame Bankhall Group (SBG), a subsidiary of Aviva, serves over 10,000 financial advisors across the UK, including brokers[2], providing customers with the necessary business and regulatory expertise to facilitate mortgage loan and insurance policy sourcing. SBG facilitates the acquisition of £42 billion in mortgage loans annually[3].

Acre Software provides software solutions for the mortgage and insurance industries. Acre wanted to automate the complex mortgage loan and insurance policy sourcing process across multiple separate participating teams, with hundreds of tasks, thousands of compliance rules and numerous software systems. Acre selected Luther's Deep Process Automation platform as the back-end engine on which to build their automated complex mortgage loan and policy sourcing process. Acre developed this product for SBG, who are one of their main customers and partners, to reduce operational costs for SBG brokerage services, and improve customer satisfaction by reducing operation times, ensuring faster delivery of mortgage loans. The process operating on the Luther Platform has now also been expanded to automate the sourcing of general and protection insurance policies for SBG.

The commercial impact of implementing the Luther Platform in Acre's product for SBG are:

ROI 5X	Cost reduction 30%	Avg. Speed increase 2.5X

The process involves 5 teams and participants: i) the Broker, ii) the External Verifiers, iii) the Aggregator, iv) the Customer, and v) the Lender. A full breakdown of teams and their roles can be found in section 2.4.

A key component of financial advisory services is mortgage loan and insurance policy sourcing. The mortgage loan and policy sourcing process involves several key steps: collecting and verifying customer information, requesting available loans from aggregators, recommending loans to customers, obtaining a decision in principle from the lender, further verifying the customer, requesting approval of the loan, and delivering the loan to the customer. For a full breakdown of the process see section 2.5.

[1]https://www.drummondsfinancegroup.co.uk/post/how-many-people-use-a-mortgage-broker
[2,3]https://www.mortgagefinancegazette.com/fintech/sesame-bankhall-group-aviva-invest-5-million-acre-software-mortgage-blockchain-technology-02-04-2019/

SBG processes 230,000 mortgages annually, at an average size of £205,000, totalling £42 billion in mortgage loans annually.

230,000 mortgages per year	£205,000 average mortgage	£42 billion annual mortgage value

SBG operates the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process as part of the mortgage services value chain and insurance services value chain, depending on the use case. This process operates across 5 teams & 17 software systems and it includes 204 tasks end-to-end.

Teams 5	Software systems 17	Tasks 204

To operate the process end-to-end, each team operates a number of functions. Each function performs the same Operations Cycle (series of steps); i) send data & info to the system, ii) receive response from system, iii) compute & validate response, iv) share & store execution of step, v) evaluate & initiate next step.

Operational Silos cause unreliable Process Operations

SBG operate the Process across
5 teams & 17 Software Systems

each team & system performs a function for the Process (perform checks, review docs, ...)

these teams & systems are siloed,
they have separate ops, tech & governance

but the end-to-end process operates across them

For reliable operations, all teams & systems involved should operate the same end-to-end process. However, they often don't! This leads to operational & technical challenges, which make process operations unreliable. The opportunity is providing a platform to reliably operate the end-to-end process, across all teams & systems involved. Traditional solutions to end-to-end process operations are unreliable & expensive.

Enterprise Operations are generally function-first, which means they continue to focus on improving functions & systems, but processes are considered secondary. The thinking is that if we have great functions & systems, the business can operate any process! Traditionally enterprises use bespoke connectors & local operations scripts for process operations, which are fragmented, siloed, and changed separately, and so are ineffective for reliable process operations.

Enterprises primarily focus on the operations of
individual teams & systems,
and continuously improve them

operations of the end-to-end process
across 5 teams & 17 systems
is of secondary focus,
especially as the process evolves

This costs the enterprise
millions in operational costs, and days in delays

For SBG's mortgage loan and policy sourcing process, this leads to

Practical Problems in the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process

- Inability to adjust quickly to regulation changes
- Costly manual documentation review
- Low customer satisfaction due to long timescales
- Poor support for returning customers
- Slow response to market demands
- Increased costs for customers
- Issues identified late in process cycle

To remedy this, enterprises use automation tools. However, they are ineffective at end-to-end process operations, due to their limited scope and scale, and stitching them together also doesn't solve the problem.

Luther's platform is designed process-first, & primarily focuses on end-to-end processes. Reliable end-to-end process operations include consistent operations, and great functions & systems.

Luther's platform takes a Process First Approach
focusing on reliable operations of the end-to-end process across all teams & systems,
instead of cobbling & stitching together the separate & siloed functions
of 5 teams & 17 software systems

The automated mortgage loan and policy sourcing process, built on the Luther Platform and developed by Luther in collaboration with Acre, uses Deep Process Automation Technology to improve the automation of loan and policy sourcing by SBG, and automatically process and verify customer and loan or policy data on the Luther Platform. The Luther Platform provides standard connectivity and a Common Operations Script shared by all participants. The platform reliably operates the end-to-end process across all teams and software systems from the common operations script.

Luther's unique value for reliable end-to-end Process Operations is providing i) standard connectivity & ii) a common operations script, across all teams & software systems.

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Luther's platform vertically integrates i) distributed system technology ii) optimal resource allocation & management, iii) real time event ordering & streaming, iv) deterministic event processing & execution, for reliable end-to-end process operations.

Luther's platform does this by i) connecting systems to standard platform nodes, rather than to each other, and ii) teams & systems can change the common operations script but all teams & systems have to know & agree to the change, so all teams & systems involved operate the same end-to-end Process all the time!

Finally the Luther Platform reliably operates the end-to-end mortgage loan and policy sourcing process across 5 teams, 17 software systems & 204 tasks.

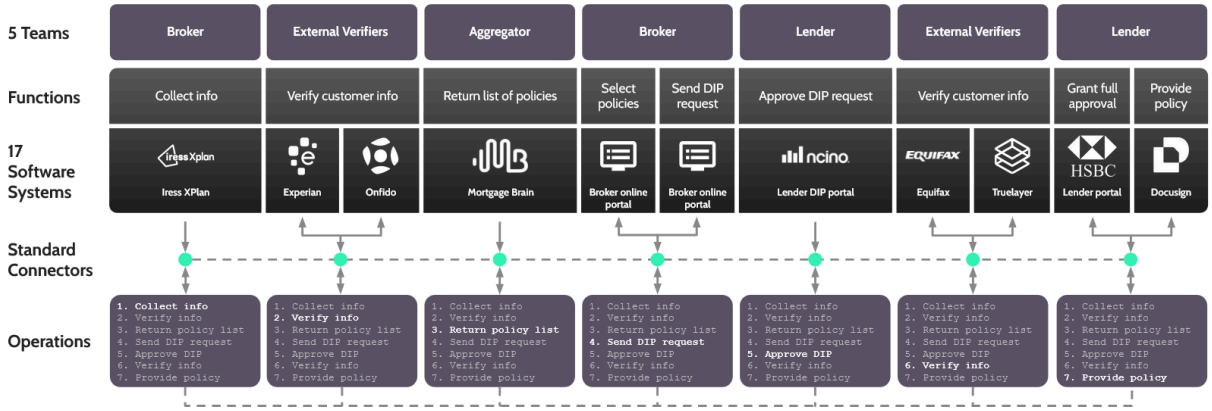
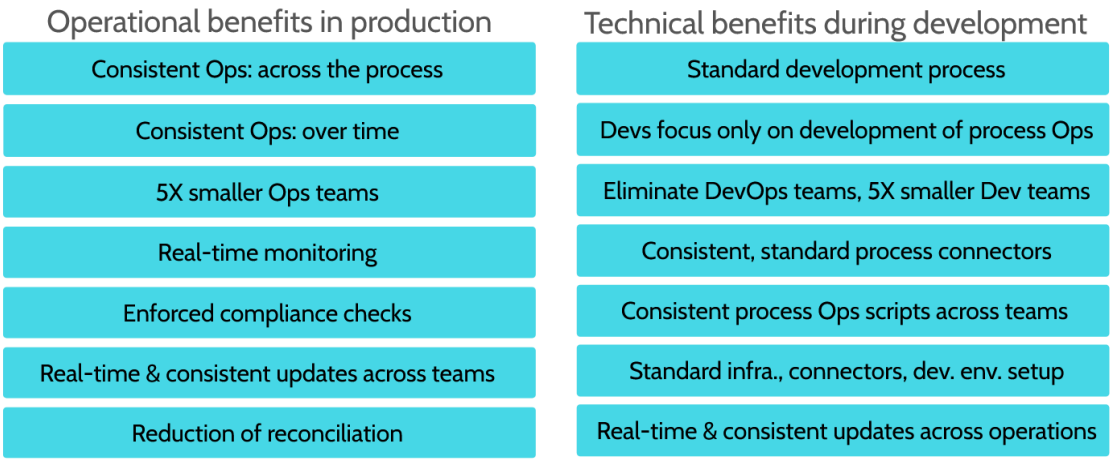


Fig 1. Mortgage loan and Policy Sourcing Process operations built on the Luther Platform

To implement the platform, i) Luther's team mapped the Process, ii) Identified teams & software systems in the process, iii) allocated nodes (servers) to teams, iv) connected nodes to systems, v) set up the Platform on the nodes. vi) Acre's team along with Luther's team developed the Common Operations Script (code) for Process Operations, vii) the process went Live.

Fig 2. Implementation timeline of the automated Mortgage loan and Policy Sourcing Process.

The results have been highly impactful. Thanks to increases in efficiency and operations reliability, a process that traditionally took 2 months with 8 hours of FTE time can now be completed in less than 2 weeks with only 3 hours FTE time, and operational costs have been reduced by 30%. Beyond the commercial results, this led to operational benefits in production; i) reliable operations across the end-to-end process & over time, ii) 5X smaller Ops teams, iii) real-time monitoring, iv) enforced compliance checks, v) real-time and consistent updates across all teams, vi) reduction of reconciliation. Also, technical benefits during development; i) standard dev. process so developers can focus on operations, ii) 5X smaller Dev teams, iii) standard process connectors, iv) automated infrastructure and connectors setup, v) real-time and consistent updates with the rest of operations.



The key impact is the increased efficiency of the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process. The Luther Platform standardizes data entry formats and eliminates the need for manual checks of documents and time intensive manual reconciliation, reducing operating costs and times. Customers are approved for mortgage loans faster, increasing customer satisfaction while reducing operating costs for SBG. The product has already been further expanded to include other policy services SBG offer, such as protection and general insurance policies, and could also be used to manage and support other aspects of SBG's business, such as advisor training and compliance package design.

Fig 3. Results of implementing the Platform for the Mortgage loan and Policy Sourcing Process

2. The Process

2.1. Process Operations

Different teams have different operations, rules and governance and they also utilize and operate a variety of software systems in different ways. Each system operates a specific function for the process. To operate the process end-to-end, each function performs the same cycle of steps: i) **Send**: send data & information to the System, ii) **Receive:** receive response from the System, iii) **Validate:** compute & validate response, iv) **Store:** share & store execution of step, v) **Initiate:** evaluate & initiate next steps.

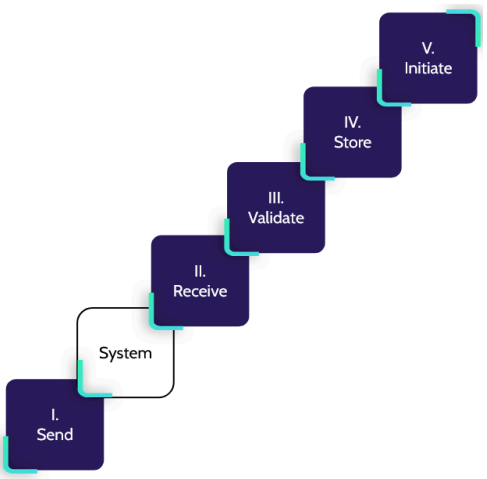


Fig 4. These are the requirements that repeat for all functions across the end-to-end Process Operations.

Enterprises operate a set of specific functions based on their objective. For example, a financial advisory company's functions help it to provide financial advice. While the functions and systems may change, the process remains the same. However, expecting processes to be efficient because of efficient individual tools simply does not work for enterprises. Luther empowers enterprises with a process-first approach.

Tasks are simple events that are localized to one team involving one or two software systems, for example retrieving data from a database. Workflows are more complex, involving 10-20 tasks between one to two teams, and two to three software systems. An example of a workflow is onboarding a new employee. Processes are complex, involving 50+ tasks, 3 or more teams and multiple software systems. Sourcing a mortgage loan or policy end-to-end is a process.

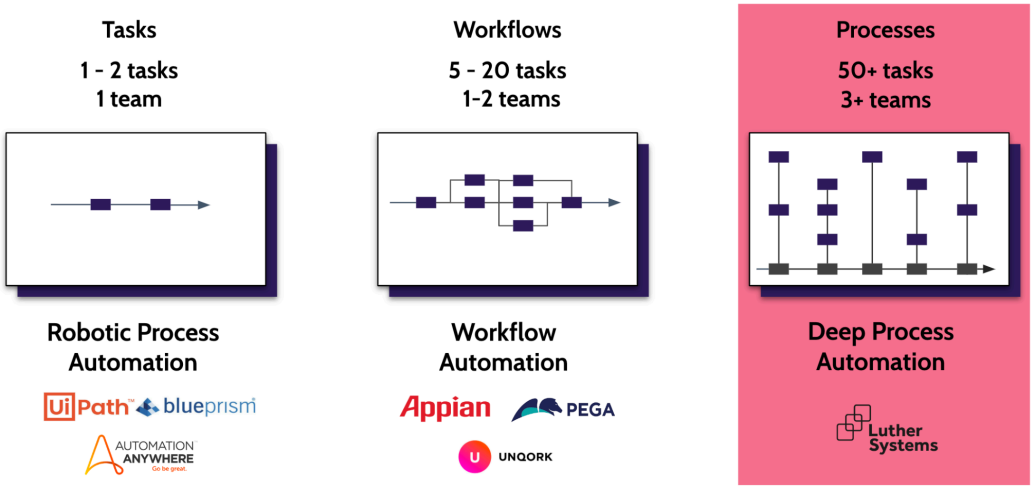


Fig 5. Different tools are used to automate different levels of complexity.

2.2. Function First Operations and its limitations

Generally, enterprise operations are function-driven. They have a large collection of software systems each operating a specific task. Tasks often have dedicated software systems and are operated by specific teams. By developing, purchasing and maintaining efficient systems, most enterprise tasks operate highly reliably.

Enterprise processes, however, operate across multiple teams and software systems, and involve many tasks. This means reliable end-to-end process operations require efficient teams and systems, as well as efficient connectivity and operations across these teams and systems.

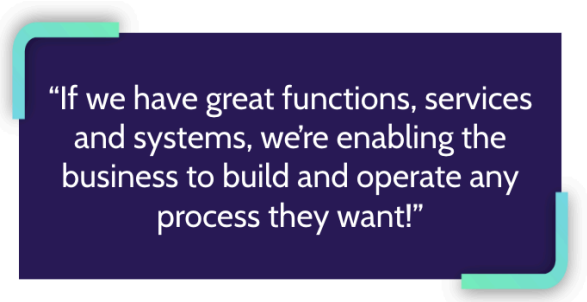
Enterprises generally take a "function-first" approach to process operations. Great individual teams and systems provide the required ingredients for great process operations, so they focus on enhancing and improving the performance and efficiency of individual teams and software systems. A good analogy of this approach is "if we have great ingredients, anyone can cook anything they want and it'll be of great quality!" Processes are considered secondary to functions and systems, as they are considered ever changing, and efficient functions and systems can enable any process that the business may envision. The problem is, efficient functions do not necessarily create an efficient process.

Efficient software systems and functions are not enough to reliably operate a process end-to-end

In practice, most enterprises have a defined charter and mission, particularly if they are in a regulated industry. They provide specific products and services which are generally enumerated and these rarely change. These form the basis of the value streams provided by an enterprise. For example, every financial advisory and brokerage company researches the mortgage market, sources insurance policies, sources mortgage policies, develops their services and conducts risk and compliance management. The majority of "enterprise operations" are in operating these value streams. Each value stream has a set of processes, which are generally enumerated and these rarely change. The details might vary over time but the process functions remain the same. For example the mortgage services value stream includes these processes: Customer Issue Resolution, Lender Management, Mortgage Loan Sourcing, Remortgage Planning, and Fraud Management. These are well known processes with well known functions, the details and data in these processes might change over time, however the functions of these processes remain the same.

The majority of processes and their functions (what each process does end-to-end) are enumerable for an enterprise. In fact a large deviation from these processes and venturing into new areas that are drastically different from the enumerated processes is a major event at an enterprise and is a multi-year plan. The vast majority of enterprise processes (what the process does) are enumerable and remain largely the same.

The prevailing view is if we build or purchase efficient teams and systems, then any process can be built on top of these great teams and systems. Processes are secondary to these functions and systems, as they are considered ever changing, and functions and systems are there to enable any process that the business may envision or desire to build!



Enterprises continue to optimize, improve, and incorporate better functions and systems. Example functions include generating invoices, retrieving loans, approving information, making requests, and sending invoices. Example software systems include databases, CRMs, RPA, Workflow tools, cloud services, microservices, data lakes, and others.

The problem is i) processes are well-defined, and not a by-product of the systems used to operate them, ii) efficient teams and systems are not enough to build efficient end-to-end processes.

For enterprise operations the process and its function (end-to-end operations) are equally as important as the individual teams and systems and their individual technology and functions (what they each do).

Each enterprise generally operates a specific set of value chains and processes, in particular in regulated industries, as explicitly stated by their primary activities. An insurance company insures!

For each enterprise most processes are already known and don't change.
For most processes, the majority of the process operations are already known and don't change.

It's time to take a Process first approach in the enterprise!

2.3. Process First Operations

Luther's platform is designed process-first. For efficient enterprise operations, effective end-to-end operations are as important as effective individual services and teams and systems, primarily since the enterprise's core value is delivering a specific set of processes and value streams, particularly in regulated industries, where most value streams & processes are explicitly enumerated!

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If we have great functions and systems, the business can operate any process!

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Primary focus on end-to-end processes.
Reliable end-to-end process operations include consistent operations, & great functions & systems

The most important attributes of process first operations are i) standardized connectivity between all systems involved in the process, ii) Common Operations Script operating the end-to-end process.

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2.4. Mortgage loan and Policy Sourcing Process in context

SBG has a number of general Value Streams involved in operating their services. One such value stream is "Mortgage Services". This value stream includes multiple processes. Mortgage loan sourcing is a key process for SBG, serving to assist customers in obtaining a mortgage loan to maximise customer satisfaction. Its primary purpose is to collect and verify customer information, provide recommended loans to the customer, and interface with the lender on behalf of the customer to make applications and obtain the loan.

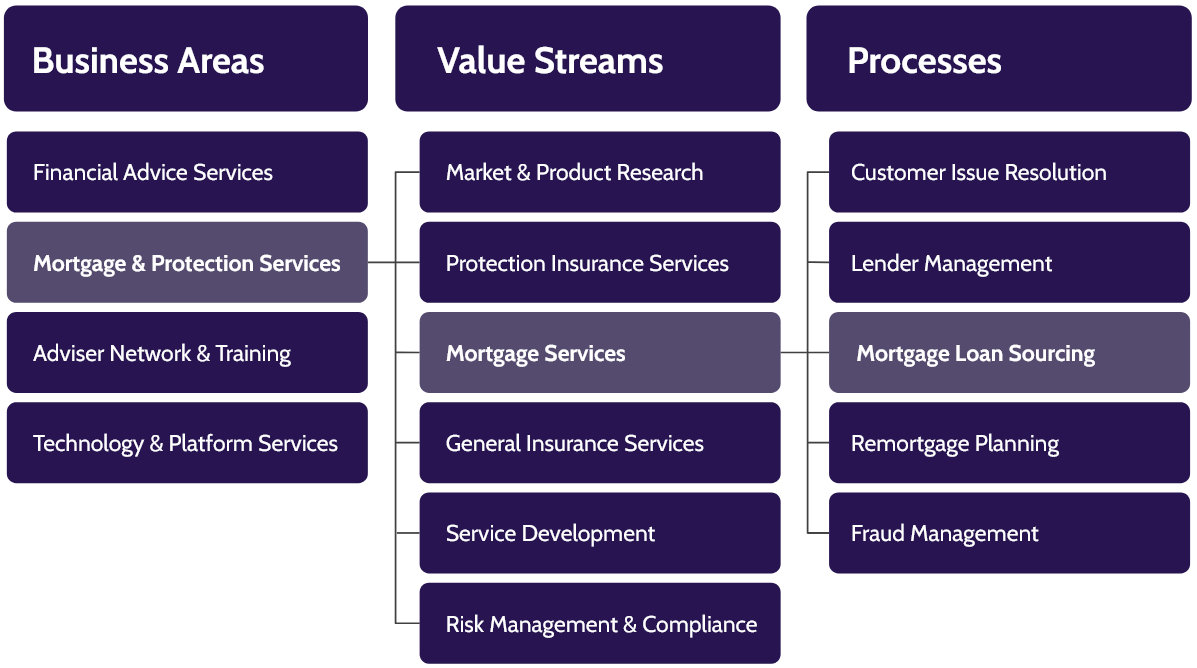

Fig 6. SBG operates many value streams as part of their operations. Each value stream contains many processes. Mortgage Services is a value stream. It contains many processes, including mortgage loan sourcing.

SBG's mortgage loan sourcing process is vital for providing mortgage brokerage services. SBG works with over 10,000 brokers across the UK, and many external verification sources to verify customer information. SBG brokers work with a variety of lenders, who offer a variety of loans for the customer to choose from, depending on their eligibility. Brokers must request customer information, which the customer fills out, and then the brokers send to external verifiers to verify. Once this has been returned, the broker must request (source) loans from an aggregator. Once they have this, they must make recommendations to the customer, and then interface with the lender of the chosen mortgage loan. The high number of interactions and amount of manual intervention between participants in this process creates the potential for long waiting periods between actions, which must be avoided effectively to ensure efficient operations and good service to customers. This is also true of the insurance policy sourcing process, which is very similar to the loan sourcing process.

An effective mortgage loan and policy sourcing process is essential for serving customers in a timely manner, an erroneous and slow sourcing process will create errors and delays which will need cost and time-intensive reconciliation, as well as increased cost to the customer, and could result in the loss of customers as they seek out other brokers. Brokerage for mortgage loans is a key area of operations for SBG, with 230,000 mortgages processed every year which have a total value of over £42 billion.

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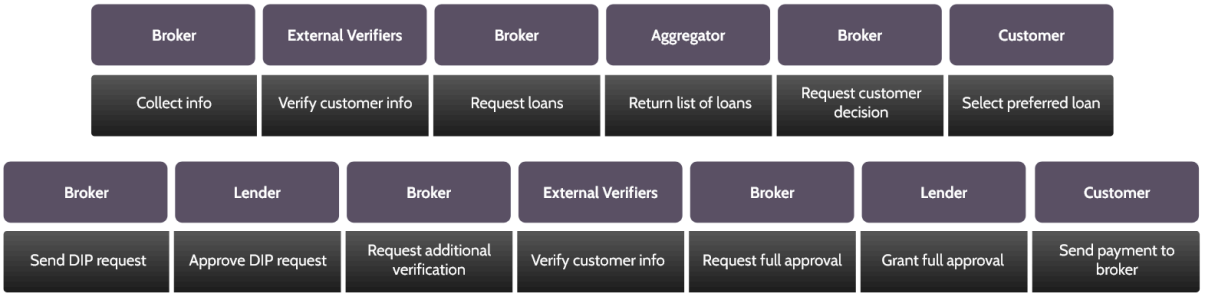
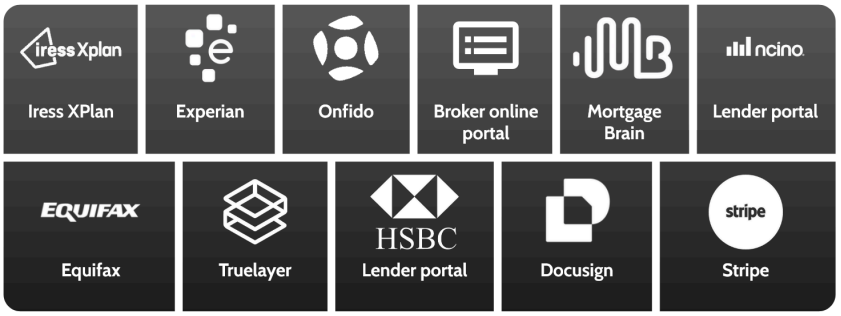
Here, we illustrate the 5 teams each operating a function for the end-to-end process operations:



Each team has a number of software systems. These systems include:



2.5. Mortgage loan and Policy Sourcing Process before

This is the process for mortgage loan sourcing with SBG. SBG connects customers with financial advisors, including brokers, who help prospective homebuyers obtain a mortgage loan. These loans are issued by various lenders, and have different terms and features. External Verifiers are required to verify customer information, to ensure the most relevant loans are offered to the customer, and also to prevent fraud. Once the customer has selected a loan, brokers apply for a Decision in Principle from the lender for that loan, a conditional approval from a lender stating how much they are willing to lend you for a mortgage based on initial checks. Once this has been approved by the lender, the broker further verifies their customer so they can make a final application for the loan on behalf of the customer. The lender now reviews the full application and approves and delivers the loan to the customer, who pays for the broker's services.

The full process for mortgage loan sourcing is enumerated below:

1. The Broker collects the customer's information including identification, financial history, and preferences
2. The Broker sends the customer's information to external verifiers such as credit check agencies and KYC services for verification
3. The External Verifiers verify the customer's information
4. The External Verifiers send their report to the broker
5. The Broker requests a list of available loans from the aggregator
6. The Aggregator returns a list of available loans to the broker
7. The Broker selects loans based on customer preferences and eligibility
8. The Broker provides the Customer with recommended list of loans
9. The Customer selects their preferred loan
10. The Broker sends a Decision in Principle request to the Lender of that loan

11. The Lender approves the Decision in Principle request
12. The Broker requests additional, more detailed verification of the customer's information
13. The External Verifiers verify the customer's information
14. The External Verifiers send their report to the broker
15. The Broker requests full approval from the Lender
16. The Lender grants full approval
17. The Lender provides the loan to the Customer
18. The Customer sends payment to the Broker for brokerage services.

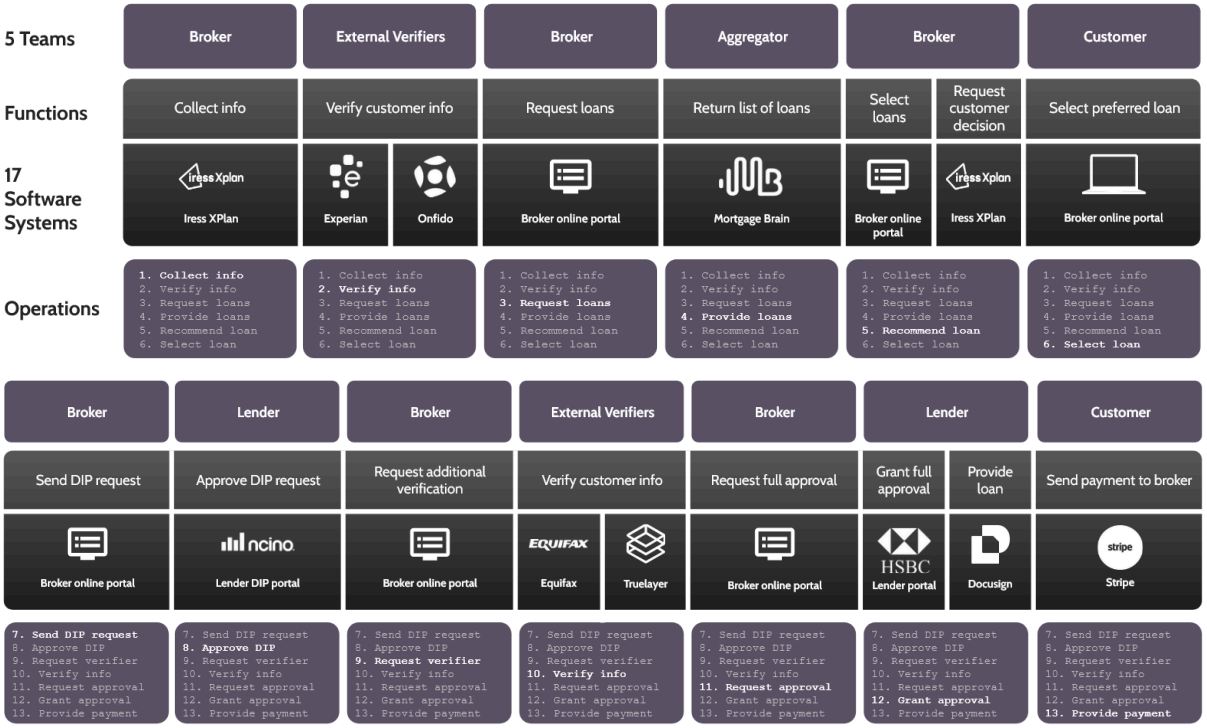


Fig 7. Illustrates the process of mortgage loan and policy sourcing and the participants and systems involved.

Due to the length and complexity of the process, for the purposes of illustration we will use an abridged version of the process throughout this case study. However, it is important to note that Luther's Platform was used by Acre to automate the entire process, not just the selection. Additionally, here we show the mortgage loan sourcing process, but Acre has now also used the Luther Platform to automate the very similar insurance policy sourcing process for SBG.

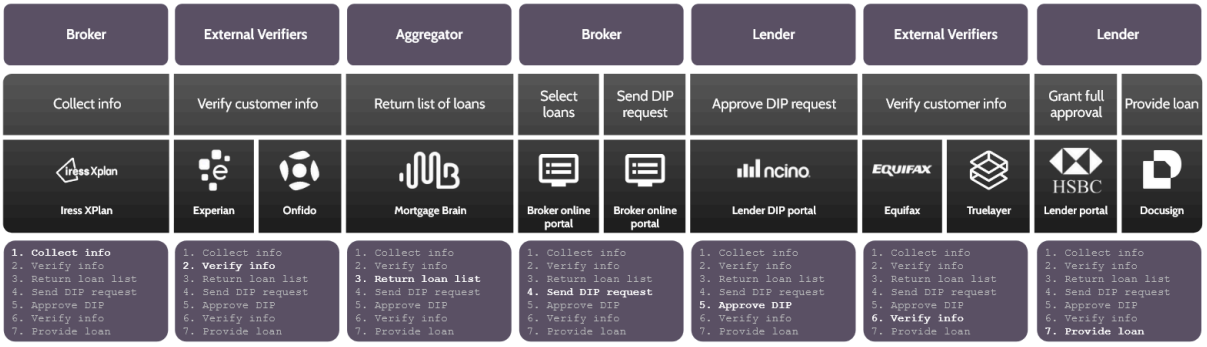


Fig 8. Illustrates the abridged process of mortgage loan and policy sourcing and the participants and systems involved.

3. Problem

3.1. Enterprise Process Operations Problems

Enterprises are complex organizations operating many processes. Enterprises operate processes across fragmented and siloed teams and software systems. This means that teams change their operations as functions and information change, but other teams operating the process are not made aware of that change. Consequently, other teams are operating on constantly changing and incorrect information, resulting in disjointed, inconsistent, inefficient end-to-end operations which lead to high costs, delays and errors. As a result, disjointed process operations require monitoring and reconciliation to correct errors, and this also increases operating costs.

Operational Silos cause unreliable Process Operations

Specifically, operating processes across fragmented and siloed teams and software systems affect process operations both i) technically during the development phase and ii) operationally once they go live in production.

On the technical side, for process changes, enterprises set up case-by-case projects, which includes large development and DevOps teams, and setup of non-standard case-by-case infrastructure and development environments, as well as bespoke connectors between different systems. Further, as the teams and systems change over time they deploy local updates which usually impact the end-to-end operations, requiring further updates and patching.

Technical hurdles in development

- Inconsistent developer process
- Dev teams focus on setup and maintenance
- Large Dev & DevOps teams
- Inconsistent and nonstandard process connectors
- Inconsistent process Ops scripts across teams
- Non-standard infra., connectors, dev. env. setup
- Inconsistent updates & patches over time

Operational problems in production (live)

- Nonstandard ops: across process steps
- Nonstandard ops: over time
- Inconsistent changes
- Lack of execution status visibility
- Need for execution reconciliation
- Large Ops teams
- Compliance fees & violations

Once the process is live, the fragmented and separated teams and systems result in non-standard operations across the process and over time as the teams, operations, and systems change. The fragmentation also results in a lack of execution visibility and operations monitoring. This further results in the execution requiring reconciliation, which is often lengthy and expensive. This could also result in compliance issues and violations. All of this requires large operations teams to run the processes and fix their recurring issues.

3.2. Problem Overview

For reliable process operations, all teams and systems involved should operate the same end-to-end Process.

They often don't!

SBG's mortgage loan and policy sourcing process operates across several participants that have poor visibility of operations, due to varying data standards and bespoke documents, as well as non-standardized data entry. Customer details must be carefully verified due to the size and importance of mortgage loans and insurance policies. Due to siloed operational teams, employees spend a considerable amount of time verifying customer data, and performing reconciliation with other teams and participants, which causes delays and increases operational costs for the process.

3.3. Mortgage loans and Policy Sourcing Process Operations Problems

SBG's mortgage loan and policy sourcing process operates across several participants, using varying data and document standards, leading to poor visibility of operations. This causes several problems.

Customer details must be carefully verified multiple times by the broker to prevent fraud and wrongful mortgage rejection or acceptance. This verification is also important for customer satisfaction, as correct and proper verification enables brokers to provide the most relevant loan or policy recommendations. Careful verification must also be done to ensure information and documents meet up-to-date regulatory standards. This is especially important due to the size and importance of mortgage loans and insurance policies. Due to siloed operational teams, employees spend a considerable amount of time verifying customer data, and performing reconciliation with other teams and participants, which causes delays and increases operational costs for the process. The length of the complicated mortgage loan and policy sourcing process lowers customer satisfaction, which is compounded by receiving potentially irrelevant suggestions due to errors during verification.

The length of the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process also increases operational costs for all participants. This can also result in additional, unexpected costs for customers, who will be dissatisfied with SBG's service, causing reputational damage.

To solve these problems, Acre Software and Luther Systems collaboratively embarked on the development of a fully integrated mortgage & insurance sourcing platform: a fully automated, transparent and integrated service across all industry participants that can easily adjust to changes in systems, participants and regulations, with compliance by design.

Practical Problems in the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process	*Operational Problems in the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process*
Inability to adjust quickly to regulation changes	Nonstandard ops: across process steps
Costly manual documentation review	Nonstandard ops: over time
Low customer satisfaction due to long timescales	Inconsistent changes
Poor support for returning customers	Lack of execution status visibility
Slow response to market demands	Need for execution reconciliation
Increased costs for customers	Large Ops teams
Issues identified late in process cycle	Compliance fees & violations

4. Traditional approaches to process operations and automation solutions don't work

4.1. Approach to Process Operations today

Enterprises typically establish dedicated projects and project teams to set up process operations. This involves mobilizing large development and DevOps teams, as well as large operations and support teams. They create custom, often non-standard project infrastructure, connectors, and development environments, which require dedicated ongoing maintenance once the process is live. The project team writes bespoke operations code to manage the end-to-end process, including code that links the operations of various software systems.

As the process moves into production, developers must continuously write custom local code to adapt to the evolving landscape of team operations, process rules, and software systems. Additionally, the project team or other development teams need to develop and integrate separate execution monitoring software and reconciliation software. These tools are essential for detecting errors and inconsistencies, determining root causes, and correcting the issues. Furthermore, they deploy multiple distinct application systems, such as compliance software systems, to support the overall operation.

This demonstrates the bespoke, fragmented nature of process operations development, in addition to multiple auxiliary systems required to keep the operations going. Most importantly, this approach cannot keep pace with the ever-changing process operations.

As a result, Enterprise process operations are unreliable!

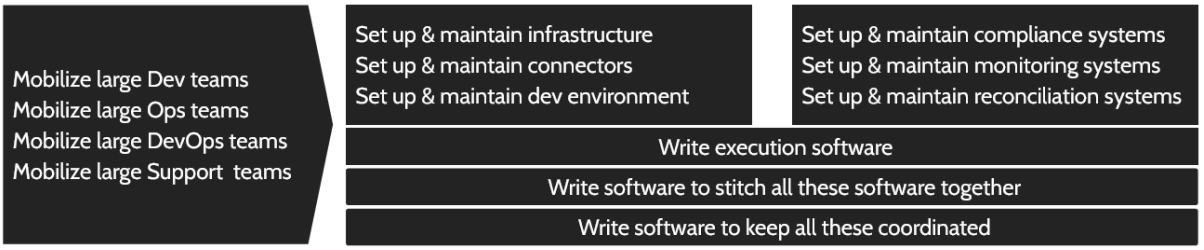


Fig 9. Enterprises generally carry out all of the above to run a process.

4.2. Bespoke Connectors & Operations Scripts & why they don't work

To manage the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process, SBG typically; i) sets up local connectors between directly linked systems involved in the process, ii) Develops and updates local operations scripts to manage the process end-to-end. Both the bespoke connectors and operations scripts require regular updates and modifications as teams, process operations, and software systems evolve. These updates are reactive and localized, addressing immediate changes without fully considering the entire process.

The problem arises because these connectors and scripts are integral to the end-to-end process, where each step depends on others and assumes specific functions from other parts. Local changes alter the immediate local operations, but the rest of the process continues to rely on outdated assumptions about those functions. This results in a gradual drift and fragmentation between different parts of the process.

This drift and fragmentation requires further patches and updates, which will require further patches and updates in other parts of the process, and the cycle continues!

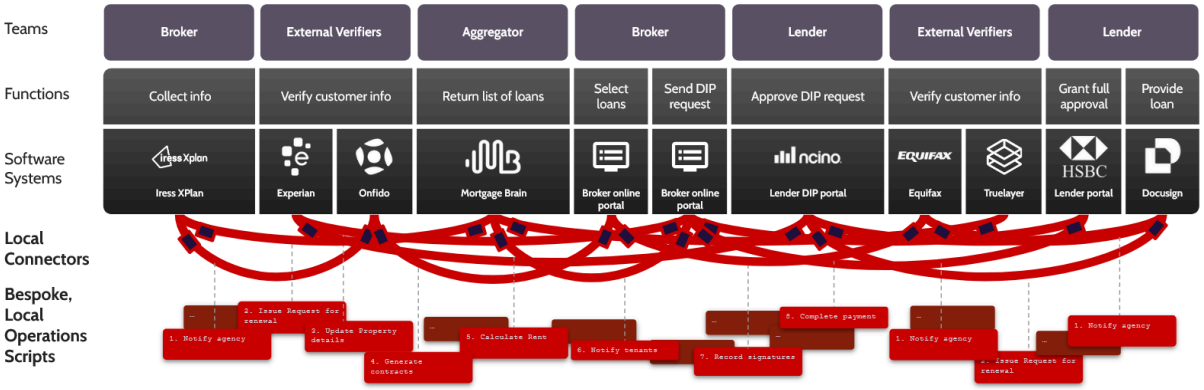


Fig 10. Bespoke local connections across the end-to-end process that are internally developed by the enterprise.

4.3. Local Automation (RPA, Workflow) tools & why stitching them together doesn't work

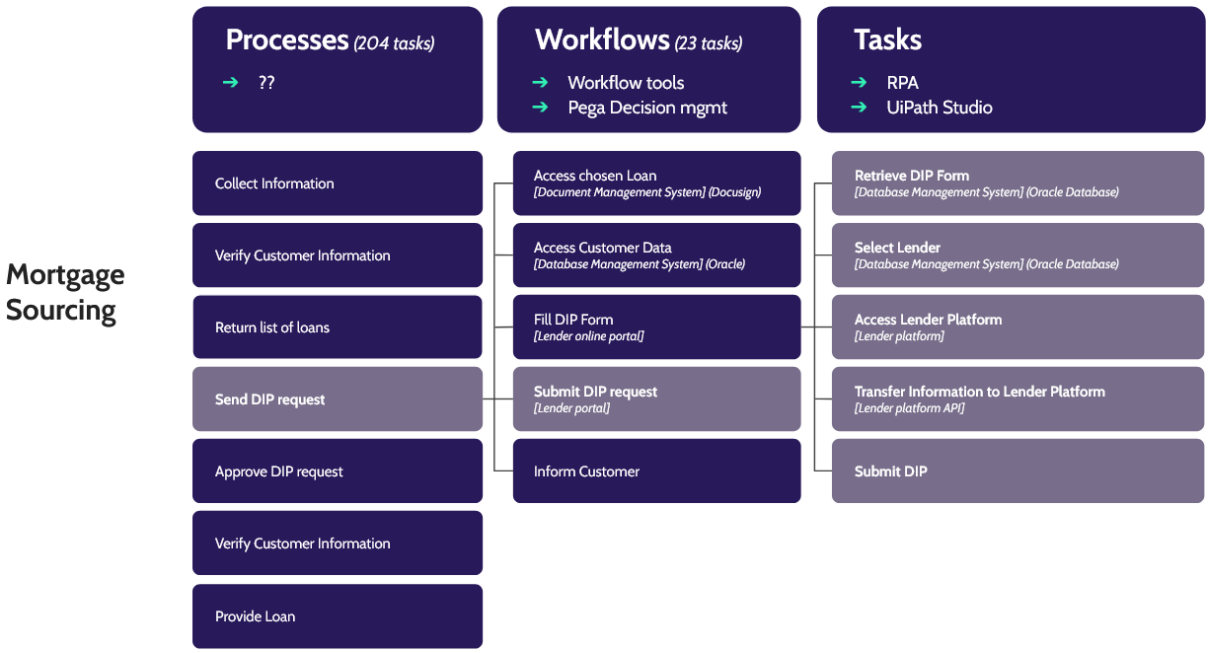


Fig 11. Today, there are no traditional tools which effectively automate processes.

Enterprise processes consist of numerous operations (tasks). Each process includes a collection of workflows, and each workflow is a collection of multiple tasks. Tasks are simple, localized events involving one team and one or two software systems. For example, inputting data into an invoice is a task. Workflows are more complex, comprising 10-20 tasks that span one to two teams and involve two to three software systems. For instance, compiling loans to send to a customer is a workflow consisting of 23 tasks. Processes are complex, involving over 50 tasks, three or more teams, and multiple software systems. An example of a process is the sourcing of a mortgage loan, which includes 204 tasks.

Enterprises utilize Robotic Process Automation (RPA) tools to automate individual tasks. RPA tools have evolved into highly effective solutions for this purpose. However, for automating workflows (comprising 10-20 tasks), enterprises turn to Workflow Automation tools, as individual RPA bots are not scalable to handle such complexity. Workflow Automation tools have similarly advanced, becoming highly effective at automating entire workflows. These tools leverage a diverse array of technologies, including traditional ones like Workflow tools, ERPs, and BPMs, as well as modern innovations such as Hyper Automation, Intelligent Automation, and various developer tools.

RPA tools and Workflow tools do not scale to operate end-to-end processes

To overcome the limitations of the traditional approach, enterprises deploy numerous RPA and Workflow tools across the end-to-end process, and then connect and orchestrate these tools to function reliably. This integration and coordination are typically developed internally by the enterprise.

Process orchestration approaches integrate combinations of RPA and workflow systems using point-to-point message passing techniques. These services often employ a batch scheduler or workflow system, which effectively coordinates tasks within a single team. However, this method falls short for processes involving multiple teams. Each team tends to create bespoke code for their tasks, leading to "script bloat" — the proliferation of numerous, often redundant, and poorly documented scripts. This complicates maintenance and scalability. Furthermore, there is a lack of transparency between participants in the process. This lack of coordination and integration results in inefficiencies and errors, causing delays and operational friction. For a full explanation of traditional process operations and Luther's solution, request access to the Deep Process Automation Primer.

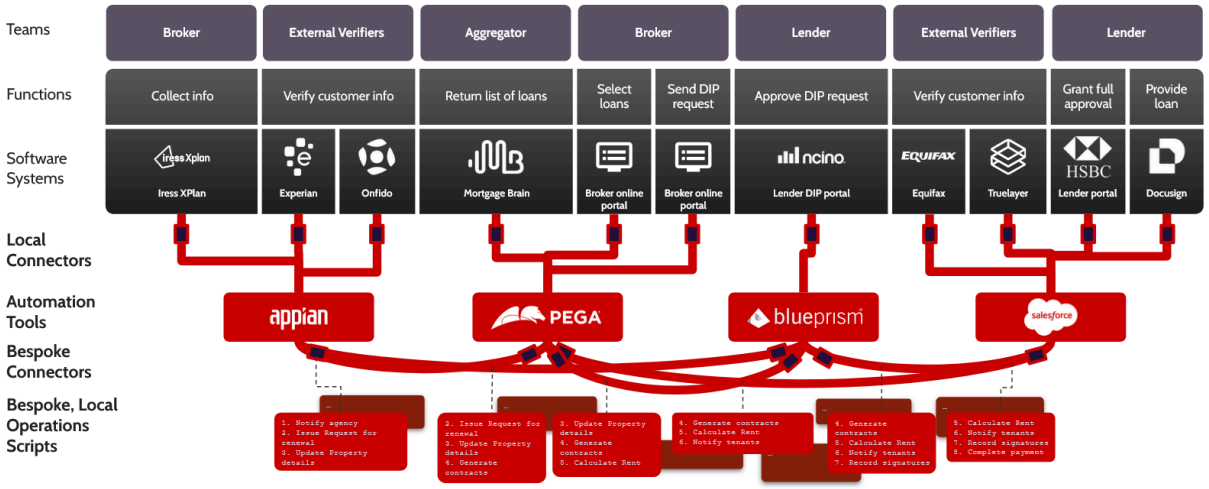


Fig 12. Stitching together local automation tools through local RPA and workflow tools is messy, localized and ultimately unreliable.

5. Solution

5.1. Luther's Platform

Luther's Platform was used by Acre's development team to build an exemplary mortgage loan and insurance policy sourcing system that allows SBG to avoid mismatched data formats, reduce data errors, whilst providing a single source of truth for loan and customer information that reduces errors. This required a system that could effectively handle the operations of multiple teams, software systems, numerous tasks and validations end-to-end, as well as taking into account changing regulations.

Luther's unique value for reliable end-to-end Process Operations is providing

standard connectivity
a common operations script

across all teams and software systems.

This is very difficult and costly with traditional automation tools and workflows. Automation of the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process requires Luther's Deep Automation Platform. The automated mortgage loan and policy sourcing process is the result of this work and is an end-to-end loan and policy sourcing system that standardizes the process, while reducing sourcing operating costs and timescales, reducing the need for manual intervention to check for errors, and improving the customer experience by reducing loan approval times.

5.2. How it works on the Luther Platform

The Luther Platform used for Acre's mortgage loan and policy sourcing product standardizes and automates the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process for SBG. The platform can automatically verify and approve customer information based on predetermined rules stored on the platform, which saves time for manual reconciliation. Importantly, all teams and systems still perform their function. One key feature of the Luther Platform is that teams operating the process can update their operations scripts as before, and the platform doesn't complicate or change the way the process is operated. With the Luther Platform, when a team does decide to change their operations, all other teams are automatically notified. The Luther Platform simply streamlines manual operations and improves cross-participant visibility, turning siloed operations into a cohesive end-to-end process. This process operating on the Luther Platform has also been applied by Acre to automate the sourcing of other policies for SBG, such as general and protection insurance.

How it works on the Luther Platform:

1. The Broker collects the customer's information including identification, financial history, and preferences
2. The Broker sends the customer's information to external verifiers such as credit check agencies and KYC services for verification automatically using rules stored on the platform
3. The External Verifiers verify the customer's information
4. The External Verifiers send their report to the broker
5. The Broker requests a list of available loans from the aggregator automatically using rules stored on the platform upon receiving the verification
6. The Aggregator returns a list of available loans to the broker
7. The Broker selects loans based on customer preferences and eligibility automatically using rules stored on the platform based on the customer's information and the aggregator's list
8. The Broker provides the Customer with recommended list of loans automatically using rules stored on the platform
9. The Customer selects their preferred loan
10. The Broker sends a Decision in Principle request to the Lender of that loan automatically using rules stored on the platform
11. The Lender approves the Decision in Principle request
12. The Broker requests additional, more detailed verification of the customer's information automatically using rules stored on the platform
13. The External Verifiers verify the customer's information
14. The External Verifiers send their report to the broker
15. The Broker requests full approval from the Lender
16. The Lender grants full approval
17. The Lender provides the loan to the Customer
18. The Customer sends payment to the Broker for brokerage services.

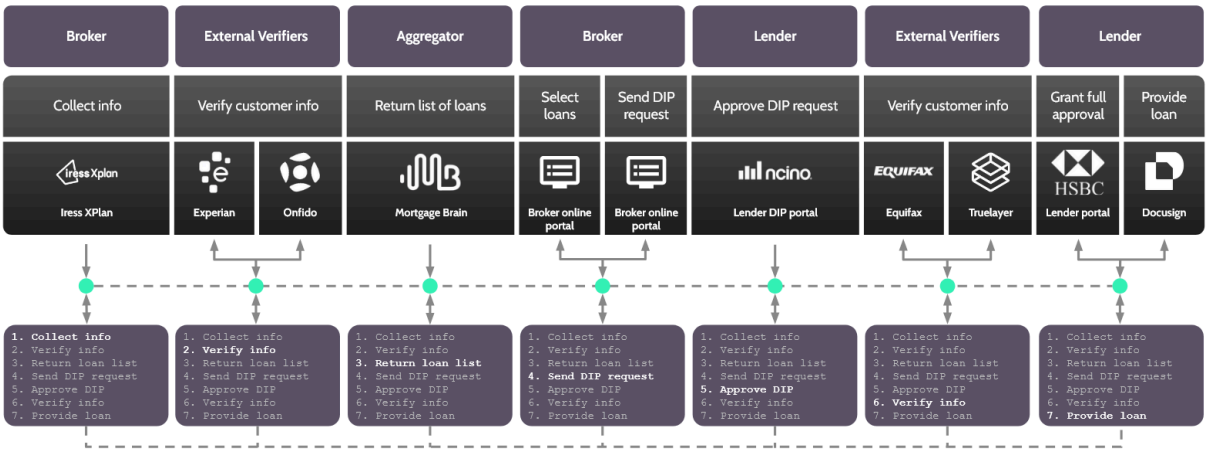


Fig 13. Overview of the Luther Platform automating the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process.

For a more detailed view of the steps operating the Luther Platform, please view the appendix.

6. Implementation

Luther's team worked with the Acre team to implement the automated mortgage loan and policy sourcing Process on the platform.

First, Luther's team worked with the teams at Acre to map the process for SBG. View a process map here. Luther then identified all teams and all software systems involved in the operations of the process. Luther then allocated a node to each team, deployed the platform on all nodes, and connected the nodes to each of the software systems, through Luther's standard connectors. Then Luther's team worked with Acre developers to develop a robust common operations script for process operations. Then the application went live.

For more information please visit these links, for implementation steps, implementation in general, and sandbox.

Customer Team		*Business Owner, Application Owner, Technical Lead*	*Day 1*
Discover	*Phase 1*	*Describe process operations*	*2 weeks*
	Phase 2	*Describe systems & technical requirements*	
Process mapping		*Map the process*	*2 weeks*
Platform set-up		*One-time platform set-up*	*1 day*
Build application		*Develop (code) application operations*	*20 weeks*

Fig 14. Implementation timeline for the automated Mortgage loan and Policy Sourcing Process.

To implement the mortgage and policy sourcing process, Luther and Acre followed these steps:

6.1. Process mapping

Luther's team worked with multiple Acre and SBG teams to map the process operations. The process map includes i) functions, ii) data inputs and outputs at each step, and iii) rules and decisions at each step. Teams are operationally separate entities involved in the process. As part of process mapping, Luther identified the exact set of software systems and teams involved in operating the end-to-end process.

6.2. Identify teams and software systems

Luther's team identified the teams and participants involved in end-to-end process operations. The participants are: the Broker, the External Verifiers, the Aggregators, the Customer, and the Lender.

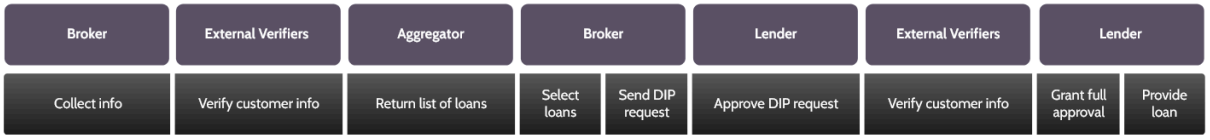


Fig 15. Luther's team worked with Acre to map the process including 5 teams involved in end-to-end operations.

Luther's team identified the software systems involved in end-to-end process operations. These systems are: Iress XPlan, Experian, Onfido, Broker Online portal, Mortgage Brain, Lender Portal, Equifax, Truelayer, Lender DIP Portal, Docusign, and Stripe.

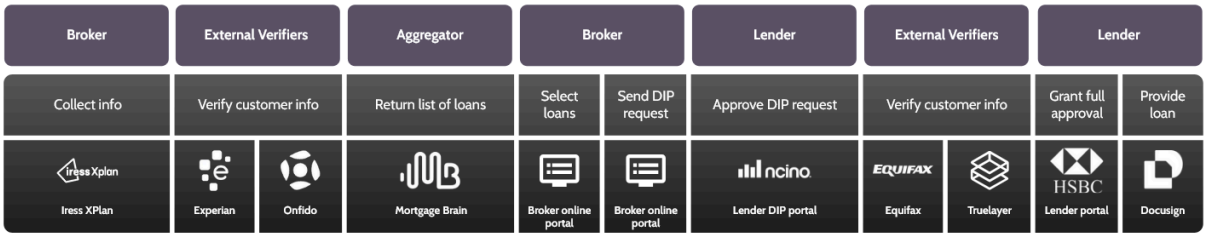


Fig 16. Luther's team identified the software systems involved in the end-to-end process operations.

6.3. Nodes and Connectivity through distributed system for end-to-end team connectivity

Luther's team assigned a dedicated node to each team involved in the process by allocating servers to their respective teams. These servers are cloud-native and can be deployed on either public or private clouds, depending on security requirements. All nodes are interconnected through a distributed system, which facilitates the sharing and validation of operational functions and data among all teams.

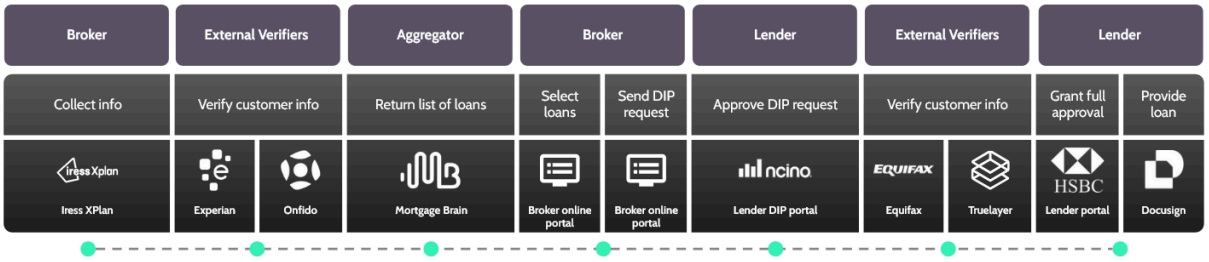


Fig 17. Nodes are connected via a distributed system on the Luther Platform.

6.4. Connectors to software systems

Each team has a number of software systems involved in its operations, as identified in the process map. For each team, Luther's platform connects its node to all software systems involved in its operations. Luther has a set of standard connectors across a wide range of enterprise systems, which the Luther platform deploys to rapidly connect to the systems involved in operating the process. This is done by determining the technology, type and connection settings for each system in the process.

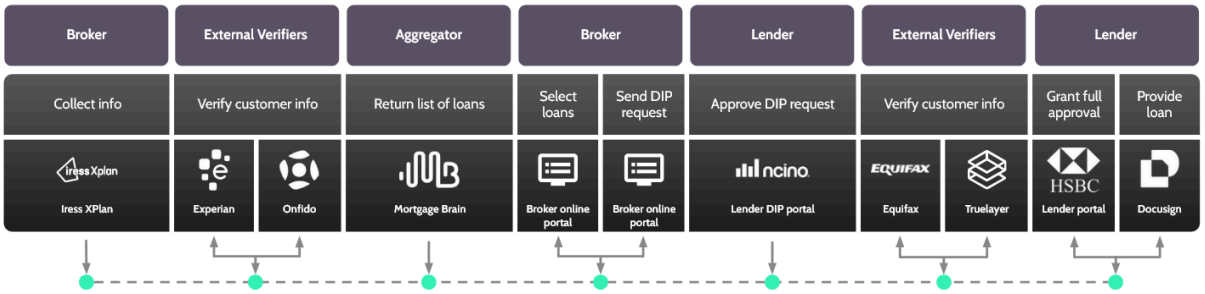


Fig 18. Luther's team set up connectors that link the processes together.

Luther, through numerous enterprise implementations has standard connectors to a majority of enterprise software systems across a range of processes and industries. For a full list of our connectors, please visit: *"Luther Platform Connectors"*.

6.5. Platform set-up

The Acre team selected a set of configurations for their platform specifications. This selection depends on i) the process complexity (number of tasks), ii) amount of data processed (KB) per process run, iii) number of participants, iv) reliability, availability and security requirements for the application. Based on these selections, Luther's team deployed the platform on all nodes. For more details on platform configuration specs please visit: *"Luther Platform Connectors"*.

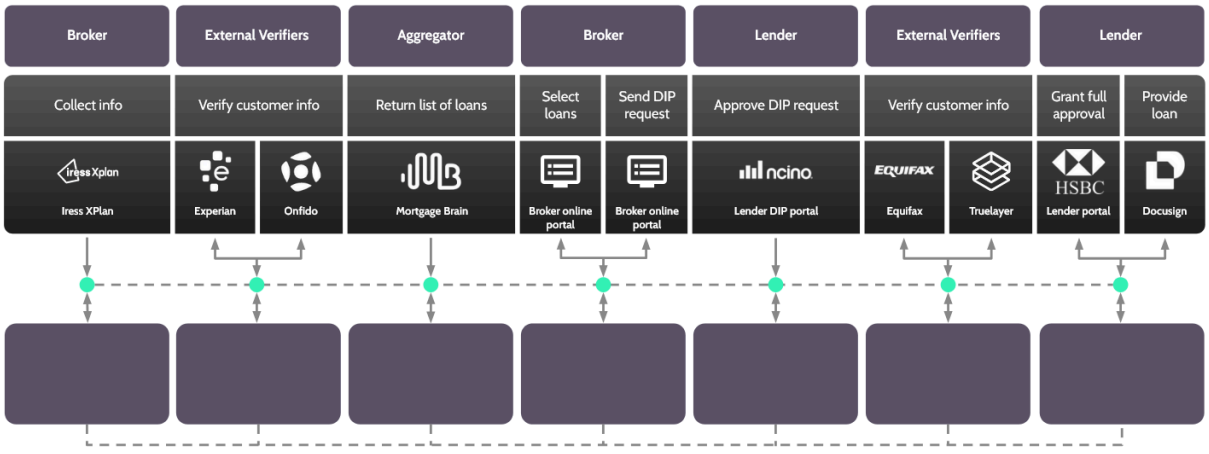


Fig 19. The platform is set up on each of the nodes, ready to reliably operate the end-to-end process at each step.

Luther's platform vertically integrates distributed system technology, optimal resource allocation and management, real-time event ordering and streaming (sharing), and deterministic event processing and execution, to provide a modern technology stack to reliably operate an end-to-end process across multiple software systems, at scale.

6.6. Common Operations Script for process operations

The platform is now fully set up and connected with all systems involved in the operation. The Acre development team, in collaboration with Luther, developed the Common Operations Script to manage the end-to-end process. Connectors translate data from local systems into a common data model utilized by the Common Operations Script. This script encapsulates the business logic, data, rules, and validations for each process step.

Luther's platform vertically integrates

distributed system technology
optimal resource management
real time event streaming
deterministic event execution

To make reliable end-to-end process operations possible.

The Common Operations Script effectively codes and operates the process map, executing the Operating Cycle for each system across the entire process. To operate the process end-to-end, each function performs the same cycle of steps: i) send data & information to the System, ii) receive response from the System, iii) compute & validate response, iv) share & store execution of step, v) evaluate & initiate next steps.

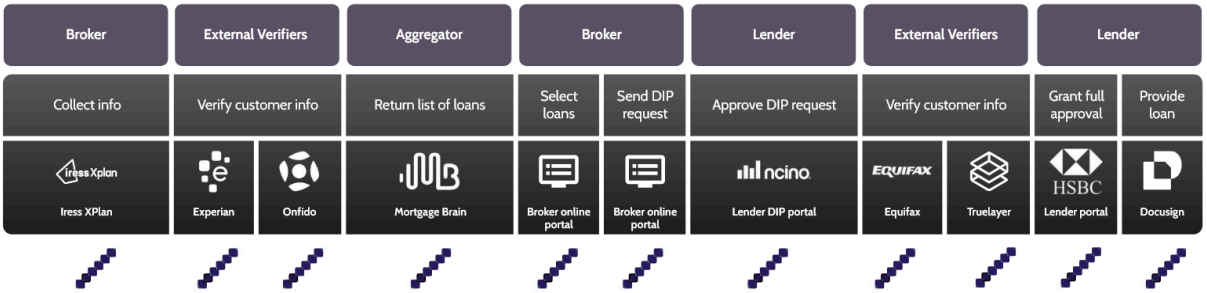


Fig 20. These requirements repeat for all functions across the end-to-end Process Operations.

For a more detailed description of how the Common Operations Script operates the Process please see the Appendix.

This script is shared by all participants and operates on the Luther Platform. Each participant can change the script through suggesting changes, once the changes to the script are approved by all participants the script is updated for all participants.

Teams & Systems can easily change the Common Operations Script

They propose changes
All other teams know and agree to the change upfront
The Common Operations Script is updated for everyone

The enterprise has full autonomy over the process operations to modify and change them, and it also ensures all participants are operating "the same process" at all times. When a team changes their operations, the operations for all participants are updated simultaneously. For a demo of the build process please visit our website.

All teams & systems involved operate the same end-to-end process all the time!
The enterprise has full autonomy over its Operations & Operational changes

So, consistent changes are not an afterthought in a memo
No need to call someone everytime you want to make a small change!

6.7. Go live (production)

Once the platform is set up and the Common Operations Script is coded, the application is ready to go live. Upon going live, it automates the operations of the end-to-end mortgage loan and policy sourcing process by providing i) standardized connectivity between teams and systems, ii) the Common Operations Script, shared by all teams, ensures a consistent process operation at all times. For more information about Luther's platform please view this video.

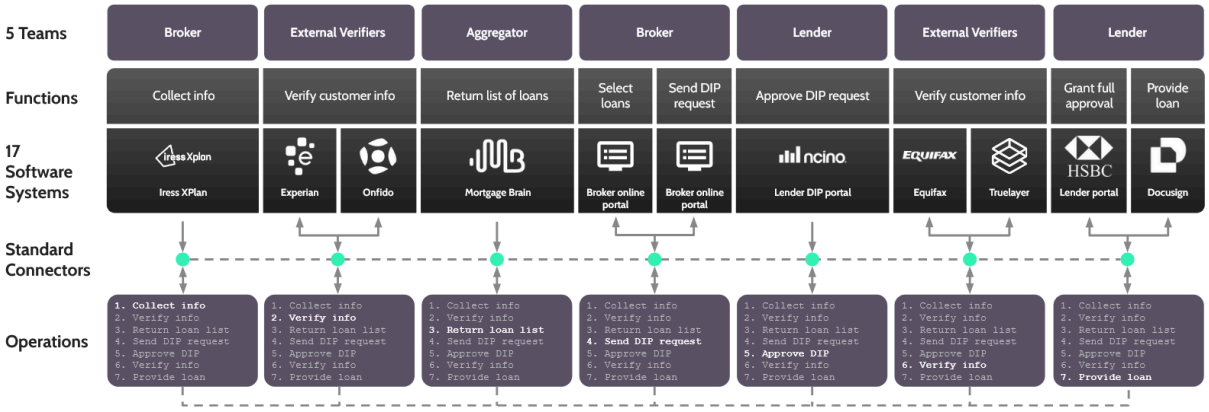


Fig 21. Luther and Acre developer teams work together to write the common operations script, converting siloed tasks into a shared, transparent workflow that links every step in the process. The common operations script links independent systems into one cohesive process.

7. Results

7.1. Commercial results

ROI: 5X

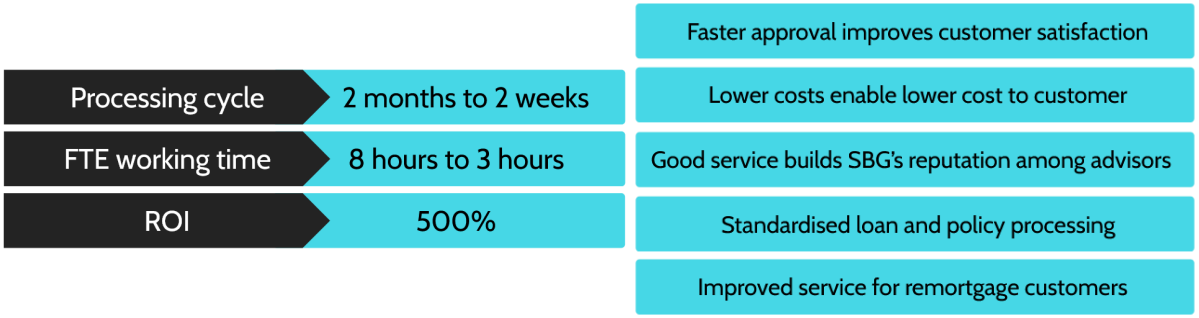
Cost Reduction: 30%

Average Processing Speed Increase: 2.5X

Using Luther's Deep Process Automation platform, implementing the automated mortgage loan and insurance policy sourcing process reduced the cost of the process by 30%. This is primarily due to FTE savings in both ops teams involved in process operations as well ops teams involved in correcting data errors and communicating with other SBG teams to solve issues. Automating operations reduced errors associated with the process. The average total working time for the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process was reduced from 8 hours to just 3 hours, speeding up the average processing time by 2.5X. This results in a return on investment of roughly 500%. Luther's solution for mortgage loan and insurance policy sourcing doesn't just connect individual software systems and teams. It provides a platform that is flexible and scalable to the changing process for years to come, facilitating process operations where teams can focus on the tasks, rather than reconciling with other teams and causing large delays with new software systems.

Specific commercial advantages:

- Average total time for loan approval reduced from nearly 2 months of delays to just under 2 weeks
- Average total working time for FTEs reduced from 8 hours per loan to just 3 hours
- fast processing times for loan, leading to better customer relations
- Cost savings of 30%, reducing the operational costs by millions of pounds a year, resulting in an ROI of 500%



7.2. Operational benefits

Luther delivered a platform that standardizes loan sourcing, while reducing inefficiencies, improving process transparency, reducing the size of operations teams, and improving compliance, which could not have been achieved without Luther's Deep Process Automation Technology.

General operational advantages

The Luther Platform streamlines operations across enterprise processes, reducing process time and cost while maintaining transparency and flexibility.

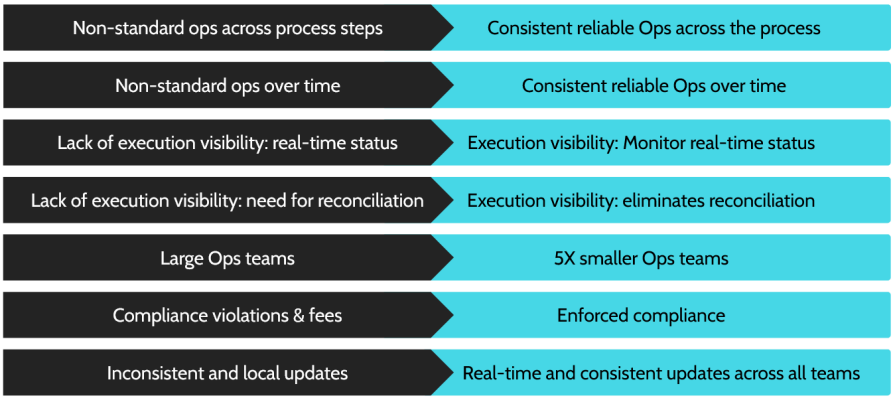


Fig 22. General results from implementation of the Luther platform

Specific operational advantages

Implementing the automated mortgage loan and policy sourcing process has streamlined process operations, making it more efficient, faster, and standardized all while requiring minimal manual reconciliation. The platform is flexible and scalable to future changes to the process, market conditions or regulations.

Enhanced mortgage loan and policy sourcing operations:

- Increased process reliability and fewer processing errors eliminate costs associated with delays
- Elimination of manual reconciliation means smaller operational sourcing teams at SBG
- Standardization of the sourcing process, ensures faster timescales improving customer satisfaction and reducing operational costs for SBG teams.

7.3. Technical benefits

General technical advantages

The Luther Platform makes process operations more consistent as well as standardizing the infrastructure used to operate the mortgage loan and policy sourcing process. Real-time updates across the end-to-end process ensure less downtime in the process, improving efficiency. All this means that developer and developer operations teams can be reduced in size and that developers can focus on developing and improving process operations rather than focusing on handling inefficiencies in the process.

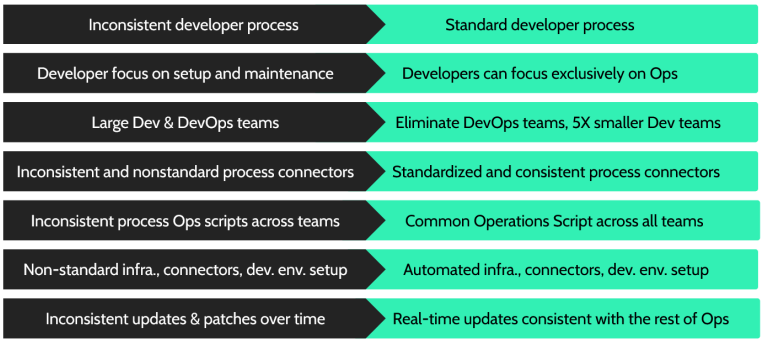


Fig 23. General technical results from implementation of the Luther platform.

Specific technical advantages

Improved operating efficiency:

- Automatically verifies execution to increase reliability and reduces processing errors
- Common execution visibility to all participants reduces troubleshooting effort
- Automatically supports Common Operations Script or Platform updates including new data regulations

Improved compliance and data storage:

- Single source of truth for data across organizational boundaries
- Full user control over access to data and data sharing

8. Expansion

Luther's Platform for Acre's mortgage loan and policy sourcing product has demonstrated that there is a better way to manage the mortgage loan and insurance sourcing process, with added benefits to both the industry participants and the end consumer. The product provides a transparent, automated and secure solution that ensures faster and cheaper loan and policy delivery for customers, with providers market their products and service more transparently, reliably and automatically. The product has already demonstrated its potential for expansion: The automated loan and policy sourcing process has now been applied to sourcing general and protection insurance policies.

Powered by Luther, Acre and SBG are looking to further expand the network, by:

- Bringing in participants from other countries operating in similar regulatory frameworks
- Engaging other types of industry participants such as Lenders, Surveyors, Conveyancers, Mortgage Networks, Large Brokers and Regulatory Authorities.

By bringing in more participants onto the network, further economies of scale, automation and standardisation across the industry can be achieved.

9. Luther Company & Offerings

9.1. What Luther does

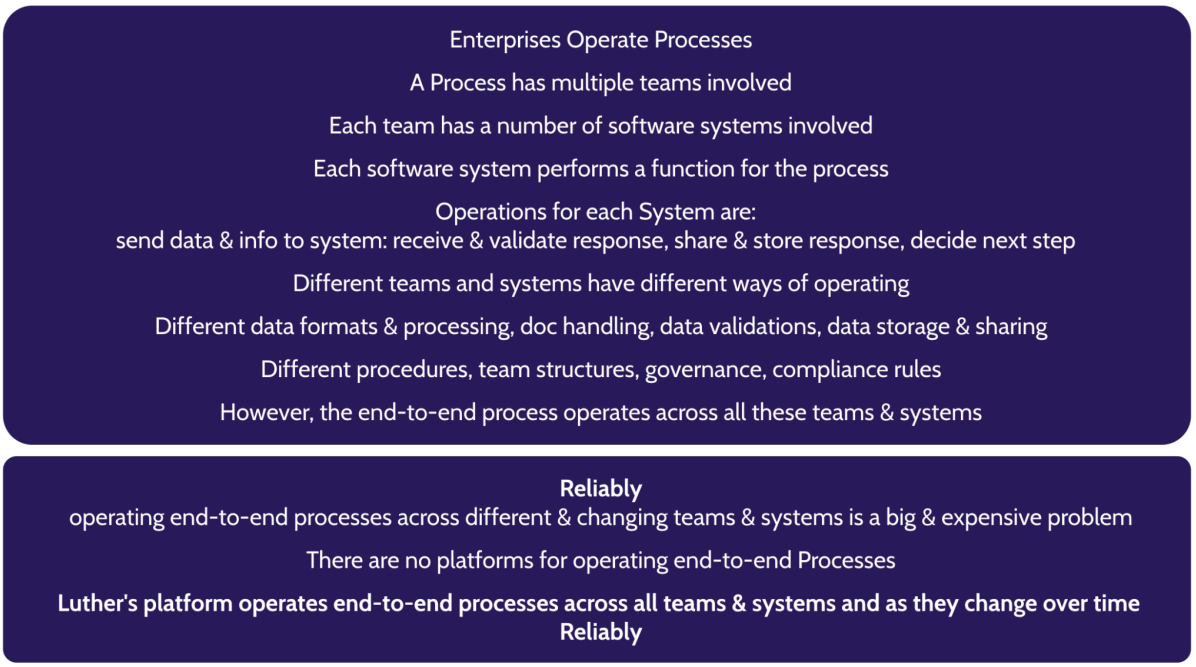


Fig 24. Luther's platform solves the complicated problem of end-to-end enterprise process operations.

For more information about Luther, please visit our website.

9.2. “In a nutshell” - Luther’s unique value

9.3. Platform implementation

To implement the Luther Platform, organizations work with Luther through an implementation process - laying out objectives and expectations for the project, then mapping the process and setting up infrastructure. After this, enterprise developers build code that will execute the agreed process.

Customer Team		*Business Owner, Application Owner, Technical Lead*	*Day 1*
Discover	*Phase 1*	*Describe process operations*	*2-4 weeks*
	Phase 2	*Describe systems & technical requirements*	
Process mapping		*Map the process*	*1 week*
Platform set-up		*One-time platform set-up*	*1 day*
Build application		*Develop (code) application operations*	*4-8 weeks*

Fig 25. Implementation timeline for an application operated on the Luther Platform..

Enterprises working with Luther fill in the details of all software systems and connectors for their processes. These documents are used to build the process map and subsequently, the application.

Item	Software System	Category	Connector Technology
System 1	Iress XPlan	CRM	Iress Integration Suite
System 2	Experian	Verification	Experian REST API
System 3	Onfido	Verification	Onfido REST API & Webhook
System 4	Broker Online Portal	API Inputs	JSON API Gateway
System 5	Mortgage Brain	Industry Specific Connector	Mortgage Brain Integration
System 6	Lender Portal	API Inputs	JSON API Gateway
System 7	Equifax	Verification	Equifax REST API
System 8	Truelayer	Verification	Truelayer REST API
System 9	Lender DIP Portal	API Inputs	JSON API Gateway
System 10	Docusign	Agreements	Docusign Integration
System 11	Stripe	Payments	Webhook Integration

Fig 26. The list of software systems involved in end-to-end Mortgage loan and Policy Sourcing Process operations

Build Distributed Ledger

Item	Detail	Description	Input	Comments
Network	Number of organizations	These are separate IT teams that may be internal or external to one another.	5	Each participant belongs to a separate organisation.
Network	Number of peers per organisation	This determines the reliability of executing the process.	2	Each participant runs 2 peers for high availability.
Network	Number of peer cores	This is determined by the complexity of the process.	4	Each worker has 4 cores to process 10 claims per second max throughput.
Orderer	Number of Orderers	Number of orderer service instances.	3	Spread orderers across 3 availability zones for high availability and practically 100% system uptime
Orderer	Number of orderer cores	Number of cores allotted for each orderer instance.	2	Allow enough cores to support 10 claims per second max throughput.

Resource Management

Virtual Machines

Item	Description	Input	Comments
Number of Cores per Instance	Number of cores per instance in the cluster worker pool.	4	Ensure each peer has 2 cores for parallel event processing.
Ledger Size (GB)	Size of volumes used to store the ledger.	100	Provide enough storage for a years worth of transactions without resizing
Number of Worker Instances	Number of worker instances to utilize in the cloud region, distributed across availability zones.	5	One worker per participant

Cloud

Item	Description	Specifications	Comments
Cloud Provider Name	Cloud Service Provider that the platform is deployed into.	AWS	Deploy on AWS.
Cloud Service Account	What cloud service account will be used for deployment?	1418124383321	Use existing AWS account.
AWS Role ID	Only necessary for AWS.	arn:aws:sts::343039485463:role/admin	Use role that requires MFA for InfoSec requirements
Cloud Provider Region	A cloud-specific string identifier for a geographic region.	us-east-2	Closest to customers
Cloud Provider Domain	A string identifier for a company domain	ford.luthersystemsapp.com	

Fig 27. A sample list of connectors and infrastructure, similar to one an enterprise building an application on the Luther Platform would fill out.

9.4. Results of the Luther platform for Process Operations Automation

At Luther, we recognize that enterprise processes of today are complex and challenging to automate. We provide a platform for successful process automation.

The results are incredible. Enterprises working with Luther see an average return of 10 times their investment. Time is saved everywhere, with development of process applications and automation technology sped up by 2.5 times, and processing times 7 times faster. Find out more about Luther's core platform features here.

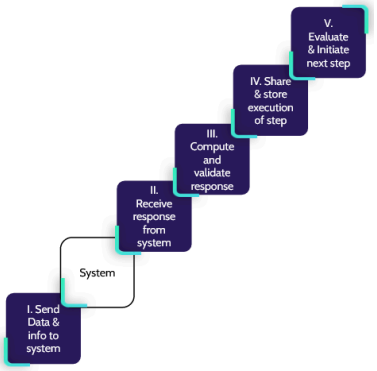
9.5. Luther's platform architecture

For a more detailed introduction on the Luther platform please request access to the "*Luther Deep Process Automation Primer*".
For a detailed introduction and documentation examples please see the Luther Platform site.
For more information about Luther's platform please visit luthersystems.com.

10. Appendix

10.1 How the platform operates an end-to-end process: Application walkthrough

Below is a more detailed walkthrough of the process operations, across the teams and software systems. Every process step is handled by the Platform using the same five operational substeps.
i) **Send:** Platform sends data & information to the System,
ii) **Receive:** Platform receives response from the System,
iii) **Validate:** Platform computes & validates the response,
iv) **Store:** Platform shares & stores execution of step,
v) **Evaluate:** Platform evaluates & initiates next steps.



The Common Operations Script ensures that these operations cycle steps are carried out for all systems involved in the process to ensure reliable process operations.

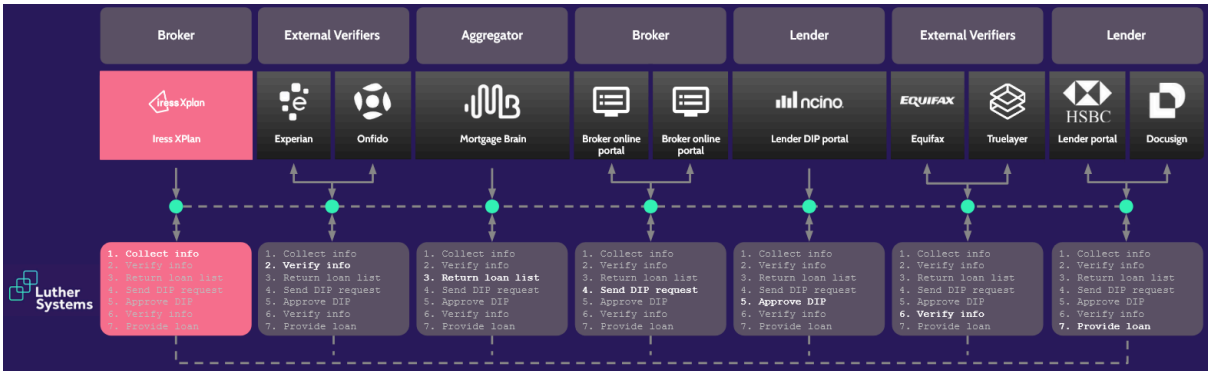
The Platform operates the Process by standardizing the execution of each step in section 5.2. "How it Works on the Luther Platform"

The process involves 11 different software systems, the systems' functions are as follows:

- Iress XPlan: In Step 1, it collects customer information from the customer. In step 7, it is used to send a list of recommended loans to the customer.
- Experian: In Step 2, it is used to verify the customer's credit from their information.
- Onfido: In Step 3, it is used to verify the customer's identity from their information.
- Broker Online portal: In Step 4, it is used to request a list of available loans from the mortgage Aggregator. In Step 6, it is used to select recommended loans to present to the Customer. In Step 8, it is used to select the chosen loan of the Customer. In Step 9, it is used to send a DIP request to the lender. In Step 10, it is used to request additional verification from External Verifiers. In Step 13, it is used to request full approval for the loan from the Lender.
- Mortgage Brain: In Step 5, it is used to collect a list of loans and return the list to the Broker.
- Lender DIP portal: in step 9, it is used to approve the DIP request.
- Equifax: in Step 11, it is used to verify the customer's employment history.
- Truelayer: in Step 12, it is used to verify the customer's bank information and accounts.
- Lender portal: in Step 14, it is used to grant full approval for the loan.
- Docusign: in Step 15, it is used to deliver the loan to the customer.
- Stripe: in Step 16, it is used to provide payment to the Broker for brokerage services.

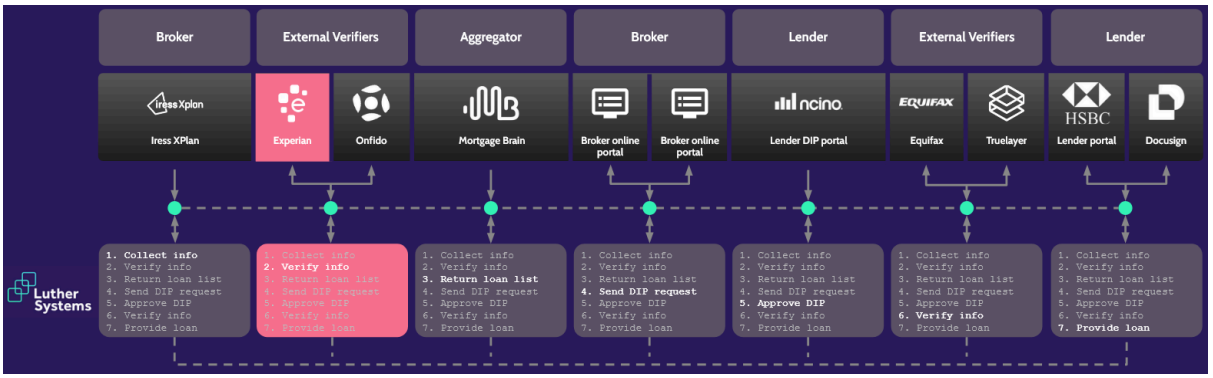
Step 1: Broker team executes Collect info, specifically Collect info

I. Platform sends *customer information* (request) to Iress XPlan
II. Platform receives *customer information* (response) from Iress XPlan
III. Platform validates *customer information* based on predetermined rules in the Common Operations Script
IV. Platform shares & stores *customer information* from Iress XPlan
V. Platform evaluates & initiates next step



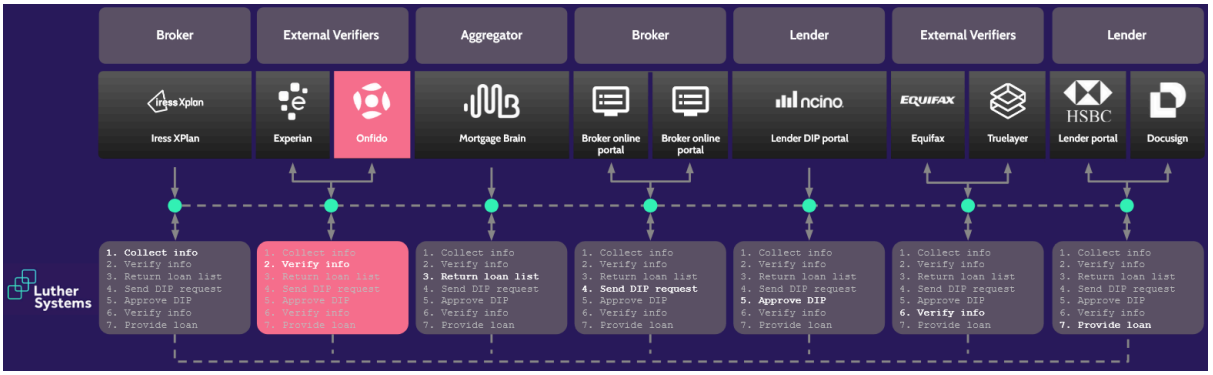
Step 2: External Verifiers team executes Verify info, specifically Verify credit scores

I. Platform sends *verify credit score* (request) to Experian
II. Platform receives *verify credit score* (response) from Experian
III. Platform validates *verify credit score* based on predetermined rules in the Common Operations Script
IV. Platform shares & stores *verify credit score* from Experian
V. Platform evaluates & initiates next step



Step 3: External Verification team executes Verify info, specifically Verify identity

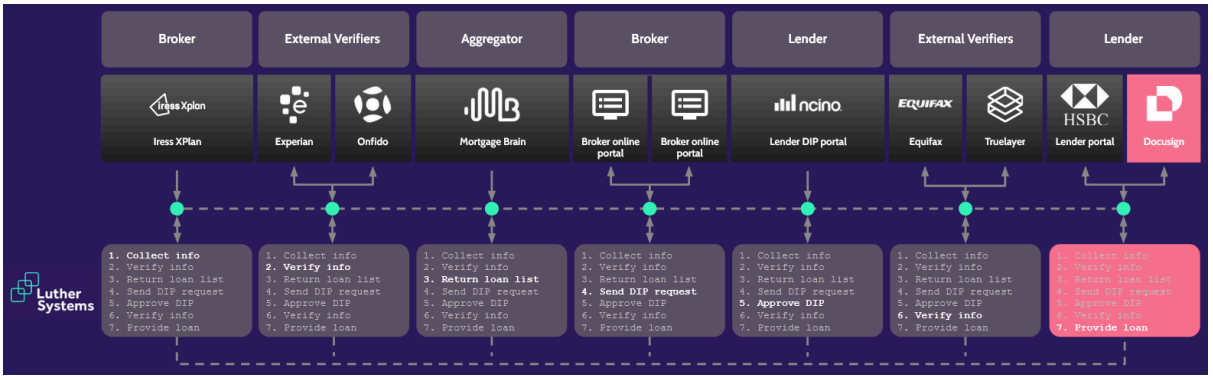
I. Platform initiates *identity verification* by creating a workflow run with Onfido. Customer completes verification via Onfido's hosted flow
II. Platform receives *identity verification* (response) from Onfido via webhook notification once verification is complete
III. Platform validates *identity verification* based on predetermined rules in the Common Operations Script
IV. Platform shares & stores *identity verification* from Onfido
V. Platform evaluates & initiates next step



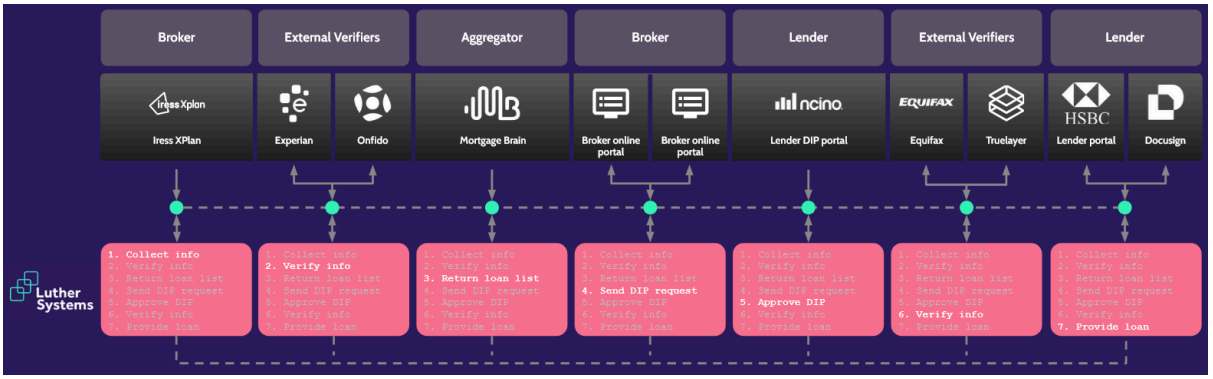
The steps operate in a similar manner until the final step is reached:

Step 16: Lender team executes Grant Full Approval, specifically Provide Loan

I. Platform sends *loan delivery confirmation* (request) to Docusign
II. Platform receives *loan delivery confirmation* (response) from Docusign
III. Platform validates *loan delivery confirmation* based on predetermined rules in the Common Operations Script
IV. Platform shares & stores *loan delivery confirmation* from Docusign
V. Platform evaluates & initiates next step (process completion)



Final Step: The Platform completes the process:



10.2. Definitions

Term	Definition	Examples
Task	Simple events that are localized to one team involving one or two software systems	Copying data between systems, collecting customer info, verifying a piece of information
Workflow	A series of 10-20 tasks involving 1-2 software systems and 1-2 teams	Collecting related data from several systems, collecting status information from a device
Process	A series of 20+ tasks involving 3+ teams and multiple software systems	Mortgage loan and Insurance Policy Sourcing
Value Stream	A collection of processes delivering a business critical value	Mortgage Services
Participant	Operationally separate teams that have their own operations, governance and utilization of software systems and can make some autonomous decisions	Broker, External Verifier, Lender, Aggregator, Customer
Team	As broadly defined by enterprises, otherwise known as departments, groups, units, etc.	All employees in the Broker team at SBG
Function	A unit of operations performed by a single team	Complete Loan Application
Process Operations	End-to-end completion of process operations across multiple teams and software systems, to deliver a specific business objective	The end-to-end Mortgage loan and Insurance Policy Sourcing process

10.3. Process Journey vs. User Journey

The Process Journey involves all the systems and teams including interactions with the users of the process, which usually interact with the process through UI systems and specifically designed Apps, with their own interfaces. However, process operations run through a much larger set of systems and teams, most of which are not visible to the user.

The User Journey is a small subset of the Process Journey. For an optimal User Journey, the whole process must operate reliably, not just the systems involved in the user journey! They must all operate correctly to operate the process end-to-end.

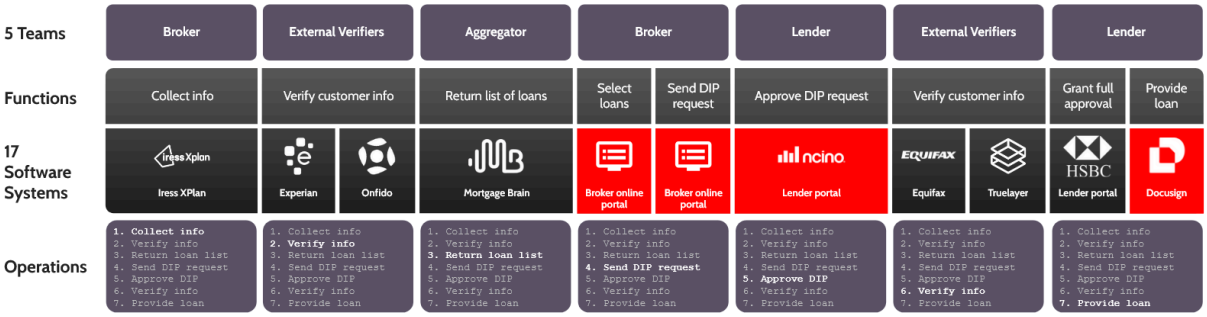


Fig 29. The process journey of the automated Mortgage loan and Policy Sourcing Process. Systems highlighted in red directly interact with or require direct inputs from SBG or lender employees.

10.4. Plaintext Links

6. Implementation
For a walkthrough of the implementation process, view the Luther Systems Sandbox Setup:
dev.luthersystems.com

For a full explanation of the implementation process, view the Full Luther Platform Setup:
http://app.platform.luthersystemsapp.com

For a more detailed description of the implementation steps please visit:
https://www.luthersystems.com/platform/platform-overview

Request access to an example of a more detailed timeline here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jHSeFRhaWVkUiEtQ_crxGoyGFJ82eGUZ3rxhnYi4cro/edit?gid=1722375828#gid=1722375828

9. Luther's Company and Offerings

For more information about Luther's platform please visit our website:
http://luthersystems.com

Find out more about Luther's core platform features here:
https://dev.luthersystems.com/features

For a demo of the build process please visit our website:
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For more information about Luther's platform please consult this video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78H5m1aZZoU

For a more detailed introduction on the Luther platform and a full explanation of traditional process operations and Luther's solution please request access to the Deep Automation Primer here:
https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/103KIQUDuwMV0e5CzjNFMYoYnq7g_7AoU_qIHLOza_Tw/edit

For a detailed introduction and documentation examples please see the Luther Platform site:
https://www.luthersystems.com/platform/platform-overview