

CAMUNDA
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Building Bridges in OSS

A story of transformation

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The Casting

Complementary brands serving wide range of customer needs

 **B2C (+/- 2M MM/WS)**

proximus   

scarlet   

MOBILE VIKINGS  

tango  

  **B2B B2B (5K SME & COR)**

 **proximus NXT**
tech. bizz. people.   

tango  

telindus
a Proximus company   

 **International**

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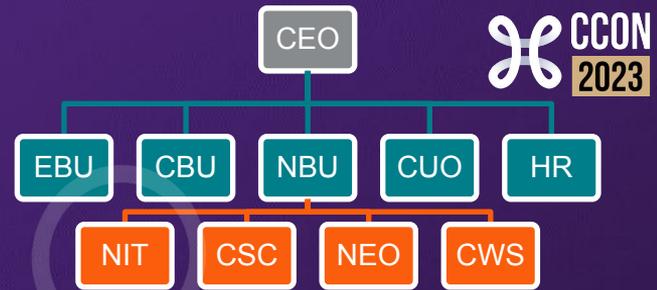
rotemobile
communication simplified 

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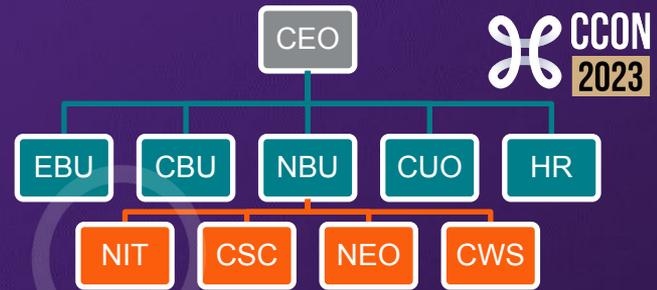
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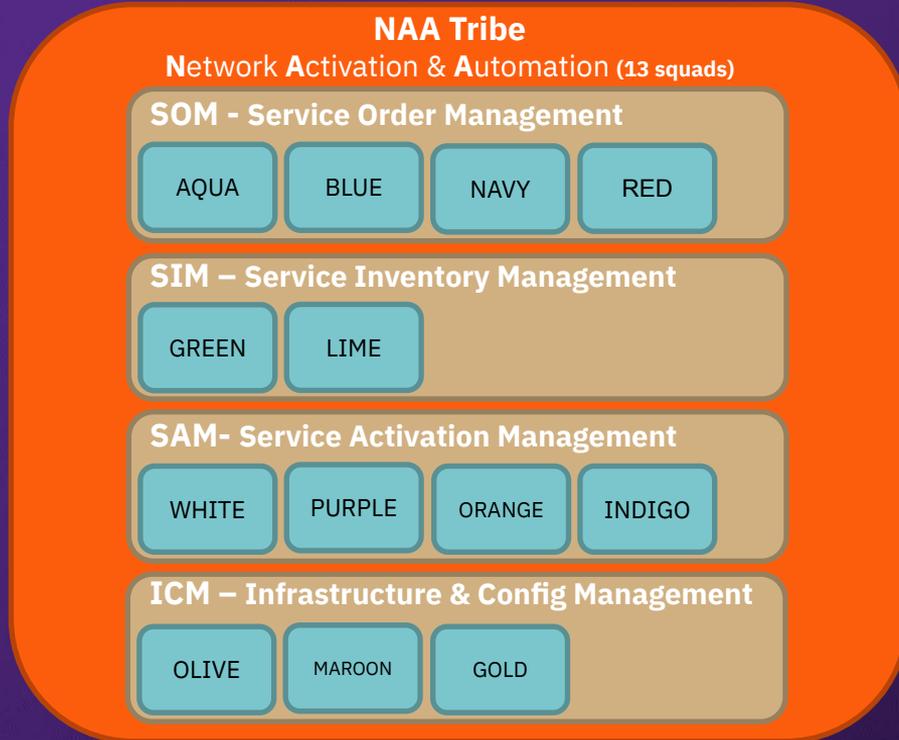
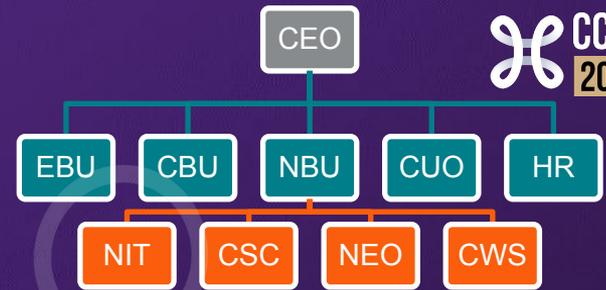


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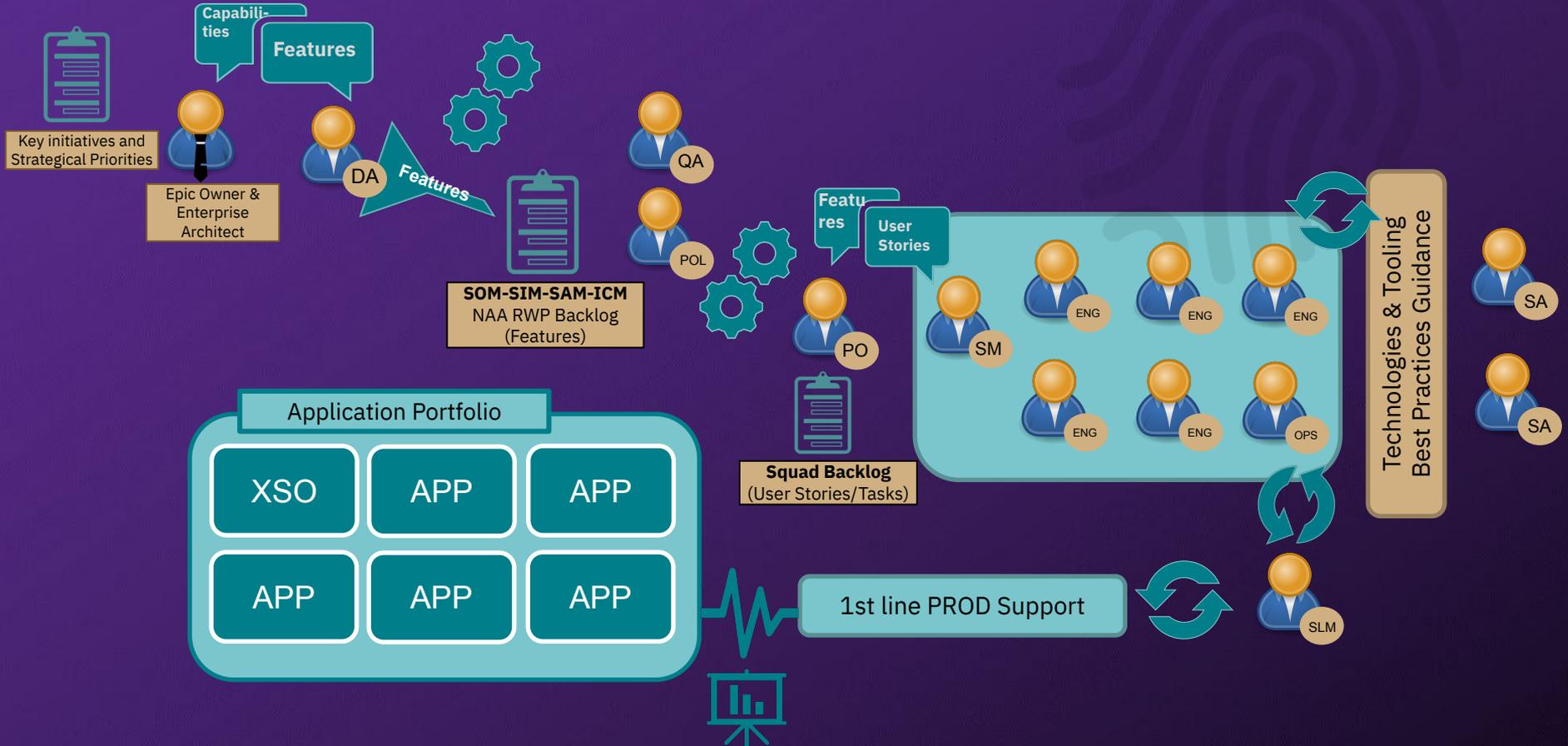
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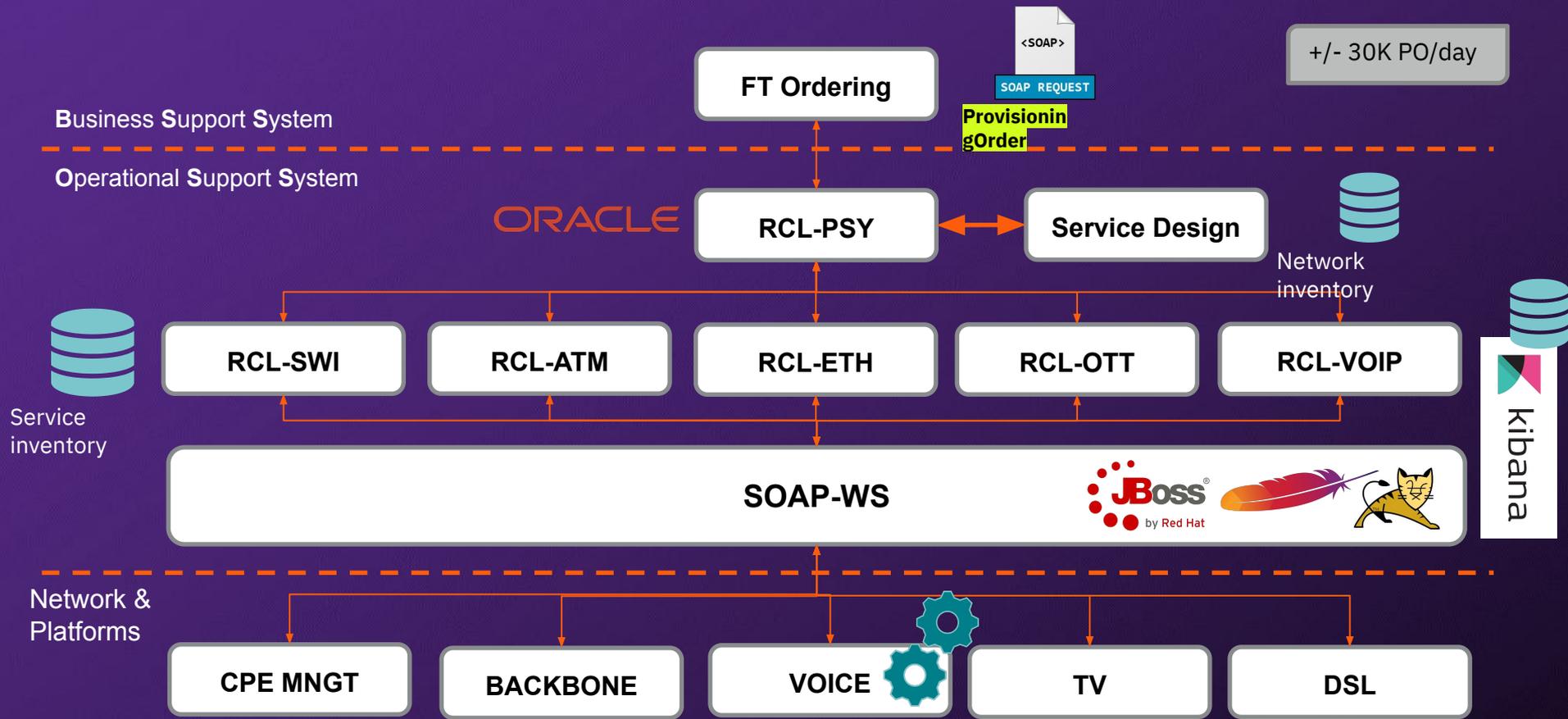
How we bridge to business...

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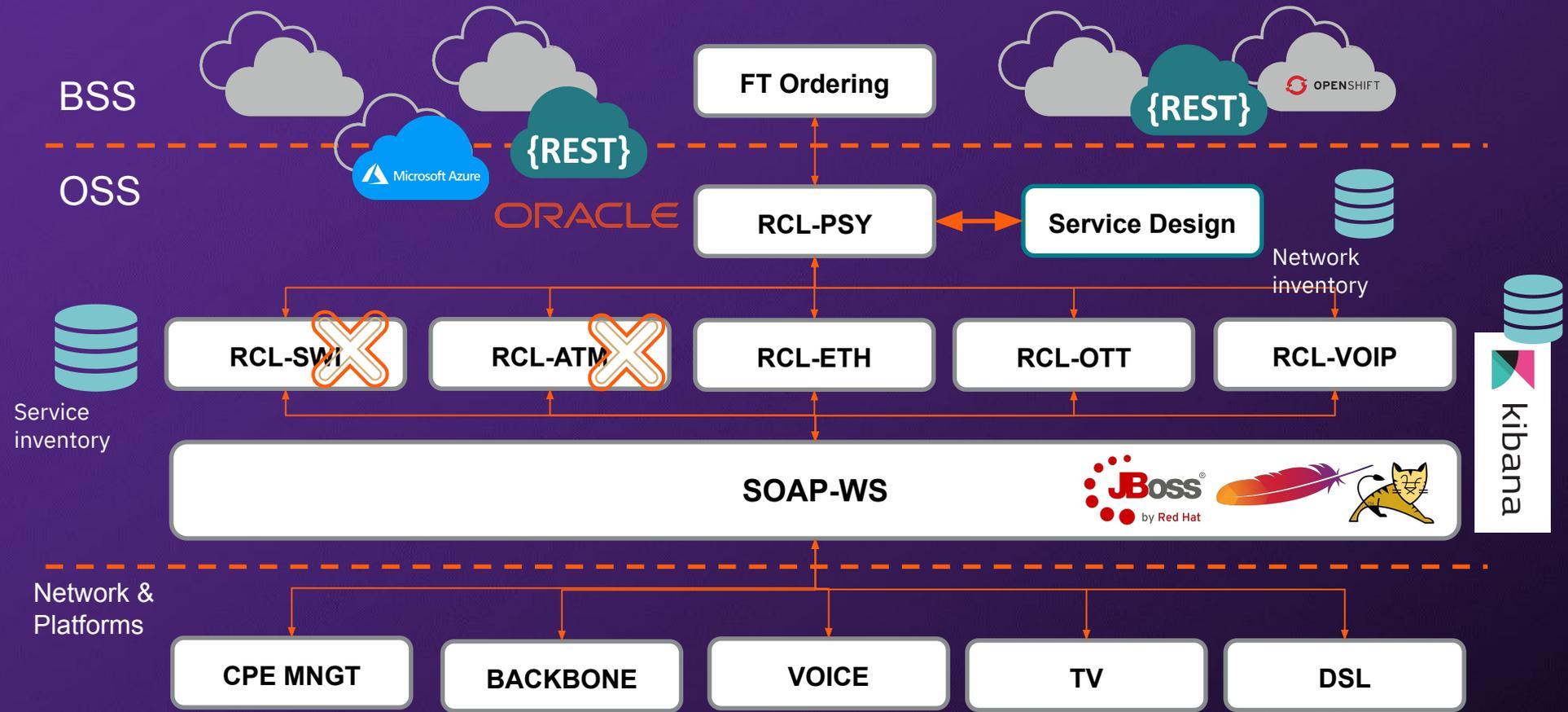


Once upon a time...

...there was an OSS layer called ROSY...



... she had to open up to the world!





So we used some TMF fairy tale dust...
Sorry, TMF what?



What is **tmforum** about?

<https://www.tmforum.org/membership/current-members/>

■ TeleManagement Forum

- Worldwide consortium of **850 telco/tech companies**
- Align on OSS-industry standards to **improve interoperability**
- Define **standards & specifications** for each OSS capability (FulFillment, InventoryMngt...)
- Integrated in a cloud-based eco-system via **REST-based OPENAPI's**

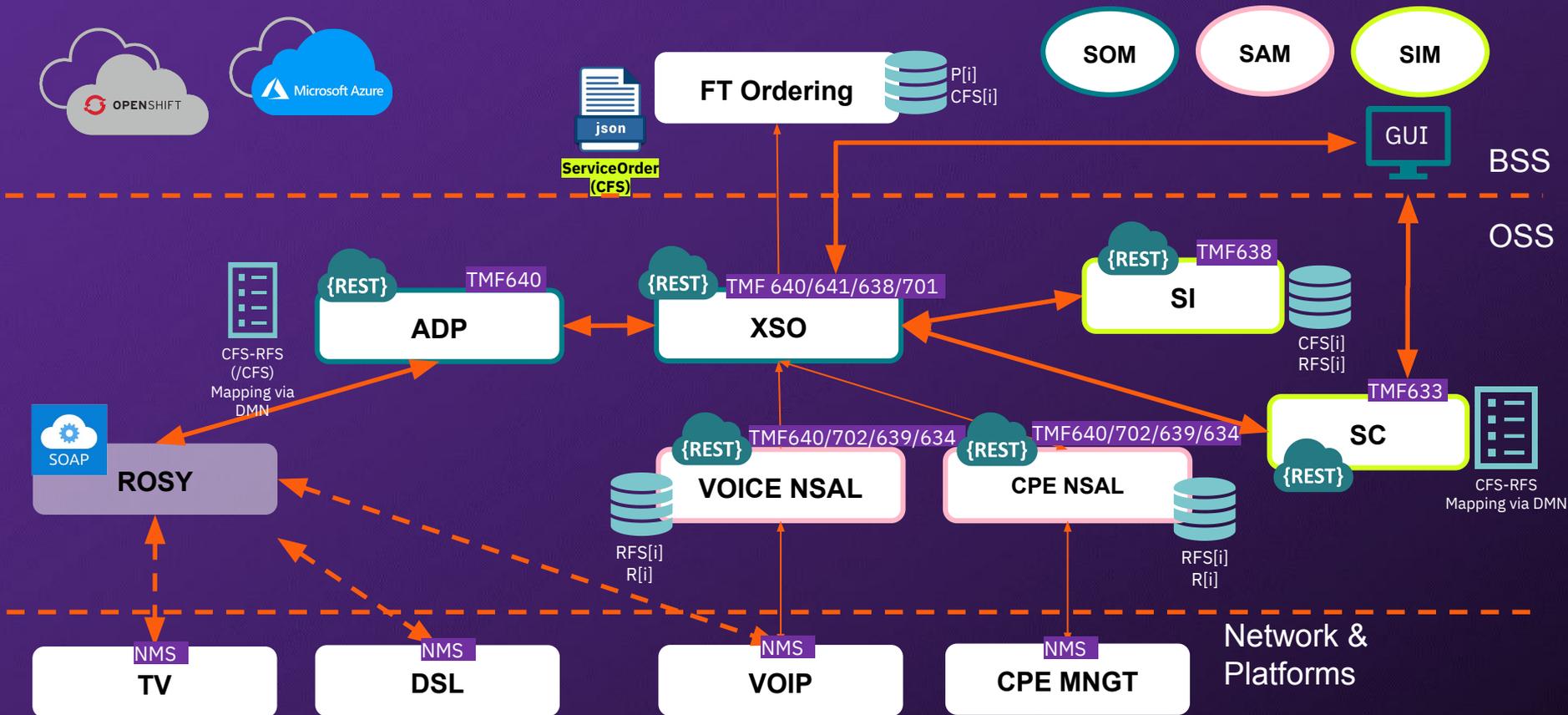
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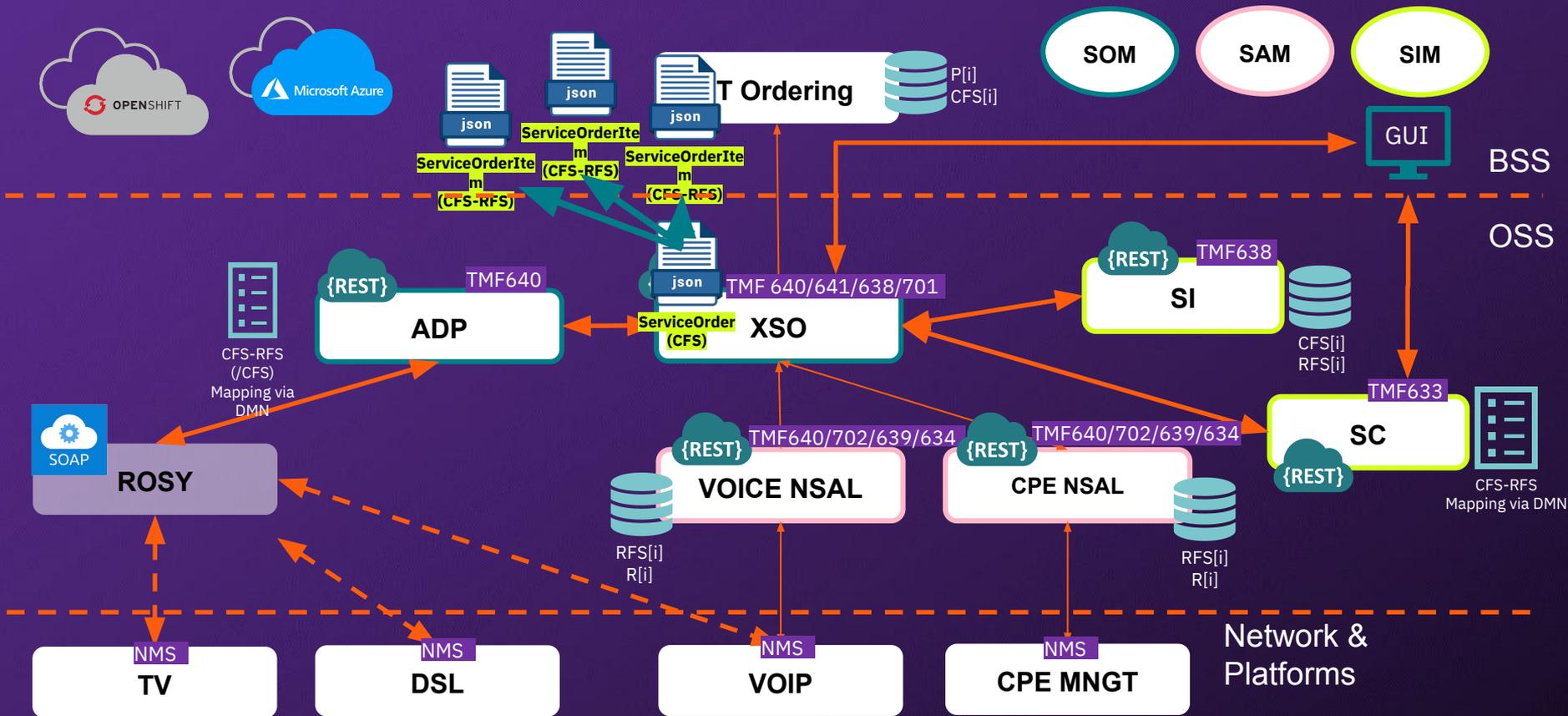
We had to let ROSY goooo...

... and we moved to a new OPEN NaaS-model called ELSA*!



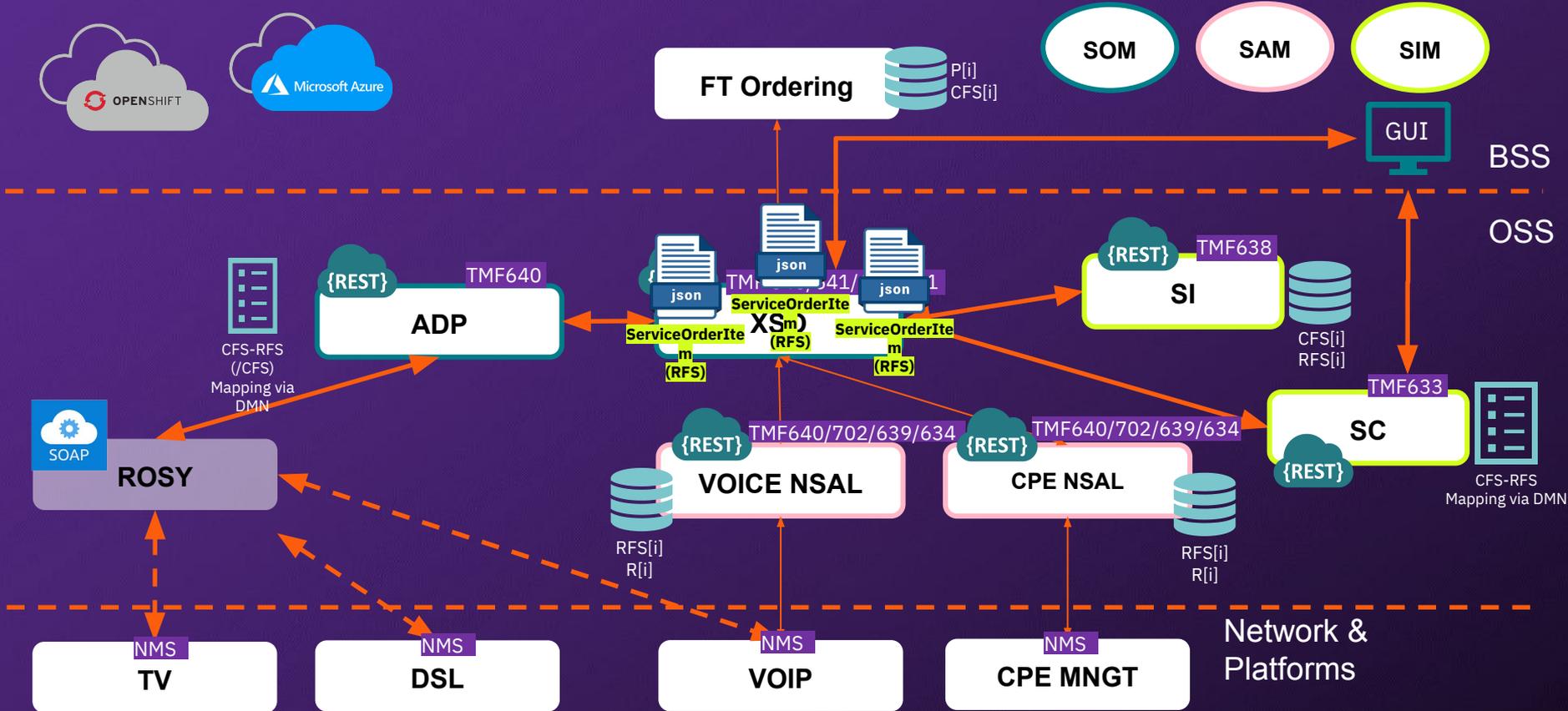
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And we needed a hero...

An orchestration engine for XSO...

... but not just any engine



- **Cloud-native** engine **transferable** to any cloud-ecosystem
- Easily **integratable** + a vivid community and **open documentation**
- Highly **extendable** with other frameworks and open-source techno
- **Strong references** to other telco players
- Easy to use BPMN **graphical editor** facilitating **collaboration**
- Easily **upgradeable** and maintainable with **high end qualitative support**
- Rich toolset for extendible **logging & monitoring**

What made us choose Camunda?

Runnable in Cloud ecosystem

- Powered by a **cloud-native workflow engine** designed for horizontal scalability and resilience.
- Integratable on **private Cloud** or set-up in a **PaaS/IaaS**.



What made us choose Camunda?

Open documentation with vivid community

- **Vivid developer community**

- Online documentation and discussions
- Camunda Forum

- **Camunda Academy**

- Multiple role-based learning tracks
- Training guides
- Reference implementations



What made us choose Camunda?

Extendable with other technologies

- Smooth **integration** of **3rd party package** Drools iso Camunda DMN in XSO
- Rich set of **API-protocols** (REST/SOAP or in-house designed connector)
- **Design Patterns** for integration
- **User Tasks** support in a GUI, makes it pluggable as back-end



What made us choose Camunda?

Strong references in the market

- Other telco operators already choose Camunda for their **digital transformation** i.e. *T-Mobile, Orange, Swisscom, Vodafone...*
- Camunda adopted in other sectors: *banking, retail, government...*



What made us choose Camunda?

Facilitate in the bridging between business & IT

Cawemo Modeller as
visual collaboration platform

- Highly improving **readability** for non technical profiles
- Highly improving efficient **collaboration**
- BPMN 2.0 as **bridging** language with business (Domain Architects in NIT)



What made us choose Camunda?

Qualitative level of support

High **qualitative support** from the start!

- Even with Community Edition – direct access to Camunda engineering
- **Pro-active approach** to meet up and inform on **future roadmap** – allowing internal anticipation.



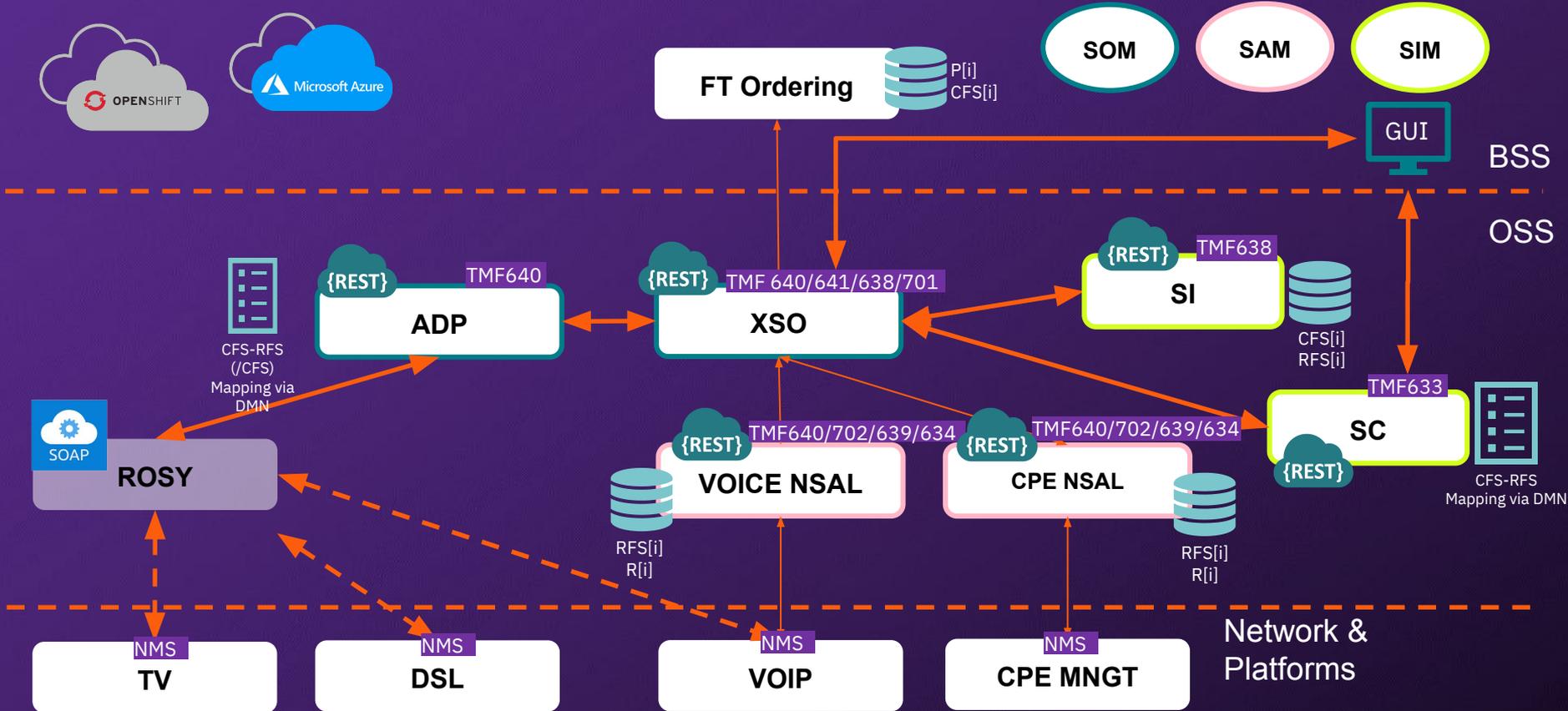
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Easy investigation in case of issues

- *Camunda Cockpit* provides **real-time view** of running BPMN processes enabling DevOps to **monitor & analyse** technical incidents efficiently.
- *Camunda Optimize* uncovers process bottle-necks and other **performance issues** in easy-to-understand reports & dashboards.



... where do we use CAMUNDA today in our new OSS Stack?



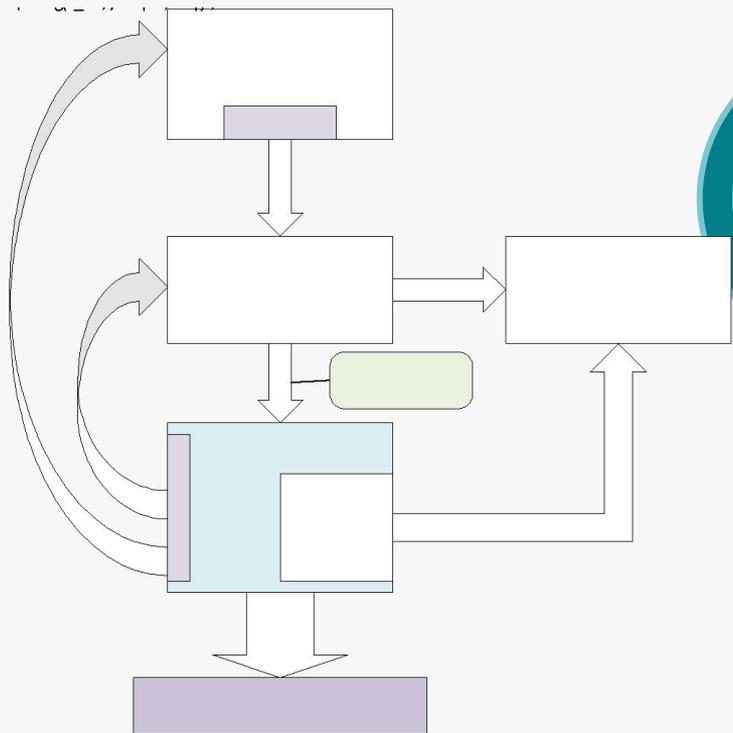
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Use Case I: XSO

{REST} TMF 640/641/638/701

XSO

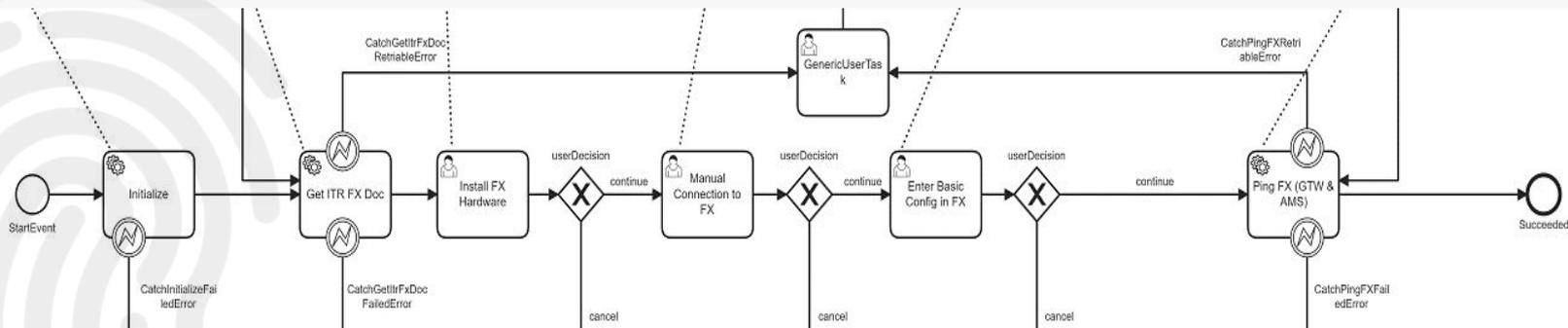
- **XSO = Cross-Service Orchestrator:**
 - Processes **Service Orders** containing CFS's to activate cross-domain
- TMF701 Process Flow API implemented using Camunda BPMN Processes:
 - Invoke other **services** (TMF or legacy)
 - Use Drools DMN-rules for dynamic decomposition of CFS, mapping CFS-RFS & validation rules (**catalogue-driven implementation**)
- Orchestration logic compressed in **15-20 Camunda flows** with nearly no human intervention (compared to +/- 400 BPEL flows!!)



Use Case II: RBT/MCG



- **RBT** (ROSY **B**ring into Service **T**ool) and **MCG** (Migration **C**ontroller **G**ateway)
 - Used by network field technicians to **deploy new infrastructure** or to **migrate existing equipment** in the fixed access network.
 - Back-end fully driven by **Camunda workflows** using *UserTasks* to interact with the technicians' front-end
 - Domain architects collaborate with NEO business to define these automated workflows, using **BPMN 2.0** as **bridging language**.
 - The sub-tasks in the Camunda workflows are implemented using Java. Below shows flow for UC “Activate FX Card”.





So, happily ever after?

Let's start with today...

1

We're about to accelerate

- Given provisioning load for ELSA will increase, monitoring of impact on performance will become key

2

Set off on the right foot

- With high-quality level of support from CAMUNDA engineering, looking confidently forward to the future!

3

No one size fits all

- Camunda today doesn't cover all our orchestration needs, for instance Dynamic Acyclic Graph (DAG)



Now, what's next?



move to Camunda 8.3

Questions?

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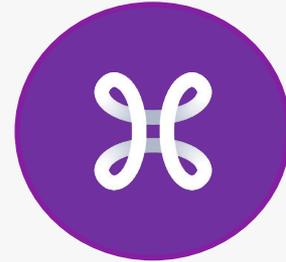


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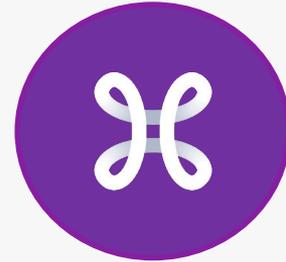
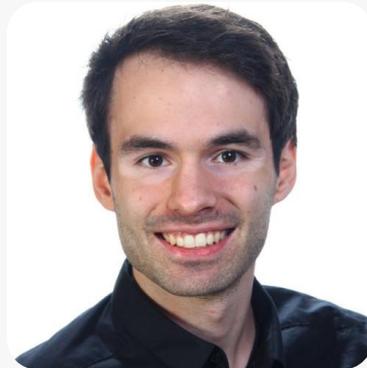
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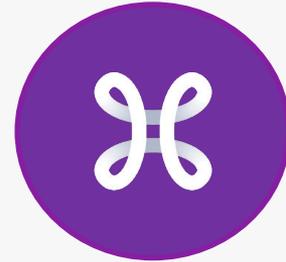


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The end!