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## Background

Links can be added when creating [Tasks](#), to provide either a support or a requirement for a task. An example would be the task "create offer" with an added link to a pricelist in the intranet.

The links may contain variables which are filled at runtime. Thus parameterized links are possible.

So, a fast integration of external systems can be realized, e.g. via links to SAP Web Templates or a link to an archive system.

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## Technical implementation

**Links will be added to the TIM-tasks in the modeling environment.** Just click an Activity/Node and select "Tasks". Now select "Links" at the relevant task.

For non-parameterized links to a file, insert the following code:

```
<links>
<link name="pricelist for pastry products"
class="com.dooris.bpm.entities.SimpleUrl"
url="file:\\tim.intranet\09-
pricelist\pricelist_pastry_products_2013.xlsx"/>
</links>
```

Afterwards the specified URL and the name of the link must be replaced.

For non-parameterized links to a folder/network drive, insert the following code:

```
<links>
<link name="pastry_products-folder"
class="com.dooris.bpm.entities.SimpleUrl"
url="file:\\tim.intranet\09-pricelist\"/>
</links>
```

Afterwards the specified URL and the name of the link must be replaced.

For non-parameterized links to a web page, insert the following code:

```
<links>
<link name="Homepage" class="com.dooris.bpm.entities.SimpleUrl"
url="http://www.tim-solutions.de"/>
</links>
```

For parameterized links to web pages, insert the following code:

```
<links>
<link name="Archivsystem" class="com.dooris.bpm.links.ProcessVariableLink"
parameter1="http://archivsystem/SearchformPage.aspx?execute=1&values=#{itemNumber}"/>
</links>
```

Also the name of the variable must be replaced, like the name and the URL of the link. Any amount of variables are possible in a link. The variables must be existing process variables.

In compliance with the following sample, any number of links can be insert:

```
<links>
<link name="Link 1" .../>
<link name="Link 2" .../>
<link name="Link 3" .../>
</links>
```

Please note that the following characters must be replaced within the URLs by the relevant XML-Escapesequenz:

```
"    &quot;
'    &apos;
<    &lt;
>    &gt;
&    &amp;
```

For example, instead of

```
<links>
<link name="Search" class="com.dooris.bpm.entities.SimpleUrl"
url="http://www.tim-solutions.de?search=instances&amount=>0"/>
</links>
```

the following correct spelling must be used:

```
<links>
<link name="Search" class="com.dooris.bpm.entities.SimpleUrl"
url="http://www.tim-solutions.de?search=instances&amount=&0"/>
</links>
```

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## Example

### Embedding links in iGrafx

To embed a link by using iGrafx, the following parameters must be specified:

- **To** : A significant name can be given to the link here
- **URL** : the internet/intranet as the target must be specified as destination here
- **Class** : here are two different classes to choose from:

**com.dooris.bpm.entities.SimpleUrl**

This class is used when there is a non-parameterized link

**com.dooris.bpm.links.ProcessVariableLink**

If process variables should be used within the link the class must be entered. The indication of the link is the same as in Signavio.

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Here is the name	https://www.google.com	com.dooris.bpm.links.ProcessVariableLink

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