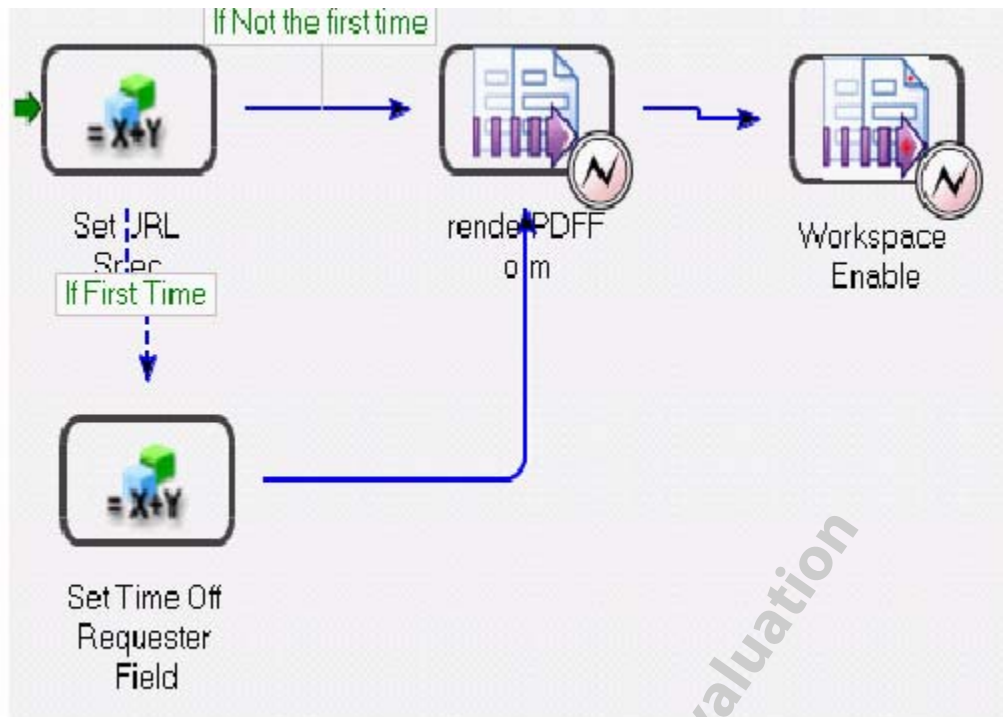


I have written a simple render process which populates a text field with the user's name who has initiated the process. This is very useful in populating forms such as TimeOffRequest, Expense Report, and Helpdesk Ticket. All these forms usually have a field which needs to be populated with the name of the person submitting the request. Once the person submits the form it usually goes to the manager. When manager gets the form and opens it, the name of the person initiating the process should still be populated. To do this I used the TaskStatusID to determine if the Task is an initial task or not. In live cycle lingua franca a Task is said to be initial if the Task Status ID is = 1. **This means the process is being initiated and there is no current owner of the task.** A task is something which a user is assigned to do. When a user logs into workspace all his/her current tasks are listed in the "ToDo" section. When a user starts a process from workspace, the form associated with the process needs to be rendered into a pdf before being displayed in workspace. To do this render service associated with the xfa form variable is called. It is in this render service that all pre population of the form fields is done. This render service will be executed every time a user opens the form in workspace. You can add the required logic in the render service to populate fields. If you look at the render process, I look at the value of the TaskStatusID and decide if I need to populate the TimeOffRequestor field. As mentioned above if TaskStatusID = 1, that means the process is being initiated and hence we would like to populate the TimeOffRequestor field. When the TaskStatusID != 1 it means the task is assigned to a person and we do not need to populate the TimeOffRequestor field



### Some Common LiveCycle Terms

Task – A To Do item in the users To Do List

Initiating a Task – Starting a process by clicking on the Start process link

Starting a activity – Same as initiating a task

Submitting a Task – After a form is filled the user hits the “Complete” button

FormUrl – A string representing the name of the form such as “TimeOff.xdp”

Content Root URI – Where are your forms stored viz repository aka as resources or fileSystem

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