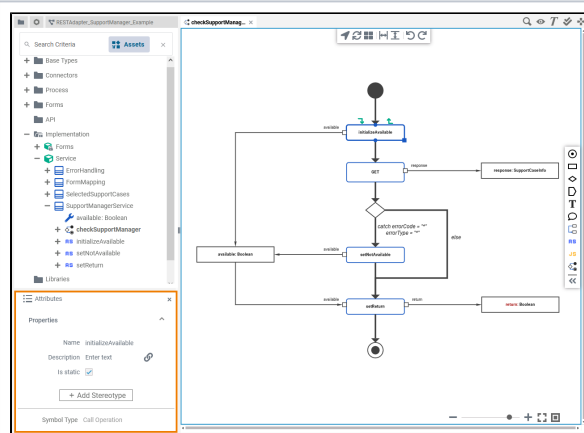


Changing the Attributes of Elements on the Activity Diagram

All elements on the activity diagram pane have attributes that describe their behavior in the service. In the **Attributes** panel, you can see and change the attributes of a selected element.



If using the panel preset, the attributes panel is displayed in the lower left corner. To return to the panel preset, go to the [user preferences](#) and use button **Reset Panels**.

On this Page:

- [Standard Attributes](#)
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Related Pages:

- Panel Handling
 - [Setting the User Preferences > Reset Panels](#)
 - [Working with the BPMN Editor > Managing Panels](#)



Refer to Customizing Editors and Panels for detailed information about panel management in general.

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Symbol Type Call Operation

Click an element on the diagram pane to display its attributes in the **Attributes** panel.

All elements have the following [standard attributes](#):

- **Name**
- **Symbol Type**

Some elements have [additional attributes](#):


- **Description**
- **Type**
- **Direction**
- **Array**
- **Is static**
- **Guard**
- **Order**
- **Stereotypes**

If you click on the diagram pane itself, the Attributes panel displays the attributes of the related operation from the Implementation model.

Standard Attributes

In the attributes panel, all attributes of the selected element are displayed. Some standard attributes are present for all elements.

Attribute Name	Description	Possible Values / Example	Availability
Name	<p>Click here to insert or change the Name of the related element. Generated elements (like e.g. message) cannot be renamed.</p> <p>Element names must follow certain naming rules. They</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must not contain blanks • must not start with a number • must not contain special characters 	<code>serviceAvailable</code>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activity diagram elements.

Is static	<p>Specify if the operation is static (default) or not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static operations can be called without creating an instance of the related class. They get all necessary data via their input parameters. • Wanting to call a non-static operation, you need to create a local instance of the related class, and call the operation on that object. This is called self context. 	true	The operation is static (default) and can be used outside the context of the related class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Operation Actions
		false	The operation is non-static and needs a self object as an input.	
Guard	<p>Control flows that are starting from a decision node need to have a guard expression. A guard expression is an expression that evaluates to true or false, and specifies which control flow branch to follow from the decision node on.</p> <p>One of the guard expressions must be <code>else</code> to define the branch to follow when none of the guard expressions are true.</p>	true	Follow this branch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control flows starting from decision node
		false	Do not follow this branch.	
Order	<p>If a decision node branches the control flow into multiple branches, order defines the order in which the guard expressions (see Guard above) should be evaluated. This is necessary in case multiple guard expressions evaluate to true.</p> <p>The <code>else</code> expression does not need to have an order.</p>	among the guard expression on this control flow should be evaluated.	Order in which the guard expression on this control flow should be evaluated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control flows starting from decision node
		empty	Undefined order of evaluation.	
Get	<p>The Get attribute extracts the value of a single attribute from a complex type object node respectively output pin, and transports the value to an input pin respectively an object node.</p> <div>  Limitations of Attribute Get <p>Using the Get attribute it is only possible to access properties of complex types.</p> <p>The following is not supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple transformation flows to the same input pin. • Adding Action Script statements to the Get attribute. • Accessing single array elements, e.g. with <code>myArray[0]</code>. </div>	A valid class path e. g. <code>customerAddress.street</code>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Object flows
Stereotype	<p>Via button Add Stereotype, you can add a stereotype to an action node.</p> <p>By adding a stereotype, you can extend the attributes of an element with additional properties. For more information, refer to the related adapter pages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REST Adapter 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Operation Actions