



Welcome to the Konnector Kitchen™

Where we're cuckoo about creating connectors

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Wait, I was expecting another presentation?

- Well, something happened and the original presenter is not available
- I will not be offended if you decide to leave
- For now, let's have some fun demoing open-source connectors you can use!

“Camunda Gadfly”

: a person who stimulates ~~or annoys~~ other people especially by persistent ~~criticism~~ feedback

But first, what is a Connector?



- Connectors are reusable components that ease inbound and outbound integration
- They run as microservices external to the workflow engine
- Inbound Connectors – start or drive process instances from external applications
- Outbound Connectors – drive external applications from Camunda
- Camunda has a growing stable of OOTB connectors
- But you can create your own connectors very quickly!

I wanted to learn how to create my own Connectors



- In presales, especially at Camunda, you need to walk the talk
- I'm generally curious about new stuff
- I'm impatient about waiting for stuff to be created
- Camunda's connector team has provided SDKs to create your own connectors
- Available Inbound and Outbound templates to help accelerate development

Connectors I created and are available in the Community Hub (and now Marketplace)


- UiPath Outbound – not to be mistaken with the OOTB UiPath Connector
- NATS Outbound – Send messages to topics in NATS
- NATS Inbound – Start or drive process instances by sending messages to NATS topics
- Postgres Inbound – Start or drive process instances using Postgres CRUD operations
- File Watch Inbound – Start or drive process instances using file CRUD operations
- Email Watch Inbound – Start or drive process instances using email
- MongoDB Inbound – Start or drive process instances using MongoDB Change Streams

Live Demo

NATS Inbound



Properties Comments Subscription

 **NATS INBOUND CONNECTOR**
Received message on topic

General

ID

StartEvent_1

Template

Applied

Connector Configuration

NATS Url *fx*

localhost:4222

Url of NATS server

Topic *fx*

test1topic

Topic

Polling interval in seconds! *fx*

60

Long polling interval

Output

Message variable

Name of variable to store the contents of the inbound message

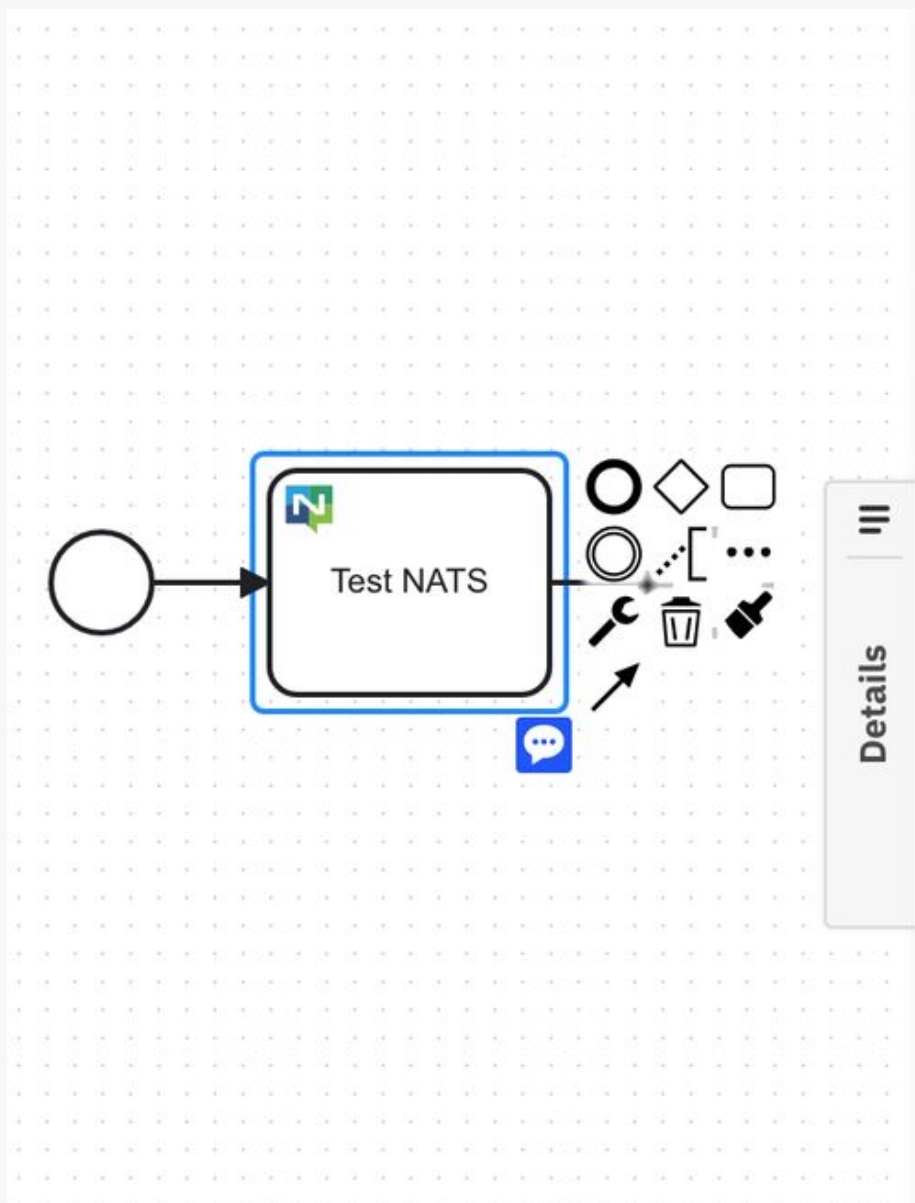
Variable expression *fx*

= {myCorrelationKey: event.message.my


Expression to map elements of the inbound message to process variables



NATS Outbound



Properties Comments

 **NATS CONNECTOR TEMPLATE**
Test NATS

General ● >

Template Applied ▾ >

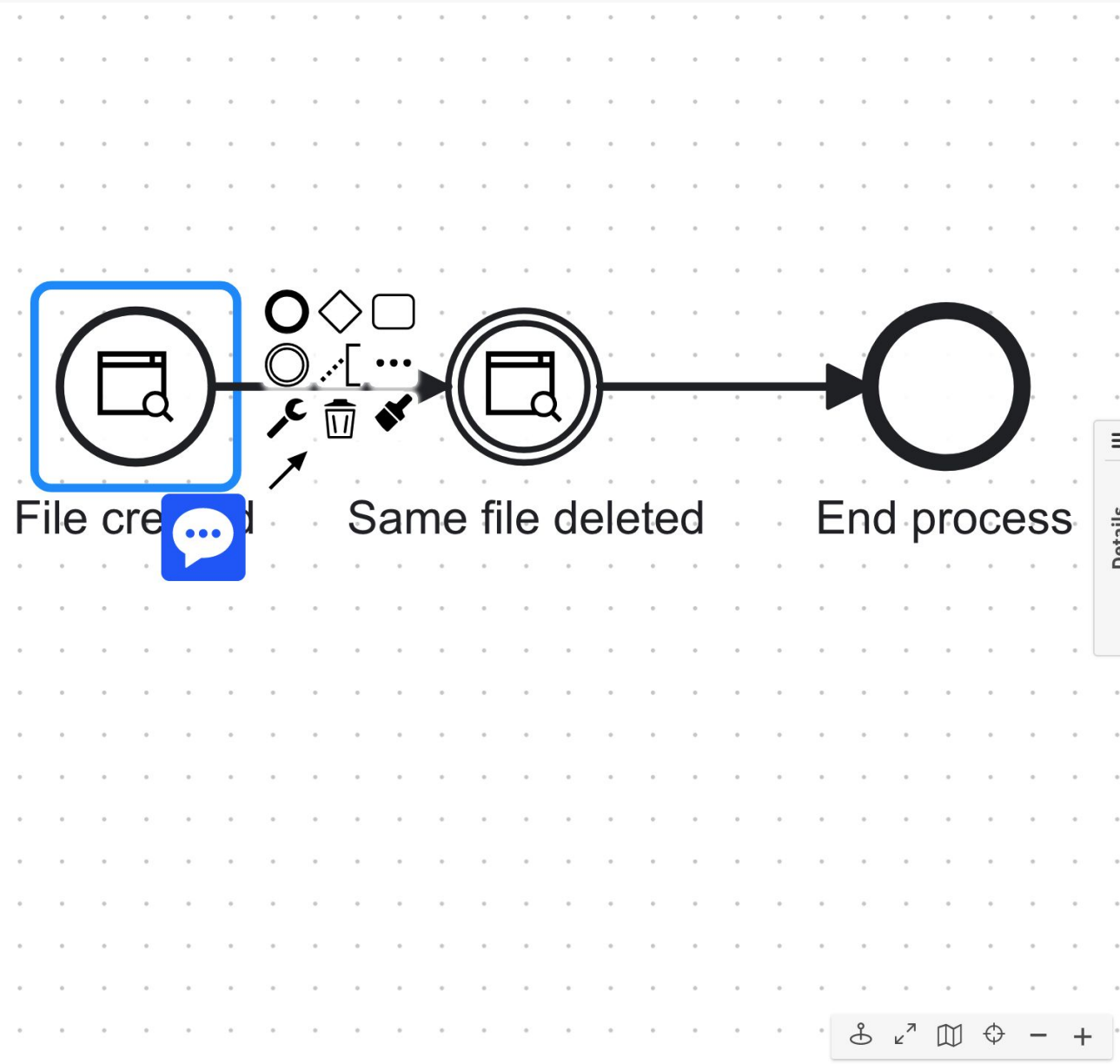
Custom properties ● ▾

URL ⓘ
localhost:4222
URL of NATS Server


Topic ⓘ
test.msg
Topic in which to publish message

Message ⓘ
Hello world
Message to publish

File watcher Inbound



Properties Comments Subscription

 **FILE WATCH SERVICE**
File created

General • ▼

ID

Template Applied ▼ >

Connector Configuration • ▼

Event to monitor
 ▼
Select type of file event to monitor

Directory to monitor *fx*

Directory to monitor for file events

Polling interval in seconds *fx*

Long polling interval

Output • ▼

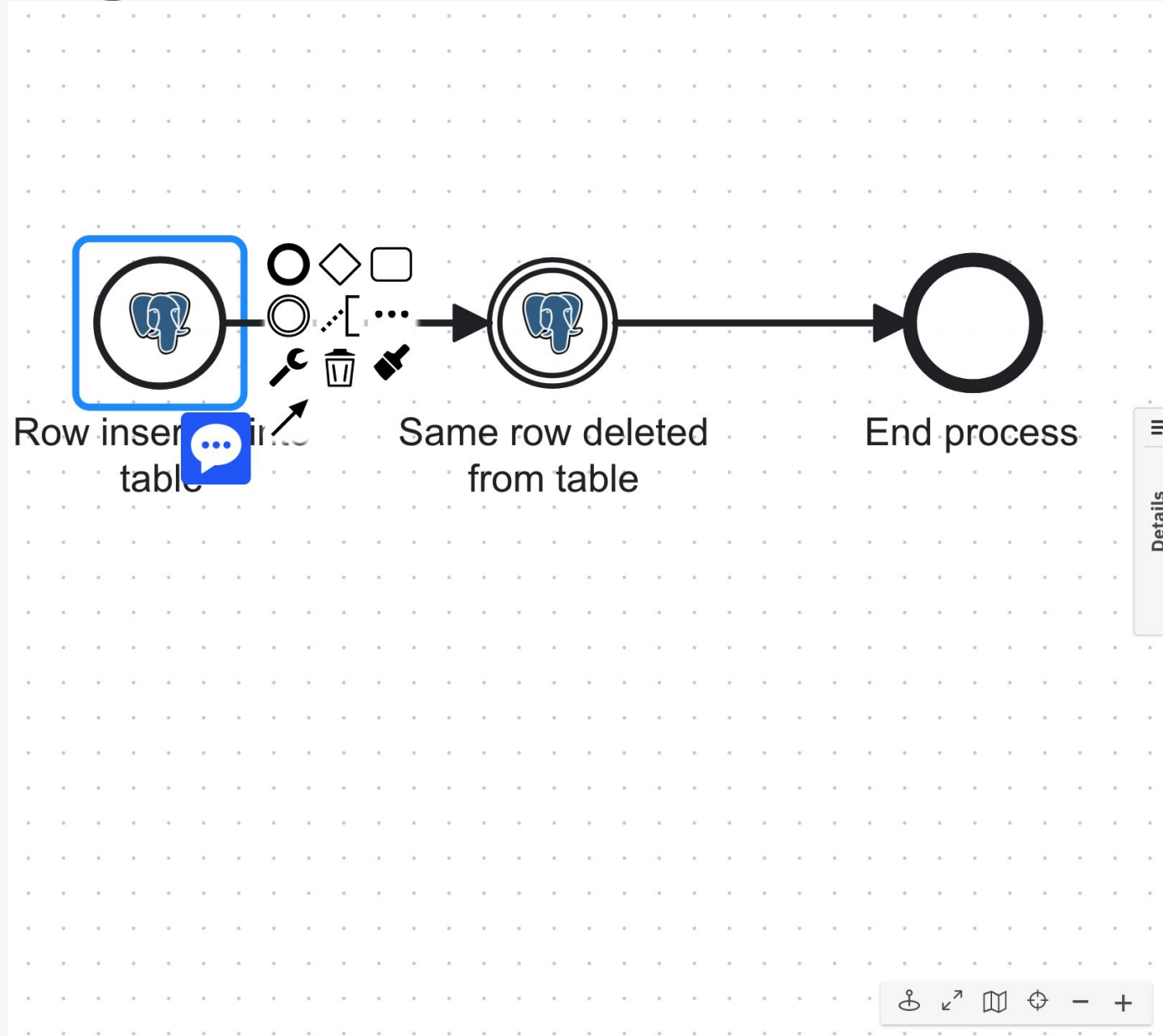
Event variable

Name of variable to store the contents of the inbound event

Variable expression *fx*

Expression to map elements of the inbound event to process variables

Postgres Inbound



Properties Comments Subscription

POSTGRES
Row inserted into table

Template Applied >

Connector Configuration ● ▾

Postgres URL

URL of Postgres database

Postgres username

Password

Channel *fx*

Channel to monitor triggered Postgres events

Polling interval in seconds *fx*

Long polling interval

Details

Output ● ▾

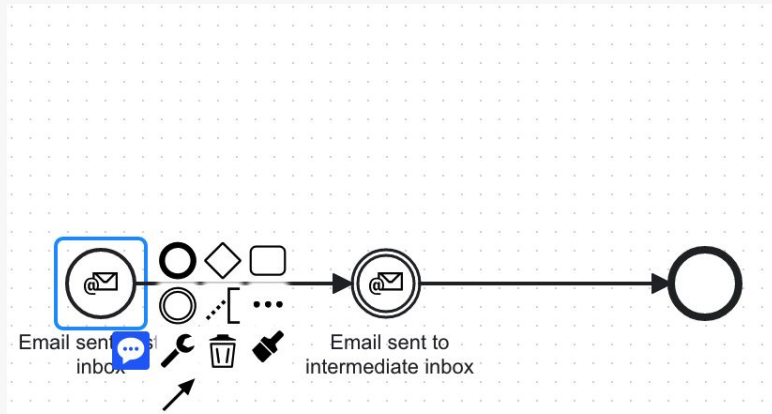
Event variable

Name of variable to store the contents of the inbound event

Variable expression *fx*


Expression to map elements of the inbound event to process variables

Email Watch Inbound



Details

Properties Comments Subscription

 **EMAIL WATCH**
Email sent to start inbox

Authentication

Username *fx*

notarealemail@notarealdomain.com

Password *fx*

notarealpassword

Email server configuration

IMAP protocol host URL *fx*

imap.gmail.com

URL to IMAP protocol email server

Port *fx*

993

Port used by IMAP protocol email server

Connection timeout *fx*

5000

Connection timeout in milliseconds

Folder *fx*

INBOX

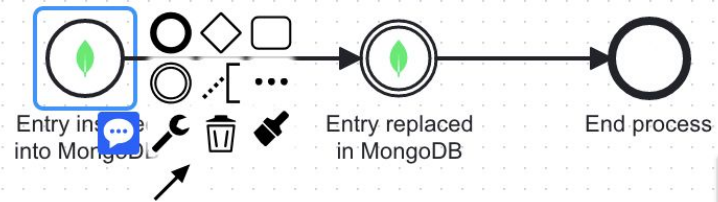
Folder to monitor, typically INBOX

Polling interval *fx*

60

Long polling interval, in seconds

MongoDB Inbound



Details



MONGODB INBOUND START

Entry inserted into MongoDB

General

Name

Entry inserted into MongoDB

ID

StartEvent_1

Template

Applied

Connector Configuration

MongoDB URL *fx*

mongodb://localhost:27017,localhost:27018,localh

URL of MongoDB database

MongoDB Database *fx*

testdb

Name of database to monitor

MongoDB Collection *fx*

testcollection

Name of collection to monitor. Leave empty to monitor database

MongoDB Event

Insert

Event to monitor

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