

Reference

E.Börger: *Approaches to modeling business processes: a critical analysis of BPMN, workflow patterns and YAWL*

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A reaction from W.M.P. van der Aalst and A.H.M ter Hofstede appeared under the title *Workflow Patterns Put into Context*

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Comment on the authors' reaction

My goal was to initiate a technical debate among the BPM experts, declaredly without claiming to have a solution for the identified problem.

van der Aalst and ter Hofstede, **instead of putting forward arguments** concerning the many technical problems I identified, essentially

- *comment on the history of WPs* including some generalities about systems whose study led them to the formulation of WPs
 - this covers more than half of their reaction (Sect.2 and 5), not counting 1.5 pages for references and abstract/introduction where they dismiss my detailed technical criticism as making ‘claims in a rather provocative and emotional manner’ (a qualification which is in the eyes of the beholder; the reader is the judge)
- *attribute to me* (‘Silver Bullett’ and similar silly) *claims I never made*
- *try to denigrate the Abstract State Machines Method*, although in the evaluation it plays no role and in fact is not discussed there
- *invoke citation counts as quality argument*