



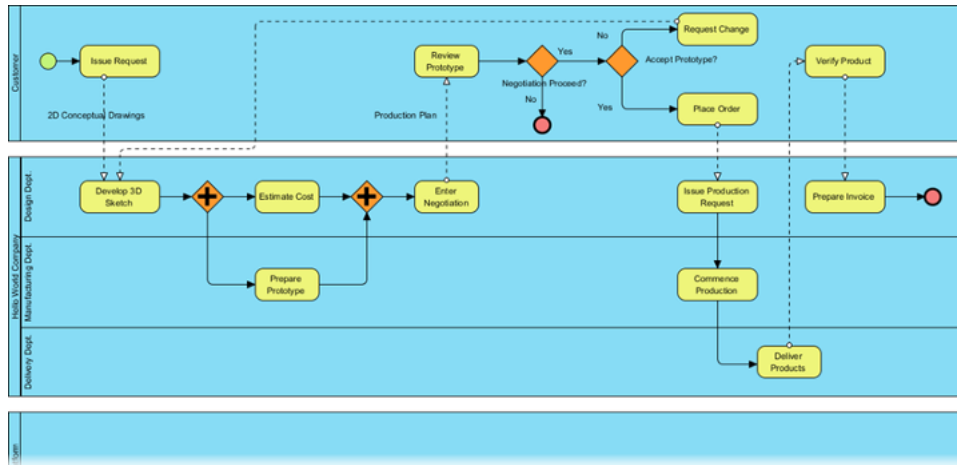
How to Block Select Shapes on Diagram?

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Fortunately, that is no longer the case. Thanks to Handi-Selection, you can select shapes from within the range of any of the four sides of the mouse pointer's position. Take editing a Sequence Diagram as an example: you can right-click at a certain spot on the diagram, and select all the shapes below. As a result, you can move the sequence messages downwards easily with no worries.

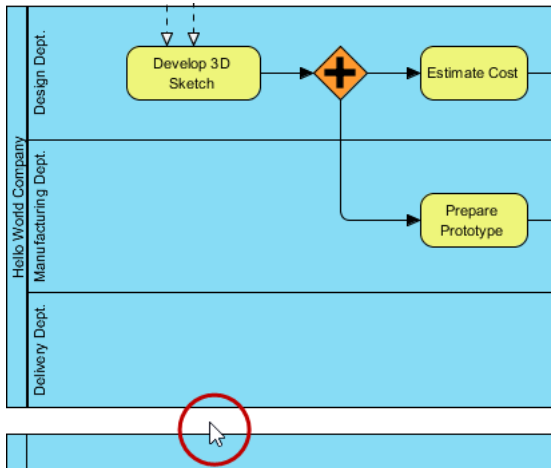
Handi-Selection in a Business Process Diagram

1. Download [Watch bracelet manufacturing.vpp](#). You can also find this file at the bottom of this tutorial, under the **Resources** section.
2. Open the downloaded project file in [Visual Paradigm](#).
3. Open the [Business Process Diagram](#) *Watch bracelet manufacturing*. You should see the diagram below:

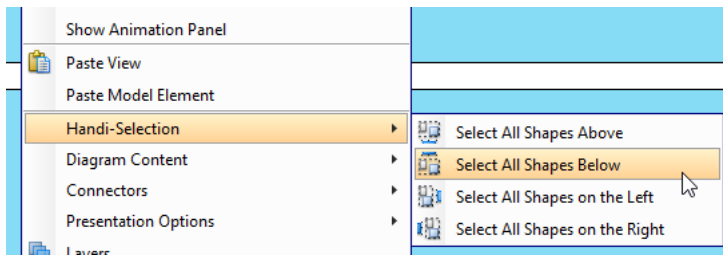


There are four empty and redundant pools on the diagram, and we want to delete them. Of course, selecting and deleting four pools is easy, but imagine if there are more pools on the diagram—it's not easy to select them all. So let's perform an easy and safe selection of shapes with the Handi-Selection feature.

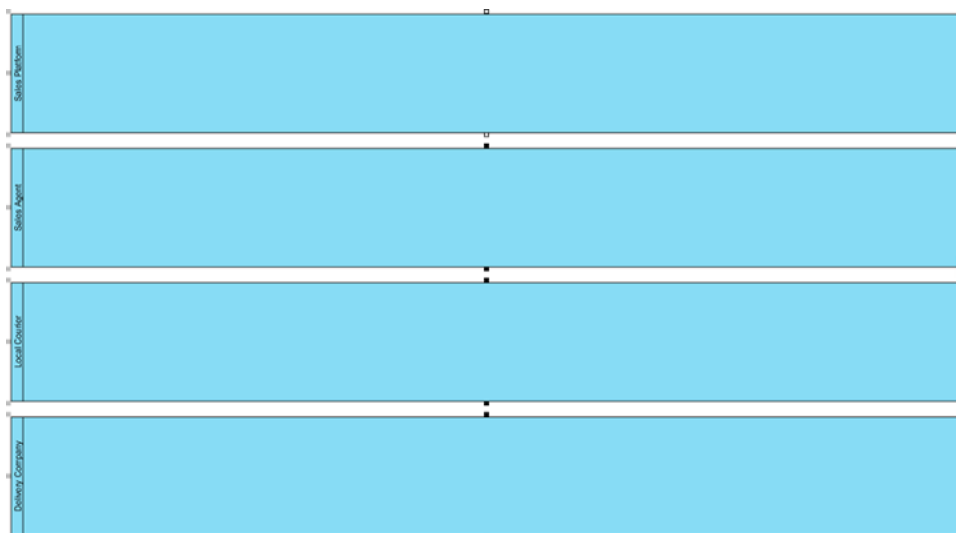
4. Right-click on the empty space below the *Hello World Company* pool.



5. Select **Handi-Selection > Select All Shapes Below** from the popup menu.

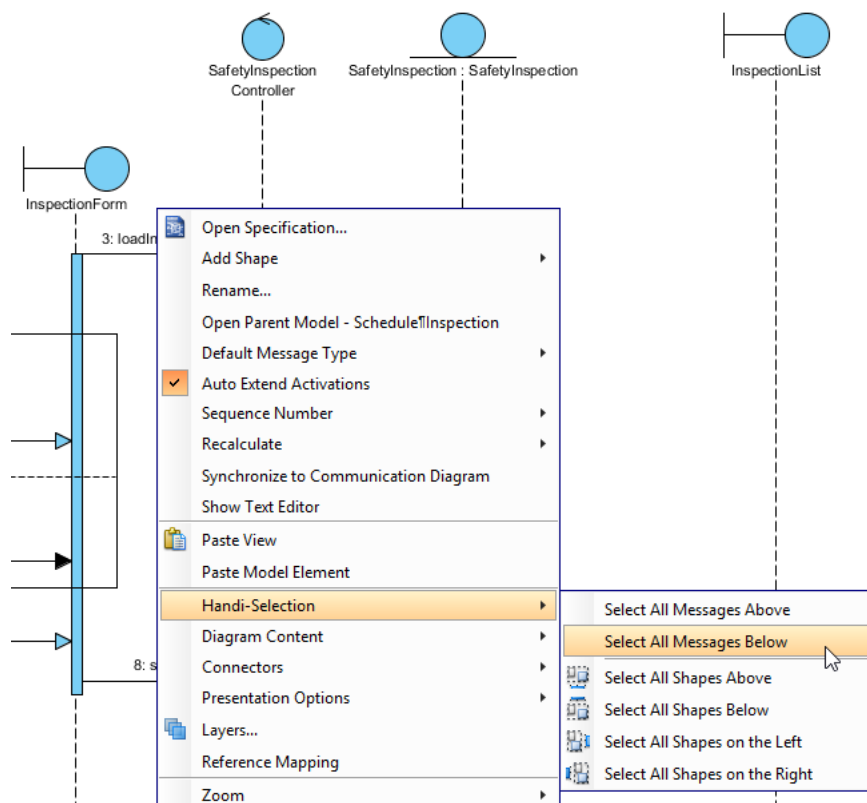


6. The empty pools are all selected. Now, delete them safely by pressing **Delete**.



Handi-Selection in a UML Activity Diagram

Handi-Selection in a [UML sequence diagram](#) is basically the same as in other diagram types. However, two additional options are supported: **Select All Messages Above** and **Select All Messages Below**. Compared to the rest of the Handi-Selection options, these two select only the sequence messages, but nothing else.



Resources

1. [Watch bracelet manufacturing.vpp](#)

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