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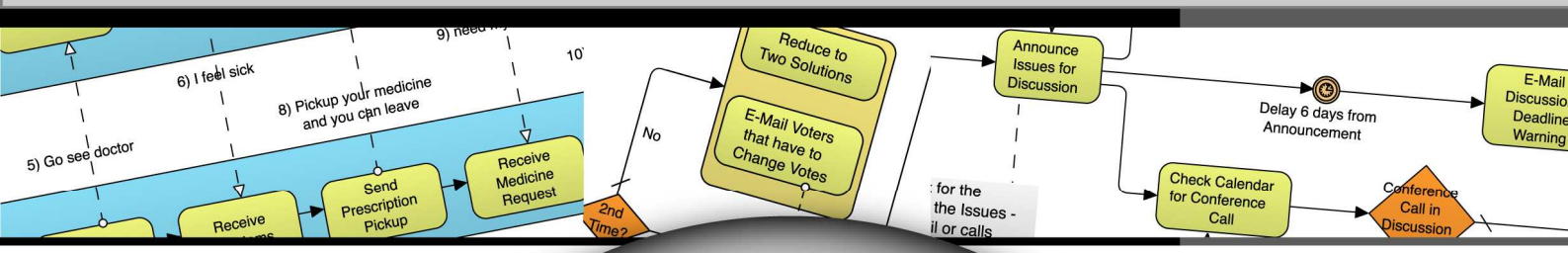

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Installing Business Process Visual ARCHITECT

Chapter 1 - Installing Business Process Visual ARCHITECT

Installing BP-VA is an easy task. However, there do have things that you should be aware of. This chapter will show you how to get BP-VA started from downloading to running the application. Here are the covered topics:

- Downloading Business Process Visual ARCHITECT from the Internet
- Installing Business Process Visual ARCHITECT
- Start the application
- Importing a valid license key

Downloading BP-VA

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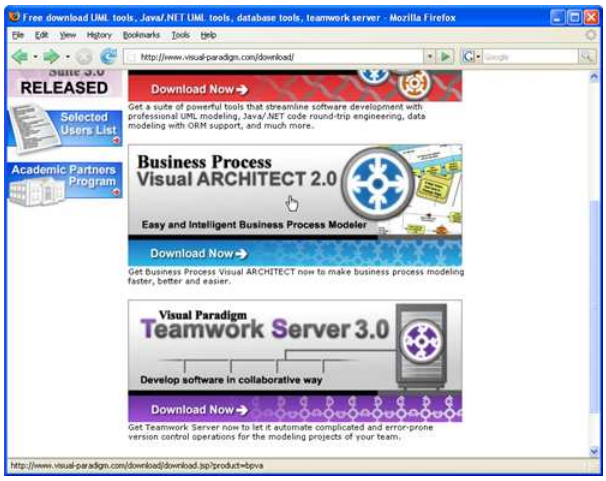

Figure 1 - Click to visit the download page of Business Process Visual ARCHITECT

3. Enter your account information, and click **Continue** to proceed.

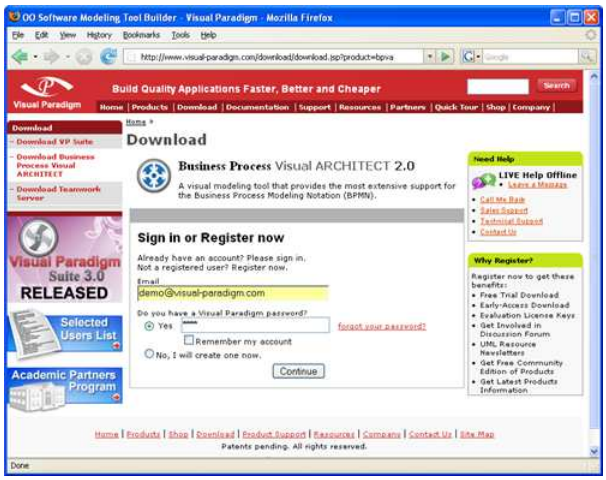

Figure 2 - Login to proceed to download

4. Choose the way of receiving the evaluation key, or not to receive it. Here are the description of each of the possible ways:

Ways of receiving an evaluation key	Description
Download Product Only (without request evaluation key)	Just to download BP-VA without the need of an evaluation key.
Send evaluation key as attachment	You will receive an email attached with the key file. Make sure your server allows email with attachments for choosing this option. If this option is unchecked, you will receive an email, which includes a download link of the key file.

5. Select your operating system from the **Platform** drop-down menu.
6. From the **Mirror Site** drop-down menu, choose the location that is closest to your current location for a faster download speed.
7. Click **Download** to proceed with downloading BP-VA.

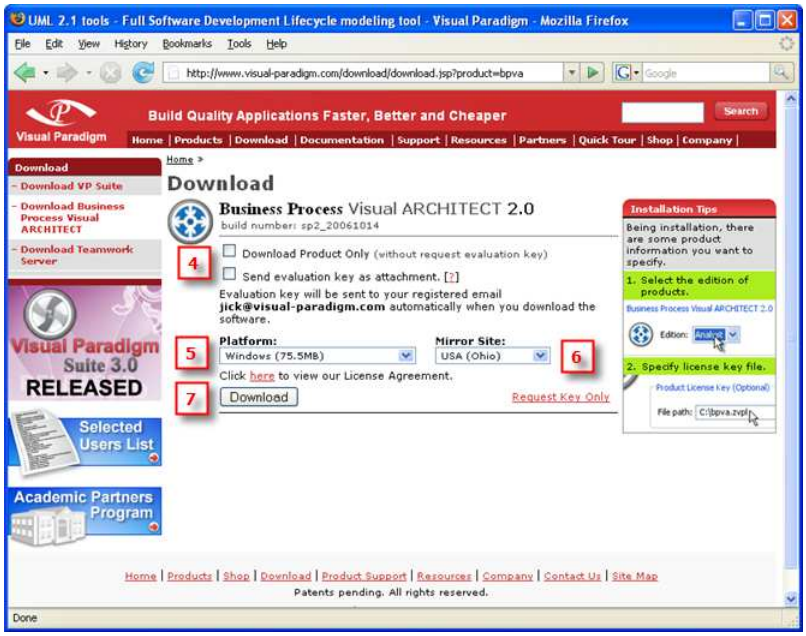

Figure 3 - Business Process Visual ARCHITECT download page

Installing BP-VA

The Business Process Visual ARCHITECT installer provides a step-by-step graphical user interface for installing BP-VA onto your system. Also, it lets you to create shortcuts under Start Menu for quick access to BP-VA. Moreover, it helps registering Visual Paradigm project files with the operating system so that you can open the project file in BP-VA simply by double-clicking on the file.

1. Double-click on the installer file to launch the setup program.

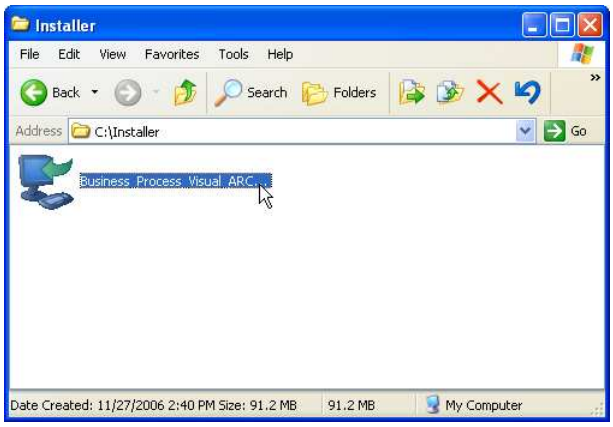

Figure 4 - Running the setup program

Note

For Linux platforms, execute the command *bash ./%BP-VA-INSTALLER-FILENAME%* (e.g. bash ./Business_Process_Visual_ARCHITECT_Linux_3_0.sh)

2. Click **Next >** to proceed to the License Agreement page.
3. Read through the License Agreement carefully. Make sure you accept the terms before continuing with the installation. If you accept the agreement, select **I accept the agreement** and click **Next >** to proceed to the Select Destination Directory page.

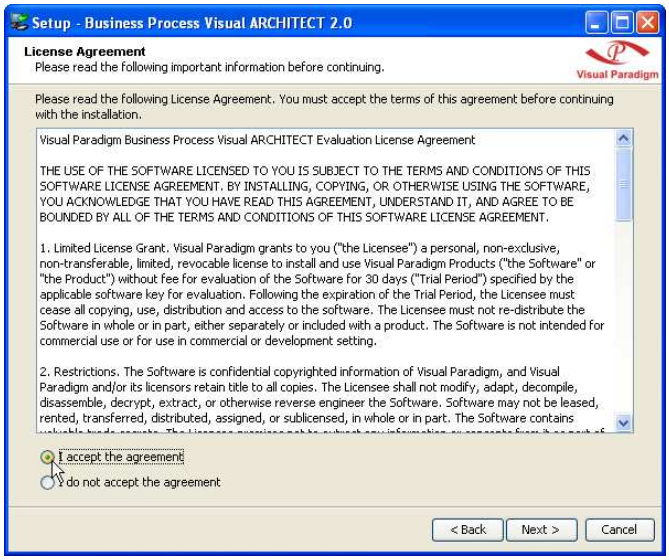

Figure 5 - Accepting the license agreement

4. Specify the directory for installing BP-VA. Click **Next >** to proceed to the next page.
5. Specify the name of the Start Menu folder that will be used to store the shortcuts. Keep **Create shortcuts for all users** checked if you want the shortcut to be available in all the user accounts in the machine. Click **Next >** to proceed.

Note

For Linux platforms, select a folder for creating symlinks. You may select **Don't create symlinks** if you do not want to.
For Mac OS X platforms, select whether you want to create desktop icon(s) that act as shortcut(s) to the installed products.

6. Keep **Visual Paradigm Project (*.vpp)** and **Visual Paradigm License File (*.zvpl)** checked if you want your system able to open the project file and the license key file. Click **Next >** to proceed to the product selection page.
7. BP-VA features vary by product edition. For more details on the features supported by different editions, click the hyperlink Edition Comparison which brings you to the web page of BP-VA feature comparison for different editions.

   Select the product edition from the **Edition** drop down menu.

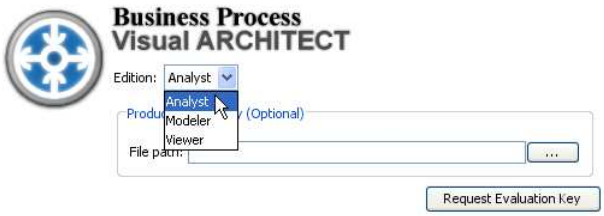

Figure 6 - Selecting the product edition

8. A license key is a key file which allows unlocking BP-VA. To import a license key, specify the file path of the key.

   The import of license key is optional at this point, because you can import it when you run BP-VA. Click **Next >** to proceed with copying files.

Note

For evaluation, the key should be sent to your email box (unless you have chosen not to receive it before download). If you have not received the email with key yet, and if you have selected to receive the key as attachment, the email might be treated as spam by mistake. Click on **Request Evaluation Key** to ask for another one. This time, try not to select sending the key as attachment.

9. Upon finishing, you can select whether to start BP-VA or not. Keep **Business Process Visual ARCHITECT 2.0** selected and click **Next >** will run BP-VA right away. Click **Next >** to finish the installation.

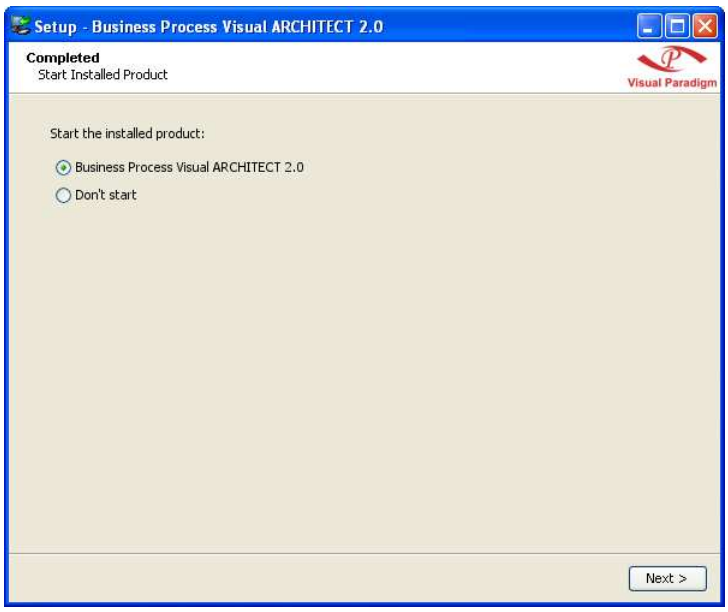

Figure 7 - Finishing the installation and start BP-VA

10. Click **Finish** to close the setup program.

Starting BP-VA

1. Start BP-VA by accessing the shortcut under the Start Menu.

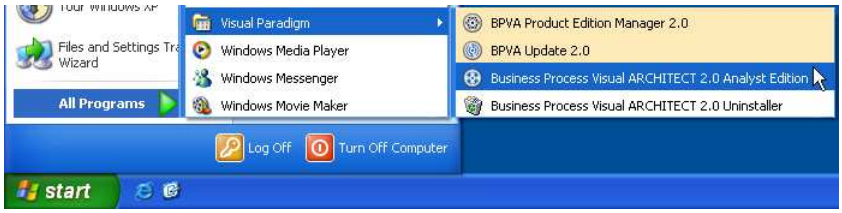

Figure 8 - Attempting to start BP-VA through the shortcut under the Start Menu

Note

For Linux and Mac OS X platforms, execute the file 'Business Process Visual ARCHITECT 2.0' inside *%BP-VA-INSTALLATION-DIR%/bin*

2. The **Workspace Launcher** appears. A workspace is a repository of the UML projects. Besides storing projects, it stores also the settings, user interface perspectives and other preferences defined for the working environment. Specify the workspace folder.

   If you do not want this dialog box to appear again, check **Use this as the default and do not ask again**. This will cause BP-VA to open the specified workspace folder automatically the next time.

   If you already have an existing workspace, you can import the settings from there by clicking **Import Workspace...**

   Click **OK** to continue.

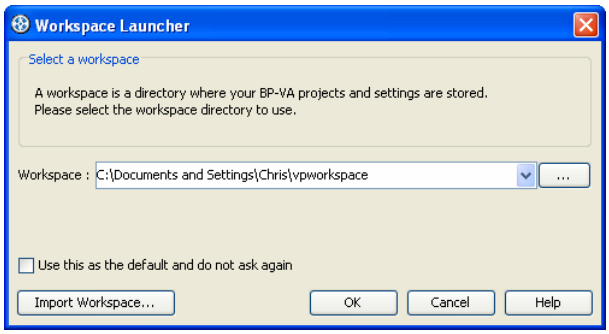

Figure 9 - Workspace Launcher

3. If you have imported a valid license key before, BP-VA should be started now. If not, the **License Key Manager** appears. The License Key manager is a utility for importing a license key. To import a key:

   1. Select **License Keys > Import...** from the menu.
   2. Specify the file path of the key file.
   3. Press **Import** to import the key file.

Click **Close** to close the **License Key Manager** and start BP-VA. If it prompts you with an invalid license key message, make sure the key you imported does match with the tool that you are running in terms of the following aspects:

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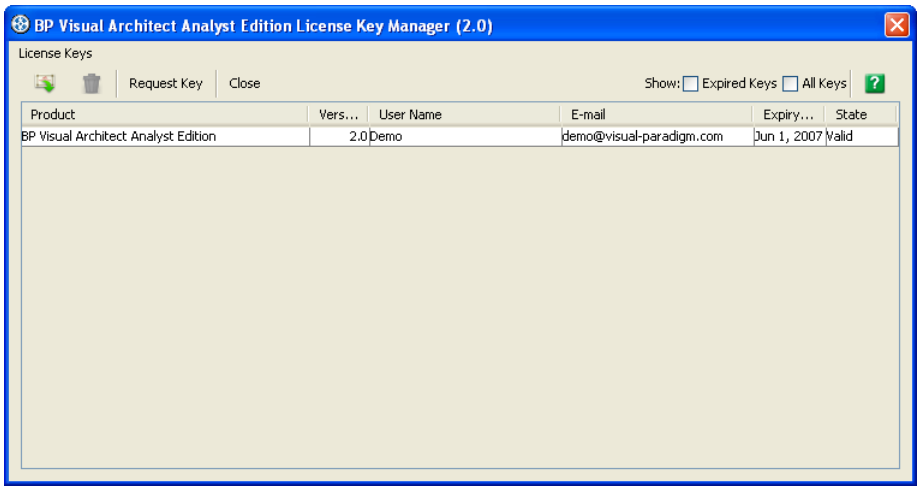

Figure 10 - The License Key Manager

Uninstalling BP-VA

Uninstalling BP-VA will cause it to be removed from the machine. To uninstall BP-VA:

1. Close BP-VA if it is running.
2. Run *%BP-VA-INSTALLATION-DIR%/uninstall.exe*

Note

For Linux and Mac OS X platforms, execute the file 'uninstall' inside *%BP-VA-INSTALLATION-DIR%.*

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Installing Business Process Visual ARCHITECT with No-Install

Chapter 2 - Installing Business Process Visual ARCHITECT with No-Install

While most of the applications nowadays require an installation, the No-Install approach is considered to be a lightweight alternative. This chapter will give you an introduction to what the No-Install version is, and show you how to get BP-VA started from downloading to running the application. Here are the covered topics:

- Introduction to the No-Install version
- Downloading Business Process Visual ARCHITECT from the Internet
- Installing Business Process Visual ARCHITECT
- Start the application
- Importing a valid license key

Introduction to the No-Install version

No-Install, as suggested by its name, is a compressed file that contains BP-VA in a ready-to-run form. You can run BP-VA as soon as the file is decompressed. A characteristic that makes a No-Install different from the installer is that, it will not register itself to the system, nor to create any shortcuts. This make the installation more flexible as you can move the installation to somewhere else simply by moving the whole installation folder without the concern of breaking any linkage to the system.

Downloading BP-VA

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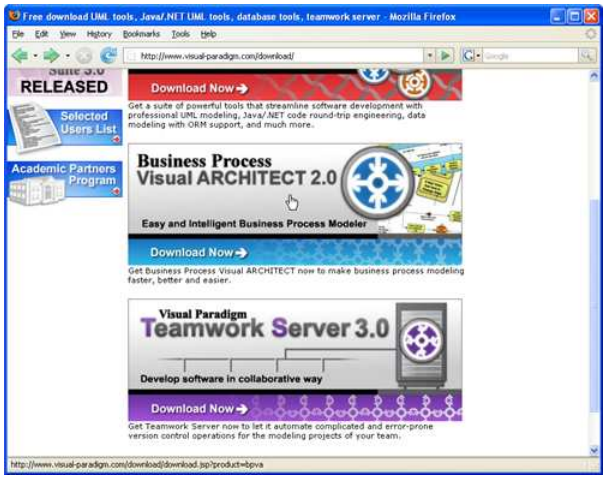
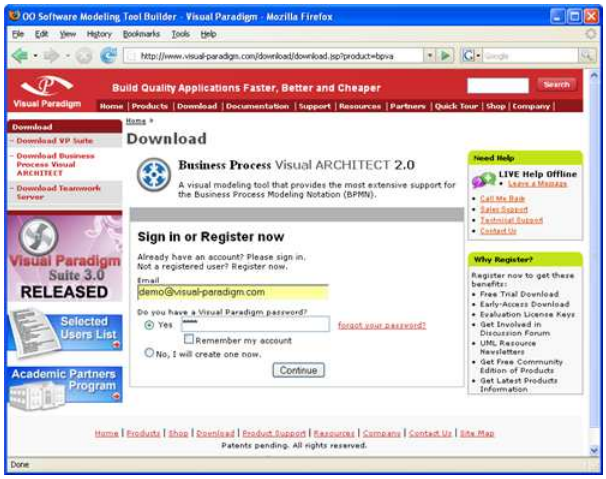


Figure 1 - Click to visit the download page of Business Process Visual ARCHITECT

3. Enter your account information, and click **Continue** to proceed.



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5. Select your operating system from the **Platform** drop-down menu. Choose the item with a bracket *(No-Install)* added to the name of the platform.
6. From the **Mirror Site** drop-down menu, choose the location that is closest to your current location for a faster download speed.
7. Click **Download** to proceed with downloading BP-VA.

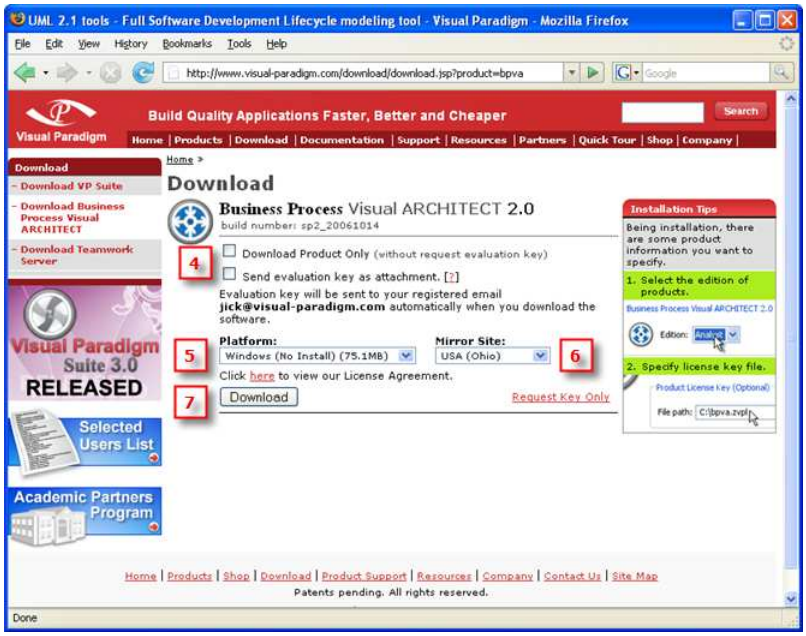

Figure 3 - Business Process Visual ARCHITECT download page

Installing BP-VA

To install BP-VA:

1. Decompress the No-Install file.

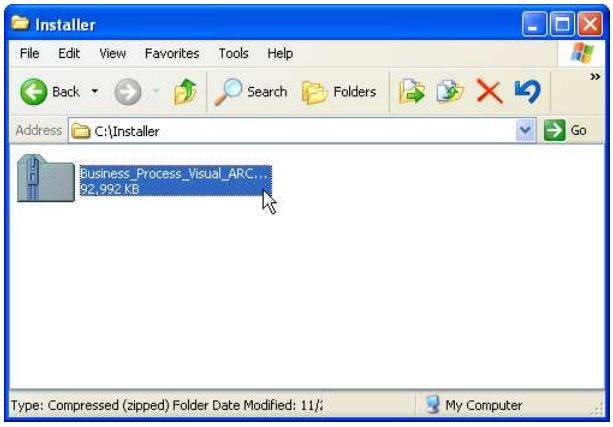

Figure 4 - The No-Install file (zipped)

Note

For Linux platforms, run the following command to decompress the No-Install file:
tar -zxf %NO-INSTALL-FILE.tar.gz% -C %DESTINATION-FOLDER%

2. Execute *%NO-INSTALL-DECOMPRESSED_FOLDER%/bin/BPVA Product Edition Manager.exe*.

Note

For Linux and Mac OS X platforms, execute the file **BPVA Product Edition Manager** inside *%NO-INSTALL-DECOMPRESSED-FOLDER%/bin/*

3. Select the product edition from the **Edition** drop down menu. Click **Next** to confirm the setting.

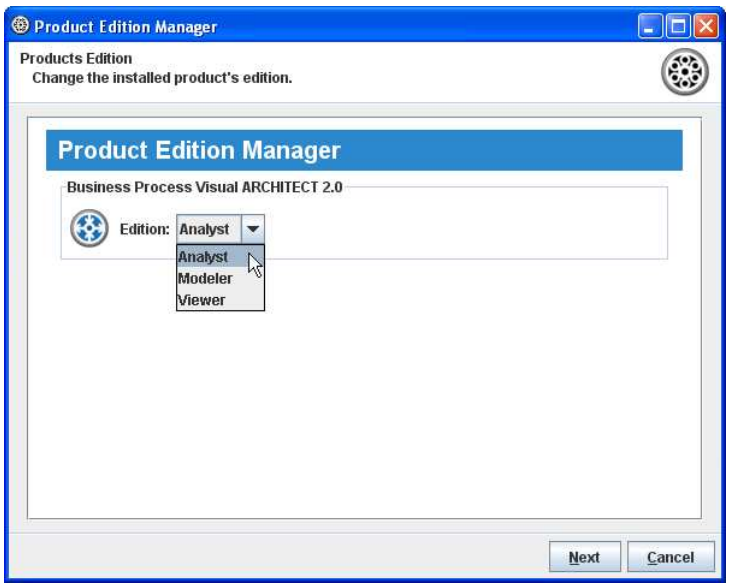

Figure 5 - Selecting the product edition

4. Click **Finish** to close the **Product Edition Manager**.

Starting BP-VA

1. Start BP-VA by executing **Business Process Visual ARCHITECT 2.0.exe** inside *%NO-INSTALL-DECOMPRESSED-FOLDER%/bin*.

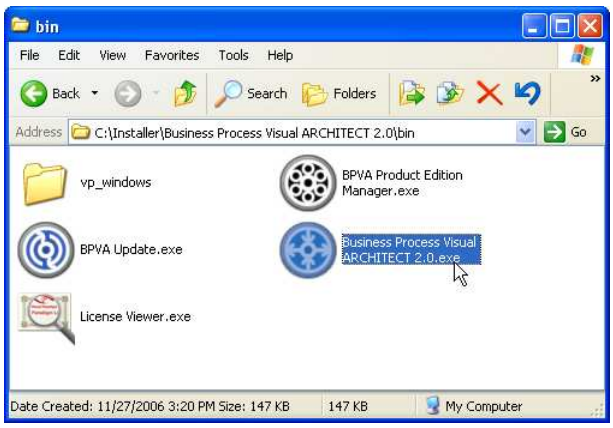

Figure 6 - Attempting to start BP-VA

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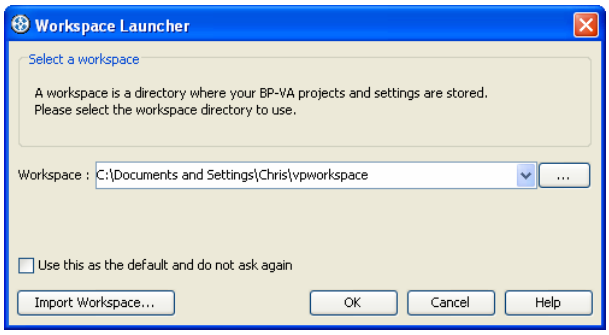

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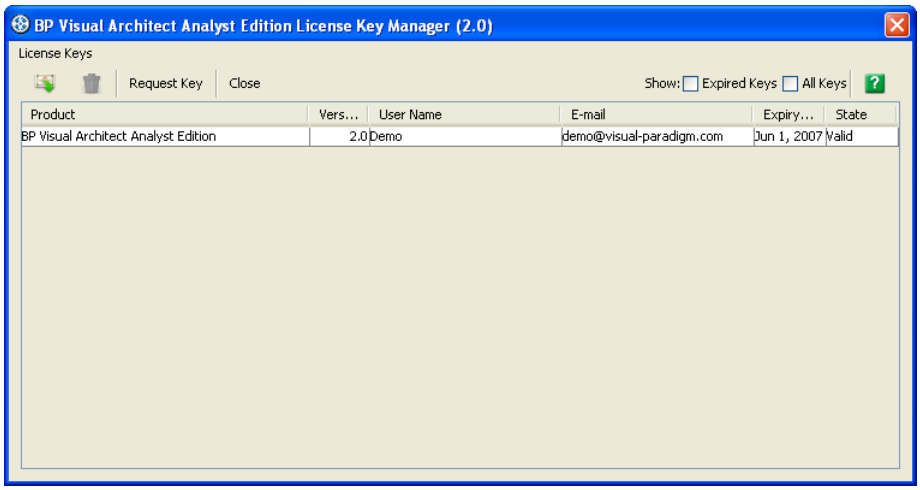

Figure 8 - The License Key Manager