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BIAN Tech: The New Portal, Apps and APIs

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Question	Answer
With so many nested relationships in the APIs you just showed us, how do you guard against race conditions and circular relationships?	We keep expanding until we reach points where we have an attribute that has the same type defined earlier in which case we stop.
What is the solution certification supposed to do?	It is supposed to certify solutions (these could be components of products) as being BIAN inspired. This is still work in progress, as part of the Certification WG. We have currently finished one pilot, nearing the finish of the first version of the tooling and then will continue with further pilots.
That link between SD and Capability is crucial for many banks as they are using capability as a proxy for SD	Indeed; this is a point of interest we are seeing from various members and the Business Capability WG keeps working in improving these. The relationships are available through our various UI offerings and in the next release will be available through our further UI and API offerings.

Answered in session

Will the search portal going to be freely available, or will you need to be a member to use it?	As you know the public portal is "read only" and the search function will be also added to the public site
Is the portal accessible to all?	In a read only mode. Our API portal is open for all.
Also will it also support older versions of the spec?	Yes, as shown you can select the version you want to use
BIAN has thought about providing models for new technologies, specifically thinking about BAAS?	BAAS is an Cloud based solution and our Service Domains are "containers", so they can be positioned anywhere. In this manner they support BAAS as all types of cloud solutions
What is the use case for the comparer app to compare two service domains?	There are 2 uses currently identified: 1. For use in the Approval App to compare feedback from the external world with BIAN SDs, and the approve or send back for further consideration 2. For checking how a BIAN compliant SD of one organisation fits with a BIAN compliant SD of another. For eg, a bank trying to find a fitment with a BIAN complaint Tech/vendor product offering. In the future this might also be used to enhance our certification app offering.

Why select Meta for the front end? Does this mean they have access to meta data?	We use React (a technology supported by Facebook and it's now parent company Meta). Given Meta's success in the UI world, it would seem like an obvious choice.
Where can I find Customer detailed model?	A place to start is the BOM Party Object for the information attributes. In terms of Service Domains, you can look at the collection in the associated area of the Service Landscape for the different customer viewpoints. Overall, in BIAN we have Service Domains that are responsible for handling discrete and specific aspects/views of the customer (e.g. relationship, history, contract, product use, product eligibility, financial position, credit worthiness etc...)
Are there any changes coming in the business capability map?	Yes, the Business Capability mappings as well as the general methodology behind it has been the topic of the Business Capability WG over the last months. They are about to publish a paper on this and possibly follow it up with a webinar. As these changes get absorbed into the BIAN model, they will start getting published as part of the usual release cycles.
We are a small bank in central America, and we would like to start adopting BIAN, which is the first step?	The first step would be to go to the BIAN Portal: https://bian.org/deliverables/bian-portal/ to gain a understanding of BIAN. BAIN also offers training through it's partners to get you started. If you are looking to start using BIAN, it's often good to start with a use case, for eg. Customer Onboarding, Mortgage Underwriting or something else. If you would like to get involved in a deeper way then it would be a good idea to join the membership.