Kuali Build - Patch from Email to Approver

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Topic: Use a 'Patch' to convert an email address from an API into a KB 'Person' for Approvals

API Connection in App Form

If the API is already created and connected to your app by Campus Kuali Build, then...

- Use 'Data Lookup (List)' > Data Source: Choose > External Data > select one
- In that gadget, toggle 'on' the 'Add linked auto-filled gadgets'
- Click and drag item from list to the app form [in this case, it's an email address]

Patch

- Use 'Data Lookup (Single Item)'
 - Add a Label (title) for this gadget
 - Data Source: Choose > External Data
 - select: 'Internal User Lookup to Typeahead via email (only use for specific API use cases)'
 - Continue
- (still in the gadget) For 'Required Information for Lookup: Email: From data in this form: <select from dropdown choices> [This is will be the API selection gadget used for data lookup]
- Just to the right of the selection you just made, click on the gear symbol, then select the 'Value to use:'
 [Those listed will include the auto-filled gadgets from the API that you placed on the form]
- Optional Select 'Headless Integration' if you do not need to display this gadget on the form.

Use Patch Results in the Workflow

- For an Approval step: Who will approve this step? > A person specified on this form
- Which field on the form? < select the patch gadget label/name

