Operational Concept Description (OCD)

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the OCD

This document has the following objectives:

1. Describe, in detail, the shared vision and goals of the stakeholders of the idea management system for System1.
2. It will be used to obtain consensus between the client and dev team.

The success-critical stakeholders of the projects are:

1. System1 Content Contributor, who would use this tool to streamline their existing procedure and speed up content production.
2. System1 Content Admin, who would use this tool to serve similar purpose as the content contributor, plus scaling the project and team with more confidence.
3. Developers: Students of CSCI577A F18 Team 3, who would be building this system.
4. Maintainers: Potential technical personnels from System1, who would maintain and continue the development and integration after the project is handed over.

## 1.2 Status of the OCD

The status of the OCD has gone through several revisions and is currently at version 2.0. There are no previous versions to this project. The scope of the discovery tool project, which started as a trend identifier system, has been re-evaluated and pivoted to idea management system. The change of direction was proposed by the client and has gained consensus from all the stakeholders.

# 2. Shared Vision

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| **Assumptions**   * System1 super admin, admins, and contributors are willing to migrate to a new idea management tool * The new idea management tool will be able to adequately support System1’s formulation process end-to-end to effectively migrate the system * Client will have maintainers on staff to take over the project upon handoff * Development team will have access to sufficient resources to host the tool and store its data * System1 access to the internet to connect to the tool | | | | |
| **Stakeholders** | | **Initiatives** | **Value Propositions** | **Beneficiaries** |
| -System1 Content Contributor (User)  -System1 Content admin(User)  -System1 Super admin  -System1 Maintainer  -Developers | | -Content contributors and admins correctly use the app  -Maintainers maintain the whole system after handoff occured  -Admin and content contributor are responsive to the different stages of content production  -Developers implement system to mimic and streamline existing process | -Increased publication speed  -Modernized frontend and backend technology  -Streamlined process with real-time feedback  -Ease of scaling the project and team size  -Monitoring team progress and performance with confidence | -System1 Content Contributor  -System1 Content admin |
| **Cost** | * Development costs * Database hosting service costs * Maintenance costs | | | |

Table 1: The Program Model

## 2.1 Benefits Chain

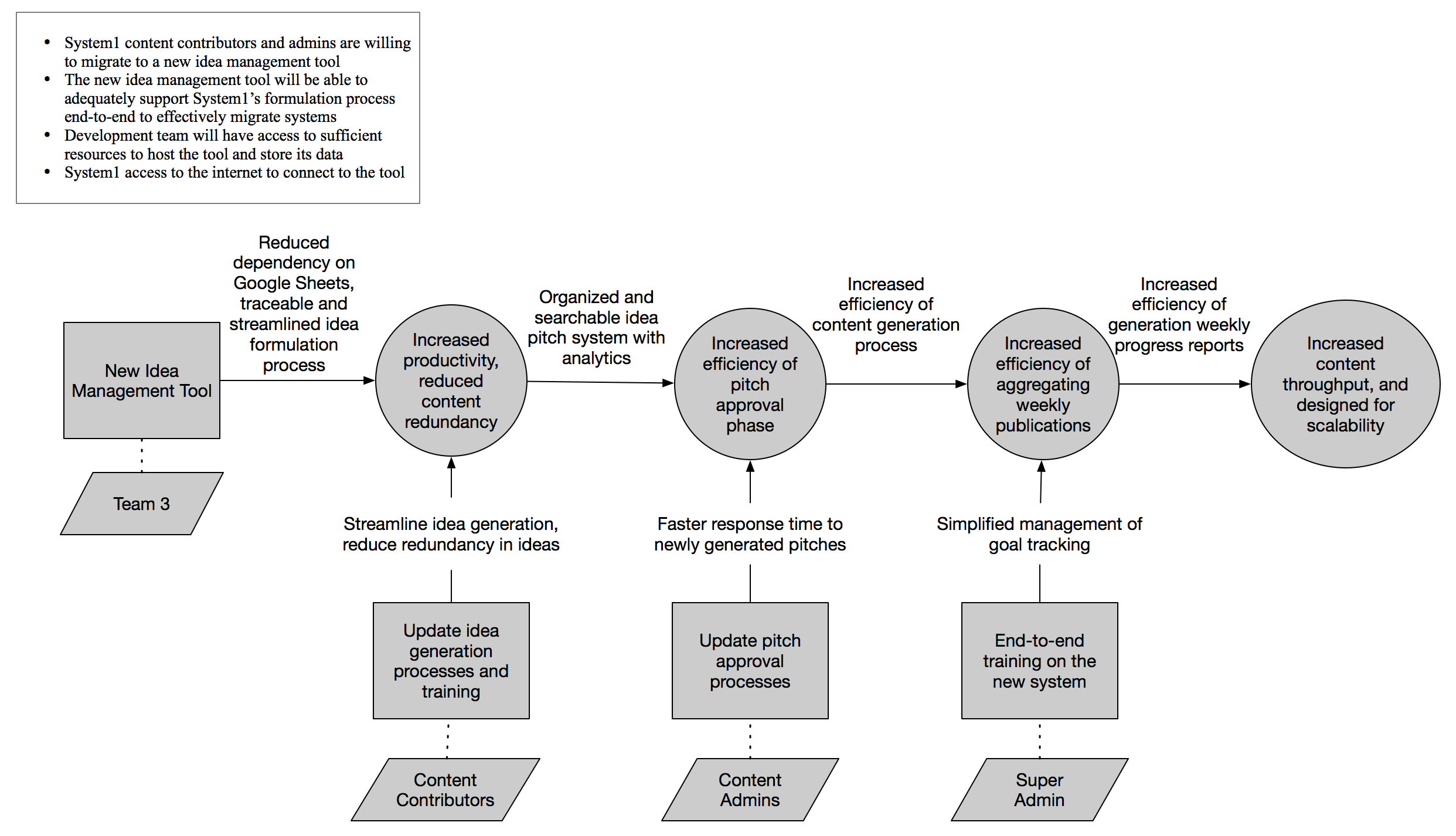


Figure 1: Benefits Chain Diagram

## 2.2 System Capability Description

Discovery Tool is an web app based idea management system. It serves as an internal tool to System1. It provides a solution to help System1 content contributors and admins to streamline, manage, accelerate their workflow on idea formulation. It gives the admins necessary tooling to quickly scale the team as well as content production. Overall, the system supports the team to work cross-functionally, leveraging resources to meet needs as efficiently as possible. Currently there’s no competitor identified so far.

## 2.3 System Boundary and Environment

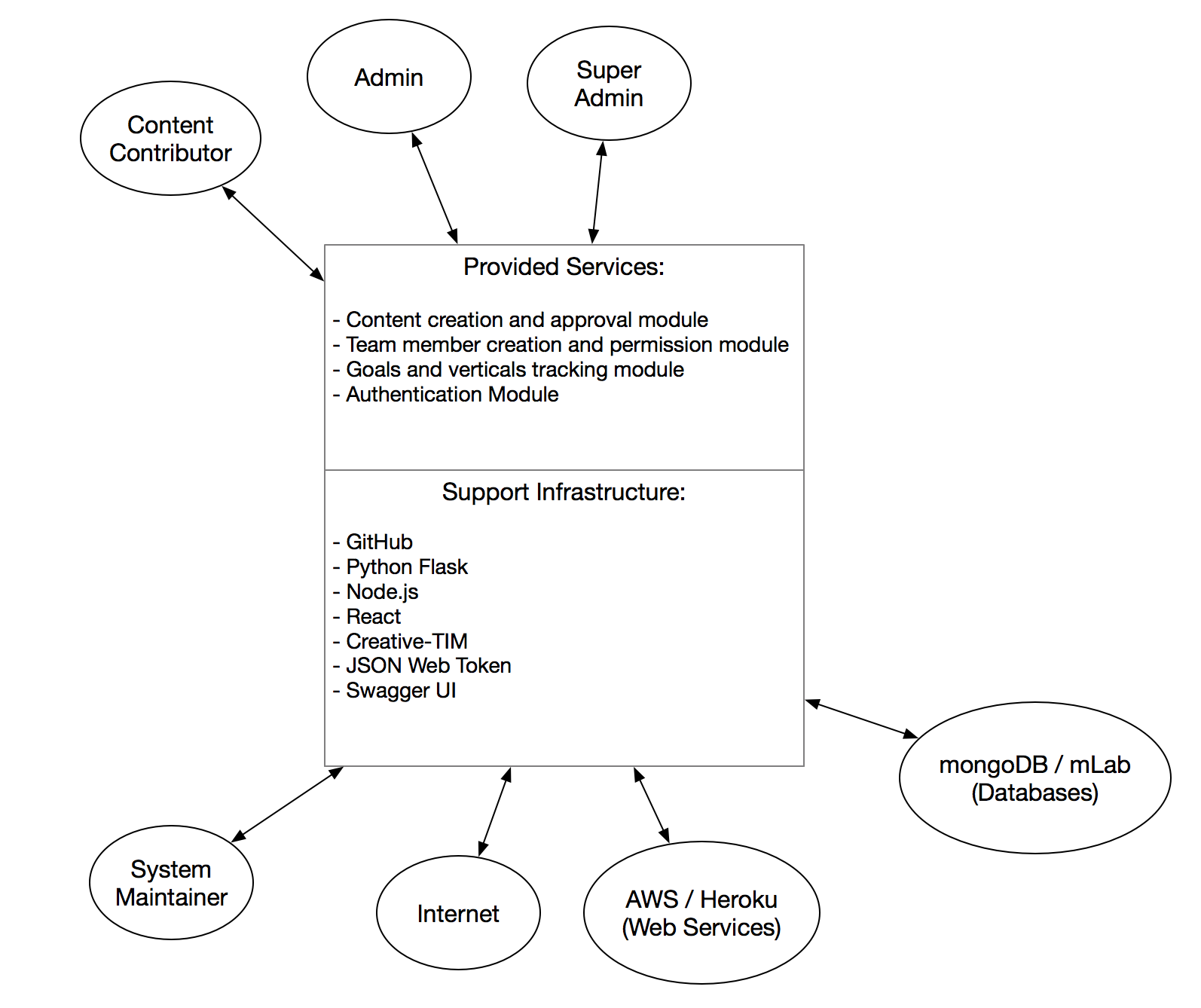


Figure 2: System Boundary and Environment Diagram

# 3. System Transformation

## 3.1 Information on Current System

### 3.1.1 Infrastructure

Currently, there is no existing idea management system in place at System1. This is the first initiative. The client performs the idea management task by manually managing several spreadsheets used across the whole team.

### 3.1.2 Artifacts

Currently, the spreadsheets are maintained on client’s cloud server. Our idea management web app will be hosted on AWS EC2 in production.

### 3.1.3 Current Business Workflow

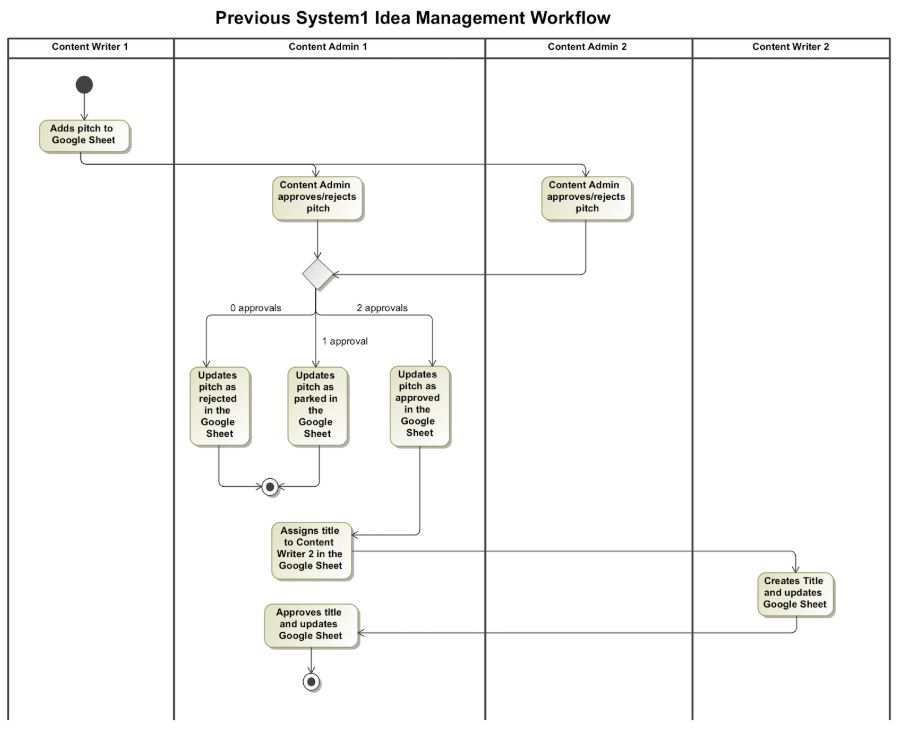


Figure 3: Current Workflow Diagram

## 3.2 System Objectives, Constraints and Priorities

### 3.2.1 Capability Goals

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| **Capability Goals** | **Priority Level** |
| OC-1 Login page: users can log into the session with their credentials | High |
| OC-2 Content contributor dashboard page: contributors can view overall project progress, individual vertical progress, and goals of the past, current, or future weeks | High |
| OC-3 Content contributor draft board: contributors can draft an idea then pitch it for approval | High |
| OC-4 Content contributor global pitch board: contributors can view pitched ideas details | High |
| OC-5 Super admin dashboard page: super admin can view overall project progress, individual vertical progress, and goals of the past, current and future weeks | High |
| OC-6 Super admin global pitch board page: super admin can review, edit, approve, or reject the pitched ideas | High |
| OC-7 Super admin weekly publishing calendar: super admin can review and edit pitches in the publishing calendar, then export it to csv file | High |
| OC-8 Super admin parking board: super admin can edit and change the status of parked pitches | High |
| OC-9 Super admin team board: Super admin can create or delete account for other users, view team member’s performance and progress and change member’s account type | High |
| OC-10 Super admin goals board: admin can set goal vertical for current or future weeks | High |
| OC-11 Admin dashboard page: admin can view overall project progress, individual vertical progress, and goals of the past, current and future weeks | High |
| OC-12 Admin global pitch board: admin can review, edit, approve, or reject the pitched ideas | High |
| OC-13 Admin team board: admin can create or delete account for other users, and change member’s account type | High |

Table 2: Level of Capability Goals

### 3.2.2 Level of Service Goals

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| **Level of Service Goals** | **Priority Level** | **Referred WinWin Agreements** |
| LOS1: System shall mimic and streamline the entire idea formulation workflow currently practiced by the client | Must have | WC\_4988, WC\_4994, WC\_4998, WC\_5002, WC\_5008, WC\_5010, WC\_5013 |
| LOS2: System shall be easy and pleasant to use by a typical team size of 50 content contributors and 5 content admins and with the ability to scale up or down | Nice to have | WC\_4978 |
| LOS3: System should be designed in a way such that the handoff to client will be smooth | Nice to have | WC\_4832 |

Table 3: Level of Service Goals

### 3.2.3 Organizational Goals

OG-1: Manage the team more easily by content admins through implementing privilege control

OG-2: Speed up content creation for content contributors and content admins by streamlining current workflow

OG-3: Scale content production and traffic acquisition via modern database hosting and management

### 3.2.4 Constraints

CO-1: Cloud based web application - the system shall be deployed on AWS for production. Note that Heroku will be used for prototype purpose

CO-2: Limited Access: The system shall only be available to our client System1 with their employee credentials and the authentication module will be implemented based on JWT

CO-3: Preferred backend technology: Backend shall be implemented using python flask and documented by Swagger UI. Database will be hosted on mongoDB mLab

CO-4: Preferred frontend technology: Frontend shall be implemented using React JS, Node JS, Creative TIM, material, and webpack

### 3.2.5 Relation to Current System

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| **Capabilities** | **Current System** | **New System** |
| Roles and Responsibilities | * Content contributor identify, draft, and pitch a trending subject * Admin approves the pitch for publishing * Super admin review publishing calendar and export to csv | Mimic and streamline the entire existing workflow |
| User Interactions | Edit shared spreadsheet | Create a new content piece entry and follow it along its lifespan from draft to content production |
| Infrastructure | Cloud based spreadsheet | Cloud based database hosting and web app |
| Stakeholder Essentials and Amenities | N/A | * Monitor and manage team activity and performance * Follow content lifespan with live notification |
| Future Capabilities | N/A | Potentially integration with content production and trend identification functionalities |

Table 4: Relation to Current System

## 3.3 Proposed New Operational Concept

### 3.3.1 Element Relationship Diagram

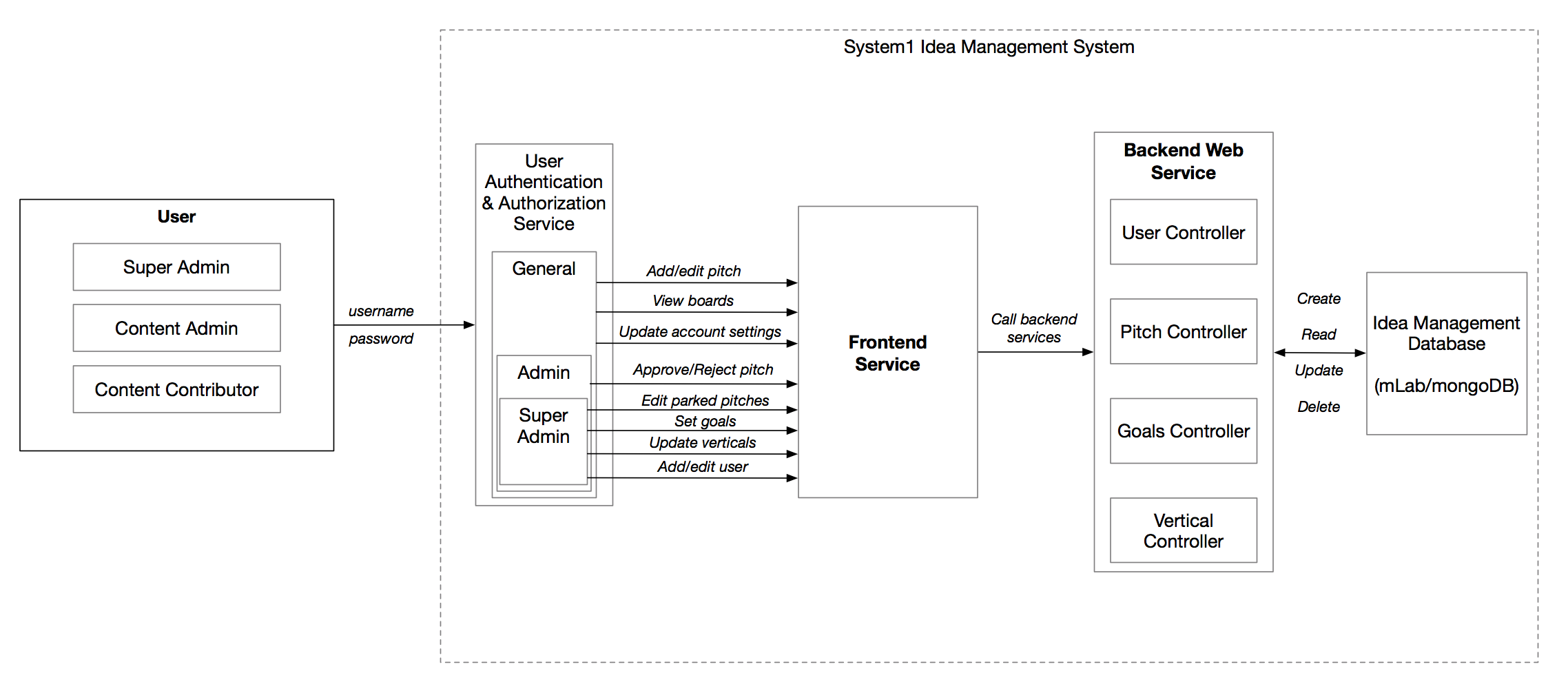


Figure 4: Element Relationship Diagram

### 3.3.2 Business Workflows

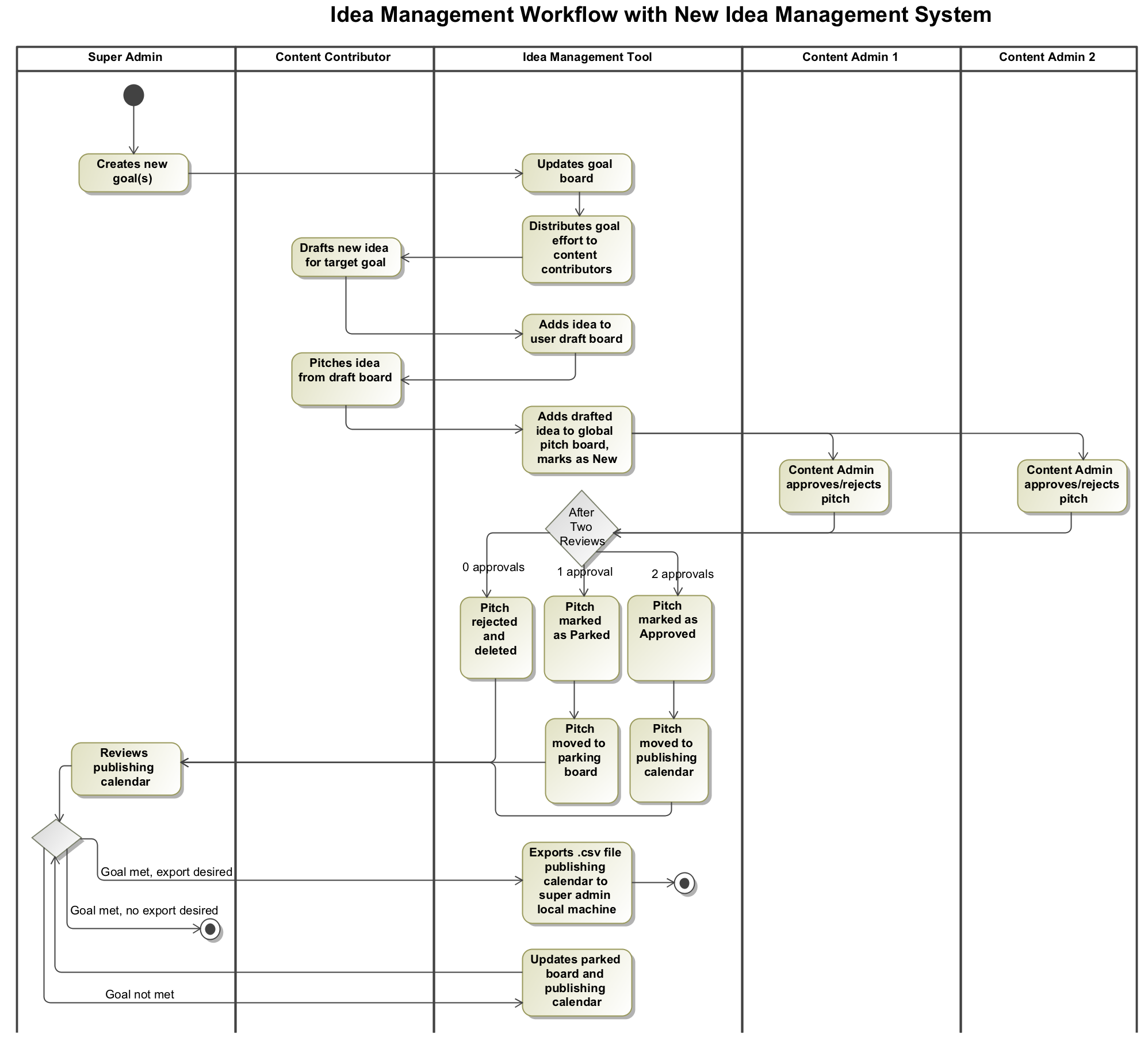


Figure 5: Business Workflows Diagram

## 3.4 Organizational and Operational Implications

### 3.4.1 Organizational Transformations

The following organizational transformation will result from transitioning to the new system:

* The need of dedicated staff to maintain the system, both backend hosting and frontend website

### 3.4.2 Operational Transformations

The following operational transformation will result from transitioning to the new system:

* Content contributors and admins will receive immediate notifications of the content piece over the different stages of content creation
* Admin will be able to manage team member access privilege
* Content contributors and admins will need to log in or log out of the web app session
* The option to export data into spreadsheet