Usage Monitoring, Budgeting & Approval

Epic, Stories and Wireframe Presentation

Cloud Automation

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Business Problem

• Organizations use Clouds for agility. However, Cloud resources are expensive, particularly in public clouds. Organizations want to monitor the use of cloud resources (assume nodes/instances are the only resource in question) for each team or project and govern who uses what and how much. IT wants to charge business units for the amount of resources used. They want to price the resources based on the cost of underly infrastructure and an additional amount that captures the devops overheads, licensing fee etc. for the software being provisioned on a resource.

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Below are the objectives

- Budgeting IT should be able to define budgets per team and track consumption behaviour across all resources provisioned for the team. In many cases organizations want to be notified when a particular individual or team provisions resources beyond their budget.
- Monitor consumption of resources in real time via dashboards The consumption reports should be available per individual, per team, per business unit across a specific time window. Users on the other hand, need to view costs associated with resources they are provisioning, and analyse their ongoing usage, much like they can analyse cell phone usage.
- Approvals In some cases, organizations want requests for provisioning to go through an approval process across the chain of command. The chain of command is typically stored in an LDAP system.

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We have to choose one of the first 2 objectives and detail the key epics, stories and supporting
wireframes to accomplish the desired objective. The third objective (Approvals) is optional.

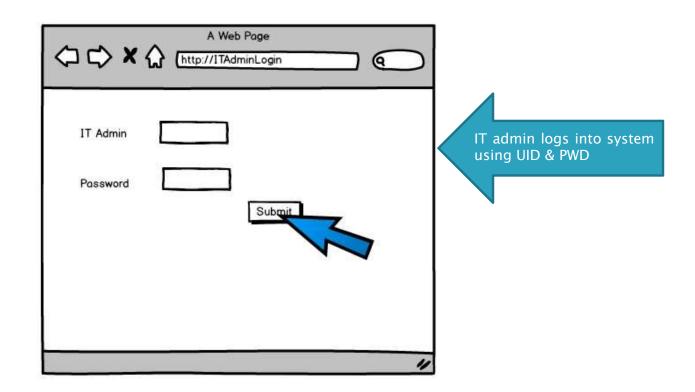
Business Scenario

- The business scenario is outlined as Epics and Stories based on the Business Requirement Document. To meet the business objectives IT Admin, BU Head, Leaders and Team members need to undergo a process flow which is illustrated. Below screens are necessary and preconditions to perform subsequent business operations. With the flow any user who joins and organization can be added to the system and IT Admin can add the user, assign him/her to a particular role(e.g. team member or leader or manager or BU Head), later the user can be deleted or shifted to a different role inside same BU or same/different role in different BU. The system also provides flexibility to delete a user who is no longer with organization. Also, in case there is any restructuring in the organization, IT Admin can change Group name or Leadership Name as well.
 - IT Admin Login
 - IT Admin Console
 - Create Business Unit
 - Create User Type
 - Create User
 - Update Business Unit
 - Update User Type
 - Update User
 - Delete Business Unit
 - Delete User Type
 - Delete User

Serial	Feature-As a(n) <actor></actor>	I want to <description></description>	So that <outline></outline>	Screen Name
1	IT Admin	monitor the use of cloud resources	I can know who uses what and how much	Dashboard-Organization Usage
2	IT Admin	usage of resources for each team/project	I can know usage pattern	Dashboard-Business Unit Usage, Dashboard-Team Usage
3	IT Admin	monitor consumption of resources in real time via dashboards	I can analyze	Dashboard-Organization Usage
4	IT Admin	monitor consumption reports per individual	I can know usage pattern	Dashboard-Team Member Usage
5	IT Admin	monitor consumption reports per team	I can know usage pattern	Dashboard-Team Usage
6	IT Admin	monitor consumption reports per business unit	I can know usage pattern	Dashboard-Business Unit Usage
7	IT Admin	monitor consumption across a specific time window	I can know usage pattern	All 4 Dashboards above
8	IT Admin	track consumption per team	all resource usages are accountable	Dashboard-Team Usage
9	IT Admin	calculate cost	underlying infrastructure, overheads, licensing fee etc. taken care of	Calculate IT Expenditure
10	IT Admin	define budgets per team	it is based on provided resources	Define Team Member Budget, Define Team Budget, Define Business Unit Budget, Define Organization Budget
11	IT Admin	charge Business Units accurately	it is based on usage	Dashboard-Business Unit Usage
12	IT Admin	get notified	if particular individual or team provisions resources are beyond their budget	Configure Notification System
13	IT Admin	approve special usage for users who exceeded the quota	operations are uninterrupted	Approval Request-Team Member, Approval Form- Leader, Approval Form-

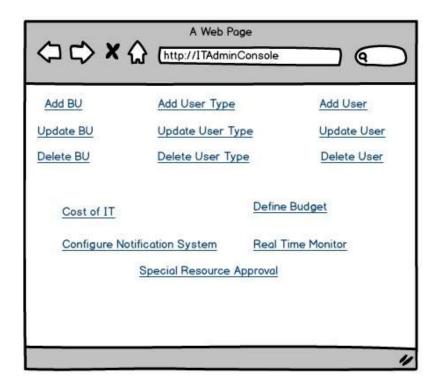
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14	IT Admin	approve special usage for users who are approved by approval chain	operations are uninterrupted	Approval Form-IT Admin
15	User	view cost associated with own usage	I can know my usage pattern	Dashboard-Team Member Usage
16	User	analyse ongoing usage	I can be effective	Dashboard-Team Member Usage

IT Admin Login

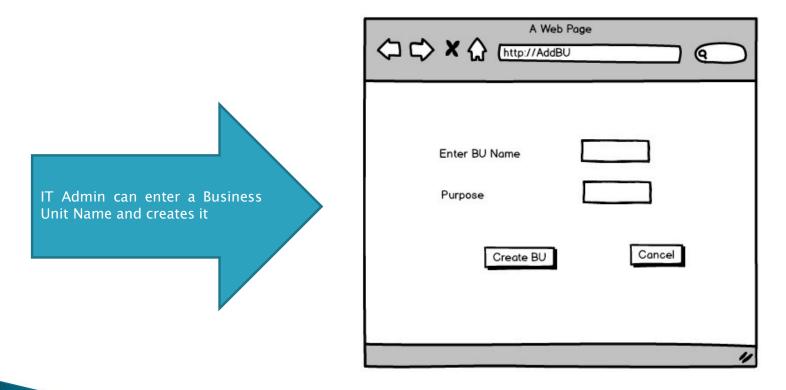


IT Admin Console

Standard IT Admin Console which is displayed once IT Admin logs in successfully to system

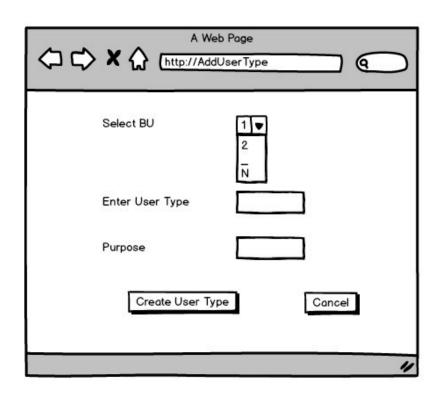


Create Business Unit



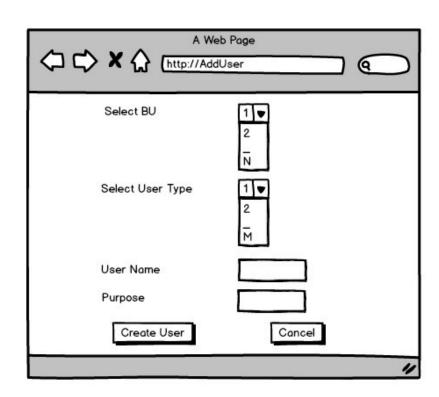
Create User Type

IT Admin selects a particular Business Unit and creates a User Type(BU Head/Leader/Team Member) inside the BU

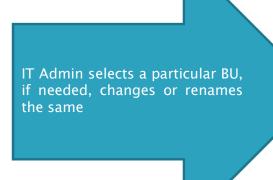


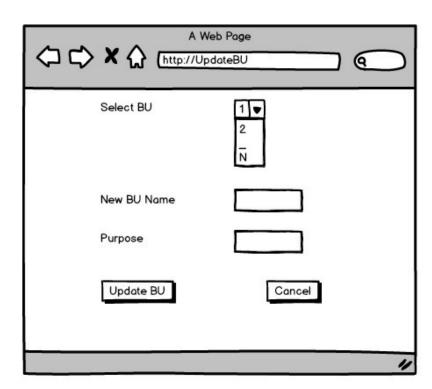
Create User

IT Admin selects a particular Business Unit, Selects a user type, creates a User inside the BU belonging to a team

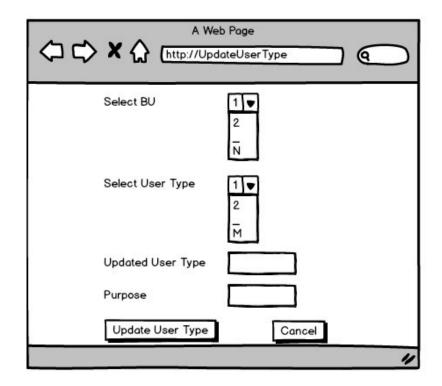


Update Business Unit





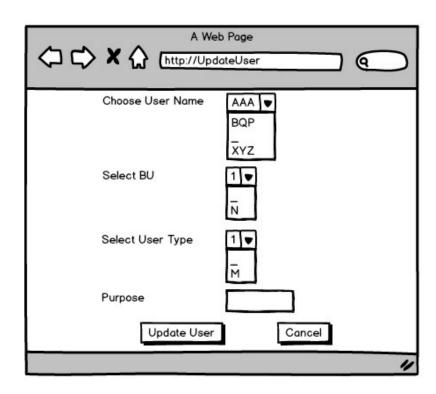
Update User Type



IT Admin selects a BU, selects the user type and can rename the user type(BU Head/Leader/Team Member etc.)

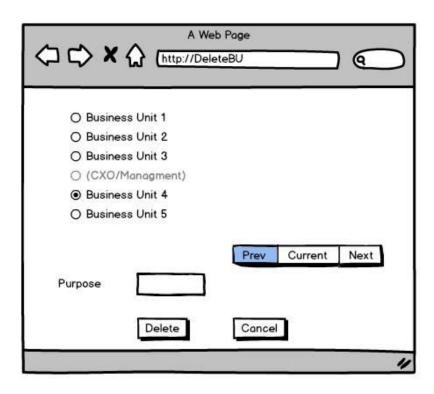
Update User

IT Admin, chooses an user, selects a BU and User type as and when user is moved to a different BU or team



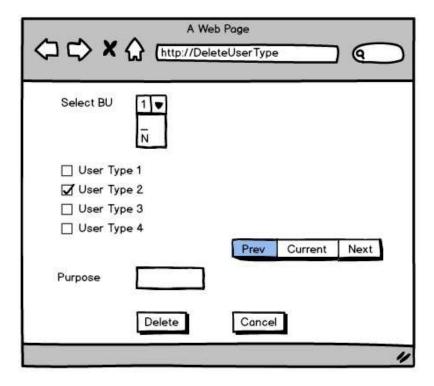
Delete Business Unit

Rare case scenario, in case a BU is obsolete, IT admin can delete it(Precondition: All team and users connected to the BU Must be deleted/moved to other BU before that)

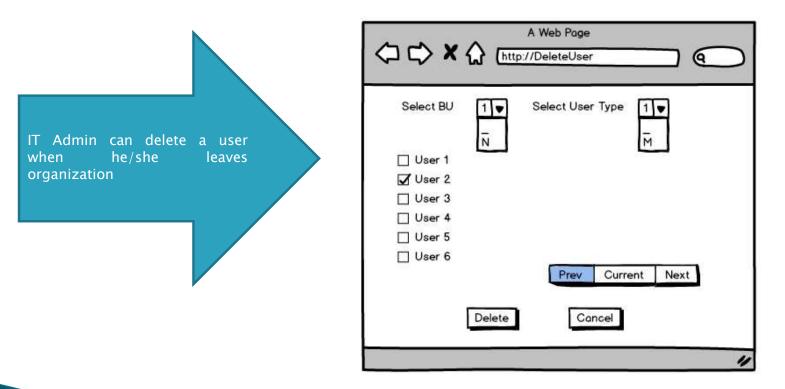


This action is done by IT Admin when a particular team is dissolved inside a BU or organization restructuring happens(Precondition: All user under the team must be deleted/moved to other team)

Delete User Type



Delete User

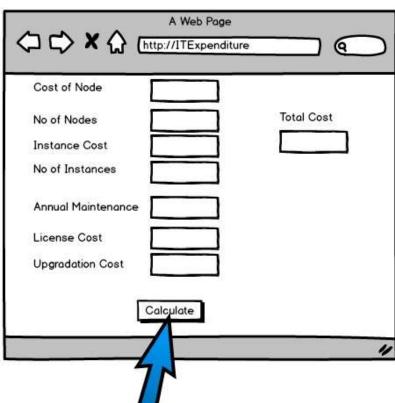


Calculate IT Expenditure

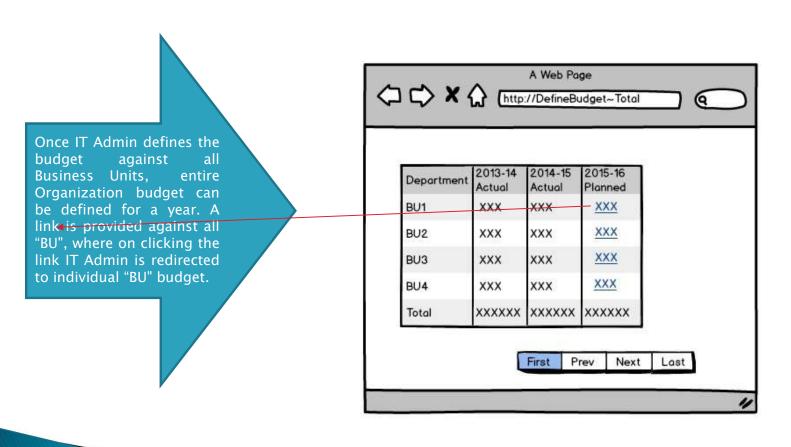
IT Admin enters the details like underlying infrastructure, overheads, licensing fee etc. and calculate cost for an year

No of Nodes
Instance Cost
No of Instances

Annual Maintenance
License Cost

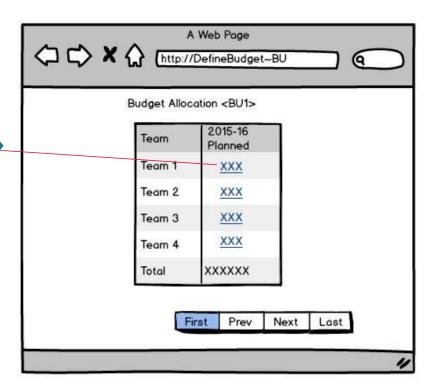


Define Organization Budget

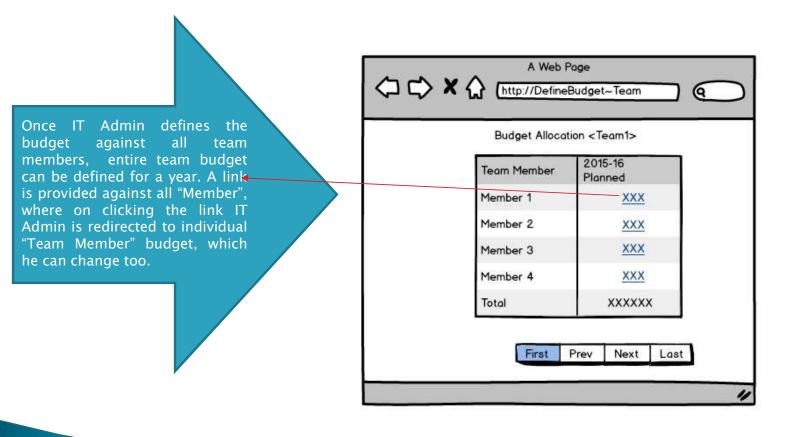


Define Business Unit Budget

Once IT Admin defines the budget against all the teams, entire BU budget can be defined for a year. A link is provided against all "Team", where on clicking the link IT Admin is redirected to individual "Team" budget.

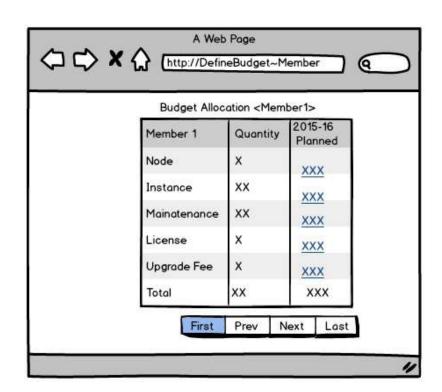


Define Team Budget

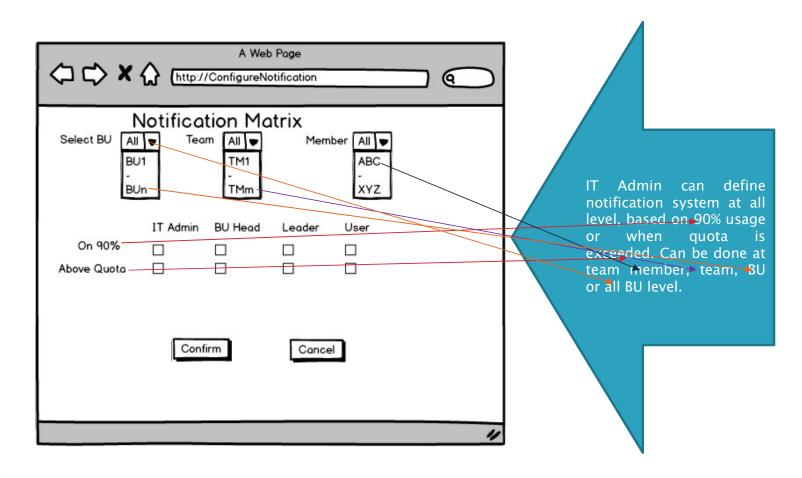


Define Team Member Budget

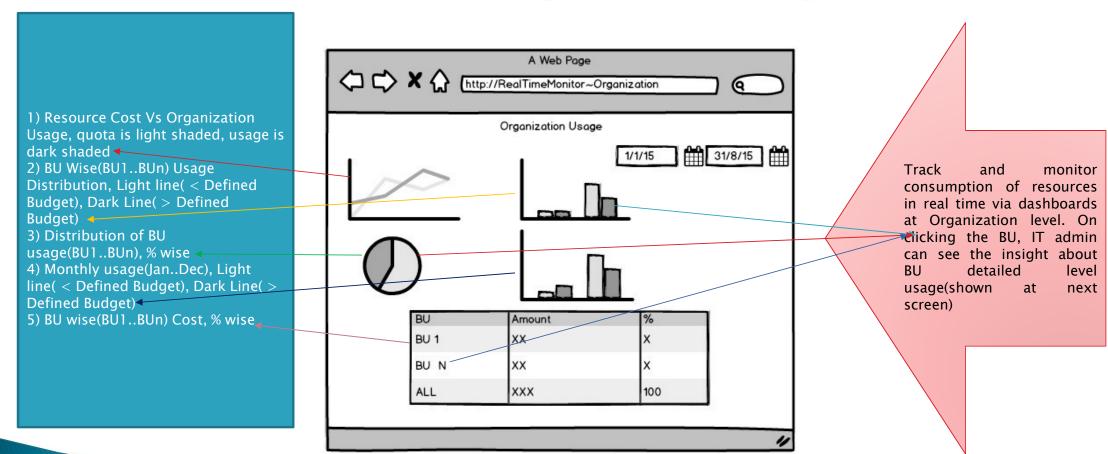
IT Admin can define the budget against a team member by providing the resources and quantity against them. These are calculated and summed up as Total budget per team member.



Configure Notification System

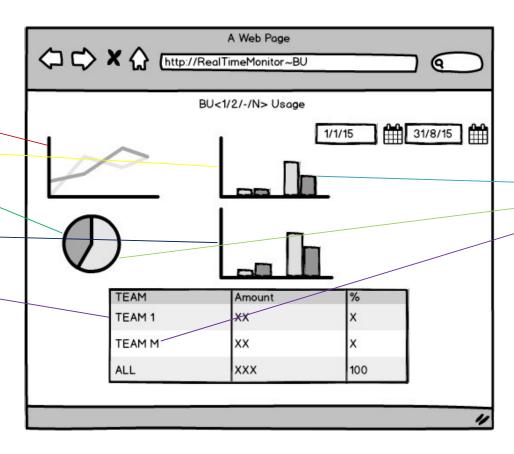


Dashboard-Organization Usage





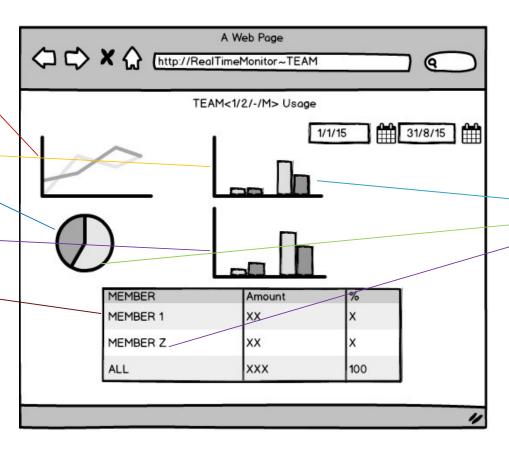
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- 2) Team Wise(Team1..TeamM) Usage Distribution, Light line(< Defined Budget), Dark Line(> Defined Budget)
- 3) Distribution of Team usage(Team 1.. Team M), % wise
- 4) Monthly usage(Jan..Dec), Light line(< Defined Budget), Dark Line(> Defined Budget)
- 5) Team wise(Team1..TeamM) Cost, % wise



Track and monitor consumption of resources in real time via dashboards at BU level. On clicking the Team, IT admin can see the insight about Team detailed level usage(shown at next screen)

Dashboard-Team Usage

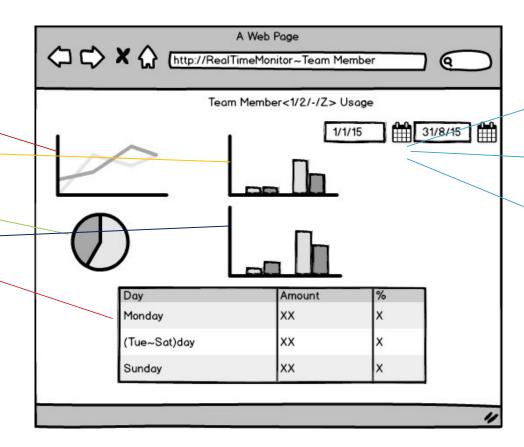
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Track and monitor consumption of resources in real time via dashboards at Team level. On clicking the Member, IT admin can see the insight about Member detailed level usage(shown at next screen)



- 1) Resource Cost Vs Member Usage, quota is light shaded, usage is dark shaded
- 2) Month Wise(Jan..Dec) Usage Distribution, Light line(< Defined Budget), Dark Line(> Defined Budget)
- 3) Day Wise(Mon..Sun) Usage Distribution
- 4) Week Wise(Week1..Week4) Usage Distribution, Light line(< Defined Budget), Dark Line(> Defined Budget)
- 5) Day wise(Mon..Sun) Cost, % wise



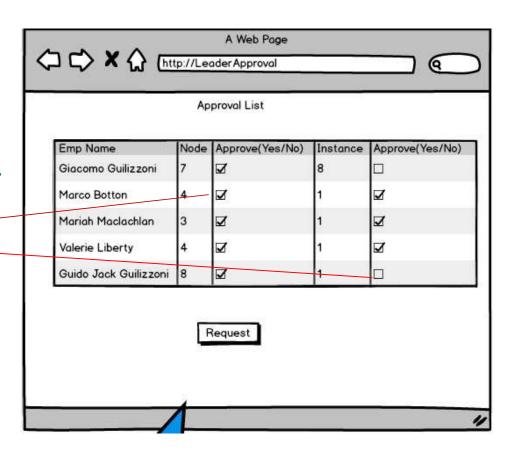
- 1) IT Admin can track and monitor consumption of resources in real time via dashboards at Member level.
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- 3) Also, an user can analyse ongoing usage and can be effective.

Approval Request-Team Member

A Web Page Request for Approval Team member logs into system using UID and PWD. Request For Node Quantity login screen common and not shown for simplicity. He/she request Request For Instances No of Instances for additional resources by submitting this form. Cancel Request

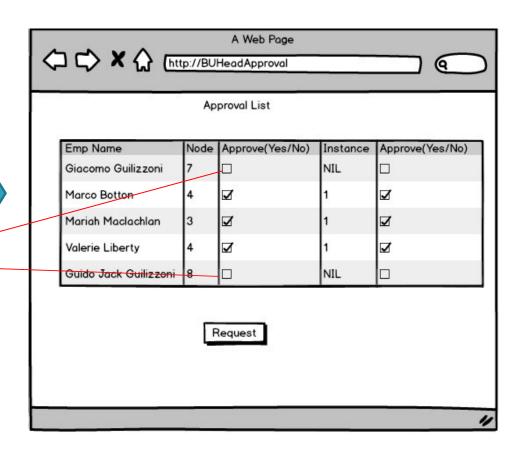
Approval Form-Leader

Leader logs into system using UID and PWD. The login screen is common and not shown for simplicity. System displays the pending approval list to leaders based on the hierarchy defined at Org->BU->Team->Team Member(LDAP). He/She approves and rejects the selected requests.



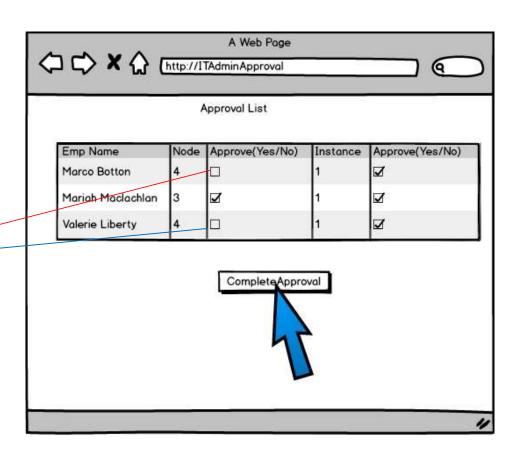
Approval Form-Business Unit Head

BU Head logs into system using UID and PWD. The login screen is common and not shown for simplicity. System displays the pending approval list based on the hierarchy defined at Org->BU->Team->Team Member(LDAP). He/she approves and rejects the selected requests.



Approval Form-IT Admin

By clicking "Special Resource Approval" link, IT Admin can see the pending approval list to leaders based on the hierarchy defined at Org->BU->Team->Team
Member(LDAP). He/she approves and rejects the selected requests.



Thank You

