# Talent Recruit - UX Review

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### **Portal Users**

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- Recruiters
- Employee referrers

### **Portal Objective**

### 1. Job Seekers

- Search and apply for jobs
- View application history

### 2. Recruiters

- Manage leads clients and candidates
- Post jobs
- Extract and analyse reports

### 3. Employee referrers

- Refer candidates for jobs
- View reference history

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# **About UX Review**

### **Reviews are Difficult**

- We often concentrate on the negative.
- Every review finds "obvious" problems (that are NOT really obvious).

### **Our Focus**

To ensure that the Talent Recruit portal:

- Provides an effective interface for the user
- Provides comfort and convenience while interacting with the portal
- Increases task completion time

### **Limitations of an Expert Review**

- This review is based on:
  - Usability Heuristics (rules of thumb for usable design)
  - Current human factors and HCI research
  - Fundamental principles of human performance (cognition, perception, etc.)
  - How well the design supports decisive tasks
  - Knowledge gained from past usability testing
- · We have not gathered information directly from users in creating this report.

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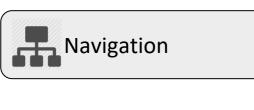
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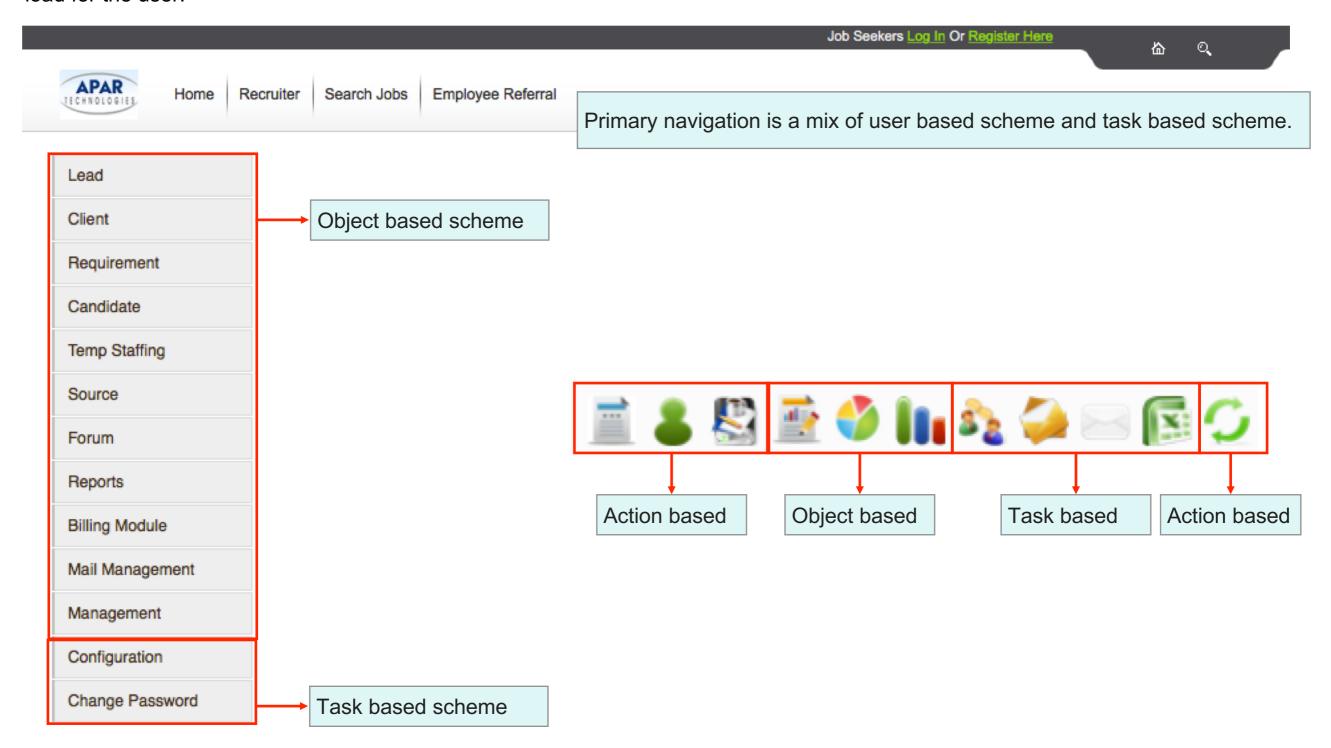


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# Navigation: Intermixing organisation schemes

Intermixing different types of organisation schemes makes it difficult for the user to form a consistent mental model, creating memory load for the user.

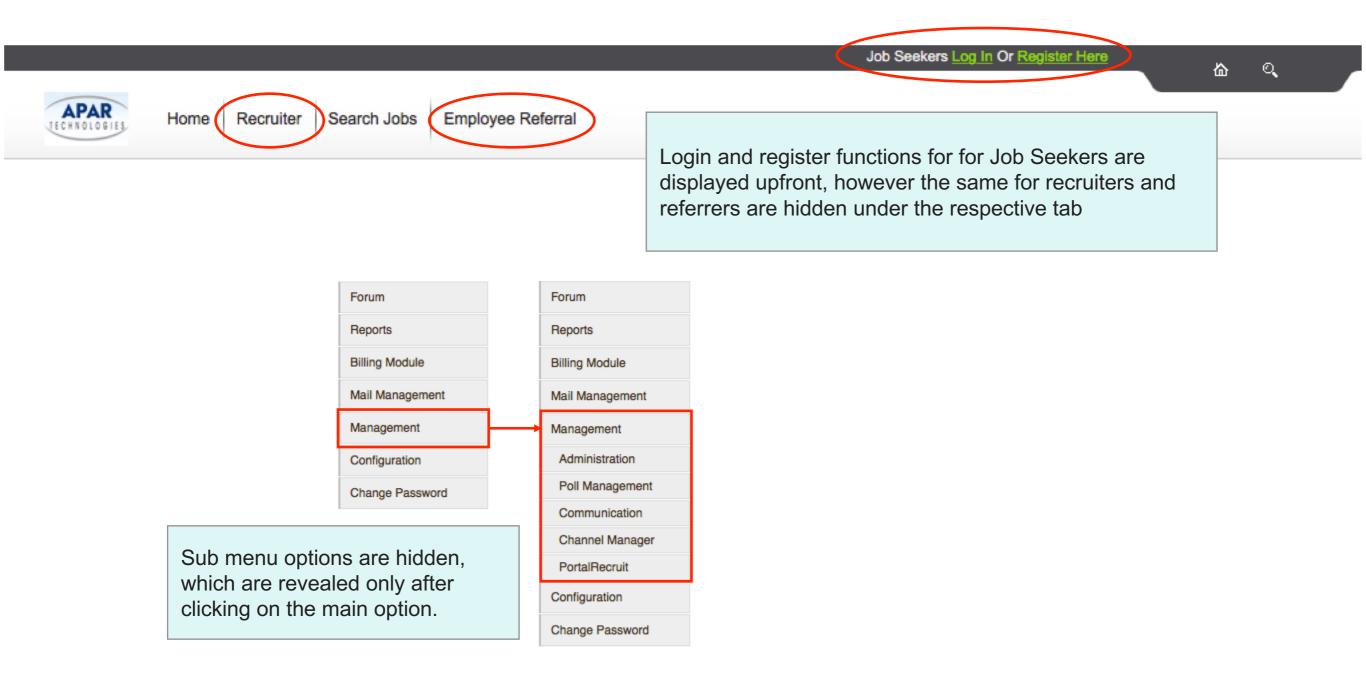


### Recommendation

Consider using not more then one type of organisation scheme at one level.

# Navigation: Hidden options and functions

Most common usability problem is the inability for users to find desired content or feature. Good navigation systems are not hidden to users.

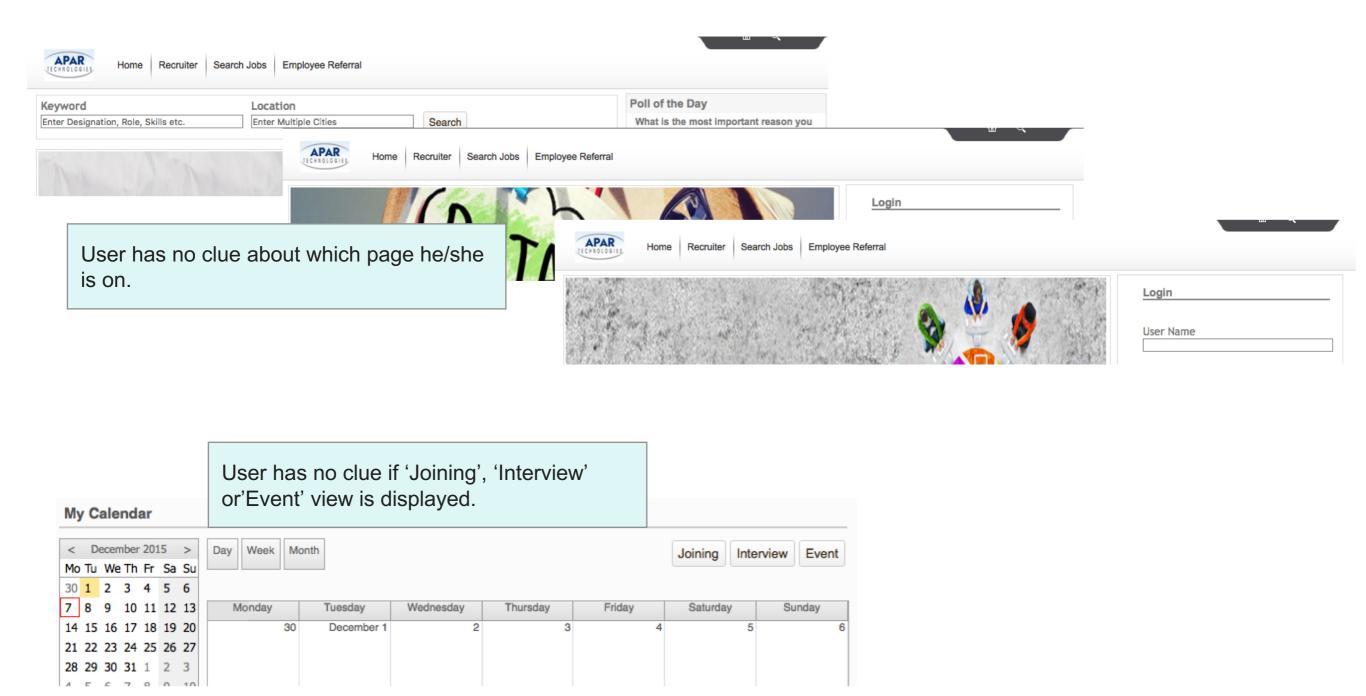


### Recommendation

Using more open and wide navigation model. Consider providing cues to let user know of hidden options.

# Navigation: No 'where am I' cues

A good navigation system clearly indicates current location within the interface hierarchy.

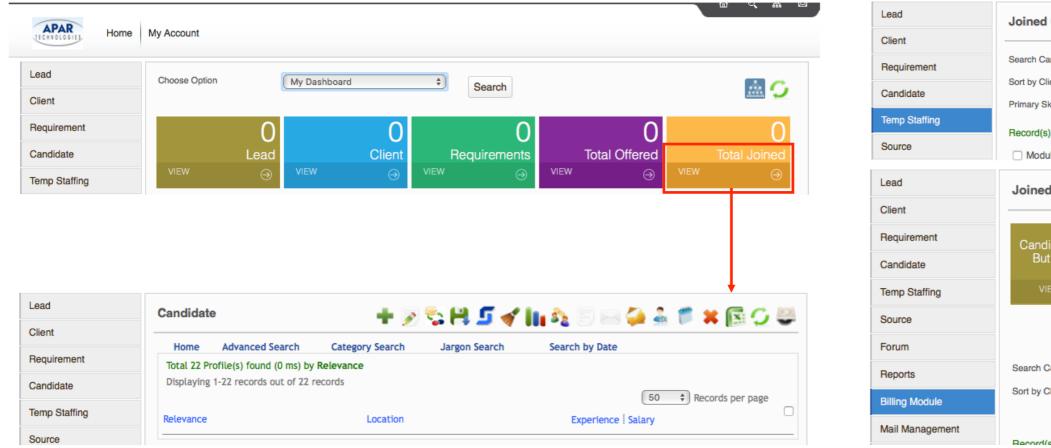


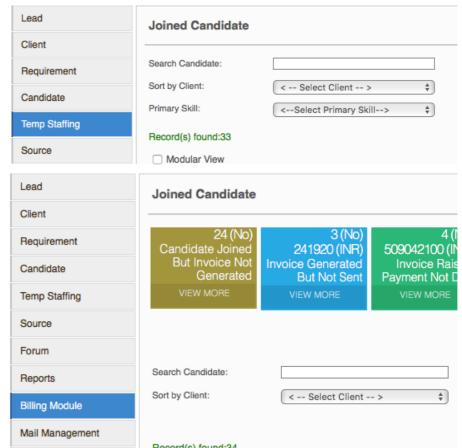
### Recommendation

Clearly highlight where the used is in the website/application hierarchy.

# Navigation: Unexpected destination

A good navigation system helps users choose their destination and accordingly navigates to the same desired destination.





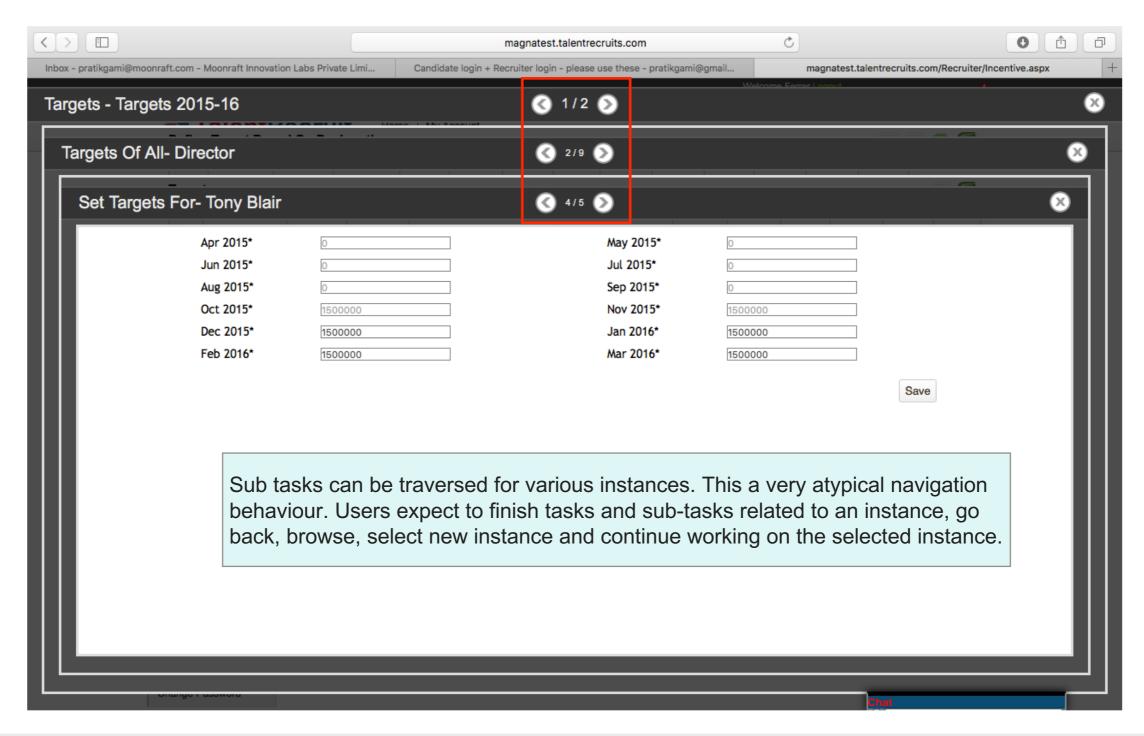
Clicking on 'Total Joined' tab navigates user to 'Candidate' page, where as 'Temp Staffing' and 'Billing Module' tabs navigate users to 'Joined Candidate' page.

### Recommendation

Re-label the links to clearly indicate where will it be leading to.

# Navigation: Atypical navigation mechanism

A navigation system must match users mental model. Poorly designed navigation systems account for 80% of observed usability problems.

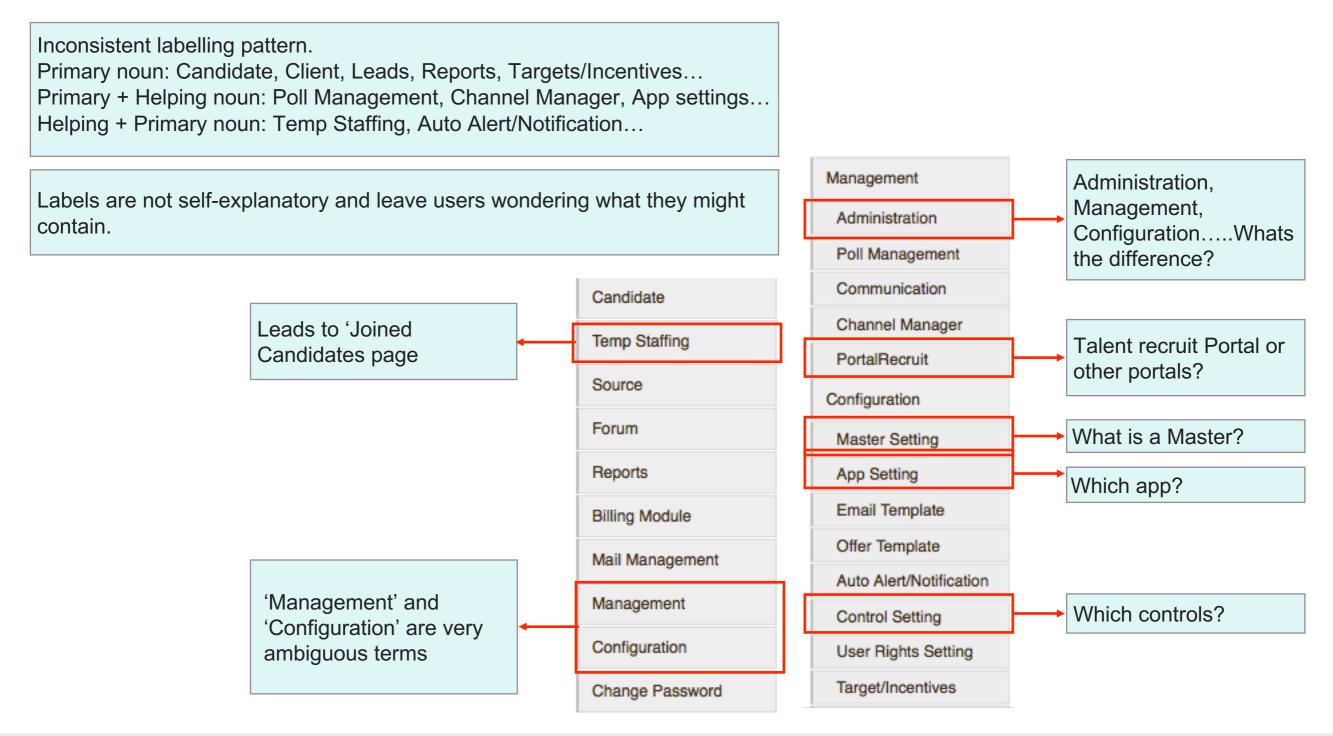


### Recommendation

Avoid traversing of instances at task level. Use a drill down navigation model.

# Navigation: Unclear, inconsistent labels

Getting the label right can dramatically facilitate browsing. Research shows that users will make use of a link or button rather than searching if it is relatively obvious that the link or the button is what they need.

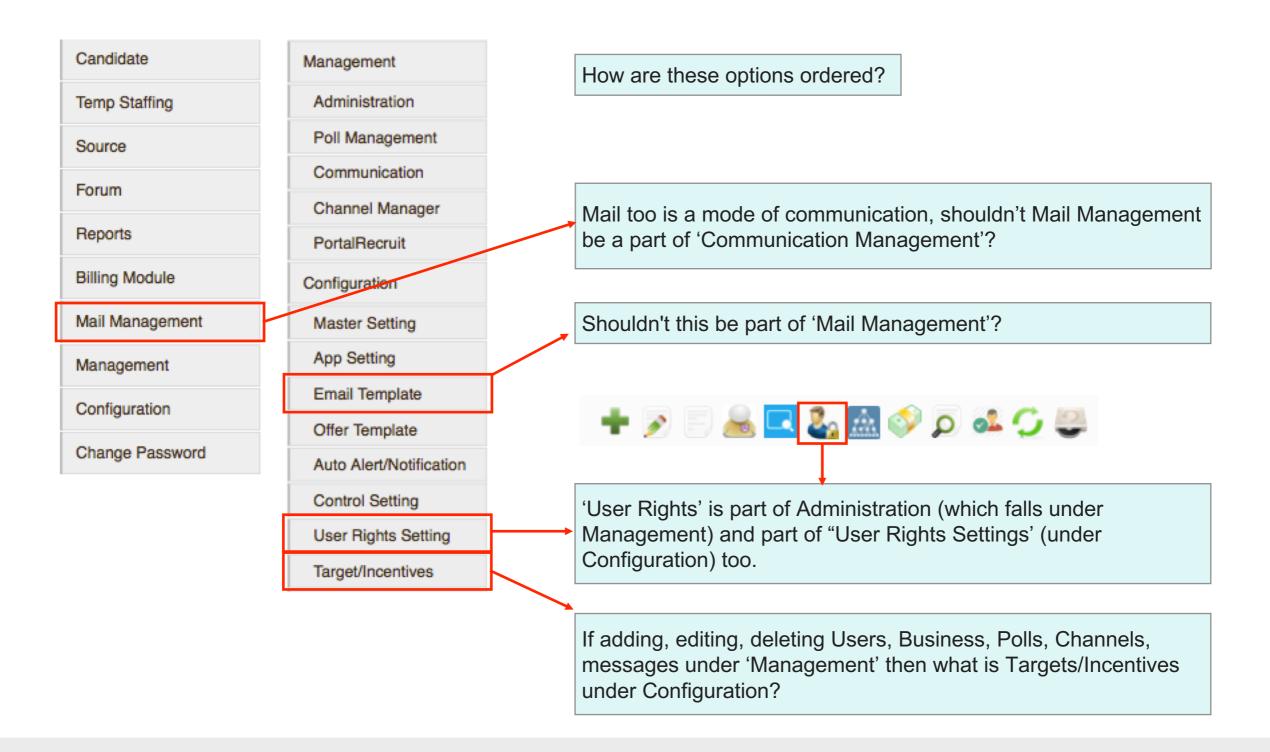


### Recommendation

Use clear, consistent and self-explanatory labels.

# Navigation: Unclear grouping and ordering

Proper grouping and ordering of menu options aids easy scanning and findability of relevant content



### Recommendation

Consider sorting and grouping options logically which would make sense to the users.

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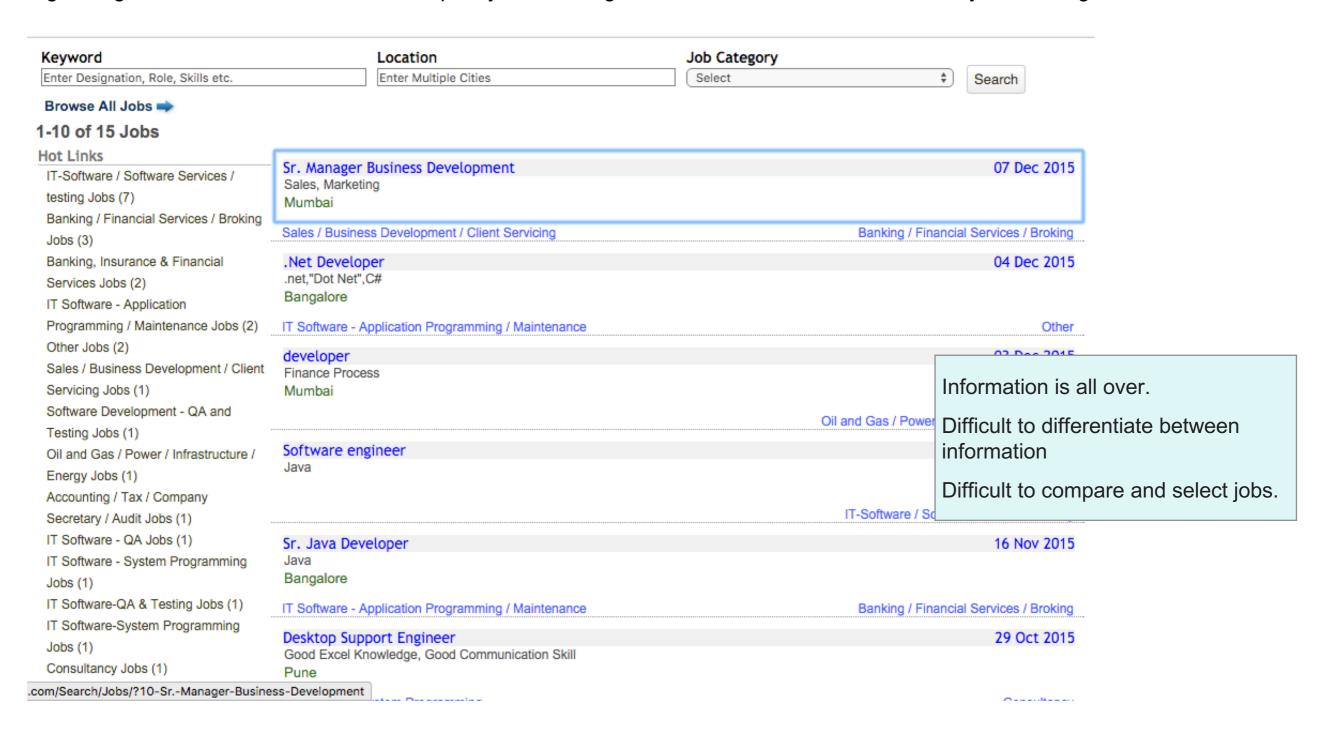


Interaction

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# Presentation: Scattered information

Organising text into chunks allows users to quickly scan through information and find the content they are looking for.



### Recommendation

Chunk, organise and align text to increase users ability to scan and improve readability. Use grid/table and align text under common header. User white space to differentiate different one information rom other.

# Presentation: Inconsistency

Inconsistency within the same channel projects an outdated and unprofessional aesthetic, while increases frustration amongst users as they need to relearn the UI every time it changes.

Job Title- Sr. Manager Business Development

Functional-Sales / Bus

Location- Mumbai

Experience Range- 2 -

### **About Us**

Headquartered in Singapore, we are one of Asia Pacific's leading organization operations in 6 countries and development centres in Singapore, Malaysia and

### Roles and Responsibility

Manage accounts and meet targets relating to revenue grow Provide regular feedback to senior management about marked Develop effective working relationships with customers the business development opportunities.

Communicating new product developments to prospective clickey Functions & Roles of the Candidate:

Job Title- Finance Executive

Functional- Banking,

Location- Bangalore

Experience Range- 0

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Roles and Responsibility

### Financial adviser: Job description

Financial advisers provide clients with specialist advice on how to mar most appropriate products and services available, ensuring clients are

Job Title- .Net Developer

Functional- IT Software - Application Programming / Maintenance

**Location- Bangalore** 

Experience Range- 2 - 5 Years

### **About Us**

Headquartered in Singapore, we are one of Asia Pacific's leading organizations, providing technology consulting, software development and outsourcing services, with operations in 6 countries and development centres in Singapore, Malaysia and India.

Roles and Responsibility

# Job Description for Finance Process Experts (for Ops Stabilization phase)

### Key Responsibilities

Perform end user transactional activities in Finance processes (AP / AR / R2R) like posting of invoices, posting JVs, manual payment,

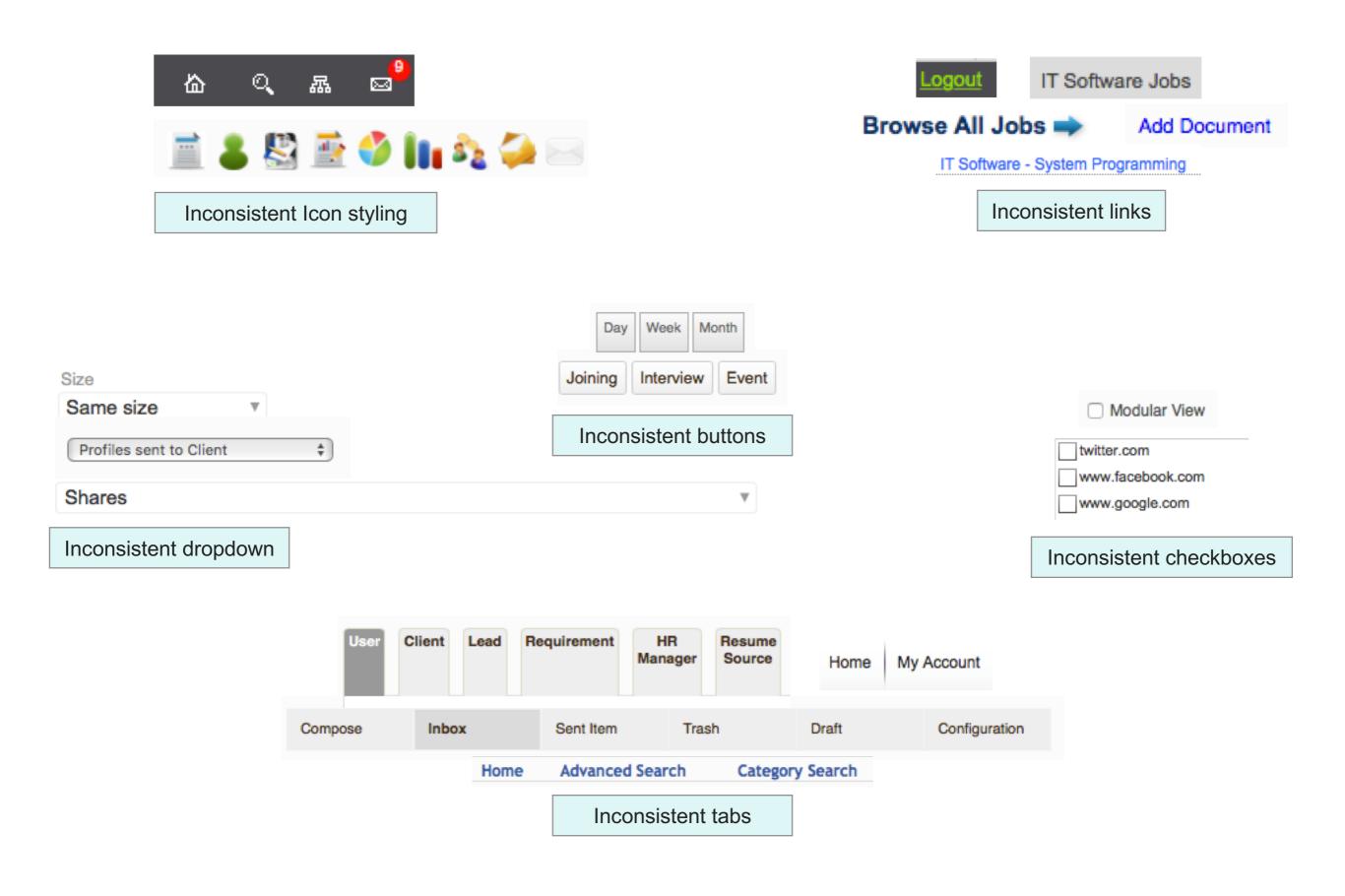
### Inconsistency in

- font size
- font weight
- font color
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- font style
- font alignment

all in the same page.....

this hinders quick scanning of text and decreases readability drastically.

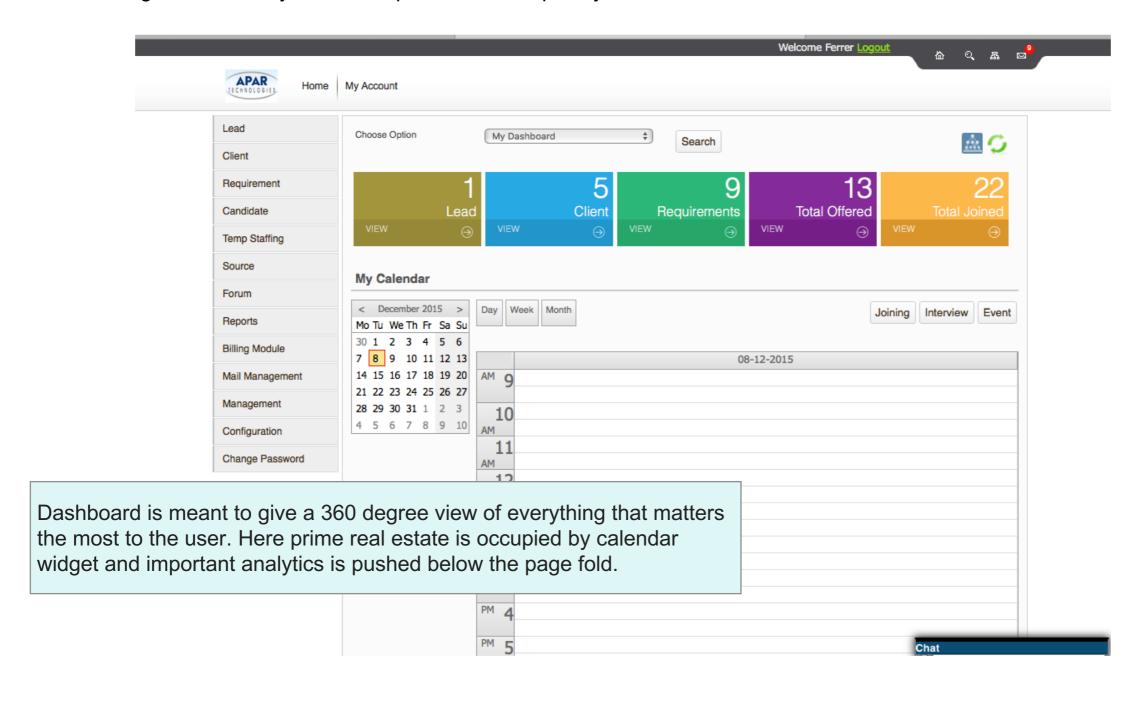
# Presentation: Inconsistency (cont'd)



# Presentation: 'Below the fold'

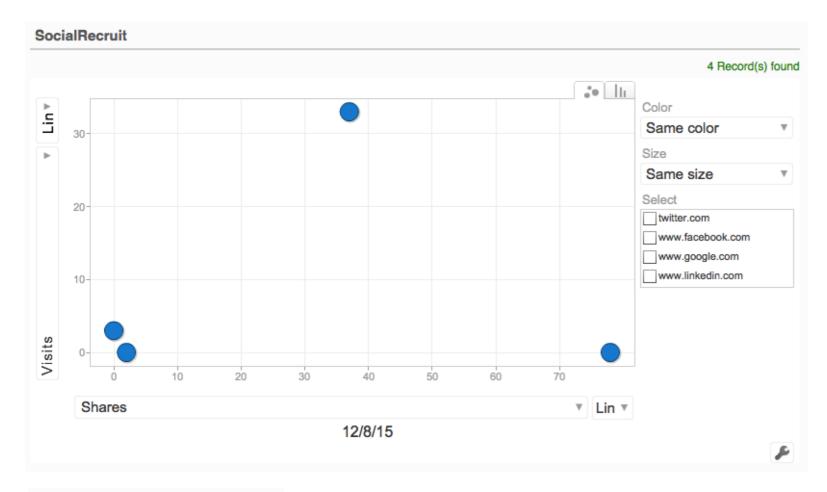
Surfacing important information and functionality helps users deep dive to find what they are looking for. Content "below the fold" will frequently be missed.

Its frustrating to scroll every time for important and frequently used information



# Presentation: Poor data visualisation

Selection of proper chart can help users make better analysis and uncover more insights Efficient and usable charts help users make analysis faster.



Referrer Id	Referrer Host	Shares	Visits
2	www.linkedin.com	78	0
3	www.google.com	0	3
1	www.facebook.com	37	33
4	twitter.com	2	0

Giving options to select colours, size, social media, bar/bubble view is not required as the data to be displayed is very simple. All these additional options will distract the user from his main task.

Almost three fourth of the page is utilised to display simple data.

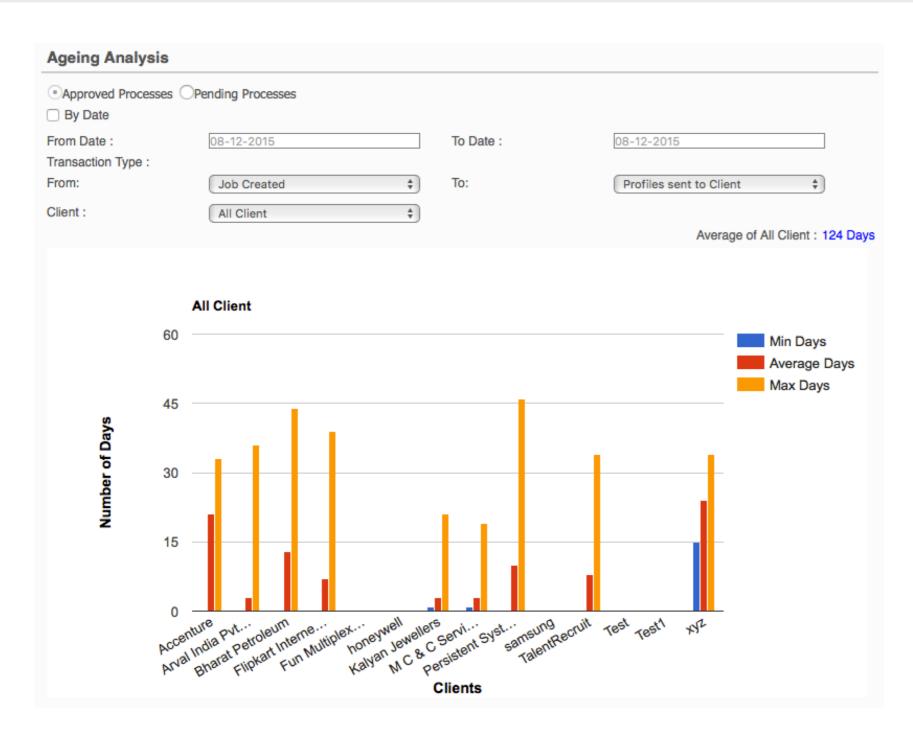
Since the bubbles are scattered across a bigger canvas, its takes more time and effort to traverse between bubbles. Thus increasing motor load.

It's impossible to figure out which bubble or bar (in the bar view) represents which which social media unless clicked/hovered.

### Recommendation

Data visualisation is not required in this context. Data in tabular format below is more then sufficient.

# Presentation: Poor data visualisation (cont'd)



Number of days for what?

Shouldn't 'Approved Processes' be the title instead of 'All Client'

User might find it difficult to associate bars to clients (X axis)

Confusing filters. From and To labels make sense for date but is confusing with Transaction type.

### Recommendation

- Use appropriate Graph titles. Make efficient use of white space and gutter space.
- Consider making Y axis dynamic in accordance to the maximum value so as to better utilise the real estate and making bars with minimum values more prominent.
- Use proper Filters.

# Presentation: Super wide tables

Users lose context while going through wide scrolling tables without static/fixed/frozen header columns,

					Column no. 08	<b>■</b> · · · · · •	Column no. 24
IS	Requirement Name	Client Name	Email	Contact No	Offered Location	<b>4</b>	Contract Expiry
	Business Anayst	xyz	srimoramr5@gmail	91-8143216252			
	Sr. Java Developer	Arval India Pvt Ltd	arigela123.purush	91-9591489552	Bangalore		30/09/2016
t	Sr. Java Developer	Arval India Pvt Ltd	anushbabu.ch@gm	91-8089604319	Bangalore		30/09/2016
	Testing	Flipkart Internet Pvt Ltd	neha.java@yahoo.c	732-734-0298	Mumbai		31/12/2015
	Finance Manager	TalentRecruit	nrworld1@gmail.com	734-274-9249	Bangalore		31/10/2015
	Sr. Java Developer	Arval India Pvt Ltd	yousry.help@gmail	0097156498			
	Sr. Java Developer	Arval India Pvt Ltd	singhvarun_1989@	9820158298	lko		30/09/2016
	Sr. Java Developer	Arval India Pvt Ltd	hridya.girija@gmail	8086227440	Hyderabad		30/09/2016
	Finance Manager	TalentRecruit	muks-77@hotmail.c	9004127972, 9821122696	Pune		31/10/2015

Once the candidate column (first column) is out of display, it becomes difficult to make associations between the candidate and it's attributes, thus making user scroll too and fro.

This leads to increase in motor, memory and cognitive load.

# Presentation: Super wide tables

### **Table Recommendations**

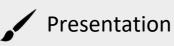
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\$27.96	Pfizer Inc	AV			09/01/2010	
\$29.01	Alcoa Inc		Columns	Þ	<b>V</b>	Price
\$30.27	General Motors Corporation	1.0	9	3.74%	<b>V</b>	Company
\$31.61	AT&T Inc.	-0.	48	-1.54%	7	Change
\$34.14	General Electric Company	-0.	08	-0.23%	7	% Change
\$34.64	The Home Depot, Inc.	0.3	35	1.02%	<b>V</b>	Last Updated
\$35.57	Verizon Communications	0.3	39	1.11%	V	Last Opdated
\$36.53	Hewlett-Packard Co.	-0.	03	-0.08%		09/01/2010
\$36.76	McDonald's Corporation	0.8	36	2.4%		09/01/2010
\$38.77	Honeywell Intl Inc	0.0	)5	0.13%		09/01/2010
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- · Organise the most important columns to the left.
- Experiment with frozen/fixed columns, so if the person does need to horizontally scroll, they can keep context.
- · Offer resizing and rearranging of columns.
- Only show a set number of columns in the default view (so there is no horizontal scrolling in the default view) and offer a Customise
  option so the person can choose to hide or show more columns.
- · Offer Sorting options.

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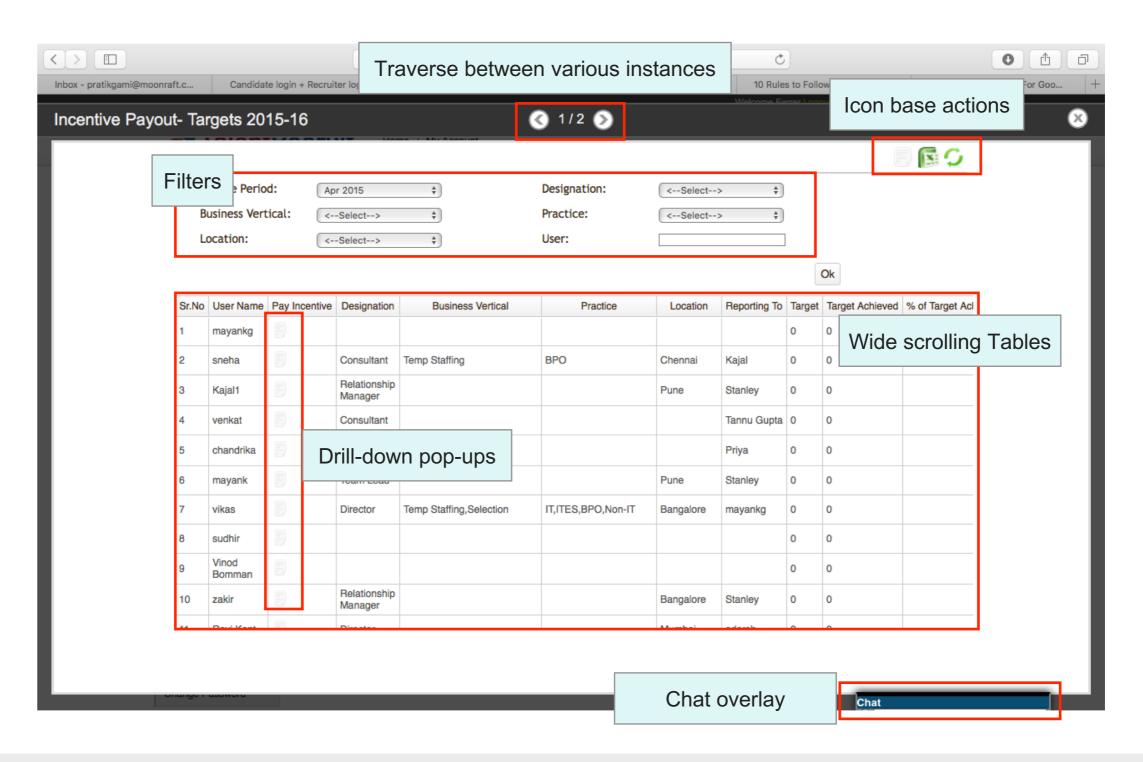


Interaction

Ease of interaction (use of controls / features)

# Content: Overwhelming pop-ups

Pop-ups are meant for sub tasks, including lots of things in it is a huge mistake.



### Recommendation

Keep the pop-ups as simple as possible. Ask or show only essential informations.

Strictly avoid using pop-ups to show drill down details

# Content: Overwhelming text

Users tend to not read lengthy text. Large amounts of text makes it difficult for users to scan through information.

### Key Responsibilities

of reconciliation

Perform end user transactional activities in Finance processes (AP /

AR / R2R ) like posting of invoices discrepancy management, follow cash application etc

Prepare & Review account reconc improvement and implement the s AR / R2R)

Validate supporting documents for Check on the accuracy of ageing amount reported as per AFM guid Validate the template usage and it Reconciliation tool requirements Check on QA criteria for every accissues identified

Drive clearance of open items & es Identity compliance issues & drive

Provide training and build process

Position Description: Finance Manager

Basic Function: The functions of the finance manager position can be considered identical to a treasurer position (see the Treasurer job description), or as a "light" treasurer who has additional analysis responsibilities that include support of the management team in a variety of operational decisions. This job description assumes the latter view of the finance manager position. As such, the finance manager should manage funds in such a manner as to maximize return on investment while minimizing risk, and while also ensuring that an adequate control structure is in place over the transfer and investment of funds. Further, the finance manager engages in financial analysis in such areas as forecasting, budgeting, engaging in cost reduction analysis, and reviewing operational performance. The position is considered to be more senior than the financial analyst position.

Principal Accountabilities:

Management

Maintain a documented system of accounting policies and procedures

Manage outsourced functions

Oversee the operations of the treasury department, including the design of an organizational structure adequate for achieving the department's goals and objectives

Funds Management

Forecast cash flow positions, related borrowing needs, and available funds for investment

Ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet ongoing operational and capital investment requirements
Use hedging to mitigate financial risks related to the interest rates on the company's borrowings, as well as on its foreign exchange positions

Maintain banking relationships

Assist in determining the company's proper capital structure

Arrange for equity and debt financing

Invest funds

Recommend appropriate dividend issuances, based on historical dividend patterns and expected cash flows Budgeting

Manage the preparation of the company's budget

Report to management on variances from the established budget, and the reasons for those variances

Assist management in the formulation of its overall strategic direction

Financial Analysis

Engage in ongoing cost reduction analyses in all areas of the company

Review the performance of competitors and report on key issues to management

Engage in benchmarking studies to establish areas of potential operational improvement Interpret the company's financial results to management and recommend improvement activities

Review company bottlenecks and recommend changes to improve the overall level of company throughput

Participate in target costing activities to create products that meeting predetermined price goals
Assist in the determination of product pricing in relation to features offered and competitor pricing

Compile key business metrics and report on them to management

Manage the capital budgeting process, based on constraint analysis and discounted cash flow analysis

Create additional analyses and reports as requested by management



Chunk, organise and bullet text to increase users ability to scan and improve readability.



# Content: Lack of context

Users find it easier to comprehend contextual information. Information out of context may pose cognitive, memory or motor load, as user will have to guess, use trial and error or use other means to figure out things on the portal.

Motor load

Memory load

□ ✓ Dashboard Module
 □ ✓ Choose Option
 ☑ My Dashboard
 ☑ My Team Dashboard
 ☑ All Dashboard
 ☑ Lead Module
 ☑ Add Lead
 ☑ Choose Option
 ☑ My Lead

Few levels of the tree list has label 'Choose option'. Users have to memorise the hidden items or click 'Choose Option' to explore hidden items.

### Recommendation

Uniquely label every item of the tree list.

Cognitive load

Recruiter might not know what SMTP, POP, SSL, Gateway Link, etc. means.

### Recommendation

Avoid using jargons.

# Content: Lack of context (cont'd)

	_	
Asset Description		
AssetCode		What asset are we talking about while applying
Manufacturer		for a job? Car? House?
AcquisitionDate		
Return Date		
Remarks		
	4	
Education Gap*		
Employment Gap*		Reporting to? While applying?
Reporting To*		May be whom I was reporting to in the previous company?
Reason For Change		company.

### Recommendation

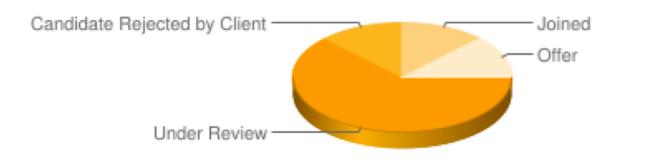
Clearly mention what kind of data is expected to be entered. Use hint text or information icon to provide information on required data entry. Information icon is placed next to the label which on hover displays information in a fly-out

Consider re-wording the label.

# Content: Incomplete data

Incomplete data leads to confusion and frustration, as users will have to put in additional efforts to figure out what's happening.

### Summary



Summary pie chart doesn't show the complete picture.

No numbers available. Users have to guess through observation, thus increasing cognitive load.

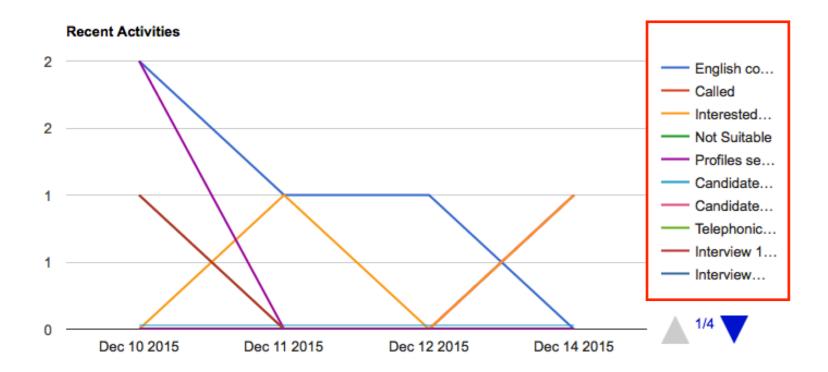
Application history doesn't show when was the application sent or when was the job offered.

# Software engineer Java Current Status: In Process QA Analyst QTP and Selenium Hydrabad Current Status: In Process Last Reviewed On: 11 tour ago developer Finance Process Mumbai Current Status: In Process Last Reviewed On: 11 tour ago

### Recommendation

Show complete information which would enable users to make sound decisions.

# Content: Incomplete data (cont'd)



Legends are truncated leaving it on user to guess/understand what activity is being visualised.

### Recommendation

Avoid truncating data. Truncate only if the shortened data makes sense.

E.g.

candidate profi...

Telephonic inter...

Current CTC: 6
Expected CTC: 8
Notice Period: 2

CTC is in lacks or thousands? Is it per year or month?

Notice period is in weeks or months?

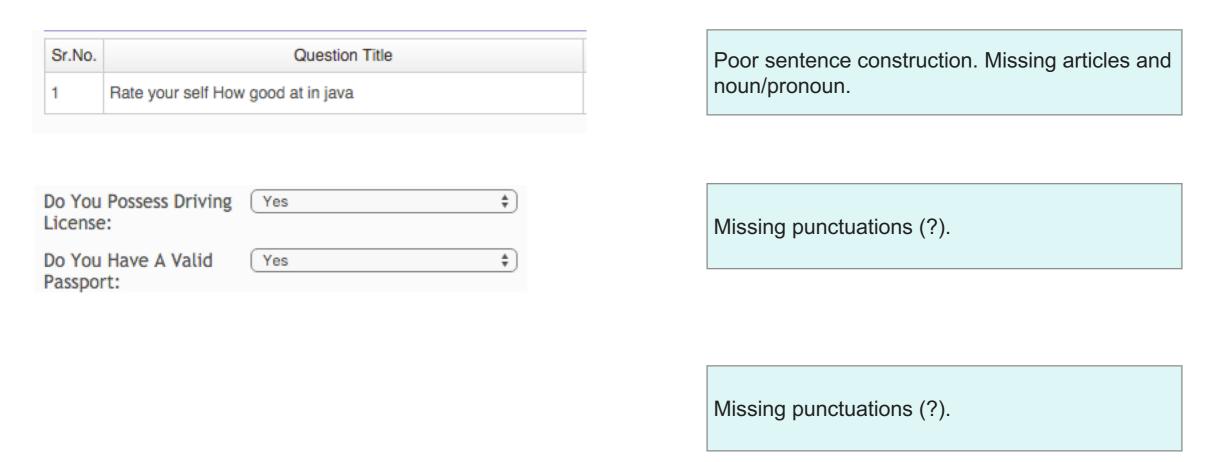
### Recommendation

Current CTC: 60,000 / month Expected CTC: 90,000 / month Notice Period: 2 weeks

Current CTC: 6 lacs / year Expected CTC: 9 lacs / year Notice Period: 2 months

# Content: Poor language

Poor use of language projects unprofessional attitude. Also it may make it tough for users to understand the content.



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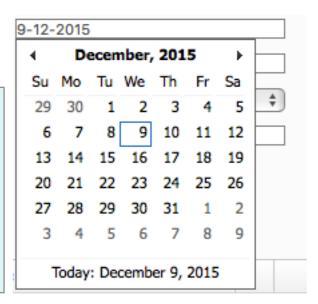
# Interaction: Poor form design

Controls within a form design contribute significantly to task success and task completion time. A well design form must have logically grouped controls that project affordance, intuitiveness and should be appropriate to the action being performed.

By Date From and To date fields are closer to From Date: 08-12-2015 To Date: 08-12-2015 the label 'Transaction Type' and not 'By Transaction Type: Date'. From: Job Created Profiles sent to Client \* Client: Label and respective field are far apart All Client Average of All Client: 124 Days Excel Based on Requirement Allocation Based on Requirement Worked By Date 09-12-2015 From Date To Date The label 'Excel' doesn't clearly indicate that It seems 'By Date' is label for radio buttons. it's meant to download in Excel format.

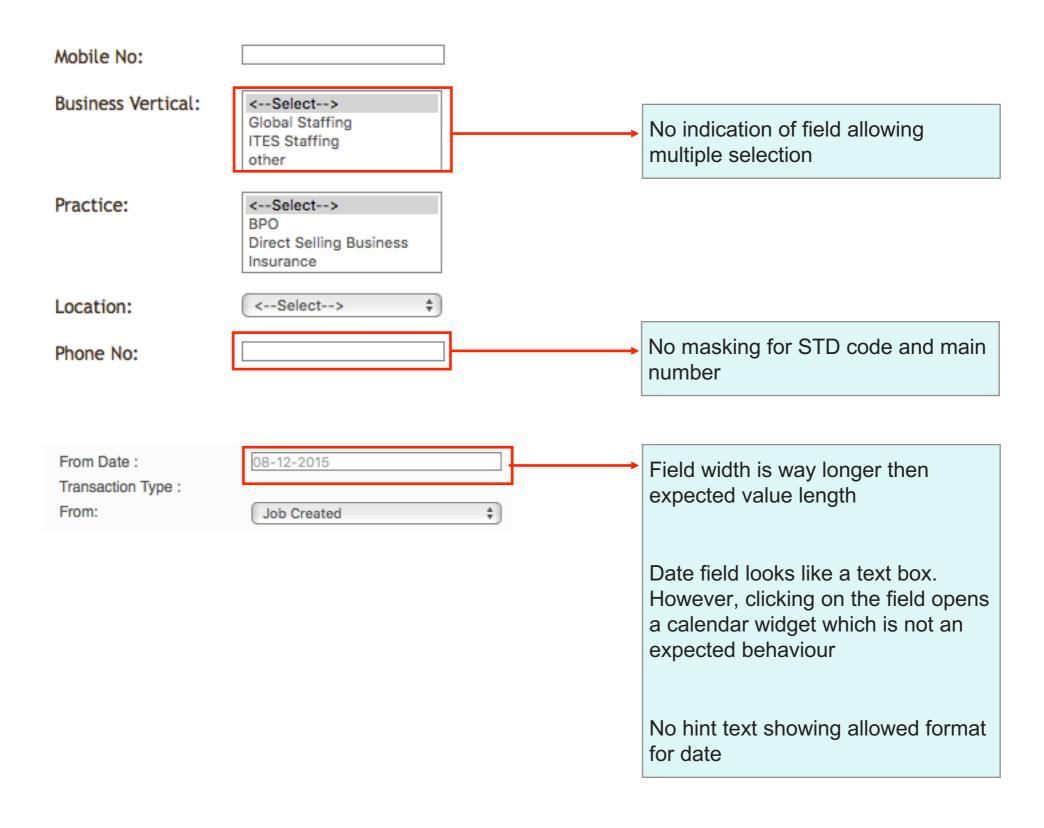
Clicking on 'December, 2015, for changing month and year is no not very intuitive.

The control take more clicks to change month and year compared to a dropdown for month and year



# Interaction: Poor form design (cont'd)

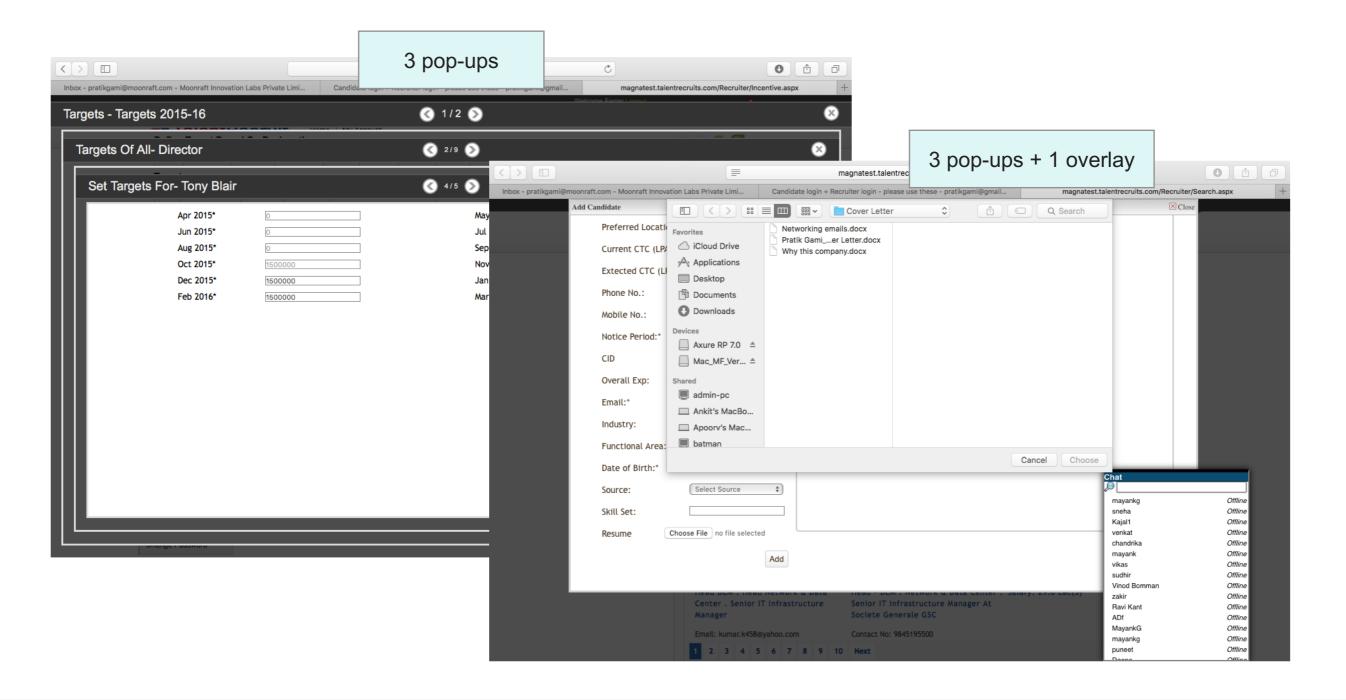
Controls used within a form must set proper 'how to use' and 'how much to enter' entry expectation with users.



# Interaction: Too many pop-ups

Users hate pop-ups. Using pop-ups within pop-up will add to the frustration.

Users lose context of the main task while going through multiple pop-ups nested one within another.

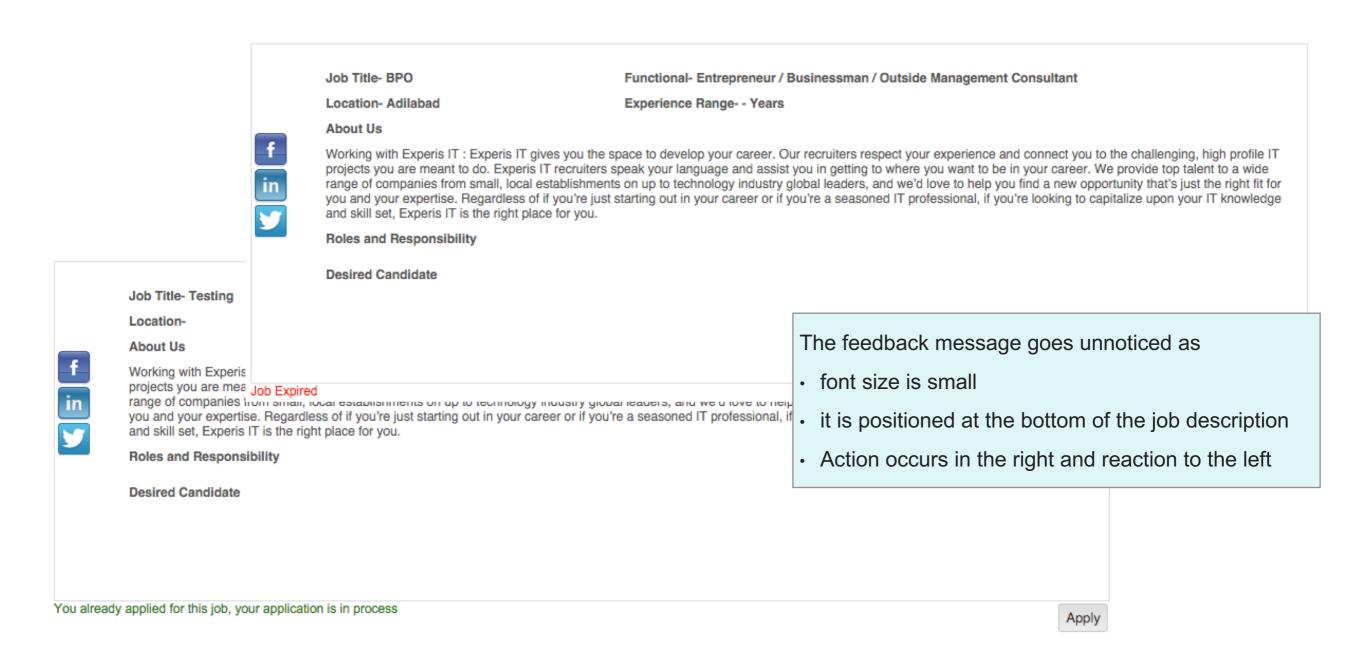


### Recommendation

Avoid invoking pop-ups from another pop-up. At any give time, on any given page there should't be more then one pop-up.

Once a pop-up is invoked, deactivate all interactions on the page except those within the pop-up.

# Interaction: Poor feedback



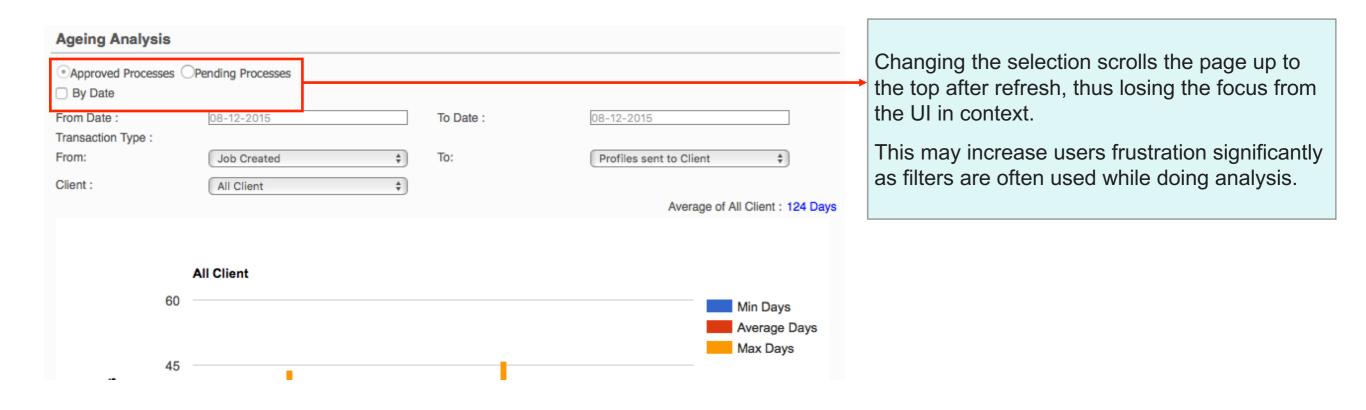
### Recommendation

Position of the message on a page must be constant across the portal.

Consider using pop-ups or overlays to display feedback and other messages.

## Interaction: Unusual behaviour

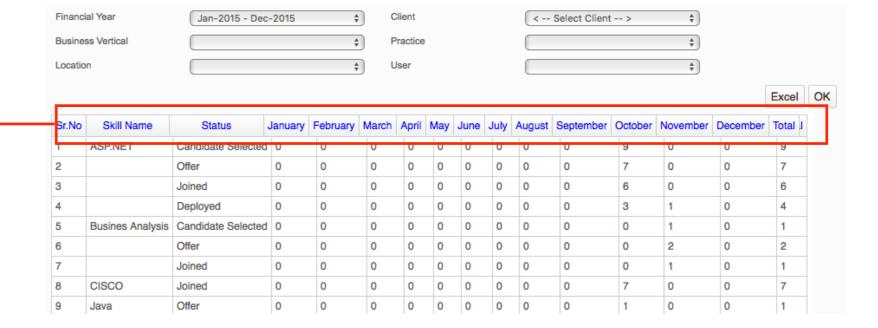
Users are accustomed to specific web interactions and UI behaviour changing which would cause confusion and frustration.



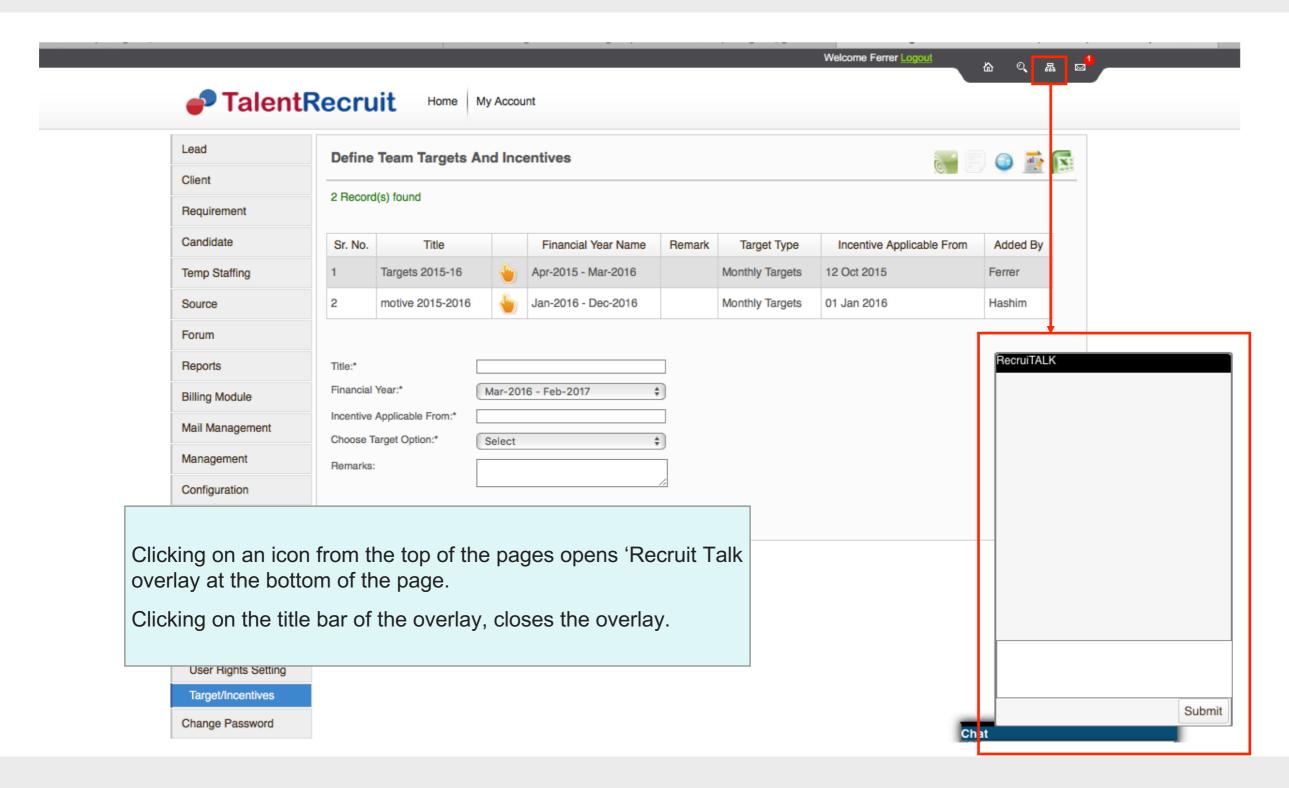
The title row content is a link, clicking on which sorts the respective column. This is very atypical behaviour.

### Recommendation.

Use sorting conventions link using up and down arrows to sort content in ascending and descending order.



# Interaction: Unusual behaviour (cont'd)

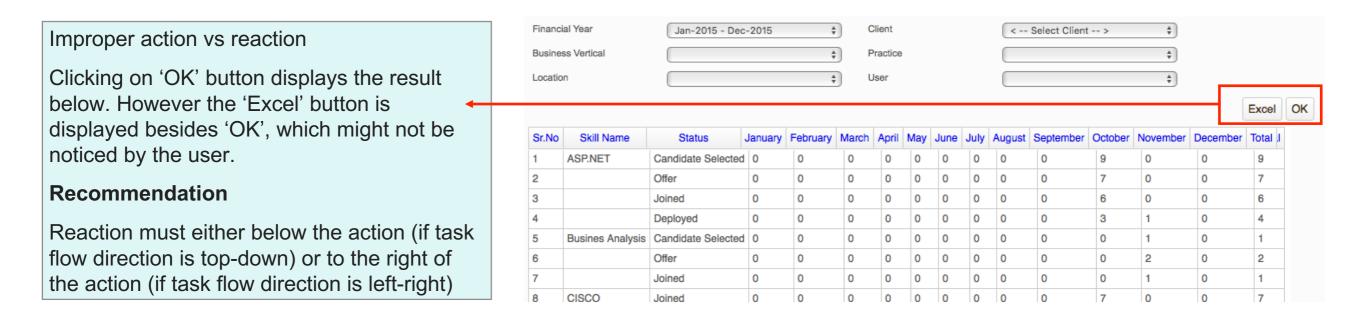


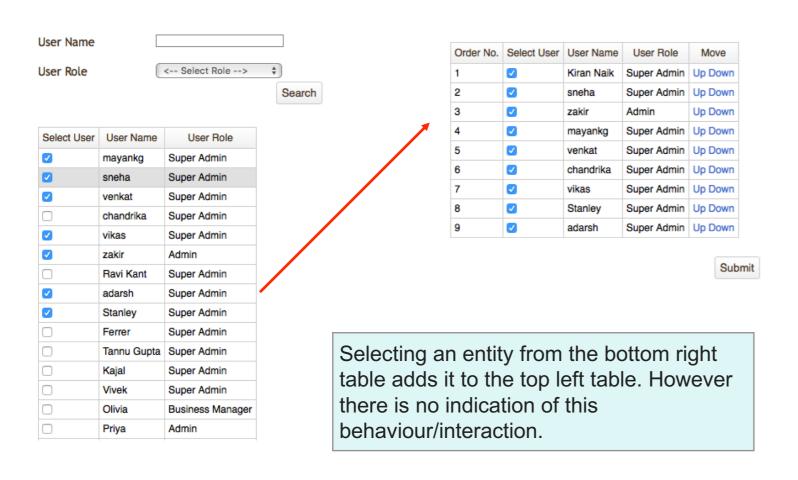
### Recommendation

Keep the overlay close to its entry point. Either use it as an overlay falling down from the top edge, or club the functionality with chat functionality.

Provide clear close button to close the overlay.

# Interaction: Unusual behaviour (cont'd)



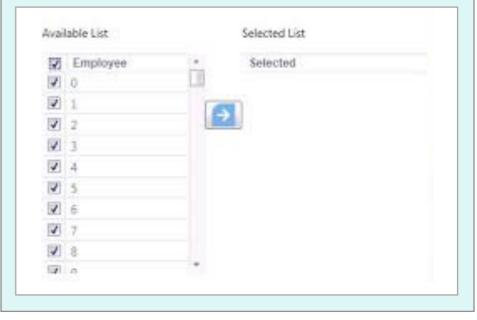


### Recommendation

Consider placing the 2 tables next to each other.

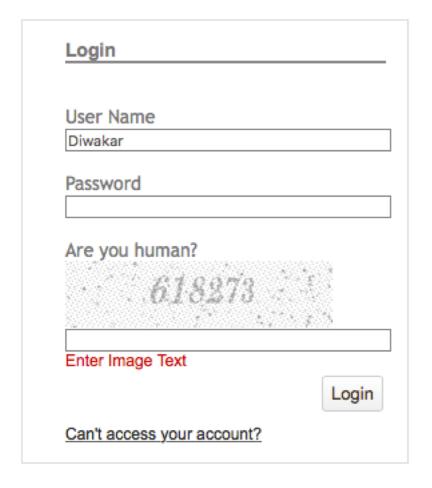
Provide appropriate title for both the tables. E.g. Available list and selected list.

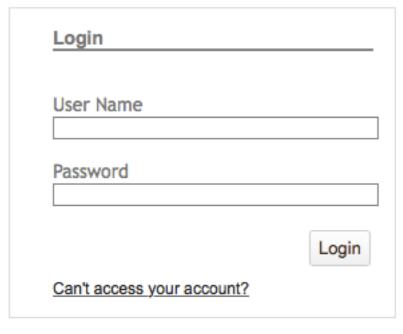
provide option to select and deselect all options.



# Interaction: Inconsistency

Users tend to memorise every aspect of a task when performed frequently. Inconsistency in UI behaviour for such tasks leads to errors, thus increasing task completion time and frustration.





Captcha requirement is sometimes asked while login and sometimes skipped.

Many a times captcha field is not displayed initially, but after clicking on 'Login' button system brings in the captcha field with mandatory field not entered error.

### Recommendation

Keep UI elements on Login widget consistent.

Error prevention is better then correction. Consider activating the 'Login' button only when all the mandatory fields have been entered.

# Interaction: Icon buttons

Users tend to remember only popular icons like save, delete, edit, hamburger menu and so on...



Too many icons pose memory load on user as users need to memorise what each icon is meant to do.

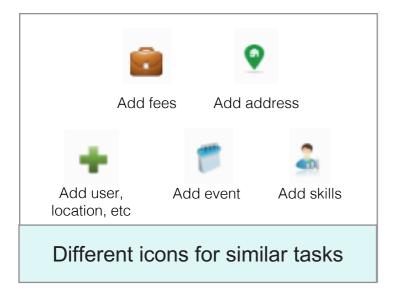
Icon base interaction also poses motor load as the user need to hover over each icon to see what the function is.

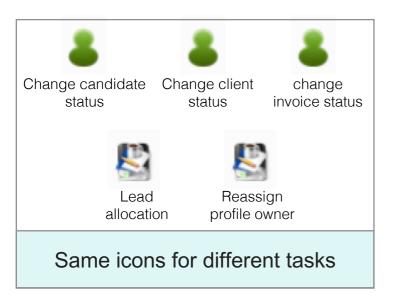
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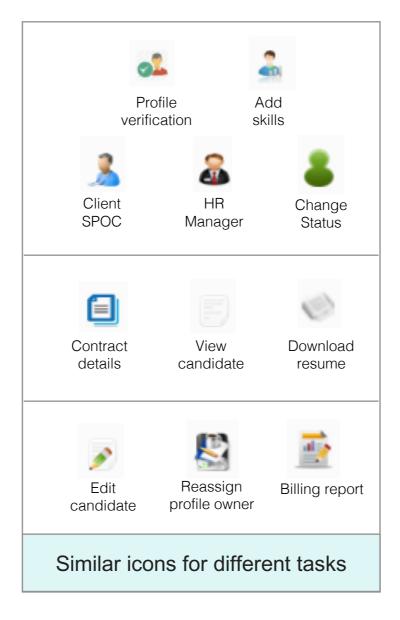
consider using icons along with labels.

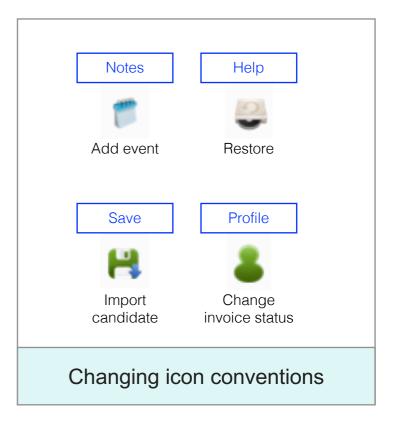
# Interaction: Icon buttons (cont'd)

Inefficient use of icons can lead to major confusion.









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# Summary

### **Navigation and Structure**

- Navigational hierarchy is not easy to perceive.
- Navigation sometimes delivers unexpected results.
- · Navigation labels are difficult to comprehend.
- The sense of place helps the user understand where they are.
- Hidden navigation makes it difficult to find information.

### **Presentation**

- · Poor data visualisation tools, overloading user's attention.
- · Dashboard and other reports page do not make a good use of space.
- Extra long tables, making it difficult to comprehend information.

### Content

- Few pages and pop-ups or very overwhelming.
- · Consider using more contextual and jargon free content.

### Interaction

- Inconsistent, difficult or unfamiliar interaction techniques get in the user's way
- Lack of clear or appropriate affordances confuse user "does this thing work?"
- Too many nested pop-ups pose as a distraction.

# Thank you