KEY FEATURES

- **Automated time generation:** Intelligently derive time allocations from work artifacts and events (story/task completion and state changes) within integrated tools, minimizing manual entry needs.

- **Seamless work system integration:** Connect directly with popular agile planning and work management platforms where IT work is already tracked.

- **Configurable rule engine for feature-based and activity costing:** Allow users to define rules that map work item types, attributes, or projects to specific financial categories (capital vs. operational expenditure, project codes, cost centers), enabling accurate costing based on business-relevant features and activities.

- **Hierarchical cost aggregation:** Automatically roll up derived labor costs from granular execution details (tasks, stories) to higher levels (epics, projects, portfolios), transitioning financial data from flat lists to meaningful, aggregated insights.

Frictionless Cost Accounting
For IT Organizations Seeking Accurate, Automated Labor Costing and Capitalization

Overview

The Broadcom® ValueOps® Frictionless Cost Accounting solution automatically generates accurate IT time entries by intelligently interpreting data from existing work execution systems, such as agile planning tools. Its main purpose is to eliminate burdensome manual timesheets, provide trustworthy labor cost data for financial reporting (including capitalization), and free up valuable IT resources. This solution translates technical activities into business-relevant cost insights, enabling more predictable financial forecasting for IT investments and resource planning.

Value Proposition

Frictionless Cost Accounting replaces inaccurate, time-consuming manual timesheets with automated, reliable time capture derived directly from your team's actual IT and development work output.

Frictionless Cost Accounting provides substantial benefits:

- Gain real-time, trustworthy visibility into IT and development labor costs to simplify project accounting, ensure accurate capitalization reporting, and improve resource planning, while simultaneously boosting team productivity and satisfaction.

- Achieve effortless financial transparency and compliance for IT labor expenditures.

- Leverage accurate, historical cost data tied to work completion to generate significantly more predictable financial forecasts for future IT investments.

Key Use Cases

- **Data-driven project forecasting:** Predict future project costs with confidence using accurate, automated labor cost actuals tied directly to completed work.

- **Simplify capitalization and investment planning:** Automate CapEx/OpEx classification based on actual development work to ensure compliance and reliably forecast future budgets.

- **Boost developer productivity and focus:** Eliminate burdensome manual time entry, freeing agile and engineering teams to concentrate on innovation and value delivery.

BENEFITS

• **Enhance financial accuracy and compliance:** Provide reliable, auditable labor cost data derived from actual work execution, dramatically improving accuracy for project costing, chargebacks, and CapEx/OpEx differentiation.

• **Reduce operational costs and boost productivity:** Eliminate countless hours spent by valuable IT resources on manual, non-value-add time tracking and associated administrative overhead (chasing timesheets, corrections). Redirect focus to core tasks, innovation, and faster delivery.

• **Improve forecasting accuracy:** Leverage historical, actual cost data derived from completed work (features, epics) to generate more reliable financial forecasts and refine resource planning for future initiatives.

• **Improve employee satisfaction:** Remove a common source of friction and administrative burden for technical staff, leading to better morale and adoption of financial processes.

Competitive Advantages

• **Proven platform and vendor:** Benefit from the Broadcom unified ValueOps platform, backed by decades of delivering enterprise solutions designed to support auditable financial processes.

• **Packaged for rapid value:** Leverage our repeatable, packaged solution with streamlined configuration for faster deployment and predictable, reliable results.

• **Scalable investment flexibility:** Gain robust financial oversight reliably at enterprise scale, without developer friction, delivering the trusted insights needed for agile capital allocation and smarter investment decisions.

• **Truly frictionless insight:** Uniquely designed to operate invisibly at enterprise scale, providing crucial data for Finance and Engineering without impacting developer productivity.

Ease of Implementation and Integration

Frictionless Cost Accounting is implemented as a packaged solution tightly integrated with the ValueOps platform. For organizations utilizing the platform's planning and execution capabilities, deployment is streamlined, focusing on configuring costing rules to map existing work data (pulled via the platform's integration services) to the established financial structures, minimizing disruption and accelerating time-to-value:

• **Native ValueOps platform synergy:** Seamlessly connects the platform's financial and portfolio management components with its agile execution management capabilities, facilitated by built-in platform services and integration fabric.

• **Broad ecosystem connectivity:** Leverage the platform's integration layer to reliably pull necessary execution details from a wide range of third-party agile, DevOps, and IT service management tools for cost processing within the platform.

• **Extensible data exchange:** Robust APIs are provided for exporting processed cost data from the platform's financial management module to external ERP, general ledger, or enterprise reporting systems, ensuring compatibility within your broader financial ecosystem.

Summary

ValueOps Frictionless Cost Accounting revolutionizes IT financial management by eliminating inaccurate, burdensome manual timesheets. It automatically translates IT and development activities directly from work execution systems into defensible, traceable labor cost data. This enterprise-grade solution provides unparalleled precision for project costing and CapEx/OpEx reporting under regulatory guidelines (GAAP/IFRS), significantly improves financial forecasting reliability, frees valuable engineering resources to focus on innovation, and delivers clear visibility for smarter technology investment decisions.

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