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Employee Share Plan Management

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Employee Share & Option Management

The Business Problem

Sharing equity is an easy and effective way to attract new employees and motivate existing ones - especially in the early days of a company, when resources are often limited. However, setting up employee share plans often involves a ton of paperwork. And it only piles up as your company grows, possibly creating more and more employee option plans.

This process requires substantial managerial time to be set up and managed properly. Which is why many companies choose to outsource it to accounting and/or legal firms. However, these types of services are extremely costly for a company, especially when used in the long term.

At the same time, it is more often than not the case that company employees are unsure or even completely unaware of what they own in the company, or when they can claim the value of their equity. This results in management often getting questions they need to spend valuable time answering by digging deep into spreadsheets. Other times, employees almost forget about their grant, which means the motivational value of your equity is wasted. Not to mention that, tracking and managing employee ownership on spreadsheets presents a huge margin for errors which can have severe repercussions for the company. For example, if there has been a mistake in the company's records and an employee ultimately receives less than what they were promised, the company's relationship with employees can be damaged for good. Similarly, if the option pool hasn't been monitored accurately, this could mean that equity that had been promised to investors ends up being diluted, thus shaking those shareholders' faith in the company.

The common denominator behind all of these time consuming and costly problems that most growth companies face in relation to their employee share plans, is that they are being monitored and managed through an entirely outdated tool spreadsheets. Capdesk transforms employee share options into a fast, simple, and inexpensive tool for companies to use in their pursuit of growth, by turning equity data digital.

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Blog Spotlight: What Your Employee Really Thinks About Your Stock Option Plan [Interview]

The Solution

Capdesk offers a fast, flexible way to register and track employee equity awards. This includes a comprehensive suite of features, such as end-to-end grant execution as deeds, centralised management of multiple employee share plans, option exercise upon termination, and live updates to employee vesting schedules as the company's equity structure and valuations change. No hassle on your part.



Manage Employee Share Plans Seamlessly

No more misaligned vesting dates on your spreadsheets, no more headaches every time you add a new employee share plan to your compensation structure, no more hassle trying to keep track of various repurchases, transfers, restricted stock, and early exercises. On Capdesk, all this can be done digitally so, as always, you'll know your data is correct and all relevant reports auto-updated. Provided templates and the ability to manage multiple employee share plans at once gives you flexibility like never before. So simple.

Issuing Options Paperlessly

Granting options to your employees no longer needs to be a lengthy, paper-heavy process. Capdesk supports end-toend grant issuances as deeds, with electronic signing and witnessing. Sharing equity with employees only takes a few minutes, while all the legal documentation is conveniently stored on the platform to make the process a lot, lot easier to manage.

Efficient Filing & Reporting

Knowing that all your data on Capdesk is always 100% accurate and up-to-date, you can use it to fill out handy templates provided on the platform, and streamline your Companies House and HMRC filings and reports. Not to mention the autogenerated share certificates created for those employees who ultimately become shareholders in the company.

Unlock the Motivational Power of Equity

By allowing employees to access their vesting schedule directly on Capdesk anytime they want, you ensure they're reminded of the value their grant has as your business grows. Enable your team to view the impact of new valuations, funding rounds, and other company activities on their ownership, understand when they can vest what, and claim their vested options upon termination fast and easily through a single, userfriendly platform.

Stay on Top of Your Option Pool

On Capdesk, your option pool auto-updates every time an action affects it - be it a new grant issuance, an employee's options lapsing or being exercised, or anything else that's related. This way, you'll always be able to check at a glance how many options remain outstanding, authorised, exercised, and available to issue in your incentive pool.

Facilitate Option Exercises for Your Employees

Upon termination, option-holding employees are enabled to exercise their vested options in a fast and straight-forward way through Capdesk. Employees will be shown how many options they can exercise at the time and at what price; then you, as the company admin on Capdesk, can choose to approve the exercise, at which point the employee can pay securely on the platform with just a couple of clicks. Thanks to our integration with payment experts Shieldpay, option holders can rest assured their money is safely handled, as it will be kept in an escrow account until the transaction is fully processed.

Software Features

With Capdesk, you're offered centralised, end-to-end management of your stock option plans no matter how many grants you've issued, or how many employees are involved.

1. Set Up Your Option Plan

Tell Capdesk what type of employee share plan you're using, add dates, and use its document templates to get started.



2. Add a Valuation

Add a valuation and Capdesk will automatically calculate the value of each employee's options.





3. Issue and Sign Option Grants

Issue and sign options, invite witnesses, and attach necessary legal documents in just a few minutes, without needing to leave your desk.

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Blog Spotlight:

How To Grant Options Over Issued Shares on Capdesk



Blog Spotlight:

Eliminate paper stock certificates and issue certificated or uncertificated shares online.

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4. Live Employee Vesting Schedules

Choose whether you want your employees to have access to their live vesting schedule, so that they're always informed about what they can exercise, at what price, and how their ownership is affected by changes in the company's equity structure.



5.Create Filings for HMRC and EMI and Generate Share-Based Payments

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Use Capdesk's templates to get started on EMI notifications and other necessary HMRC filings, and use data from the platform to auto-populate them.

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6. Terminating Option Grants

When an employee is terminated, the platform will let them purchase their vested options within their exercise window, and automatically return any unvested options to the option pool. All changes automatically show up in your cap table and reports.

Watch our How-To video here.

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7. Exercise Options

Enable employees to exercise options with fast electronic signing. Keep both your bank accounts secure, with Capdesk's Stripe integration that processes all payments using an escrow account.



Watch our How-To video here

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8. Generate Share Certificates and Update our Cap Table

Once your former optionholders have become shareholders, Capdesk will produce electronic share certificates and autofill them with all the necessary data. Sign the certificates, share them with your shareholders, and store them digitally - all in one place.

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9. Create Companies House Filings [SH01 & CS01]

Updating the information you give to authorities once an employee exercises their options doesn't have to be complicated. Capdesk helps you autofill SH01 and CS01 forms, using data existing in the platform.

Blog Spotlight: Digital Option Exercises Upon Termination Just Got Real!

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About Capdesk

The No. 1 Equity Management Software in Europe

Capdesk is a powerful equity management software helping you keep accurate records of shares and options, manage employee share schemes and shareholder communications, file reports to relevant authorities, and make projections for potential financing rounds and exits. By turning these processes digital, Capdesk cuts your legal and accounting fees, and saves you valuable time in administration so you can focus on core business tasks instead.

Founded in 2015, Capdesk was born out of Capdesk CEO, Christian Gabriel's early experiences as an entrepreneur. Working as a director for an investment platform, he noticed that virtually all private companies on the market kept their equity information on spreadsheets. This meant that, firstly, cap tables or ownership records in companies with several years of funding history were an absolute mess; and, secondly, that there was a lack of transparency which made it hard for shareholders to keep track of what their equity was actually worth. That's how he decided to create Capdesk: a platform that would digitise equity, so that companies, investors, and employees could track their ownership.



Why Choose Capdesk?

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Grow with the peace of mind that comes from being prepared for tomorrow.

Capdesk functions as a single source of truth for your company's equity. Unlike spreadsheets and other platforms on the market, Capdesk allows you to store all your equity data and documents, manage employee share schemes, process transactions, file reports, and communicate with stakeholders from a single platform. By turning your equity digital, it adds centralisation, accuracy, transparency, and ultimately unparalleled efficiency to your equity management processes.

On Capdesk, you will be able to:



That's why Capdesk is trusted by some of the UK's most prominent growth companies, like **Nutmeg, Secret Escapes**, and **MarketInvoice.**



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Employee Share Plan Management

Capdesk is a digital platform enabling businesses to save thousands in legal and accounting fees, by managing cap tables and employee share plans efficiently. Capdesk's vision is to empower private companies to share equity with employees and investors, and enable shareholders to trade equity without the need to go public. Trusted by growth companies like Nutmeg, Privitar, gohenry, and more than 50,000 employees and shareholders, Capdesk is Europe's leading equity management platform. Capdesk is the SaaS powered stock exchange of the 21st century.

With offices in London and Copenhagen, Capdesk was founded in 2015 and is backed by Fuel Ventures, Seed Capital, and PreSeed Ventures.

For more information, visit www.capdesk.com

