

Building your Organisation Structure

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From Paper to Structure

In this section we will start building an organisation structure into the *Organisation Structure* module.

The assumptions are that:

- You have an approved organisation structure.
- All required node/unit types for the plan have been loaded (See the Configuration and Administration section).
- The required unit type relationships have been defined.

In preparation for building the organisation structure let's review the functionalities that will be addressed in this section.



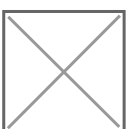
OPTIONS ON THE TOOLBAR	
De-Link Node	<p>Deletes an existing node. If the selected node is linked to more than one parent, only the selected instance of the node is deleted.</p> <p>If a node has sub nodes or positions linked to it a warning message is given and the node is not deleted.</p>
View Chart	View a diagrammatic representation of the current organisation plan.
Refresh View	Reloads the entire organisation plan, showing all changes.
OPTIONS AVAILABLE ON NODES	
Add Child	Add a child node directly beneath the current node.
Edit Node	Opens an existing node for editing. Also enables a user to view a node's parent and children nodes. If a node that is linked to more than one parent is edited, all instances of the node are changed. (Except for the Valid From and valid To dates)
Link Positions	Select and link positions created in the Job Profiling module to a node on the organisation structure.
Make this a planning structure	Adds the Company as the child and adds the Company to the list of Organisation Structures. The status of the Organisation Structure will be "Planning" instead of "Active".

Step 1 – Create an Organisation Structure

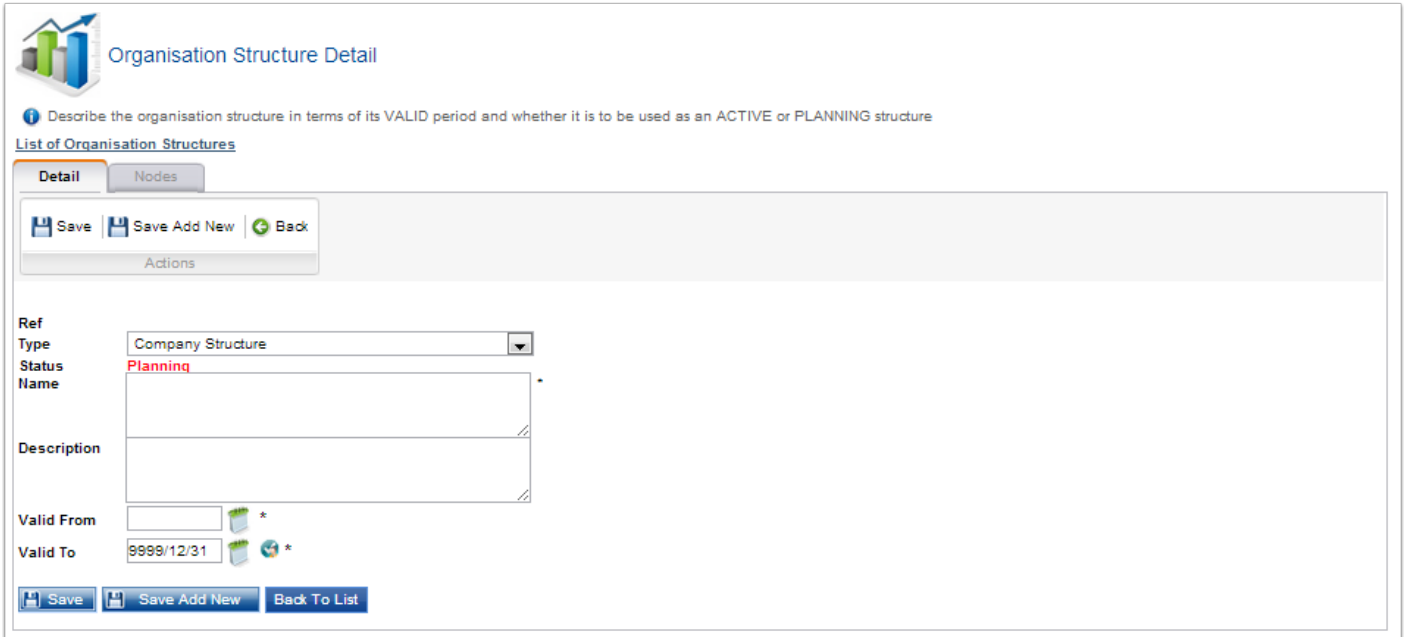
- From the portal page, click **System Administration** on the **Administration Menu**.
- Select *Modules | Organisation Structure | Administration | Organisation Structures* from the menu to open the screen below.

No organisation structures have been loaded yet and therefore the list of existing organisation structures is empty.

Click



to open a blank **Plan Detail** screen.



Organisation Structure Detail

Describe the organisation structure in terms of its VALID period and whether it is to be used as an ACTIVE or PLANNING structure

[List of Organisation Structures](#)

Detail Nodes

Save Save Add New Back

Actions

Ref
 Type Company Structure
 Status Planning
 Name
 Description
 Valid From
 Valid To 9999/12/31

Save Save Add New Back To List

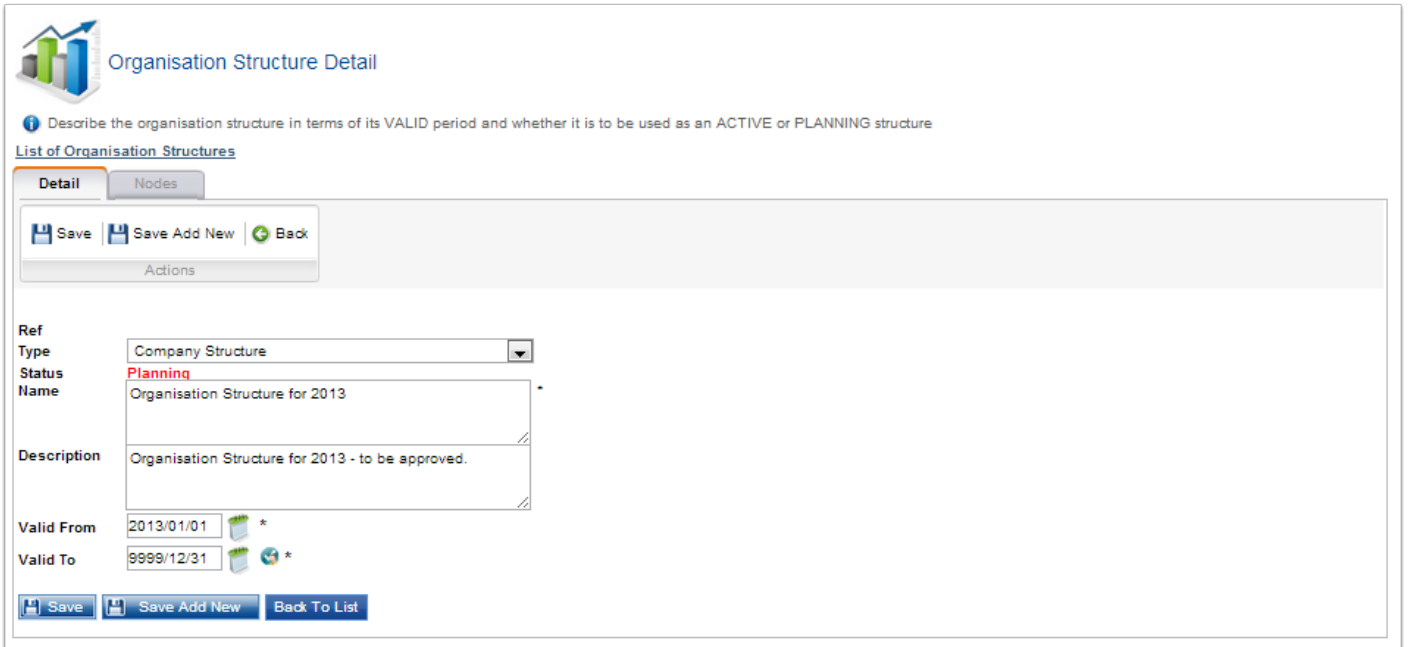
The first node on an organisation plan/structure automatically becomes the NAME of the plan.

- To create the first node on the blank screen above, in the **Ref Type** field select **Company Structure** and provide a descriptive name for you organisation structure.
- Then proceed to complete the other fields.

Valid From and Valid To

For a discussion of the importance and application of the Valid From and Valid To dates, see Section 2.

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[List of Organisation Structures](#)

Detail | Nodes

Save Save Add New Back

Ref: Company Structure

Type: Company Structure

Status: **Planning**

Name: Organisation Structure for 2013

Description: Organisation Structure for 2013 - to be approved.

Valid From: 2013/01/01

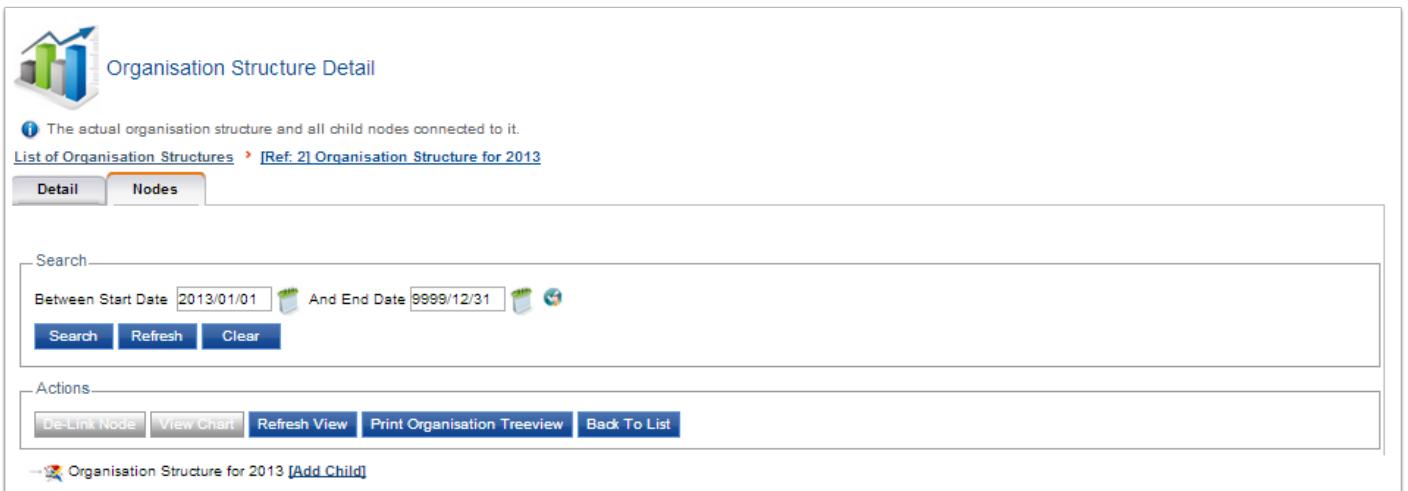
Valid To: 9999/12/31

Save Save Add New Back To List

Click



to submit the plan. The **Plan Detail - Units** screen will now change to reflect the added organisation structure.



Organisation Structure Detail

The actual organisation structure and all child nodes connected to it.

[List of Organisation Structures](#) > [\[Ref: 2\] Organisation Structure for 2013](#)

Detail | **Nodes**

Search

Between Start Date: 2013/01/01 And End Date: 9999/12/31

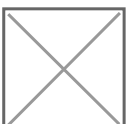
Search Refresh Clear

Actions

De-Link Node View Chart Refresh View Print Organisation Treeview Back To List

Organisation Structure for 2013 [\[Add Child\]](#)

To edit the structure's name (or the first node), click the

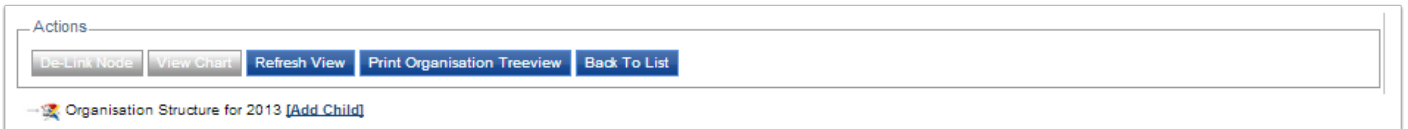


tab.

Step 2 – Add Nodes to the Organisation Structure

Our next step is adding the top level of the organisation to the plan.

- Select the node for which you would like to add a new child node - in this case the structure's name.



- Click



to display a blank **Node Detail** screen.



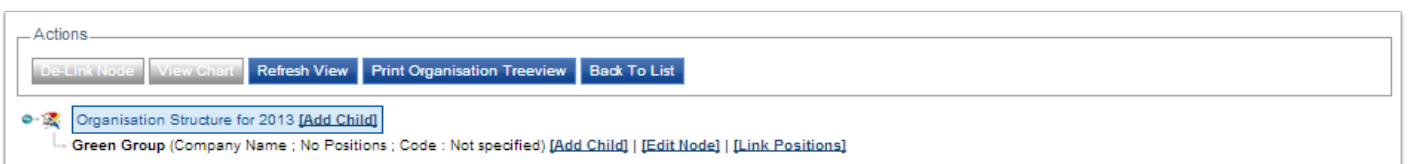
- Set the **Valid From** and **Valid To** date.
- Select the **Type** from the lookup (which is pulled in from the *Node Type* administration screen completed earlier).
- Enter the **Name** and the **Description** of the node.

Click



to add the node to the structure.

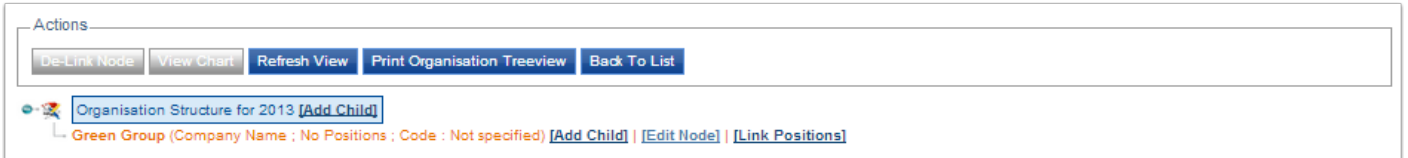
The organisation structure now changes to



Edit Node

This function allows a user to edit existing nodes. For this example we are going to change the details of a node.

- Select the node which you would like to edit.



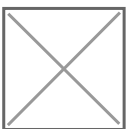
Click



to open the **Node Detail** screen.



- Edit the required fields and, when done, click



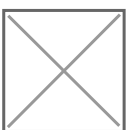
to submit the changes.

In addition to viewing the node detail, note that for most nodes another three tabs could become available:



Additional Information

The



tab is used to record any additional information regarding the node that might be required. Information like company registration details, address details etc. All the information is optional so use it only when required.

One section that needs further discussion is the business address.

Business Address

When a business address is provided on an organisation structure level, the implication is that all employees in positions attached to this level should have the same business address. To accomplish this, a scheduled procedure is kicked off to update all employee business address details to the organisation structure level's business address. A few rules, part of this procedure, are as follows:

- The employee's business address can be found under **Manage Employees | Employee Profile | Address**
- An employee's business address is ALWAYS synchronised to that of the organisation structure. In other words any changes specific to the employee's business address will be overwritten by the organisation structure level's business address.
- If the organisation structure level's business address is not available, the next higher level is checked and its business address used if available. If that level's address is not available the next higher level is checked etc.



Node Parents

Click



to view the parents to which this node is linked. Since this node was firstly linked to the Coal division and then also linked to the Heavy Minerals division two parent nodes are listed.



Node Children

Click



to view the child nodes linked to this node. Currently no children have been linked.



Refresh View

Maintaining an organisation structure on a web page is resource intensive and therefore the screen is not updated after every change. When you have made a change and would like to view the results on the organisation structure as well, click



to refresh the page and render all changes.


Refresh (Flatten) Organisation Structure

Building a hierarchical organisation structure has many advantages but sometimes there is a need to view the structure in a flat format e.g. for certain types of reports. To accomplish this, a flat structure is derived from the hierarchical structure during an offline process that runs every evening. This process has the following implications:

- Some reports will not immediately reflect a structure change. Changes will only be visible in a flat structure-type report on the day after the changes were made.
- Some functionalities, e.g. moving org structure levels, also rely on the flat structure and need an updated flat structure before it is attempted.
- In many cases a company's subgroups are derived from the flat organisation structure files.

If a user cannot wait for the after-hours, automated flat structure update, an alternative is available.

- Open the Organisation Structure module from **Modules | Organisation Structure**.
- Locate the applicable organisation structure from the list of structures.

 **List of Organisation Structures**

i All current organisation structures for a company. Only ACTIVE organisation structures whose VALID periods include today are taken into consideration. Where multiple structures satisfy these criteria the most recently activated structure is used.

Search

Description

Organisation Structure Status

Organisation Structure Type

Between Start Date And End Date

Actions	Ref	Name	Valid From	Valid To	Type	Status
Action		Company Organisation	2011/01/01	9999/12/31	Company Structure	Active

[View / Edit](#)
[Refresh Organisation Structure](#)

Refresh organisation structure after making changes to the structure

- Click the structure's *Action* hyperlink to view a list of available actions.

Click



to manually rebuild/refresh the flat organisation structure.

Refresh Organisation Structure

Use the **Refresh Organisation Structure** action to quickly refresh the structure in cases where an updated flat organisation structure file is needed.

Link Positions

A very important step after creating and finalising an organisation structure is linking positions to the appropriate levels. In this section linking positions will be treated with all its prerequisites and implications.

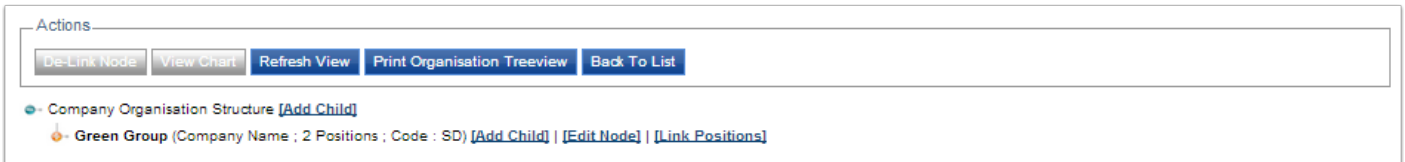
Prerequisites to Linking Positions to An Organisation Structure

- In the *Job Profiler* module, ensure that a job profile exists.
- Part of building a job profile is creating positions. Ensure that appropriate positions have been created under the job profile.

Linking a Position to An Organisation Structure

If appropriate positions exist in the *Job Profiler* module we can proceed with linking them to our organisation structure.

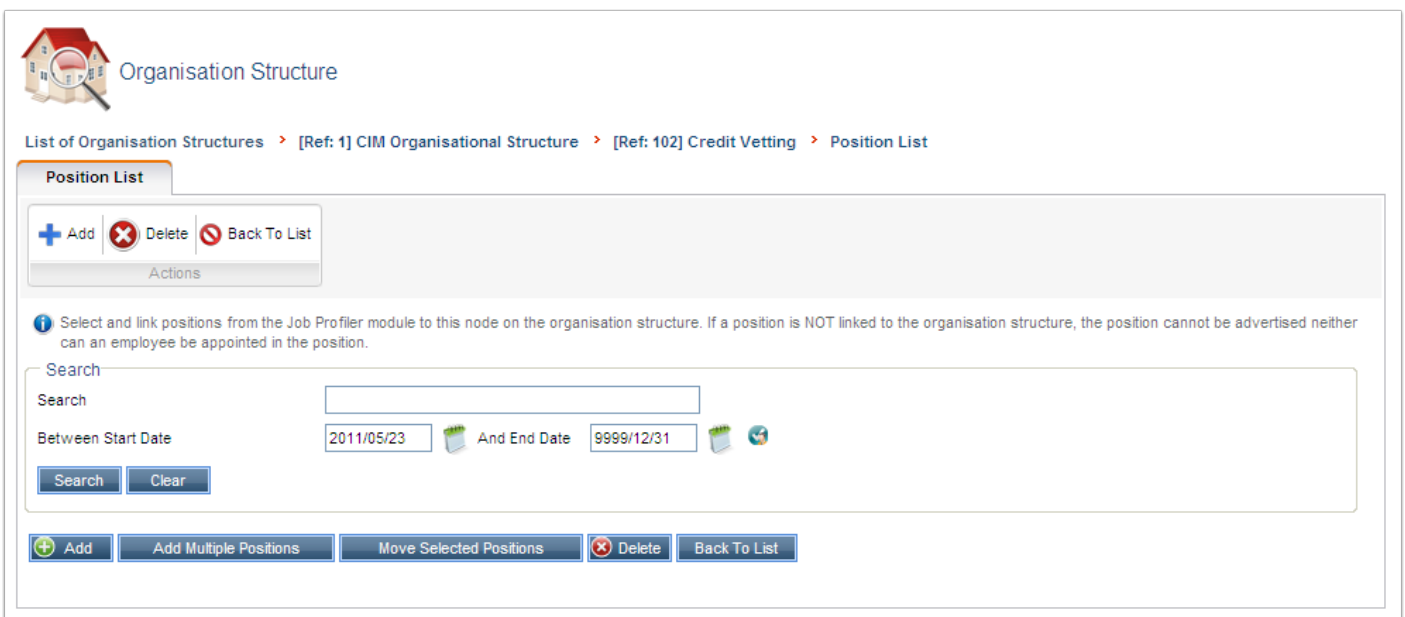
- On the organisation structure, select the level or node to which the positions will be linked.
- Keep in mind that generally positions are linked to the LOWEST LEVELS of an organisation structure.



- On the selected node, click



to open the following screen.



There are two ways in which positions can be linked to the structure:

- Search for and add the positions one by one.
- From a list of positions, mark all the positions to be added and link them all at once.

Add One Position at a Time

- On the *Position List* screen, click



to open the following screen.



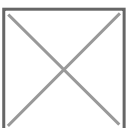
Note the following on this screen:

When the screen opens, only positions NOT YET LINKED to the organisation structure are shown.

Click



to also display positions already linked to the structure. These are displayed as follows.



- Already linked positions cannot be selected.
- If a position happens to have an incumbent, the name and employee number of the person is shown as well.
- The search section makes provision for a user to search both for a position and for a position's incumbent (because a position is more often than not identified by whom it is occupied.)
- Locate the position to be linked to the organisation and tick its radio button to select it.
- Click



to transfer the selected position to the detail page where the linking can be confirmed.

Organisation Structure

List of Organisation Structures > [Ref: 1] Company Organisation Structure > [Ref: 1] Green Group > Position List

Detail Apportionment Costing

Save Save Add New Delete Back To List

Actions

The detail and VALID period of a position (coming from the Job Profiler module) connected to an organisation level or node.

Position Electrical Engineer (001)

Valid From 2012/01/01

Valid To 9999/12/31

Chief Position

Save Save Add New Back To List

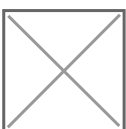
Note the meaning of the following fields:

- **Valid From** and **Valid To** - Specifies the period for which the position will be linked to the organisation. The *Valid To* date is usually set to 9999/12/31 to indicate that there is no end date.
- **Chief Position** - When a number of positions are linked to a node on the organisation structure, one of them is usually a manager's positions. Use this field to indicate the chief's position.
- Click



to confirm the position's linking.

- Note that the



tab becomes available. This tab allows you to specify what percentage of the linked position's expenses will be paid by whom.

Apportionment Costing (Optional)

- Click the



tab to open the following screen.

Organisation Structure

List of Organisation Structures > [Ref: 1] Company Organisation Structure > [Ref: 1] Green Group > Position List

Detail | **Apportionment Costing**

Save + Add Delete Back To List

Actions

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- Click on "Add" to select an organisation structure responsible for the remuneration of this position.
- To remove an organisation structure, mark it under "Delete" and click on the "Delete" button to complete this action.
- The Total of apportionment must be equal to 100%.

+ Add Delete Back To List

Node Ref	Node	Apportionment(%)	Delete
1	Green Group	100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total		100	

Save

- Click



to select additional organisation structure levels.

- For each added level specify the percentage of the position's remuneration the level will be responsible for.
- Ensure that the total apportionment for all levels equal 100%.

Linked Positions Shown on the Organisation Structure

After linking a position to the organisation structure, the structure is updated to display the number of positions linked to it on every level. The count can be seen on the screenshot below.



Add Multiple Positions

Add multiple positions all at once, follow these steps:

- On the *Position List* page, click



to open the screen below.



Tick the required positions and click



to transfer them back to the *Positions List* page.

- The *Positions List* page is updated with the new positions but the system does not stay on the *Organisation Structure Detail* page where the apportionment can be done.
- To reach the apportionment each position must be opened individually and their apportionment specified if required.



- Locate the desired position and click on the record to open the *Organisation Structure Detail* page and from there navigate to the apportionment tab.



Once The Positions Have Been Linked And Employees Appointed

In the screen image below a number of positions were linked to an organisation structure node. The next logical step would be to appoint an employee into a position. This is done in the **Manage Employees** module and is discussed in the **Manage Employees** manuals.

After employees were appointed in the positions, the organisation structure's **Linked Positions** screen will reflect the appointments.

If the records are investigated on this screen, the following are not always evident:

Organisation Structure

List of Organisation Structures > [Ref: 1] Company Organisation Structure > [Ref: 1] Green Group > Position List

Position List

+ Add Delete Back To List

Select and link positions from the Job Profiler module to this node on the organisation structure. If a position is NOT linked to the organisation structure, the position cannot be advertised neither can an employee be appointed in the position.

Search

Search

Between Start Date 2012/01/01 And End Date 9999/12/31

Search Clear

+ Add Add Multiple Positions Move Selected Positions Delete Back To List

Select	Action	Position Reference	Position Code	Position Title	Employee currently in Position	Chief Position	Valid From	Valid To	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Action	4	001	Business Analyst	John Nash, 01		2012/01/01	9999/12/31	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Action	3	001	Electrical Engineer	[Currently Vacant]		2012/01/01	9999/12/31	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Action	2		Signify Administrator	Manager Signify Manager, Manager		2000/01/01	9999/12/31	

DISPLAY	INTERPRETATION
An employee's details are displayed in the Employee Currently in Position .	These employees are the ones for which this position is their PRIMARY position. In these cases, that position can no longer be deleted from the organisation structure.
A is displayed.	These records have an appointment history.
and box is active.	Position is vacant and can be deleted.
and no box.	An employee is appointed in this position but it is not the employee's PRIMARY position. Therefore the position is strictly speaking vacant. Click to display the appointment history.

- Click



to display a history of people appointed to a position.



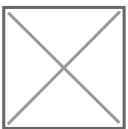
Moving an Employee With His Current Position To a New Location On the organisation Structure

This action's purpose is to:

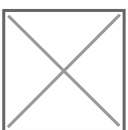
- Move an entire position with its incumbent to a new node on the organisation.
- While moving the position and person not cause a transfer record to be inserted into the person's appointment history.

The steps to accomplish this are the following:

- Open the organisation structure and locate the node where the position(s) currently reside.



- Click



for the applicable node to open the following screen.



Organisation Structure

List of Organisation Structures > [Ref: 11 Company Organisation Structure] > [Ref: 11 Green Group] > Position List

Position List

[+ Add](#) [Delete](#) [Back To List](#)

Actions

Select and link positions from the Job Profiler module to this node on the organisation structure. If a position is NOT linked to the organisation structure, the position cannot be advertised neither can an employee be appointed in the position.

Search

Search

Between Start Date 2012/01/01 And End Date 9999/12/31

[Search](#) [Clear](#)

[+ Add](#) [Add Multiple Positions](#) [Move Selected Positions](#) [Delete](#) [Back To List](#)

Select	Action	Position Reference	Position Code	Position Title	Employee currently in Position	Chief Position	Valid From	Valid To	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Action	4	001	Business Analyst	John Nash, 01		2012/01/01	9999/12/31	?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Action	3	001	Electrical Engineer	[Currently Vacant]		2012/01/01	9999/12/31	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action	2		Signify Administrator	Manager Signify Manager, Manager		2000/01/01	9999/12/31	?

- Tick the positions to be moved and click



- Confirm the moving of the positions.



- On the following screen, confirm the details of the position to be moved.

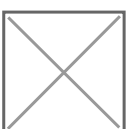


- Click

to select the destination node for the position(s).



- Click



to accept the destination node.



If satisfied with your selection, click



Confirm the moving of the position



Linking Positions to An Organisation Structure Is a Prerequisite For...

- Employees can only be appointed in positions that exist and are linked to the organisation structure.
- Only positions linked to an organisation structure can be advertised.

De-Link Nodes

This functionality allows the user to delete a node if there are no child nodes or positions linked to the node.

- Select the node to be deleted as indicated below.

The screenshot shows a software interface with an 'Actions' toolbar at the top. The toolbar contains five buttons: 'De-Link Node', 'View Chart', 'Refresh View', 'Print Organisation Treeview', and 'Back To List'. Below the toolbar is a tree view of an organisation structure. The root node is 'Company Organisation Structure [Add Child]'. It has two child nodes: 'Green Leave Group (Company Name ; No Positions ; Code : Not specified) [Add Child] | [Edit Node] | [Link Positions]' and 'Green Group (Company Name ; 2 Positions ; Code : SD) [Add Child] | [Edit Node] | [Link Positions]'. The 'Green Leave Group' node is highlighted with a blue selection box.

- On the *Actions* toolbar, click



- If the node has no child nodes or positions linked to it, the following message appears where you can click



if this is what you want to accomplish.



- If the node to be deleted has any child nodes linked to it, the following message is displayed, preventing the node from being deleted.



Remove all child nodes and then de-link the node from the structure.

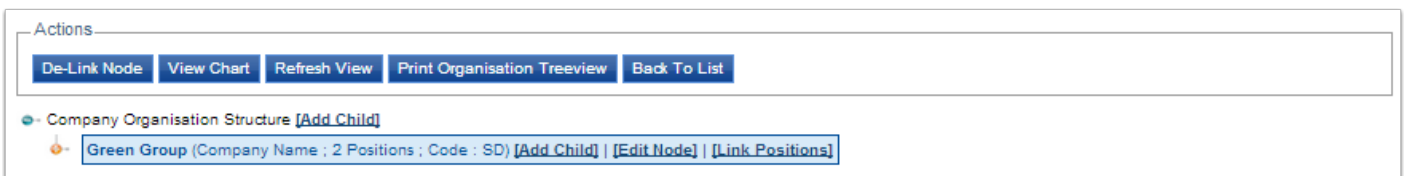
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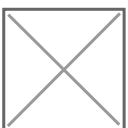
- Remove all positions linked to the node and then de-link the node from the structure.

View Chart

This functionality allows the user to see a visual representation of the organisational structure.



- Select the applicable node and click



to generate the company structure.



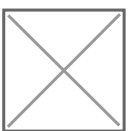
Notes on using View Chart

- This functionality is still under development and the correctness and visual appeal can at the moment not be guaranteed.
- If it is useful but be aware that future changes are anticipated.

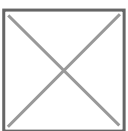
Move Node

Occasionally it becomes necessary to move an entire level with all its sublevels and positions to another parent level in the organisation structure. Before doing an example, note the following:

- A node/level can only be moved from one parent type to the SAME parent type. In other words if the type of the level to be moved is a company and its parent is a division, then it can only be moved to a parent on the destination structure that is also a division.
- A company's subgroups are derived from its organisation structure. If an organisational level is moved, that level's subgroup needs to be recreated. This is done during an automatic, offline process that runs every evening. See the box below for a manual process.
- Another implication of a level that was moved is that users who had access to the level via its accompanying subgroup will NO LONGER have access. They must explicitly be given access to the new level/subgroup. This is done via the normal user administration.
- Open the organisation structure containing the level or node to be moved.
- Note that in our example the level's type is *Department* and its parent level's type is *Business Unit*.



- Select the applicable node and click



to open the Node Detail screen shown below.



- Locate and click the



button.

- The following screen opens, showing all potential parent nodes having the same type than the node's current parent node.
- If the anticipated move is to a node that was just added to the structure, the node will probably not be part of the list since this list is dependent on the flattened organisation structure. See an earlier section for a manual procedure to flatten the organisation structure.



- Select the destination parent level and note that only destinations of the *Business Unit* type are shown.
- Click



to apply the move to the destination level.

- The entire level with all sub levels and positions was moved as shown below.



Implications of Moving an Organisation Structure Level

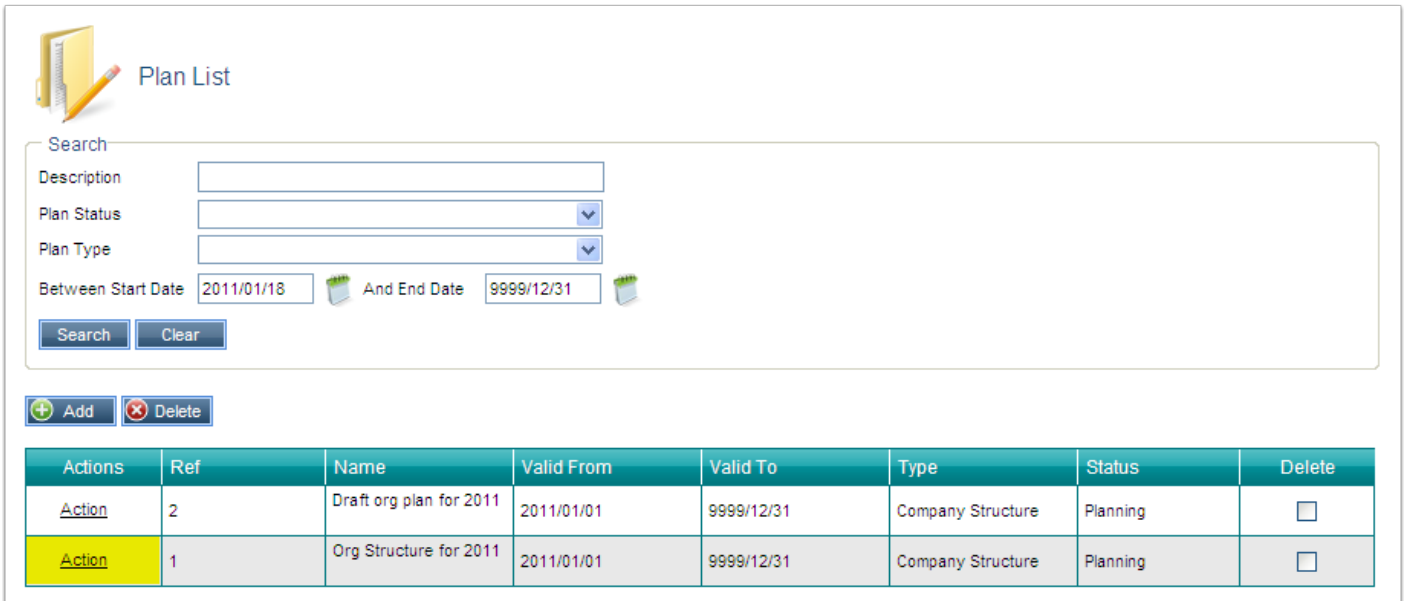
- The subgroup accompanying the moved organisation level becomes obsolete.
- Users who had access to the org level's accompanying subgroup lose their access rights and these need to be reissued on the new subgroup once it is created for the moved level.
- Rebuilding the flat organisation structure is done after hours.
- Use the **Refresh Organisation Structure** action to quickly refresh the structure in cases where an updated flat organisation structure file is needed.

Activate the Current Organisation Structure

The *Organisation Structure module* caters for two types of organisation structures – *In Planning* and *Active*. A user can have any number of plans in the planning or active phase.

By default all new organisation structures are in the planning phase and you have to explicitly activate a plan to make it active. This section describes the steps to activate a plan.

- From the **Plan List** screen, select and open the plan to be activated.

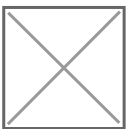


The screenshot shows the 'Plan List' interface. It includes a search section with fields for Description, Plan Status, Plan Type, Between Start Date (2011/01/18), and And End Date (9999/12/31). Below the search filters are '+ Add' and '- Delete' buttons. A table lists two plans:

Actions	Ref	Name	Valid From	Valid To	Type	Status	Delete
Action	2	Draft org plan for 2011	2011/01/01	9999/12/31	Company Structure	Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Action	1	Org Structure for 2011	2011/01/01	9999/12/31	Company Structure	Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>



- Select the **Detail** tab as indicated to open the plan's **Detail** screen.
- Locate and click



to change the status of the plan to **Active**.

The **Status** of the plan will now be **Active** as indicated below:



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