

# A Framework for Recommending Resource Allocation Based on Process Mining

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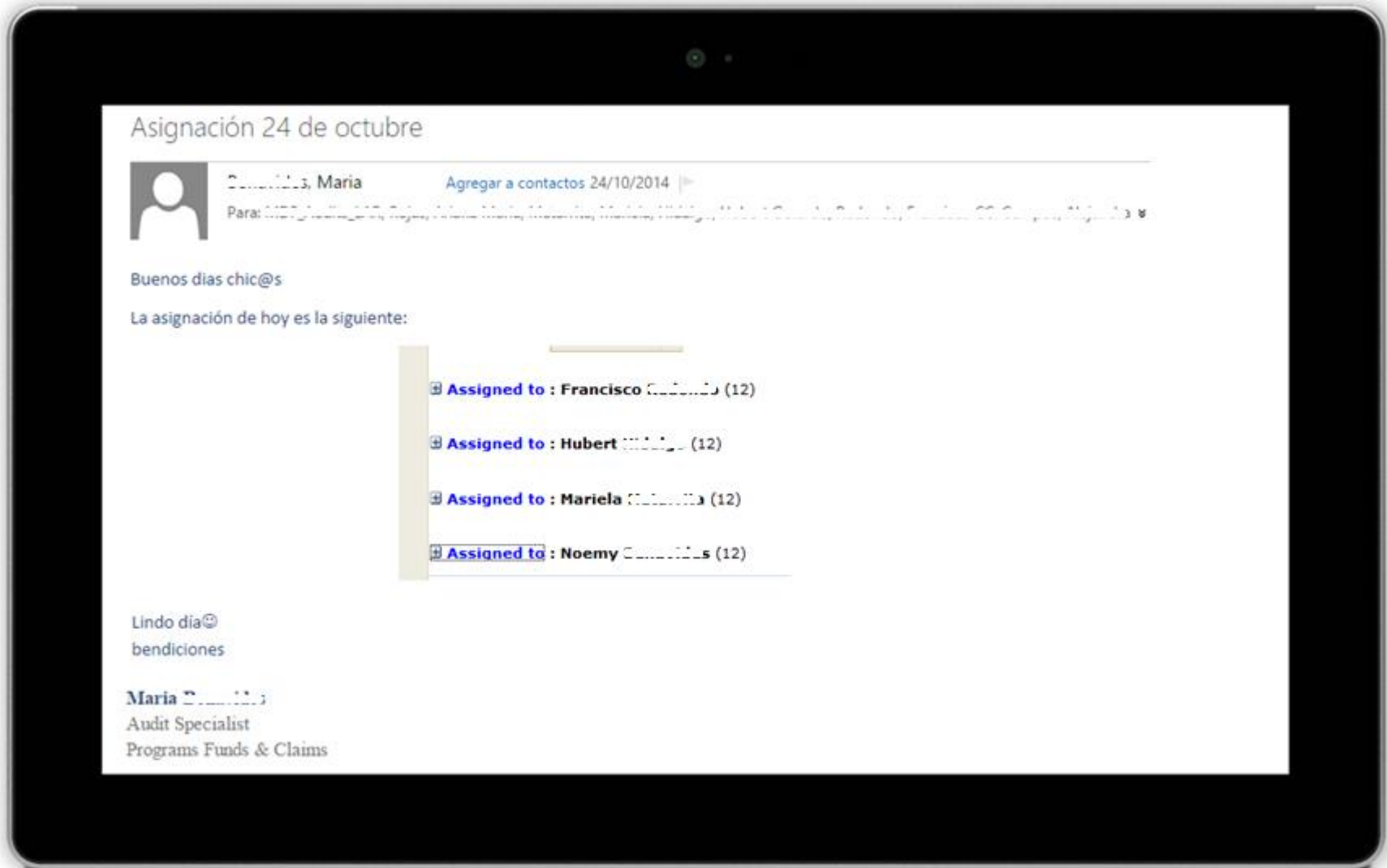
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# Related work

## Human resource allocation: an important issue in Business Process Management

Resource patterns

[1] Russell et al. 2005

Data mining

[2] Rinderle-Ma and van der Aalst. 2007

[3] Huang et al. 2011

[4] Liu et al. 2012

Machine learning

[5] Liu et al. 2008

Markov models

[6] Huang et al. 2011

[7] Koschmider et al. 2011

Preference model

[8] Cabanillas et al. 2013

# Related work

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Performance & quality									✓
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Process mining tool		✓			✓				✓
Allocation at sub-process level									✓

# Related work

## Research challenges

Dynamically allocation [9]

At real-time

Real data with organizational models

Multi-factor

Flexible and extensible methods

Use different criteria

Multi-level

Allocation an activity, process or sub-process level



# Related work

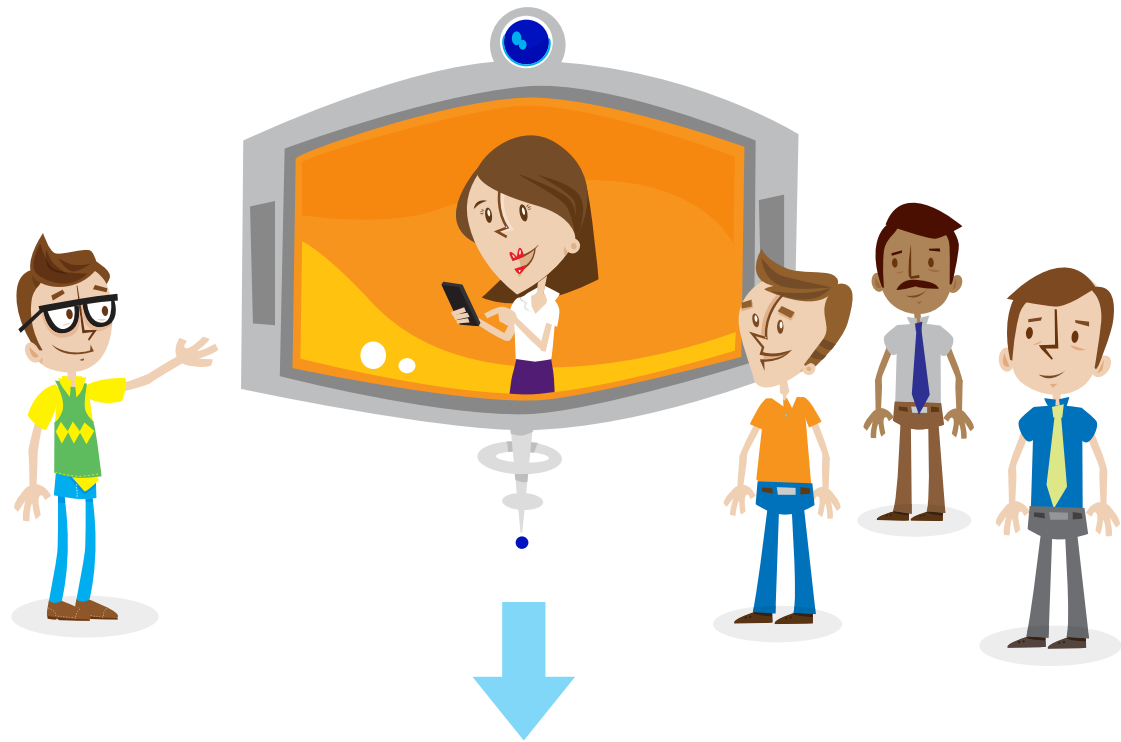


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# General idea

- Activity profile
- Resource profile
- Performance & Quality
- Resource meta-model
- History
- Process mining tool
- Allocation at sub-process level

Allocate the most appropriate resource



**Framework for recommending  
resource allocation**

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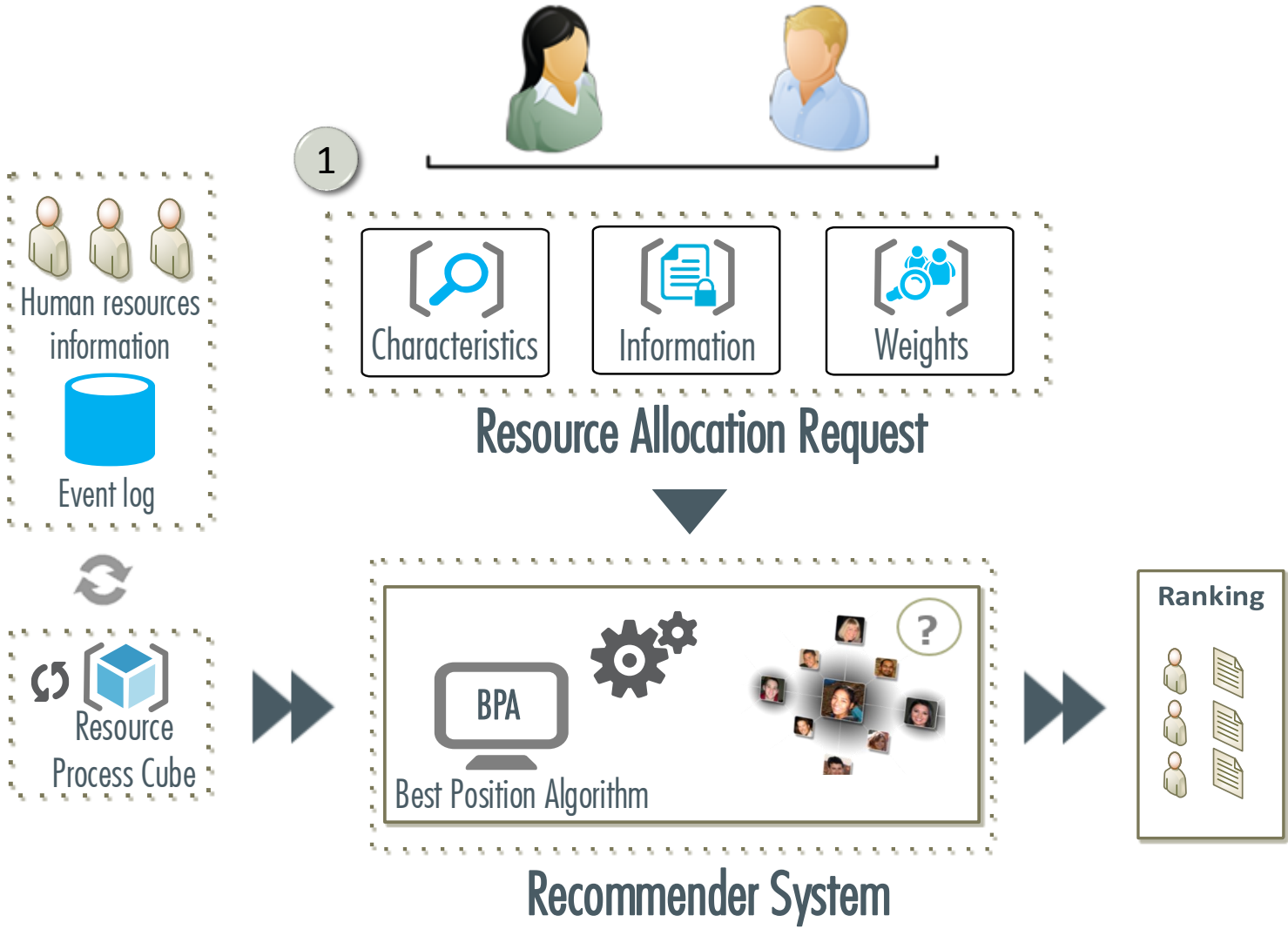
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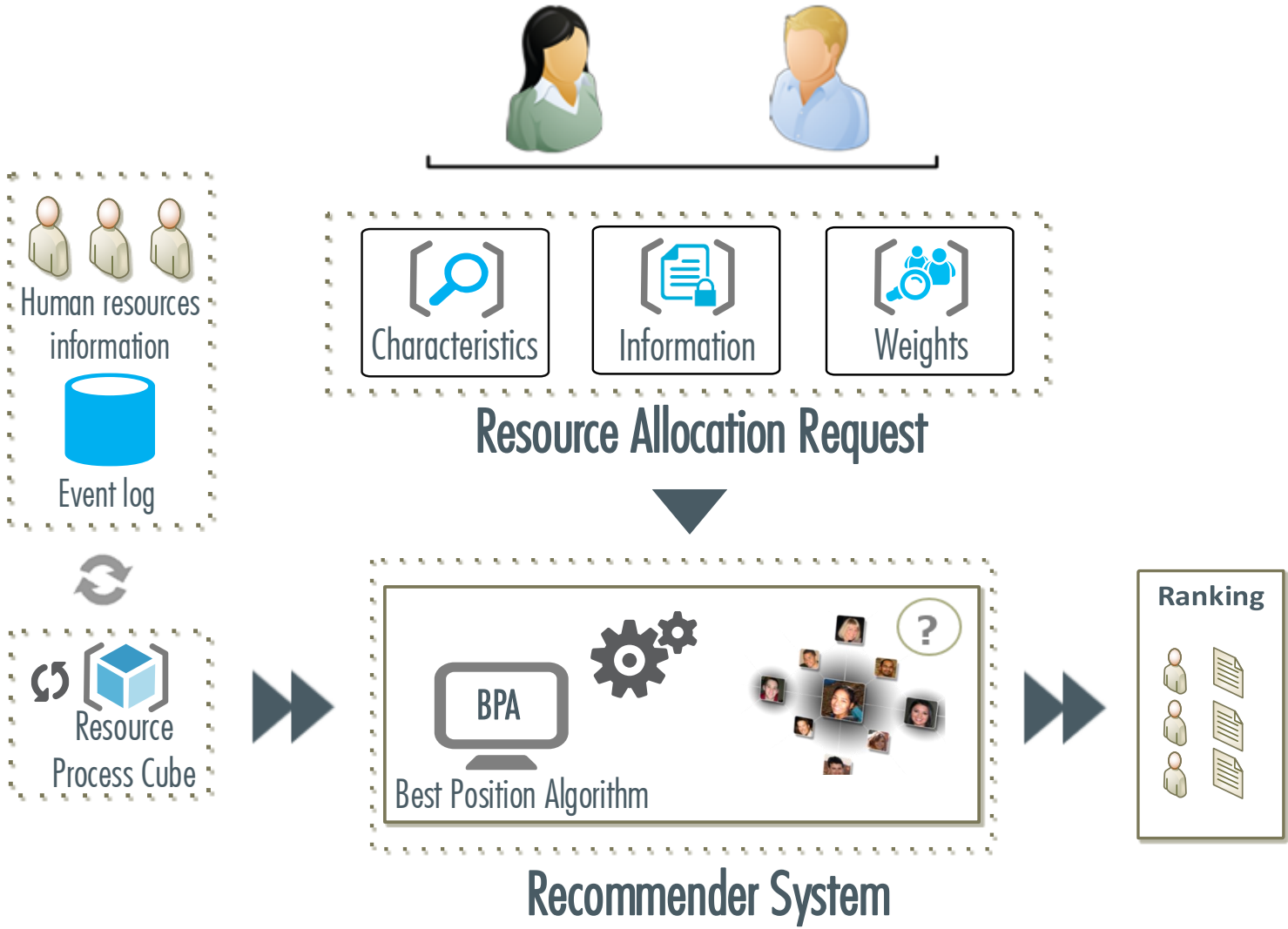
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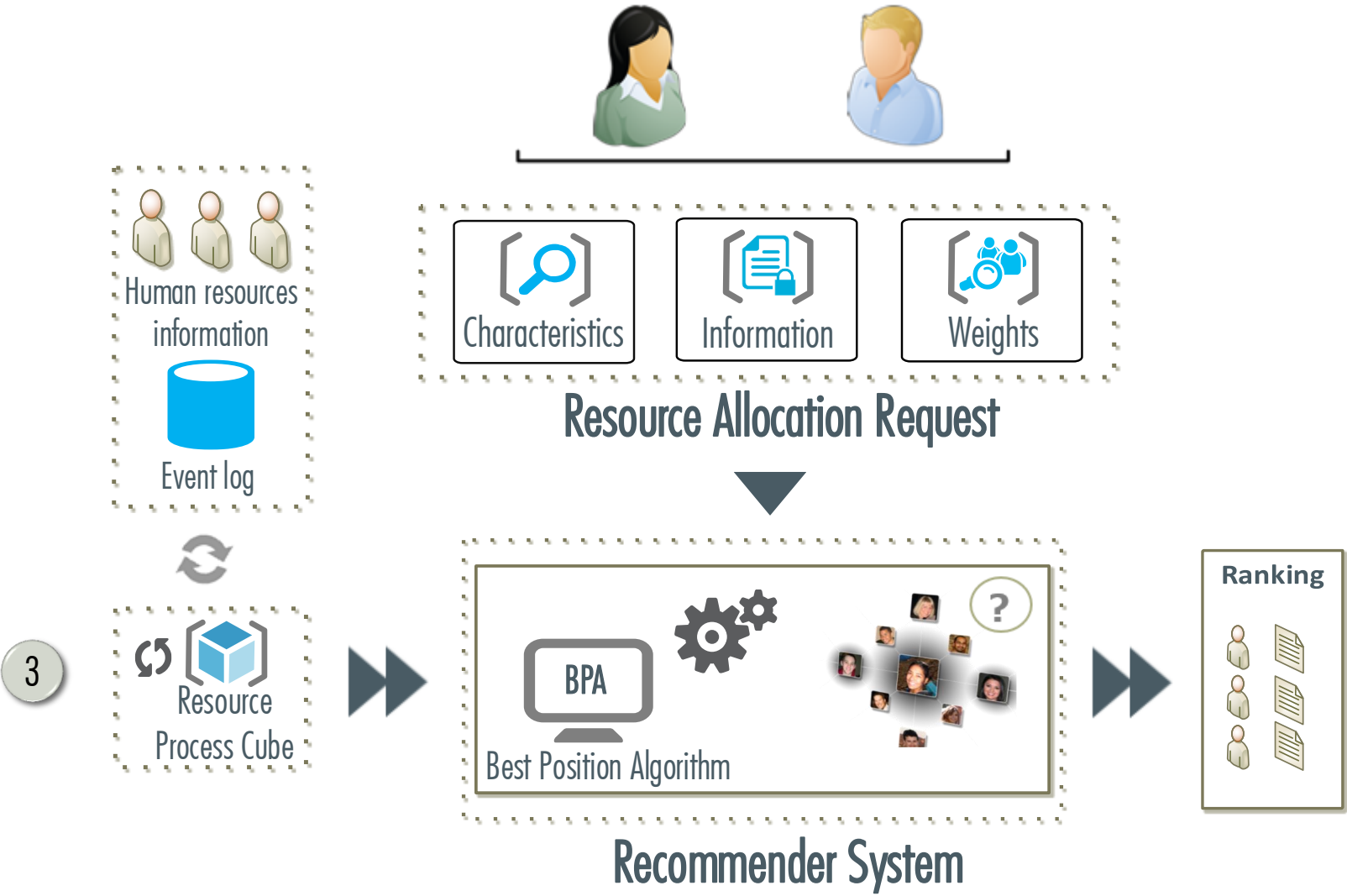


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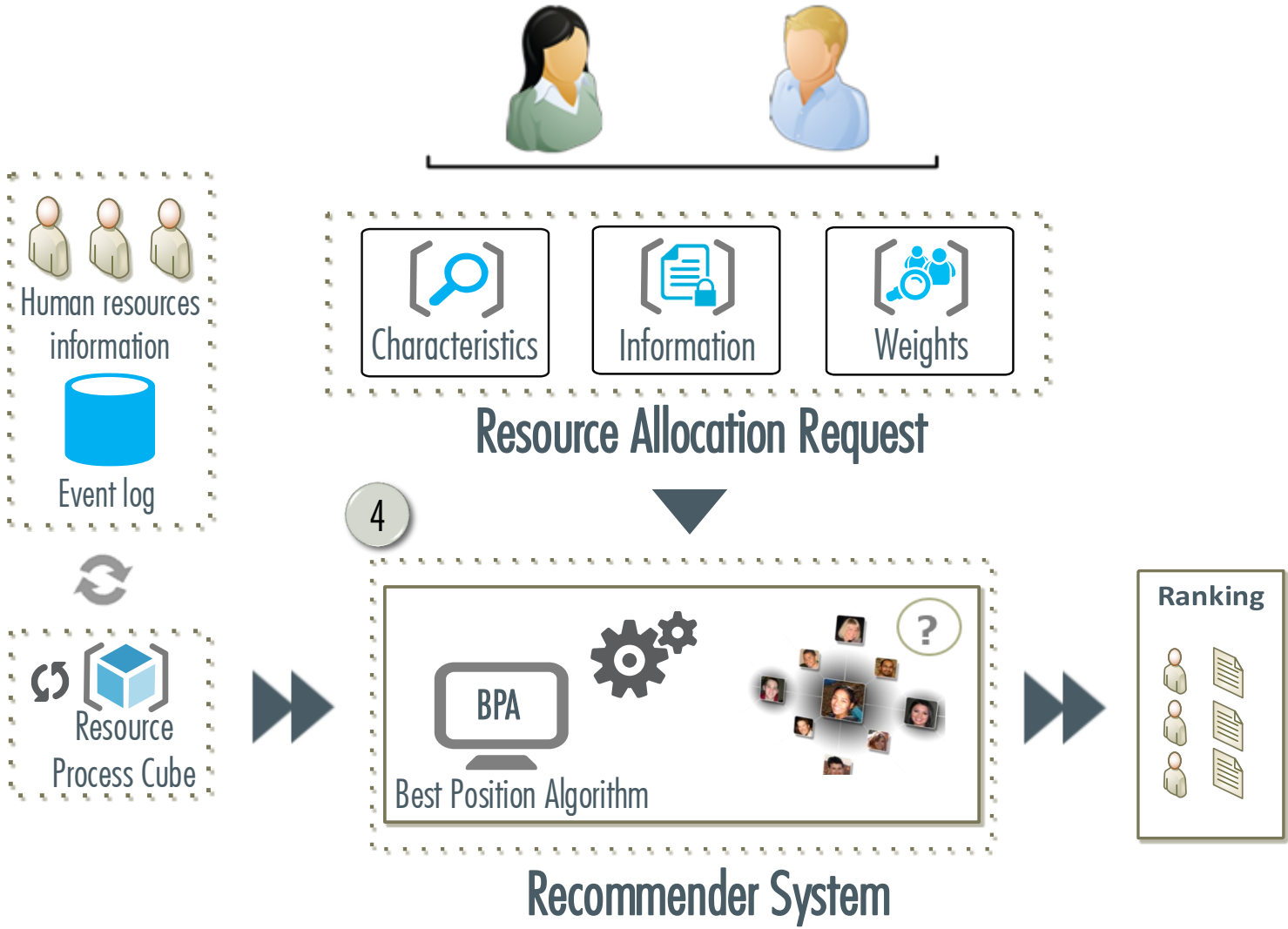
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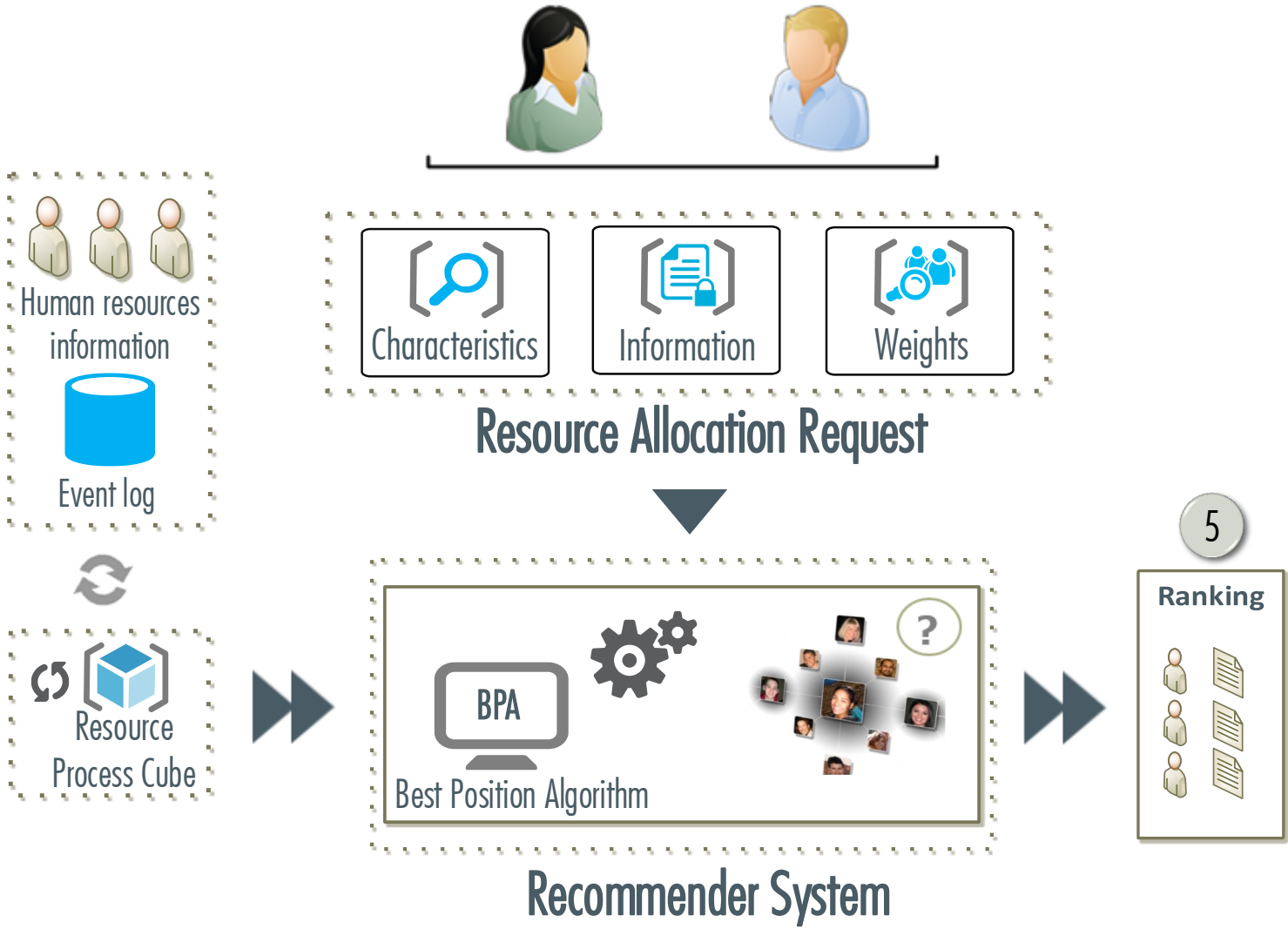
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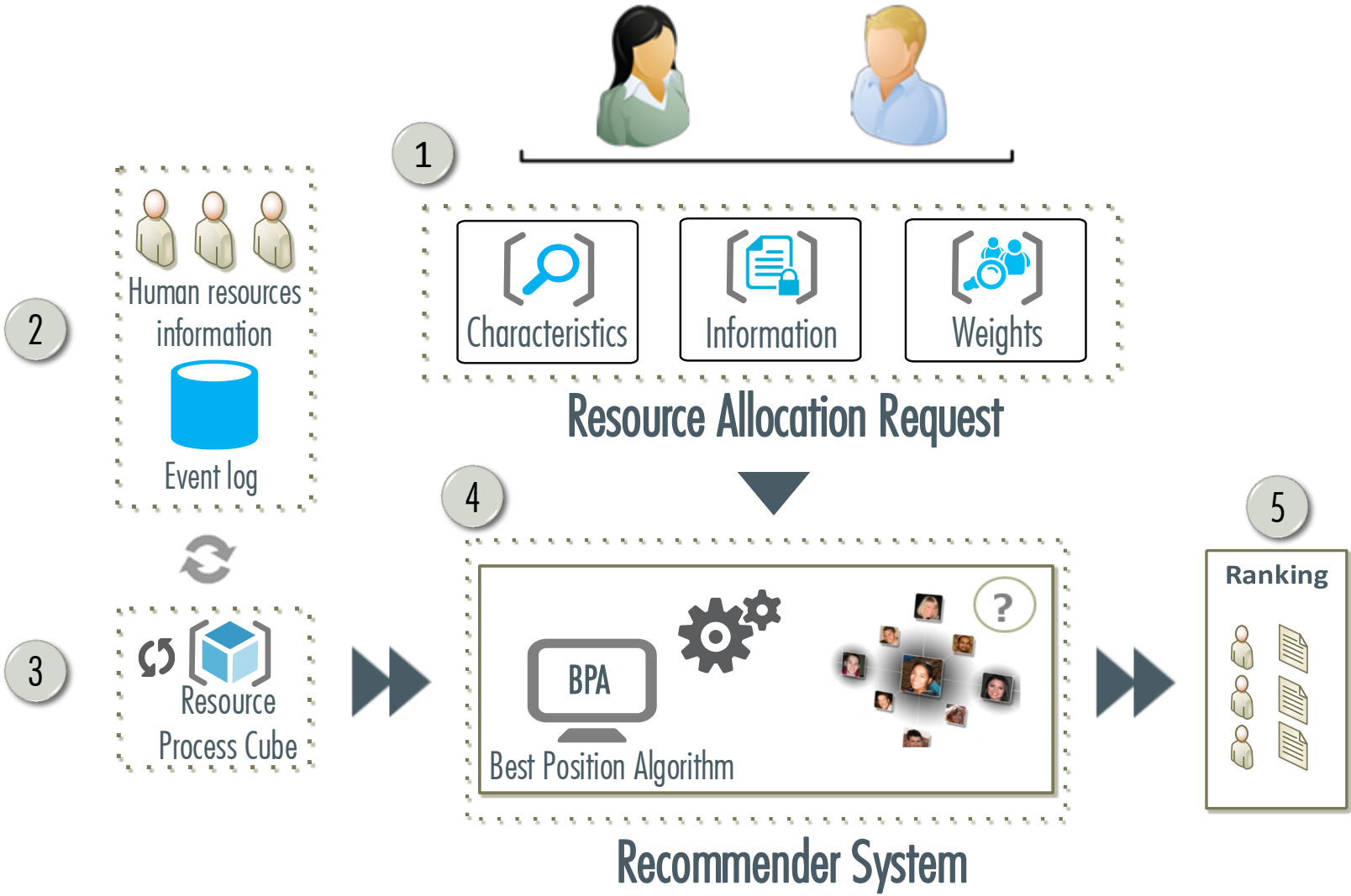


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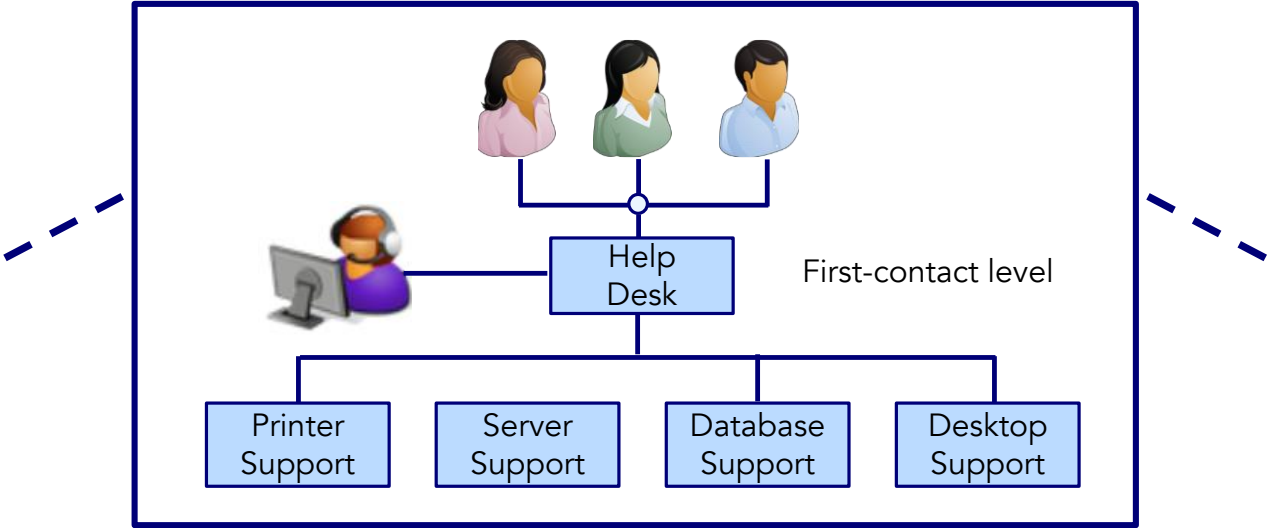


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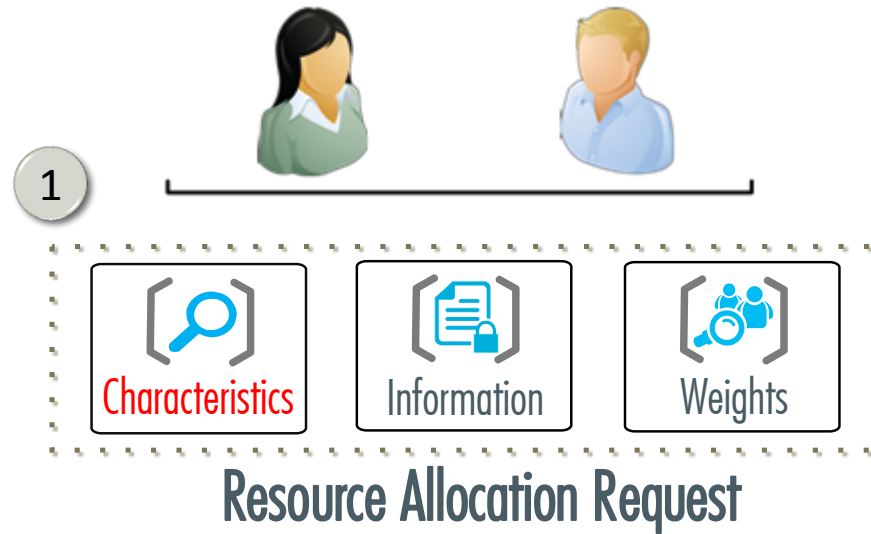


# Help-Desk process

 Ring...!!!  
I have a issue



# Resource allocation request



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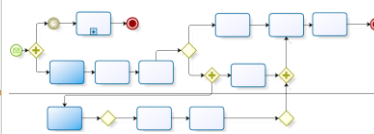
## Characteristics



Characterization  $\mathbf{C} = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$

$\mathbf{C}$  = sub-process, typology

## In the Help-Desk:



▶ First contact level 1

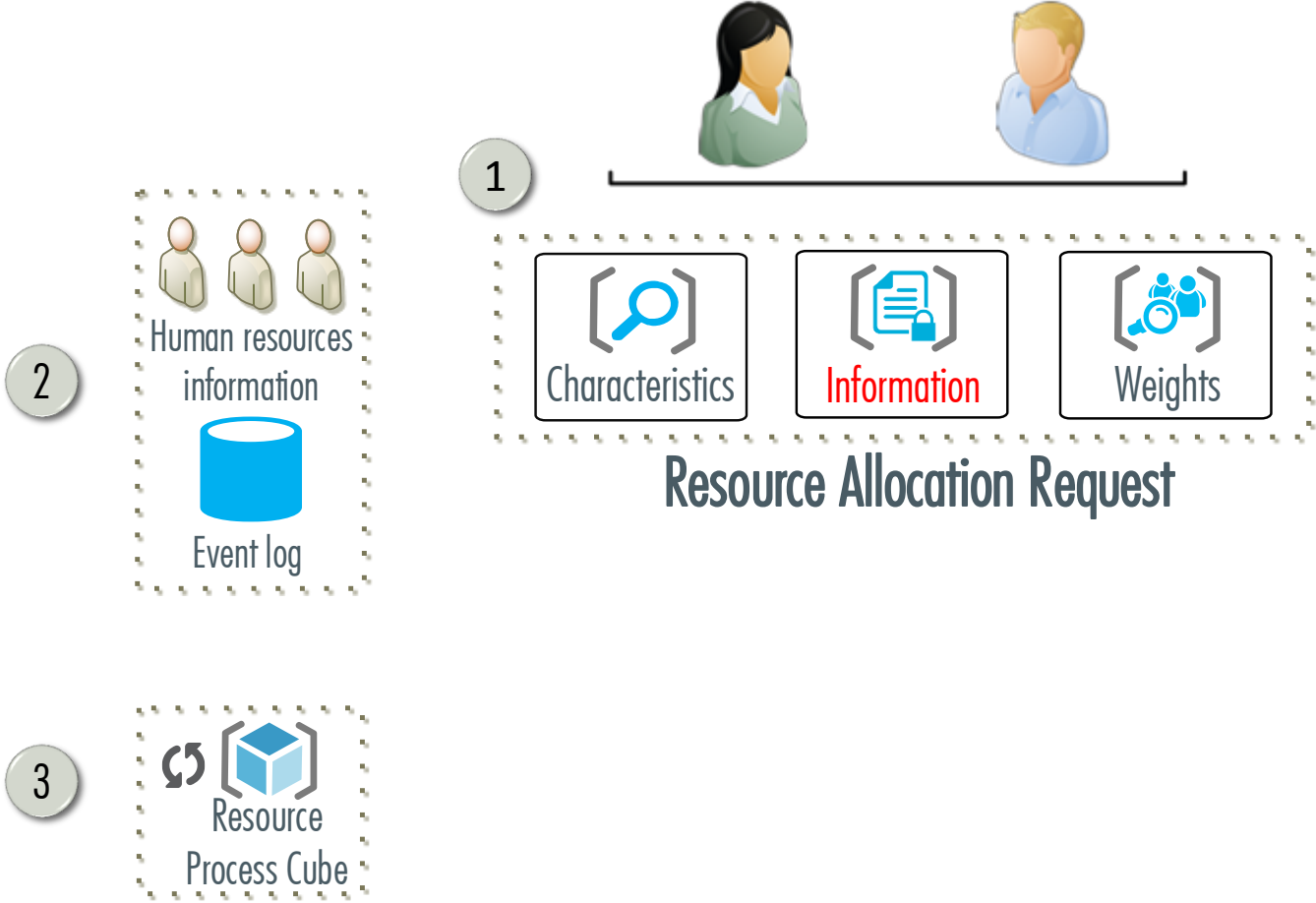
▶ Expert level 2

## Typologies

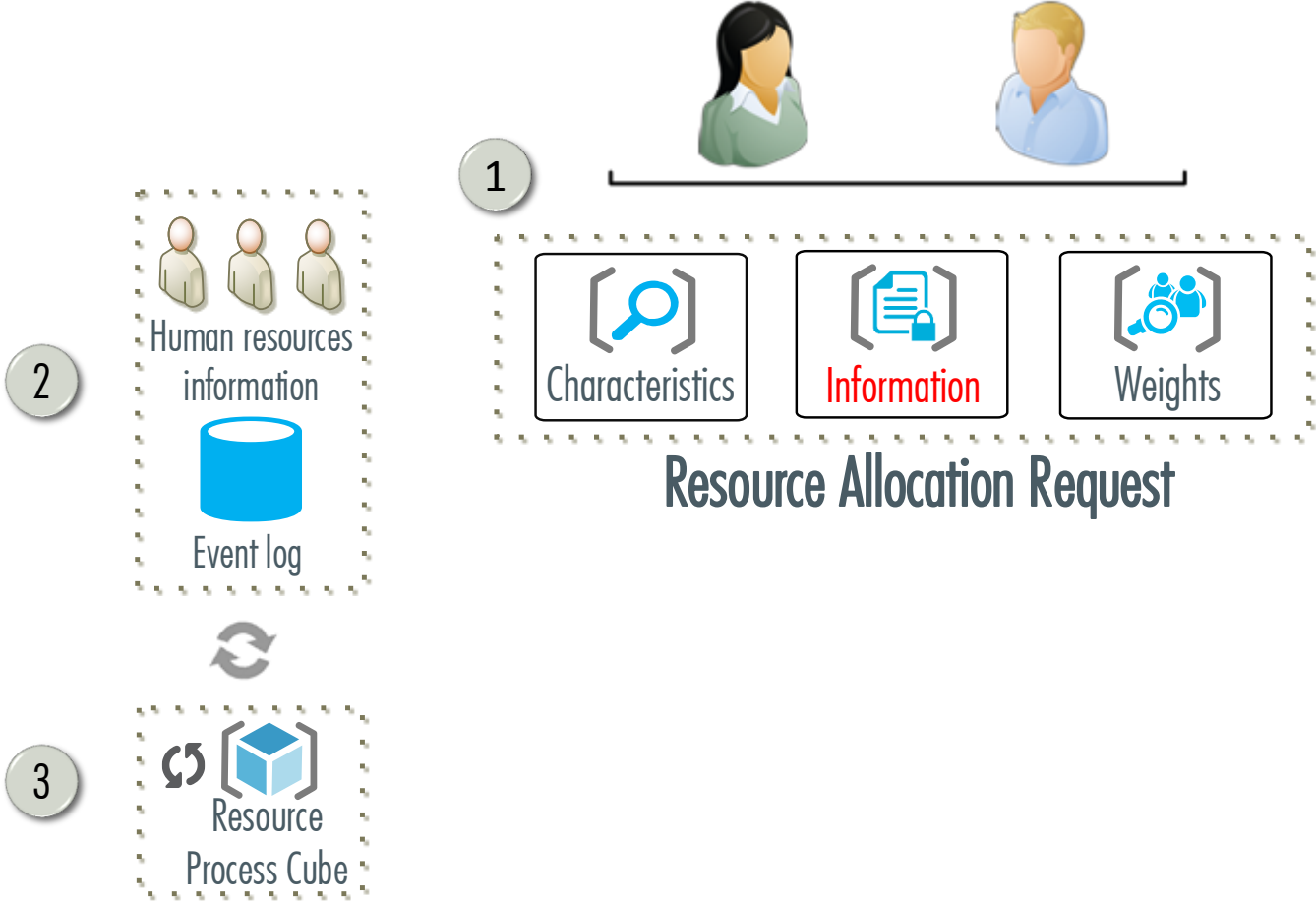
▶ Printer-support

▶ Server-support

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Information



Proposed dimensions

Expertise matrices

 Dimensions (history)

-  Frequency
-  Performance
-  Quality
-  Cost
-  Workload

 Expertise Dimension

- ▶ Competencies
- ▶ Skills
- ▶ Knowledge

Required Expertise

$\mathbb{E}_c [1 : n]$

Resource Expertise

$\mathbb{E}_r [1 : n]$



Resource process cube 

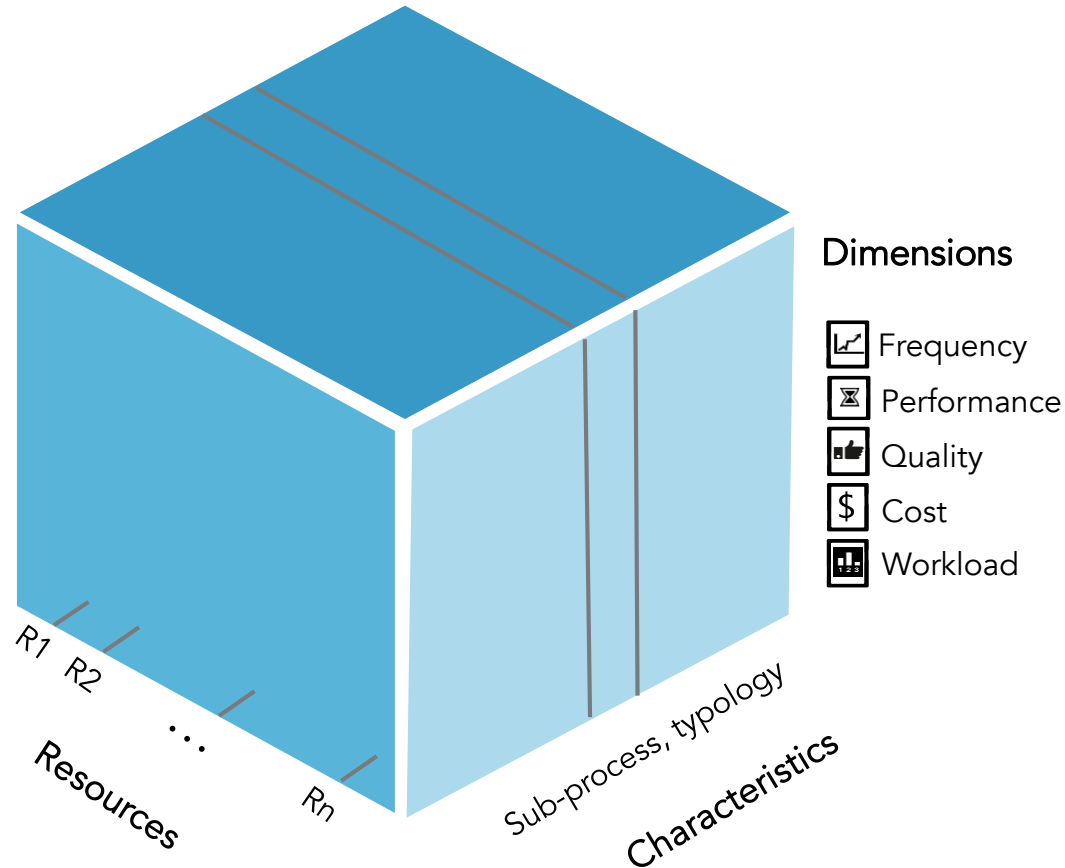
Example

$C_1 = (\text{sub-process 1, printers})$

Required:  $\mathbb{E}_{C_1} = [2, 2]$

Resource 1:  $\mathbb{E}_{r_1} = [0, 1]$


# Resource process cube (Q)






# Resource allocation metrics

Prioritize the fastest resources


$$Performance\_Metric(r,c) = \frac{Q[ ] [c] [p].max - Q[r] [c] [p].avg}{Q[ ] [c] [p].max - Q[ ] [c] [p].min}$$

# Resource allocation metrics

Prioritize the best evaluated resources


$$Quality\_Metric(r,c) = \frac{Q[r][c][q].avg - Q[ ][c][q].min}{Q[ ][c][q].max - Q[ ][c][q].min}$$

# Resource allocation metrics

Prioritize the cheapest resources

$$\boxed{\$} \text{ Cost\_Metric}(r,c) = \frac{Q[ ][c][co].\text{max} - Q[r][c][co].\text{avg}}{Q[ ][c][co].\text{max} - Q[ ][c][co].\text{min}}$$

# Resource allocation metrics


Prioritize the most idle resources



$$Workload\_Metric(r,c) = \frac{Q[r][ ][w].top - Q[r][ ][w].total}{Q[r][ ][w].top - Q[r][ ][w].bottom}$$


# Resource allocation metrics

Prioritize the most experienced resources


$$Frequency\_Metric(r,c) = \frac{\text{logarithm} (Q[r][c][f].total) + 1}{\text{logarithm} (Q[ ][c][f].total) + 1}$$

# Resource allocation metrics

Identify how below the resource is from the desired expertise level


$$\textit{underQualification\_Metric} = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\textit{under}(i))^2}$$

$$\textit{under}(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{\epsilon_c[i] - \epsilon_r[i]}{\epsilon_c[i]} & \text{if } \epsilon_c[i] \geq \epsilon_r[i] \\ \epsilon_c[i] - 1 & \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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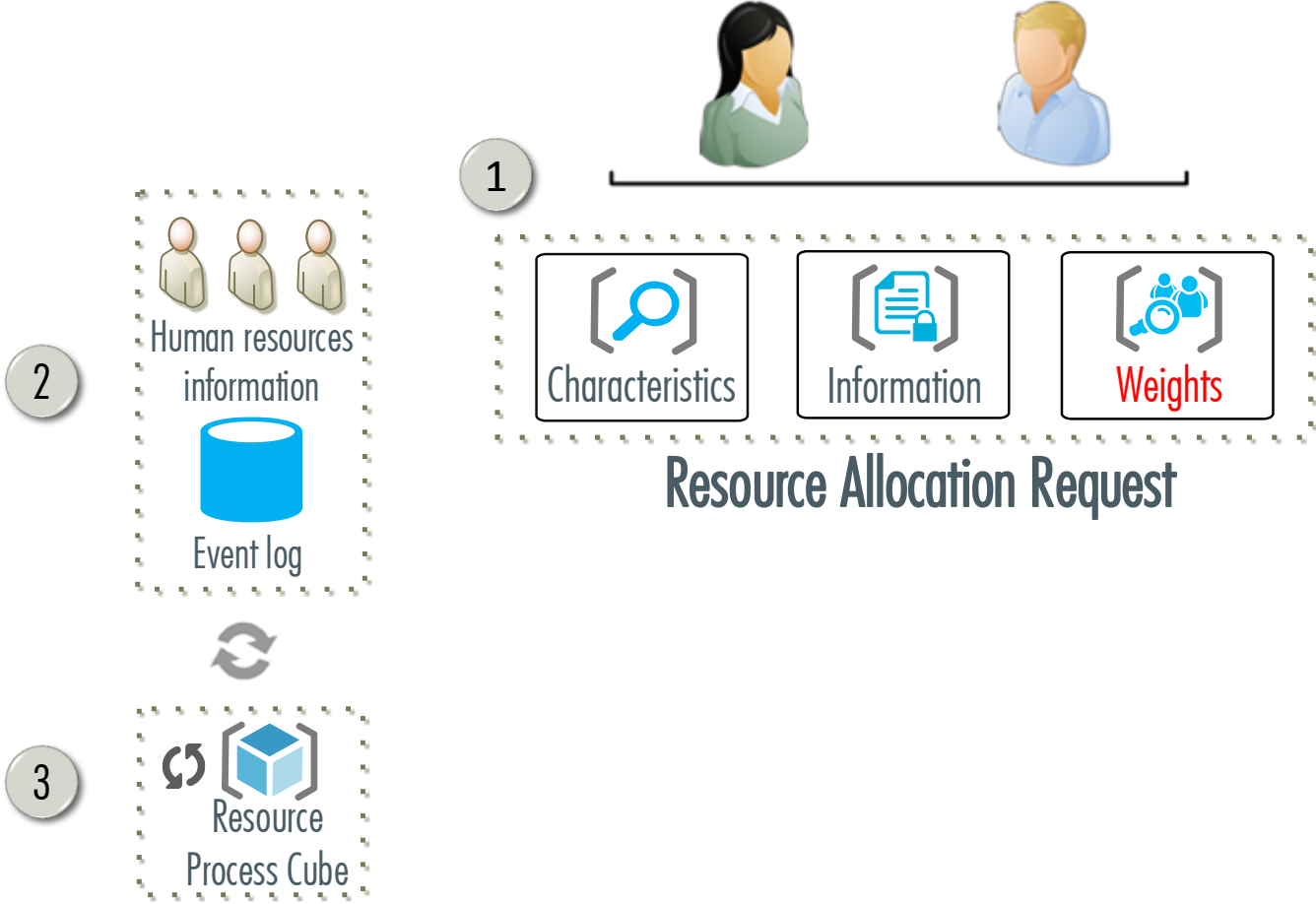
Identify how above the resource is from the desired expertise level



$$\text{overQualification\_Metric} = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\text{over}(i))^2}$$

$$\text{over}(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{\epsilon_r[i] - \epsilon_c[i]}{T_i - \epsilon_c[i]} & \text{if } \epsilon_r[i] \geq \epsilon_c[i] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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## Weights




Describe the importance of each dimension

### Large size company:

 F:010

 P:050

 Q:010

 C:100


 U:015

 O:000

### Small size company:

 F:025

 P:015

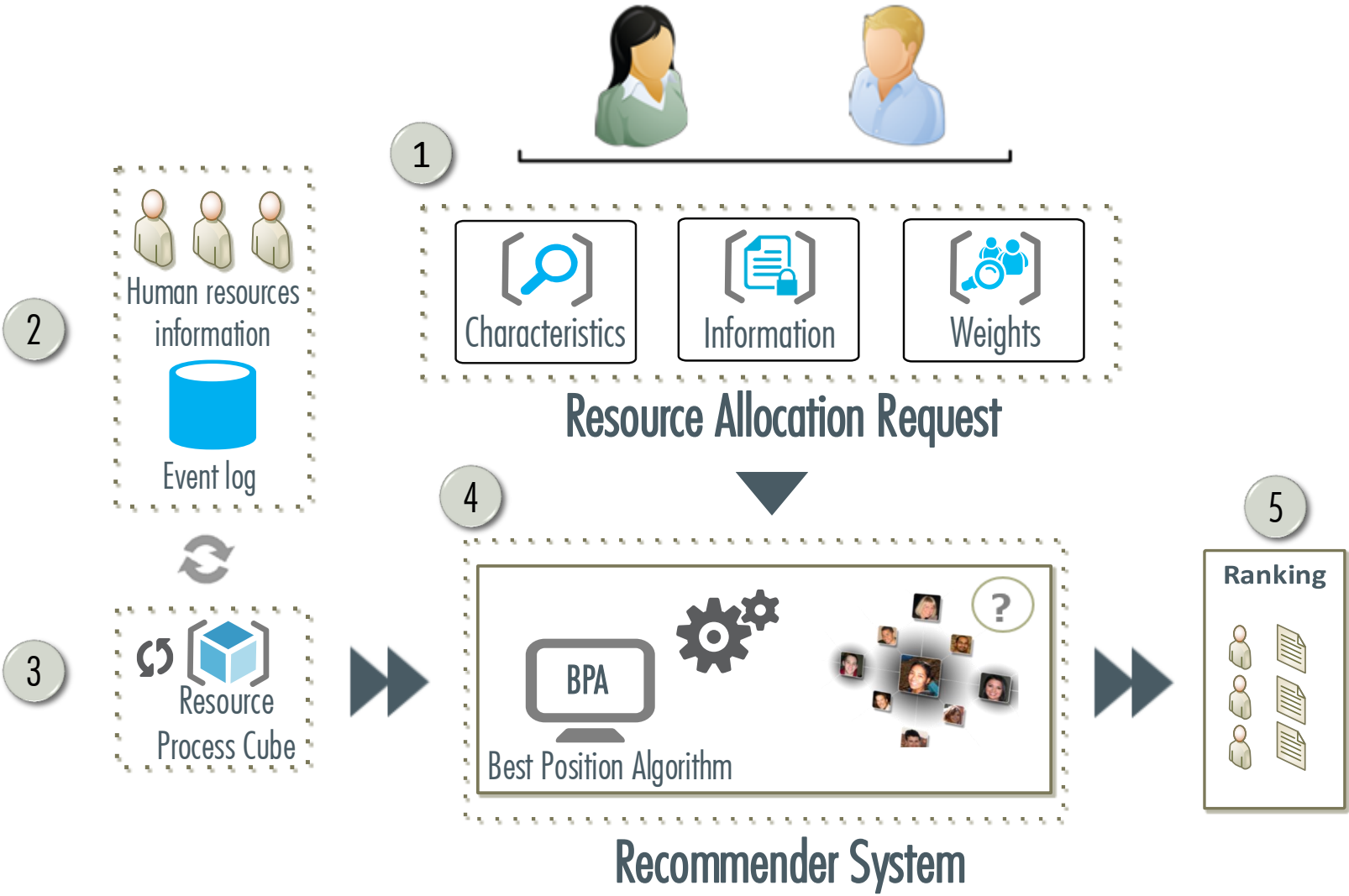
 Q:100

 C:030

 U:075

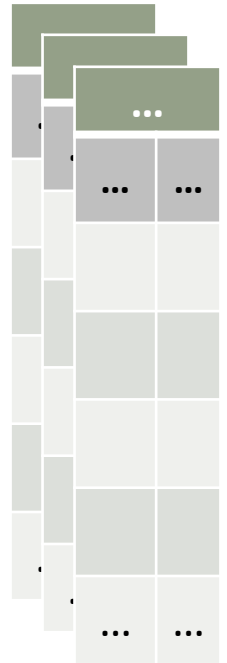
 O:065

# Proposed framework



# Implementation with BPA<sub>[10]</sub>

Position	Frequency		Performance		Quality	
	Data Item	Local Score	Data Item	Local Score	Data Item	Local Score
1	R6	0.601	R3	0.851	R9	0.913
2	R4	0.593	R2	0.833	R7	0.864
3	R5	0.554	R1	0.832	R8	0.808
4	R1	0.525	R5	0.775	R2	0.723
...	...	...	...	...	...	...



Overall top	
Data item	Score
R1	0.795
R2	0.788
R14	0.784

[10] Akbarinia, R., Pacitti, E., Valduriez, P.: Best position algorithms for efficient top-k query processing, 2011

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## Preliminary evaluation

### Case attributes

Case ID, Sub-process group, Process typology  
Resource, Cost, Customer satisfaction (quality)  
Creation date, Closing date, Priority

### Experiment 1

Calculate the top 3-queries processing over the sorted lists, considering each single metric by itself.

### Experiment 2

3 types of companies: large size, mid size, and small size

### Experiment 3

Different event log sizes and the amount of resources were increased

# Experiments results

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1.4	C:100 - others:0	1200	20	20	R18: 0.962 - R20: 0.962 - R19: 0.959	0.954
1.5	U:100 - O:100 - others:0	1200	20	20	R12: 1.000 - R13: 1.000 - R14: 1.000	0.954
2.1	F:010 - P:050 - Q:010 C:100 - U:015 - O:000	1200	20	20	R20: 0.647 - R03: 0.635 - R18: 0.632	11.122
2.2	F:025 - P:015 - Q:100 C:030 - U:075 - O:065	1200	20	20	R19: 0.802 - R14: 0.758 - R13: 0.754	11.565
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Top 3-queries  
Single metric

# Experiments results

## Experiment 2

Top 3-queries  
3 help desk companies

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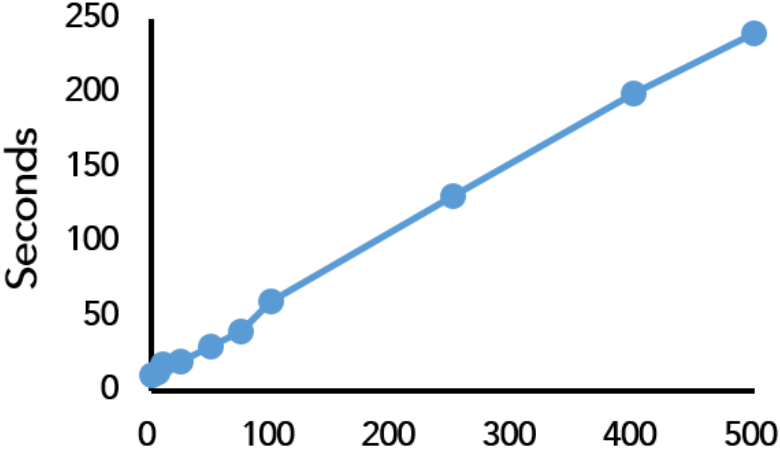
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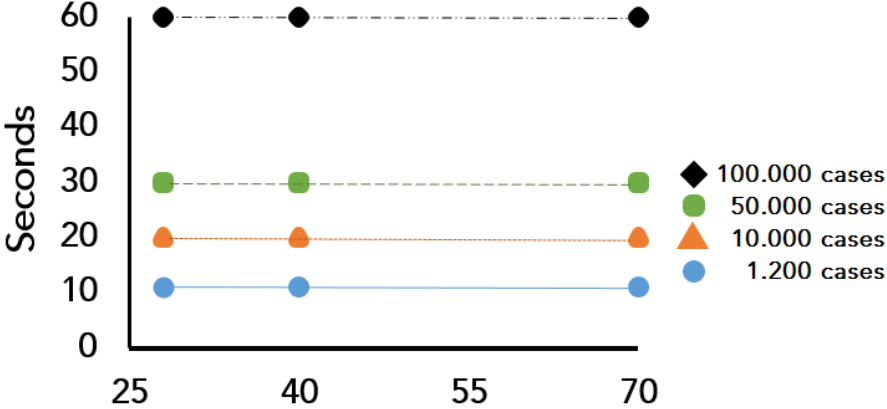
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Log size  
Amount of resources



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(a) Number of cases (thousands)



(b) Number of resources

Performance analysis

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Explore potential application domains

Case studies using real data

Incorporate new dimensions

Combine our approach with existing works

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Consider different perspectives

New allocation technique

Multi – factor criteria

Sub-process level

Fine-grained, generic, & extensible

BPA allows obtain a final ranking

Experimental evaluation

Synthetic data

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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