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In this age of instant gratification, selfservice portals have witnessed tremendous adoption and support. And, why shouldn't they? Oracle says that such portals help reduce employee costs by a whopping \$9 per month! Riding on the advantages of cost and time-saving, self-service portals have trickled down to other sectors as well, and in the context of this post, to cloud.

Developers opting for virtual machines earlier had to route their requests via the Operations desk, who in-turn contacted the many, many stakeholders to obtain approvals, costing substantial time and efforts. Red-tapism has now got the virtual axe, with self-service portals gaining mileage in the Cloud Operations arena.

Self-service portals have won the popular vote for a reason - leasing a virtual machine (VM) using a self-service portal is now as simple as purchasing a t-shirt in an online store. And CoreStack's intuitive self-service portal has made it a piece of cake! CoreStack Cloud Governance Platform helps developers, administrators and managers to request, oversee and allocate virtual machines in an efficient manner.

Here's how it works:



**IT Team Logs
into CoreStack**



**Selects Cloud,
App, OS and Size of VM**

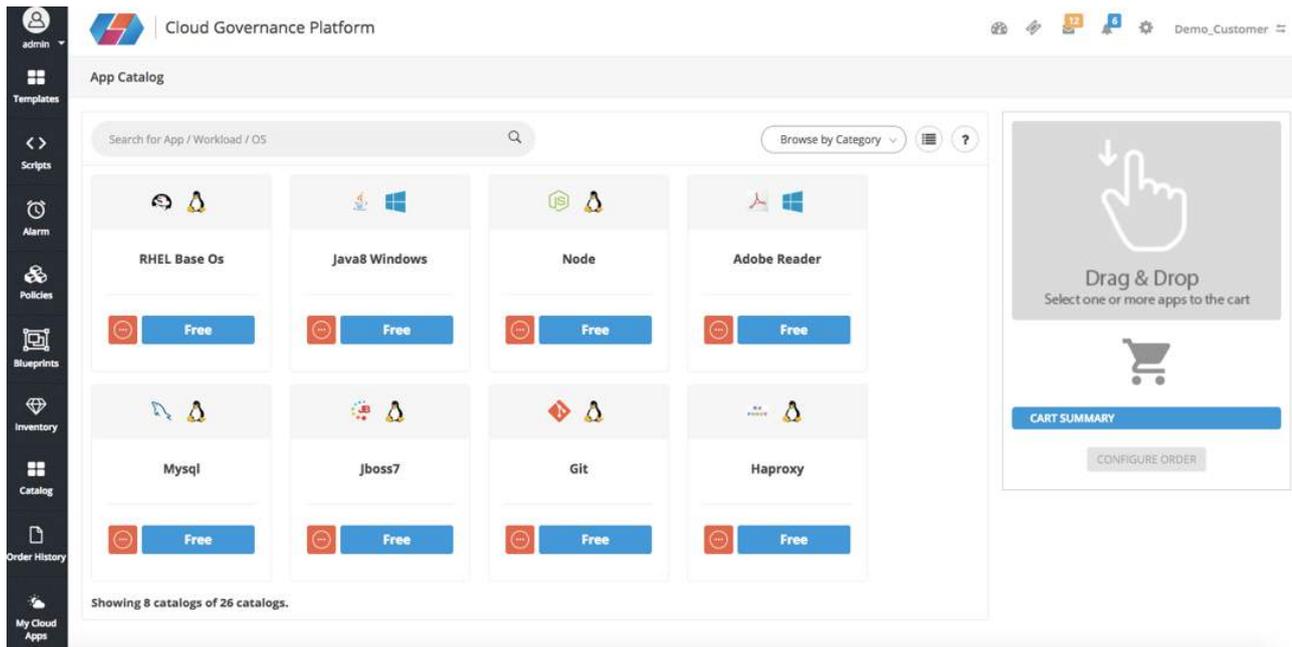


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The icing on the cake, however, is the control mechanism. CoreStack delivers a number of control features that ensure smoother requisition, supervision and management of VM.



- **Developers can choose VMs that best suit their requirements.**
As the principal users, it is only logical that developers determine the right packages that would meet their VM needs. Also, the data access levels in place ensure that developers can visualize only their requests.
- **Efficient workflow eliminates bottlenecks**
Preset workflow ensures that developers can send requests directly to managers, which leads to frictionless governance.
- **Cost cut by policies such as forced end-date.**
Administrators can define the VM's lease start and end dates. By configuring end-dates, administrators can track unutilized VM and enable their auto shutdown.
- **Optimum Utilization of VMs**
Administrators can track developer's VM usage. If not in active use, administrator can notify the developer and manager, and end the lease, leading to optimum utilization of resources.
- **Identify problem assets**
Administrator dashboards are powered with data that show issues such as machine downtime in real-time. This helps faster resolution of issues.

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