

Change project-level permissions

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Many permissions get set at the project level. You can grant these permissions by adding a user or group to the **Project Administrators** group. Or, you can grant select project-level permissions to a custom security group or to a user.

Consider adding users to the **Project Administrators** group when they're tasked with adding or managing teams, area and iteration paths, repositories, service hooks, and service end points.

Project-level permissions

The following table lists the permissions assigned at the project-level. All of these permissions are granted to members of the **Project Administrators** group, except for the **Delete shared Analytics views** and **Edit shared Analytics views** permissions which are not set. For a description of each permission, see [Permissions and groups reference, Groups](#).

General

- Delete team project
- Edit project-level information
- Manage project properties
- Rename team project
- Suppress notifications for work item updates
- Update project visibility
- View project-level information

Boards

- Bypass rules on work item updates
- Change process of team project
- Create tag definition
- Delete and restore work items
- Move work items out of this project
- Permanently delete work items

Analytics

- Delete shared Analytics views
- Edit shared Analytics views

- View analytics

Test Plans

- Create test runs
- Delete test runs
- Manage test configurations
- Manage test environments
- View test runs

📌 Note

The permission to add or remove project-level security groups and add and manage project-level group membership is assigned to all members of the **Project Administrators** group. It isn't controlled by a permissions surfaced within the user interface.

Create tag definition permission

By default, members of the **Contributors** group are assigned the **Create tag definition** permission. Although the **Create tag definition** permission appears in the security settings at the project-level, tagging permissions are actually collection-level permissions that are scoped at the project level when they appear in the user interface. To scope tagging permissions to a single project when using a command-line tool, you must provide the GUID for the project as part of the command syntax. Otherwise, your change applies to the entire collection. For more information, see [Security groups, service accounts, and permissions](#), [Work item tags](#).

Prerequisites

- To manage permissions or groups at the project level, you must be a member of the **Project Administrators** security group. If you created the project, you're automatically added as a member of this group. To get added to this group, you need to request permissions from a member of the **Project Administrators** group. See [Look up a project administrator](#).
- To add security groups defined in Microsoft Entra ID or Active Directory, make sure the security groups are first defined. For more information, see [Add Active Directory / Microsoft Entra users or groups to a built-in security group](#).

📌 Note

Users granted **Stakeholder** access, can't access select features even if granted permissions to those features. For more information, see [Stakeholder access quick reference](#).

Add members to the Project Administrators group

You can add users who are associated with a project, organization, or collection to the Project Administrators group. This group has specific permissions at the organizations or collection level. To add a custom security group, first create the group as described in [Add or remove users or groups, manage security groups](#).

Here we show how to add a user to the built-in **Project Administrators** group. The method is similar to adding a Microsoft Entra ID or Active Directory group.

ⓘ Note

To enable the **Project Permissions Settings Page** preview page, see [Enable preview features](#).

Preview page

1. Sign in to your organization (<https://dev.azure.com/{yourorganization}>).
2. Select **Project settings** > **Permissions**.

The screenshot shows the Azure DevOps interface for the 'Fabrikam Fiber' project. The left sidebar contains a list of project settings, with 'Project settings' highlighted by a red box. The main content area displays the 'Permissions' page for the 'Fabrikam Fiber' project. The 'Permissions' page has a 'Groups' tab selected, showing a list of groups: 'Build Ad', 'Contribu', 'Endpoin', and 'Readers'. The 'Add' button in the bottom right corner is highlighted by a red box.

3. Select **Project Administrators** group > **Members** > **Add**.


The screenshot shows the 'Members' page for the '[Fabrikam Fiber]\Project Administrators' group. The page has a 'Members' tab selected, showing a list of members. The 'Add' button in the bottom right corner is highlighted by a red box.


4. Enter the name of the user account or custom security group into the text box. You can enter several identities recognized by the system into the **Add users and/or groups** box. The system automatically searches for matches. Choose one or more matches.


Invite members to Project Administrators


Search and add users, groups, service principals, and managed identities to your group


Add users, groups, service principals, and managed identities


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Cancel

Save

5. Select **Save**.

Change permissions for a group

You can modify project-level permissions for any group associated with a project, except for the **Project Administrators** group. Also, each team that is added to a project is automatically included as a project-level group. To add security groups to a project, see [Add or remove users or groups, manage security groups](#). To understand permission assignments and inheritance, see [About permissions, Permission states](#).

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Preview page


1. Open the **Permissions** page as described in the previous section, [Add a user or group to the Project Administrators group](#).

Note

You can't change the permission settings for the Project Administrators group. This is by design.

2. From the **Permissions** page, choose the group whose permissions you want to change.

For example, we choose the **Contributors** group and change their permissions for **Delete** and **restore work items** to **Allow**.

 **[Fabrikam Fiber]\Contributors**
Members of this group can add, modify, and delete items within the team project.

Permissions Members Member of Settings

General

Delete team project	Not set	▼
Edit project-level information	Not set	▼
Manage project properties	Not set	▼
Rename team project	Not set	▼
Suppress notifications for work item updates	Not set	▼
Update project visibility	Not set	▼
View project-level information	Allow	▼

Boards

Bypass rules on work item updates	Not set	▼
Change process of team project.	Not set	▼
Create tag definition	Allow	▼
Delete and restore work items	Allow	▼
Move work items out of this project	Not set	▼
Permanently delete work items	Not set	▼

Analytics

✓ Saved

Your changes are automatically saved.

💡 Tip

If you add a user to the **Contributors** group, they can add and modify work items. You can restrict permissions of users or user groups to add and modify work items based on the **Area Path**. For more information, see [Modify work items under an area path](#).

Change permissions for a user

You can change the project-level permissions for a specific user. To understand permission assignments and inheritance, see [About permissions](#), [Permission states](#).

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Preview page



1. Open the **Permissions** page as described in the previous section, [Add a user or group to the Project Administrators group](#).
2. From the **Permissions** page, select **Users**, and then choose the user whose permissions you want to change.

Permissions

Groups Users

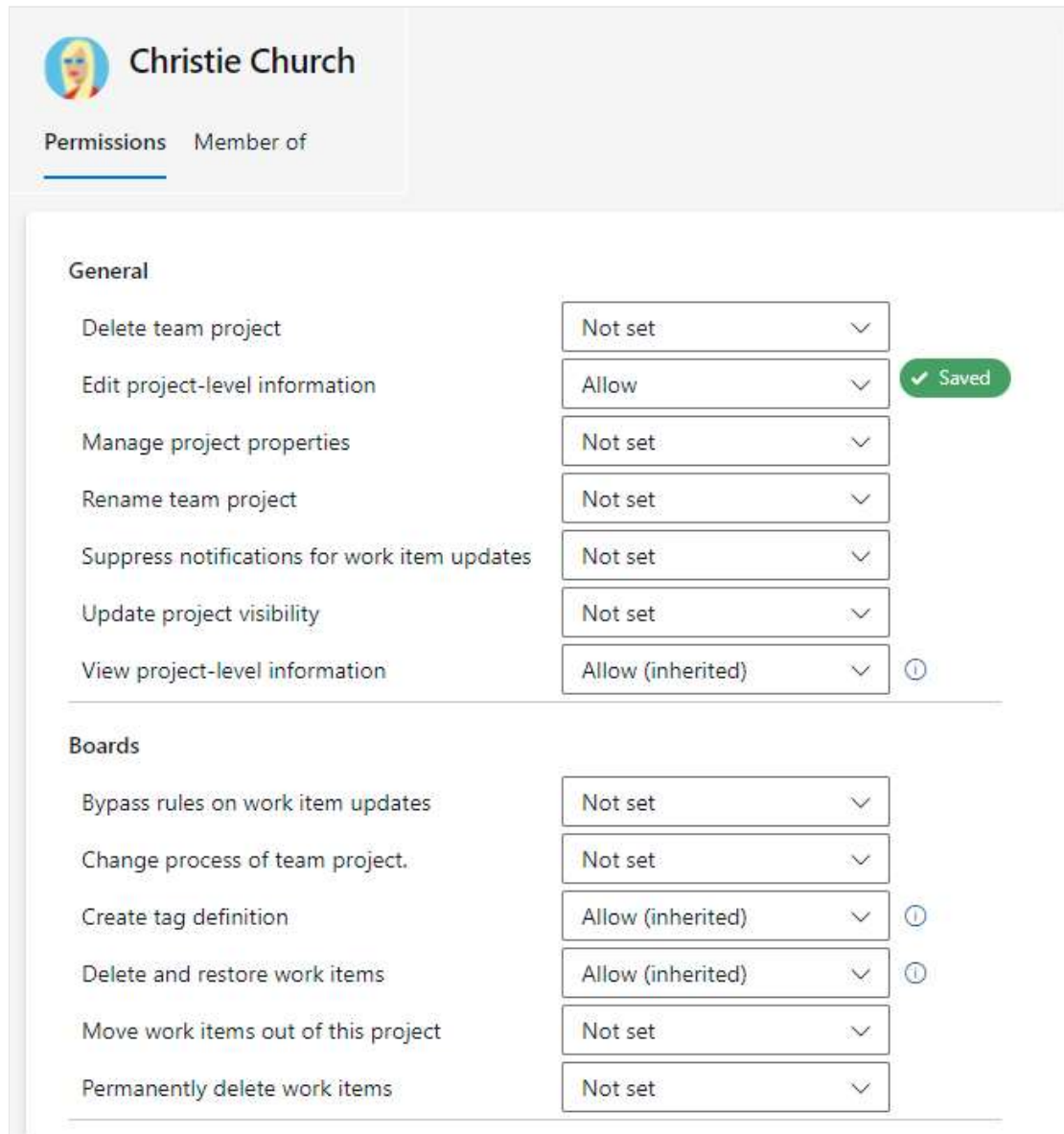
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 fabrikamfiber8	user
 fabrikamfiber2	user

3. From the **Permissions** page, change the assignment for one or more permissions.

For example, we change the **Edit project-level information** for Christie Church.



Christie Church

Permissions Member of

General

Delete team project	Not set	▼
Edit project-level information	Allow	▼
Manage project properties	Not set	▼
Rename team project	Not set	▼
Suppress notifications for work item updates	Not set	▼
Update project visibility	Not set	▼
View project-level information	Allow (inherited)	▼ ⓘ

Boards

Bypass rules on work item updates	Not set	▼
Change process of team project.	Not set	▼
Create tag definition	Allow (inherited)	▼ ⓘ
Delete and restore work items	Allow (inherited)	▼ ⓘ
Move work items out of this project	Not set	▼
Permanently delete work items	Not set	▼

✓ Saved

Dismiss the dialog when you're done. Your changes are automatically saved.

Next steps

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