

# Risks, Assumptions, Constraints and Issues Log

## RISKS:

Conduct a risk management session and document your results here. The client should also participate, in a separate meeting or with the whole team. In mature project management offices, a Risk Management Plan is clearly defined. We will not formalize the process beyond the steps identified here.

## STEPS

1. Identify and thoroughly describe the risk [columns C-D]
2. Qualify the risk. Assign its impact and probability. Severity is a calculated field. [columns E-H]
3. Define a response strategy. [columns I-L]

## RESOURCES

Several resources are provided on the dashboard. A library or internet search will yield plenty of resources as well.

## ABOUT THE SHEET

Several columns have data validation in place. Manage this as you like.

The Impact, Probability and Severity columns also have conditional formatting

## CONSTRAINTS - ASSUMPTIONS

Document constraints and assumptions in order to set expectations with the client, faculty advisor, and team members. The simplest way to document assumptions is through a brainstorming session. Be sure to use keywords to trigger thoughts and ideas. Constraints are something that must be adhered to while assumptions are an agreement or understanding about the state of project characteristics.

Here are some examples:

- Technology. The technical context of the project such as platforms and environments that will be used.
- Facilities
- Resources
- Architecture & Design
- Business or client assumptions
- Financial
- Methodology & Standards

**NOTE - the exercise of defining constraints and assumptions often reveals additional project risk, project management requirements or product scope**

## ISSUES:

Log issues and necessary actions as they come up during the project. An issue is an unforeseen event that is affecting the progress of the project and requires some attention. In mature project management offices, an Issue Management Plan may be documented but we will not formalize the process here.

Bear in mind, issues may be risk triggers and already have a defined response. Issues, if severe enough, may impact the schedule, scope and budget thereby requiring a change request, assessment and approval.

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**Assumption:** A belief you hold as true now or in the future.

**Constraints:** Any restriction that defines a project's limitations. The scope, for example, is the limit of what the project is expected to accomplish but is documented thoroughly in another project artifact.

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## ISSUE LOG

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- Update the lists to reflect the options you'd like available in the different tabs.
- Each list is defined as a named range and the range name is used for data validation in each of the sheets.

Risk Area	Assessment	Response	Priority	Stakeholders
Cost	LOW	ACCEPTANCE	LOW	TM1
Data/Information	MED	AVOIDANCE	MED	TM2
Dependencies	HIGH	CONTINGENCY	HIGH	TM3
Overall Project Failure		MITIGATION		TM4
Privacy		TRANSFER		
Product Quality				
Project Quality				
Resources				
Schedule				
Scope				
Technology				