

Expedite work with swimlanes

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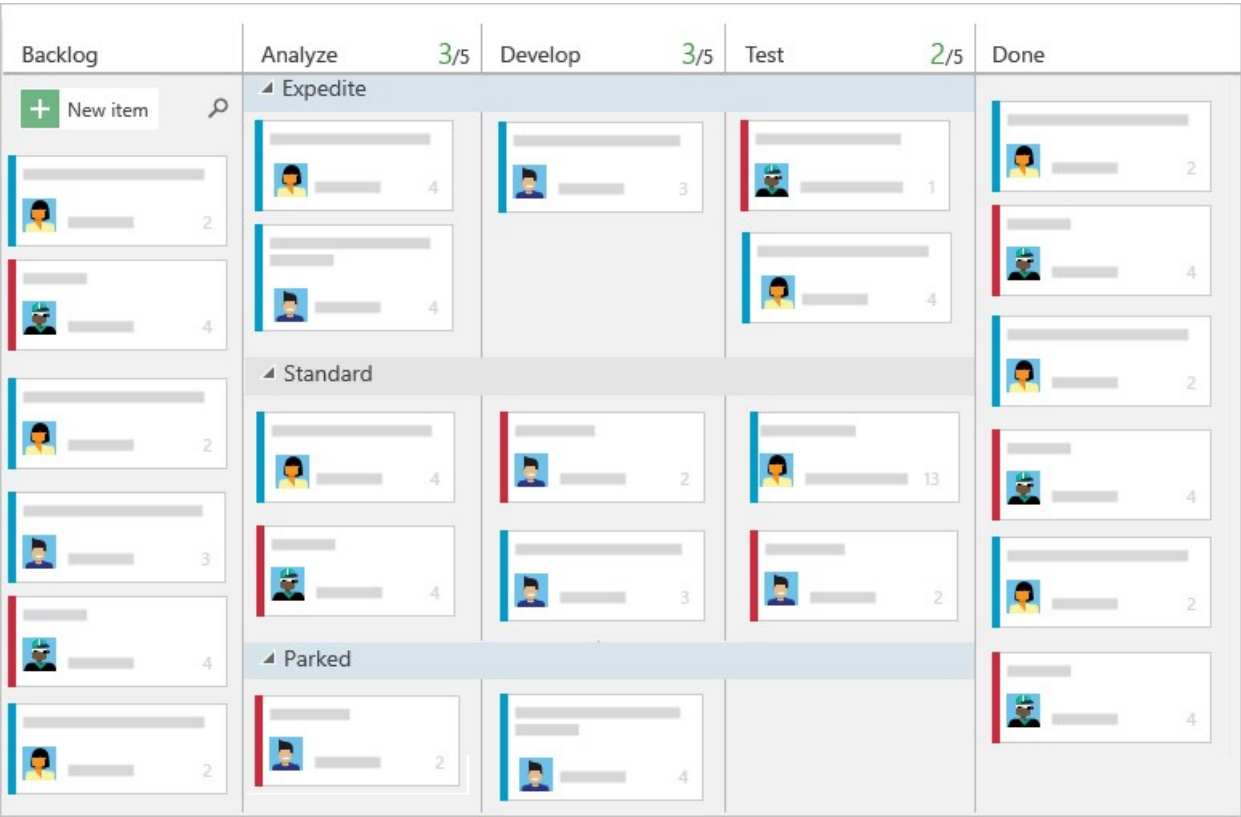
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Your Kanban board supports your ability to visualize the flow of work as it moves from just defined to completed. When you add swimlanes, you can also visualize the status of work that supports different service-level classes. You can create a swimlane to represent any other dimension that supports your tracking needs.

For example, you can create three swimlanes—Expedite, Standard, and Parked—to track high-priority work, standard work, and work that's currently blocked.



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Type **o** to expand all swimlanes and **u** to collapse all swimlanes. To move the focus up or down, enter the **↑ ↓** up/down arrows. For more tips, see [kanban board keyboard shortcuts](#).

Prerequisites

- You must have a Kanban board you want to configure. When you add a team, you add a Kanban board for that team. To learn more, see [About teams and Agile tools](#).
- You must be added to the team administrator role for the team's settings you want to modify, or be a member of the **Project Administrators** security group. To get added, see [Add a team administrator](#) or [Set permissions at the project- or collection-level](#).
- You must be granted **Stakeholder** access or higher. For details, see [About access levels](#).

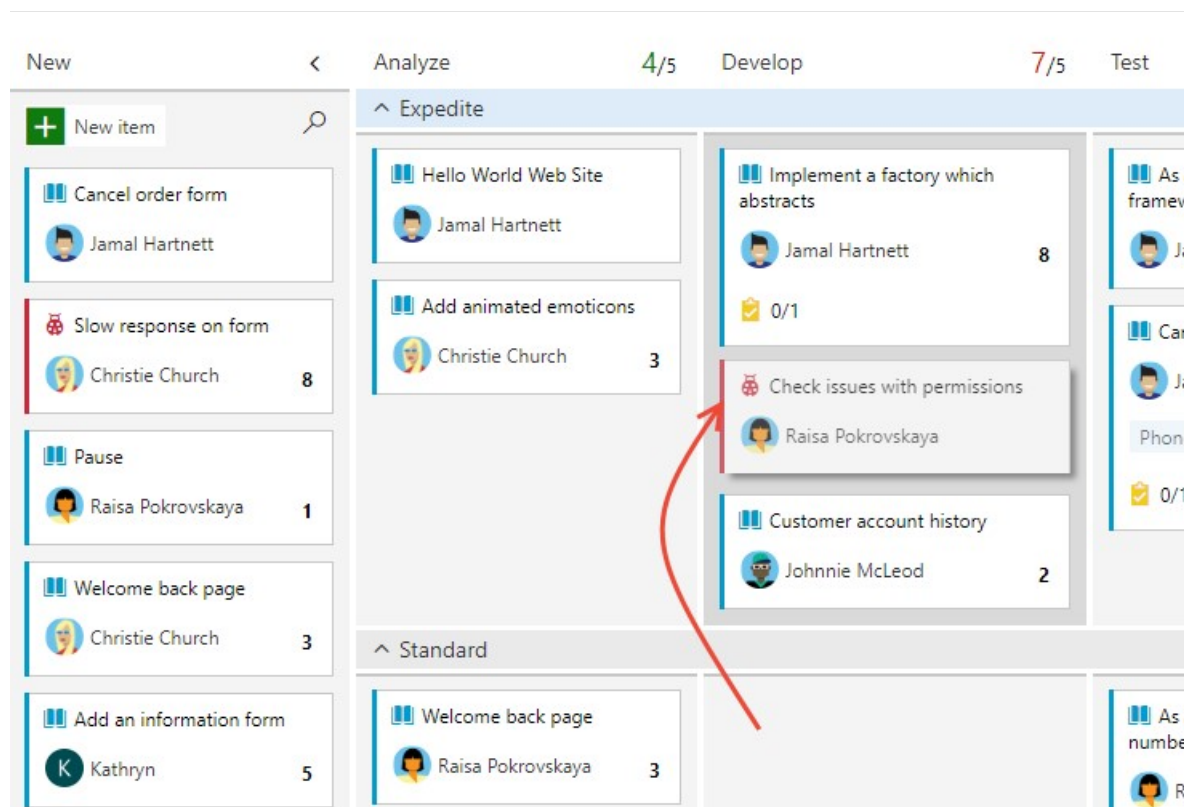
Types of swimlanes

You can use swimlanes to sort work on your Kanban board to track items that you differentiate as follows:

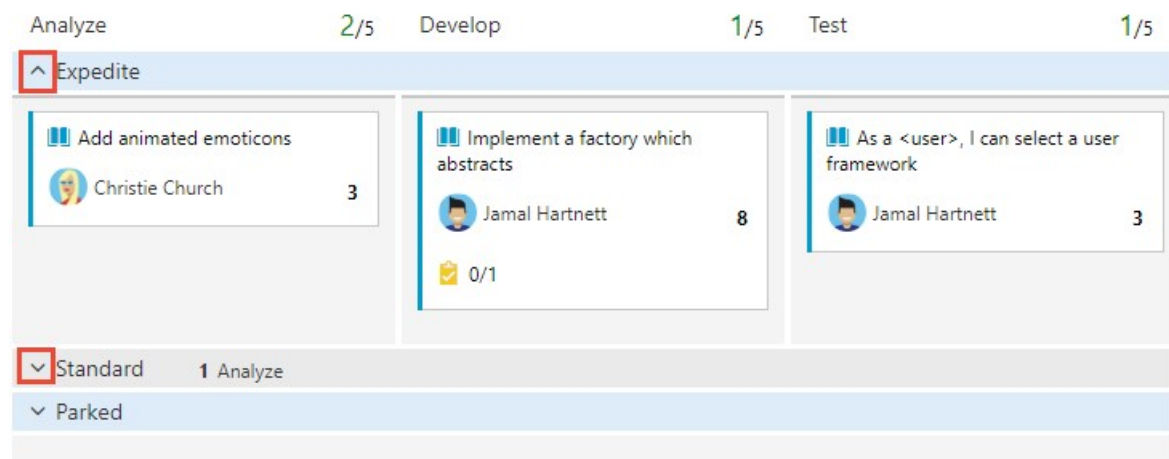
- High priority items
- Service-level class
- Date-driven requirement
- Dependency for or from another team
- Blocked items
- Technical debt or other engineering work that's not a specific user story

Track work in swimlanes

Once you've set up your swimlanes, you can drag items into a swimlane as well as reorder them within the lane.




You can also focus on a single swimlane by collapsing all other lanes.




Add or remove a swimlane

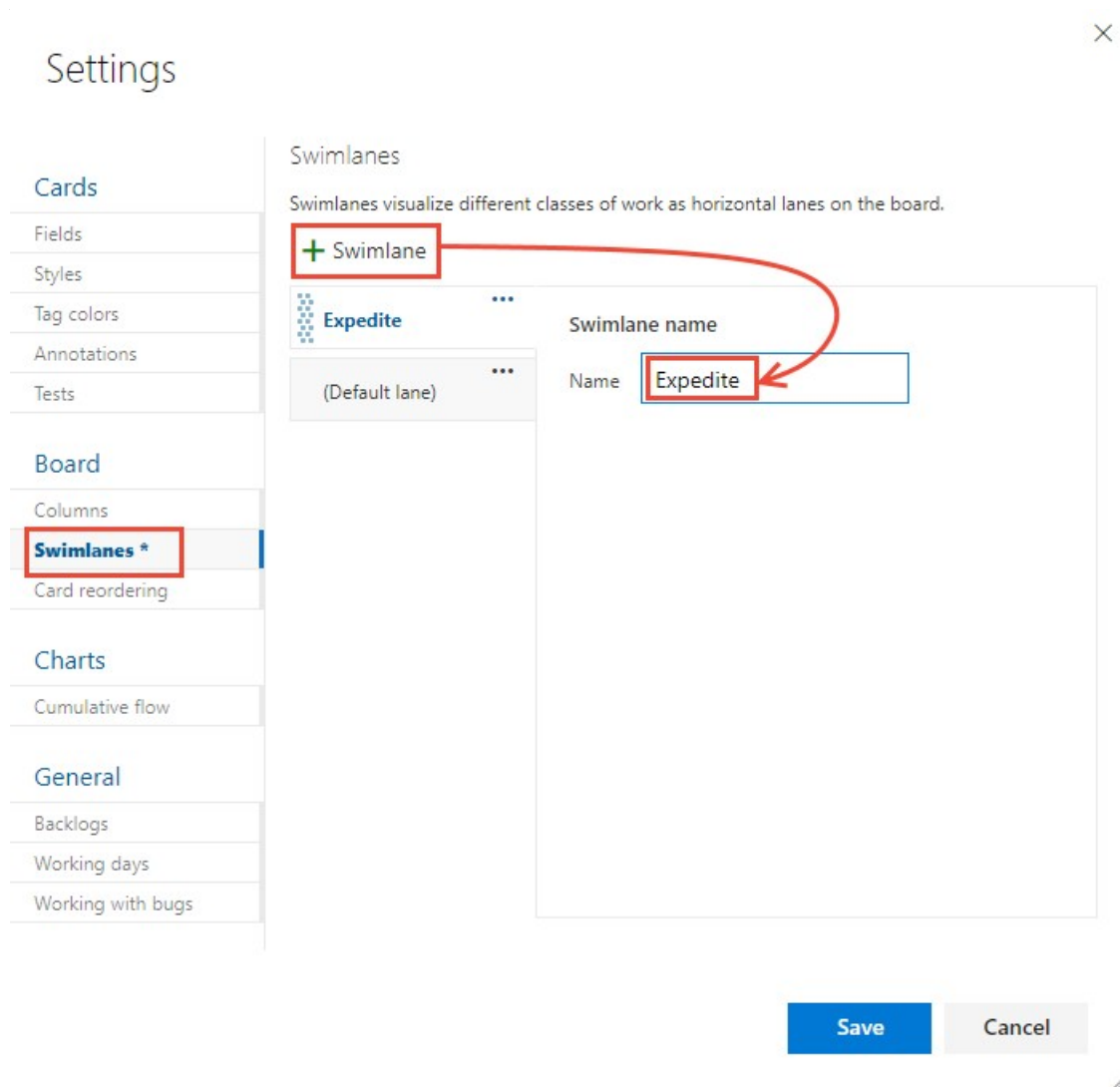
So, what swimlanes will support your tracking needs?

Once you've identified one or two, add them to your Kanban board.

1. [Open your Kanban board](#). If you're not a team admin, [get added as one](#). Only team and project admins can customize the Kanban board.
2. Choose the  gear icon to open the common configuration settings dialog for the Kanban board.

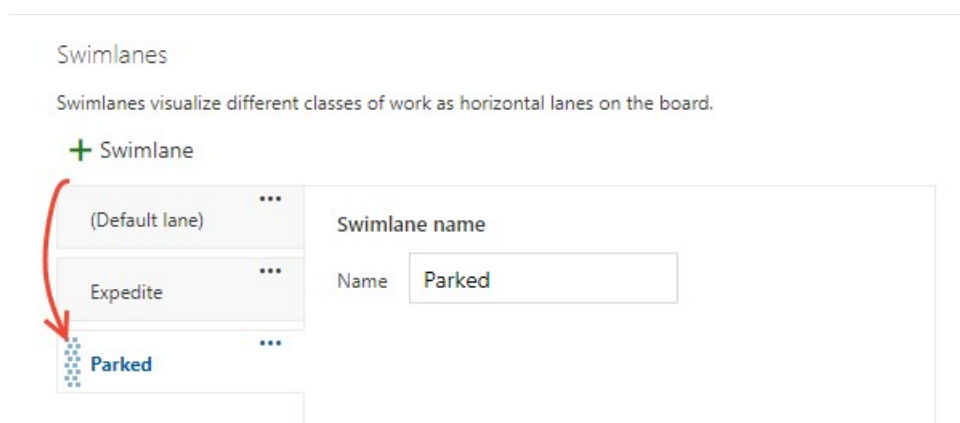


3. Choose **Swimlanes** and then choose the  plus icon and enter the name of the swimlane you want to add.

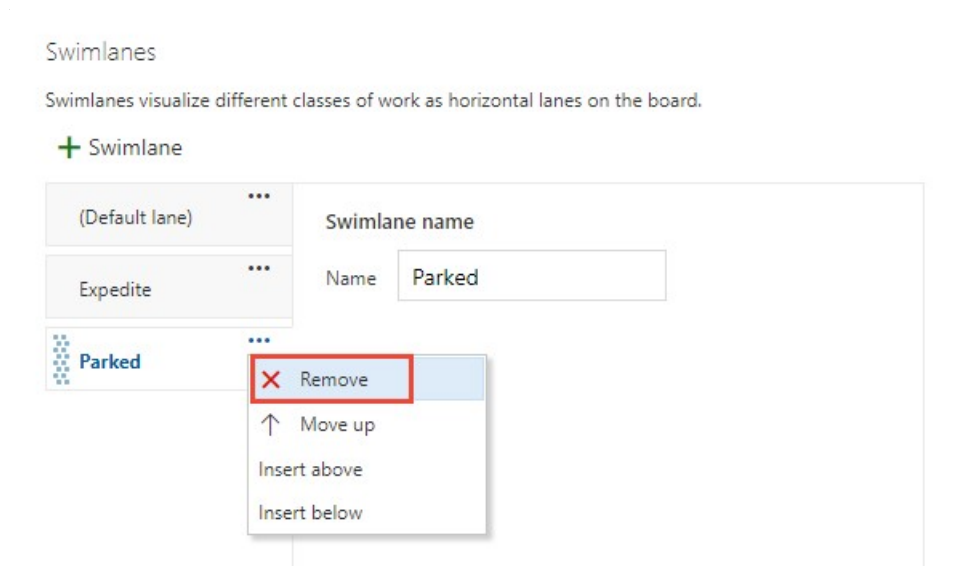


The default lane appears unlabeled on the Kanban board. You can rename it to anything you like, however, you can't delete it. Also, you can rename it directly from the Kanban board.

4. To reorder your swimlanes, simply grab the lane and move it up or down.



5. If you need to delete a swimlane, first move all items out of the lane. Then open the Settings dialog, choose the **...** actions icon and select **Remove**.



6. When done with your changes, choose **Save**.

Query for work items based on swimlane

You can track which work items have been added to a Kanban board swimlane by creating a query and using the [Board Lane field](#).

Related articles

As you can see, swimlanes provides another way to organize and visualize the flow of work using [Kanban](#). Here are a few more options you have for customizing the look and feel of your Kanban board.

- [About teams and Agile tools](#)
- [Query by assignment or workflow changes](#)
- [Add columns](#)
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REST API resources

To programmatically interact with the Kanban board and other team settings, see the [REST API, Boards reference](#).