

# Portfolio management

13/02/2019 • 5 minutos para ler • Colaboradores

## Neste artigo

[Management view of team progress](#)

[Feature team backlog ownership and view of progress](#)

[Assign work from a common backlog](#)

[Add portfolio backlogs](#)

[Track dependencies across teams](#)

[Try this next](#)

[Related articles](#)

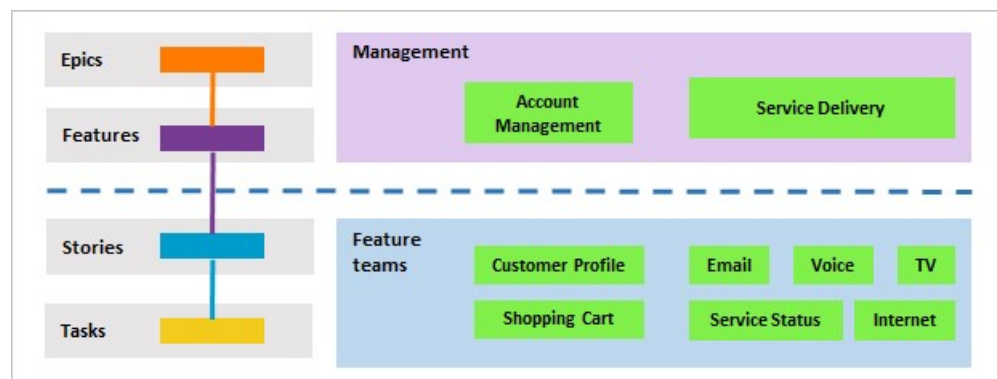
**Azure Boards | Azure DevOps Server 2019 | TFS 2018 | TFS 2017 | TFS 2015 | TFS 2013**

Portfolio backlogs provide product owners insight into the work performed by several agile feature teams. Product owners can define the high-level goals as Epics or Features, and feature teams can break these down into the user stories they'll prioritize and develop.

In this article you'll learn:

- ✓ How to support a management view of multiple team progress
- ✓ How feature teams can focus on their team backlog progress
- ✓ How to assign work from a common backlog
- ✓ How to set up a hierarchical set of teams and backlogs

By setting up a team structure like the one shown, you provide each feature team with their distinct backlog to plan, prioritize, and track their work. And, portfolio or product owners can create their vision, roadmap, and goals for each release, monitor progress across their portfolio of projects, and manage risks and dependencies.







[Set up a hierarchical team and backlog structure](#) when you want to support the following elements:



















- Autonomous feature teams that can organize and manage their backlog of work
- Portfolio management views for planning epics and features and monitoring progress of subordinate feature teams
- Assign backlog items to feature teams from a common backlog

## Management view of team progress

In this example, we show the **Epics** portfolio backlog for the **Management** team. Drilling down, you can see all the backlog items and features, even though they belong to one of three different teams: Customer Service, Phone, and Web.

Management team  

 New Work Item  Epics Board ...

 	Order	Node Name	State	Title
		Fabrikam Fiber	New	Phase 1 - Customer access and engagement
		Phone	In Progress	Customer Phone - Phase 1
		Phone	Approved	Phone sign in
		Web	Committed	Request support
		Web	New	Customer Web - Phase 1
		Web	New	Add an information form
		Web	Committed	Hello World Web Site
		Web	Committed	Slow response on information form
		Web	New	Change initial view
		Fabrikam Fiber	New	Customer service - improve UI performance
		Customer Service	New	Customer Service - Phone
		Customer Service	New	GSP locator interface
		Customer Service	Committed	Check service status
		Customer Service	Approved	Switch context issues
		Customer Service ...	New	Customer Service - Web
		Customer Service	New	Scheduler
		Customer Service	New	Technician dashboard improvements
		Customer Service	New	Check issues with permissions


## Feature team backlog ownership and view of progress

Each feature team has its own team home page or dashboards, product and portfolio backlogs, Kanban boards, and taskboards. These pages only show work relevant to each team, based on assignments made to the work item area and iteration paths. For details, see [About teams and Agile tools](#).

### Dica

Add **Node Name** to the column options to show the team assigned to the work item.

The Customer Service feature team's view of the backlog only includes those work items assigned to their area path, **Fabrikam Fiber/Customer Service**. Here we show parents which provide a few of the features and epics to which the backlog items belong. Items that are owned by other teams appear with hollow-filled bars. For example, Mobile feedback and Text alerts belong to the Account Management team.

Items that are owned by other teams appear with an information icon, .

Order	State	Node Name	Title
+	New	Fabrikam Fiber	Customer service - improve UI performance
	New	Customer Service	Customer Service - Phone
	New	Customer Service	GSP locator interface
	Committed	Customer Service	Check service status
	Approved	Customer Service	Switch context issues
	New	Customer Service	Customer Service - Web
	New	Customer Service	Scheduler
	New	Customer Service	Technician dashboard improvements
	New	Customer Service	Check issues with permissions

## Assign work from a common backlog

While the hierarchical team and backlog structure works well to support autonomous teams to take ownership of their backlog, it also supports assigning work to teams from a common backlog. During a sprint or product planning meeting, product owners and development leads can review the backlog and assign select items to various teams, by assigning them to the feature team Area Path.

In this view of the Account Management backlog, all items still assigned to **Account Management** have yet to be assigned.

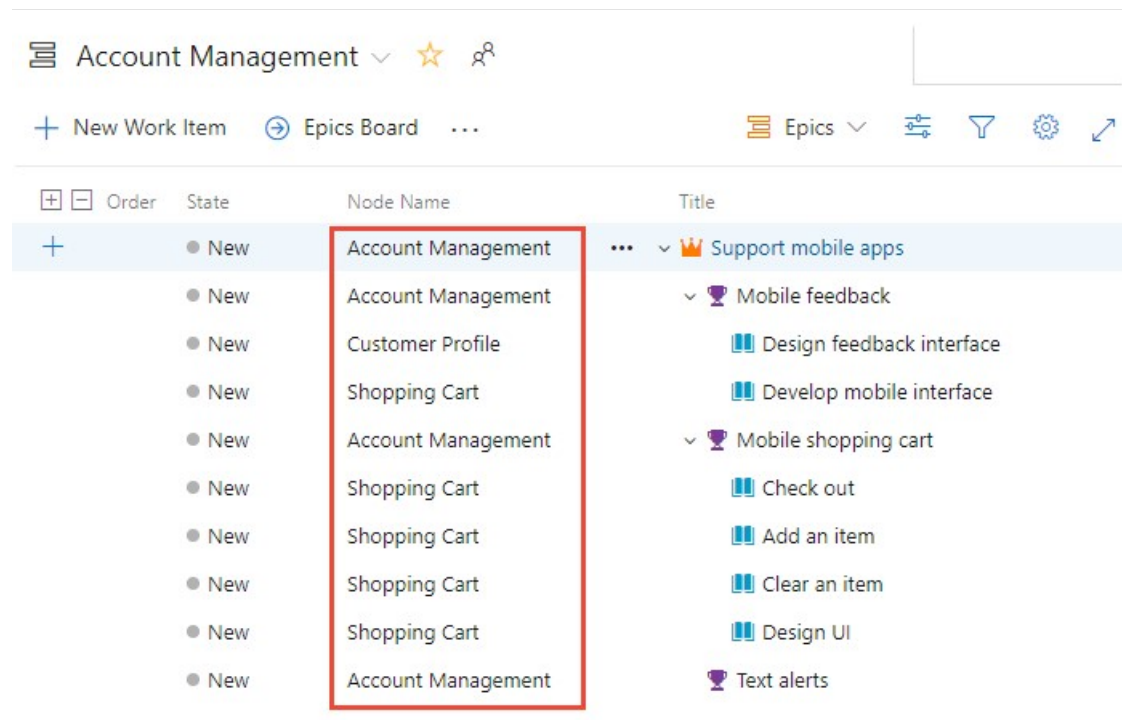
Order	State	Node Name	Title
+	New	Account Management	Support mobile apps
	New	Account Management	Mobile feedback
	New	Customer Profile	Design feedback interface
	New	Account Management	Develop mobile interface
	New	Account Management	Mobile shopping cart
	New	Account Management	Check out
	New	Account Management	Add an item
	New	Account Management	Clear an item
	New	Account Management	Design UI
	New	Account Management	Text alerts

During the planning meeting, you can open each item, make notes, and assign the item to the team to work on it.

**Dica**

You can multi-select work items and perform a bulk edit of the area path. See [Bulk modify work items](#).

Here, all backlog items have been assigned to feature teams. While all features and epics remain owned by Account Management.



	Order	State	Node Name	Title
+		New	Account Management	... Support mobile apps
		New	Account Management	Mobile feedback
		New	Customer Profile	Design feedback interface
		New	Shopping Cart	Develop mobile interface
		New	Account Management	Mobile shopping cart
		New	Shopping Cart	Check out
		New	Shopping Cart	Add an item
		New	Shopping Cart	Clear an item
		New	Shopping Cart	Design UI
		New	Account Management	Text alerts

## Add portfolio backlogs

If you need more than three backlog levels, you can add more. To learn how, see [Customize your backlogs or boards for a process](#).

## Track dependencies across teams

The simplest way to track dependencies across teams is to link work items using the **Related** link type. You can then create queries that find work items containing these relationships.

See [Manage dependencies, link work items to support traceability](#) to learn more.

## Try this next

Configure a hierarchy of teams

## Related articles

- [Create your backlog](#)
- [Kanban quickstart](#)
- [Assign work to sprints](#)
- [Organize your backlog](#)
- [Limitations of multi-team Kanban board views](#)

