Default permissions and access for Azure Boards

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As a member of an Azure Boards project, you can use the majority of features to track work. Limitations to select features are based on the *access level* and *security group* to which a user is assigned. The **Basic** access level supports full access to all Azure Boards features. **Stakeholder** access level provides partial support to select features, allowing users to view and modify work items, but not use all features. The built-in security groups—**Readers**, **Contributors**, and **Project Administrators**— and team administrator role grant permissions to specific features.

In the tables provided in this article, a \checkmark checkmark indicates that the corresponding access level or security group has access to a feature by default.

① Observação

Team administrators can configure settings for their team's tools. Organization owners and members of the Project Administrators group can configure settings for all teams.

For a comparison chart of Stakeholder versus Basic access, see the <u>Feature matrix</u>. To assign or change an access level, see <u>Add users and assign licenses</u>. If you need to <u>grant specific users select permissions</u>, you can do so.

General work item feature access

You can use work items to track anything you need to track. To learn more, see <u>Understand how work items</u> are used to track issues, tasks, and epics.

Task	Stakeholders	Readers	Contributors	Team admins
View/open work items	✓	✓	✓	✓
Add work items, add tags to work items (Stakeholders can assign existing tags to work items, but can't add new tags)	✓		✓	✓
Change work item type	✓		✓	✓

Move work item to another project			✓	✓
Email work items	✓		✓	✓
Apply a work item template	✓		✓	✓
Delete work items (able to restore from the Recycle bin)			✓	✓
Permanently delete work items				✓
Provide feedback (through the Microsoft Feedback client)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Request feedback			✓	✓

Boards feature access

Boards present work items as cards and support quick status updates through drag-and-drop.

Task	Stakeholders	Readers	Contributors	Team admins
View boards and open work items	✓	✓	✓	✓
Add work items to a board; update status, reorder, or reparent child tasks through dragand-drop; update a field on a card			✓	✓
Add child tasks to a checklist	✓		✓	✓
Assign to a sprint (from card menu)	✓		✓	✓
Customize a board, configure team settings (Stakeholders assigned as a team administrator or Project Administrator can configure team settings)	✓			✓

Backlogs features access

<u>Backlogs</u> display work items as lists. A product backlog represents your project plan and a repository of all the information you need to track and share with your team. Portfolio backlogs allow you to group and organize your backlog into a hierarchy.

Task	Stakeholders	Readers	Contributors	Team admins
View backlogs and open work items	✓	✓	✓	✓
Add work items to a backlog, Stakeholders can only add items to the bottom of the backlog	✓		✓	✓
Use bulk edit features	✓		✓	✓

Add child items to a backlog item; prioritize or reorder a backlog; parent items using the Mapping pane; Assign items to a sprint using the Planning pane		✓	✓
Customize a backlog, configure team settings (Stakeholders assigned as a team administrator or Project Administrator can configure team settings)	✓		✓

Sprints feature access

<u>Sprints</u> provide a filtered view of work items that a team has assigned to specific iteration paths or sprints.

Task	Stakeholders	Readers	Contributors	Team admins
View sprint backlogs, taskboards, and open work items	✓	✓	✓	✓
Add work items to a sprint backlog (Stakeholders can add backlog items to the bottom of a sprint backlog)	✓		✓	✓
Add work items to a taskboard (Stakeholders can add backlog items but not tasks)			✓	✓
Prioritize/reorder a sprint backlog or taskboard; add child items to a backlog item; reassign items to a sprint using the Planning pane			✓	✓
View team capacity (work details)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Set team capacity			✓	✓
Use bulk edit features	✓		✓	✓
Define sprints, set sprint dates				✓
Customize a sprint backlog or taskboard, configure team settings (Stakeholders assigned as a team administrator or Project Administrator can configure team settings)	✓			✓

Queries and semantic search

Queries are filtered lists of work items based on criteria that you define by using a query editor.

Task	Stakeholders	Readers	Contributors	Team admins
View and run managed queries	✓	✓	✓	✓

Create and save managed queries (Stakeholders can't save shared queries)	✓		✓	✓
View query charts		✓	✓	✓
Create query charts			✓	✓
Powerful semantic work-tracking search.	✓	✓	✓	✓

More on Stakeholder access

Stakeholder access supports business owners, analysts, and other team members who don't manage the work of a project, but need to be able to view and add ideas to the backlog, add context and information to work items, and review status and progress. All members of an organization who don't use Visual Studio but want to contribute to work item tracking and monitor progress can be assigned as a stakeholder. Note, even if you change the permission level for a user assigned **Stakeholder** access, the user won't be able to access the feature.

① Observação

For public projects, Stakeholder access gives users full access to all work-tracking features. To learn more, see <u>About access levels</u>, <u>Stakeholder access</u>.

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