Lab: Epics and Roadmaps in Next-gen Projects

Estimated time: 15 minutes

In this lab, you will:

1. Create an epic using a roadmap and by creating an issue.
2. View swimlanes by epic.
3. Add new and existing issues to an epic.
4. Complete an epic.

> Note: These instructions assume that you have you created a next-gen kanban project named `projectAng` in earlier labs.

> These instructions DO NOT APPLY to classic projects.

1: Create an epic using a roadmap and by creating an issue.

1. In your `projectAng` next-gen kanban project, create an epic using the **Roadmap** feature. Click **Roadmap** in the sidebar. This brings up a planning timeline for your project. Inside the roadmap, click **Create Epic**. Name the epic `Feature 1` . You can change the start and due dates by moving and/or resizing an epic. You can change the color of the epic by clicking the square color in the epic's details.

2. Create a second epic by creating an issue of type `Epic` and adding a Summary of `Feature 2` . You may have to refresh your browser window to see the epic in your roadmap. Because you didn't specify start and due dates when creating the epic, the horizontal epic bar has cloudy endpoints. Drag the horizontal bar to set the start and due dates.

> Roadmaps are a great way to plan and visualize your larger pieces of work in the project, keeping your planning closely tied to your individual work items. As your plan changes, you can easily update your roadmap.

> Congratulations, you have created epics using a roadmap and by creating an epic issue.

2: View swimlanes by epic.

1. From the board, select **Epic** from the **Group by** dropdown on the right. There are no issues in your epics, so this change isn't very interesting right now.

> Congratulations, you have viewed swimlanes by epic.

3: Add new and existing issues to an epic.

1. Add a new issue to each epic. You can do this by clicking on an epic in the roadmap and clicking on the **Add a child issue** icon (it looks like a simple hierarchy) at the top of the epic details panel.

2. Add **existing** issues to each epic. Here are two ways to do this:

   - From your board with swimlanes by epic, drag an issue to an epic.
   - From the epic issue's details (e.g. by clicking on an epic in the roadmap), add a child issue under **Child issues**..

> Congratulations, you have added new and existing issues to an epic.

4: Complete an epic.

1. Change the child issues of an epic to have a status of `Done` .

2. Change the epic issue's status to `Done` .

3. Click on **Roadmap**. The epic should be gray with a checkbox indicating the epic is done.

> *Congratulations, you have completed an epic and finished this lab.*