Task Management with Planner, To-Do, and Project



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Overview

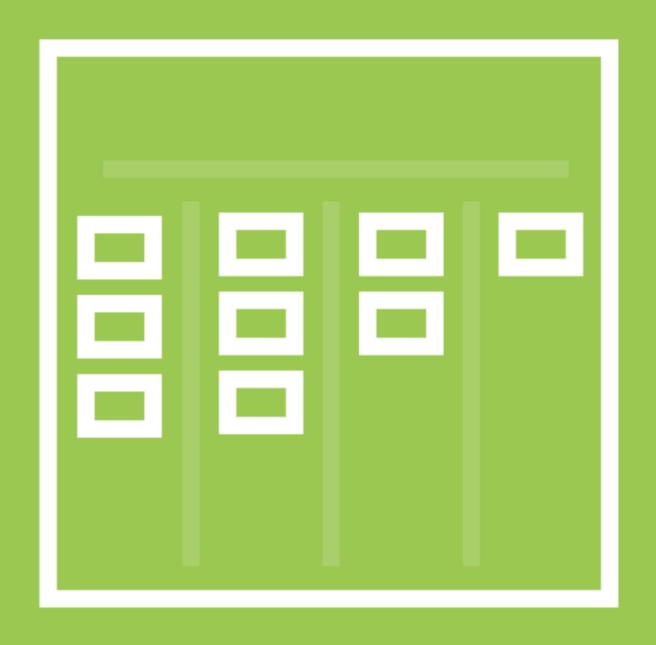


Microsoft Planner

Microsoft To-Do

Microsoft Project





Microsoft Planner

Microsoft Planner is a Kanban solution that simplifies task management and to-do lists for teams and is connected across Microsoft 365 apps.



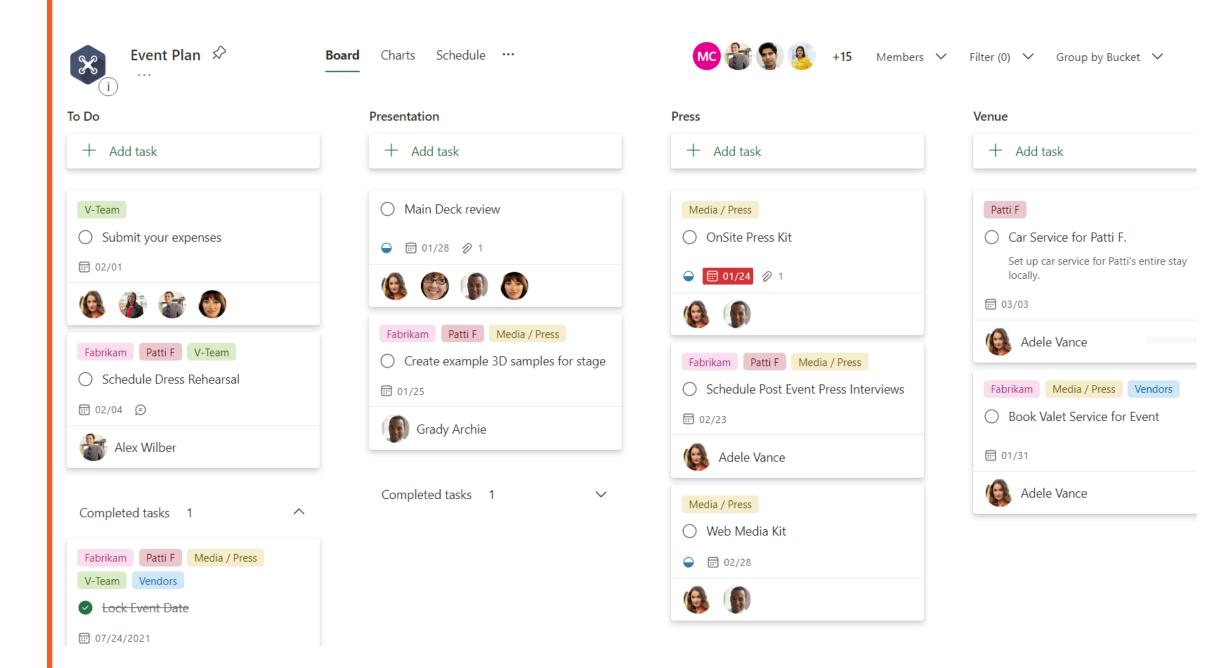
Create tasks & assign them to members of the team

Kanban style task management

Tasks are organized in buckets (lanes)

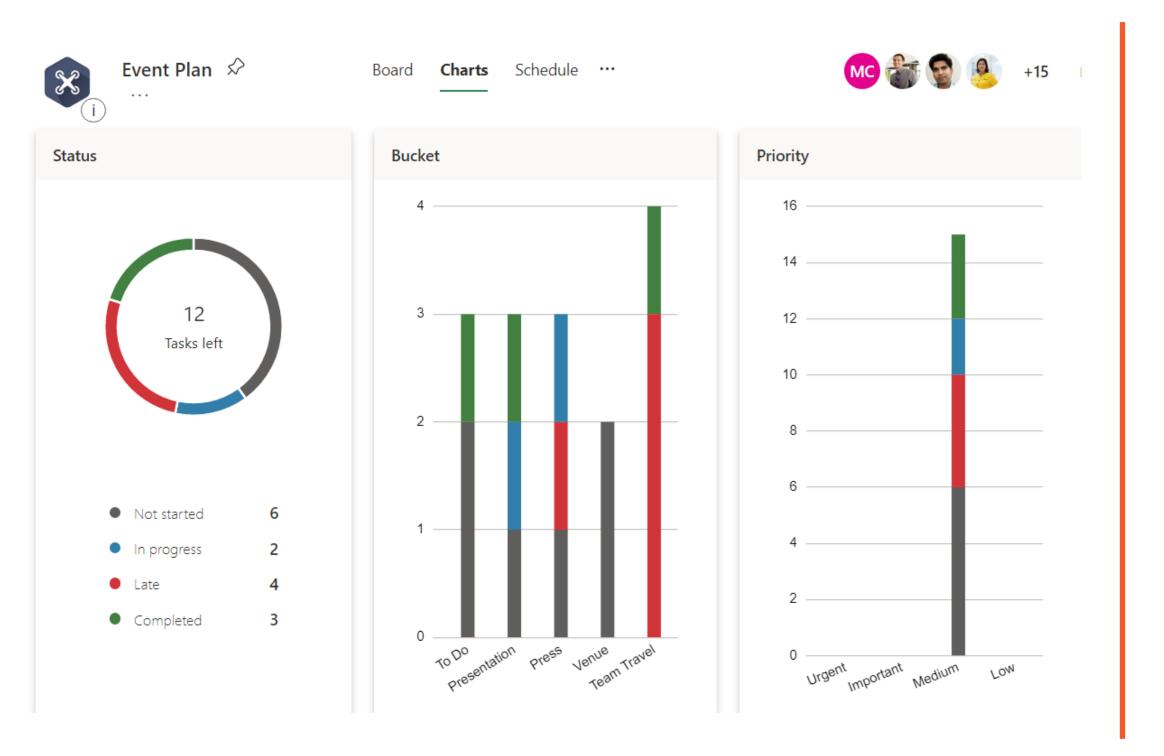
Add properties to each tasks

Tags
Due Date
Comments





Planner Analytics



Quickly view analytics about each plan

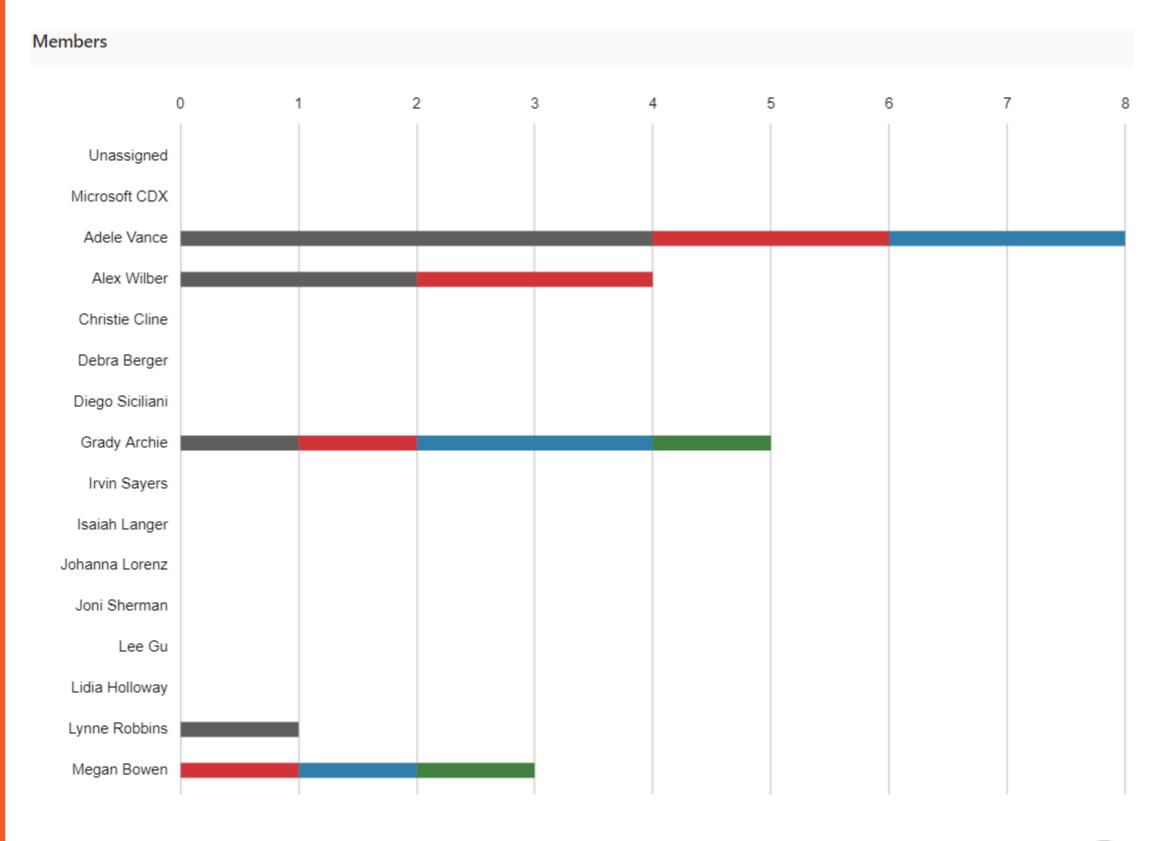
Status

Bucket



View task assignments for each member

Reassign tasks if a member has too many





Demo



Microsoft Planner in action





Microsoft To-Do

Create to do lists, reminders, and notes for any purpose. Sync lists across devices and Microsoft 365 accounts to access daily planner and task manager features anywhere.



Personal task list in Microsoft 365

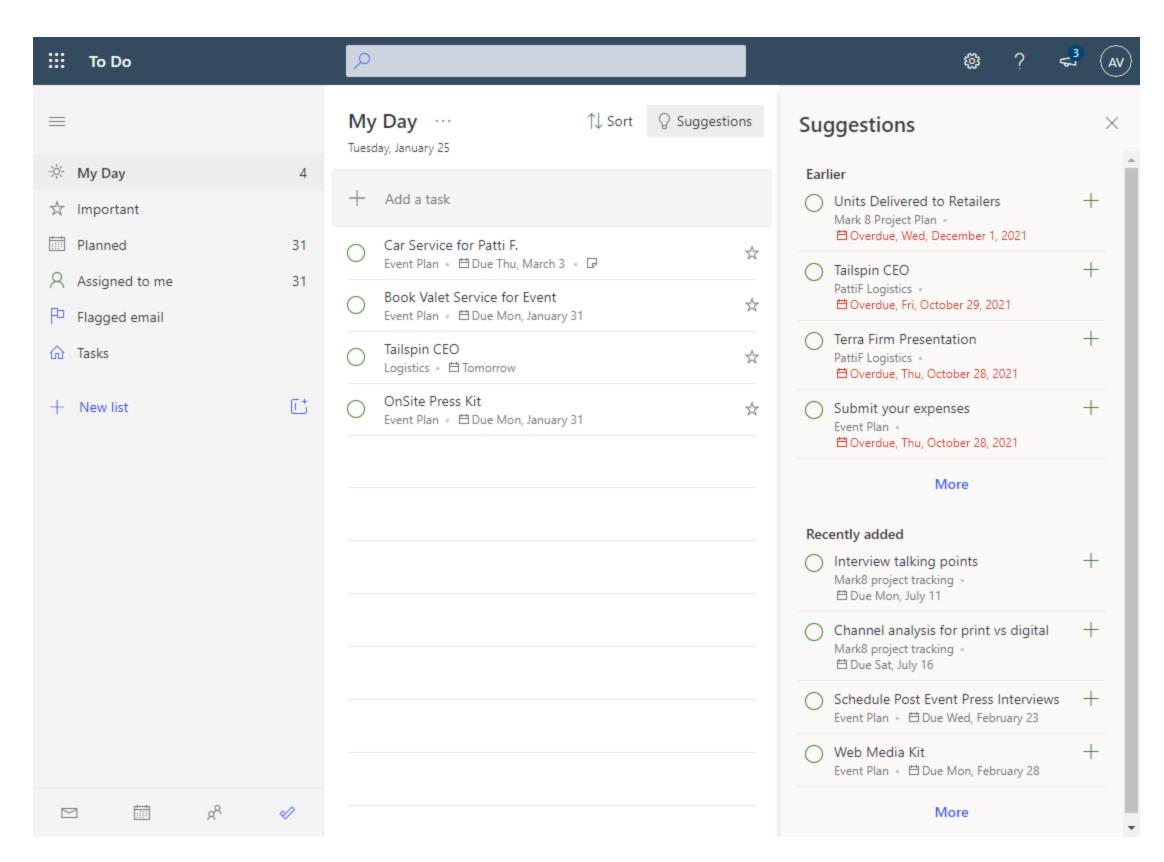
Create your own list(s)

Aggregates other tasks

Tasks assigned to you in Planner

Flagged e-mails from Outlook

Build "My Day" from all your tasks lists and stay focused





Demo



Microsoft To-Do in action





Microsoft Project

Easily plan your projects with the power of dynamic scheduling based on effort needed, project duration, and allotted team members.



Microsoft Project



Complete project management tool

Great for medium and large projects

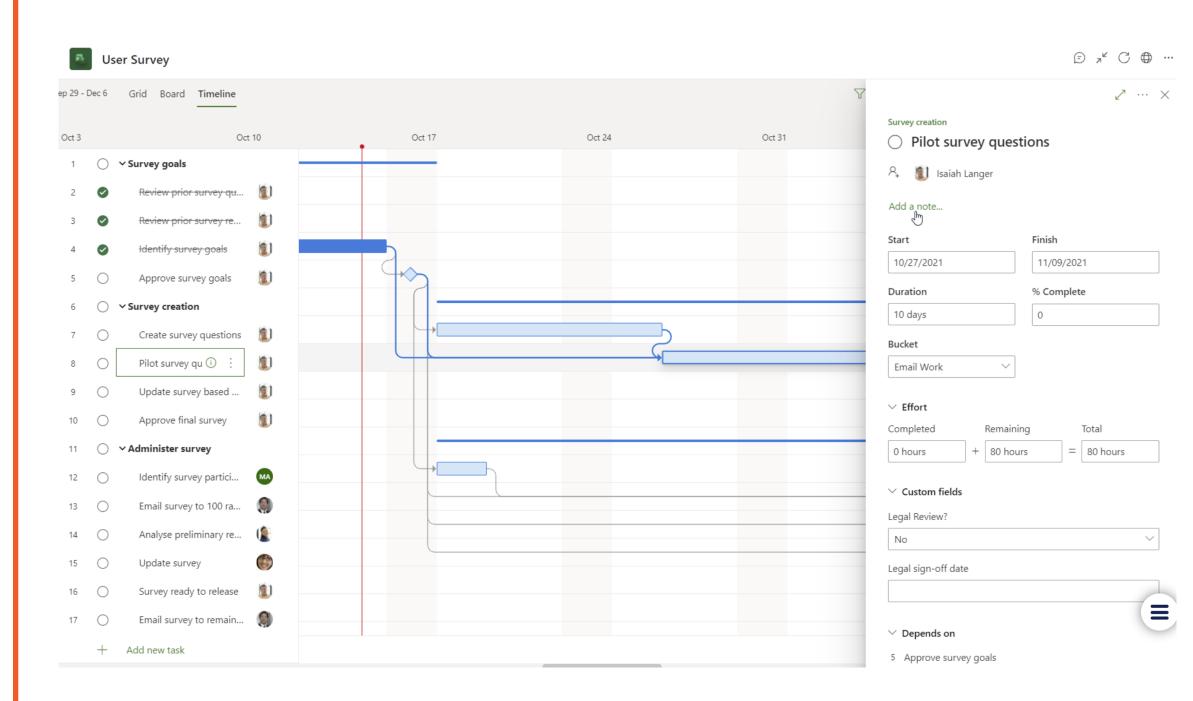
Timeline view (Gantt chart)

Sub-tasks / dependent tasks

Resource planning

Timesheets

Cross project reports





Two Different Options in Microsoft 365

Project for the web

Project Online &

Project Online desktop client



Project Requires Additional Licenses

Compare project management solutions and costs

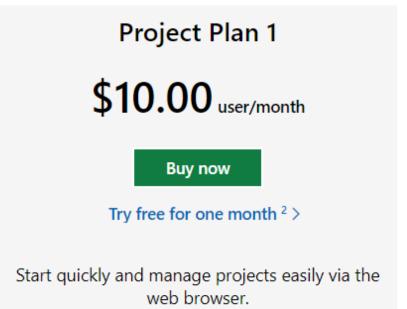
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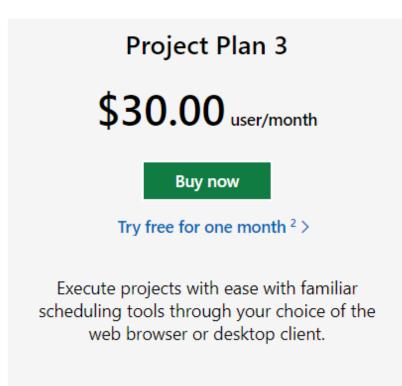
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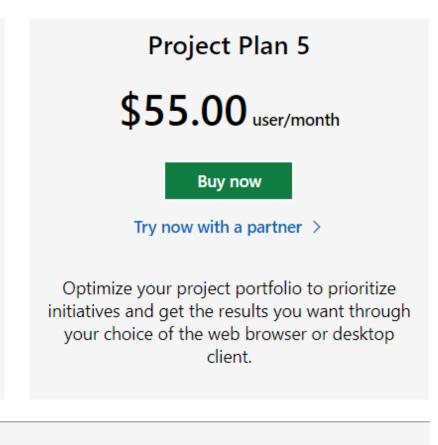
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Project Online Essentials¹

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Project Home

Starting in a centralized view, create new projects easily, quickly access important, top-of-mind projects, or open projects most recently worked on.







When should I use Planner and when should I use Project for the web?

Planner will remain the right starting point for individuals and teams collaborating on tasks. Project for the web offers the perfect "grow-up" tool for individuals and teams using Planner who find they need things like a grid view, dependencies, scheduling, and a timeline (Gantt) view.

Find a full comparison between

Planner
Project for the web
Project Online

https://support.microsoft. com/en-us/office/whatis-project-for-the-webc19b2421-3c9d-4037-97c6f66b6e1d2eb5?ui=enus&rs=en-us&ad=us

Feature	Planner	Project for the web	Project Online & Project Online desktop client
Task management	✓	✓	✓
Board view	~	~	✓
Teams and assignments	~	~	✓
Grid view		~	✓
Timeline view (Gantt)		~	✓
Dependencies		~	✓
Scheduling		~	✓
Roadmaps		~	✓
Advanced PM (baselines, critical path, and so on)			✓
Resource management			✓
Financial management			✓
Program and portfolio management			✓



Conclusion



Microsoft Planner

- Kanban style task management
- Built-in analytics

Microsoft To-Do

- Personal task list in Microsoft 365
- Create your own + aggregate from other sources

Microsoft Project

- Complete project management tool
- Requires extra licensing



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Collect Information with Microsoft Forms

