

Microsoft Planner FAQ

This document addresses frequently asked questions related to the launch of the new Microsoft Planner, a unified work management solution. [Public preview](#) will be effective March 12th and can be enabled if your organization has opted in to [Microsoft Teams Public preview](#). General availability of the new Planner will follow this Spring with Planner in Microsoft Teams (in-app version), and web experiences to follow later this year.

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The new Planner: FAQs	
What is the new Microsoft Planner?	The new Microsoft Planner is a single, unified work management experience. It brings together the simplicity of Microsoft To Do, the collaboration of Planner, the power of Microsoft Project, and the intelligence of Microsoft Copilot into a single, simple solution, that spans from individual task management to enterprise and professional project management.
Why are you launching a new Microsoft Planner experience?	<p>We've been hearing from customers and analysts that tool proliferation across work management apps can cause rework, missed opportunities, and reduced productivity. From individual workers to team leaders to professional project managers, users are asking for a simple, consolidated work management solution that can flex and scale to meet their needs.</p> <p>The new Microsoft Planner brings together our expertise in task management, collaborative work management, and enterprise work management into a single experience. Powerful, collaborative, scalable, and assisted by next-generation AI, the new Planner is designed to meet the needs of today's workforce and scale with you into the future.</p>
When will the new Microsoft Planner be available?	<p>In early 2024, the new Planner app in Microsoft Teams will be generally available and the current Tasks by Planner and To Do app in Microsoft Teams will be renamed to Planner.</p> <p>Sign up to be notified about when the new Planner app in Teams will be generally available.</p>

	<p>Later in 2024, the web experience of the new Planner app will be generally available. The features you know and love in Project for the web will be available in the new Planner Teams app and web app.</p>
<p>How does the announcement of the new Microsoft Planner impact Project customers?</p>	<p>In early 2024, the new Planner app in Teams will be generally available and the current Tasks by Planner and To Do app in Teams will be renamed to Planner.</p> <p>We don't expect this change to impact any existing user scenarios or functionality.</p> <p>Existing Project for the web customers will get access to the premium capabilities in the new Planner app in Teams as part of their Project for the web subscriptions, with no additional licenses required, while continuing to use the web experience.</p> <p>Later in 2024, the new Planner capabilities announced at Ignite 2023 will also be available as a web experience.</p> <p>In addition, there will be no change in name or product experience for Project desktop, Project Server, or Project Online.</p>
<p>What resources are available to help admins understand product changes and prepare users for the new Microsoft Planner experience?</p>	<p>Stay up to date on the latest announcements from Planner on the Tech Community Blog.</p>
<p>I already moved to Project for the web. What will happen to my work?</p>	<p>Your work and projects within Project for the web, as well as all the features you know and love, won't be impacted.</p> <p>Existing work will continue to be available to you in the web experience of Project for the web. You will also be able to view your work in the new Planner app in Teams.</p> <p>Later in 2024, the new Planner web experience will become generally available, where you will be able to access Project for the web capabilities and the additional capabilities of the new Planner announced at Ignite 2023.</p>

<p>Is there any change in pricing with this announcement of the new Microsoft Planner?</p>	<p>The new Planner will maintain current Project for the web pricing tiers for Project for the web capabilities.</p> <p>For current users of Project for the web, the capabilities they know and love today will continue to be available in Project for the web—as well as in the new Planner app in Teams in early 2024—followed by a new Planner web experience later in 2024, with no impact to price.</p> <p>Pricing for Copilot in Planner will be announced shortly.</p>
<p>What changes should current users of Project for the web, Planner, and the Tasks by Planner and To Do app in Teams expect to see in the coming days?</p>	<p>Tasks by Planner and To Do app in Teams users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In early 2024, Tasks by Planner and To Do will be renamed Planner. This app will receive the new Planner experience announced at Ignite 2023 bringing together your work across plans, projects, and to-do lists. <p>Planner web app users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later in 2024, we will bring the new Planner capabilities and experiences announced at Ignite 2023 to the Planner web app, ensuring experiences are aligned across Planner web and the Planner app in Teams. <p>Project for the web users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project for the web remains available with no change to the existing app functionality. • In early 2024, you can also view your Project for the web work in the new Planner app in Teams. • Later in 2024, after the new Planner app is available for the web, users will be able to use the new Planner web app to access Project for the web capabilities. <p>Project Power app users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later in 2024, this app will be renamed Planner. Existing app functionality will not change.
<p>With the rebranding of Project for the web to Planner, will Project be retired?</p>	<p>No, Project is not being retired.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project for the web capabilities are becoming part of the new Planner. • Project desktop, Project Online, and Project Server will continue to be available and supported for both existing and new customers.

<p>I am a current Project Online customer. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>Current customers can continue to use Project Online. There is currently no end of service date for Project Online.</p>
<p>I am a current Project Online customer, interested in moving to Project for the web (to be renamed Planner). How can I begin migration?</p>	<p>Microsoft is funding a pilot migration program that targets data migration between Project Online and Project for the web. This program, supported by a vendor, will assist in planning and migrating customer data.</p> <p>The pilot program is available for a limited number of customers. Contact ProjectPilotProgram@microsoft.com to learn more.</p>
<p>I am a current Project desktop and/or Microsoft Server customer. Where can I find more information?</p>	<p>Project desktop and Project Server will continue to be available and supported for both existing and new customers.</p> <p>Additional details on Project Server are available below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013: Project 2013 - Microsoft Lifecycle • 2016: Project Server 2016 - Microsoft Lifecycle • 2019: Project Server 2019 - Microsoft Lifecycle • 2021: Project 2021 - Microsoft Lifecycle • Subscription Edition: Project Server Subscription Edition - Microsoft Lifecycle
<p>Changes to the Tasks by Planner and To Do app in Teams</p>	
<p>What is changing in the Tasks by Planner and To Do app in Teams?</p>	<p>In Spring 2024, Tasks by Planner and To Do will be renamed Microsoft Planner. This app will receive the new Planner experience: bringing together your work across plans, projects, and to-do lists.</p>

<p>What is the difference between the Tasks app by Planner and To Do and the new Planner app in Teams?</p>	<p>The new Planner app in Teams will include all the collaborative capabilities that the Tasks app by Planner and To Do users trust and love today, plus new simple, intelligent features to power plans and projects. The new Planner app will include a dedicated “My Tasks” and “My Day” view that aggregates tasks assigned to you across basic plans, from Teams meeting notes, tasks from Microsoft Loop components, etc.</p> <p>Additional premium capabilities of the new Planner app include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copilot in Planner (we will share more about pricing and details for Copilot in Planner in the coming months). • Views that allow you to drill down on priorities like timeline, people, goals, custom fields, and task dependencies. • Additional premium capabilities including sprints, baselines, portfolios, advanced Dependencies with Lead-Lag capability, People view, and goals (coming in 2024).
<p>My frontline workforce is using Tasks by Planner and To Do in Teams. What does the new Planner announcement mean for them?</p>	<p>The new Planner app will continue to support frontline workers with both task publishing and APIs for frontline task automation. You will continue to get all the recent frontline features we’ve released, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich text for task notes. • Ability to require users to complete a checklist before completing a task. • Ability to allow task publishers to choose recipients to notify when publishing/unpublishing task lists. <p>Coming Spring 2024, new frontline task features will ship as part the new Planner.</p>
<p>Will the new Planner capabilities in Microsoft Teams be available for desktop, web, and mobile?</p>	<p>We are taking a scenario-based approach to prioritize capabilities on different surfaces and endpoints.</p> <p>At launch, most of the new Planner capabilities will be first available for desktop and web, with select mobile-first capabilities such as My Tasks, My Day, and Frontline features also available in Teams mobile. Give us feedback on the capabilities from the new Planner you would like to experience in mobile.</p> <p>Stay up to date via the Microsoft 365 Public Roadmap for updates on future capabilities including mobile experiences.</p>

<p>Today, I can search for and install Project inside of Teams Channels. What will happen to that feature with the new Microsoft Planner?</p>	<p>You will continue to have the option to add Project as a tab in a Teams channel. In early 2024, the Project tab will be renamed to Planner.</p>
<p>Microsoft To Do</p>	
<p>How does this announcement impact Microsoft To Do?</p>	<p>This announcement does not impact any existing user scenarios or functionality of To Do apps.</p> <p>Many To Do capabilities that you use and love today, such as My Day, My Tasks, Flagged Emails, and more, will be available to you in the new Planner app in Teams.</p>
<p>Enterprise Work Management</p>	
<p>For current Project for the web users, are there any added benefits of using the new Microsoft Planner?</p>	<p>Current Project for the web users will still be able to access product features they know and love in the new Planner.</p> <p>Additional capabilities of the new Planner include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copilot in Planner (we will share more about pricing and details for Copilot in Planner in the coming months). • New enterprise work management capabilities. <p>Current Project for the web users can now enjoy a clean, intuitive design of the new Planner that brings the simplicity of To Do, the collaboration of Planner, and the power of Project for the web in a simple, familiar experience.</p>
<p>Is a license required to use the new Planner?</p>	<p>Planner is part of Microsoft 365, which means customers with an eligible Microsoft 365 subscription can use it with no additional license required. Accessing premium capabilities will require a paid subscription. Customers</p>

	will have access to start a 30-day trial of premium capabilities directly from within Planner, as long as the administrator of their Microsoft 365 license has enabled trials within their organization.								
Who can install the new Planner?	Microsoft 365 administrators can install and enable Planner and assign users and security groups.								
How can I ask a question or send feedback about Planner?	If you have feedback on the new Planner, or would like to request a feature, please reach out! Submit your request or feedback .								
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Will colleagues with a Microsoft 365 license (not a Project Plan license) still be able to view task details and check off tasks for a Project/Plan created by a licensed user?	Planner is part of Microsoft 365, which means customers with an eligible Microsoft 365 subscription can use it with no additional license required. Accessing premium capabilities will require a paid subscription.								
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Will I be able to work across people licensed on Planner premium capabilities and	Yes, you will be able to share plans across Planner premium and Microsoft 365 Planner.								

<p>included in Microsoft 365, or does everyone need to be assigned a paid Planner license?</p>	
<p>Is the new Planner only going to show tasks from projects in a (default) environment? Or will it show tasks from any named environment project?</p>	<p>Planner in Teams will show projects in default environment on the GA date in April 2024. We are planning to support named orgs as part of the new Planner in Web work which is targeted later in 2024 (this may include adding support for named orgs in Planner Teams as well).</p>
<p>Will Microsoft 365 users that don't have additional subscriptions for Planner be able to view the premium features (e.g. Gantt charts) that users with Planner paid subscriptions create?</p>	<p>Microsoft 365 users have the ability to modify tasks in premium plans the same way they could in a basic plan. This means that they have edit access to capabilities like assigning a task, changing a task's start or finish dates, or adding an attachment to a task. A Project license is still required to view and edit premium capabilities like Gantt charts or goals. You can see the list of capabilities by license here.</p>
<p>If I have the desktop version of Project and a Project Online license, will I have access to the premium capabilities in Planner?</p>	<p>You will have access to Planner premium.</p>
<p>What are the changes to licensing for the new Planner that will be rolling out in April 2024?</p>	<p>Licensing will be announced very shortly.</p>

<p>How can I purchase the new Planner with premium capabilities?</p>	<p>You can purchase either through your Admin or individually. Customers will have access to start a 30-day trial of premium capabilities directly from within Planner, as long as the administrator of their Microsoft 365 license has enabled trials within their organization.</p>
<p>Are there feature differences between using premium plan features (i.e., Project for the web features) in commercial cloud vs. GCC?</p>	<p>In general, we try and keep consistency between GCC+ and commercial features. The expectation is to bring parity within 90 days of GA release. In certain cases, a feature may not roll-out in GCC+ because it may be irrelevant, experimental, or blocked there. Task history is one such feature difference.</p>
<p>Migration</p>	
<p>What happens to existing Planner and Project for the web projects? Are these existing project plans "migrated" behind the scenes when the new Planner app is enabled in our environment?</p>	<p>Non-premium plans will continue to be stored in Azure (like Planner today), premium plans will be in Dataverse. When you convert non-premium to premium plans, we will take care of the migration.</p>
<p>Will Power BI and Power Apps reports continue to work?</p>	<p>The Power Apps and Power BI reports built for Project for the web will continue to work.</p>
<p>Features</p>	
<p>Do the Tasks in Loop go into Project of the web? How does this work?</p>	<p>Tasks in a Loop component sync to Planner.</p>

<p>Will customers be able to disable Copilot features?</p>	<p>Not initially, but it is being looked at as a future capability.</p>
<p>Is Exchange Online required to use the new Planner experience?</p>	<p>For more information on Exchange Online dependencies with the new Planner, see Microsoft Planner for admins.</p>
<p>Is it possible to delay updating users to the new Planner, and then enabling the new Planner when they are ready?</p>	<p>No, it is not possible to delay updating users to the new Planner.</p>
<p>Microsoft Partners</p>	
<p>My customer has a customized version of Project Online. Will Microsoft help migrate these solutions to the new Planner, or is this a partner-led effort?</p>	<p>Native migration tools are available to simplify the movement of project data from a customer's existing Project Online environment to Planner. However, if an environment has more complex elements like custom code and integrations, the customer may enlist a Project partner.</p>
<p>Does Microsoft have resources to help with more complex Planner efforts and questions?</p>	<p>Yes, please contact wwplanproj@microsoft.com for any help needed.</p>