

What's New in MS Project 2016



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Agenda

1. Background/Introductions
 - ✓What is Lunch & Learn
 - ✓Your Expectations from this Webinar
 - ✓Introduction - myself
2. MS Project 2016
 - ✓What is new in MS Project 2016
 - ✓Demo of selected new features
 - ✓Is upgrading worth it?
3. Upcoming Learning Opportunities from RefineM
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5. Q & A

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Your Expectations

What are your expectations from this webinar?

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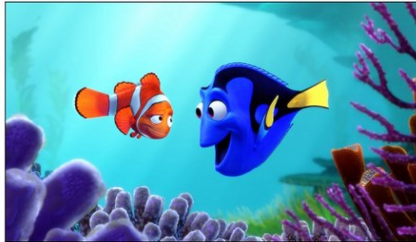
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What's New In MS Project 2016?



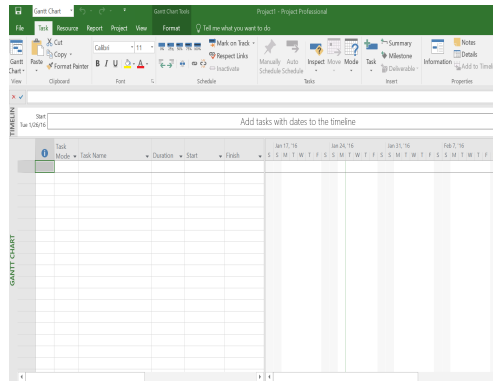
- About MS Project 2016
- History of MS Project
- Reviews of MS Project 2016
- Overview of New Features

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About MS Project 2016

- * Released in September 2015
- * First major upgrade since Project 2013
- * Professional version available as part of Office 365



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History of MS Project

- * 1984: First DOS version released
- * 1987: First Windows Version Released
- * 1995, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2007: Major upgrades
- * 2010: First version to include the Ribbon
- * 2013: More integration with other Office programs
- * 2016: Latest version

Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Project#History
<http://www.wellington.co.uk/microsoft-project-server-2016-new-features>

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Reviews of MS Project 2016

- * Received high marks from [TrustRadius](#)
 - ✓ TrustRadius is a site collecting software reviews from real users
 - ✓ Likelihood to recommend MS Project 2016 was 10
- * Pros listed from user reviews:
 - ✓ Good for planning, tracking, and reporting tasks and resources
 - ✓ Powerful Business Intelligence / dashboard reporting with PowerBI
 - ✓ Some companies found it to be effective for Agile/Scrum
 - ✓ Some used it for estimates, proposals, programs, and portfolios
 - ✓ Good integration with SharePoint, Visio, and Office365
- * Cons listed from user reviews:
 - ✓ Steep learning curve
 - ✓ Windows only
 - ✓ More expensive than many programs on the market



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Overview of New Features

- * Resource Management enhancements
 - ✓ Capacity Heat Maps
 - ✓ Resource Engagement Function
 - ✓ Designated Resource Managers
- * Multiple Timelines support
- * Web Add-Ins directly through Project 2016
- * Query Box ("Tell me what you want to do")
- * Project Server PowerBI and Integration



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Resource Management Workflows



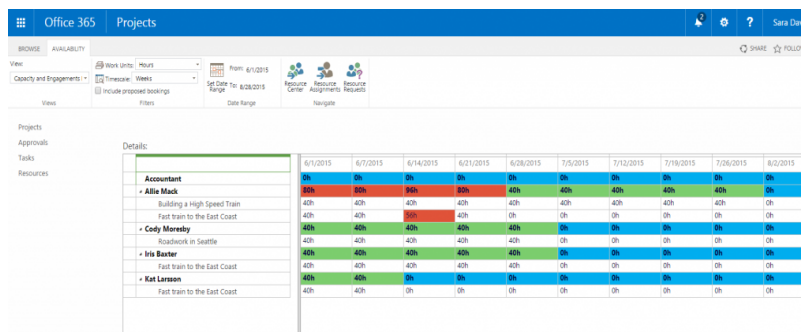
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Capacity Heat Maps

- * Capacity heat maps enable quick glance at resources



- ✓ Red means over allocated by default
- ✓ Blue is under allocated, green is properly allocated

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Screenshot Source: <https://blogs.office.com/2015/09/30/whats-new-in-project-2016/>

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Multiple Timelines



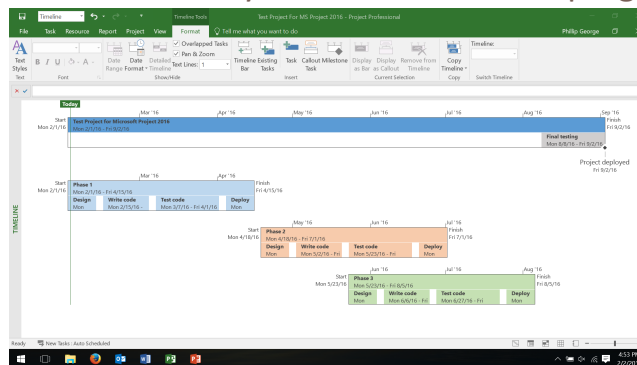
- How Do Multiple Timelines Work?
- Multiple Timelines Example
- Creating Multiple Timelines
- Sharing Multiple Timelines

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How Do Multiple Timelines Work?

- * PMs can create multiple timelines in Project 2016
- * Each timeline can be formatted differently
- * Timelines are easy to create and split into parts
- * Timelines are also easy to share with other programs



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Creating Multiple Timelines

1. Click on the Timeline view.
 - ✓ The Timeline Tools: Format menu should appear.
2. **Under Insert, click “Timeline Bar” to create a new bar.**
3. Click to select a timeline bar.
4. Highlight tasks you want to add from the Gantt view.
5. Right click and select “Add to Timeline.”
6. The tasks will appear on the selected timeline bar only.

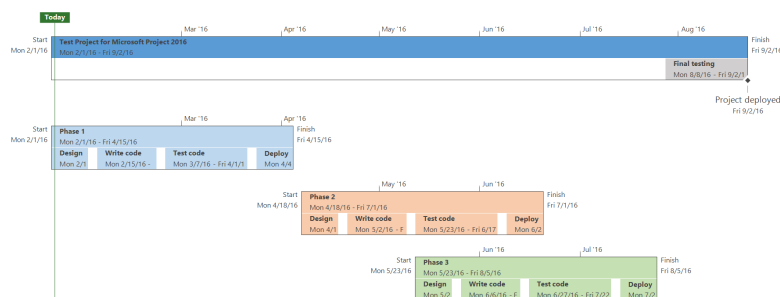


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Sharing Multiple Timelines

1. Click on the Format menu and select “Copy Timeline”
2. The timelines can be copied to:
 - ✓ Email, to fit inside a message
 - ✓ Presentation, to fit on a PowerPoint
 - ✓ Full Size, which is how it appears in MS Project



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Web Add-Ins



- Overview of Web Add-Ins
- Examples of Available Add-Ins

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Overview of Web Add-Ins

- * Add-ins are enhancements available for MS Project
- * As of 2016 version they can now read/write to Project
 - ✓ Read/write capability extends add-in functionality
- * How to access:
 1. Go to the Project menu.
 2. Select "My Add-Ins" from the Add-Ins ribbon.
 3. The Office Add-Ins box will appear.
 4. Click the "Office Store" button.
- * Some are free, others will have low to high cost

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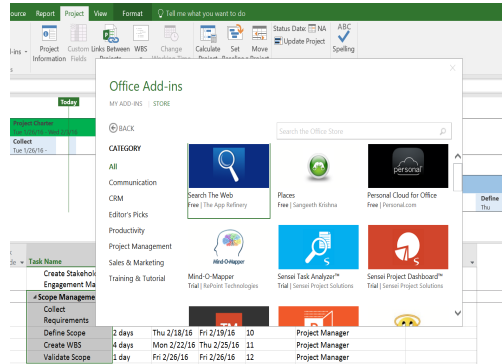
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Examples of Available Add-Ins

* Examples of available add-ins include:

- ✓ Task analyzers, to check for potential issues with tasks
- ✓ Project dashboards
- ✓ Timers
- ✓ Many others



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Query Box



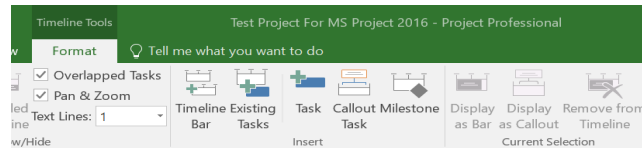
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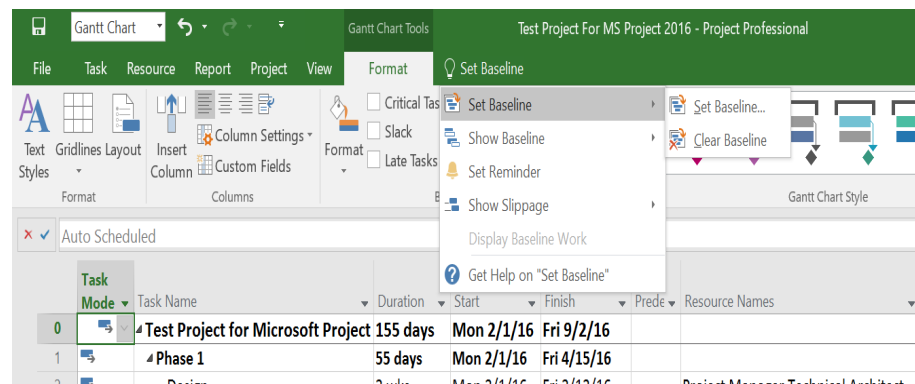
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Overview of Query Box

- * Other Office programs also have this change
- * Type something in “Tell me what you want to do”
- * Program will find commands matching your search



Query Box Example



Benefits of Query Box

- * Saves time from having to look for the right command
- * Access some commands with fewer clicks
- * Helps you discover commands you didn't know about



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PowerBI and Integration



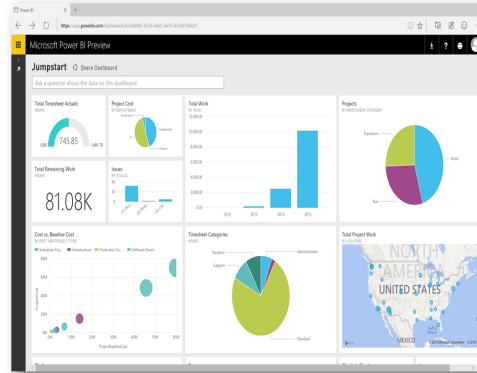
- Project Server PowerBI
- Integration with:
 - TFS
 - SharePoint
 - Visio



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Project Server PowerBI

- * Business Intelligence reporting through Project Server
- * Can be used to create dashboards to track progress



Source: <http://www.senseprojectolutions.com/wp-content/uploads/Power-BI-for-Microsoft-PPM-1.png>

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Integrations

- * Project tasks can show up in TFS
 - ✓ Displayed as Work Items in Visual Studio
- * Projects can be saved directly to a SharePoint
- * Reports can be exported to Visio

Source: <http://www.manageprojectsonsharepoint.com/blog/2015/05/12/my-top-5-new-microsoft-project-2016-client-features-from-the-microsoft-ignite-conference/>

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Demo of Selected Features



- Creating Multiple Timelines
- Installing and Using Web Add-Ins
- Using the Query Box

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Upgrading to MS Project 2016



- How to Upgrade
- Is Upgrading Worth It?
- Conclusion

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How to Upgrade

* Following versions of Project 2016 are out or coming:

- ✓ Project Standard and Professional
- ✓ Project Professional for Office 365
- ✓ Project Server 2016 (coming approx. Q2 2016)

* Versions can be mixed and matched

	Project Server 2013	Project Server 2016 (approx. Q2 2016)	Project Online
Project Standard/Pro 2013	Compatible	Will be compatible	Compatible until Fall 2016 (approximately)
Project Standard/Pro 2016	Compatible	Will be compatible	Compatible
Project Pro for Office 365	Compatible	Will be compatible	Compatible

Source: <https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/projectsupport/2015/09/23/project-2016-should-i-upgrade/>

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Is Upgrading Worth It?

* Upgrading is worth your time and money if:

- ✓ You use resource management heavily
- ✓ Your projects typically use a phased approach
- ✓ You plan to use multiple timelines
- ✓ You plan to use the PowerBI feature with Project Server

Otherwise probably not worth time and money

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Conclusion

- * Microsoft Project 2016 has several new features
 - ✓ Resource engagement workflow and capacity heat mapping
 - ✓ Multiple timelines
 - ✓ Web add-ins
 - ✓ Query box
 - ✓ PowerBI with Project Server
 - ✓ Integrations with TFS, SharePoint, Visio, other Office programs

If you need MS Project, now is a good time to get it



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First-Time Manager	Mar 16	Mar 30	Jun 01	
Leadership Skills for Project Managers	Mar 17	Mar 31	Jun 02	
Adv. Techniques in Risk Management				Mar 21
Is Quality Really Important?	Mar 23	May 02	Apr 07	
Lean 101	Mar 30	May 03	Apr 08	
Change Management	Apr 04	May 04	Apr 09	
Agile Fundamentals / Agile 101	Apr 07	May 04-05	Apr 04-05	
PMI-ACP® Exam Prep		May 04-06		
PMP® Exam Prep	May 09-12			
Risk Management for Projects		Nov 14	Jun 01	

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