

Overview

This Job Aid defines the steps to follow for creating a new project in Sensei IQ.

All new projects should be created in Sensei IQ. This allows you to capture key high-level information about the project and most importantly define the Project Type.

There are six (6) core actions required for creating a new project. Define the project is a required action, the remaining actions will be based on your project delivery requirements.

1. Define the project
2. Build project from an existing schedule or template
3. Capture key dates
4. Identify deliverables
5. Create resource requests
6. Record the project budget

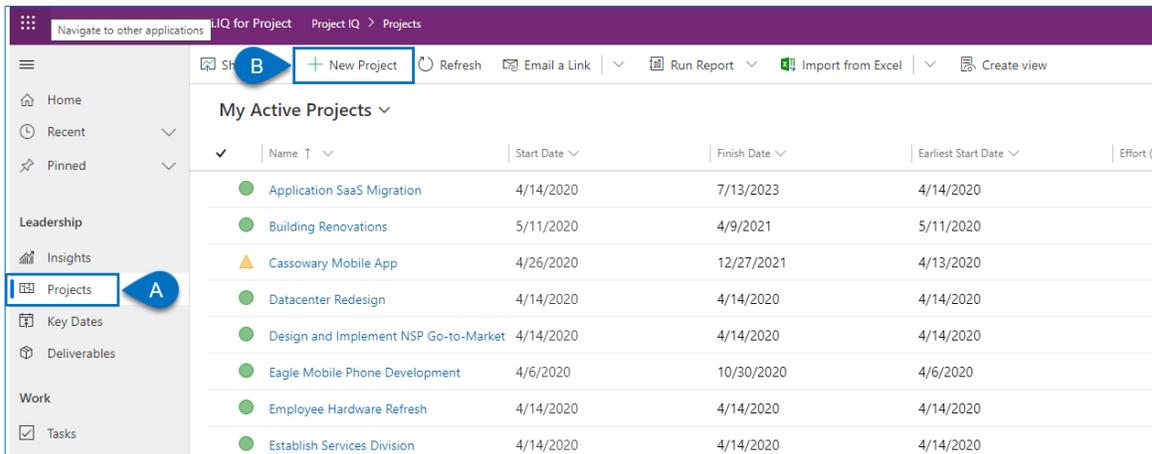
Define the project

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 **Project IQ – New Blank Project**

1. DEFINE THE NEW PROJECT

- a. Ensure you are in **Project IQ**, click **Projects** in the **Leadership** section.
- b. Click **+ New Project** from the command bar.



- c. Fill in the **Name** field. It is mandatory and it should be clear and concise to help users identify the project in screens, reports, and dashboards
- d. Provide additional details about the project in the Description field.
- e. Select the **Project Type** based on organizational standards to define the type of project being created.
- f. Select the **Project Schedule** and **External Project** (if appropriate)

The screenshot shows the 'New Project' form with the following fields and callouts:

- Name ***: Text input field containing 'New Project' with callout **C**.
- Project Type**: Dropdown menu with callout **E**.
- Description**: Text area with callout **D**.
- Project Schedule**: Dropdown menu with 'Project Online' selected and callout **F**.
- Suggested projects**: A scrollable list of project names with callout **F** pointing to the list area.

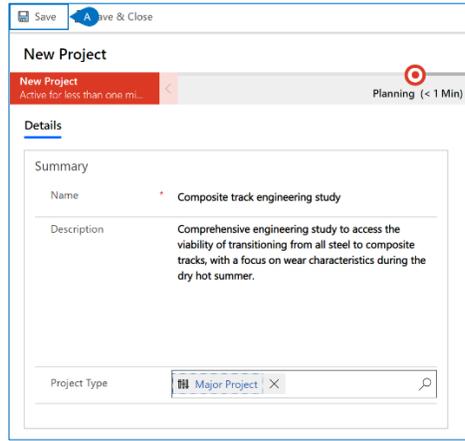
- g. If the external project is **Planner**, **Create a new group** or **select an Existing Microsoft 365 group** for the project. If you use an **existing M365 group** you can link to an **existing Planner plan** or **create a new one**.
- h. **Add team members** to the M365 group.
- i. Enter a **name for the Planner Plan** (defaults to the IQ Project Name)
- j. Define whether the **same M365 group** should own both the **IQ Project and Planner plan**.

The screenshot shows the 'New Project' form with the following fields and callouts in the Microsoft 365 Group section:

- Project Schedule**: Dropdown menu with 'Planner' selected.
- Microsoft 365 Group***: Radio buttons for 'New group' and 'Existing group' with callout **G**.
- Group Selection**: Dropdown menu showing 'NP New Project Private' with callout **H**.
- Member Input**: Text input field with 'Enter a name to add a member' and callout **H**.
- Group Owner**: Profile card for 'Steve Caseley, Group Owner'.
- Planner Plan Name**: Text input field with 'Please enter a name for your Planner plan *' and 'New Project' with callout **I**.
- Ownership Question**: Text input field with 'Would you like the same Group to own your Project in Sensei IQ? *' and 'Please select...' with callout **J**.

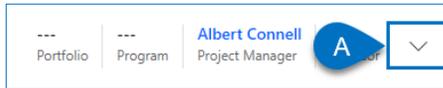
2. CREATE THE NEW PROJECT

- a. Select **Save** to create the project and apply the selected project type.

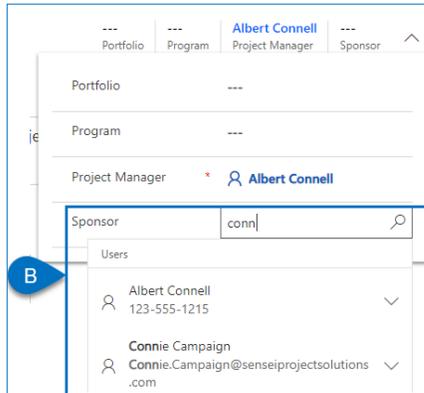


3. DEFINE THE PROJECT SPONSOR

- a. Identify the individual who is the project sponsor as this field is used for filtering views and reports. Select the **Down arrow** in the **header** area.

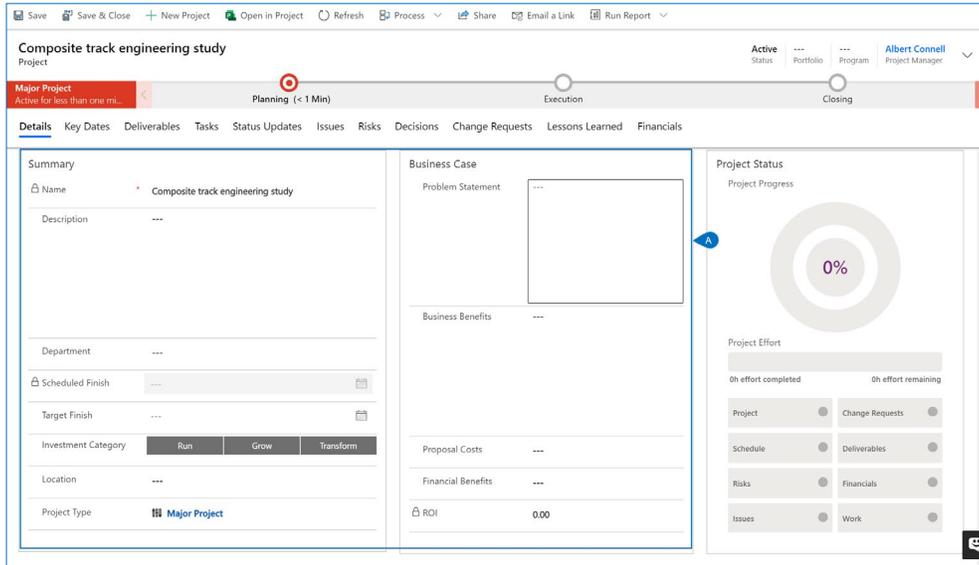


- b. Type the name in the **Project Sponsor** field (following your organization’s naming policies) to find and click on their name select the appropriate individual.



4. CAPTURE PROJECT DETAILS

- a. Complete the **Summary** and **Business Case** panes (or the appropriate forms defined by your organization’s Project Type).

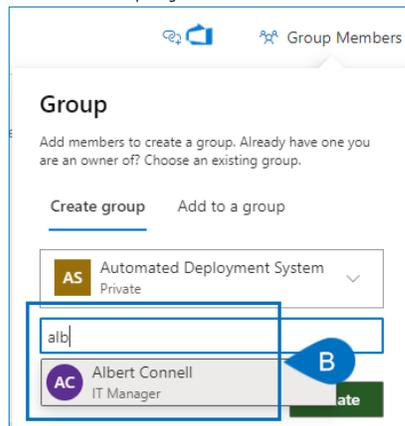


5. DEFINE THE PROJECT TEAM

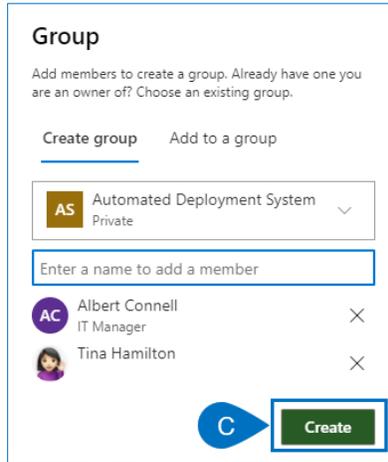
- a. Identify the **team members** by creating a Microsoft365 group specific to the project or associate the project to an existing group based on organizational policies by clicking on **Group Members**. If you **have synced the project with a Planner Plan**, the group **has already been defined**, but you should still **ensure all team members are included in the group**.



- b. Search for and **select the team members** for the project.



- c. Click **Create** to create the new group.

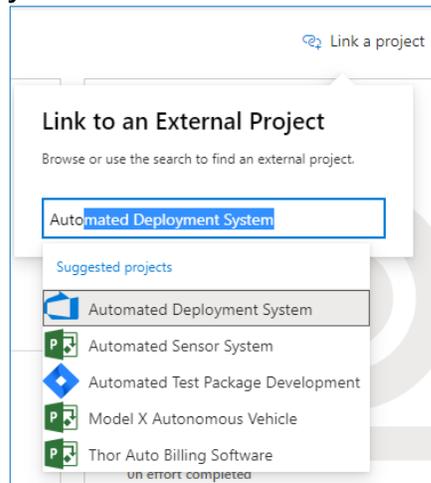


6. LINK THE PROJECT WITH AN EXTERNAL EXECUTION TOOL (IF APPROPRIATE AND NOT ALREADY DONE AS PART OF NEW PROJECT)

a. Click **Link a project**.

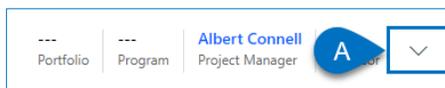


b. Search for and **select the external project**.

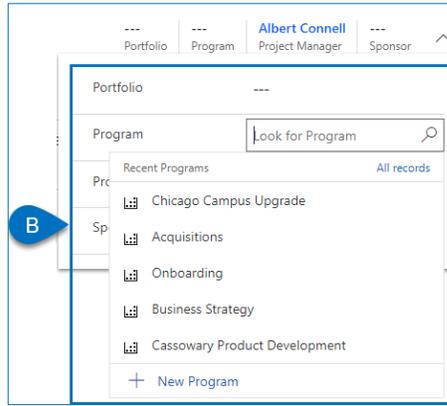


7. ASSOCIATE THE PROJECT WITH A PORTFOLIO OR PROGRAM (IF APPROPRIATE)

a. Select the **Down arrow** in the **header** area.



b. Select the **Portfolio** or **Program** from the drop-down lists. If required, you can create a new one at this time.



Build project from template

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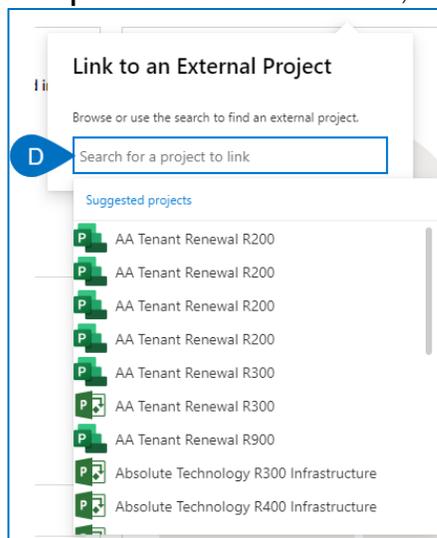
Project IQ – Current Project - Tasks

1. LINK THE PROJECT TO AN EXTERNAL EXECUTION TOOL (IF NOT ALREADY DONE IN DEFINE THE PROJECT SECTION)

- a. Ensure you have the appropriate project open in **Project IQ**.
- b. Ensure you are on the **Information Grouping** tab.
- c. Click **Link a project**.



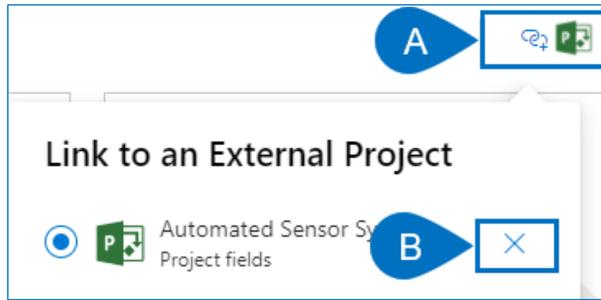
- d. Search for and **select the appropriate project**. (As Planner plans do not support many of the standard date, effort, duration and dependency principles, **Planner plans should not be used**)



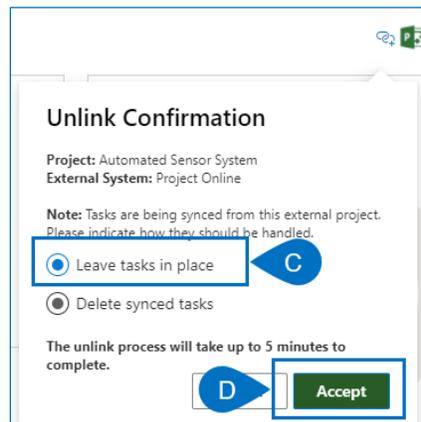
2. REMOVE EXTERNAL TOOL LINK BUT KEEP TASKS

- a. Ensure you've waited at least five minutes to ensure all the tasks from the execution tool have synced to your new project, **select the link icon** to the immediate left of the external tool icon.

- b. **Select the X** to remove the link.

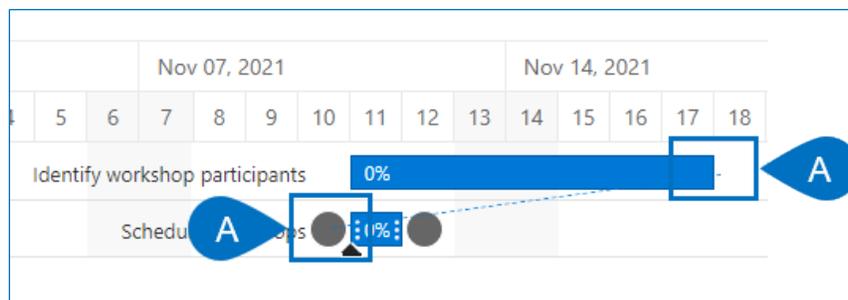


- c. **Ensure Leave tasks in place is selected.**
- d. Click **Accept**.



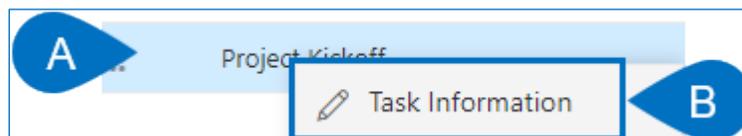
3. ADD TASK DEPENDENCIES

- a. Add **appropriate dependencies** by clicking and dragging from the **ending circle on the predecessor task** to the **beginning circle of the successor task**.

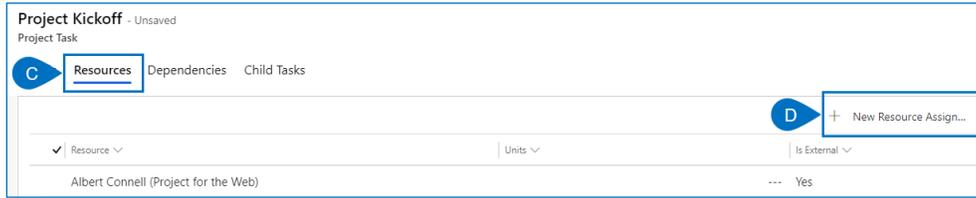


4. REPLACE EXTERNAL RESOURCES WITH NAMED RESOURCES

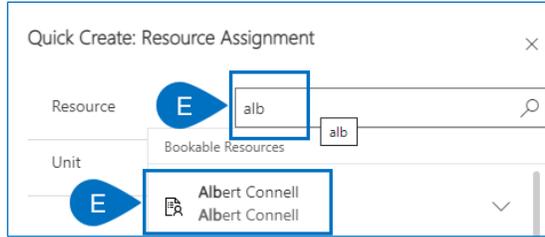
- a. Right mouse click on the task you need to replace the resource.
- b. Select Task Information



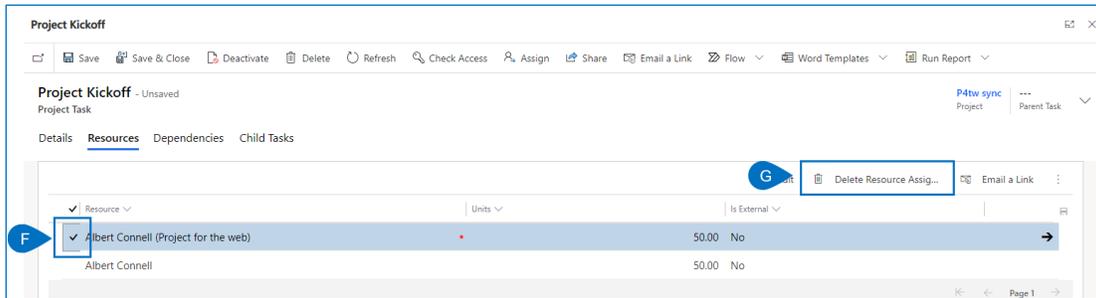
- c. Go to the Resources tab
- d. Click New Resource Assignment



e. Search for and select the new enterprise resource.



- f. **Select** the external tool **synchronized resource**.
- g. Click **Delete Resource Assignment**.



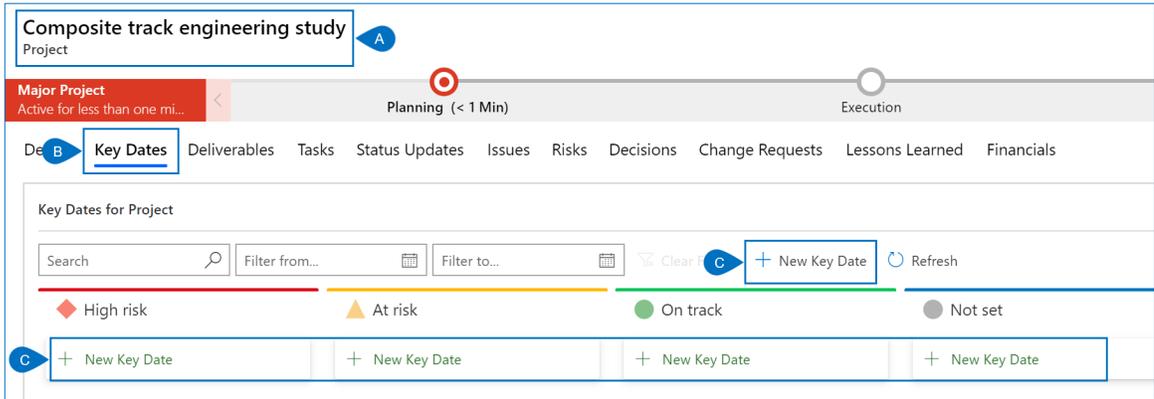
Capture Key Dates

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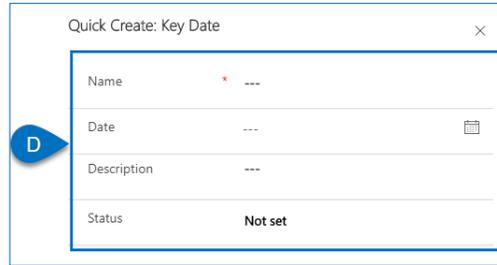
Project IQ – Current Project – Key Dates

1. CAPTURE KEY DATES

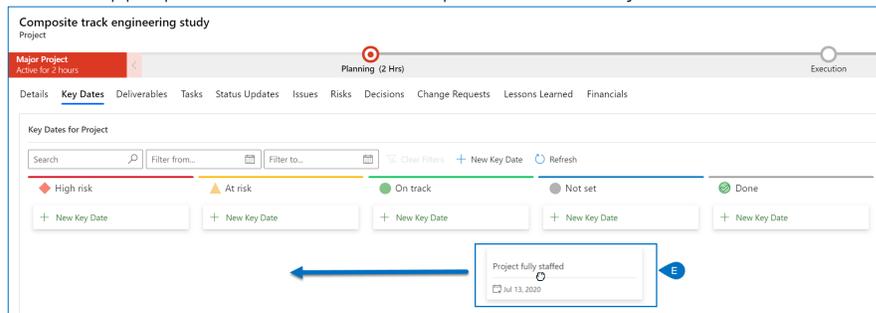
- a. Ensure you have the appropriate project open in **Project IQ**.
- b. Click the **Key Dates** tab.
- c. Click **+New Key Date**.



d. Complete the **Quick Create Key Date** form and then click **Save and Close** from the bottom.



e. Set the status by dragging and dropping the **Key Dates** card to the appropriate **Status** column. If you used the **+New Key Date** under the appropriate KPI column this step is not necessary.



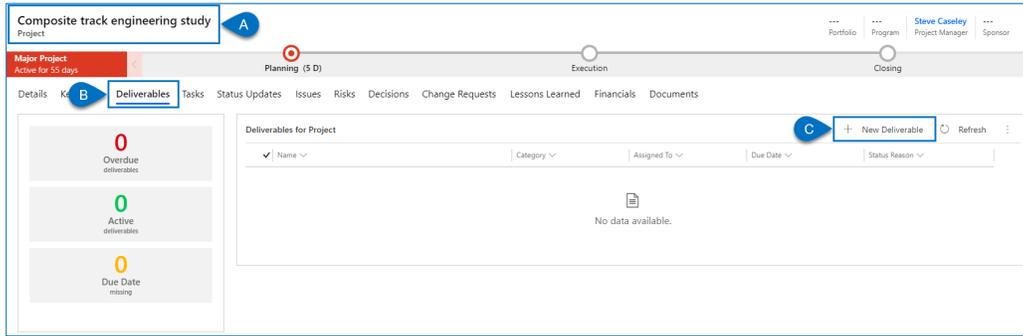
Identify Deliverables

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Project IQ – Current Project – Deliverables

1. IDENTIFY DELIVERABLES

- Ensure you have the appropriate project open in **Project IQ**.
- Click the **Deliverables** tab.
- Click **+New Deliverable**.



d. Complete the **Quick Create Key Date** form and then click **Save and Close** from the bottom.

Quick Create: Deliverable

Name	*	---
Description		---
Progress Update		---
Category		---
Assigned To		---
Due Date		---
Status		In Progress

Note: A blue callout 'D' points to the 'Progress Update' field.

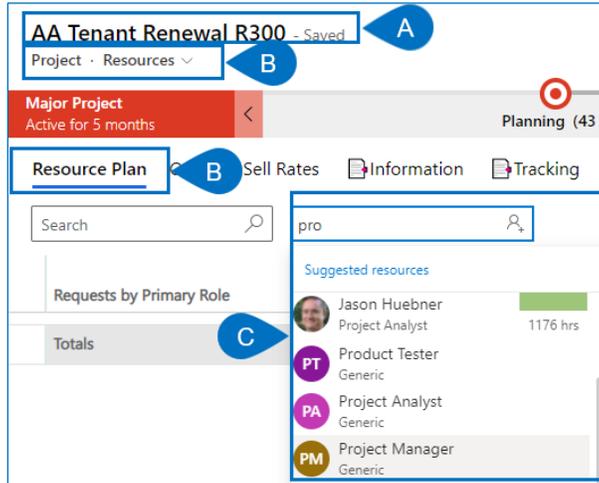
Create Resource Requests

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Project IQ – Current Project – Resource Plan

1. CREATE GENERIC RESOURCE REQUESTS

- Ensure you have the appropriate project open in **Project IQ**.
- Ensure you are on the **Resources Grouping** tab and select **Resource Plan**.
- Use the **Select a Resource** to add search box and **find the generic resource** you want to request for the new project.



2. DEFINE GENERIC RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

- a. Enter the **number of hours requested** per displayed time period for each generic resource.

Requests by Primary Role	Visible Period Total ←		February 2021			March 2021			April 2021			May 2021	
	P	C	P	C	A	P	C	A	P	C	A	P	C
Totals	325.0	0.0			0.0	125.0		0.0	125.0		0.0	75.0	
Project Manager	325.0	0.0			0.0	125.0		0.0	125.0		0.0	75.0	
Generic	325.0					125			125			75	

3. SUBMIT RESOURCE REQUESTS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

- a. Once all requests have been defined, click Submit and Save to submit the resource requests.

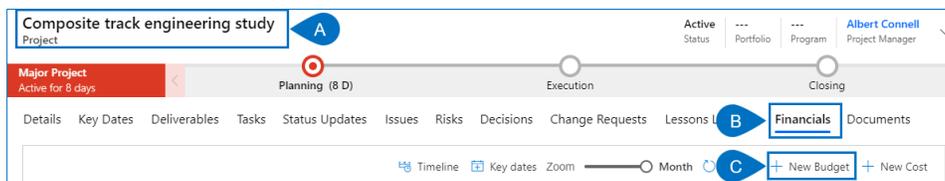
Record the project budget

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Project IQ – Current Project - Financials

1. CREATE THE PROJECT BUDGET

- a. Ensure you have the appropriate project open in **Project IQ**.
- b. Click the **Financials** tab.
- c. Click **+New Budget**.



- d. Complete the **New Budget** form. The **Name** and **Financial Category** fields are mandatory

There are two methods to enter budgets depending on the data you need to enter. Generate Transactions with will allow you to spread a budget amount evenly over a set period of months which can be contoured afterward. Or you can add budget line items individually by entering the data in the transaction lines directly and using +Add Transaction to add additional lines.

- e. Click the **Generate Transactions** button if you have a set dollar amount that needs to be spread evenly over a number of months.

New Budget

Please ensure all transactions have a date selected and a value entered.

Name *

Hardware

Financial Category *

Opex

Department

IT

Note

Transactions

Only transactions with a date and a value will be saved.

Generate Transactions + Add Transaction

Date Budget Note

Total: \$0.00

- f. Enter the **approved budget amount** and the budget **start** and **end dates**.
- g. Click **Generate** to have the budget amount spread across the desired dates.

Generate Transactions

Enter a value to distribute evenly between monthly transactions between the two dates below.

Amount to distribute

\$

Start date

End date

Generate Cancel

- h. **Edit** any individual monthly budget amount to **contour the budget**.
- i. Or, Click **+ Add Transaction** to add additional months to the budget. This can also be done without using the Generate option if you have a one time amount to be entered or need to enter varied amounts.
- j. Enter the **date** and **amount**.

Transactions

Only transactions with a date and a value will be saved.

Generate + Add Transaction

Date	Budget	Note
1 Jul 2020	\$ 10000	
1 Aug 2020	\$ 10000	
1 Sep 2020	\$ 10000	
1 Oct 2020	\$ 10000	
1 Nov 2020	\$ 10000	
Total:	\$50,000.00	