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## Microsoft Project Import & Export



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### How do you import Microsoft Project files?

You can **import** project files from Microsoft Project into the Gantt scheduler. You can also **export** projects from the Gantt scheduler and import them into Microsoft Project. When tasks are imported from MS Project into the TRIRIGA project, the #column in the task table of the Gantt scheduler displays a non-zero number. When you create a task directly in the Gantt scheduler, the # column displays a 0.

To import a Microsoft Project project into the Gantt scheduler, perform the following steps:

**Step 1.** Open an existing TRIRIGA project or create a project, complete the required fields, and click **Create Draft**.

#### Notes:

- By default, the import process adopts the TRIRIGA project plan start date for the import. If you want to retain the **original** planned start date from the **MPP** file, clear the TRIRIGA project plan start date, and save the project before you go to Step 2.
- The MS Project import will **not** automatically schedule the imported project plan if the TRIRIGA server is using **GANTT\_STRICT\_MODE=MINIMAL** or FALSE. The Gantt scheduler will do the scheduling.

**Step 2.** Click the **Import From MS Project** action.

**Step 3.** In the Project Importer, in the Details section of the **General** tab, click the **Import File** icon and select an **MPP** file.

**Step 4.** Select a **Task Type** for the imported tasks (**Schedule**, **Work**, or **Inspection**).

**Step 5.** Click **Import**.

### Microsoft Project Import File.

### Microsoft Project Tasks Imported into Gantt Scheduler.

#	Re	ID	Task Name	Planned Start	Planned End	Planned Duration
0	1027	1027	Review design requirements	01/06/2016 25	01/07/2016 25	1 Day
0	1027	1027	Establish vendor data requirement	01/06/2016 25	01/09/2016 25	3 Days
0	1027	1027	Rough framing	01/13/2016 25	01/23/2016 25	1 Week 3 Days
1	1000	1	Site work	01/20/2016 08:00	03/31/2016 08:00	9 Weeks 6 Days
2	1000	2	Systems	01/20/2016 08:00	03/31/2016 08:00	9 Weeks 6 Days
3	1000	3	HVAC	01/20/2016 08:00	02/17/2016 08:00	4 Weeks
4	1000	4	Seal ducts	01/20/2016 25	01/21/2016 25	1 Day
5	1000	5	Duct mains	01/25/2016 25	01/30/2016 25	5 Days
6	1000	6	Startup	02/01/2016 25	02/03/2016 25	2 Days
7	1000	7	Utility connections	02/03/2016 25	02/11/2016 25	1 Week 1 Day
8	1000	8	Install furnaces	02/15/2016 25	02/17/2016 25	2 Days
9	1000	9	Electrical	02/17/2016 08:00	03/05/2016 08:00	2 Weeks 3 Days
16	1000	16	Plumbing	02/29/2016 08:00	03/31/2016 08:00	3 Weeks 2 Days
0	1027	1027	Inspect foundation	03/07/2016 25	03/10/2016 25	3 Days

### How do you export Microsoft Project files?

A project can be created in the Gantt scheduler and **exported** into Microsoft Project. The existing tasks and imported tasks can be edited in the Gantt scheduler as needed. New tasks can be added and tasks can be removed. The project can then be exported for review or modification in MS Project.

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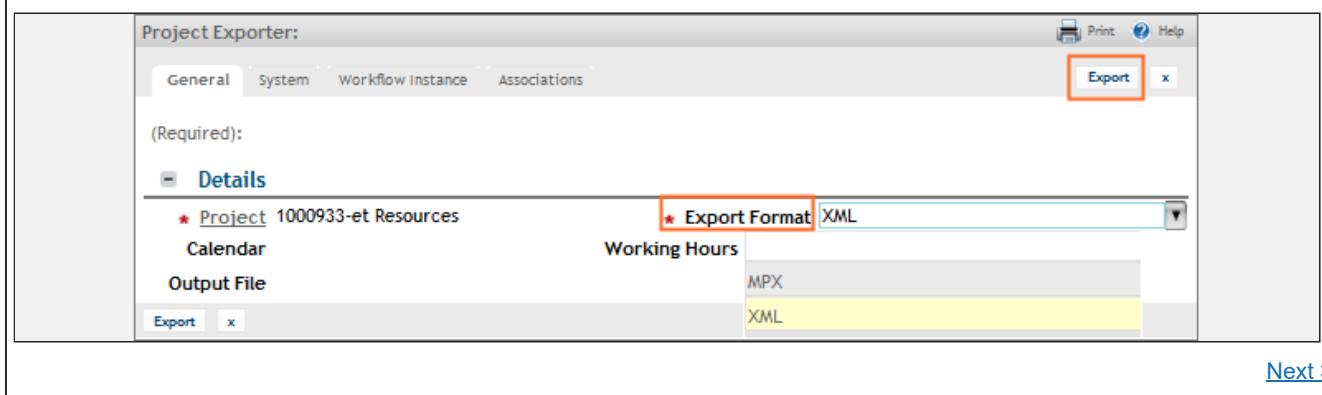
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To export the TRIRIGA project for Microsoft Project, perform the following steps:

**Step 1.** Click the **Export to MS Project** action.**Step 2.** Select an export format (**XML** or **MPX**).**Step 3.** Click **Export**.**Notes:**

- Microsoft Project 2013 and higher versions **no longer** support **MPX** format. If you export to MPX format from TRIRIGA, you need to use a third-party tool to convert the file from MPX to MPP to be able to open the file in Microsoft Project 2013 and higher versions.
- Other options include exporting to **XML** format, or importing the MPX file into an **older** version of Microsoft Project.

**Microsoft Project Export File.**


The screenshot shows the 'Project Exporter' dialog box. At the top, there are tabs for General, System, Workflow Instance, and Associations. On the right side, there are Print, Help, and Export buttons. Below the tabs, it says '(Required):'. Under the 'Details' section, there is a field labeled 'Project' with the value '1000933-et Resources'. To the right of this is a 'Working Hours' dropdown menu with 'MPX' and 'XML' options. There is also a 'Calendar' and 'Output File' section. At the bottom left is an 'Export' button, and at the bottom right is a 'Next >' link.

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