# MS Teams - Using PLANNER



Planner

Microsoft Planner is a task management tool, useful for streamlining collaboration and managing team workloads and projects in a visual way. It enables your team, your project and you, to be organized, on-task and work together, as all tasks and progress is visible to all Team members.

#### Adding a Planner Tab

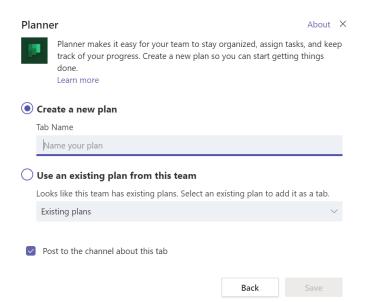
- 1. Open the **Team** and then the specific Channel to add the **Planner tab** to.
- 2. Click add a tab + button from the Channel Tab menu.



3. **Select Planner** from the list of Options



4. **Create** a new Plan and add a name. Multiple Planner tabs and multiple Plans are able to be used within a single Team or Channel. You can not use Planner on private channels.



5. Click **Save** and the Planner tab will be visible on the Channel Tab menu and the default Planner Home screen will be visible.

### Creating a new Task

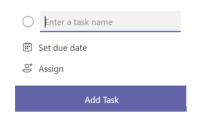
1. Open required Planner from the Channel Tab menu.



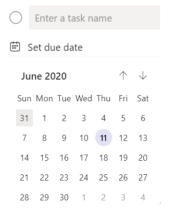
2. Click + on the Planner Home screen to add a new task.



3. Type task name.



4. Click Set due date.



5. Click Assign and type Team member's name, to assign a specific task to a person or multiple people. A list of Team members will be displayed, allowing quick selections from the list. Tasks in Teams can only be assigned to current Team members.



6. Click Add Task to save.

### **Deleting a Task**

At present any Team member can delete any task (their own or others) so only delete if necessary and that no one else in the Team needs the information. To delete a single task, **click** the options menu ... on the task box and select delete. Any Team member can delete a task. Tasks cannot be recovered once deleted.



#### **Grouping Tasks**

Tasks can be grouped using buckets. Each Team member may have their own bucket or buckets may be created to reflect important Project stages. Customise buckets to suit each plan and your specific Team or project requirements



Click Add **New Bucket** from the planner home screen, this option may be hidden and requite scrolling to the right, to view.

#### **Additional Task Functions**

Once a task is created there are additional options available via the details panel. Click the Task Name to view the detail panel and add additional information.

#### Available options:

Bucket Assign task to specific bucket

Progress Indicate the task stage (Not Started, in Progress, Completed)

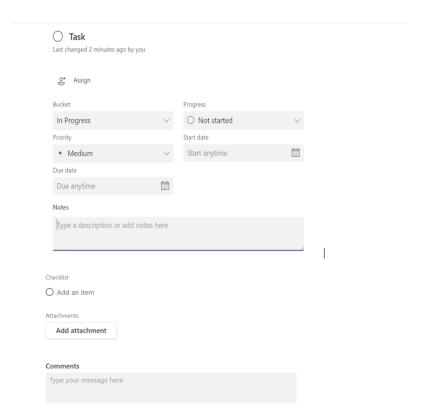
Start Date Set a date to start task

Description Add a detailed description of the task

Checklist Create list of sub tasks or task steps

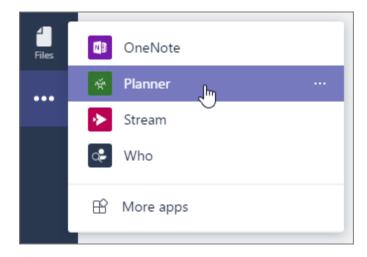
Attachments Attach files or documents for reference

Comments Send comments about Tasks, to Team members using tags (@membername)



## Planner Personal App

In Teams, in the left column, choose More options ..., and select Planner.



On the My Tasks tab, you can see all of the tasks assigned to you in Planner. The Recent and All tabs show you Teams-created plans you've recently looked at and a list of all plans you're a part of in Teams.