Work Item Sheets

A spreadsheet-style workspace for Azure DevOps — edit, bulk-update, group, filter and plan work items across projects, with every change saved straight back to the item.

Spreadsheet speed. Azure DevOps truth.

EDIT	COMBINE	PLAN
Inline and bulk edits on any field	Several projects in one live sheet	A Gantt-style timeline on the same items

Backlog work is grid work.

Grooming, triage and planning mean touching dozens of items in a row — the same sprint, the same owner, the same state. Work item forms are built for one item at a time.

WHERE THE TIME GOES

01 One item at a time — every change opens a form, saves and closes it again.

02 Project silos — related work spread across projects means switching tabs to see it all.

03 Export round-trips — spreadsheet exports drift from the source the moment they are made.

04 No visual read — status, risk and priority hide in columns until someone filters for them.

WHAT THE SHEET GIVES INSTEAD

INLINE EDIT	Click into a cell; titles, states, owners and custom fields update in place.
BULK UPDATE	Select rows and set one field across all of them.
MULTI-PROJECT	Items from several projects in one grid.
GROUP & FILTER	By sprint, assignee, priority or any field, with multi-column sort.
HIGHLIGHT	Conditional rules colour rows by field values.
PLAN	Switch the same items to a Gantt-style timeline.

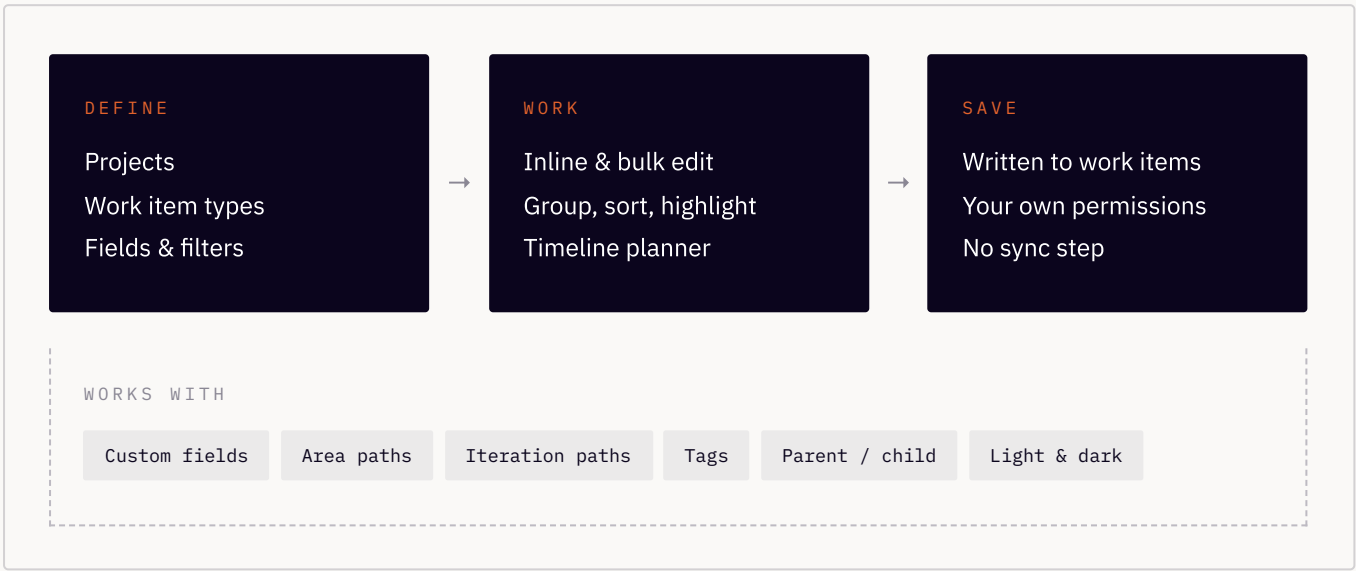
THE OUTCOME

Keep Azure DevOps as the system of record and give the people who groom it a faster surface. No import, no export, no copy-paste — the sheet is the work items.

FASTER GROOMING | ONE CROSS-PROJECT VIEW | NO EXPORT DRIFT

A live view, not a copy.

Sheets lives under Boards → Sheets. A sheet is a saved definition — projects, work item types, fields and filters — over live work items. Edits are written straight back, with no sync step.



YOUR PERMISSIONS, YOUR DATA

Reads and writes run with each user's own Azure DevOps permissions. Only sheet definitions and layout preferences are stored; Rixter has no access to work item data.

CLOUD AND SERVER

Supports Azure DevOps Services and Azure DevOps Server. On-premises installations are licensed per project collection.

CONSIDERATION	SHEET VIEW	PLANNER VIEW
Best for	Grooming, triage and bulk changes	Scheduling and sequencing
Interaction	Cell edits and multi-row updates	Drag-and-drop on a timeline
Structure	Group by any field; parent / child hierarchy	Hierarchy, grouping and its own timeline columns
Data	The same work items and fields	The same work items and fields

Build the sheet your meeting needs.

Teams get value fastest by replacing one recurring view — the grooming list, the triage queue, the release plan — with a shared sheet.

01 Install and open

Add it from the Visual Studio Marketplace, then Boards → Sheets → + New sheet.

02 Scope it

Choose projects, work item types, fields and filters.

03 Shape the view

Pick and order columns, group by sprint or owner, add highlighting rules.

04 Share it

Open it to the whole organisation or to named people; star the ones you use most.

05 Template it

Save the configuration as a template so other teams start from the same shape.

06 Plan on the timeline

Switch to the planner when sequencing matters.

WHERE TEAMS USE IT

PRODUCT	DELIVERY	QUALITY	PROGRAMME	PMO
Grooming across several projects	Sprint and owner changes in bulk	Bug triage with highlighting	Cross-team release timelines	Shared views without exports

THE TAKEAWAY

The fastest backlog tool never asks you to export, edit and re-import.

Bring spreadsheet speed to your backlog.

Free for teams of up to 10 users on Azure DevOps Services. Larger organisations get a 30-day trial — no credit card required.

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Work Item Sheets reads and writes with each user's Azure DevOps permissions and does not change process or field configuration. Queries of 5,000+ work items may load more slowly. Capabilities referenced were verified against Rixter and Visual Studio Marketplace public product material, October 2026.