

# Gantt Chart for Excel

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# 1. Gantt Chart

## 1.1 Background

A Gantt Chart is a type of bar chart that is useful for showing the scheduled and actual progress of a project. Developed by Henry Gantt in the 1917, the Gantt Chart is now regarded as the standard project management charting technique. Its simplicity allows it to be easily understood by many people and with the use of a computer software, a Gantt Chart can be generated and modified very quickly and easily.



calculation of the End Date takes into account weekends and holidays like Christmas and New Year. Holidays can be defined in the "Holidays (Input)" worksheet.

- DID\* - The predecessor's ID. The predecessor item needs to be completed before the start of this item. In this spreadsheet, the DID is used for the user's own tracking purposes. The spreadsheet does not enforce the dependency.
- PCT\* - Percent Completed. The spreadsheet will use this field to determine the actual progress to be displayed on the Gantt Chart. The amount of work that is completed is shown as a darker shade of black while the work in progress is shown a lighter shade of black.

| 3 | ID | Items*            | Start Date* | DY* | End Date | DID* | PCT* | tu | we | th | fr | sa | su | mo | tu | we | th | fr | sa | su | mo | tu | we | th | fr |
|---|----|-------------------|-------------|-----|----------|------|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 4 | *  |                   |             |     |          |      |      | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 5 | 1  | Project Analysis  | 12/01/09    | 14  | 12/18/09 |      | 20%  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
| 6 | 2  | Feasibility Study | 12/03/09    | 5   | 12/09/09 | 1    | 20%  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |

## 2.3 Holiday Inputs

The Gantt Chart spreadsheet allows weekend and holidays to be defined and encompassed into the schedules. Weekend and holidays are defined in the "Holidays (Input)" worksheet.

### 2.3.1 Weekend

In the diagram below, the first section shows the definition of weekend. A "Y" will indicate the particular day of week is a weekend holiday.

|    |                      |           |                                    |                        |
|----|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 3  | <i>Holiday every</i> |           | Y/N*                               |                        |
| 4  |                      | Sunday    | Y                                  |                        |
| 5  |                      | Monday    | N                                  |                        |
| 6  |                      | Tuesday   | N                                  |                        |
| 7  |                      | Wednesday | N                                  |                        |
| 8  |                      | Thursday  | N                                  |                        |
| 9  |                      | Friday    | N                                  |                        |
| 10 |                      | Saturday  | Y                                  |                        |
| 11 | <i>Holiday on</i>    |           | <b>Date (maximum of 40 dates)*</b> |                        |
| 12 |                      |           | 12/25/09                           | Christmas Day          |
| 13 |                      |           | 01/01/10                           | New Year's Day         |
| 14 |                      |           | 01/18/10                           | Martin Luther King Day |
| 15 |                      |           | 02/15/10                           | Presidents Day         |
| 16 |                      |           | 05/31/10                           | Memorial Day           |
| 17 |                      |           | 07/04/10                           | Independence Day       |
| 18 |                      |           | 09/06/10                           | Labor Day              |
| 19 |                      |           | 10/11/10                           | Columbus Day           |
| 20 |                      |           | 11/11/10                           | Veterans' Day          |
| 21 |                      |           | 11/25/10                           | Thanksgiving Day       |
| 22 |                      |           | 12/25/10                           | Christmas Day          |

### 2.3.2 Holidays

The second section allows holidays to be defined. It is important to define all the holidays within the 12-months schedule period. This will allow the Gantt Chart to incorporate all the holidays and generate an accurate schedule. The holiday's date is in "MM/DD/YY" format. The second column is used for describing the holidays and is optional. A maximum of 40 dates are supported, beyond which the holidays will be ignored.

## 2.4 Gantt Chart Outputs

This spreadsheet outputs a 12-months schedule in 12 different worksheets. Each worksheet displays the schedule for a particular month. The worksheets are named "Month 1", "Month 2" and "Month 3" etc. In each of the worksheet, a Gantt Chart is included to show the progress of the project.

| H           | I  | J  | K  | L  | M  | N  | O  | P  | Q  | R  | S  | T  | U  | V  | W  | X  | Y  | Z  | AA | AB | AC | AD | AE | AF | AG | AH | AI | AJ | AK | AL |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| December-09 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| tu          | we | th | fr | sa | su | mo | tu | we | th | fr | sa | su | mo | tu | we | th | fr | sa | su | mo | tu | we | th | fr | sa | su | mo | tu | we | th |
| 1           | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    |    |    |    |

The diagram above shows the Gantt Chart generated in one of the output worksheets. The top left hand corner displays the month of this Gantt Chart. Each worksheet contains a unique month over a 12-months period. The next two rows show the days of week and days of the month of the Gantt Chart.

The darker shade of black shows work that are completed and the lighter shade of black shows work that is still in-progress. The "x" shows the holidays defined in the "Holidays (Input)" worksheet.

