



Setting up the RBS – Project Server 2013

The purpose of this document is to help explain how to set up a Resource Breakdown Structure (RBS) for your organization with Microsoft Project Server 2013. The RBS is an important feature in that it can be used to help with security settings and reporting relationships. The RBS does NOT have to be an exact copy of your organization's established Employee Organizational Chart but that chart can be used as a starting point. For this example, we will be using a sample organizational chart. A visual representation of that chart can be found at the end of this document.

To set up an RBS, you need to be logged into Microsoft Project Server 2013 as an Administrator or as a user given permissions to create or modify custom fields. From the Home page of Project Web Access, select Server Settings under the Settings section.



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You are now in the Server Settings page. Under the Enterprise Data section, select Enterprise Custom Fields and Lookup Tables to define the RBS field and the Lookup Tables behind it.



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There should already be a default RBS option under the Lookup Tables for Custom Fields section. Find it and click on it. If there is not one there already, just create one. This will take you to the RBS Lookup Table. From here we will create our table to support our custom RBS field.

Lookup Tables for Custom Fields

Lookup Table ▲	Type	Last Updated
Cost Type	Text	7/22/2014
Department	Text	7/22/2014
Health	Text	7/22/2014
RBS	Text	7/22/2014

The Code Mask option box is simply defining how the levels will look. (Think of the levels as the reporting steps in an organizational chart.) In the example below, the sequence is Characters, the length



is any and the separator is “.”. This means that if we have four levels in our RBS, (three steps in an organizational chart) it would be formatted like this “one.two.three.four”.

The Lookup Table section is where we will define our levels and give them descriptive terms. In this example, the starting point has only one code mask defined, therefore we could only go to one level in our Lookup Table. Since we will be using four levels, then we would need four rows defined for the Code Mask since that’s how many levels deep we are going.

The following screenshot shows the default RBS lookup table with only one level and no values. (Note: It is common practice to use the word “Table” in your Lookup Tables to help differentiate the tables from the custom fields.)

Name
Type a unique name for the lookup table.

Name:

Type
The type for the lookup table.

Type:

Code Mask
Specify the code mask for the lookup table. The code mask defines for each level the number and sequence of characters that are allowed. For Length, you can type Any, or a number from 1 through 255. For the separator, type from one through three characters.

Code preview:

Code mask:

Sequence	Length	Separator
Characters	Any	.

Lookup Table
Edit the lookup table

Level	Value	Description



In the example below, you can see that we have added four levels to the code mask and you can see how those levels correspond with our organizational chart.

Define for each level the number and sequence of characters that are allowed. For Length, you can type Any, or a number from 1 through 255. For the separator, type from one through three characters.

Code preview:

Code mask:

Sequence	Length	Separator
Characters	Any	.
Characters	Any	.
Characters	Any	.
Characters	Any	.

Lookup Table
Edit the lookup table

Level	Value	Description
1	President	
2	Director of Marketing	
3	Manager of Marketing Research	
4	Ad Specialist	
4	Competitive Analyst	
3	Manager of Product Marketing	
4	Product Brand Specialist	
4	Product Lifecycle Specialist	
4	Pricing Analyst	
2	Director of Sales	
3	Eastern/Western Territory Manager	

Now that we have completed the Lookup Table, we can set up the Custom Field that will be displayed. Under the Enterprise Custom Fields section, select RBS.



Enterprise Custom Fields

Field	Department	Entity	Type	Behavior	Formula	Graphical indicators	Lookup Table	Last Updated
Baseline Indicator (Task)		Task	Number	Not required	Yes	Yes		7/30/2014
Baseline v Finish (Project)		Project	Number	Not required	Yes	Yes		7/30/2014
BaselineExistsProj		Project	Text	Not required	Yes	Yes		7/30/2014
Cost Indicator		Project	Text	Required	No	Yes		7/30/2014
Cost Task		Task	Text	Not required	No	Yes	1to4Table	7/30/2014
Cost Type		Resource	Text	Not required	No	No	Cost Type	7/30/2014
Flag Status		Task	Flag	Not required	No	No		7/30/2014
Health		Task	Text	Not required	No	No	Health	7/30/2014
Location		Project	Text	Required	No	No	LocationTable	7/30/2014
Project Departments		Project	Text	Editable in SharePoint Tasks List Projects	No	No	Department	7/30/2014
Project Status		Project	Text	Required	No	No	StatusTable	7/30/2014
RBS		Resource	Text	Not required	No	No	RBSTable	7/30/2014
Res Info		Resource	Text	Not required	No	Yes	Cost Type	7/30/2014
Resource Departments		Resource	Text	Not required	No	No	Department	7/30/2014
ResourceIndicator		Resource	Text	Not required	Yes	Yes		7/30/2014

In order for our Custom Field to work properly, we have to tell the field how to populate the information. We are going to associate our RBS Lookup Table with the RBS Custom Field.

Name
Type a unique name for the custom field.

* Name:

Description
Type a description for the custom field.

Description:

Entity and Type
The entity and type for this custom field.

Entity:

Type:

Custom Attributes
Choose whether the field has a lookup table, a calculated formula, or neither.

None

Lookup Table

Choose a value to use as a default when adding new items

Default value

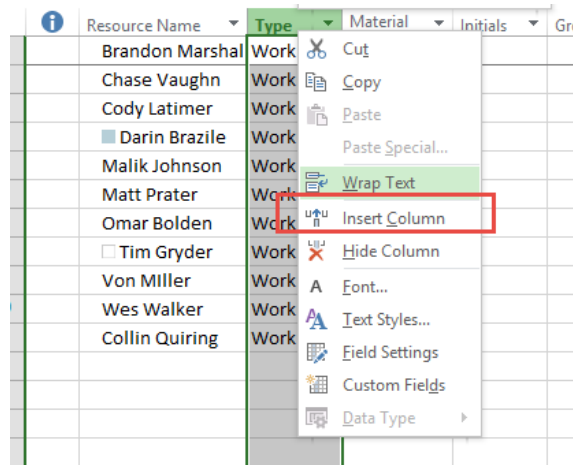
Only allow codes with no subordinate values

Allow multiple values to be selected from lookup table

Use this field for matching generic resources



Now we can open our Resources individually in PWA and enter information for each Resource. Or, we can go to the Enterprise Resource Global file and begin to populate the RBS field. Once in the Enterprise Resource Global file, right click and select Insert Column. Select RBS from the list of available fields to insert.





Once the RBS field has been added, click in the field to see the organizational chart from the RBS Lookup Table. Select the appropriate title for each Resource Name.

11	Collin Quiring	President.Director of Operations	Work
12	Bob Smith	President	Work
13	Katherin Jones	President	Vork
14	Glenn Frederich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [-] Director of Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [-] Manager of Marketing Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Ad Specialist ... Competitive Analyst [-] Manager of Product Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Product Brand Specialist ... Product Lifecycle Specialist ... Pricing Analyst [-] Director of Sales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [-] Eastern/Western Territory Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Salesperson [-] Northern/Southern Territory Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Salesperson [-] Director of Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [-] Warehouse Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Inventory Specialist ... Stock Clerk ... BOM Specialist [-] Order Processing Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Seasonal Order Processing Specialist ... Seasonal Order Puller ... Replenishment Order Specialist ... Replenishment Order Puller 	Vork

After assigning the Resource’s their appropriate RBS, save and close the Resource Global file.

The example below shows the organizational chart as a visual representation of the RBS. If you look at the chart below you will see the positions in the organization for Collin Quiring and Bob Smith we have matched the RBS to the organizational chart.

As a reminder, you do NOT have to match the RBS to the organizational chart and that was used as an example only because it is a common mindset and is easy to use in an example.

