



EPISODE 3:

Product Development Mantra: Veni, Vidi, Vici

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Identifying Closed Projects and their Closed Dates

Question from Anna: I'm looking for a convenient way to identify closed projects and their closed dates in our workspaces. I've tried the API and web services, but neither returns information on close projects. The only way I've found that works is time-consuming:

- From "Workspaces & Projects", filter projects by State = Good
- Click on each project individually and click on its "Revision History" and look for the project close date.

Is there a more efficient way to do this?

Super Rally Software Answer: First, you're right. Closed projects are out of bounds for the API, so you can't make queries to them.

However, there is a way to do what you're asking, but it's not straightforward.

You can query the Workspace object using the API, then fetch the Children field. That field includes the top-level projects of any given workspace. You can iterate over all the projects and look at their state. You'll see those marked 'Closed' in this collection.

Once you find a closed project, you can check its RevisionHistory and look into individual revisions. From there, you can further examine the Description field and look for "STATE changed from [Open] to [Closed]". The CreationDate of such a revision tells you when the project was actually closed. Remember that a project can be closed and reopened multiple times, so you need to make sure that you fetch the most recent revision of the description to capture the last time it was closed.

You can create a recursion to look into the 'Children' field of each project, as well as go through the entire project hierarchy to fetch all closed projects and the closing dates.

It's not super straightforward (and requires a script), but you can get it done.



How to Interpret the Calculated Risk Values into ROAM types for Risk?

Question from Ishaan: I understand that the calculated risk of Risk artifact is calculated by impact * probability and that the range is a number from 1 to 25. How do you know which rectangle in the Risk Matrix corresponds to the numbers between 1 and 25? When I raise a risk, how does it line up to ROAM using the Risk Matrix?



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Super Rally Software Answer: The values shown in Rally Software in the drop-down values for both the Probability and Impact fields (see below). The table you've provided is a 5 x 5 grid where the bottom-left corner is 1x1=1 and the upper-right corner is 5x5=25.

Calculated Risk
This is a calculated field, and cannot be edited.
Calculated risk is a measure of the severity of the risk that is based on the impact multiplied by the probability. You can use this value to determine which risks need to be mitigated. This chart shows the severity of calculated risk based on impact and probability.

Impact ↑	Medium	Medium	High	High	Critical
	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	High
	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	High
	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
	Very Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
→ Probability					

Calculated risk is an integer value from 1 to 25, calculated by multiplying the probability by the impact. You cannot edit the value, except by changing the probability or impact value.

With this information, you can make decisions about which risks to mitigate, which ones to plan for, and which ones to monitor or accept. For example:

Impact ↑	Plan	Plan	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate
	Monitor	Plan	Plan	Mitigate	Mitigate
	Monitor	Monitor	Plan	Plan	Mitigate
	Accept	Monitor	Monitor	Plan	Plan
	Accept	Accept	Monitor	Monitor	Plan
→ Probability					

Hope this helps.



Make Field Visible in Project, but Leave Child Projects Mixed

Question from Inaya: How do I make a field visible in a project, but leave its visibility mixed in child projects? I thought that the "Edit Field" screen had 3 options (yes, no, or mixed), but now I only see options (yes and no).

Super Rally Software Answer: There was a Mixed option at one point, and it's still shown in the Help pages. At least you can see the number of Visible and Hidden child projects below that.

If you want more information, use the **Custom Fields usage report**. Click on the **Export custom field usage for workspace**. The export shows all projects where a mixed field is visible.

Field - Work - Microsoft Edge
https://rally1.rallydev.com/slm/at/edit.sp?cpoid=56497463476&projectScopeUp=false&projectScopeDown=false

Edit Field » POC-UX Lead

Name:	POC-UX Lead
Display Name:	POC-UX Lead
Type:	String
Usage In Workspace:	Export custom field usage for workspace
Required:	No (You can edit this at the workspace level)
Visible:	This Project: No Child Projects: Yes Visible: 280 open child projects Hidden: 1269 open child projects

Edits you make to the name affect all projects in the workspace that are showing this field.

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