Risk Manager for Azure DevOps

A risk register, configurable probability × impact matrix and exposure tracking built on Azure DevOps work items — so risk is managed where the work that reduces it is planned.

Assess it. Treat it. Show the change.

REGISTER	SCORE	TRACK
Shared registers under Boards, five views	One risk model with your own scores and levels	Inherent vs residual, exposure over time

Risk logs drift away from the work.

Most risk registers live in a spreadsheet next to the delivery tool. Mitigations are planned in one place, assessed in another and reported from a third — and the register is only as current as its last review meeting.

WHERE THE GAP SHOWS UP

01 Disconnected registers — risks sit in a file while mitigation work sits in the backlog.

02 Inconsistent scoring — every project improvises its own matrix and thresholds.

03 Invisible progress — it is hard to show whether treatment actually reduced exposure.

04 Audit scramble — framework questions are answered by hand, under deadline.

WHAT RISK MANAGER ADDS

REGISTER	Shared registers per project, programme or portfolio.
MATRIX	Probability × impact with your own scores, levels and colours.
ACCEPTANCE	Levels marked Acceptable, Review required or Unacceptable.
TREATMENT	Mitigation actions as child work items, with progress.
CHANGE	Before vs after: Improved, Unchanged, Worsened or Not assessed.
READINESS	Gap check against ISO 31000, NIST CSF 2.0, DORA, NIS2 and more.

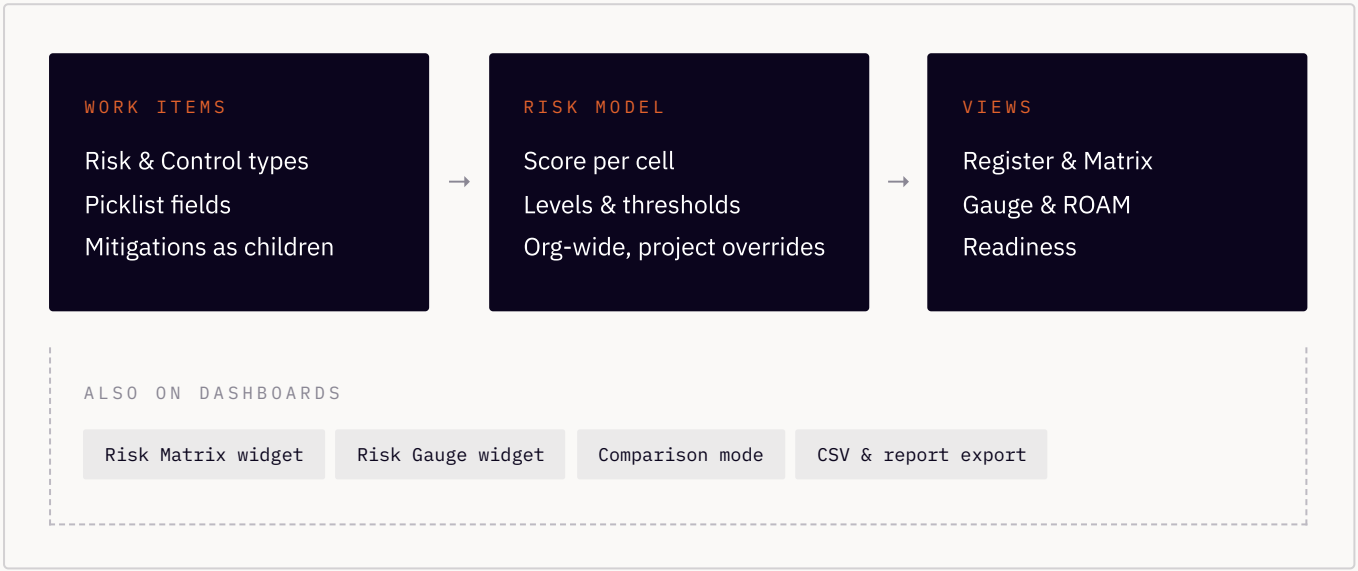
THE OUTCOME

Treat each risk as a work item with an owner, a score and a plan. The register, the matrix and the dashboard then become views of the same live backlog — not reports that need refreshing.

ONE RISK MODEL | VISIBLE MITIGATION | AUDIT-READY VIEWS

Risks are work items. Scores are calculated.

Risk Manager adds no external database. Risks, mitigations and controls are ordinary work items; scores, levels and exposure are calculated when read and never written back.



NO VENDOR ACCESS

Registers, the risk model and widget settings are stored as extension data in your organisation. There is no external processing, and Rixter cannot access your risk data.

SERVICES AND SERVER

Runs on Azure DevOps Services and Azure DevOps Server. Guided setup works with an inherited process and never deletes or rewrites existing fields.

FIELD GROUPS OFFERED BY GUIDED SETUP

ASSESSMENT	Risk Impact, Risk Probability, Risk Category	INHERENT / RESIDUAL	Impact and probability before and after controls
TREATMENT	Accept, Avoid, Mitigate, Transfer; treatment and contingency plans	CONTROLS	Effectiveness, last assessed, assessed by, note
REVIEW	Review frequency, review date, last reviewed	LINKS	Mitigations as child items; controls via Related links

Agree the model before the register.

Risk Manager makes scoring consistent — which only helps if the organisation agrees what the scores mean. Settle the model first, then let projects fill their registers.

01 Prepare the process

Move projects to an inherited process so risk types and fields can be added.

02 Run guided setup

Choose Risk and Control types; create or assign the missing fields.

03 Define the model

Cell scores, levels, colours and acceptance classes, organisation-wide.

04 Create registers

One per project, programme or portfolio, with columns, grouping and filters.

05 Assess twice

Record inherent risk, plan mitigations, then assess residual risk.

06 Report from the source

Add matrix and gauge widgets; export with filters for review boards.

JUDGE IT BY ABOVE TOLERANCE UNOWNED RISKS EXPOSURE CHANGE READINESS GAPS

WHERE TEAMS USE IT

DELIVERY	PORTFOLIO	SECURITY	COMPLIANCE	SAFE
Project risks next to the sprint backlog	Exposure roll-ups across programmes	Control effectiveness and reviews	Readiness for DORA or NIS2	A ROAM board for PI planning

THE TAKEAWAY

A register shows what could go wrong. The change from inherent to residual risk shows whether the work is helping.

Manage risk where the work gets done.

Tell us how your register works today, and we will show you the same risks as work items — scored, treated and tracked.

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