Setting of Task Dates Fields explained

Why can I not (directly) update (all) Task Date Fields?

Introduction

- LYNX keeps track of the following Task Date Fields (Start + Stop):
  - Scheduling Dates: Set or “owned” by LYNX / Indirectly Controlled by the User:
    - Baseline Date Fields
    - Scheduled (or expected) Date Fields
    - Actual Start/Stop Date Fields
  - Directly Controlled by a user: Task Constrained Date Fields, like:
    - Start-no-earlier-than (SNET)
    - Finish-no-later-than (FNLT)

- Guidelines:
  - Start-no-earlier Constraints work well when scheduling direction for a “chain” is ASAP (Forward)
  - Finish-no-later-than Constraints work well when scheduling direction is ALAP (Backward)
  - Less Constraints would be needed if any task has a predecessor and successor

About LYNX Scheduling Dates

- Set by the LYNX Scheduling Engine, considering:
  - Current Date
  - Scheduling Engine which is activated
  - Scheduling Direction of Critical Chain and/or Feeding Chains:
    - ASAP (Forward)
    - ALAP (Backward)
  - Scheduling Optimization for determining the earlies/fastest completion date

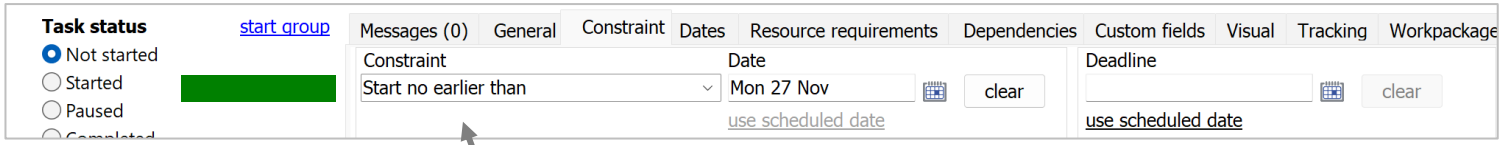
- Scheduling Dates are “Indirectly” controlled by a user:
  - Through setting the Project Start and/or Project End-date
  - Selection of scheduling direction

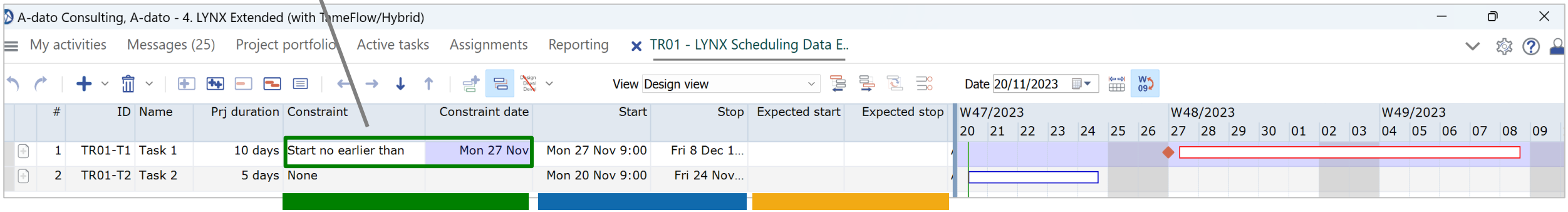
Examples

- When project status is: “Not Started”
- When project status is: “Released”
- When date has progress with + 6 days + Task 2 is started

Project Status is “Not Started”

Task Properties



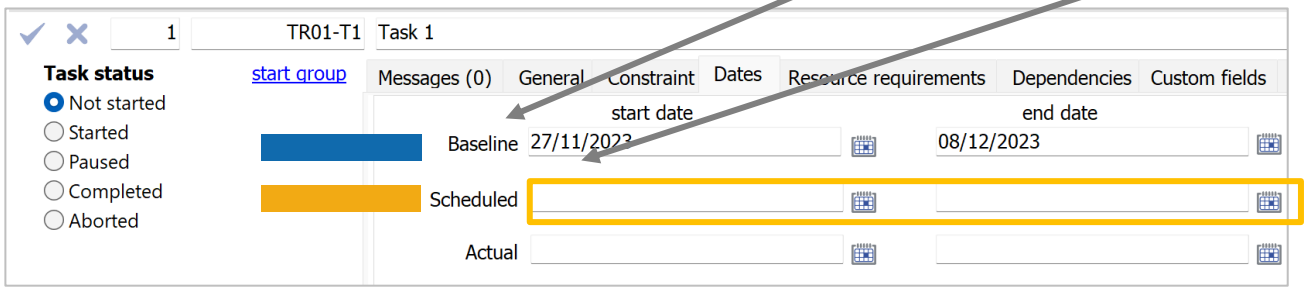


Controlled by the User

Set by LYNX ***Baseline Dates***

Set by LYNX ***Scheduled Dates***

Task Properties



Set by LYNX once the project is released!

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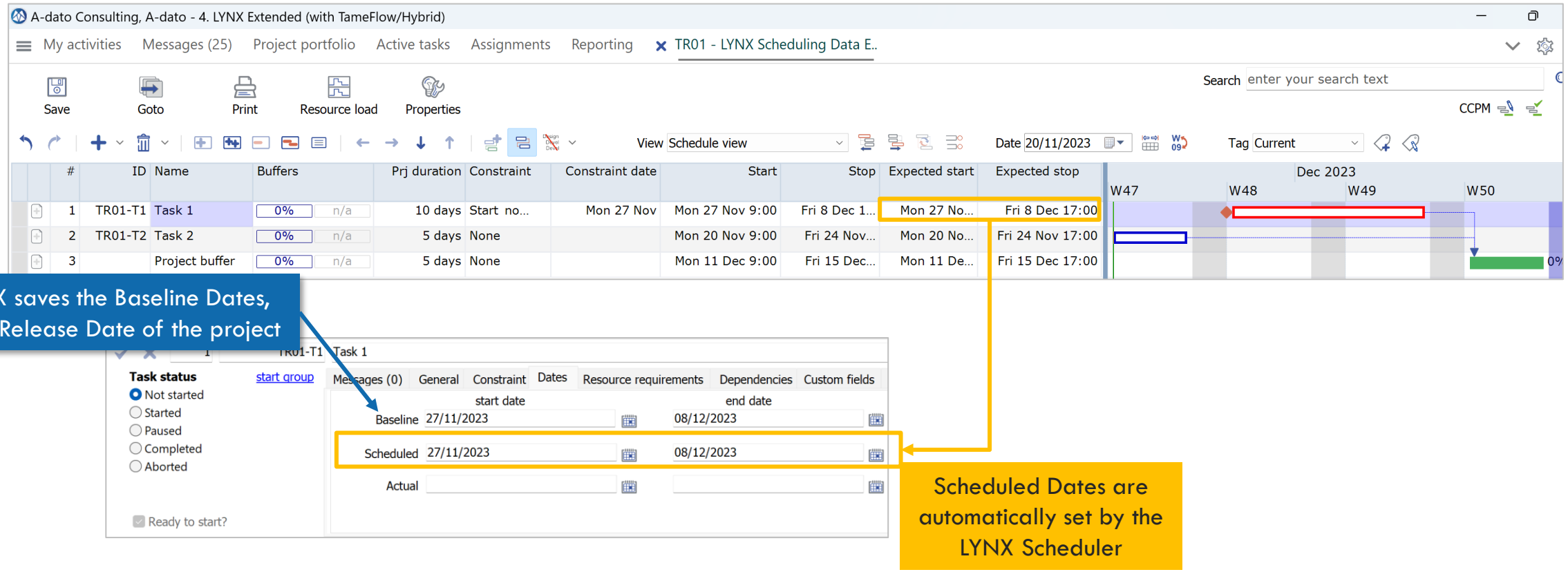
Project Status is “Released”



Scheduled Dates are “Dynamic”

Current Date = +6 days / Task 2 = Started