Gantt Chart Documentation Best Practices

This document outlines guidelines and sample documentation format for Gantt charts to ensure clarity, consistency, and project success. A well-documented Gantt chart communicates project schedule, task dependencies, and resource allocation efficiently.

1. Project Overview

Project Name: Website Redesign Launch
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2. Scope & Objectives

- Redesign company website UI/UX
- Implement new CMS
- Migrate content and conduct pre-launch QA

3. Gantt Chart Overview

Task Name	Start	End	Owner	Dependencies	Progress	Schedule
Requirement Gathering	06/12	06/17	A. Lee	-	Done	
Design Mockups	06/18	06/25	B. Chen	Req. Gathering	Ongoing	
Frontend Dev	06/26	07/10	C. Patel	Design Mockups	Pending	
QA & Testing	07/11	07/15	D. Kim	Frontend Dev	Pending	
Go Live	07/16	07/16	E. Ford	QA & Testing	Pending	

4. Best Practices

- Define clear task names and responsible parties
- Include realistic dependencies and milestones
- Update progress and schedule regularly
- Ensure all stakeholders have access to the latest chart
- Keep the Gantt chart simple and easy to interpret

Important Notes

- Keep documentation up-to-date as changes occur.
- Consistent formatting helps all project members understand status quickly.
- Use Gantt charts as communication tools, not just tracking tools.
- Document assumptions and constraints in a visible section.
- Review and validate task durations, dependencies, and resources with relevant teams.