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Question: Should I assign resources on a summary task?

Answer: It is possible but I do not recommend it. It can have the following reactions:

1. If you want to filter out work tasks only, you cannot do this.
2. The as you track the projects, the tasks actual work will not calculate properly. The totals on the summary task will not be correct unless the task is 0% complete or 100% complete. This could create some problems with earned value, SPI and CPI calculations.
3. The individual tasks do not have the resource name attached and if the project plan is published to the server, the resources will not receive the tasks on their timesheet.