Tasks - start and duration
RFC5545 says this for VTODO

- Either 'due' or 'duration' MAY appear in a 'todoprop', but 'due' and 'duration' MUST NOT occur in the same 'todoprop'.
- If 'duration' appear in a 'todoprop', then 'dtstart' MUST also appear in the same 'todoprop'. 
RFC5545

• So if we have DURATION we must have DTSTART according to 5545
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RFC2445 said:

; either 'due' or 'duration' may appear in
; a 'todoprop', but 'due' and 'duration'
; MUST NOT occur in the same 'todoprop'
RFC2445

• That allows DURATION by itself

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Why it matters

• Tasks linked in time may depend on previous tasks
• Their start time depends on the end or start time of a previous task
• Only duration may be specified
• Even a standalone task makes sense with duration only:
• No DTSTART implies it appears as a task every day. May want to specify how long
Drop the constraint

• No indication of why constraint was added.

• Not sure how many libraries enforce it anyway (ical4j doesn’t)
Errata? or update

• Spoke to Bernard
• Doesn’t recollect why added
• Could call it an error but probably a stretch.