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Top 40

Microsoft Teams Productivity Hacks

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Get More Done In Microsoft Teams

For years, I've been doing monthly webinars with my friend Tom Duff where we cover 10 new Office 365 productivity tips.

It has gotten a tremendous response and its not hard to see why. We're spending more of our day in Microsoft 365 and using Microsoft Teams. At the same time, Microsoft is releasing new features at an unprecedented rate.

In the Q3 2021 earnings call Satya Nadella reported, "We are accelerating our innovation, adding over 300 features over the past year, including more than 100 new capabilities so far in 2021."

I've combed through this deluge of awesome functionality and battle tested many of these capabilities to distill down to my top 40 Microsoft Teams productivity tips.

These Microsoft Teams tips and tricks span from the basic (for those just starting to learn how to use Microsoft Teams) to the advanced, but all are practical and all have saved me considerable amount of time as I communicate and do business in Microsoft Teams.

I hope you find these helpful. If you have other great productivity tips, reach out to me on Twitter [@buckleyplanet](https://twitter.com/buckleyplanet).



Want to know more about Teams Management & Governance?

AvePoint has you covered! It's important to properly govern the provisioning and lifecycle of your Teams. Learn the right way to manage Teams with our, **When to Use and How To Manage Teams and Office 365 Groups** ebook (www.avepoint.com/groups-ebook). Or learn more about our **Cloud Governance solution** (bit.ly/2l6p6M9).



Quick view of all of your Teams

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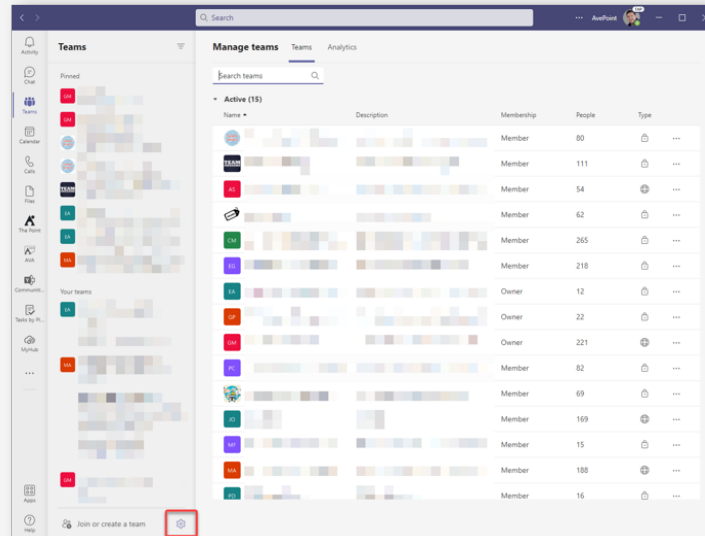
It is easy to lose track of all the Teams you're a member of – but there's also a quick way to view all your Teams, membership types, basic analytics, and more.

Why

It is a healthy governance habit to regularly review and clean up Group, Team, Team site, and community membership. It makes navigation easier, and de-clutters your life.

How

From the Teams tab on the left nav, you'll see your list of current pinned channels and active Teams. At the bottom, click on the wheel icon to access the 'Manage teams' page.



Tip 2

Access the History Menu

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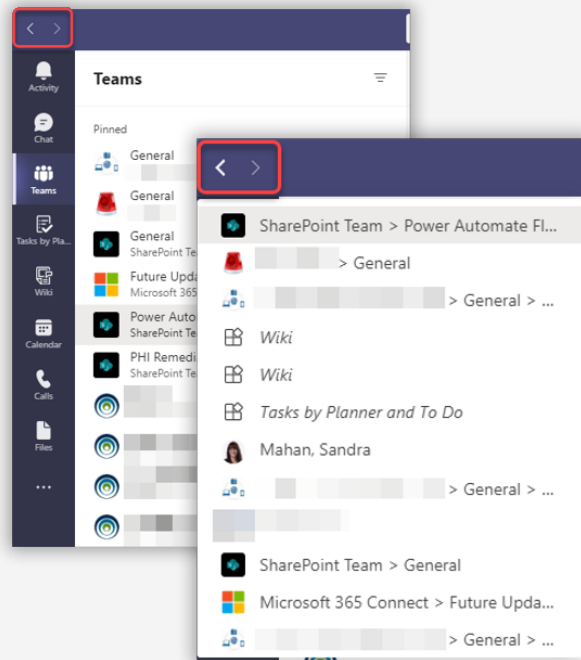
"When you want to go to the last webpage you visited you hit the back button on your browser. Now you can do the same thing in Microsoft Teams. The back and forward buttons in the top left corner bring you to the recent locations you have visited within Teams.

Why

We spend far too much time trying to remember where we've been, which tab we accidentally closed, or what we were working on before going to lunch. This makes life easier.

How

Hover over the back arrow and you'll see the last 10+ locations you visited. Select from these recent sites, or click the arrows to move back and forth between visited Teams and Channels.



Send Urgent Messages

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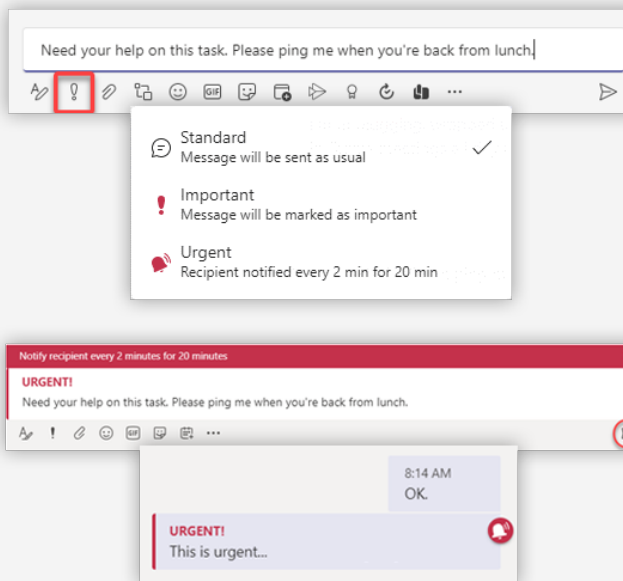
Within chats, you can mark messages as urgent, alerting the user every two minutes until they look at your message.

Why

Modern life is all about instant gratification, isn't it? But seriously, with so much content and so many conversations throughout the day, sometimes you need a digital flamethrower to cut through the noise.

How

Within your chat, type your message and before hitting return/send, select the exclamation icon and set the urgency level of your message. Then hit send, and your message will appear with a red header and desktop alert.



Tip 4

Connect to your Cloud Storage

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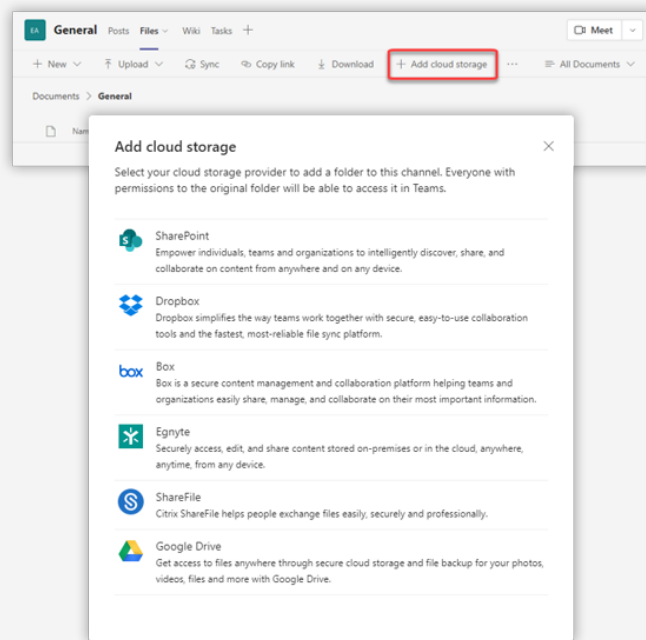
No matter how much we may attempt to pull all relevant content into a single location, the reality is our content and artifacts are spread across multiple locations. Teams provides a native capability to link to cloud storage, whether they be non-Teamified SharePoint sites, OneDrive accounts, or other non-Microsoft storage locations.

Why

Sometimes it makes sense to leave content in its original location, but you still want quick access to everything related to your Team or Channel.

How

Within Files, simply click on 'Add cloud storage' and select from the available options. Or click on the + on the top nav and add a cloud storage option as a tab.



Use the Slash and Keyboard Commands

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Another hidden feature in Microsoft Teams that can improve your productivity is using slash commands and keyboard shortcuts.

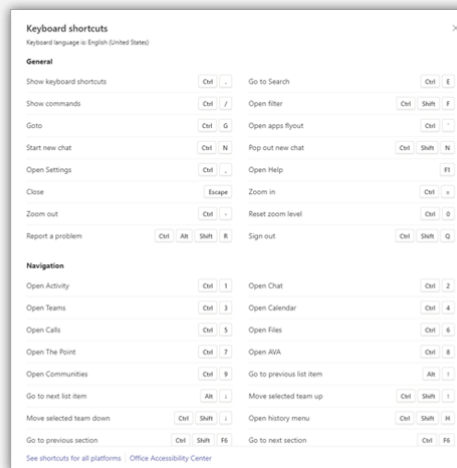
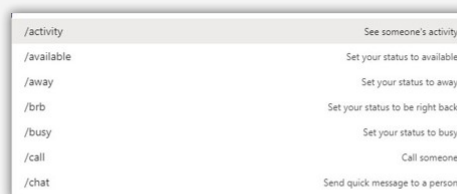
Why

Not everyone is a fan of keyboard shortcuts, but for oft repeated actions, these shortcuts can save a lot of time and extra mouse clicks.

How

To see what different slash commands you can use, type a forward slash '/' into the search bar and you will see a list of options. These include quickly changing your status, making a video call or starting a chat.

To see the menu of keyboard shortcut, simply click Ctrl and . (a period)



Refine your Search Results

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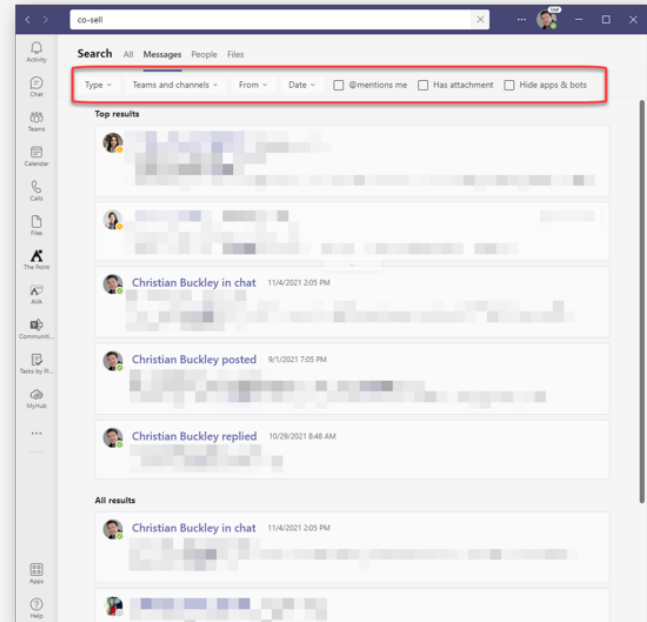
While the search experience within Teams is still a work in progress, many people are unaware of the progress already made, including refiners and sort options.

Why

We need help sorting through the complexity of messages, conversations, files and people profiles. No matter how much we tag, sort, and organize, we still rely on search – and Teams provides some excellent sorting features.

How

To start your search, type in your search term in the command bar at the top of Teams. Here, I'm searching for items related to 'co-sell.' I can narrow my search to Messages, People, and Files, and have several sort options. More details at <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/search-for-messages-and-more-in-teams-4a351520-33f4-42ab-a5ee-5fc0ab88b263>



Mark Messages as Unread

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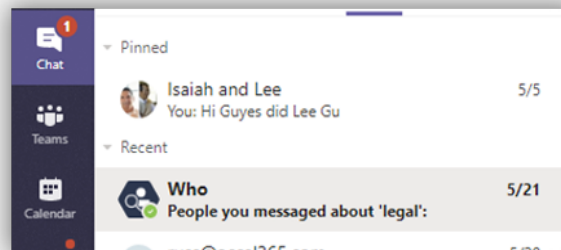
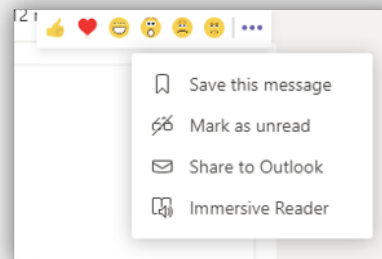
Users often look for a way to flag messages in Teams. Other than saving a message, there is not currently a way to flag a message.

Why

Most information workers are task-minded and list-driven. Work conversations may, logically, generate work activities. While Cortana is getting better at identifying potential tasks within email, we're still stuck with manually flagging chats and creating our own tasks within Teams.

How

You can mark an already read message as unread by selecting "mark as unread" from the ellipses (...) menu. This will show that you have an unread message in the left rail and the message will be turned to bold type for easy identification.



Tip 8

Use Meeting Reactions

What

Like what you are hearing in a Teams meeting? Or do you love it? Was it funny? Let the speaker know with Meeting Reactions—a quick way to express how what's being discussed is resonating with you.

Why

Reactions are a great way to be engaged without interrupting, and helps the speaker and fellow meeting participants know that your screen has not become frozen.

How

In the menu bar at the top of the screen, hover over the Raise Hand icon to get the four Meeting Reaction emoticons (Like, Heart, Applause, and Laugh). Click on the appropriate icon, and others in the meeting will see the emoticon on your picture.

More info at: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/express-yourself-in-teams-meetings-with-live-reactions-a8323a40-3d07-4129-934b-305370a36e21>



Leverage the Immersive Reader

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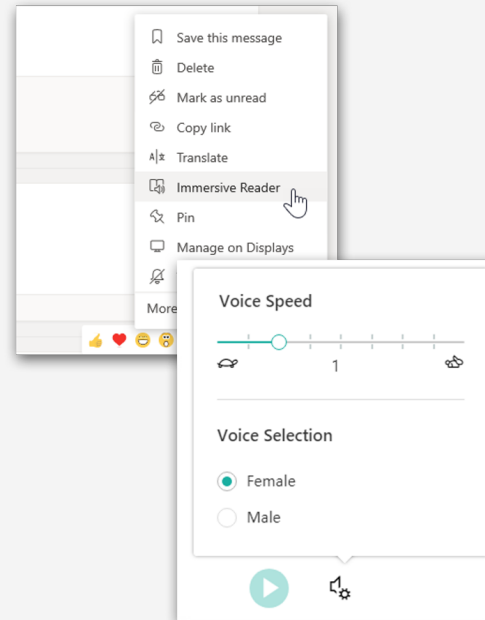
The immersive reader is great feature available across many Office 365 apps, such as Word and PowerPoint. With it you can hear posts, chat messages, and assignments read aloud. It also includes grammar tools such as Parts of Speech and Picture Dictionary.

Why

Sometimes we need the “hands free” experience, allowing us to multi-task (i.e. use the home gym while listening to an analyst report being read back to you).

How

To use the immersive reader simply click the three dots next to a message and select “immersive reader.” This will bring the message into focus and you can click play to have it read out loud.



Copy a Team to build a Team

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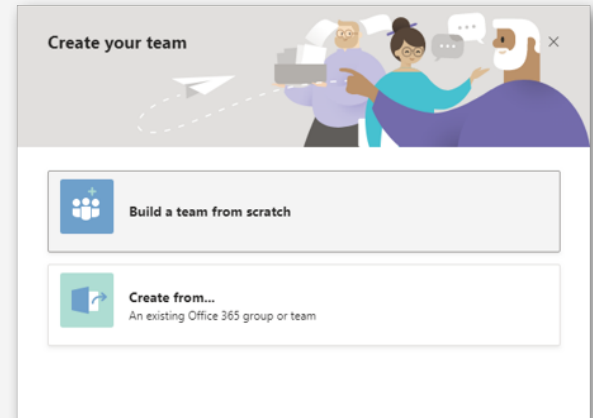
Within Teams, you can use an existing Team structure and attributes to create a new Team.

Why

When creating a new Team, sometimes you want to build from scratch – and sometimes you want to rinse and repeat from other successful Team structures. This is especially useful when creating similar product or product-focused Teams where you want your sites to be consistently designed.

How

When creating a new Team, simply follow the dialog boxes to create your new Team from an existing Team (or Office 365 Group). The Team structure is copied including channels, and tabs are created but not connected. Files and chats do not come over.



Create a Custom Invite

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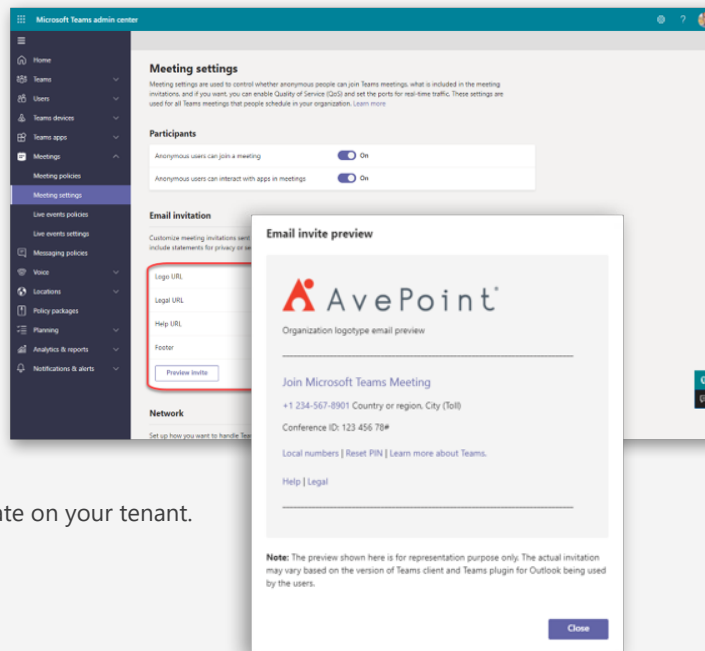
Personalize your Teams meeting invitations to include your company logo, URL and other header and footer details.

Why

It provides a more polished look and feel to your invites, but also allows you to promote your site and support contact details with every invitations sent.

How

Within the Teams Admin Center, go into Meetings > Meeting settings > Email invitation and add the necessary details. Click 'Preview invite' to see your meeting invitation and test your image link. When done, click Save and wait for the changes to propagate on your tenant.



Automate routine tasks with Power Automate

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Automate routine tasks without leaving Teams. This is a lightweight experience using a few templates to help you quickly get started building workflows right within Teams.

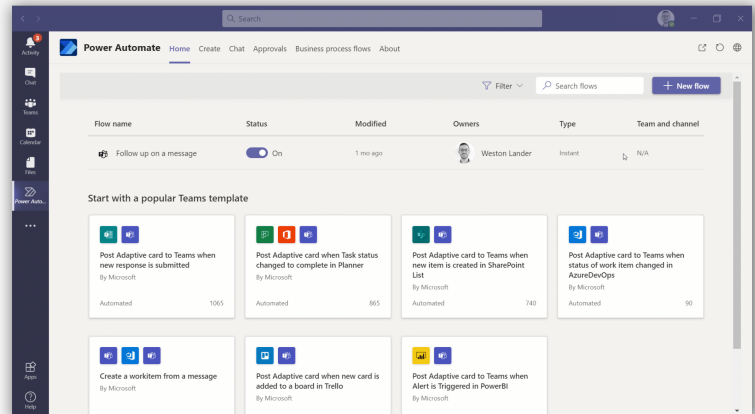
Why

To streamline many of your common tasks. For example, when a new Task is created in Planner, you can automate a notification to your Project Manager.

How

Install the Power Automate app and pin it to your left nav. Click 'Create' and select from one of the existing templates, or create a Flow from scratch.

More details at <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-automate/teams/install-teams-app>



Use Live Transcriptions

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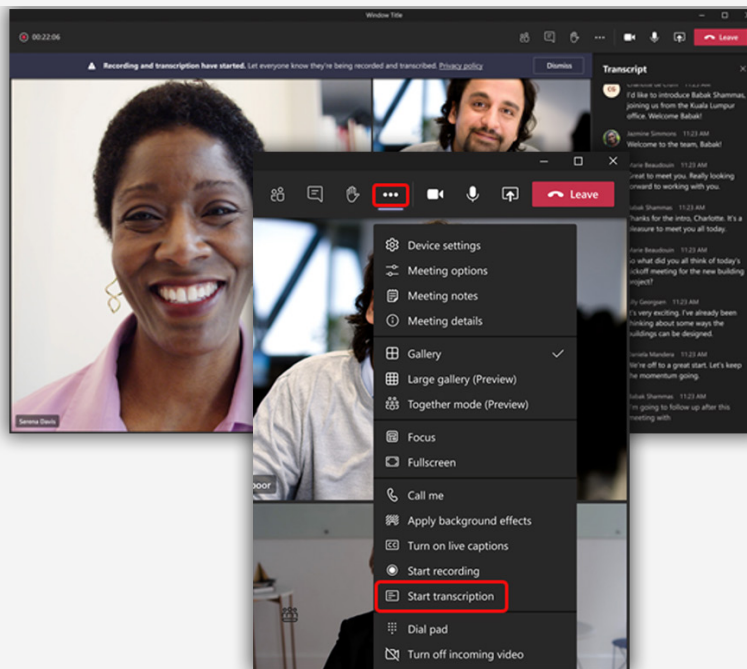
A live transcript is not only a feature that makes your meeting more accessible, but it also helps those who are late or missed the meeting to get up to speed quickly.

Why

Transcripts make your Teams Meetings instantly searchable – while the meeting is happening, and once the meeting is over.

How

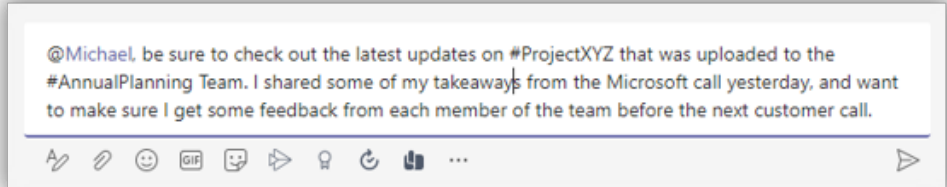
This feature is available within the desktop version. More details at <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/view-live-transcription-in-a-teams-meeting-dc1a8f23-2e20-4684-885e-2152e06a4a8b>



Make your conversations more searchable

What

Use hashtags to mark or categorize important chats to make them easier to find in search later.



Why

We add taxonomy and folksonomy to documents to make it possible to find them via search, yet we don't take similar steps to make our chats/conversations searchable. We should.

How

For chats, select the pencil next to the member names at the top and type in a title that relates to the content of the chat and includes a word or phrase that will help you find it again.

In general, get into the habit of using tags (which can act as DLs), hashtags and @mentions whenever possible.

Treat Meetings as documents

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By default, all Teams Meetings should be recorded and transcribed, with appropriate compliance and security measures to ensure that these important information assets are treated as any other intellectual property.

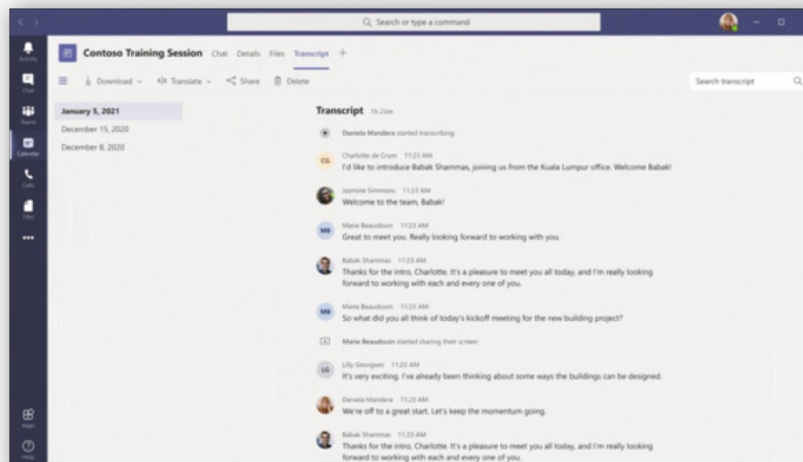
Why

Meetings are essentially documents/artifacts that include valuable contextual information that, if they are not recorded and transcribed, could be lost.

The same can be said about chats.

How

Your governance team and/or Admins should establish policies around all Teams Meetings within the Admin Center, recording and transcribing them by default – but also setting appropriate permissions and restrictions about who can view, download, or delete them.



Use Yammer Q&A

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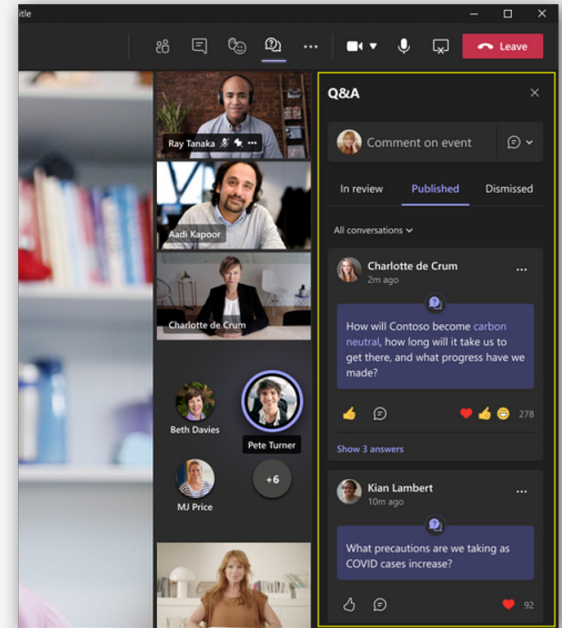
Yammer Q&A can now be directly integrated in any Teams Meeting or Webinar allowing participants to have a more structured conversation with rich social features.

Why

Engaged employees are happy employees. People want to be seen/heard and want to be a part of the process. Allowing people to ask questions and get (documented) responses is an important part of a transparent organization. The more people are included in the process, the more likely they will support the results of that process.

How

Currently in public preview, Admins can make the app available for employees to add to their Teams. More details at <https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/yammer-blog/q-and-a-in-teams-is-in-public-preview-try-it-now/ba-p/2902137>



Leverage Loop Components

What

Announced as part of Microsoft Ignite 2021, Microsoft Loop is a “reimagining” of Microsoft Office that allows Teams users to insert live components (previously called fluid components) into conversations that can be viewed and updated collaboratively from different workspaces.

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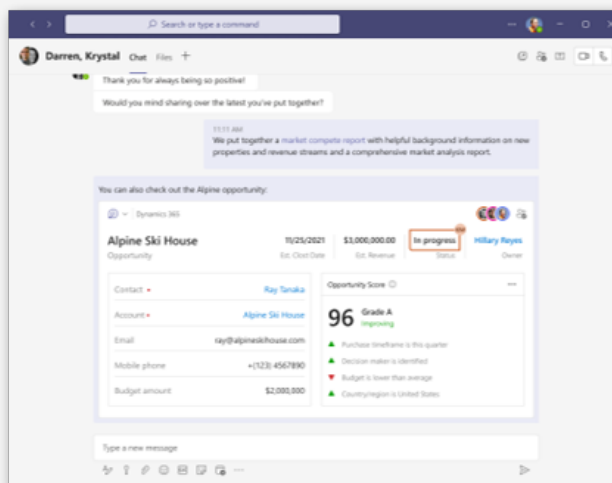
Loop components allow people to collaborate on and interact with data no matter which workload they prefer. Loop allows people to collaborate “in the flow of work” without having to constant context switch between apps or tools.

How

Once your Teams Admin has enabled Loop, users will see the Loop components icon appear within the toolbox.

More info at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/blog/2021/11/02/microsoft-office-transforming-for-the-hybrid-world/>

Video by MVP Darrell Webster at <https://youtu.be/xQGOovY79VE>



Get organized with MyHub

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MyHub streamlines your navigation within Teams, allowing you to create “hubs” that act as favorites, allowing you to quickly locate and jump to the relevant location. It provides a one-stop-shop for your sites, Teams, and communities.

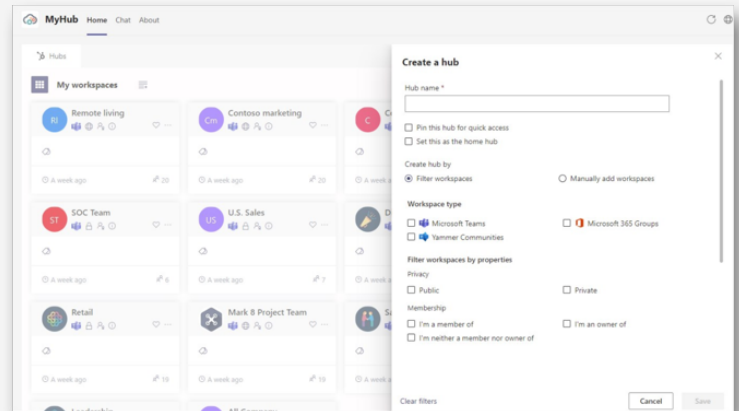
Why

“Save time. Be more productive. Quit searching. MyHub eliminates chaos and brings order to your workspaces across Microsoft Teams, Groups, SharePoint, and Yammer.”

How

Once approved by your admin, simply search for and add the app, then pin to your left nav for easy access. Then create hubs that fit the way that you work.

More info at <https://www.avepoint.com/products/cloud/myhub>
<https://appsource.microsoft.com/en-us/product/office/WA200000726>



Sync with Message Center updates

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The pace of new features and changes within Microsoft 365 can be a challenge to keep up with, but you can sync your Message Center updates with Planner/Tasks in Teams, giving a broader audience a heads up on changes to your tenant.

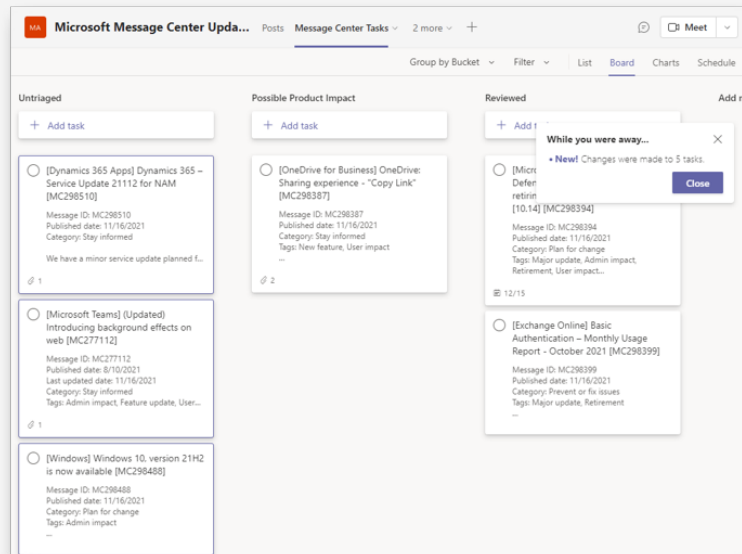
Why

A Message Center sync allows your team to more readily review and triage announcements as they appear, more quickly identifying and mitigating changes that will impact your employees.

How

The Teams Admin needs to enable the sync and point the updates to a new or existing Planner plan. There are a few basic options for how the updates will be organized. More info at

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/office365/planner/track-message-center-tasks-planner>



Utilize the Microsoft Teams Adoption Site

What

The Microsoft Adoption site is constantly being updated with documentation, templates, and general guidance on all-things Teams.

Why

Don't recreate the wheel. Learn from Microsoft and our amazing community of experts, many of which have contributed to this content.

How

Simply visit <https://adoption.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/>

Already started your adoption journey?



Get Started



Engage Your Org



Train Your Org



Build Champions



Secure My Environment

Get Started

If you're rolling out Microsoft Teams quickly in response to an increased demand to support remote work, use this guidance to roll out Teams to your entire organization.

[Microsoft Teams adoption guide >](#)

[Adoption quick start checklist >](#)

[Automate your planning with Advisor for Teams >](#)

[Skype for Business to Microsoft Teams upgrade >](#)

[5 steps to get the most out of Teams >](#)

[Teams scenario identification workbook >](#)

Leverage the Full Potential of Tabs

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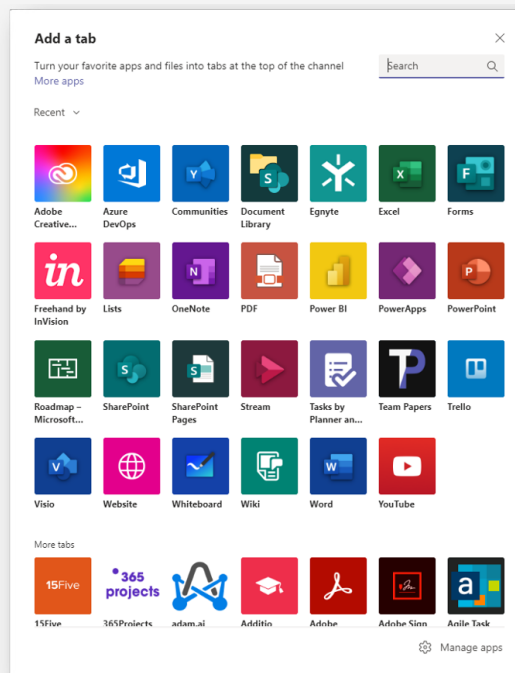
"Tabs allow team members to access services and content in a dedicated space within a channel or in a chat. This lets the team work directly with tools and data, and have conversations about the tools and data, all within the context of the channel or chat."

Why

Tabs are one of the most basic, and yet powerful new features of Microsoft Teams, giving you the ability create tabs for every tool, spreadsheet, video, or website that is essential to your project or team. Tabs make Teams the "hub" for your work.

How

At the top of your Teams workspace, select the + to add a new Tab and select from the many available options. Click 'Save' to add the tab.



Reorganize Your Teams and Channels

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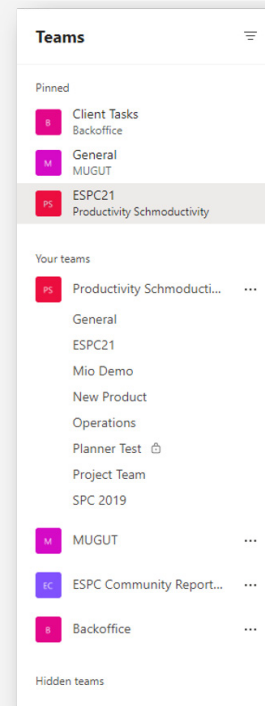
When using Microsoft Teams, you can drag and drop Teams into any order, pin important channels (you can also drag and drop them), and hide teams to clean up your navigation view.

Why

If you are creating or being added to dozens of Teams, the navigation can quickly become crowded. A great Microsoft Teams tip is to regularly sort through active and inactive Teams and channels, keeping the most important up top for easier navigation, and hiding or archiving Teams that are no longer active.

How

To change the order of Teams, simply drag and drop into your preferred order. Likewise, you can drag and drop a channel to your Pinned folder, or right click on a channel and select 'Pin'. For Teams that are still active but where your role is limited, you can click on the ellipsis (...) next to the Team and select 'Hide' to move it to your Hidden Teams folder.



Reorganize Your Teams + Channels for Your Org

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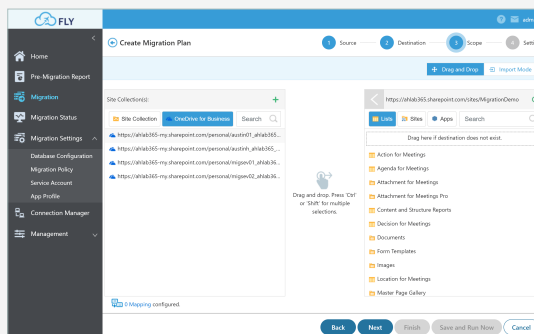
There isn't a great way using native functionality to reorganize Teams, channels and private channels to improve how your collaboration is organized. Using a third-party migration tool like AvePoint Fly can help you reorganize your Teams information architecture to maximize productivity.

Why

The way that you use Microsoft Teams may have drastically changed. Or, perhaps you've experienced M&A, divestitures and other organizational shifts that can lead to things being in the wrong place. You could have "bottom heavy" Teams with channels that might be better as separate Teams or "top heavy" Teams where a Team might work better as a private channel under another. Or your naming conventions might simply be a mess.

How

Communicate with your Team owners to fully understand how each is used and its importance. Focus on the end user experience and how the future structure will relate back to the implementation- what processes will interact with which Teams, how associated information will be stored, secured and then archived or deleted when it's no longer essential. Use a third-party tool that will preserve as much Teams data fidelity as possible to pilot and then execute your migration.



Set Your Status Duration

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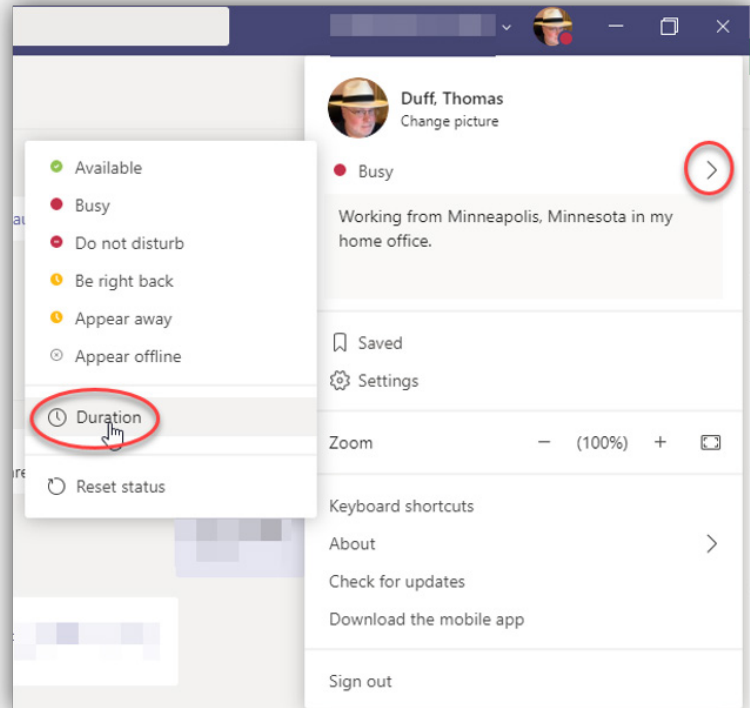
Users can set the duration of their status rather than rely on the default settings.

Why

The defaults of 5 minutes may not be your preferred duration before Teams automatically changes you from Busy to Away. This little Microsoft Teams hack now allows you to control the duration.

How

Click the Profile image in the upper-right corner, and then click on the Status arrow to see the Duration options of 30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours, Today, This Week, or set a Custom timeframe.



Create Tabs in Chats

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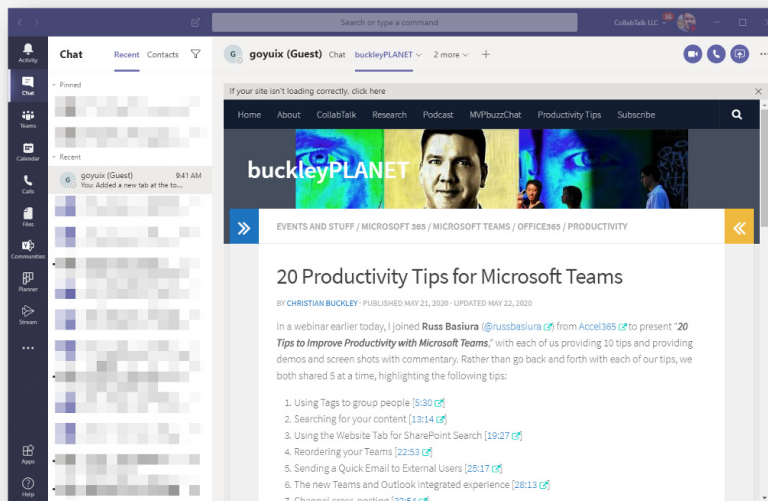
With every private chat, four tabs are provisioned by default: Conversations, Files, Organization, and Activity. Users have the ability to add additional tabs that can only be seen by chat members.

Why

For ongoing private chats (e.g. manager and direct report) you may have tools and data on which you collaborate regularly. As with tabs in channels, you can use tabs in chats to surface important data and tools.

How

Select the target chat, and at the top of the workspace, click on the + to add a new tab.



Bookmark Important Conversations

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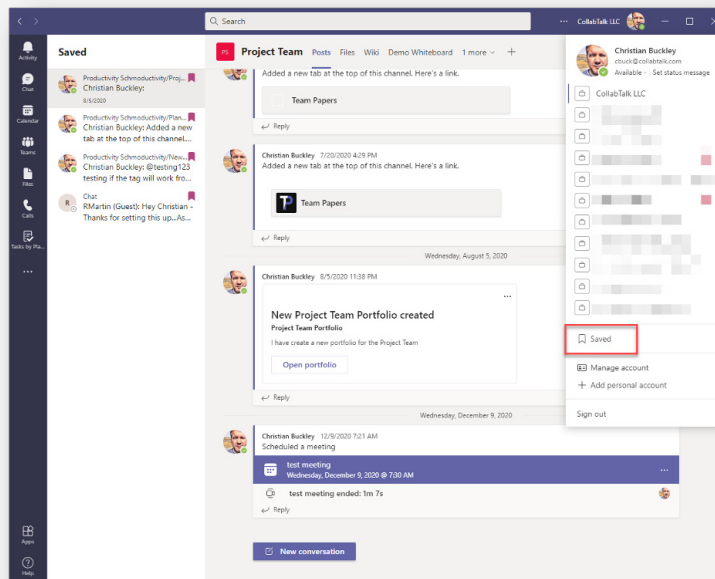
Bookmarking saves threaded discussions to your profile so that you can keep track of important conversations.

Why

One of the most frustrating aspects of the proliferation of conversations, teams, channels, projects, documents, meetings and more is navigating them. Bookmarks help you to organize your conversations.

How

From the ellipsis (...) on any conversational post, select 'Save This Message' to add the bookmark. To see your bookmarks, click on your profile image and select 'Saved'. The saved messages will appear on the left. Click on the saved icon to remove your bookmark.



Redirect Email Conversations to Channels

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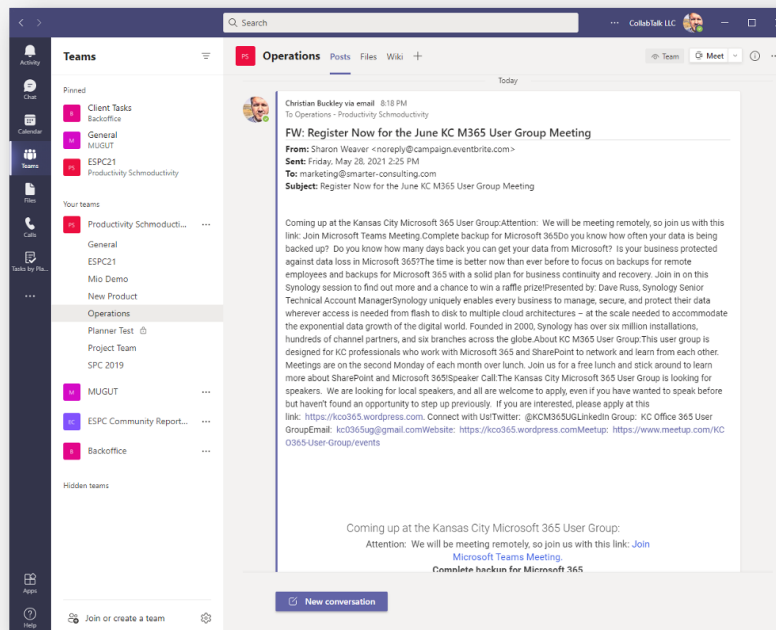
You can send an email to a channel in Teams using the channel email address. Once an email is part of a channel, anyone can reply to it to start a conversation.

Why

Sometimes you may want to redirect an important email thread to Teams so that everyone on the project team can see and participate in the discussion.

How

Within the target channel, click on the ellipsis (...) and select 'Get Email Address'. Copy the email address, and paste into your forwarded message.



Clean Up Your Hypertext Links

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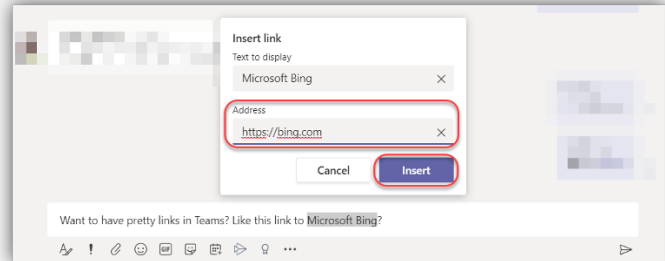
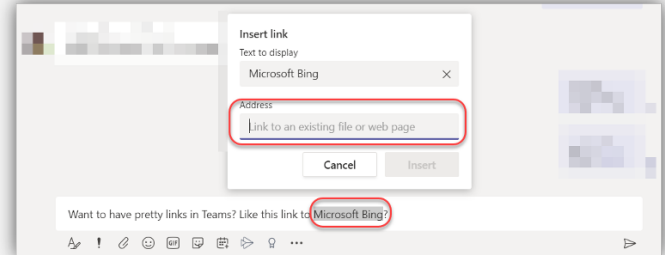
Using a keyboard shortcut, you can clean up lengthy hypertext links to keep your channel posts short and organized, adding as link to selected text.

Why

Nobody likes lengthy links (especially those generated by SharePoint or OneDrive!).

How

Highlight the words you wish to link and press CTRL-K, which opens a dialog box. Enter your lengthy URL and click Insert.



Leverage the Mobile App (Especially with Multiple Domains)

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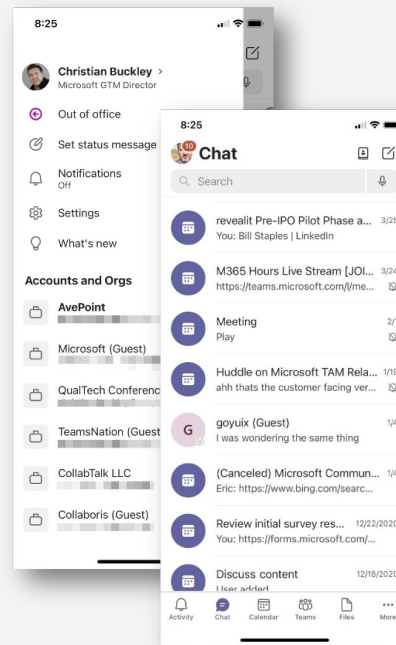
The Teams mobile app is a quick and easy way to stay on top of important conversations across multiple channels, Teams, and even domains whether you're in front of your primary machine or working remotely from your phone.

Why

Information Workers are becoming more and more comfortable with reading content from their mobile devices. The Teams mobile interface makes it easy to see notifications and move between conversations. Additionally, the mobile app can seamlessly move between domains – something the desktop app still struggles with.

How

Download the mobile app from your favorite app store, and add relevant login details. To move between domains, simply click on your profile, and then select the domain.



Sync Files to Your Desktop

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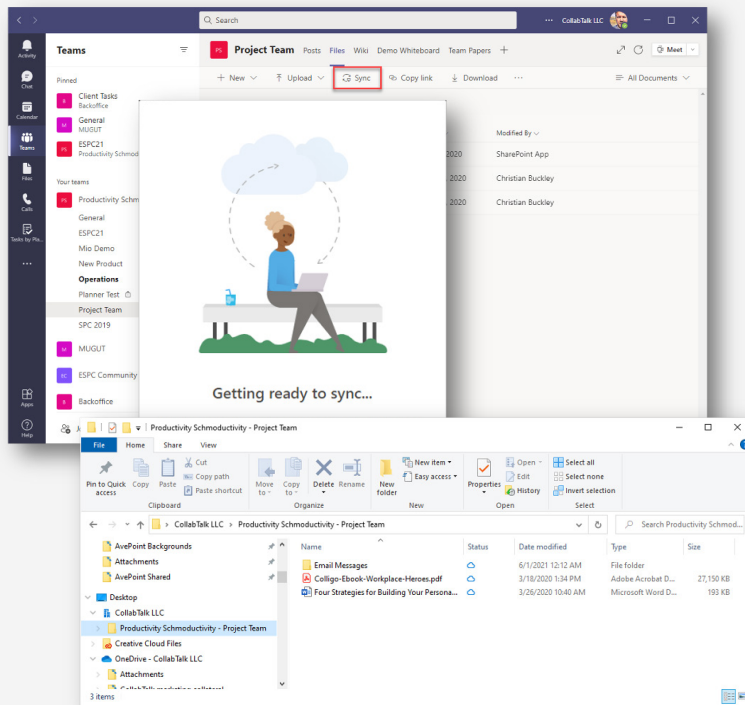
Using the Teams integration with OneDrive, you can quickly synchronize files and folders with your local computer.

Why

If you are frequently opening certain files, or have a very active project and want to reduce clicks to get to key content, you can create a sync between your target files and your local computer to streamline your access.

How

Go into the Files within your target channel and select 'Sync' from the top menu. Teams will prepare the link to OneDrive, and then add a quick access folder to your desktop.



Pin Important Apps to the Left Rail

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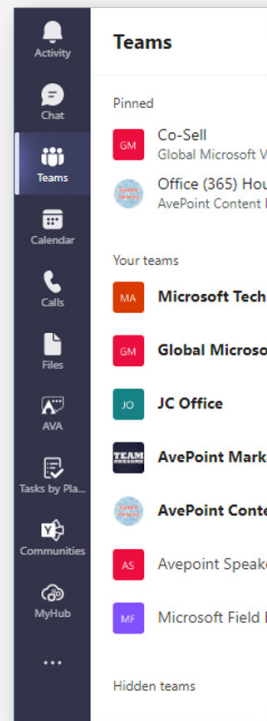
Keep your most-used apps right organized and easily accessible by adding them to the left rail in Teams.

Why

As Teams truly becomes the hub for teamwork, you might find yourself constantly toggling between key apps and tools, such as Yammer or Lists or Tasks. Rather than navigating down into your Teams and channels to access these apps, just pin them!

How

Using the ellipsis (...) on the left rail, find the relevant app in the most recent used or through search, and right click on the app icon to pin the app to the left rail. To un-pin, simply right-click on the app icon and select 'Unpin'.



Use the Channel Cross-Posting

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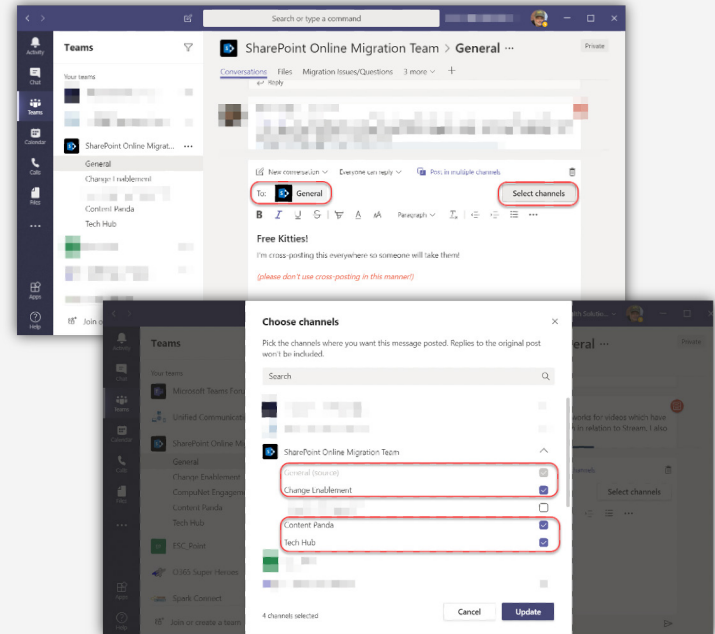
Cross-posting an announcement or information allows you to share information across multiple channels and Teams at once.

Why

Sometimes you have content or a message to share across more than one channel in a Team – or across multiple Teams. Rather than manually add your content into channels one-by-one, you can create once, and post in multiple locations.

How

Open a new conversation in a relevant channel, select the Compose option to craft your message, and then click on 'Post in Multiple Channels'. A "To" field will be added to your post and a 'Select Channels' button will appear.



Use Natural Language Search with Cortana in the Mobile App

What

“Microsoft Search in Teams and Office mobile is adding support for natural language queries in English in the U.S. With Teams mobile, you will be able to type phrases in the search box or tap on the mic to ask Cortana to find messages, chats, meetings, people, files, and links bookmarked by administrators in a way that covers keywords as well as a range of time in Teams.

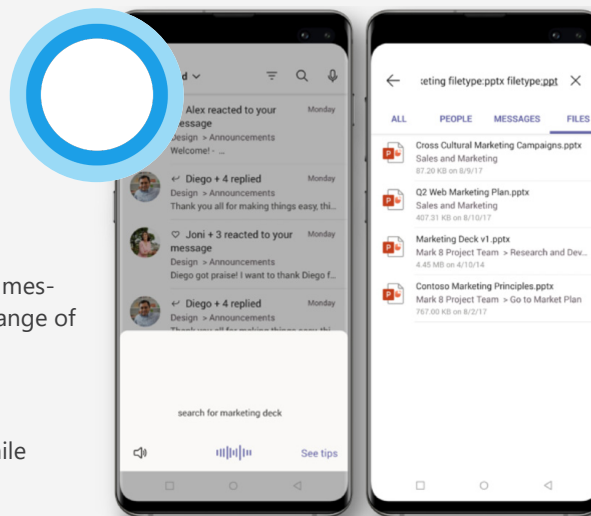
In addition, you will also be able to ask Cortana to look for messages or chats from a particular person, topic, or across a range of time.”

Why

Some people are less adept at typing with their thumbs while driving. Cortana can save you time (and possibly your life!)

How

Available now in the US, this feature will be rolled out to other regions over the course of 2021. To use, simply click on the microphone icon next to search.



Microsoft Lens in Teams Chat

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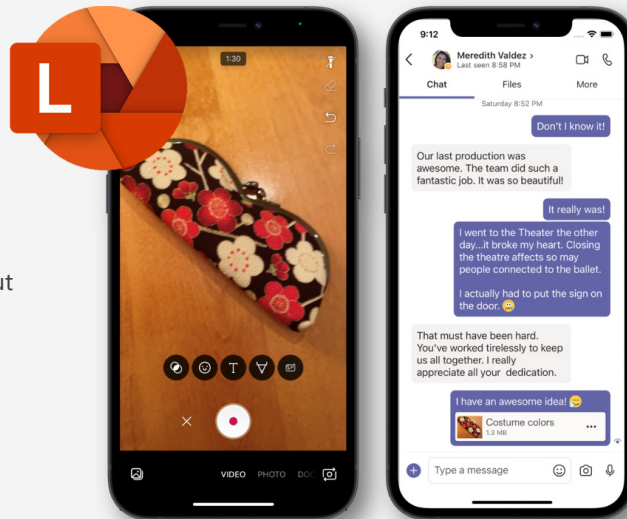
The new Microsoft Lens will enable the integration of short video bites in Teams Chat. With Microsoft Lens built into Teams, you will be able to record a short video, annotate it with text, emojis, do basic editing, and add live filters.

Why

In real-time, you will be able to add your thoughts about what you're capturing with video from Teams and share it immediately with your colleagues.

How

Rolling out now.



Create Tags for Groups of Users

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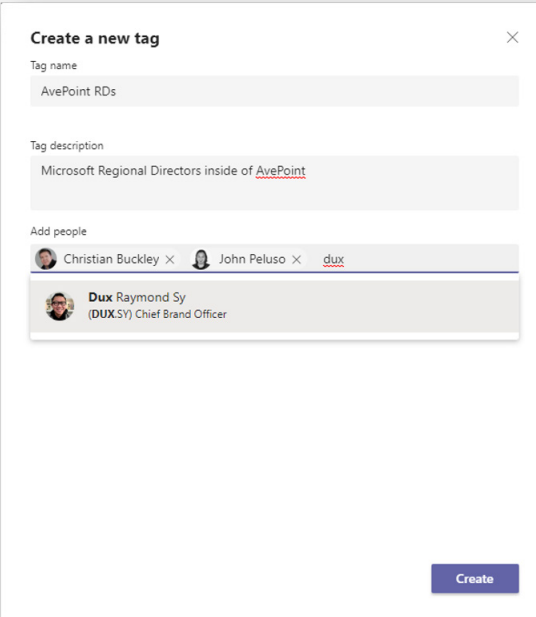
With tags, you can categorize people based on attributes, such as role, project, skill, training, or location and essentially create distribution groups in Teams.

Why

For some topics or projects, you may find yourself repeatedly notifying the same group of people each time there is an update. Instead, create a tab for the project with all relevant stakeholders, allowing you to @mention the group in one simple step.

How

Find the relevant Team on the left, and select the ellipsis (...) and choose 'Manage Tags'. A dialog box will open allowing you to create a name a tag, and add members.



The screenshot shows a 'Create a new tag' dialog box with the following fields and content:

- Tag name:** AvePoint RDs
- Tag description:** Microsoft Regional Directors inside of AvePoint
- Add people:** A list of users to add to the tag. The list includes:
 - Christian Buckley (with a close button 'x')
 - John Peluso (with a close button 'x')
 - A search bar containing 'dux'
 - A dropdown menu showing 'Dux Raymond Sy (DUX.SY) Chief Brand Officer' with a profile picture.
- Create button:** A blue button at the bottom right.

Create Teams Templates

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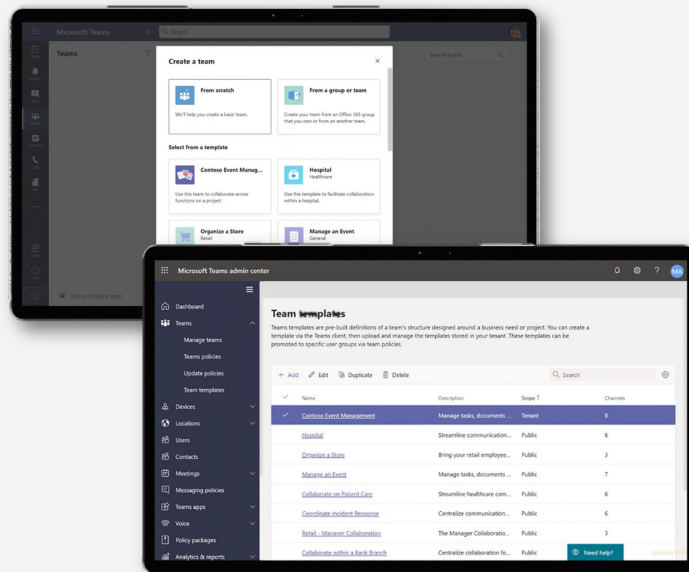
"A custom team template is a predefined team structure with a set of channels, tabs, and apps. You can develop a template that helps you create the right collaboration space quickly. Your custom team template uses your preferred settings."

Why

As an admin, you may want to ensure that all Teams include standard channels, tabs and apps so that collaboration is consistent.

How

Log into the Teams admin center, select 'Teams Templates' from the left and 'Add' from the top menu. In the Teams templates section, select 'Create a Brand New Template' and add the name, description, visibility, channels, tabs and apps, and then click on 'Submit'.



Add Governance Settings to Team Templates

What

Team templates are great but they also have limitations. Using a Teams template won't transfer content or membership. In addition, any type of policy (ie Team owners cannot create a SharePoint sub-site) cannot be included in a Team template. Finally, team templates are tenant wide so each department will see the others' templates.





Using an automated governance tool like Cloud Governance can automate provisioning using pre-configured templates that include channel and tab setups but also membership and operational governance settings such as external sharing, expiration and more.

Why

Each department collaborates in different ways at different levels of sensitivity. You can address those unique needs and enforce policies without hampering the collaboration in other departments.

How

With Cloud Governance, users can navigate to an organizational app in Teams which presents a tailored catalogue of services that allow the creation of appropriate Microsoft 365 workspaces based on who the requestor is and what they need. The workspace is then automatically configured (and can be immediately provisioned or submitted for conditional approval) using the organization's pre-determined governance policies.

Department A	Department B	Department C
No external sharing	External Sharing In:   	External Sharing In: 
Expires After: 6 Months	Expires After: 12 Months	Expires After: 9 Months
Team Creation: Central IT	Team Creation: Dept IT	Team Creation: Users
Member Recertification: 3 Months	Member Recertification: 6 Months	Member Recertification: 12 Months

Leverage the Shared OneNote

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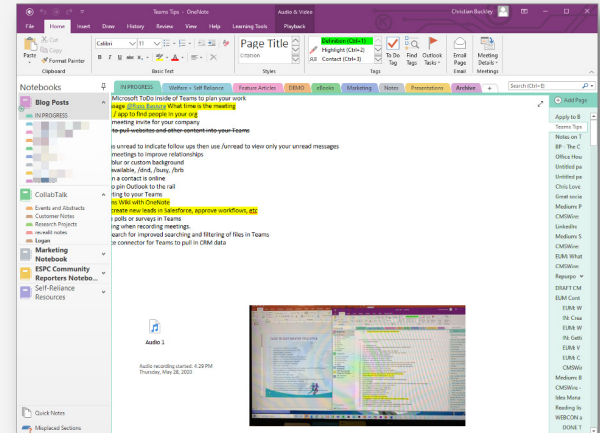
Take shared meeting notes, and then expand upon that OneNote content by adding real-time notes, images, and even video and audio recordings to the record.

Why

OneNote offers more than simple notetaking. Multiple people can annotate at the same time, as well as add audio and video recordings.

How

Assumes you have the Teams and OneNote add-ins for the Outlook desktop application. When creating a new calendar event from the Outlook desktop app, select both Teams meeting and OneNote as a shared resource. You can access the shared OneNote before, during, or after the meeting and sync it with your desktop and mobile device.



Record and Transcribe Your Meetings

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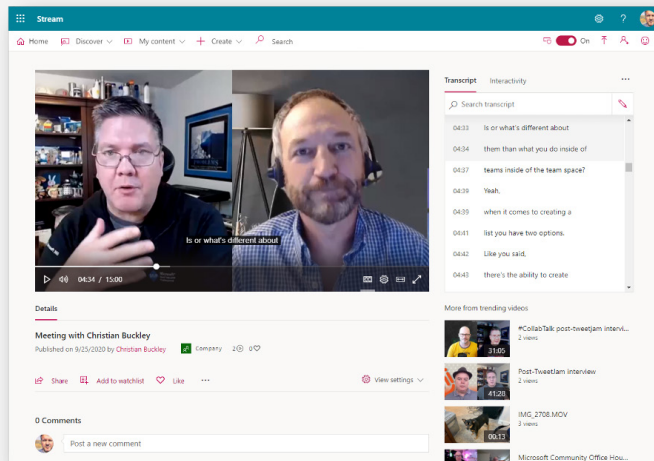
Set up Teams Meetings to record and transcribe by default. Providing an instantly searchable digital asset to your information management system.

Why

Meetings are an important information asset. By automatically recording your meetings by default, you can then use the native transcription capabilities in Stream to generate a searchable record of each meeting – or leverage this transcript to publish your meeting recording publicly, thus improving SEO for your shared content.

How

An Admin can set a Stream policy to record and transcribe every Teams Meeting. If these are not turned on by default, the user can go into Stream and edit their recording, setting the default language and turning on live captions to start the transcription process, which will appear in the box to the right of the recording.



Transfer a Meeting to Another Device

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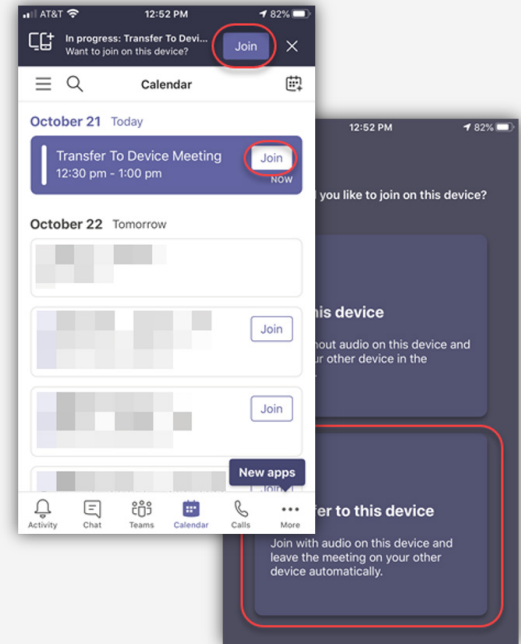
Microsoft Teams allows you to start or join meetings on any device, and transfer between devices. As long as a meeting is still in progress, you can leave and join it again any time you want.

Why

Sometimes a meeting goes long, and you need to leave the office to your next appointment and want to transfer the meeting to your mobile device so that you can listen in as you drive.

How

Using your mobile device, go into the Calendar on the teams app and find the current meeting in progress, and click 'Join'. The app will ask if you want to join (a second time) or transfer. Select 'Transfer to the device' and select your preferred audio and video options, and click 'Transfer Now'. Your laptop connection will drop as you are transferred to your mobile device.



Gather Feedback in Meetings with Polls

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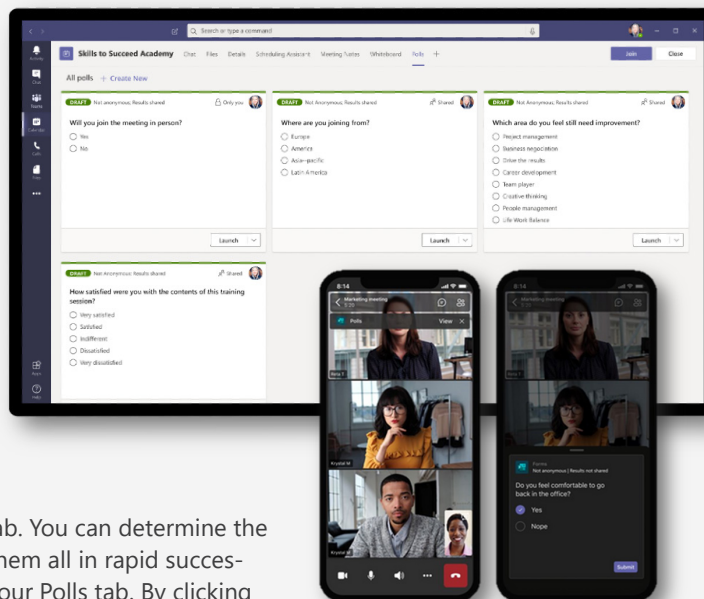
Meeting presenters can prepare polls in advance and launch the polls before, during, or after meetings that attendees can easily view and answer.

Why

Polls liven up an otherwise boring meeting, and help the presenter to gather important feedback.

How

Begin the process by adding the Polls app as a tab to your chat or meeting. As you prepare various polls to be launched during your meeting, you will see them as drafts within the tab. You can determine the order in which you publish each poll, or launch them all in rapid succession. Once you launch a poll, it shows as live in your Polls tab. By clicking View Results, you can track responses in real-time.



Recap Your Meetings with Meeting Recap

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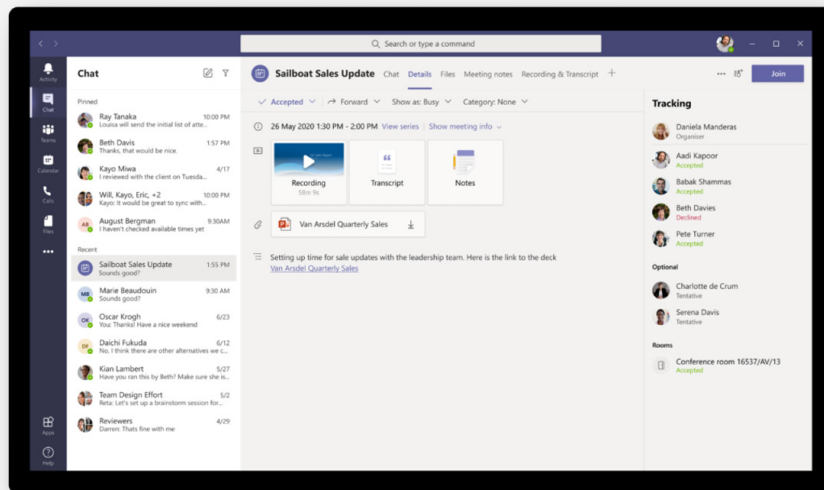
Microsoft Teams can now provide a recap with the meeting recording, transcript, chat, and attached files being shared with participants in the meeting Chat tab and viewable in the Details tab.

Why

Those who missed the meeting, joined late, or want to revisit what was discussed can play the recording or review the transcripts respectively.

How

Meeting recap is now rolling out. To find the recap, go into your Teams calendar, click on a past event, and click again on the expand arrows to see a full view of the meeting details, recording, and shared notes.





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