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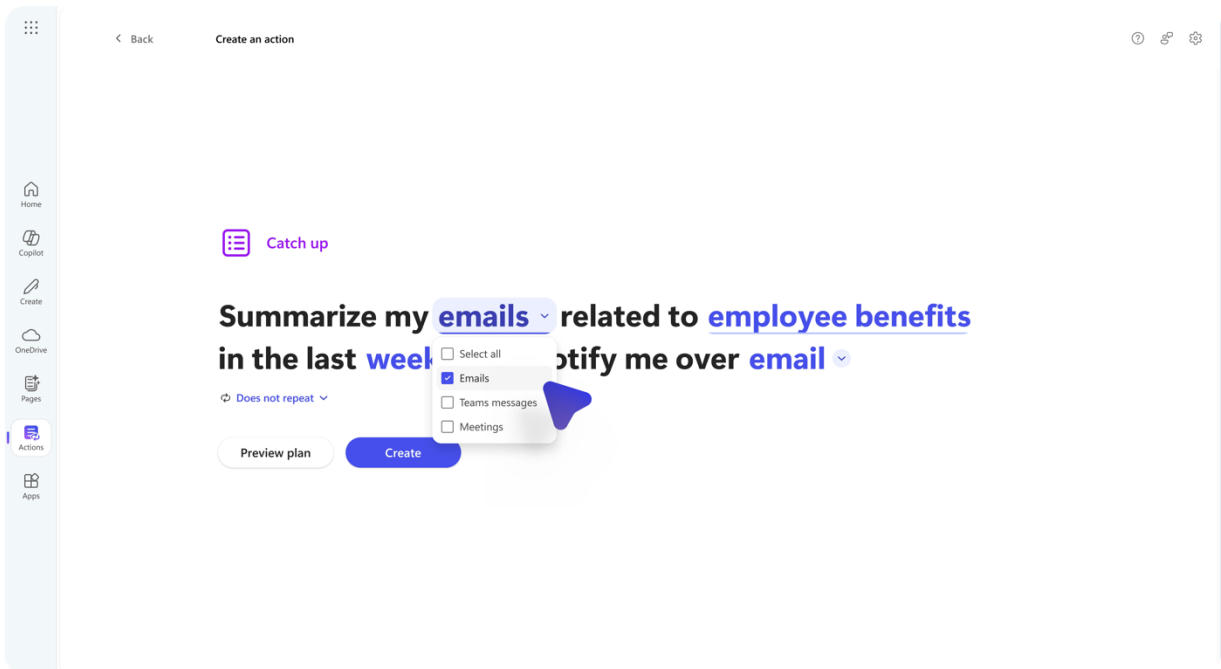linkedin.com/in/sergey-oreshin

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Copilot Actions

New Copilot Actions automate routine tasks with straightforward, fill-in-the-blank prompts that can be easily configured and left to run. Just like Outlook rules but for Microsoft 365 Copilot.
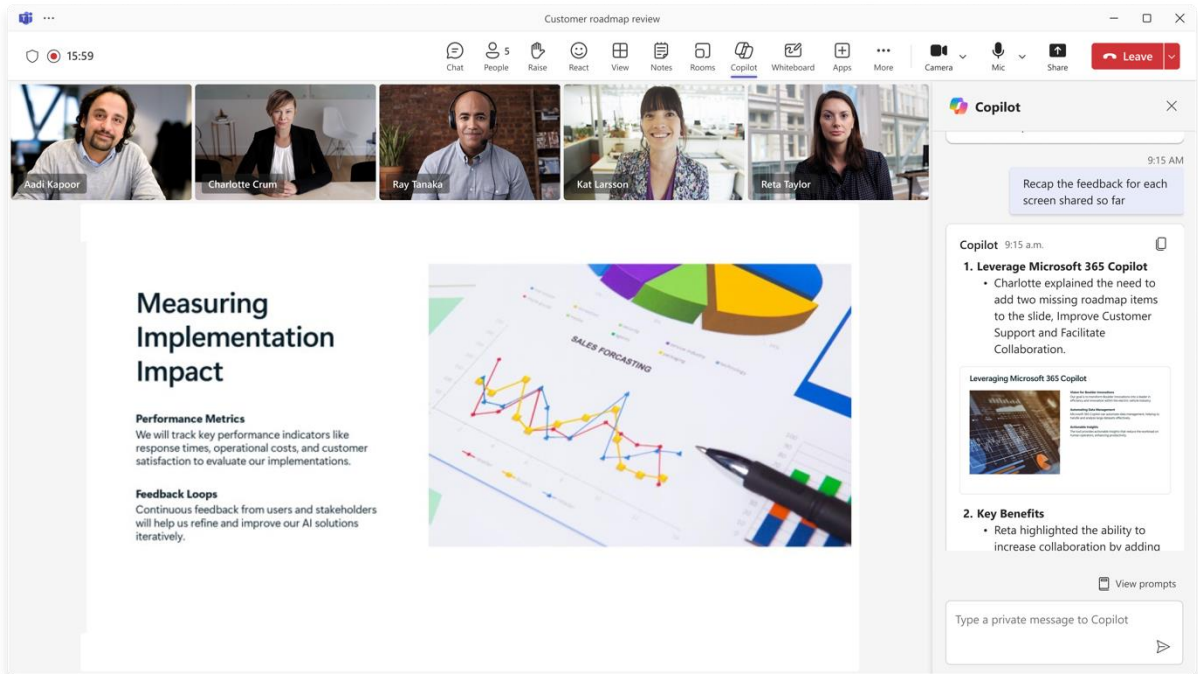
For example, you can set up an action to automatically receive a summary of your most important tasks at the end of each workday, create a task to collect inputs from your team for a weekly newsletter distributed every Thursday, or streamline customer meeting preparation with a recurring action that summarizes recent interactions ahead of each meeting.

You can save your actions to a library and share with colleagues.

These feature is currently available in private preview.

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On-screen Content Analysis

Copilot in Teams will have the capability to analyze content shared on-screen during meetings when recording is enabled. This enhancement, combined with meeting transcripts and chats, will allow users to ask Copilot to summarize or find specific information from screen-shared content (e.g., 'Which products had the highest sales?').
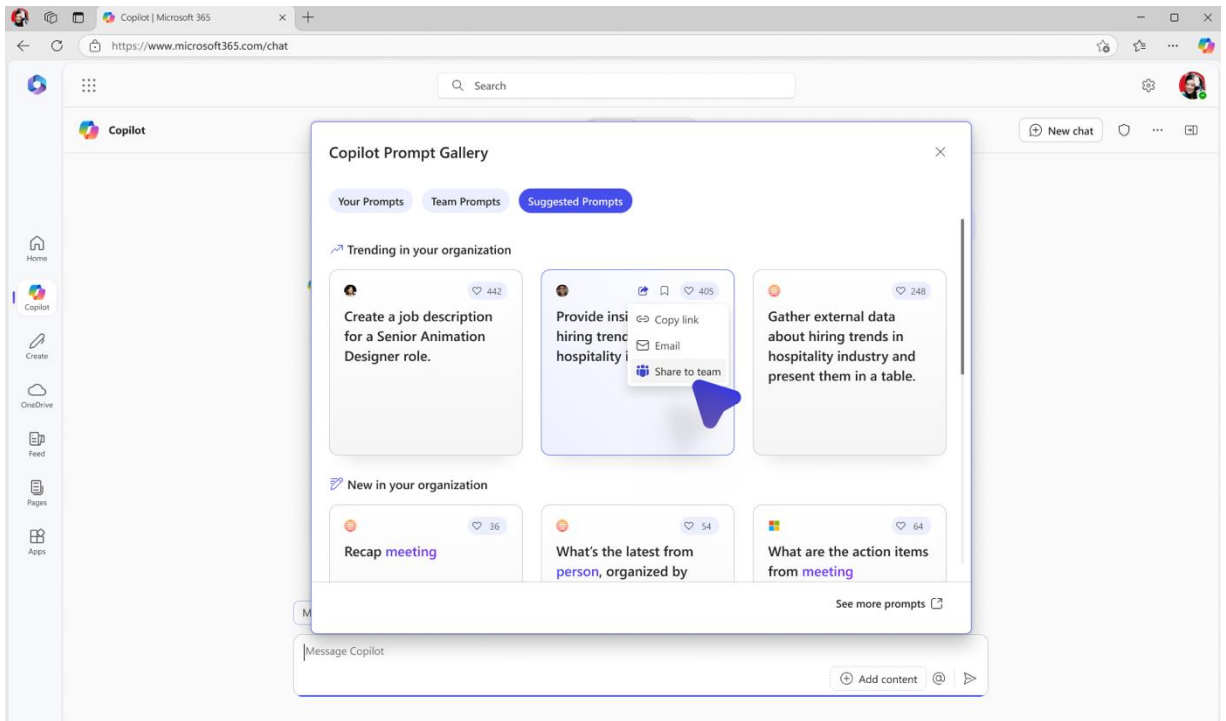
Additionally, it will consolidate insights across both the conversation and the presentation (e.g., 'What was the feedback per slide?') and draft new content based on the entire meeting (e.g., 'Rewrite the paragraph shared on the screen incorporating the feedback from the chat').

This feature will support any content shared while sharing your desktop screen, including but not limited to documents, slides, spreadsheets, and websites, regardless of platform or app.

Public preview in early 2025.

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Copilot Prompt Gallery

Copilot Prompt Gallery allows users to create, save, and share their favorite Microsoft 365 Copilot prompts with colleagues. Users can streamline their work by saving frequently used prompts within Business Chat under the 'Your prompts' tab. This feature launched in November.
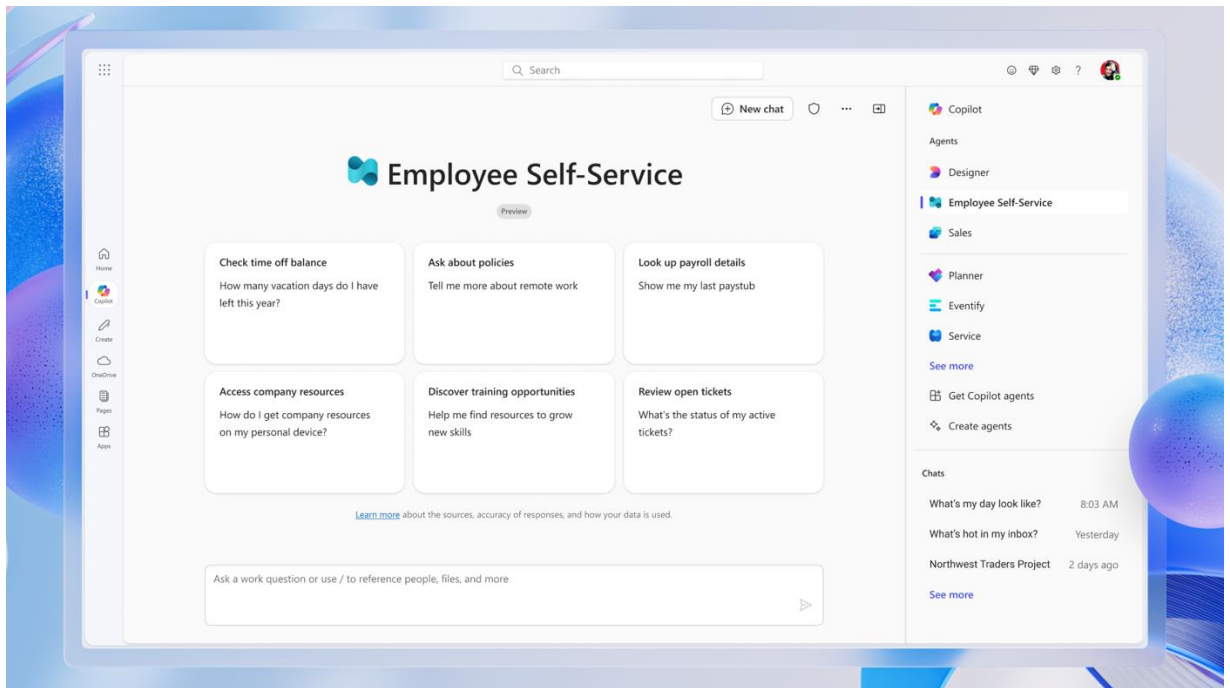
Users can share useful prompts for customer meetings or product launches, helping colleagues save time and improve efficiency. Leaders can showcase how they use Copilot to tackle tasks.

The gallery is expanding to include prompts for agents, which add specialized skills and automate tasks. Users can discover, save, and share these role-specific prompts to inspire their team.

These two features are rolling out in December.

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Employee Self-Service Agent

The Employee Self-Service Agent in Microsoft 365 Copilot simplifies HR and IT tasks, offering faster resolutions and a user-friendly experience. Users can access benefits, payroll info, start leaves of absence, request new laptops, and get help with Microsoft 365 products from one place.
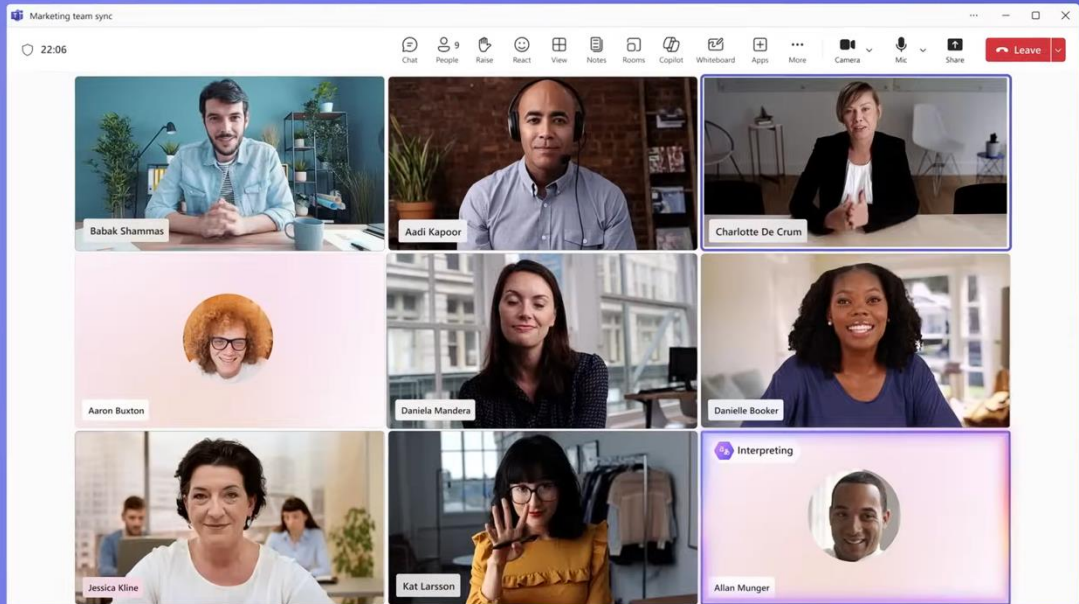
From business chat, users can retrieve benefits and payroll information, start a leave of absence, request a new laptop with IT, and get assistance for Microsoft 365 products and services, all in one place.

The agent is customizable in Copilot Studio, allowing admins to use various tools and data sources including pre-configured templates, workflows, knowledge sources from Sharepoint, and Microsoft-built connectors to HR and IT systems such as Workday, SAP, and ServiceNow, along with a library of tailored responses to sensitive topics.

This new agent is available in private preview now.

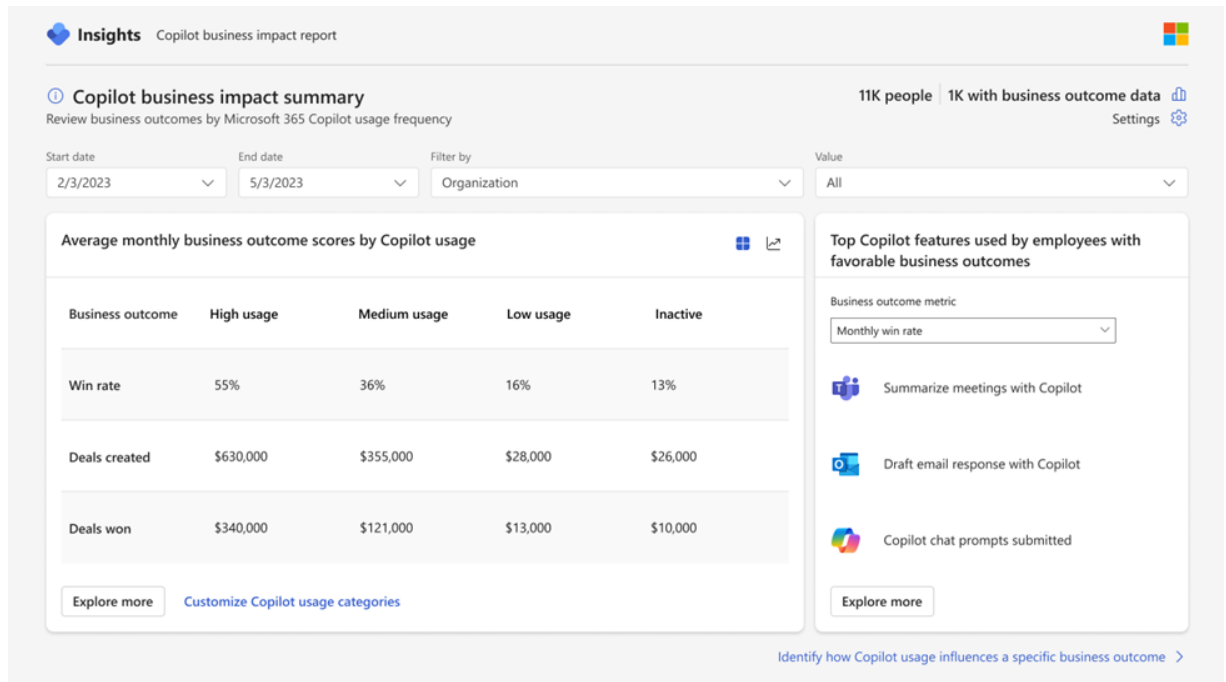Learn more

Interpreter Agent In Meetings

The new Interpreter agent will enable users to facilitate real-time speech-to-speech interpretation during Teams meetings, allowing them to communicate in the language of their choice and effectively overcome language barriers.

Additionally, users will be able to have the Interpreter simulate their voice, offering a more inclusive experience. Initially, the Interpreter will support nine languages: Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), and Spanish.

This new feature will be available in public preview starting in early 2025 and will require a Microsoft 365 Copilot license to access the preview.

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Copilot Control System

The Copilot Control System is designed for IT to confidently adopt and maximize the business value of Copilot and agents.

Data protection ensures intelligent grounding on enterprise data while respecting organizational controls. **SharePoint Advanced Management will be included at no extra cost** for Copilot customers to boost adoption and enhance content governance, available early 2025.
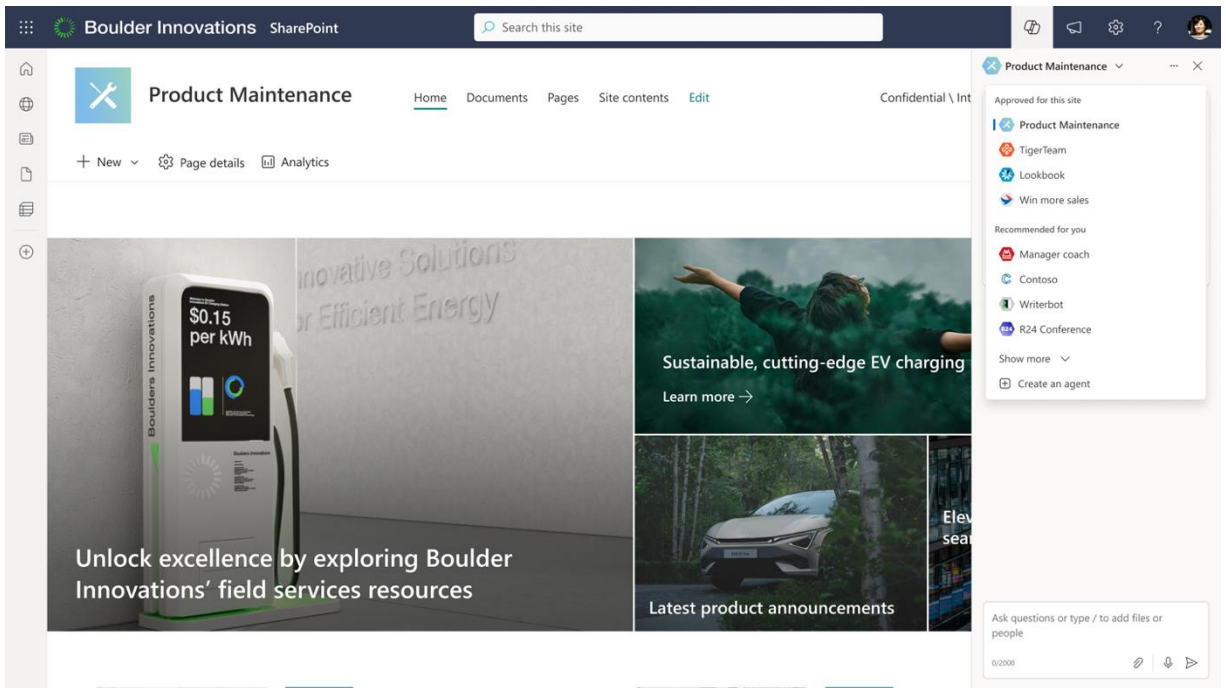
Management controls enable IT to manage access and usage of Copilot and agents, with visibility into agent status and lifecycle. Measurement and reporting tools help IT and business leaders track adoption and ROI from Copilot and agents.

Microsoft Viva Insights will be included in Copilot at no additional charge under the new Copilot Analytics.

The Copilot Business Impact Report is in public preview; Copilot Analytics generally available in early 2025.

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Agents In SharePoint

SharePoint agents enable users to transform SharePoint sites and documents into specialized agents for business needs. These agents help users surface insights, scale expertise, and make informed decisions efficiently. SharePoint agents will start rolling out this week and should be fully deployed by year-end.
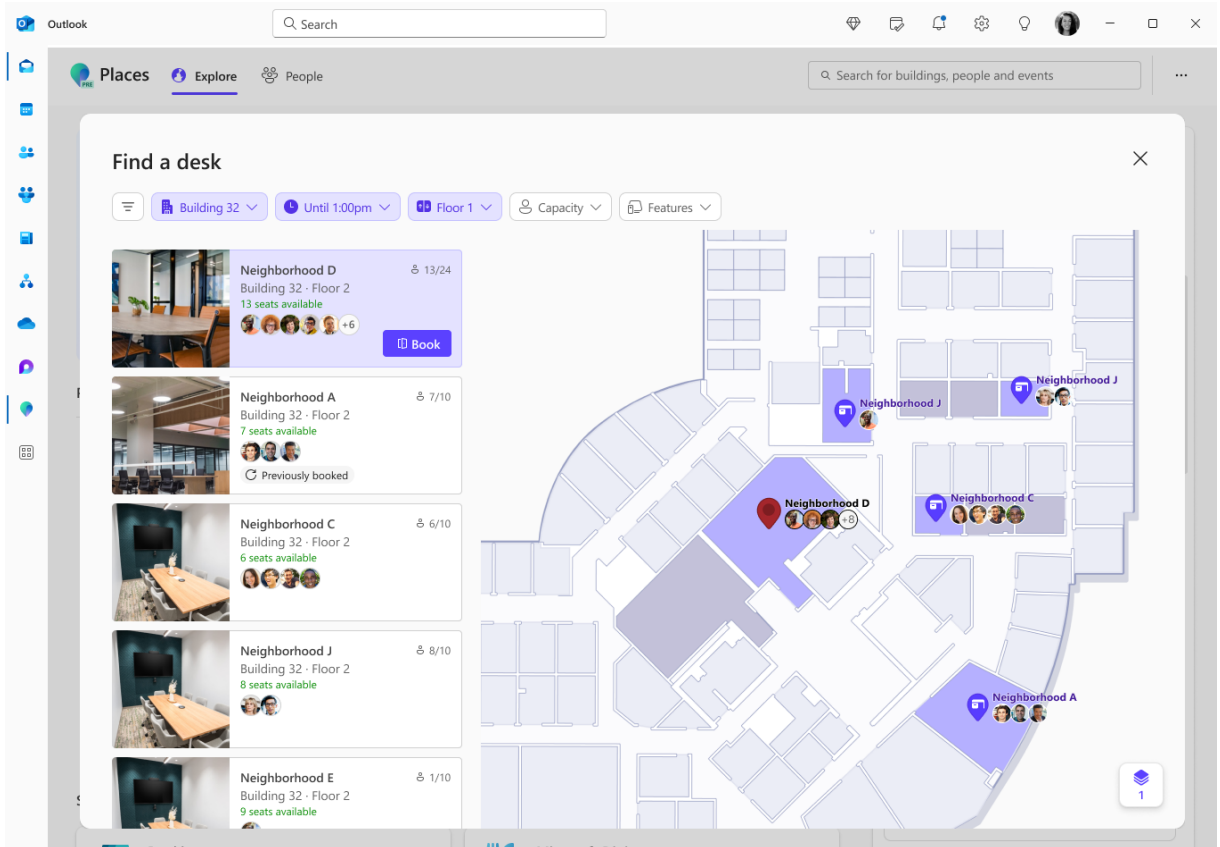
You can find the site agent via the Copilot icon on the right side of the ribbon at the top of a SharePoint site. The agent's name defaults to the site name and appears at the top of the "Approved for this site" list.

Users can create customized agents for specific projects or tasks based on relevant files, folders, or sites with one click. Agents can be shared via email or Teams chats, allowing teams to work with accurate information. Coworkers can use the shared agent, and @mentioning the agent in group chats provides a subject matter expert to assist and facilitate collaboration.

SharePoint Agents are now available.
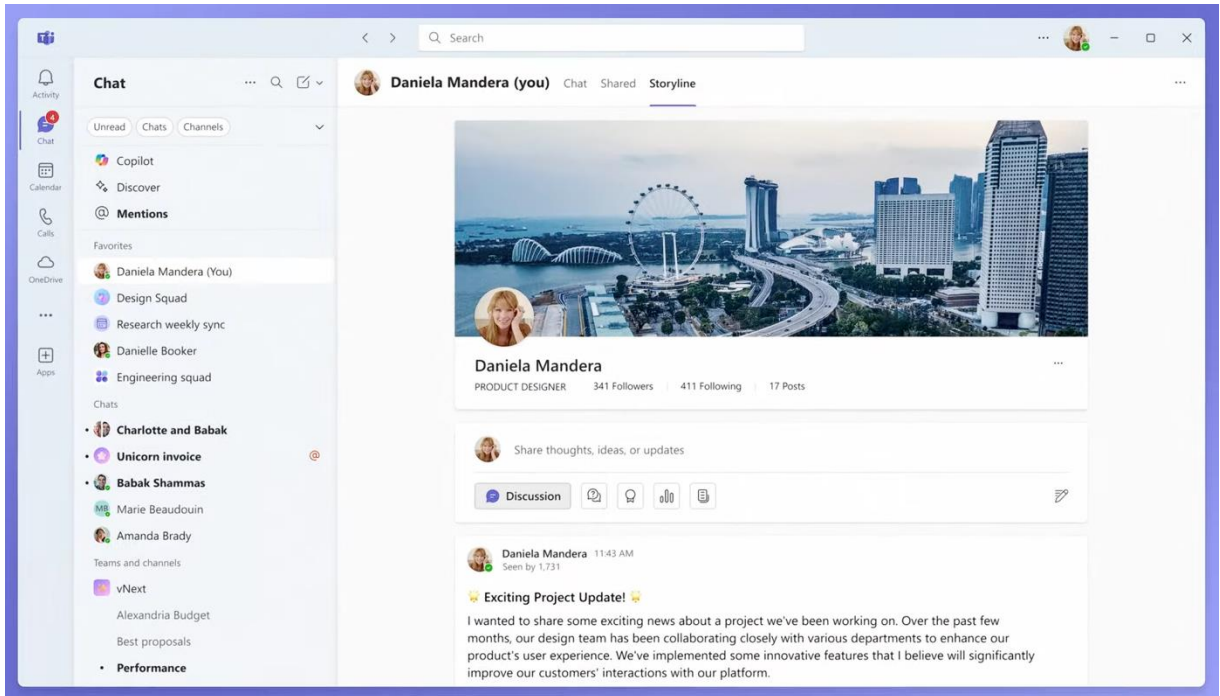
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Microsoft Places

This AI-powered workplace solution is designed for flexible work and is **available with a Teams Premium license**. Key features include:

- Recommended in-office days. Suggests the best days to come into the office based on meetings, coworkers' attendance, and guidance.

- Managed booking. Helps manage room bookings efficiently.

- Places finder. Finds the right meeting room or desk with needed space and technology.

- Workplace presence. Ensures no missed connections with colleagues in the office.

- New calendar experience in Teams. Redesigned for reliability, offering the same experience across Teams and Outlook, with integrated Copilot and Places for intelligent time management.

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Storyline in Microsoft Teams

Storylines in Viva Engage allow you to create, share, and discover content with others in your organization, promoting collaboration and connection through personalized content and experiences.
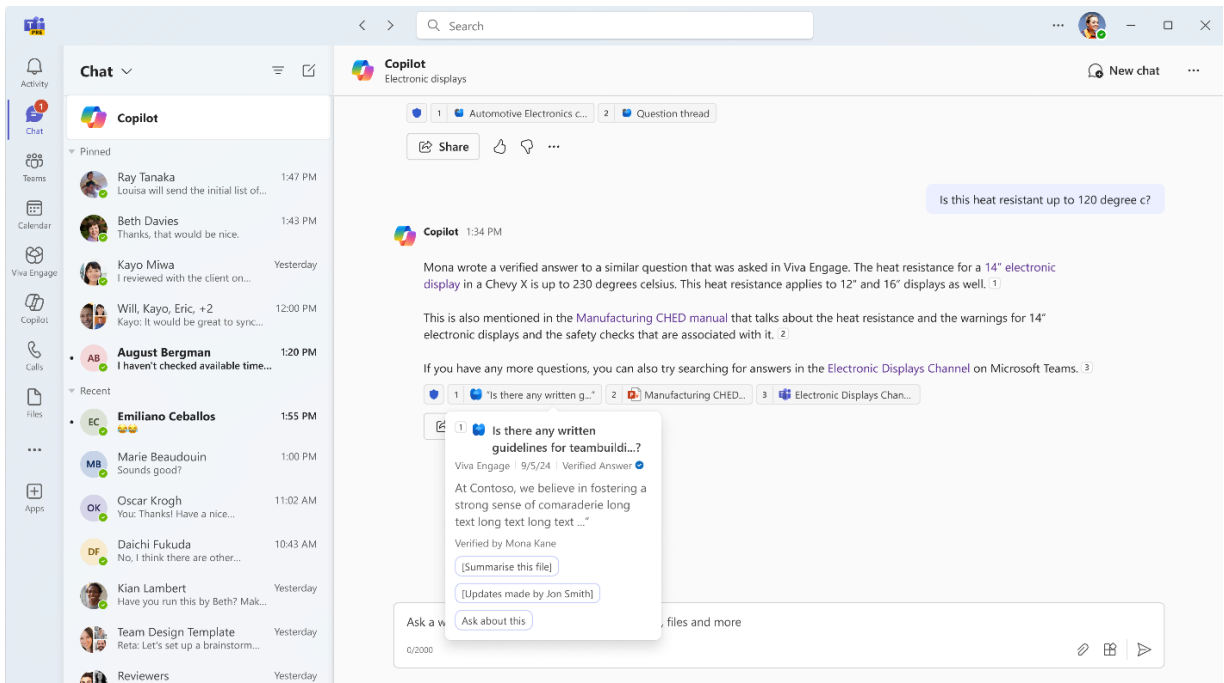
The Storyline integration into Microsoft Teams enables you to follow updates and notifications from leadership, find content, and contribute your ideas and perspectives while working in Teams.

Expected in early 2025, this update will provide a new method for leaders to communicate with the entire company using Microsoft Teams.

Additional community integration features and more are planned for next year.

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Engage Q&A in Copilot

Viva Engage Q&A (available with additional Viva Subscription) integrates expert knowledge into Copilot, enhancing its accuracy and consistency. Verified answers will soon be visible in Copilot's reference hover card, ensuring trustworthy information with clickable sources for context.

Public Q&A from Engage communities is now accessible in Microsoft 365 workplace search through Bing at work, Office.com, and SharePoint.com.

The 'Experts' tag will recognize colleague contributions on hover cards. In 2025, Engage content will also appear in M365 Copilot chat.
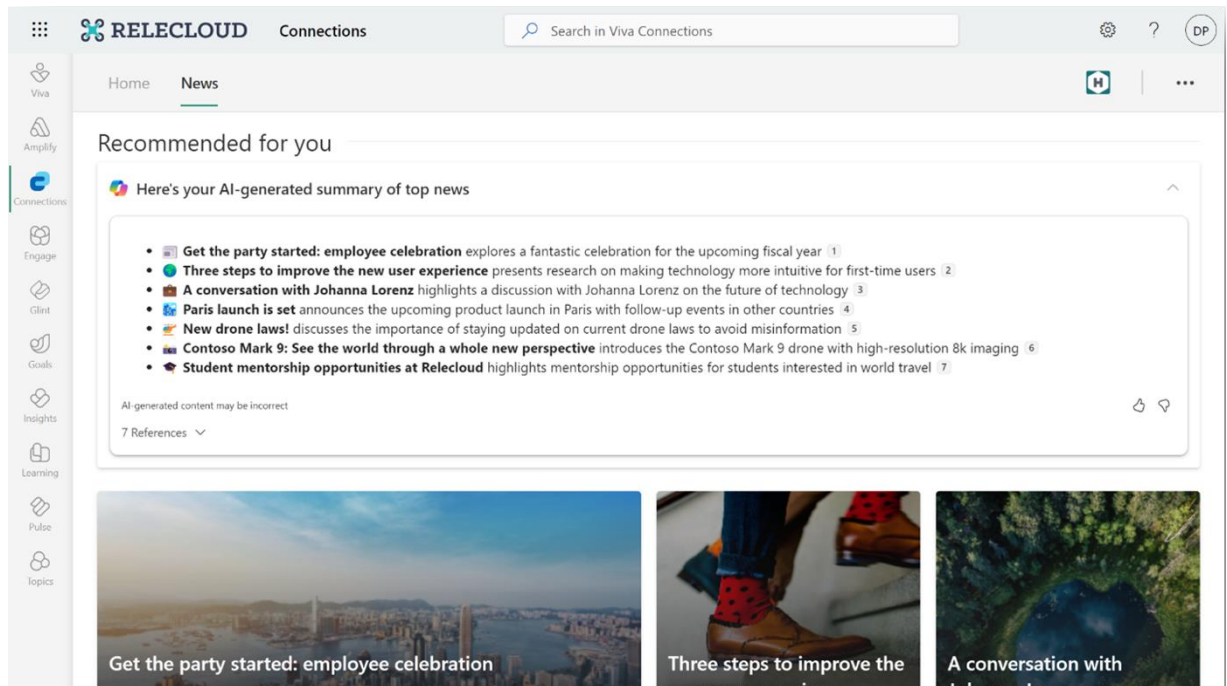
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Engage Updates In Connections

Microsoft is continuing to invest in deeper integration with Viva Connections. This includes the Engage feed card for the dashboard, which will surface recent, relevant community discussions, allowing users to quickly catch up, take actions, or link directly to the community for deeper engagement.

Additionally, Engage announcements will start to appear in the Connections announcements banner.

Furthermore, Engage campaigns and event content will be brought into the Spotlight carousel.

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New Enterprise News Reader

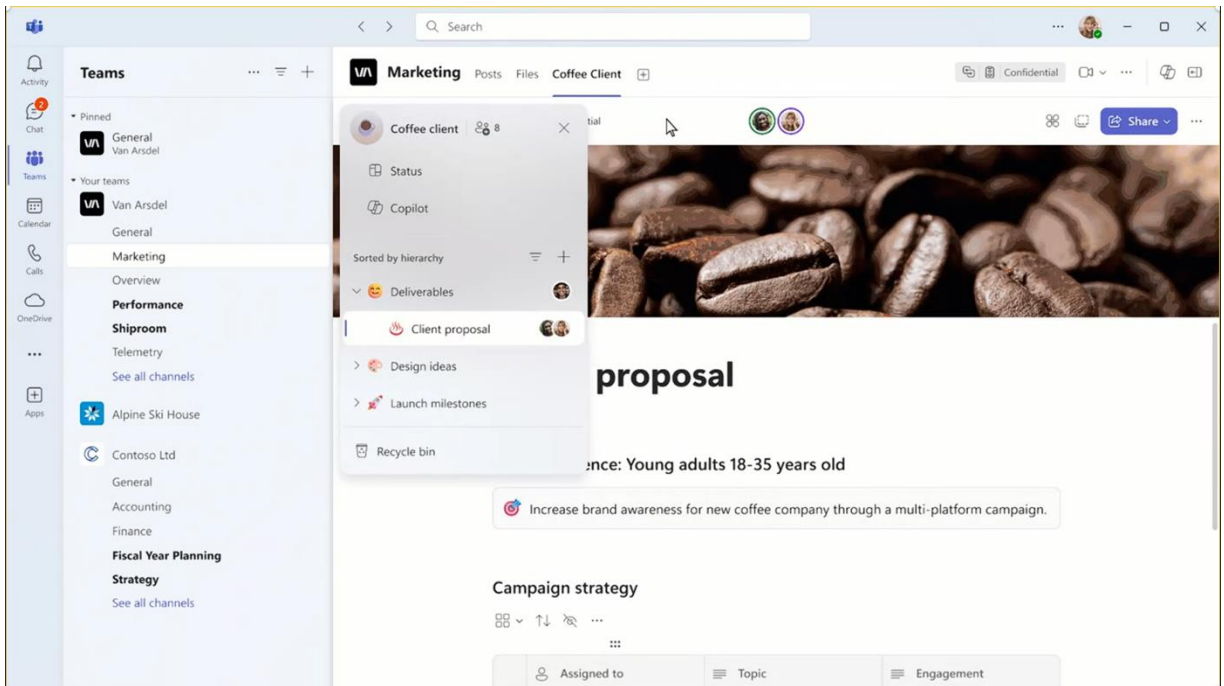The Viva Connections feed experience is being replaced with an immersive SharePoint news experience.

This transformation allows for a best-in-class enterprise news reader, providing a uniform and customizable experience across desktop and mobile with features like notifications, and enhanced user engagement.

This updated News experience will also leverage Copilot to help you summarize top news and stay connected to what's happening across your organization.

The Enterprise News reader, along with Copilot capabilities, will be rolling out in early 2025.

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Loop Workspaces In Channels

Channels in Microsoft Teams streamline collaboration by bringing people, content, and apps together and helping to organize them by project or topic.
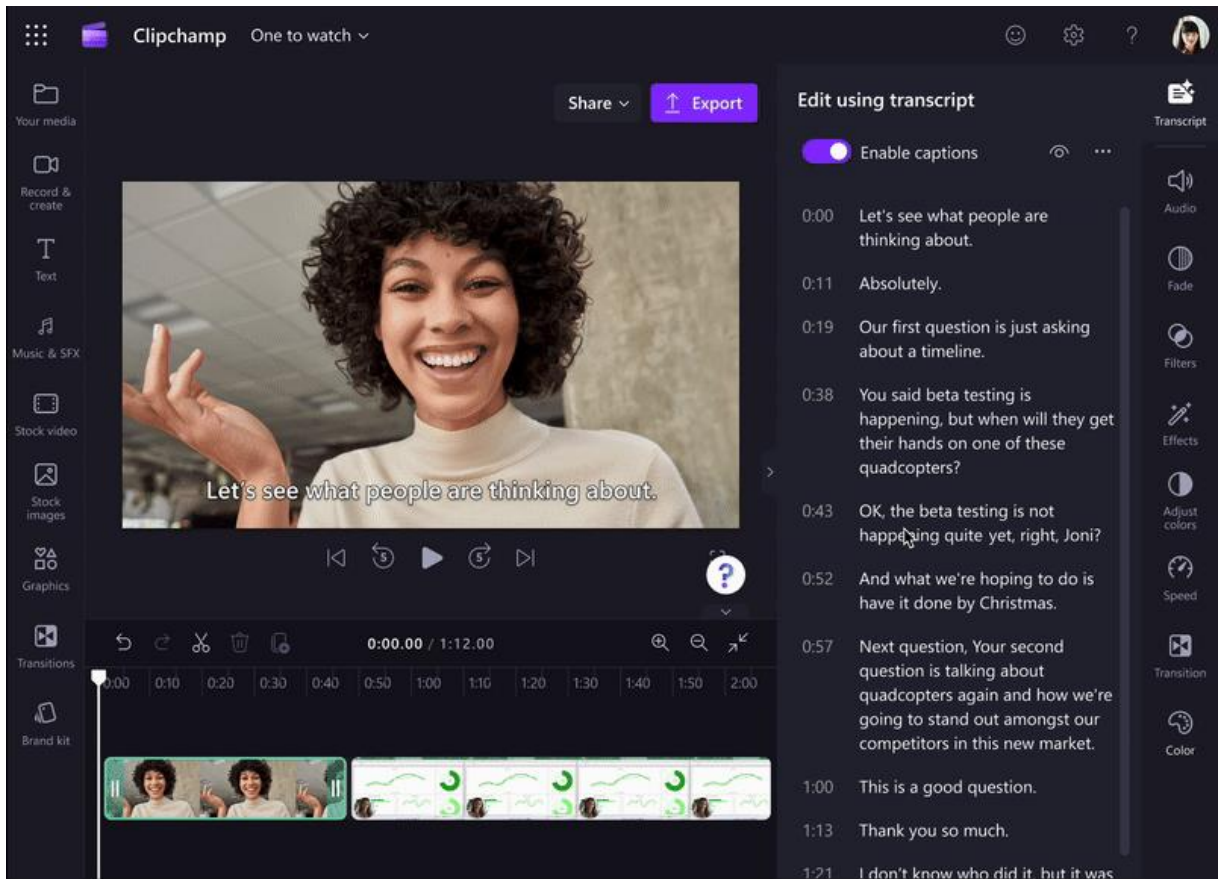
ou will be able to add a Loop workspace tab to standard channels enabling your team to brainstorm, co-create, collect, and organize content together in real-time.

Everyone in the Team gets access to the Loop workspace, even as Team membership changes, and the workspace adheres to the governance, lifecycle, and compliance standards set by the Microsoft 365 Group backing the team.

Generally available in early 2025.

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Video In Microsoft 365

The integration of Clipchamp and Stream into a single, streamlined video solution aims to reduce friction for users by combining the strengths of both platforms. This unification reflects Microsoft investing even more into video, by delivering a unified experience under the Clipchamp brand, eliminating friction and promoting seamless platform integration.

Videos will continue to be stored in SharePoint, Teams, and OneDrive, maintaining familiar experiences for sharing, searching, and commenting across other Microsoft 365 apps.

The integration will also enhance security and compliance, saving enterprises time and money by eliminating the need for external solutions. Users can expect a more robust and versatile video solution that enhances productivity and user experience.

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Generate Avatars From Photos

Finally, and equally fun!

Automatically generate personalized avatars from photos. Simply take or upload a photo of yourself, and our AI technology will work its magic to create a stunningly realistic digital avatar.

This fantastic feature is available to all Teams customers with avatars enabled. Get ready to see yourself in a whole new digital light!

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