

THE INSIGHTS

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Welcome to your July update

We know it's difficult to keep up with the number of changes and releases that come from Microsoft.

That's why every month, we highlight the latest updates that are important to your business.



News

- Microsoft named leader in no code, low code solutions
- Which jobs have an AI advantage?



Copilot updates

- Copilot catch up feature launched
- Extended availability for M365 licences
- From pdf to ppt with the click of a button



365 updates

- Boost adoption with Teams Premium usage report



Security updates

- Document control made easier with internal link expirations



Azure updates

- Entra ID licence changes for MTO



MICROSOFT NEWS

Microsoft Power Apps names a No-Code/Low-Code Market Leader by Omdia

[Power Apps is in a leading position](#) thanks to its technological capabilities, market reach, and momentum.

Omedia's Chief Analyst, Michael Azoff, said, "The infusion of AI-based Copilot into the Power Platform has had a dramatic impact on the market, accelerating the way developers work".

5 ways IT departments can get started with low-code and AI

The use cases for an AI-powered, low-code development platform abound, especially in an organisation's IT department, but [this article focuses on the five things Microsoft thinks IT teams would want to start doing](#) if they were empowered with those tools today.

Webinar 31st July 2024 Zero Trust in the age of AI

[Last chance to join Microsoft's latest security webinar](#), with guest speakers from Forrester and Virgin Money, on Wednesday 31st July 2024.

Microsoft will be diving into how to simplify and extend your zero trust strategy across your entire infrastructure, as well as the revealing their latest end-to-end security innovations and recommendations.

AI Data Drop: Which Jobs Have an AI Advantage?

Microsoft has surveyed the early adopters of Copilot and found that cybersecurity, product development and sales/ business development reported the most time savings from AI.

[This article explains how different functions and industries have responded to the adoption of AI.](#)

How Do You Measure the Value of AI at Work?

Microsoft's 2024 Work Trend Index report found that 59% of leaders are worried about quantifying the productivity gains of AI.

[This article explains the new Copilot Assisted Hours metric](#), and how it can help leaders measure Copilot's RoI.

Update on the Recall Preview Feature for Copilot+ PCs

Microsoft are updating the set-up experience of Copilot+ PCs to give you a clearer choice to opt in to save snapshots using Recall. If you don't proactively choose to turn it on, it will be off by default.

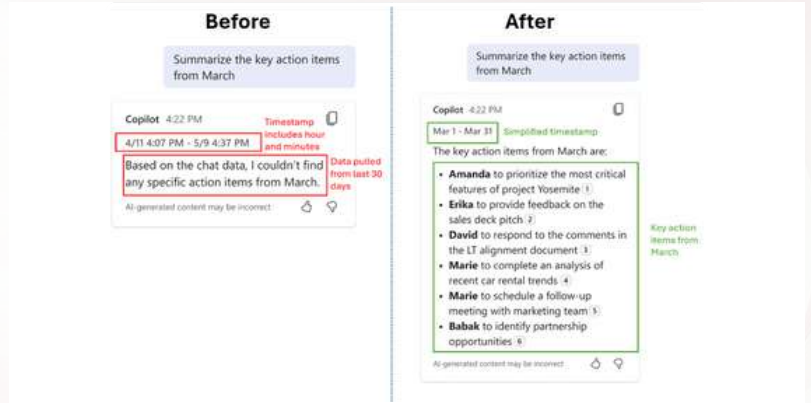
To learn more about privacy controls and protections in Copilot+ PCs, read [update on the Recall Preview Feature for Copilot+ PCs](#).



MICROSOFT COPILOT

Copilot search no longer limited to 30-days

Before this rollout, when users asked Copilot about a long time period (such as “Summarise the key action items from March”), Copilot was limited to the last 30 days of data (left side of screenshot).

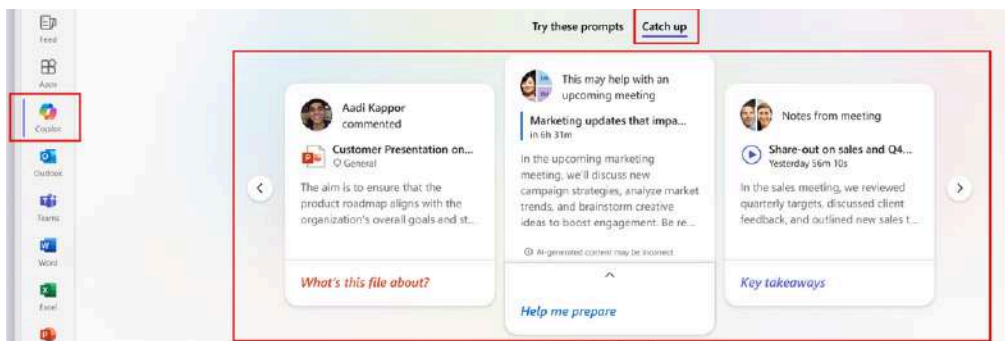


This update improves the user experience by providing more precise and relevant responses to prompts such as “yesterday,” “last week,” and “last month”.

The new ‘catch up’ feature

The new catch up feature in Copilot helps employees find all their important tasks and communications in one place, with helpful prompts for follow up actions.

NB: Teams users may have to add the Copilot app to make it appear on the left side of the screen.



Expanded availability for Copilot for Microsoft 365

19 extra standalone commercial plans have been added to the existing qualifying prerequisites for Copilot for Microsoft 365. Click here for the full list.

From PDF to PPT with the click of a button

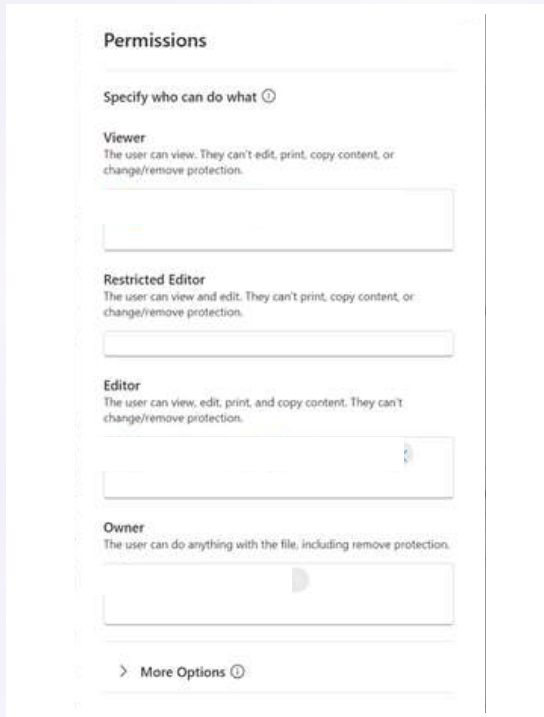
With the Create from File capability of Microsoft PowerPoint, Copilot will now be able to create a new presentation based on a PDF file.

- Previously resulted in an error message telling you to use an unprotected file instead
- The new presentation will take on the Word document's sensitivity label, if it is higher than the new presentation.
- Due early to late June 2024





MICROSOFT & OFFICE 365



Information Protection labels have changed in some O365 apps

Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint now have modernised labels for user-defined permission settings. The names have been changed to reflect those in the

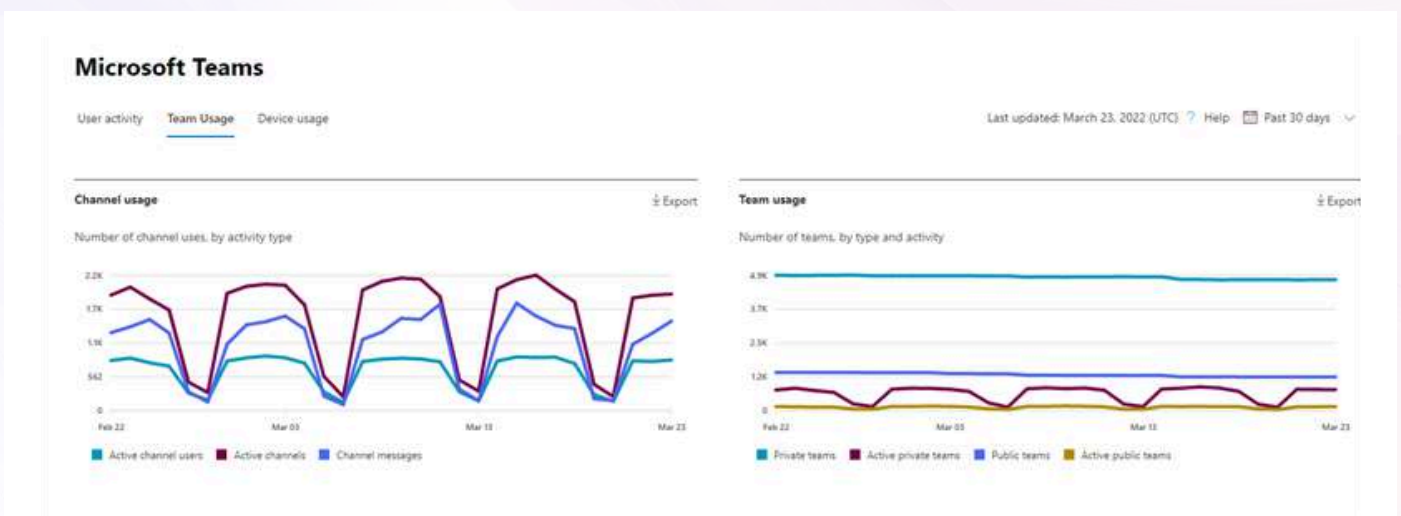
There are new names for pre-set permissions levels, however the rights contained in each grouping are unchanged:

- Reviewer is now called Restricted Editor.
- Co-Author is now called Editor.
- Co-Owner is now called Owner.

Boost adoption with Teams Premium usage report

As the Teams application becomes more feature-rich, it is essential to ensure employees are aware of new functionalities so that they can use the app as a single pane of glass for everyday tasks.

The report can help you drive awareness and adoption by giving you insights into underused features, helping you maximise your Return on Investment (ROI).



Want to know your utilisation across all M365 licences? [Use our ELP assessment](#) to see where you can improve your usage, or save on costs.



MICROSOFT SECURITY

Set expiration available for all links when sharing

Microsoft have now expanded link expiration capabilities from 'anyone' to internal users as well. This update means employees can set sharing durations with colleagues when information is only needed for specific and time-bound purposes, helping to keep information and assets more secure. This also helps to cement best-practice document sharing techniques with non-IT employees.




MICROSOFT AZURE

Entra ID licence changes for multi-tenant organisations (MTO)

Microsoft has released a 'one user, one licence' update for organisations with multiple tenants. The same philosophy applies to Entra ID Governance: the organisation only needs one license per person to govern the identities of these users across these tenants.

This helps streamline procurement and alleviate complexity for your admin users, especially in highly-regulated or highly-acquisitive business environments.


Resources



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Our Microsoft knowledge hub will help you maximise the value of your investment across 365 and Azure to help you achieve more with less. With webinars, blogs and whitepapers on everything from user experience updates across 365, product updates in Azure, tips and tricks for AI adoption and specialist webinars on Zero Trust security within the Microsoft suite.


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