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QUICKSTART GUIDE

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Quickstart Guide

New to Microsoft Teams? Use this guide to learn the basics.

Move around in Teams

Use these buttons to switch between Activity, Chat, your Teams, Calendar and Files.

View and organize Teams

Click to see your teams. In the teams list, drag a team name to reorder it.

All your apps

Click here to see and manage your apps directly within the Microsoft Teams interface.

Your collection

This is a personalized feed that helps you to catch up on posts from your channels.

Add tabs

Highlight apps, services, and files at the top of a channel for easier use and navigation.

Use the command box

Search for specific items or people, take quick actions, and launch your apps.

Manage your profile

Manage your account, change the status and find all your settings.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Teams interface with several callout boxes pointing to specific features:

- Activity**: Points to the top navigation bar.
- Search**: Points to the search bar at the top.
- Teams**: Points to the left-hand navigation pane.
- General**: Points to the current channel name at the top of the main content area.
- Discover**: Points to the 'Discover' button in the left-hand pane.
- Your teams**: Points to the 'Your teams' section in the left-hand pane.
- Justice League**: Points to a team name in the left-hand pane.
- Hogwarts**: Points to another team name in the left-hand pane.
- General**: Points to a channel name under the 'Hogwarts' team.
- Files**: Points to the 'Files' tab at the top of the channel.
- Notes**: Points to the 'Notes' tab at the top of the channel.
- Post**: Points to a message from Diana Prince.
- @-mention**: Points to the '@' symbol in a message.
- Reply**: Points to the 'Reply' button at the bottom of a message.
- Work with files**: Points to a file tab in the channel.
- Compose a message**: Points to the 'Start a post' button at the bottom.
- Reply**: Points to the 'Reply' button at the bottom of the main content area.

Every team has channels

Click one to see the files and conversations about that topic, department, or project.

Reply

Conversations are shown as threads. Just click at the bottom on **Reply** to answer.

@-mention

Use @ when writing a message to specifically inform a person or group of people.

Work with files

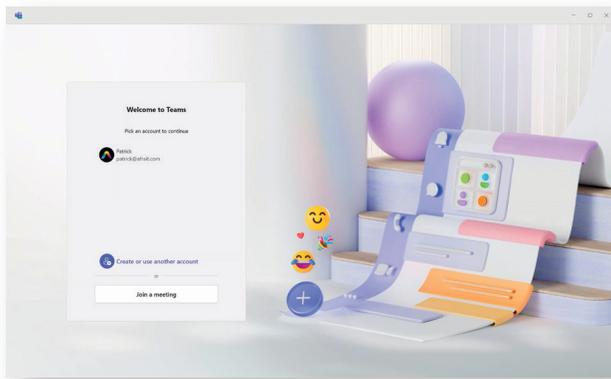
Let people view a file or work on them together by adding them to your conversation.

Compose a message

Type and format it here. Add a file, emoji, GIF, or sticker to engage with your audience.

Sign in

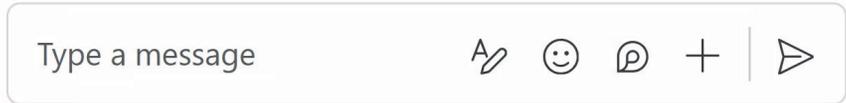
In Windows, click **Start** > **Microsoft Teams (work or school)**.
On Mac, go to the **Applications** folder and click **Microsoft Teams**.
On mobile, tap the **Teams** icon.
Then sign in with your work, school, or personal Microsoft account.



Start a conversation

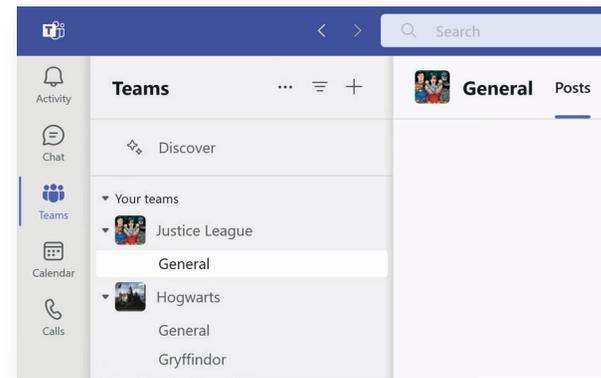
With the whole team... Click **Teams**, pick a team and channel, click on **Start a post**, write your message, and click **Post**.

With a person or group... Click **Chat**, then **New chat**, type the name of the person or group in the **To** field, write your message, and click **Send**.



Pick a team and channel

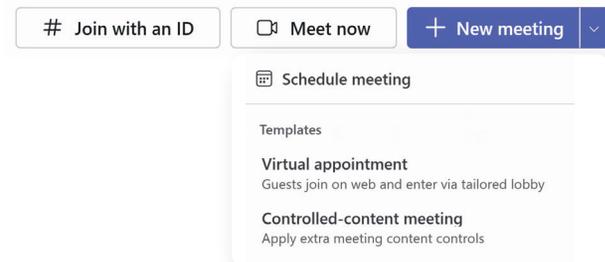
A *team* is a collection of people, conversations, files, and tools. All in one place!
A *channel* is a discussion in a team, dedicated to a department, project, or topic.
Click **Teams** and select a team. Pick a channel to explore the **Posts**, **Files**, other tabs and integrations.



Start a meeting

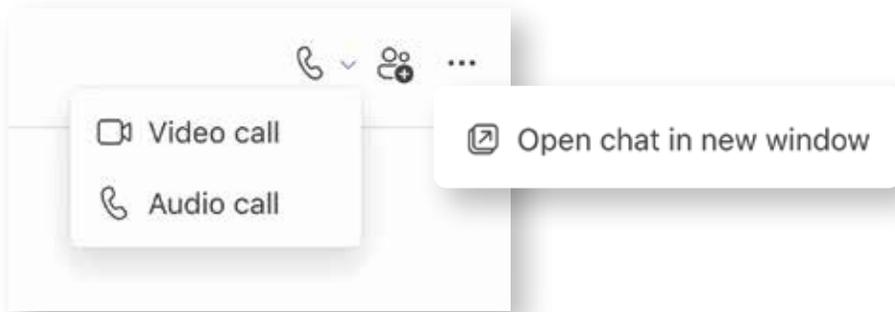
If you have selected the calendar on the left, you can schedule a new meeting, webinar and even a live event or just **Meet now**.

If you click on **Reply** in a channel, then the +, you are able to schedule a meeting which will take place in the respective channel.



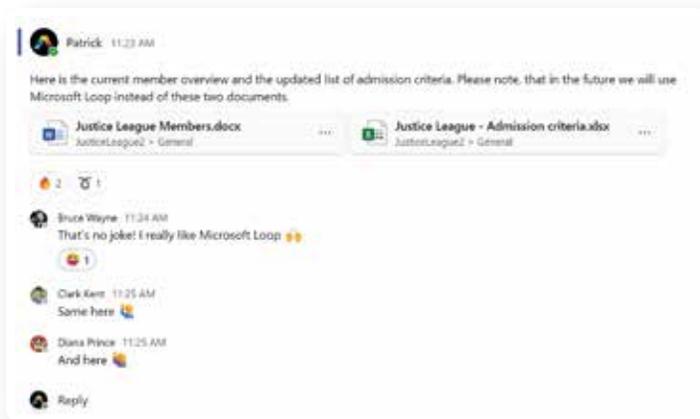
Make video & audio calls

Click **Video call**  or **Audio call**  to call someone from a chat. You can also undock your chat and move it as a separate window for better organization. To do so, click the three dots ... and then **Open chat in new window** .



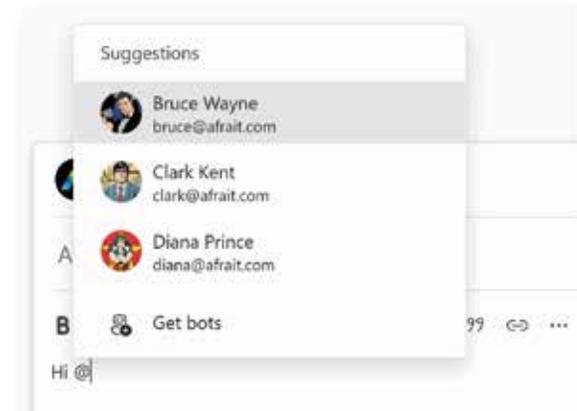
Reply to a conversation

Channel conversations are organized by date and then threaded. Find the thread you want to reply to, then click **Reply**. Add your thoughts and click Send .



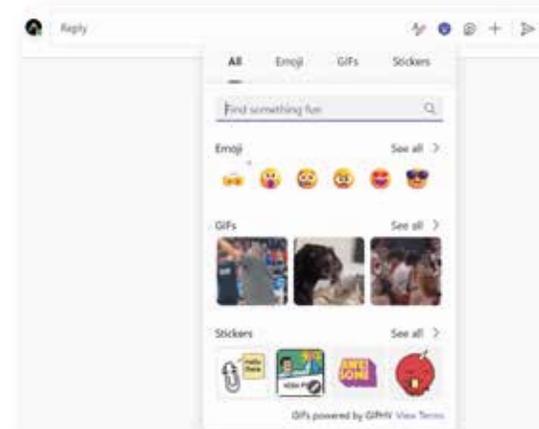
@mention someone

To get someone's attention, type @, then their name (or pick them from the list that appears). Type **@team** to message everyone in a team or **@channel** to notify everyone in that channel.



Add an emoji, meme or GIF

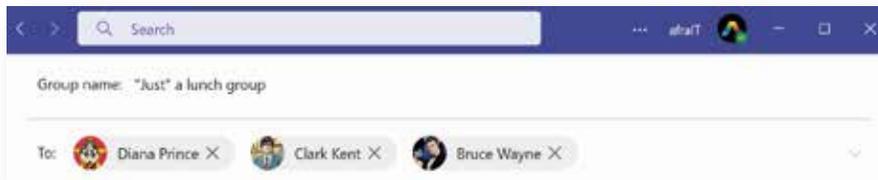
When replying to a message, click the **Emoji** on the right side of the box where you type your normal message, then pick a emoji, GIF or sticker.



Create a group chat

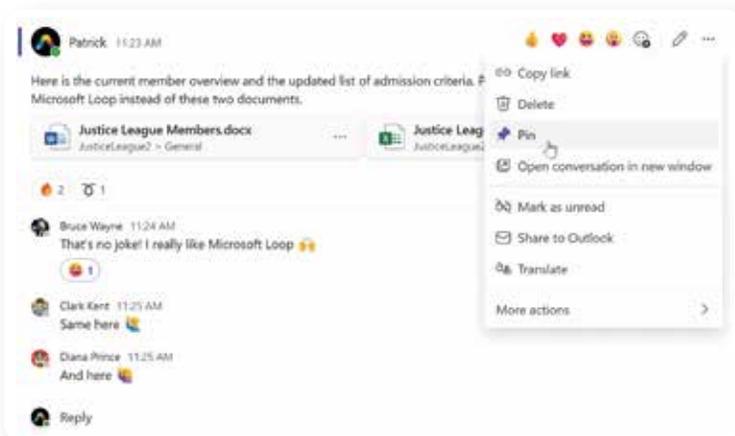
When you select **Chat** and **New Chat** you can add multiple people at once. In addition you are able to give this conversation a name.

With that you find the **group conversation** easier in your list of chats.



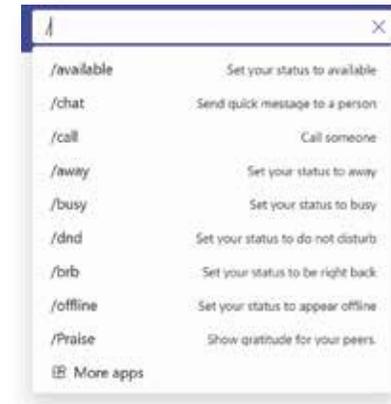
Pin a message

Sometimes you might want to pin a particular chat message for reference. To do that, simply click **More options ...** and **Pin**. A pinned message appears at the top.



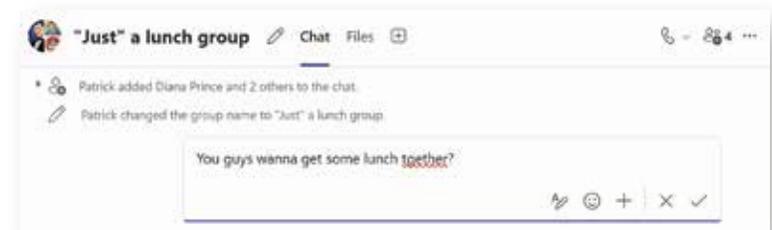
Use commands

There are multiple commands you can use to improve productivity. Use **/call** to call someone. You can use **/dnd** to set you status fast to "Do not disturb", use **/Praise** to send praise to people or set your status to offline with **/offline**.



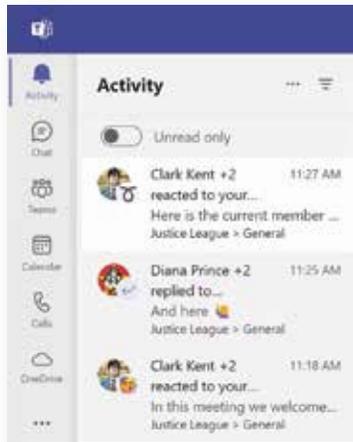
Typo? No problem

We are all human, so a typo happens. By simply using the **up-arrow key**  you can edit your previous sent message. After you fixed your typo you can send it again. As alternative, use the ... and then select the pencil to edit the message.



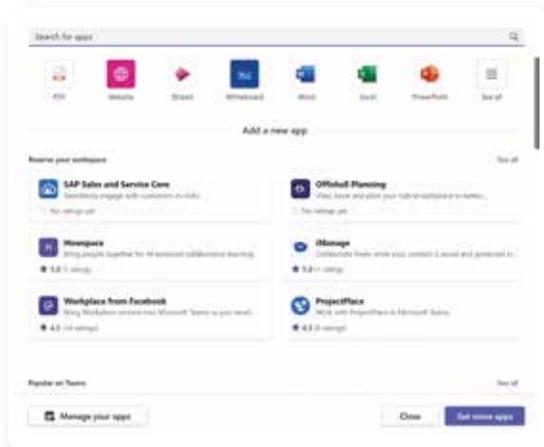
Stay up-to-date

Click **Activity**  on the left. The **Feed** shows you all your notifications and everything that's happened lately in your channels.



Add a tab in a channel

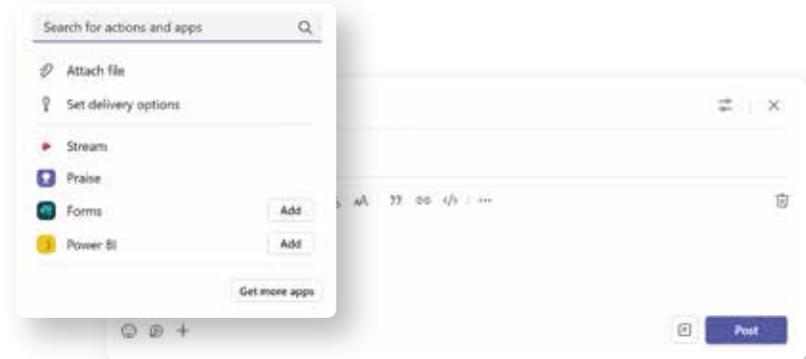
Click **+** by the tabs at the top of the channel, click the app you want, and then follow the prompts. Use the **Search** if you don't see the app you want to add.



Share a file

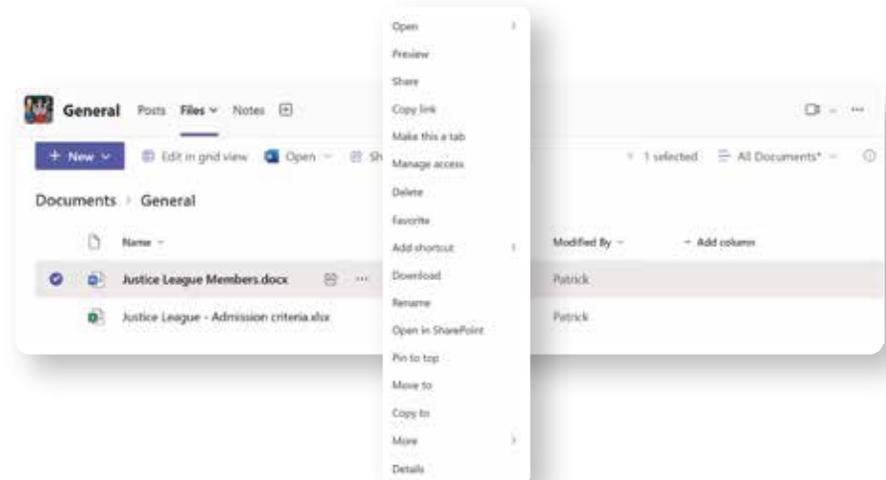
Click the **+** icon when composing a new post. Then, click **Attach file** .

Depending on the location of the file, you'll get options for uploading a copy, sharing a link, or other ways to share.



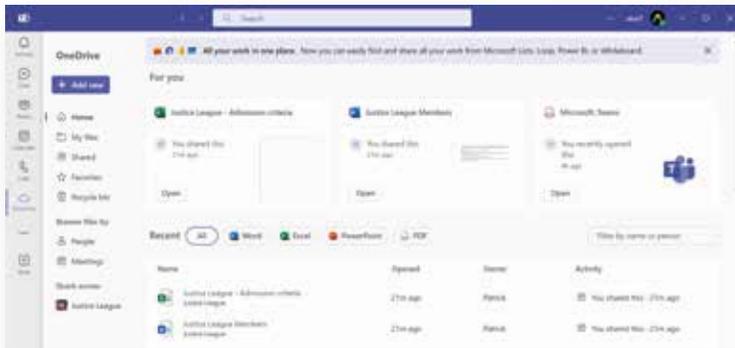
Work with files in a channel

Click **Files** at the top of a channel to see all files shared in that channel. Click **...** next to a file to see what you can do with it.



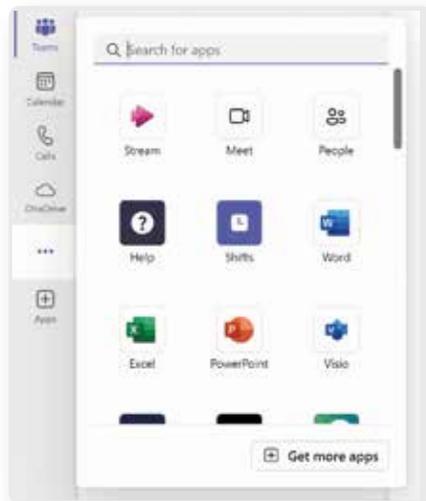
OneDrive in Teams

You can also access your entire OneDrive environment in Microsoft Teams. Select **OneDrive** from the left side to navigate to all your work in one place.



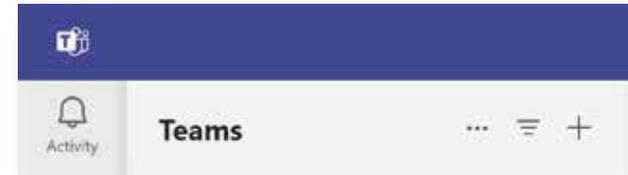
Find your personal apps

Click more added apps ... to see your personal apps. You can open or uninstall them here. Add more apps under **Apps** (+).



Options, Filter and Create

At the top next to Teams, you can open **More channel options**, **Filter** messages and **Create or join teams and channels**.



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