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Quick Start Guide

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

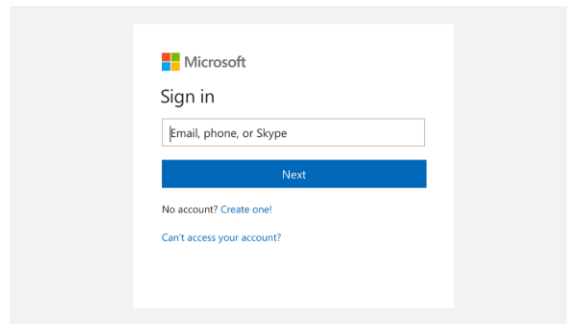
The screenshot shows the Microsoft Teams interface with several callout boxes providing instructions:

- Move around Teams:** Use these buttons to switch between Activity Feed, Chat, your Teams, Calendar & Files.
- View and organize teams:** Click to see your teams. In the teams list, drag a team name to reorder it.
- Find personal apps:** Click to find and manage your personal apps.
- Add apps:** Launch Apps to browse or search apps you can add to Teams.
- Every team has channels:** Click one to see the files and conversations about that topic, department, or project.
- Start a new chat:** Launch a one-on-one or small group conversation.
- Add tabs:** Highlight apps, services, and files at the top of a channel.
- Use the command box:** Search for specific items or people, take quick actions, and launch apps.
- Manage profile settings:** Change app settings, change your pic, or download the mobile app.
- Manage your team:** Add or remove members, create a new channel, or get a link to the team.
- Add files:** Let people view a file or work on it together.
- Join or create a team:** Find the team you're looking for, join with a code, or make one of your own.
- Reply:** Your message is attached to a specific conversation.
- Compose a message:** Type and format it here.

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Sign in

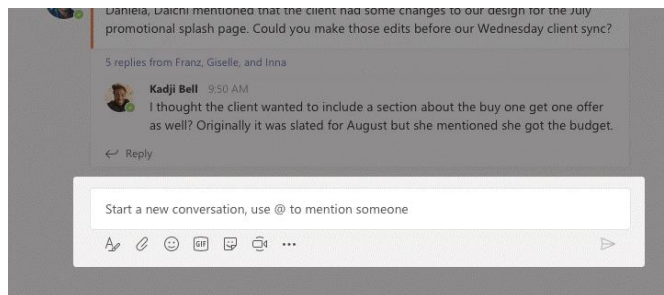
In Windows, click **Start** > **Microsoft Teams**.
On Mac, go to the **Applications** folder and click **Microsoft Teams**.
On mobile, tap the **Teams** icon. Then sign in with your Office 365 username and password. (If you're using Teams free, sign in with that username and password.)



Start a conversation

With the whole team... Click **Teams**, pick a team and channel, write your message, and click **Send**.

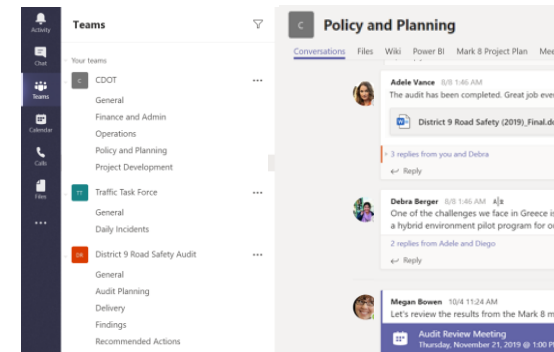
With a person or group... Click **New chat**, type the name of the person or group in the **To** field, write your message, and click **Send**.



Pick a team and channel

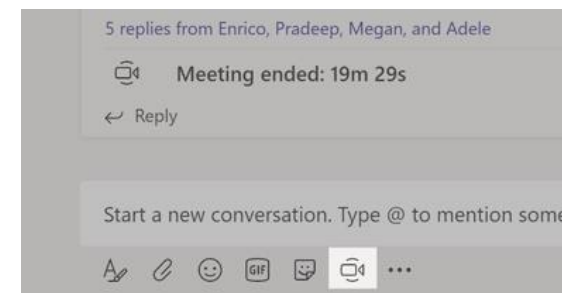
A *team* is a collection of people, conversations, files, and tools—all in one place. A *channel* is a discussion in a team, dedicated to a department, project, or topic.

Click **Teams** and select a team. Pick a channel to explore the **Conversations**, **Files**, and other tabs.




Start a meeting

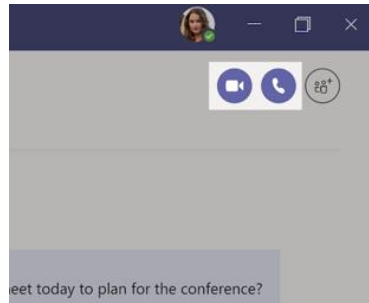
Click **Meet now** under the area where you type a message to start a meeting in a channel. (If you click **Reply**, then **Meet now**, the meeting is based on that conversation.) Enter a name for the meeting, then start inviting people.




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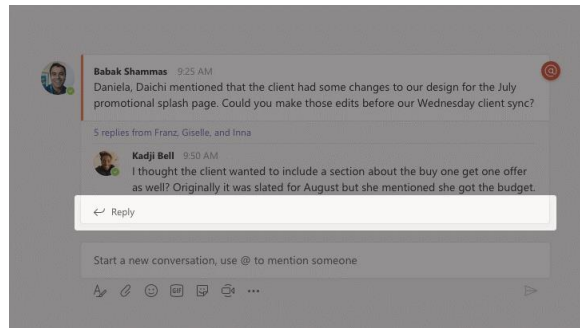
Make video and audio calls

Click **Video call**  or **Audio call**  to call someone from a chat. To dial a number, click **Calls**  on the left and enter a phone number. View your call history and voicemail in the same area.



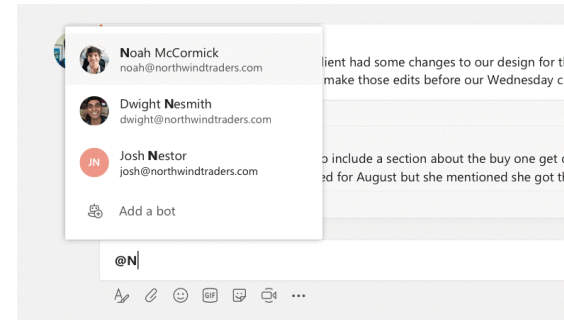
Reply to a conversation

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** .




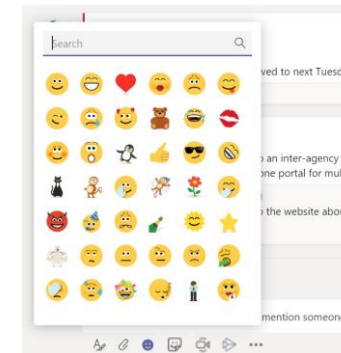
@mention someone

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 who favorited that channel.



Add an emoji and stickers

Click **Emoji**  under the box where you type your message, then pick an emoji or sticker to add to a chat or channel conversation.

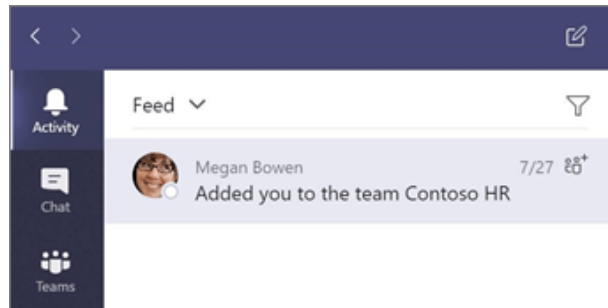


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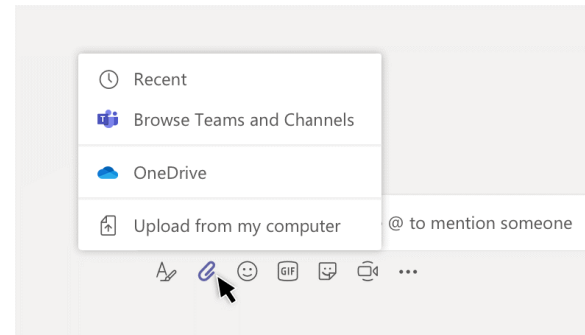
Stay on top of things

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



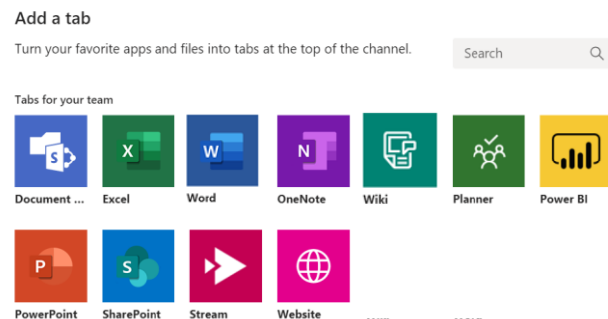
Share a file

Click **Attach** under the box where you type messages, select the file location and then the file you want. Depending on the location of the file, you'll get options for uploading a copy, sharing a link, or other ways to share.



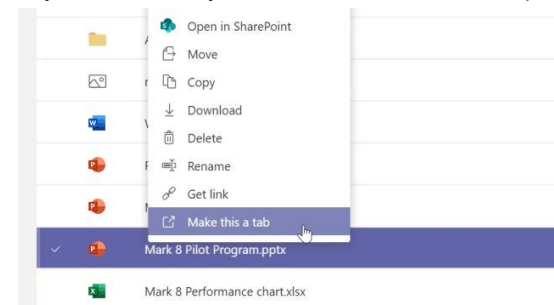
Add a tab in a channel

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



Work with files

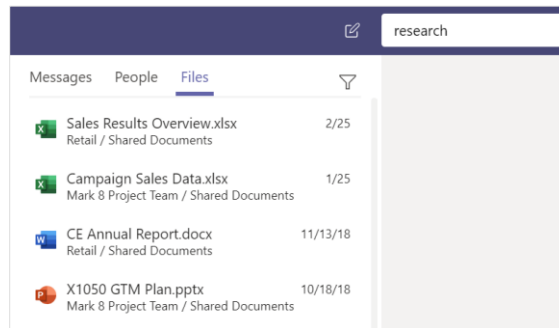
Click **Files** on the left to see all files shared across all of your *teams*. Click **Files** at the top of a channel to see all files shared in that *channel*. Click **More options ...** next to a file to see what you can do with it. In a channel, you can instantly turn a file into a tab at the top!



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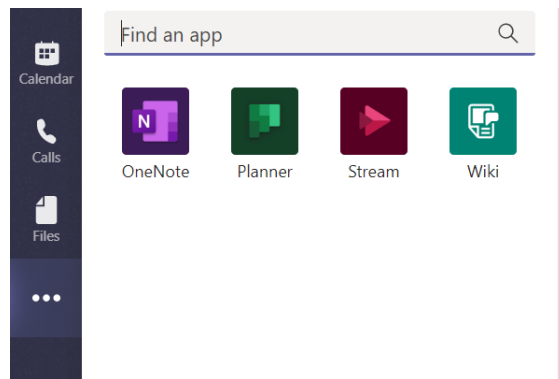
Search for stuff

Type a phrase in the command box at the top of the app and press Enter. Then select the **Messages**, **People**, or **Files** tab. Select an item or click **Filter** to refine your search results.



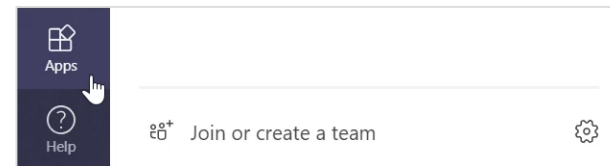
Find your personal apps

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



Add apps

Click **Apps** on the left. Here, you can select apps you want to use in Teams, choose the appropriate settings, and **Add**.



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