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WHAT IS MICROS OFT TEAMS?

One such application, launched initially in early 2017, is Microsoft Teams. Microsoft have developed Teams to tackle the universal issue of communication faced by every business. Employees are working more flexibly than ever, and Microsoft Teams is the tool to support this era of flexibility and information exchange most coherently.

It combines the features of Skype (chat and conferencing), SharePoint and OneDrive (file sharing and collaboration), OneNote (note-taking), Planner (everyday project management), Stream (video sharing), plus in-app tabs that make other tools like GSuite, MailChimp, Salesforce, and more in one place. Access to all of this—and more—is available directly in the app. No jumping between windows, logins, or screens to access all your team's content.

What makes Teams so special?

Teams answers the question of "what should I use and when", when it comes to Microsoft productivity applications

Microsoft are pushing Teams hard with a lot of investment into its functionality. They see it as a foundational platform for businesses of all sizes to streamline their collaborative work and business processes.

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The pervasiveness of mobile device use has, in part, caused a growth in the use of instant messaging. Microsoft built Teams to capitalize on this. The solution provides an interface where employees can take part in immediate and informal chats. Conversations are threaded, meaning everyone can see previous messages, eliminating the time-consuming hunt for information that can happen with email threads

Another important aspect of the solution is its integration abilities. Microsoft Teams integrates well with third party tools and users can also draw in documents, presentations, notes and spreadsheets from the Office suite, and the more powerful Office 365 solutions like SharePoint and Skype for Business. Within Teams, there is also the functionality and ability to build custom connectors and bots for integration with Line of Business Applications.
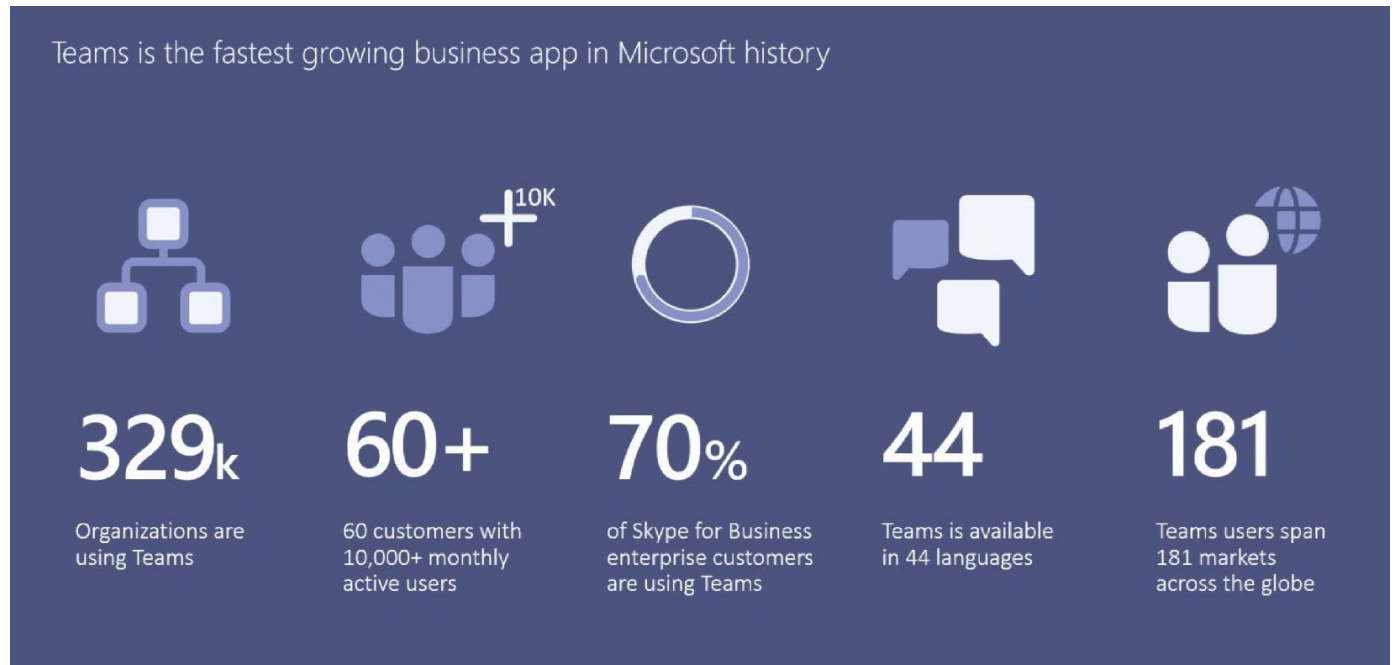
PL ANNING A TEAMS DEPLOYEMENT

In order to ensure a smooth planning phase, the following lays out key steps that every company should take when deploying Microsoft Teams:

1. Create a Planning Group: **In order to create a comprehensive plan for how Microsoft Teams will fit into the business, leadership first needs to assemble a team of individuals from various departments. This mixture of hierarchy and departmental know-how will provide the group with essential perspectives, from data security and hardware implementation to ensuring workforce adoption of the platform.**

2. Allow the Planning Group To Use Teams For Planning: **It is essential for the planning group to use Teams during their planning process. Using the platform will allow them to see and feel exactly how the system works and understand the ways it could be used by the various constituents at the company.**

3. Identify Use Cases: **It is easy to look at how MS Teams works and its various features and state that everyone in the organization should start utilizing it. It is slightly more complicated, yet much more valuable, to break down how each departmental or cross departmental team in the organization could use Teams on specific projects and tasks. By breaking this down, planning and later communication will be much more straightforward. Each department can be introduced to MS Teams in a customized way, allowing them to see the benefits that the platform will offer them.**

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4. **Create a Technical and Non-Technical Plan:** **Microsoft has developed a step-by-step guide for getting organizations ready for MS Teams implementation.**

LIMITS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MICROSOF T TEAMS

Below are some of the limits, specifications, and other requirements that apply to Teams.

Features	mum Limit
Number of teams a user can create	Subject to a 250-object limit
Number of members in a team	5,000
Number of org-wide teams allowed in a tenant	5
Number of members in an org-wide team	5,000
Number of teams a global admin can create	500,000
Number of teams an Office 365 tenant can have	500,000
Number of channels per team	200 (includes deleted channels)
Number of people in a meeting	250

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Supported Browsers include:

Browser	Notes
Microsoft Edge	**Calling and Meetings supported on Edge RS2 or later**
Internet Explorer 11	**Calling and Meetings aren't supported. Users who try to join a meeting on Internet Explorer 11 will be directed to download the Teams desktop client.**
Chrome, the latest version plus two previous versions	**Meetings supported on Chrome 59 or later, As of July 3, 2019, screen sharing is supported without any plug-ins or extensions, Support for Calling is coming soon**
Firefox, the latest version plus two previous versions	**Calling and Meetings aren't supported. Users who try to join a meeting on Firefox will be directed to download the Teams desktop client**
Safari 11.1+ (coming Soon)	**Safari is enabled on versions higher than 11.1 in preview. While in preview, there are known issues with Safari's Intelligent Tracking Prevention.**

Supported Operating systems (Desktop)

- **Windows 7+ (7, 8, 8.1, 10),** *Both 32 & 64 bit available*
- **Mac OSX 10.10+**

Supported Mobile Devices

- **Android 4.4+**
- **iOS (iPhone and iPad) 10+**
- **Windows Phone 10.0.10586+**

Platforms For Microsoft Teams

- Web**: Full-functioned chat client that can be used from a variety of browsers**
- Desktop**: Provides support for audio, video, and content sharing for team meetings, group calling, and private one-on-one or private multi-party calls**
- Mobile**: Geared at users participating in chat-based conversations while on the go, and currently allows users to have peer-to-peer audio call.**

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- **Business Essentials**
- **Business Premium**
- **Enterprise E1, E3, or E5**

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CSE can help you adopt Teams as part of a broader drive to transform the workplace experience. Our end-to-end approach combines strategy, implementation and managed services, augmented by industry expertise, specialist tools and IP.

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