Best Practices

Building an app with High retention





Create a great onboarding experience!

A user has just discovered your app. Here's your opportunity to educate the user about what your app can do. Show off your app's capabilities in an engaging, interactive way.

Create a great onboarding experience - Tabs

Use the large canvas that tabs have to offer to introduce your app to new users



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Watch this video to learn all about Contoso on Teams

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Create a great onboarding experience - Bots

Send a welcome card to a new user along with an 'Interactive tutorial' experience. You can create a demo experience (using a task module) which can show a new user all the main capabilities of your app

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👋 Hi, I'm your Contoso Bot! 👋

Contoso is your tool to create, take, and manage data.

Here are some of the things you can do

- · Alert you when tasks are due soon
- · Alert you when tasks have been marked as 'at risk'
- · Help you view all tasks assigned to your project
- · Provide regular reports on task status and completion rate (i.e. burndown charts)



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Use AAD SSO

Azure Active Directory Single Sign-on (AAD SSO) is how you can create a friction-free sign in experience for new users. AAD SSO uses the Teams identity and a simple "one-click" experience, to get your new user to start using your app immediately.

Using AAD SSO avoids the need for a user to manually enter login username & password, which can lead to new user drop off and lower retention.

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Create a freemium experience

If you're a paid app, consider offering a freemium experience by which new users can get to try out your app for limited time or with limited functionality. Avoid blocking the users with a paywall as soon as they have signed in.

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Add coach marks

Coach marks are a great way to educate new users on how to use your app in Teams. Walk a new user, in a step-by-step manner through the app's main capabilities.







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Not sure where to start? Learn how to book a car, order food or send gift cards



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Build collaborative scenarios

Highly engaged Teams apps use collaborative scenarios! Build app experiences where multiple users are collaborating on your app. There are multiple Teams surfaces you can do this, since Teams is a collaboration platform by design.

Build collaborative scenarios – Adaptive cards

An Adaptive card posted into a conversation via a bot or a message extension is a great way to surface a collaborative scenario. Multiple users can discuss the content of the Adaptive card and use the card's buttons to take quick actions.

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Build collaborative scenarios – Meeting stage view

The meeting stage view is a great surface for multiple users to collaborate during a meeting.



Incentivize the first 3-4 user actions

To make sure users understand your app, incentivize them to perform the top 3-4 actions. Once users have done this, they are more likely to come back and use your app again. Here's an example -



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Provide regular reports on task status and completion rate (i.e. burndown charts)

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Drive users towards channel scope

Users are more likely to be engaged with your app when they have used it in the channel scope (where multiple users collaborate). To increase engagement, consider nudging users from the Personal scope to the Channel scope.

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Nudge inactive users

If you find inactive users, try to catch them early on and nudge them towards trying out your app's capabilities.

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Periodic notifications

To keep your users engaged over time, send relevant periodic notifications – this is best done in the channel scope, where many users will see and potentially collaborate around your notification.



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