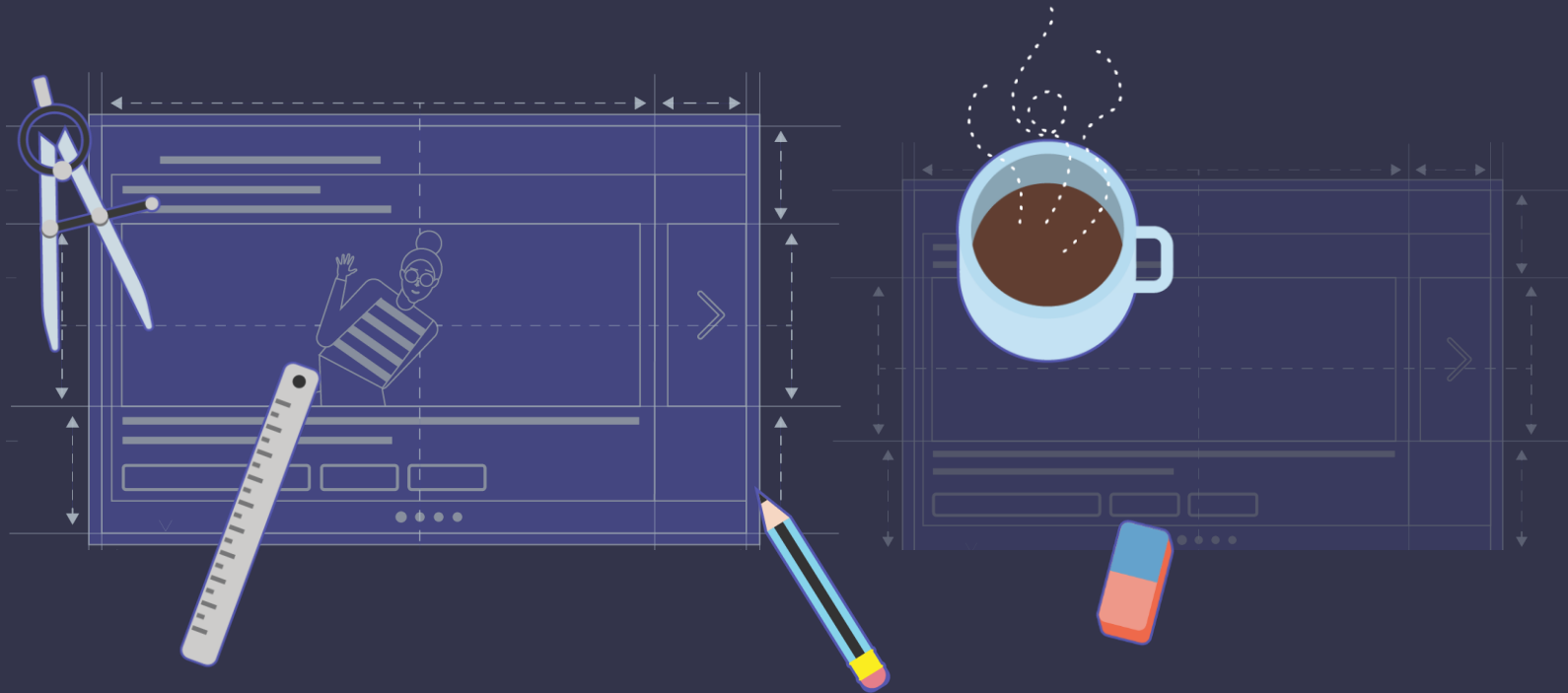


# Best Practices

The Art of choosing High-value Scenarios



Microsoft Teams Ecosystem



# 1. Choose your personas well

Your app likely solves problems for many different personas (e.g. employee, manager, sales rep, student, IT admins, CXOs, etc.). Focus on the most important personas whose use cases are best solved by your app & who will have the greatest impact from using your app in Teams.

## 2. Bring out your USPs

Think about your USPs (unique selling points) and surface them through the app experience you build. For each persona that you have chosen, what use cases do you want to solve for to bring out your USPs? Look for the Teams capabilities that if leveraged, can amplify your USPs and make your app truly shine!

## **3. Study the competition**

Use the Teams App store to research Apps similar to yours. Study the Teams capabilities they have leveraged and the business use cases they have solved for. Identify your 'points of parity' & 'points of differentiation'. You can search by segment in the App store to find apps similar to yours.

Search or type a command

# Store

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Built by your org

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- Developer and IT
- Human resources
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- Productivity
- Project management
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- Social and fun

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- Healthcare
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Upload a custom app

## Teams Apps store

Browse available apps and services  
Add your favorite app for yourself or for a team.

EXPLORE OUR PICKS

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## 4. Understand Microsoft Teams users

Spend time understanding how Teams is used. The best way to do this is for you and your team to actively use Teams and all its features.

Also look at our [Teams App design principles](#) to build an app experience that best responds to the way users typically use Teams.



# Microsoft Teams

Fastest growing business application  
in Microsoft history



**145M+**  
Daily active users



**60M+**  
Daily active mobile users



**100,000+**  
117 organizations have more than  
100,000 users of Teams and over 2,700  
organisations have over 10,000<sup>2</sup>



**650M+**  
650M+ calls in October 2020

## **5. Don't build everything!**

Think about the personas, use cases & features to build a comprehensive app in Teams. But you don't need to build everything – there may be certain actions which are 'one-time' or infrequent, such as Initial setup, database syncing or policy updates. These can always be completed in your web app in a Browser and don't necessarily need to be built into your Teams app.



## 6. Think Collaboration

Teams is a collaborative workspace where users chat, call, meet and collaborate all in one space. Your Teams app shines when you leverage collaborative scenarios. There are several Teams Platform capabilities which you can use to surface collaborative experiences. Let's look at a few examples -

# Adaptive cards in Channel scope

Adaptive cards posted in a Channel can be seen by all the members in that Channel. Members can have conversations around the information posted in the adaptive card and perform Adaptive card actions involving other channel members by clicking on buttons and manipulating other input fields in the Adaptive card.

Adaptive cards can be added into conversations by channel members or could be sent as a proactive notification into the channel via your bot. Having multiple channel members view and interact with your card is a great way to bring out the collaborative nature of your app.

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**Babak Shammass** 10:00 AM  
 Can you guys please send me the options that we are proposing to the client tomorrow? I want to review our proposals for option 2 and 3 one more time. Had some concerns around the strategy.

5 replies from Franz, Giselle, and Inna

**Kadji Bell** 10:23 AM  
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**JulyPromotion.docx**  
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Reply

**Contoso** 10:00 AM

**New service request #111**

<b>Request</b>	Computer monitor malfunctioning
<b>Department</b>	IT
<b>Severity</b>	P0
<b>Employee details</b>	Megan Bowen, Marketing manager, 52 Avenue, Redmond
<b>Status</b>	Unassigned

**Assign technician** **Call Megan**

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### Assign technician

Contoso

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Miguel Silva	Redmond, WA	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Aaron Buxton	Redmond, WA	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Alvin Tao	Redmond, WA	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Babak Shammass	Redmond, WA	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Beth Davies	Redmond, WA	...

Assign

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<b>Severity</b>	P0
<b>Employee details</b>	Hillary Reyes, Marketing manager, 52 Avenue, Redmond
<b>Status</b>	Assigned to <b>Miguel Silva</b>

Call Megan | Schedule meeting with Megan | Mark as resolved

**Contoso** 10:23 AM

Aadi Kapoor assigned service request #111 to Miguel Silva

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**Aadi Kapoor** 10:23 AM  
Hey, Miguel Silva, Can you have a look at this?

**Miguel Silva** 10:23 AM  
On it!

Reply

Type a new message

# Channel tabs

Channel tabs appear at the top of a Channel for all members of the channel. Use a channel tab for scenarios that are relevant to all channel members. Channel members can work together in the same channel tab and co-create or make updates to work items collaboratively.

[Quickstart to building a Channel tab](#)

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**To Do**

**Work item title** ...

Assignee : Babak Shammass

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# Message extension – overflow menu

You can invoke a messaging extension (action command) from the overflow menu of a message in a conversation. This is a great way to surface your app experience contextually in a Teams conversation.

The invoke to your bot includes a JSON object containing the message from which it was invoked – you can process this information to inform how you respond. For example in the next slide, we use the content of the message as the description of the ticket created.



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See more

Reply



**Aadi Kapoor** 10:00 AM

Refunds failing for Fabrikam Industries - Customer escalation recieved this morning. This is a top tier customer and we need to resolve this ASAP



**Miguel Silva** 10:23 AM

On it!

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**Create task**  
Contoso

**Customer escalation at Fabrikam Industries**

Due date: 8/12/2020 📅 Priority: Urgent ⌵

Assigned to: Miguel Silva ⌵

Project: Fabrikam Industries

Description: Refunds failing for Fabrikam Industries - Customer escalation recieved this morning. This is a top tier customer and we need to resolve this ASAP

**Save**

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
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 **Miguel Silva** 10:23 AM  
On it!

← Reply

 **Contoso** 11:04 AM 👍 1

 **Customer escalation at Fabrikam Industries** ...  
Assigned to Miguel Silva

**Due date:** Dec 8, 2020  
**Priority:** Urgent  
**Project:** Fabrikam Industries

[View task](#)

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## 7. Search & Share

Allow users to search for items relevant to a conversation and easily share them in context. 'Message extensions – Search commands' is a great way to do this.



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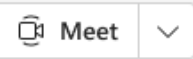
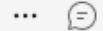
## Sales Champs

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4 replies from Maja, Franz, and Miguel



**Daniela Mandra** 9:34 AM

I'm not confident in recommending option 2 or 5 again and feel that we should cut those options from the deck. We've discussed those options with the client before and she believes those are too costly for the brand. If we don't acknowledge those concerns, the client's confidence is compromised.

[See more](#)

← Reply



**Aadi Kapoor** 10:00 AM

I was at this company conference, I met the team, and they seemed interested in our product.



**Babak Shammass** 10:23 AM

Remind me who this customer is again?

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Adatum corporation www.adatum.com



Northwind traders www.northwindtraders.com



Proseware Inc. www.proseware.com



Bluestone Inc. www.bluestone.com



Nickel corporation www.nickel.com

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Daniela Mandera 10:00 AM

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<b>Customer name</b>	Adatum corporation
<b>Segment</b>	Semiconductor manufacturing
<b>Website</b>	www.adatum.com
<b>Deals in progress</b>	3 deals worth \$200,000

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## 8. Think workflows

Use Bots to send notifications to users when a certain event is triggered. These could be certain events occurring inside Teams (e.g. new user joined a channel) or external events (such as a status change in your app's back-end). Initiate & complete a workflow involving multiple users from start to finish all within Teams.



Welcome to Contoso!

### Hi there, I'm the Contoso bot

Here are some of the things I 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)

Ready to get started? Sign in!

Want to learn more about this application? Take a quick tour.

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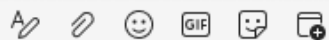
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### Approval for 20% discount to Bellows college

Approval type

Discount approval



Approver

Regional manager- Megan Bowen



Description

Bellows college has made an annual revenue commitment of \$2 million.  
Request discount as per discount approval guidelines

Send for approval

This screenshot shows a Microsoft Teams chat window for a group named "Contoso". The chat history includes two messages: "I'll make a reservation for next week" and "Sound good?". A request card is displayed, titled "Daniela Manderá via Contoso" and timestamped "10:00 AM". The card has a "New Request" button and the main heading "Approval for 20% discount to Bellows college". The card details are as follows:

<b>Submitted by</b>	Daniela Manderá
<b>Submitted on</b>	12-05-2021
<b>Status</b>	Approval Pending

The description of the request is: "Bellows college has made an annual revenue commitment of \$2 million. Request discount as per discount approval guidelines". At the bottom of the card, there are three buttons: "Edit", "Send reminder", and "Withdraw". The chat input field at the bottom contains the text "Type a new message" and has icons for attachments, emojis, GIFs, and other media.

This screenshot shows the same Microsoft Teams chat window as the previous one, but the request card is now in an "Approve" state. The card details are as follows:

<b>Submitted by</b>	Daniela Manderá
<b>Submitted on</b>	12-05-2021
<b>Status</b>	Approval Pending

The description remains the same: "Bellows college has made an annual revenue commitment of \$2 million. Request discount as per discount approval guidelines". The "Approve" button is now visible at the bottom of the card. The chat input field at the bottom still contains "Type a new message" and has the same media icons.

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Edit Send reminder Withdraw

Daniela Manderà via Contoso 10:00 AM

New Request

### Approval for 20% discount to Bellows college

**Submitted by** Daniela Manderà  
**Submitted on** 12-05-2021  
**Status** Approved

Description

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Create a request

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## 9. Create & share

To make your app experience relevant to conversations in Teams, allow users to create and share items in the context of a Teams conversation. Instead of the user having to switch context and go to the browser to create an item, users can use message extension to quickly create and share relevant content into a conversation in Teams.

Learn more about

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- Ray Tanaka** 1:40 PM  
Louisa will send the initial list of atte...
- Beth Davis** 1:43 PM  
Thanks, that would be nice.
- Kayo Miwa** 4/17  
I reviewed with the client on Tuesda...
- Will, Kayo, Eric, +2** 12:00 PM  
Kayo: It would be great to sync with...
- August Bergman** 1:20 PM  
I haven't checked available times yet

#### Recent

- Charlotte and Babak** 1:58 PM  
Babak: I asked the client to send her feed...
- Emiliano Ceballos** 1:55 PM  
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- IT Ninjas** 1:00 PM  
Miguel: On it
- Oscar Krogh** 6/23  
You: Thanks! Have a nice weekend
- Daichi Fukuda** 5/4  
No, I think there are other alternatives we c...
- Kian Lambert** 5/3  
Have you ran this by Beth? Make sure she is...
- Team Design Template** 5/2  
Reta: Let's set up a brainstorm session for...
- Reviewers** 5/2  
Darren: Thats fine with me

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possible. This is going to be awesome.

The client wasn't expecting us to be ready until middle of August anyways

**MB** Thank you for always being so positive! 👍 1

I will push Krystal to give us a few more days. That shouldn't be a problem.

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TODAY, 2:00 PM

We haven't gotten lunch together in awhile

We should go back to that ramne place. I've been craving it the last few days.

\*ramen

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### Create a poll

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#### Which new topic should we add to our weekly team meeting?

- Competitor snapshot
- New product features
- Weekly wins/losses
- None of these above

+ Add choice

Multiple answers

Due in 1 week, Results visible to everyone

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### IT Ninjas

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Call

We haven't gotten lunch together in awhile

We should go back to that ramne place. I've been craving it the last few days.

\*ramen



Refunds failing for Fabrikam Industries - Customer escalation recieved this morning. This is a top tier customer and we need to resolve this ASAP



Lets vote on this



Cassandra Dunn via Poll 12:34 PM

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Responses are visible to everyone.

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Be the first one to take the poll

Submit vote

View result

Type a new message



# 10. Inform users

Informing users about important events when they occur or on a periodic basis reduces the need for a user to go outside Teams to look for these updates. Use bot notifications in a personal scope or channel scope as applicable to inform one or more users about important occurrences.

Learn more about [send proactive messages](#)



### Happy Monday! Here's what your portfolio is looking like this week

With an optimal balance

<b>Adventure work cycles</b>	NASDAQ AAPL	Apple Inc <b>133.00</b> USD +2.63(2.02%) ↑
<b>First up consultants</b>	NASDAQ FFCS	Apple Inc <b>133.00</b> USD +2.63(2.02%) ↑
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