

**QUESTION:**

Will Microsoft Teams allow admins to securely control files being shared?

ANSWER:

The same sharing UI that SharePoint has is coming to Microsoft Teams. You can always share and manage permissions in the SharePoint site behind Microsoft Teams as well.

QUESTION:

It is difficult to copy folder structures in Microsoft Teams, is there a plan to fix that?

ANSWER:

You can open SharePoint sites directly to copy content directly OR use the OneDrive for Business sync client to sync SharePoint folders to a device and copy from there.

QUESTION:

For Microsoft Teams meetings, how can we accommodate colleagues who work on the road?

ANSWER:

Offline mode is coming, and the Mobile app is extremely powerful, enabling you to do almost all the things you can do in the rich client on the go.

QUESTION:

Can Microsoft Teams create polls and white boards like Skype for Business can?

ANSWER:

Whiteboard is now released (native) in Microsoft Teams. While polls aren't available in-product today, through the App Store, you can create polls in multiple ways, by using Forms or Polly bots, for example. The poll you create would be inside a Teams tab that you could share during the meeting, not launch from the meeting itself.

QUESTION:

When will Microsoft Teams have native outlook support for users and groups?

ANSWER:

Every Microsoft Teams site is backed by an Office 365 group and also has an Outlook group. However, that Outlook group visibility is hidden by default and can be unhidden if the team wants to also be available within Outlook for email.

QUESTION:

Does Microsoft Teams have the ability to change permissions to read only?

ANSWER:

All read-only permissions placed on an Office 365 application (Word, PPT, etc.) will be honored by Microsoft Teams.

QUESTION:

What are your recommendations on file structure? I'm assuming flat and utilize search? We have tons of subfolders using "old school" logic?

ANSWER:

Without knowing the business case, it's hard to make a generalization that meets every possible scenario. There are cases to be made for each situation. Complicated folder structures in SharePoint (and as surfaced in Microsoft Teams) can make it hard to get permissions right, leading to accidental disclosure to the wrong audiences. You are probably on the right track with the notion of using a flatter structure where possible, using managed metadata (taxonomy) to apply the right tags to content, and then using search to surface it would be a good starting point.

QUESTION:

Do you have it in your roadmap to allow for nesting channels and allowing for sub channels?

ANSWER:

Not now, for Microsoft Teams.

QUESTION:

Should we wait to deploy Teams until we upgrade from Office 2013 to have full integration and provide the best end user experience?

ANSWER:

There are many scenarios your employees could use today, even with the older client, (Chats, channel conversations, meetings...). Plus, each Team is still backed by SharePoint and files are accessed by older clients. Additionally, files can be edited directly in the web experiences if people want to co-author a document.

QUESTION:

How can I have Microsoft Teams channels that don't notify everyone in the team when meeting in a specific channel? Is there a hidden mute feature or can I set permissions on channels under a Team?

ANSWER:

If you create a Channel Meeting, it's intended to be open for anyone that is a member of that Team (and/or in that Channel). Only those who have "favorited" that channel should receive a notification, the others should simply see it as a bolded item in that channel. If you're looking to have more control over a meeting and notifications (and allow people to mute the meeting chat), you can schedule a Teams meeting (vs. Channel meeting).

QUESTION:

Is there any hope to bring Access Web Apps back? Power Apps still does not seem to cover all the features we had there.

ANSWER:

Unfortunately, I don't think that's a likely outcome given our current strategy. If PowerApps is missing critical functionality that you need, I would recommend letting us know. I am aware that a new PowerApps focused community (<https://powerusers.microsoft.com/t5/PowerApps-Community/ct-p/PowerApps1>) which includes feedback mechanisms has recently opened up. That is a good place to see how others are working around issues that you might be seeing while also providing a way for you to give us feedback. Thank you for asking!

QUESTION:

Is there guidance going forward for new SharePoint Online adopters that every new SharePoint site should initially be created as a Team to ensure naming consistency between a Team-Group-SharePoint Site?

ANSWER:

I'm not aware of any plans to make this official Microsoft guidance, though it certainly seems like it would be a reasonable policy that an IT team might make. On a related note, we have announced that site renames are coming to the product. We are testing it in CSEO now, so I'd speculate that it will be in the "real world" by summertime. This would be another way to solve the potential naming mismatches that can occur. Also, since every Team and group connected SharePoint team site are Office 365 groups, the same policies and naming rules can be enforced irrespective of where the group is being created.

QUESTION:

Is there any plan to allow Active Directory groups with Teams and Groups?

ANSWER:

Today, Office 365 groups requires direct membership within it. The product team has publicly said they are investigating futures which may allow a SharePoint Group to help define membership for a Team or Office 365 group. Today, you can manage membership of the group via script and tooling if you want to sync the Teams/group membership from anything else.

QUESTION:

How do you manage the creation of O365 groups in the Enterprise while maintaining some measure of structure to the groups?

ANSWER:

At Microsoft, we allow any of our full-time employees to create a group via self-service. We also choose not to have any restrictions on naming aside from avoiding offensive/inappropriate language. We do understand that many other companies will want and/or have a requirement to implement policies in the way of structure. The product does allow an admin to configure a prefix/suffix on a group at creation time - more here:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/office365/admin/create-groups/groups-naming-policy?view=o365-worldwide> .

QUESTION:

When will the option to permission the Channels in Microsoft Teams independently of the Team itself?

ANSWER:

Private channels are coming and are in preview at Microsoft.

QUESTION:

Will the Content Editor and Script Editor webparts be made available for a modern site at some point??

ANSWER:

I do not expect that our product team partners will ship modern versions of these web parts. By closing the ability of a site owner to upload unapproved/unvetted script into a site will introduce some amount of additional security risk. That said, if a tenant admin and your security folks see fit, there are open-source solutions available via the Patterns and Practices site (<https://github.com/SharePoint/sp-dev-fx-webparts/tree/master/samples/react-script-editor>).

QUESTION:

What is your solution with syncing company contacts to mobile devices from an address list hosted in SharePoint?

ANSWER:

I am not aware that any of our internal sites have a need to do this today. For most of us internally, we store our business contacts in Outlook/Exchange and/or in LinkedIn and synchronize the contacts using the paired applications to handle that for us.

QUESTION

Can you restrict access to specific folders/documents to guests of a group in Microsoft Teams, while internal users have full access?

ANSWER:

Yes. Because this Microsoft Teams is based on SharePoint, it's possible to configure permissions which are separate/unique from the site at the library, list, folder, or even item level. I would recommend avoiding this kind of unique permissions structure whenever possible to keep administration easy and to avoid accidental disclosure. Instead, for an internal business with the same question I would advise them to use a separate site instead if at all possible.

QUESTION:

When will we be able to create a Team from existing SharePoint site or subsite?

ANSWER:

There is a new feature that we've called "groupification" internally which allows you to take a classic site and make it a group-connected site: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepoint/dev/transform/modernize-classic-sites>. Once you have the site group-connected, it's easy to make it into a Team. Alternatively, you could just configure the Files tab in a Team to point to a SharePoint site collection. While it doesn't have the benefits of integrated permissions, it can be a solution for some scenarios - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoftteams/built-in-custom-tabs>.

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