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Quick Start Guide

New to Microsoft Teams for Education? Use this guide to learn the basics

Navigate Microsoft Teams
Use these buttons to switch between Activity Feed, Chat, your Teams, Assignments, Calendar, and Files.

View and organize teams
Click to see your teams. Drag team tiles around to reorder them.

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.

Start a new chat
Launch a private one-on-one or small group conversation.

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.

Join or create a team
Find the team you're looking for, join with a code, or make one of your own.

Manage your team
Add or remove members, create a new channel, or get a link to the team.

View your team
Click to open your class or staff team.

What is a team?
You can create or join a team to collaborate with a certain group of people. Have conversations, share files and use shared tools with the group – all in one place. That group could consist of a class of students and educators, a group of staff and educators collaborating on a topic, or even a group for a student club or other extracurriculars.
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Class teams
Class teams provide special capabilities tailored for teaching and learning.

Every team has channels
Click one to see the files and conversations about that topic, class unit or week in the course. You can even have private channels for group projects!

Every team comes with a General channel. Open channel settings to add new channels, manage notifications and other settings.

Format your message
Add a subject, format text, convert the message to an announcement, post across multiple teams or control who can reply and more.

Add channels and manage your team
You can change team settings, add members to the class team and add channels.

Add tabs
Explore and pin applications, tools, documents and more to enrich your class. We’re constantly adding more education specific tabs. Check back often.

Share files
Let class members view a file or work on it together.

Start a discussion with the class
Type and format your message or announcements here. Add a file, emoji, GIF or sticker to liven it up!

Add more messaging options
Click here to add new messaging capabilities like polls, praise and more to enrich classroom discussion.
Schedule a meeting with your team or class
Hold classes, staff collaboration meetings or trainings over online meetings

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.

Select **Meet now** to start the meeting right away or **Schedule a meeting** to schedule the meeting for the future. Members of the channel will see an invitation for the meeting in their calendar if you decide to schedule it for later.
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Start a meeting right away
Adding participants directly to a meeting that starts right away.

Add new meeting
Schedule a new meeting for live discussion with up to 250 people or schedule a live event for a broadcasted event with a wider audience.
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Join a meeting
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Find the meeting invitation in the channel of your team or on your Teams calendar.

Click Join to join the meeting.
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Find the meeting invitation in the channel of your team or on your Teams calendar. Click to open the meeting item and select Join.

Double-check your audio and video input, turn on the camera, and unmute your microphone to be heard. Select Join now to enter the meeting.
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Participate in a meeting
Share video, voice, or your screen during the online call.

- Turn your video feed on and off.
- Mute and unmute yourself.
- Share your screen and sounds from your computer.
- Access additional call controls: Start a recording of the meeting, change your device settings, and more.
- Send chat messages: Send chat messages, share links, add a file, and more. Resources you share will be available after the meeting.
- Leave the meeting: The meeting will continue even after you have left.
- Add participants to the meeting.
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 school email 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**.
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Enrich your channel posts
Create classroom announcements and posts. Edit your post to get your students’ attention, control who replies, and post across multiple channels.

Format your text
Change text color, format and style.

Add a subject
Keep the topic of your new post clear by adding a subject.

Change your message type
Select if you want to start a new conversation topic or post an announcement.

Control who can reply
Allow everyone to reply to your post or limit replies to moderators only.

Post in any channel or team
Post your message in any of your teams and channels all at once. Great for broadcasting an important announcement!

Change the importance of your message
Mark your message as important if you want to draw more attention to the post.

Add a subject
Start a new conversation. Type @ to mention someone.
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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, meme, or GIF
Click Sticker under the box where you type your message, then pick a meme or sticker from one of the categories. There are also buttons for adding an emoji or GIF. Search for MicrosoftEDU in the GIF search for extra fun!
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. This is also where you’ll see notifications about your assignments.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Next steps with Microsoft Teams
Get how-to guidance for teaching and learning with Teams. You can also click the Help icon in Teams to access help topics and training.

Articles with how-to guidance for teaching in Teams.

1-hour online courses in the Microsoft Educator Center:
• How teachers use Teams in their professional lives- Transform Learning with Microsoft Teams.
• Teaching in Class Teams- Crafting a Collaborative Learning Environment with Class Teams.

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