



10 tips to collaborate for remote and onsite work

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Whether you're working remotely or returning to the workplace, Teams enables you to do your best work from anywhere. Stay connected, productive, and secure as you adapt to new ways of working.

Teams is the all-in-one collaboration solution with everything you need to be productive in one place: meetings, calls, chat, familiar Office apps, and business process workflows. It's where you come together to get work done.

Read on for 10 tips and numerous tricks to help maximize productivity and collaboration across your team.

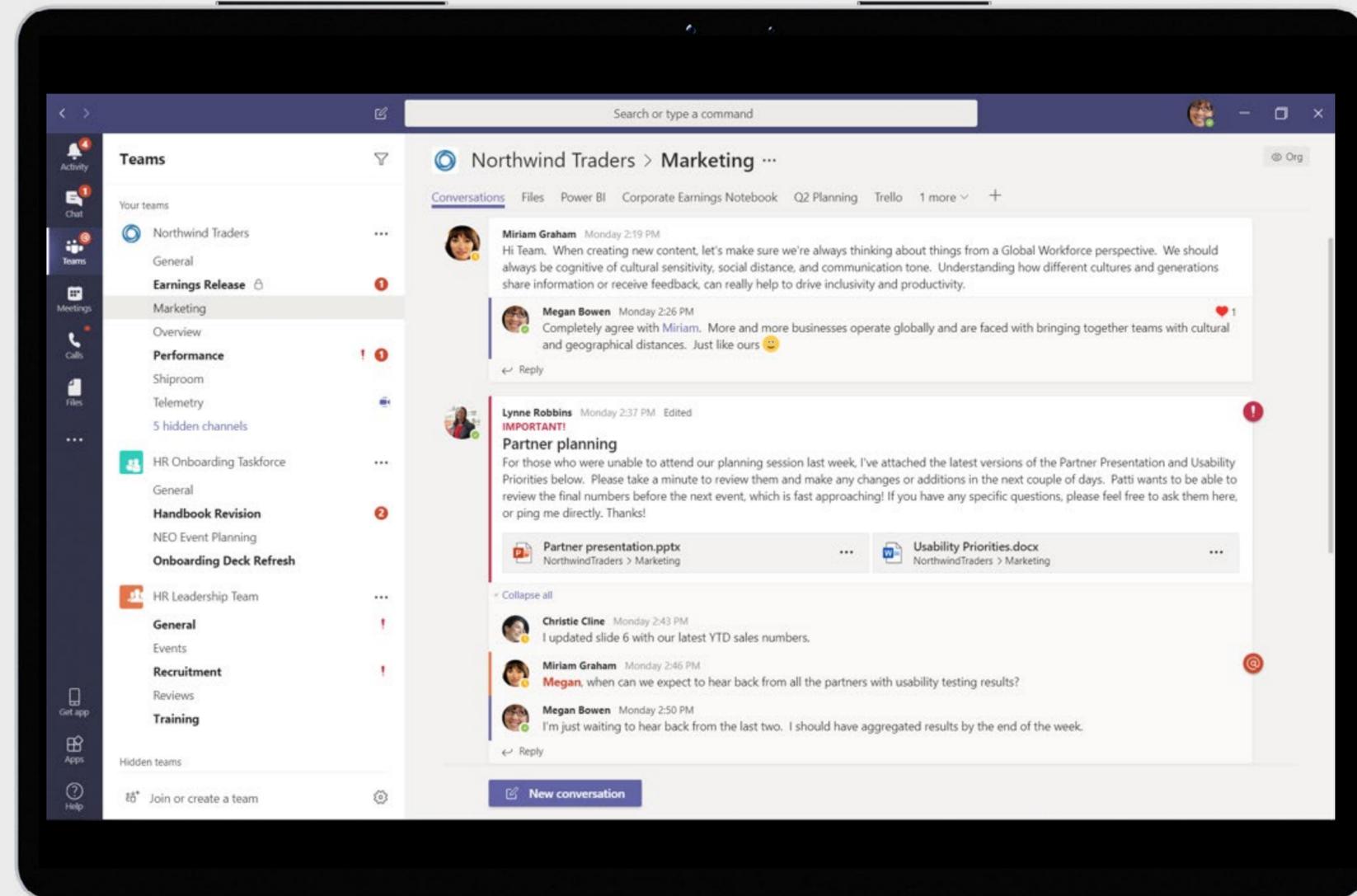


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Stay connected

Stay up-to-date with your projects and with your team using a shared workspace that puts collaboration, chat, calls, and meetings together in one central hub.

- Host 1:1 and team meetings from any device.
- Connect and meet with contacts inside and outside your organization.
- Catch up on the latest conversations with chat and use in-line translation to communicate with peers in your preferred language.
- Collaborate and co-author in real time with file editing across familiar Office 365 apps such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.



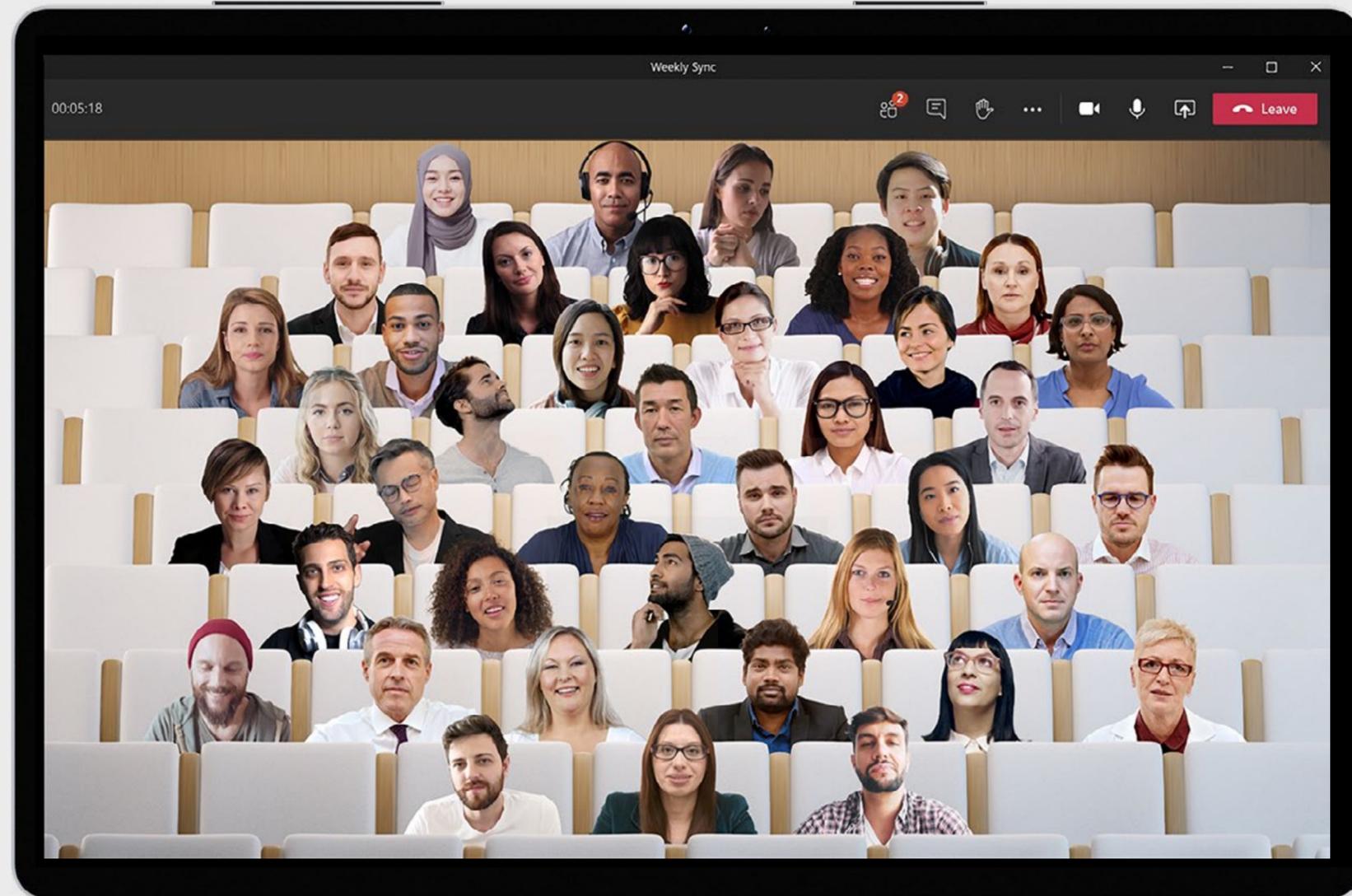
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Reduce meeting fatigue

Remote work can feel more challenging and tiring than in-person collaboration, especially as video meetings increase. Reduce meeting fatigue and have a more natural, human meeting experience with these improvements to digital meetings.

- Feel like you're sitting in the same room with everyone in the meeting or classroom by using Together Mode¹. This allows you to focus on other people's faces, body language, and pick up on non-verbal cues for better human interaction.
- See up to 49 meeting participants at one time with large Gallery View¹.
- Customize and control how you see shared content and other meeting participants to suit your preferences and needs with Dynamic View¹.

¹ These capabilities will be coming later this year.



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Create more inclusive meetings

It can often be challenging to continuously engage, speak up, and follow along in large online meetings. Make meetings more inclusive, engaging, and effective for all participants with real-time reactions and responses.

- Share reactions and sentiments using emojis without interrupting the meeting flow with Live Reactions¹.
- Engage in conversations, idea-sharing, and participate without verbally speaking using chat. To help make chat more central to meeting conversation, in-meeting chats now surface on all participant's screens with Chat Bubbles¹.
- Follow along with who is speaking and what is said with Live Captions with speaker attribution¹ and Live Transcriptions¹ so that everyone is seen and heard.

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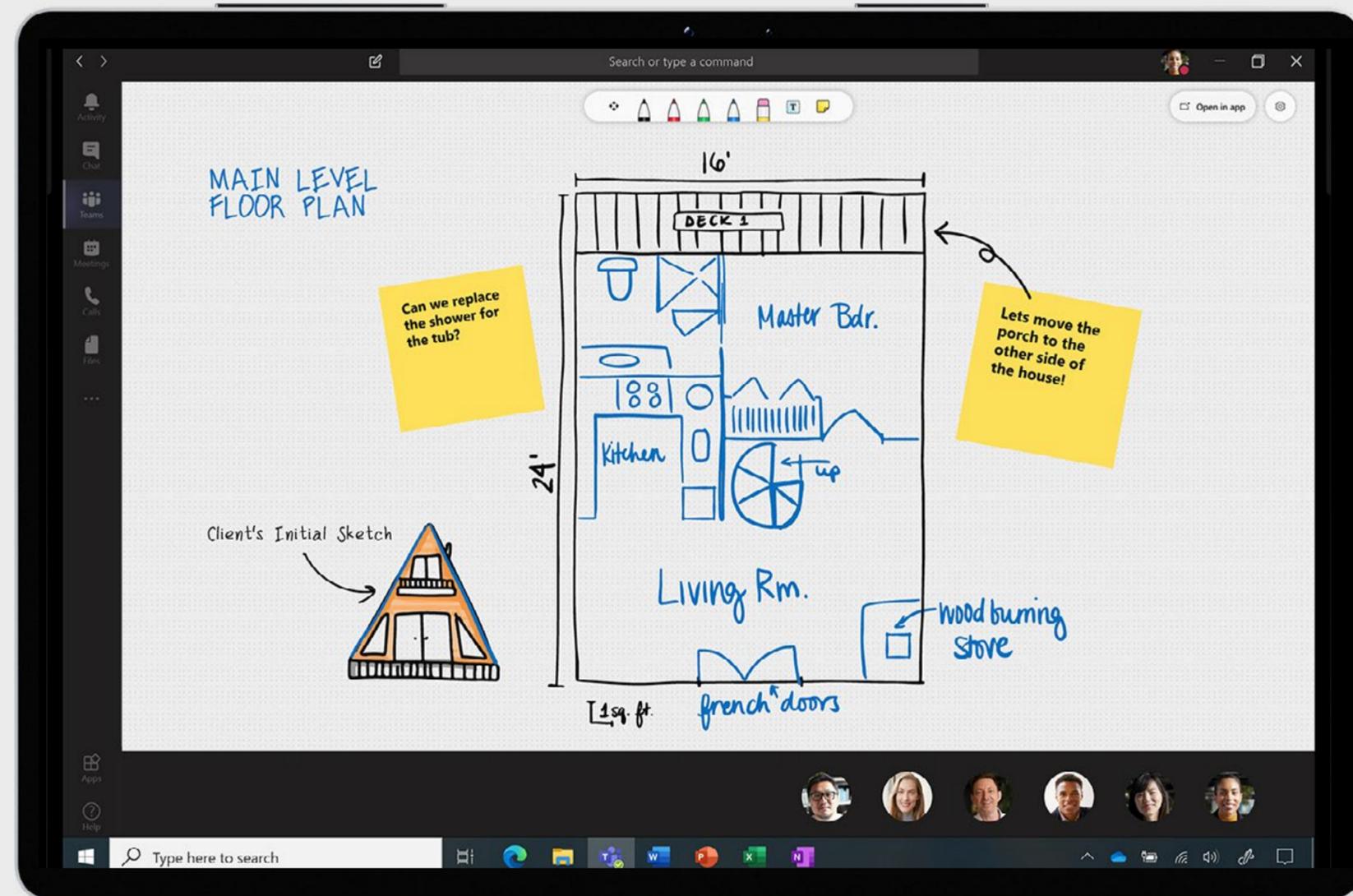
Make meetings more effective

It's critical to get the most out of online meetings today given frequent distractions, meeting fatigue, and multi-tasking. By treating meetings as a series of connections and considering what happens before, during, and after a meeting, the conversation becomes more effective.

Before the meeting, keep the preparation for content, context, and conversation in one place with persistent conversation and shared files.

During the meeting, help focus attention, drive engagement, and foster inclusion using background blur, Microsoft Whiteboard, digital hand raising, and live captions.

After the meeting, store and share relevant assets including the recording, chat, meeting notes, and transcript in a persistent conversation.

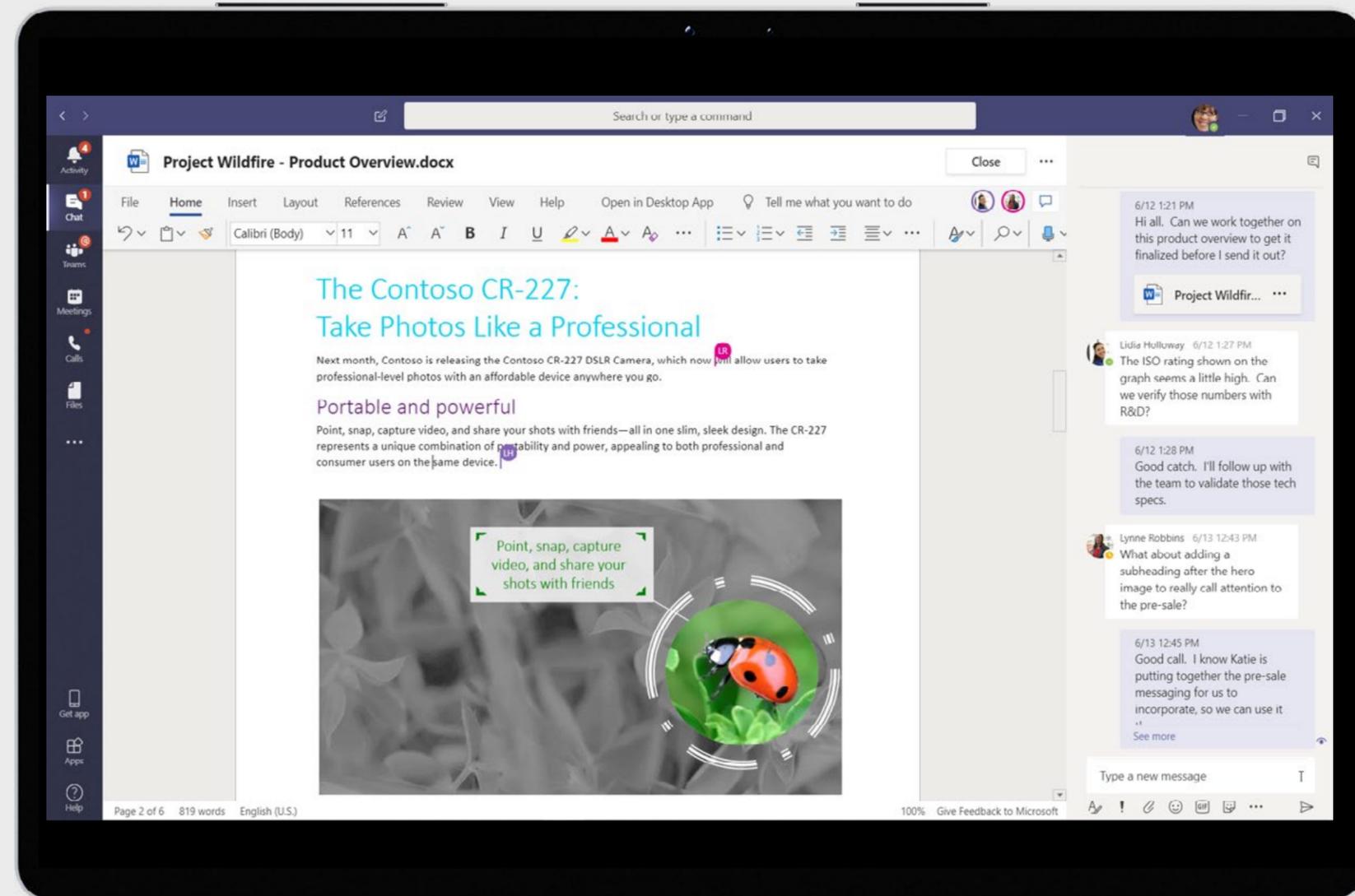


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Improve collaboration

As workspaces have shifted to both remote and onsite, enabling virtual collaboration is critical to get work done.

- View, edit, and collaborate together on shared documents and files, and co-author in real-time in apps such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. This helps eliminate the back and forth over emailing documents and ensures you are always accessing the latest version.
- Share files within channels, meetings, and chats with a link or by uploading directly into Teams.
- Find new ways to be creative and innovate with your team using Microsoft Whiteboard. Create a more inclusive environment where everyone can add sticky notes and text, and drag and drop items as needed.

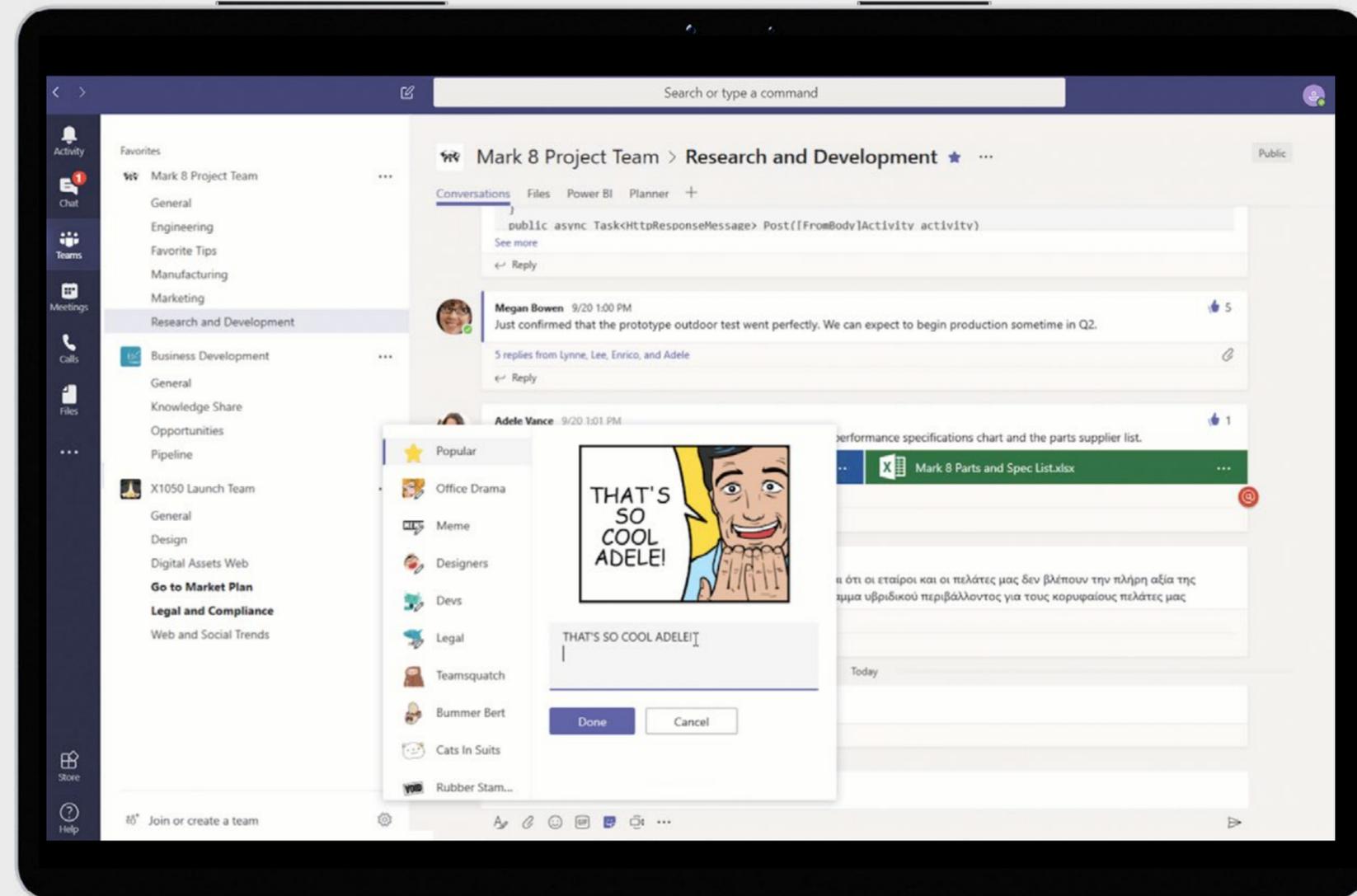


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Manage wellbeing

As work has become more fluid and challenges persist with remote and onsite work, it's increasingly clear that employee wellbeing is a top priority. This means having a supportive environment with the tools needed to do your best work.

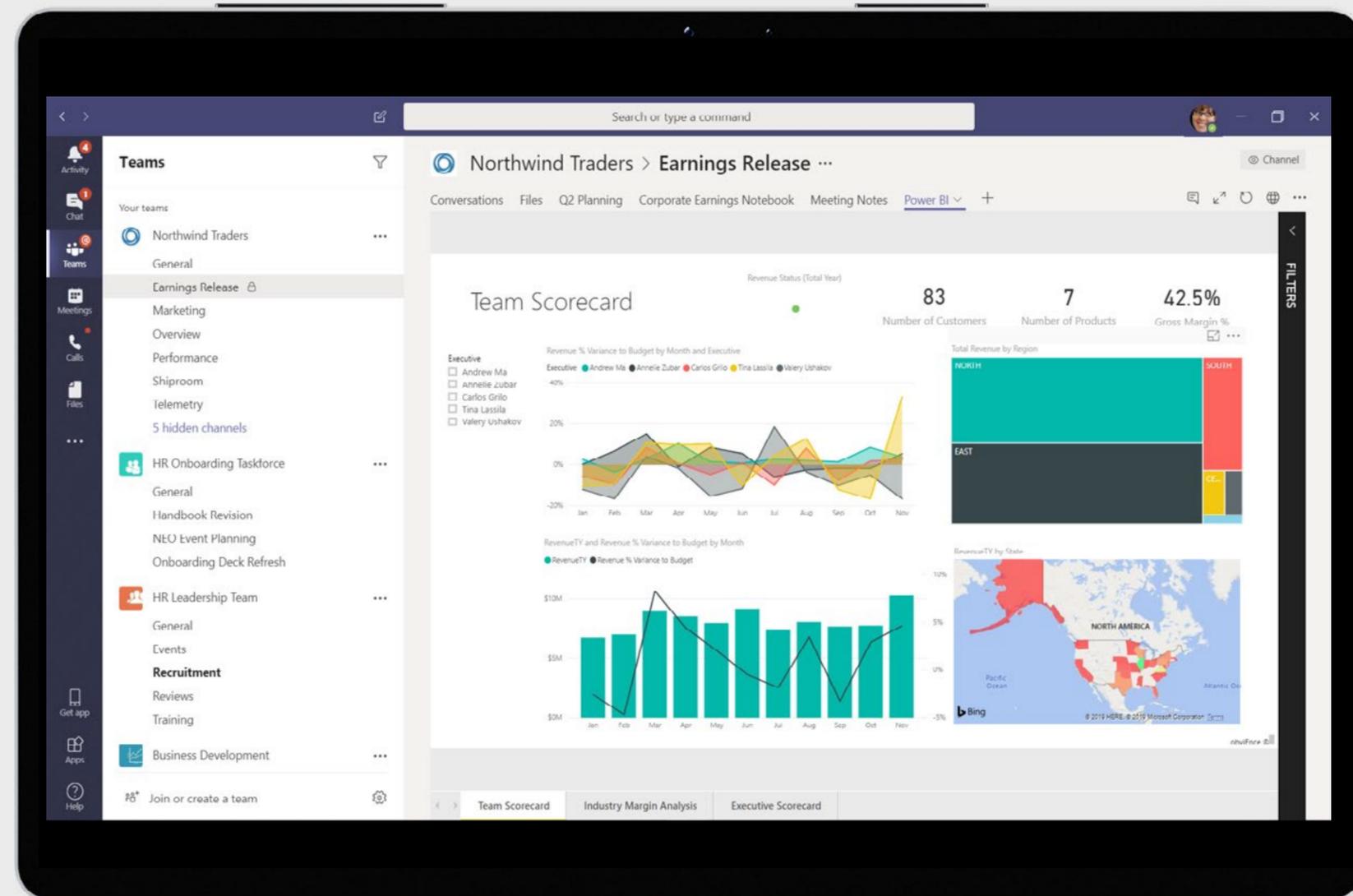
- Maintain healthy boundaries by blocking out focus times throughout the day and setting your status to 'away' or 'do not disturb' to avoid distractions and interruptions. To further disconnect, set quiet hours on your mobile device to mute notifications.
- Manage connections with your team members by checking in regularly and using emojis, GIFs, and stickers to keep the conversation casual and fun.
- Help boost morale by recognizing your team members and communicating your appreciation with the Praise tool.



7 Simplify day-to-day activities

Focus on producing better deliverables and making better decisions by automating daily activities, business processes, and routine tasks.

- Build no-code and low-code custom applications that automate routine processes and provide structure with Power Apps.
- Centralize and integrate data and reporting with the new Power BI app and share insights directly within or from Teams^{1,2}.
- Automate tasks and workflows with pre-built templates, custom message actions, @ mentioning, and message posting to channels with Power Automate.



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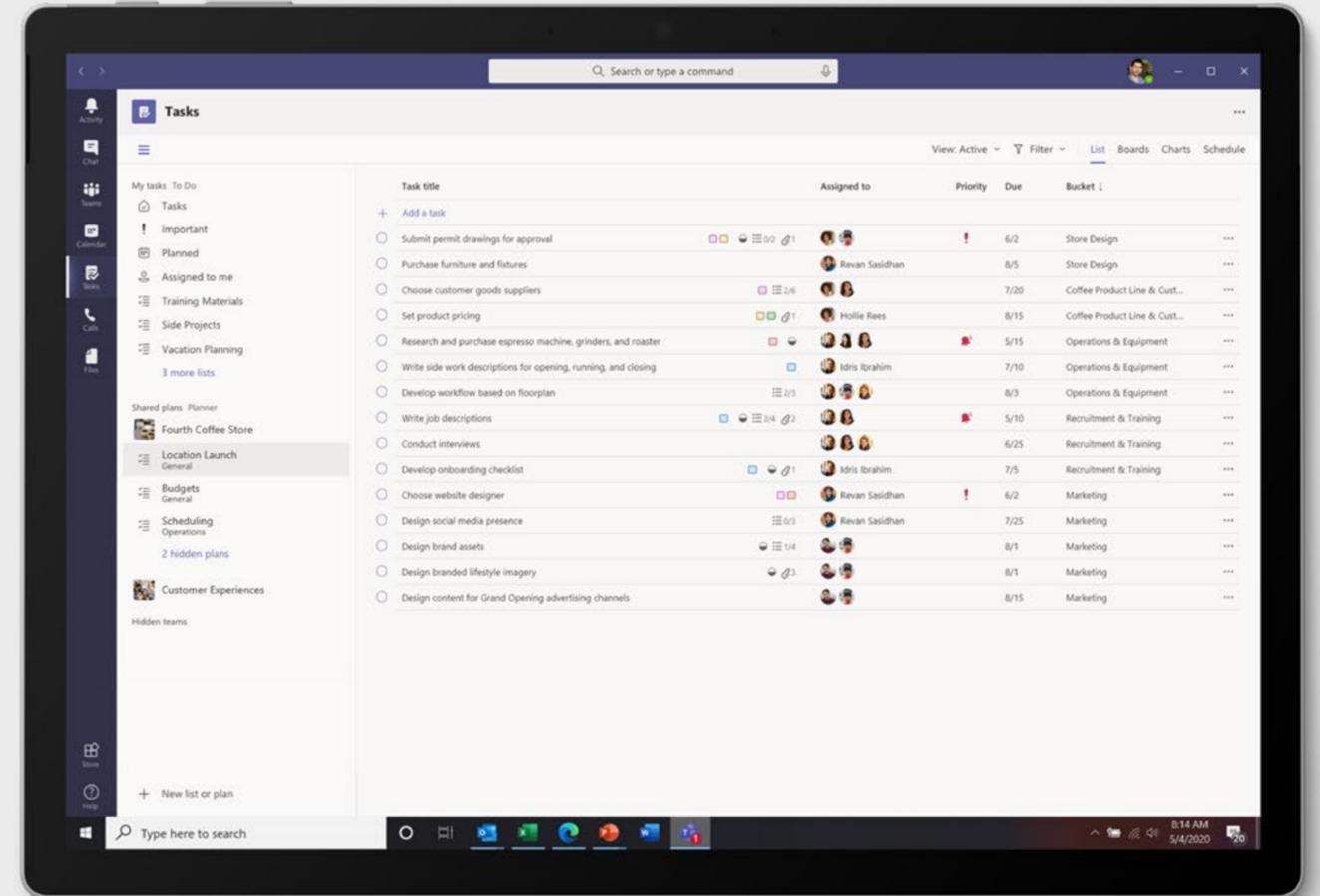
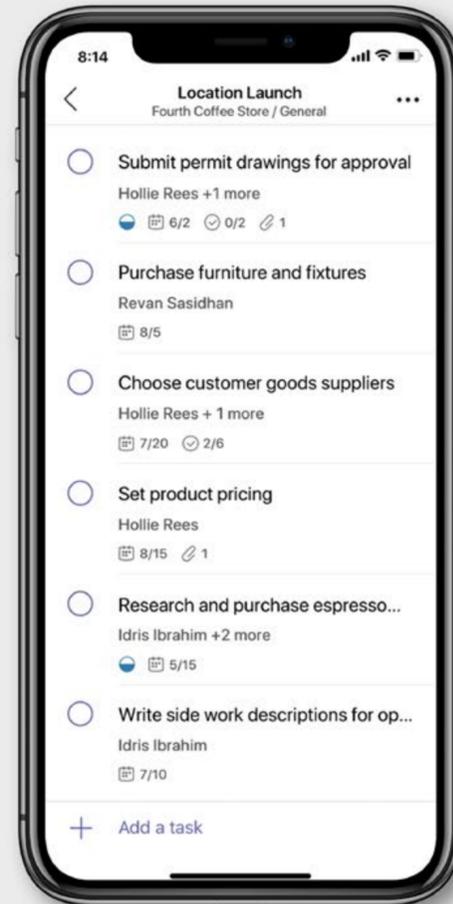
² Power BI licensing is required to utilize these capabilities.

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Streamline your work and save time

Be more efficient and streamline management of common tasks by using shortcuts to save time.

- See a unified view of assigned tasks from across Microsoft To-Do, Planner, and Outlook with the Tasks app in Teams.
- Organize project tasks and get your familiar Planner tab experience whether you're on desktop, web, or mobile.
- Quickly respond with suggested short messages in chat without having to pull up your keyboard.



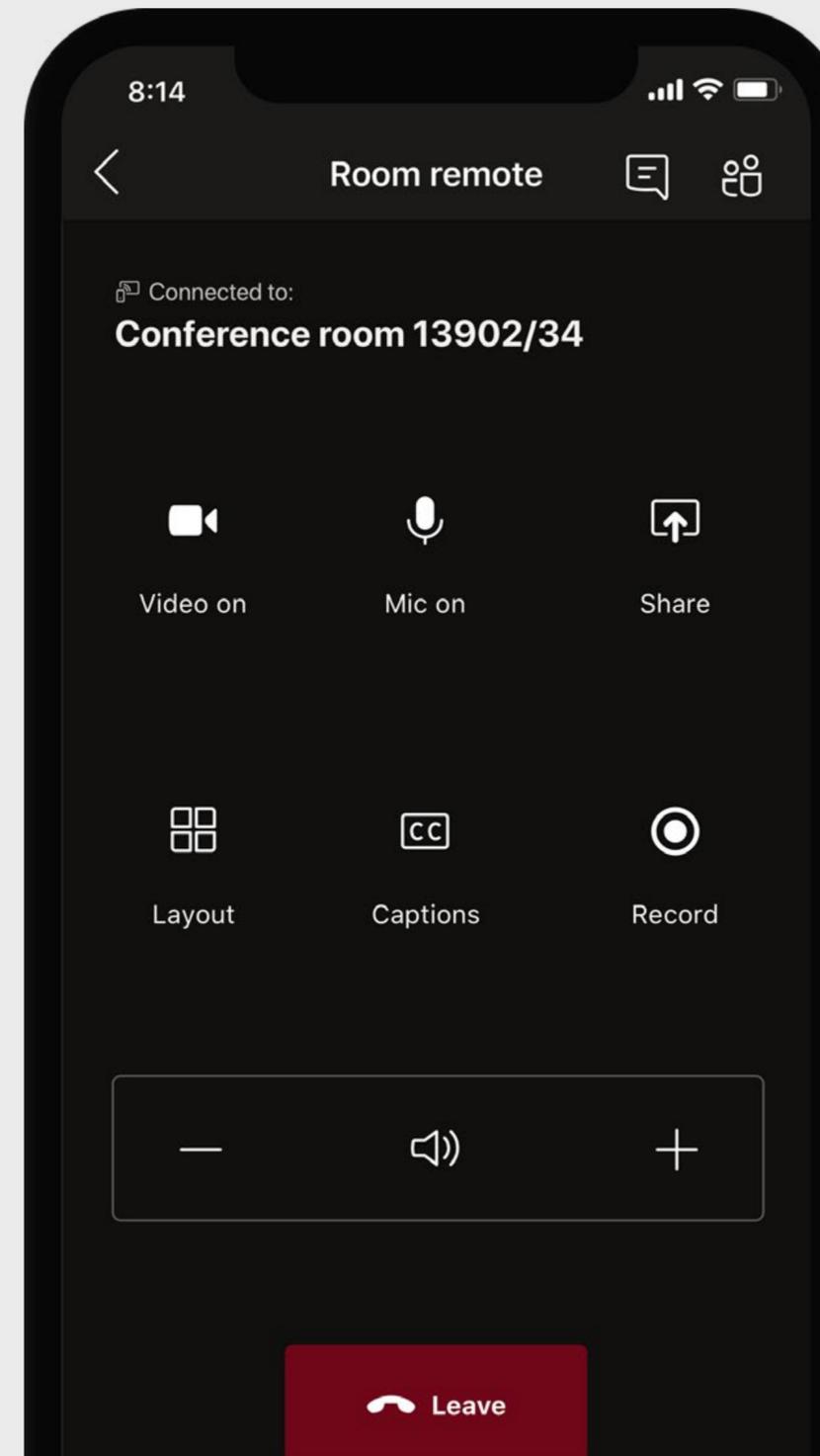
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Work across devices

Regardless of where you are working, these days multiple devices are needed to get work done – from laptops to desktops, mobile devices, and meeting room devices. It's critical to have a seamless and secure experience for virtual collaboration and conversations, file sharing, data storage, and more.

- Experience seamless transitions across devices at home, on the go, or in the workplace with the touch of a button.
- If you're working remotely, enjoy a change of scenery and take a walk during your next meeting using the Teams mobile app for iOS and Android.
- If you're working onsite, join and leave meetings and interact with touchless experiences on Microsoft Teams devices in meeting rooms¹.

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Connect across your organization

Whether you are connecting remotely or onsite, it's essential that every meeting, from town halls to all hands to daily standups, is broadcast online. This provides opportunities to safely practice social distancing, while increasing reach and delivering online meetings and events on a broader scale.

- Host company-wide live events in Teams to spark engagement and foster community and dialogue between leaders and employees.
- Bring together 1,000 participants¹ for interactive Teams meetings where attendees can chat, talk, and turn on video for real-time collaboration.
- Connect with employees, customers, and partners with a view-only mode in Teams meetings with up to 20,000 participants³.

¹ These capabilities will be coming later this year.

³ Advanced Communications licensing is required to utilize this capability.





Keeping your team connected is more important than ever, and with Teams you can enable teamwork from anywhere.

We hope these tips help keep you productive, connected, and secure whether working remotely or onsite.

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