Integrating Microsoft Flow into a Power BI Solution



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- Microsoft Flow
- PowerApps
- Common Data Model

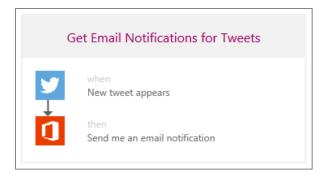


Microsoft Flow

Previously called Logic Flows

- Rich workflows connected to services
- Built using actions and conditions
- No-code approach to building interconnected systems
- Flows built from Templates -or- from scratch

Simplified version of Azure Logic Apps

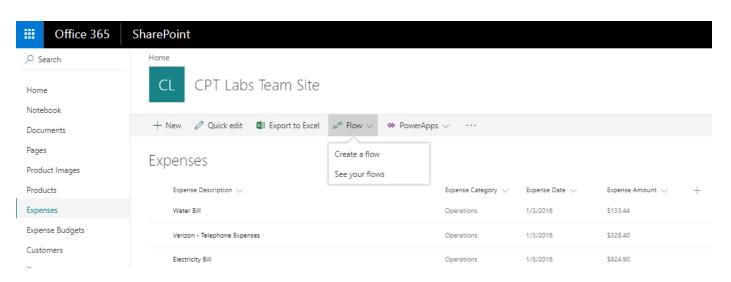




Microsoft Flow

SharePoint Integration

Connect to a SharePoint List



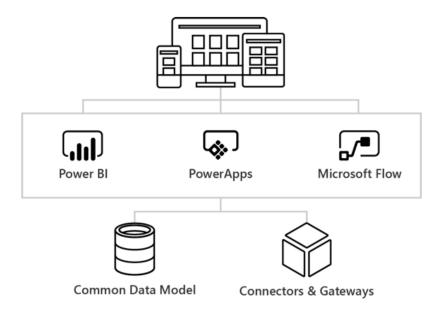


On-Premises Data Gateway

Connect to on-prem data

Same technology used by Power BI, PowerApps, and MS

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PowerApps Fundamentals

- PowerApps build on top of data
 - SharePoint Lists
 - SQL database
 - Excel workbook in cloud storage
 - Salesforce Data
 - Dynamics 365
 - Common Data Service



Building PowerApps

- PowerApps IDEs
 - PowerApps Studio for web
 - PowerApps Studio for Windows
- Distribution of apps
 - Apps shared using Microsoft AppSource



Working with PowerApps

- web.powerapps.com
 - manage and share the apps you build
- PowerApps Studio
 - build powerful apps with easy to use visual tools
- PowerApps Mobile
 - run apps on Windows, iOS, and Android devices
- PowerApps admin center
 - administer PowerApps environments and other components

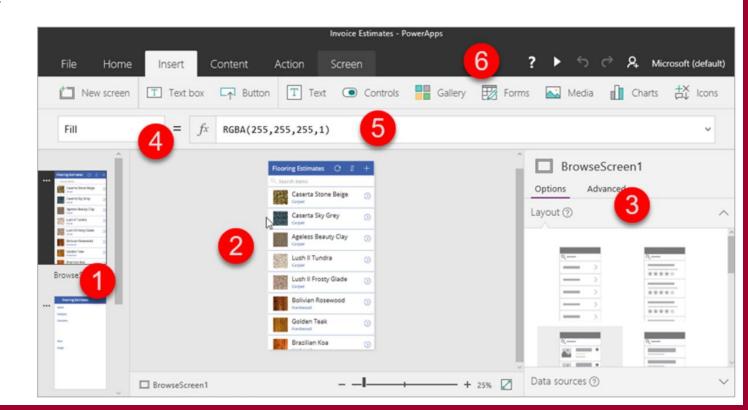


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Browser-based environment



- 1. Left navigation bar
- 2. Middle pane
- 3. Right-hand pane
- 4. Property drop-down list
- 5. Formula bar
- 6. Ribbon



Environments

- Provides context for apps and flows
 - Space to store, manage, and share data, apps & flows
 - containers to separate target audiences for security
 - Environment provides scope for CDS database
- Environment created in Azure AD tenant
 - Environment lives in a specific Azure data center
 - Only accessible to users within that tenant
- Examples environments for a large organization
 - Dev environment
 - Production Environment 1
 - Production Environment 2 (more secure)



Environment Roles

Admin role

- Add or remove a user or group from roles
- Provision a Common Data Service database
- View and manage all resources
- Set data loss prevention policies

Maker role

- create resources including apps, connections, custom connectors, gateways and flows
- distribute apps by sharing them with users and groups



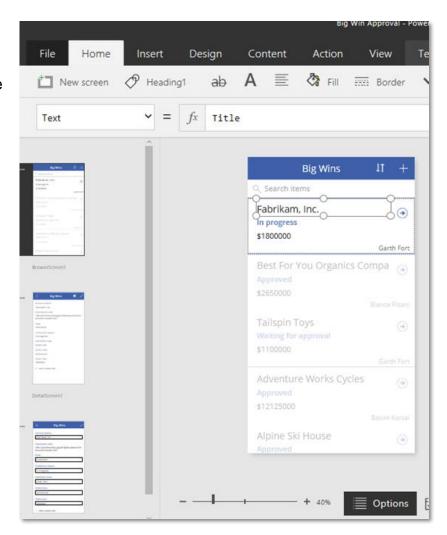
PowerApps background

- Extension of Project Sienna
- Cloud-based apps for range of mobile devices
- Authentication through Azure Active Directory
- Built in connectors for some popular data sources
- Extensibility through custom managed APIs
 - (Azure Functions, Azure API Apps...) and Microsoft Azure



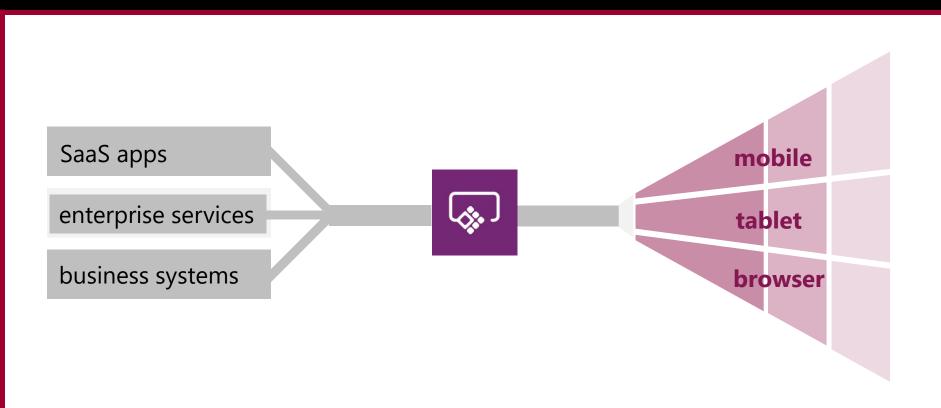
What can I build with PowerApps?

- Apps based on data
 - SharePoint*, SQL, but also DropBox and Google Drive
- One-dimensional, form-based apps
- Simple, single-task apps
- Microphone, camera, GPS coordinates. Ink and pen support.
- Multiple data sources in one app
- Multiple screens





High-level architecture





PowerApps clients

Web clients Mobile clients

Desktop clients, etc.

APIs













Mobile app



API app



Logic app



Web app

Other SaaS and cloud systems



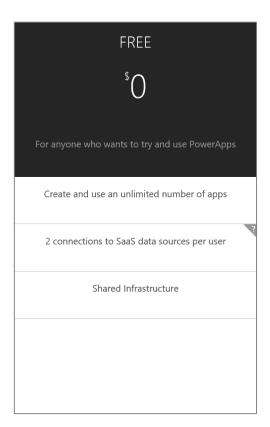


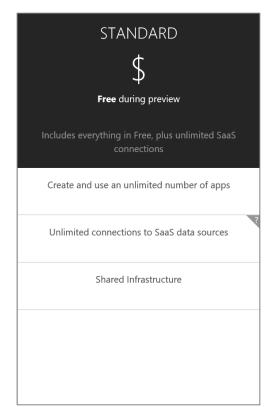
On-Prem systems

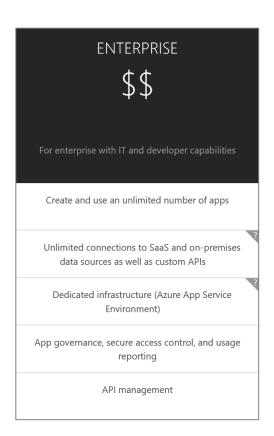




PowerApps Pricing Tiers









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Common Data Model

Organizational database in the cloud

- Entities define domain language
 - People = Employee, Team, Contractor...
 - Sales = Customer, Contact, Sales Order...
- Able to define custom entities
- Create relationships between entities

Id	Title	CustomerId	Orderld		
		<u> </u>			
CustomerName	Locale	CustomerId	Orderld	OrderDate	Price



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