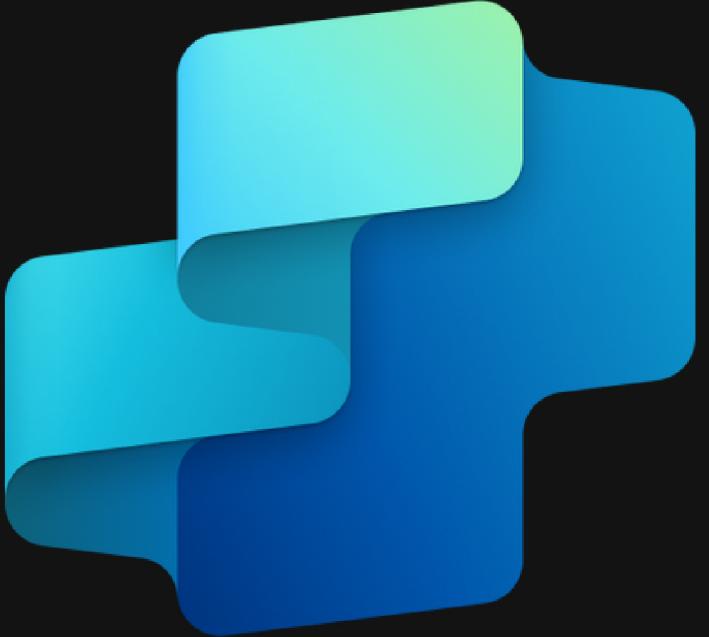


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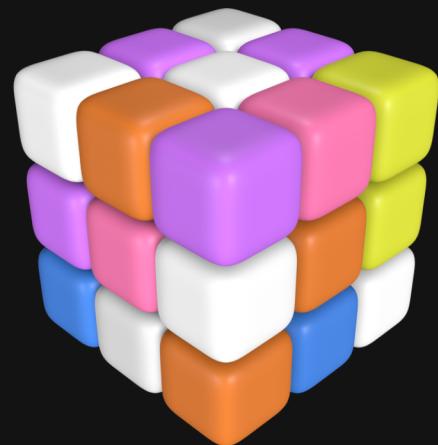
# Generative Actions

## Introduction

Generative actions in Copilot Studio are like a game where the Copilot gets to choose its **own path**.

Instead of using set phrases to decide what to talk about, it uses its **own brain**, like GPT, to pick topics or actions to respond to what someone asks. Each topic and action has a **special description**, kind of like a hint, which helps the Copilot decide which one to pick.

It's like the Copilot is playing a guessing game, using clues to figure out the best thing to say or do.



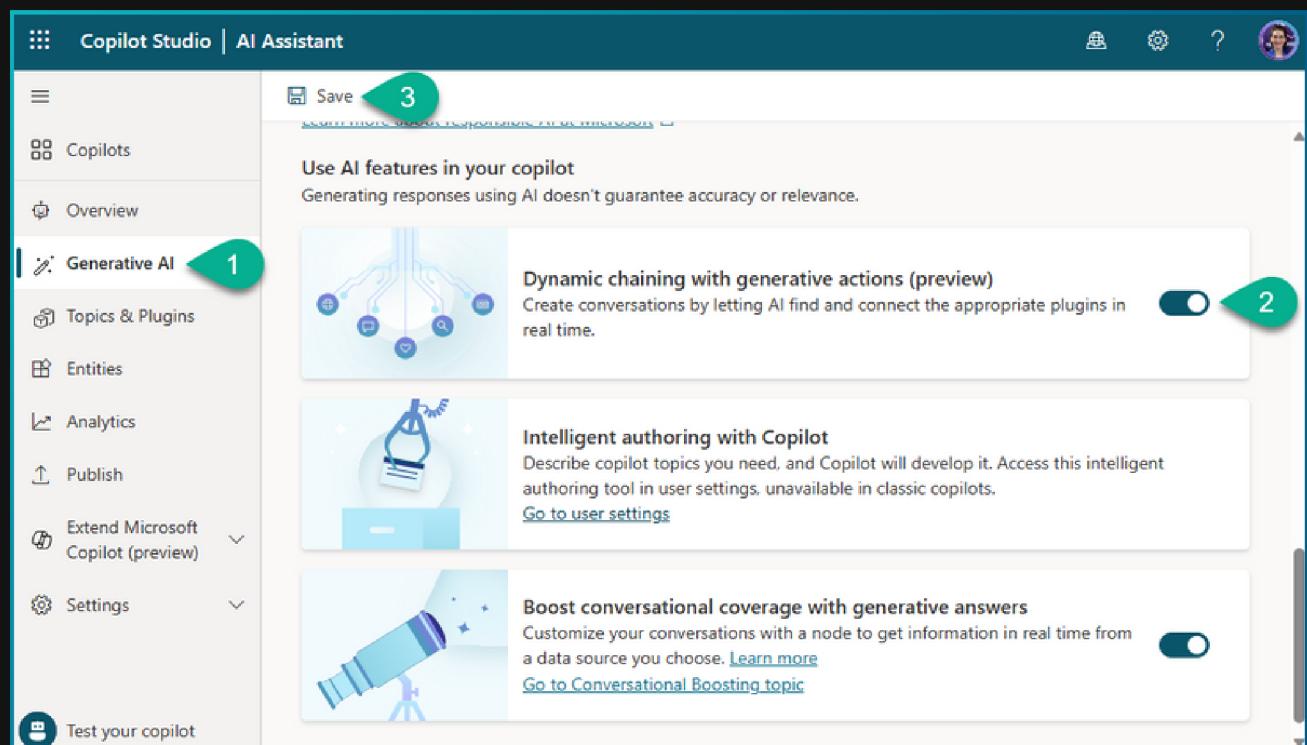
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# Generative Actions Enable

To turn on generative actions in Copilot Studio, just follow these easy steps:

1. Navigate to the [Generative AI](#) page.
2. Find the switch for [Dynamic chaining with generative actions](#) and flip it on.
3. Hit [Save](#) to keep your changes.



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# Generative Actions New Topics & Plugins list

On the updated [Topics & Plugins](#) page in Copilot Studio with Generative Actions enabled, you'll notice a new ribbon layout.

Now, all topics and plugins are unified on a [single page](#) for easier access.

The screenshot shows two views of the 'Topics & Plugins' page. The top view is for 'Topics (15)', showing a table with columns: Name, Trigger, Description, Errors, Editing, and Modified by. The bottom view is for 'All', showing a table with columns: Name, Trigger, and Modified by. A large blue arrow points from the bottom view up towards the top view, indicating the unified nature of the interface.

Name	Trigger	Description	Errors	Editing	Modified by
Coffee order	Phrases				Katerina Chernevskaya 20 hours ago
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Name	Trigger	Modified by
Azure DevOps - Create a work item	Dynamic chaining (preview)	Katerina Chernevskaya 14 hours ago
Coffee order	Dynamic chaining (preview)	Katerina Chernevskaya 20 hours ago
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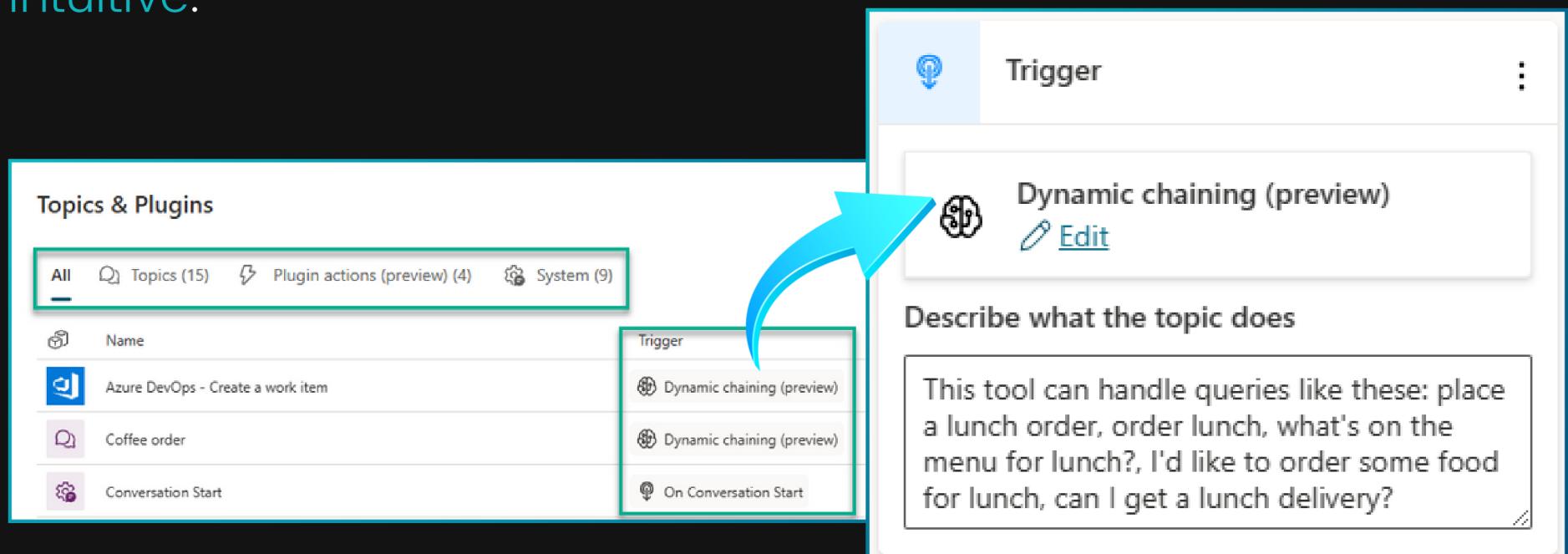
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# Generative Actions Trigger Simplification

This change also brings a tweak to how triggers work.

Instead of relying solely on specific trigger phrases, the Copilot can **dynamically** choose topics or plugins based on the user's input, making interactions more **fluid** and **intuitive**.



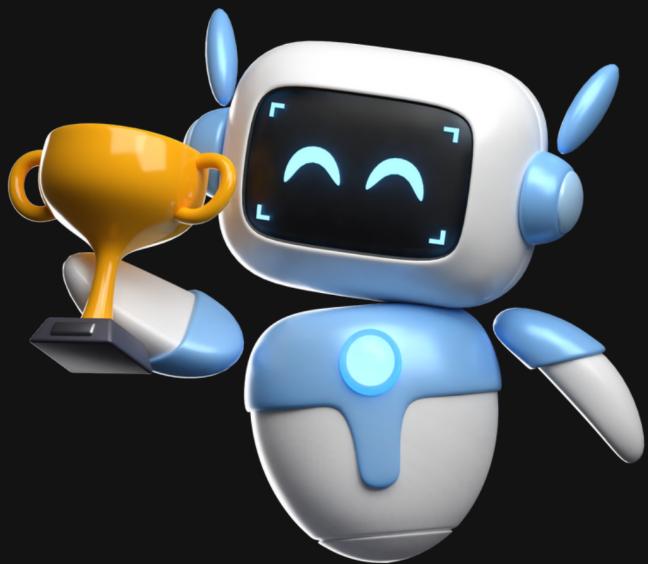
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# Generative Actions Intuitive Responses

This change simplifies triggers too; plugins can now respond directly to a user's input, **without needing a separate topic for each plugin**.

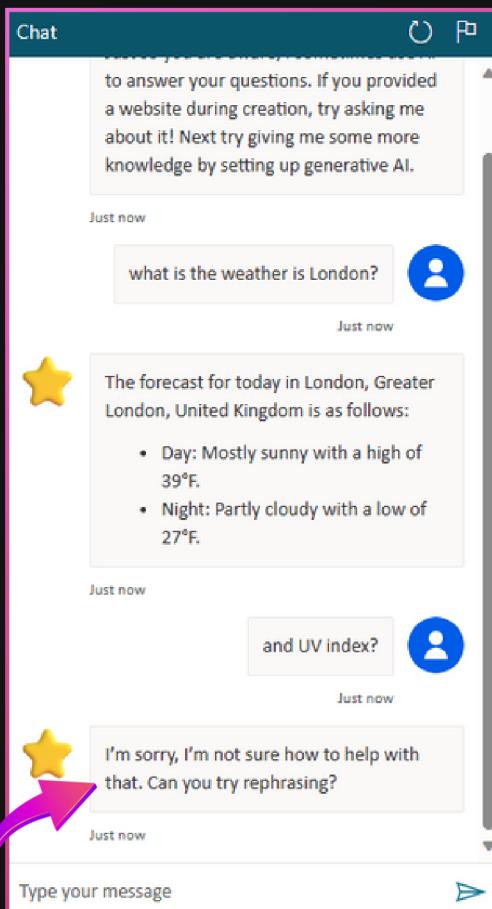
It's a game-changer, making your Copilot more intuitive and capable of handling queries on the fly, all thanks to the power of generative actions.



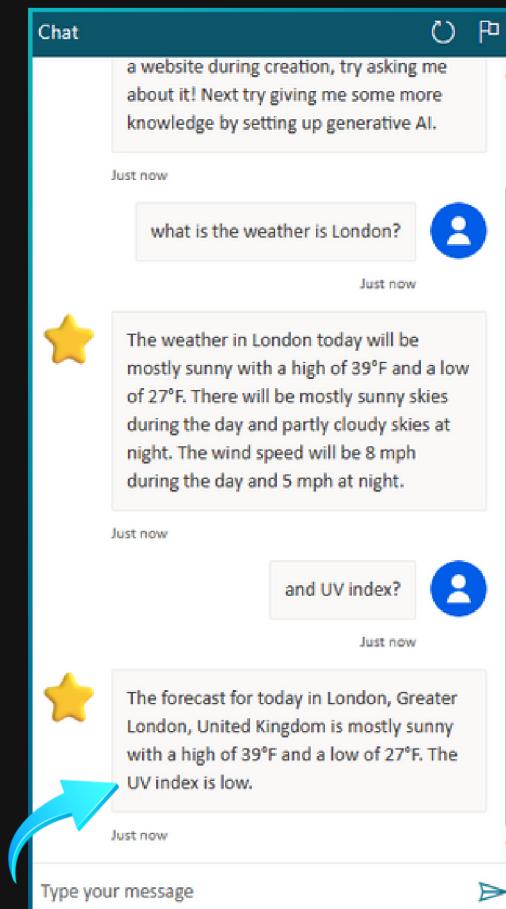
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# Generative Actions Response Examples



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# Generative Actions

## New tracing mode

Fire up the **new tracing mode** to quickly track how your Copilot chooses topics and plugins for responding. It's a shortcut to understanding your AI's response strategy!

The screenshot shows the Copilot Studio interface with the 'Tracing mode' feature highlighted. On the left, the sidebar includes options like 'Copilots', 'Overview', 'Generative AI', 'Topics & Plugins', 'Entities', 'Analytics', 'Publish', 'Extend Microsoft Copilot (preview)', 'Settings', 'Copilot details', 'AI integration tools', 'Channels', 'Customer engagement hub', 'Security', 'Skills', and 'Hide copilot'. The main area displays a 'Test copilot' window with a message history. A green callout '1' points to the 'Tracking: on' button in the top right of the copilot window. Another green callout '2' points to the 'Dynamic chain log' section on the right, which shows a flowchart of the AI's reasoning process for a weather forecast request.

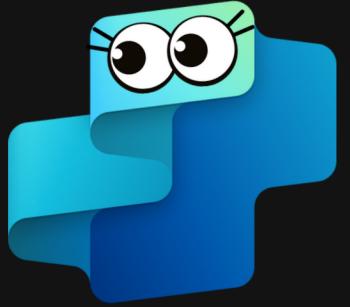
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# Today's Task: Exploring Generative Actions

## 1. Enable Generative Answers

Turn on generative answers to empower your Copilot with dynamic response capabilities.

## 2. Test Copilot Responses

Engage with your Copilot and evaluate the responses generated for a variety of questions.

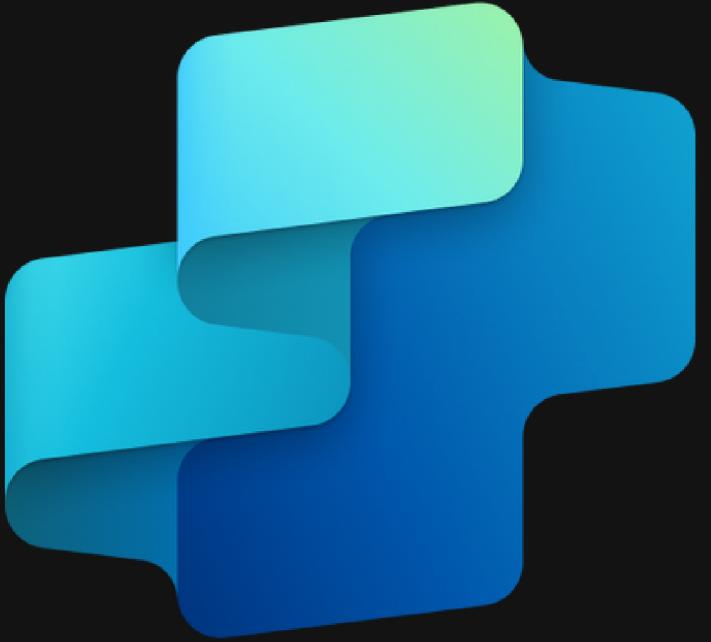
## 3. Analyze with Trace Mode

Utilize the new trace mode feature to understand the behind-the-scenes decision-making of your Copilot.



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