Hackathon Lunch and Learn #3: Power Automate

Agenda

1. Understanding Power Automate Basics (20 minutes)

- Overview: What is a flow?
 - o Planning a Power Automate project Introduction Power Automate
 - o Types of process automation to consider for a Power Automate project
- Navigating the Power Automate portal
 - Get started with Power Automate
- Types of flows: automated, instant, and scheduled
 - o Overview of the types of flows in Power Automate
 - Run flows on a schedule in Power Automate
- Connectors, Triggers, and Actions
 - o Power Platform and Azure Logic Apps connectors documentation
 - o Get started with triggers
- Templates
 - o Get started from a template

2. Building Flows (70 minutes)

- Hands-On Activity:
 - ✓ Creating Your Own Flow with Copilot
 - Participants follow along to create their own flow
 - Example scenario: Sending a notification when a new item is added to the Contact Management Dataverse table
 - Create a cloud flow from a description (preview)
 - Understand the cloud flows designer
 - Add an advanced option and multiple actions in Power Automate
 - Overview of how to integrate flows with Dataverse

✓ Exploring Advanced Features

- Conditions, branching, and loops
 - Add a condition to a cloud flow in Power Automate
- Using expressions and variables
 - Use expressions in conditions in Power Automate
 - Store and manage values in variables in Power Automate
 - Use format data by examples to change the format of data with Power Automate
 - Customize or format date and time values in a flow
 - Convert a time zone

- Data operations
 - Use data operations in Power Automate

✓ Integrating Power Automate with Power Apps

- Creating a flow triggered by a Power Apps button
- Participants follow along to create the flow using the Power App that was created in the Power Apps training.

✓ Best Practices and Tips

- 2024 Power Automate Coding Standards For Cloud Flows Matthew Devaney
- Naming conventions
 - Power Automate Standards: Naming Conventions (matthewdevaney.com)
- Error handling, monitoring, troubleshooting, resubmitting, disabling flows
 - Cancel or resubmit flow runs in bulk in Power Automate
 - Turn a flow on or off, and delete a flow
 - Troubleshoot common issues with triggers
- Sharing, co-owners, and changing the owner of a flow
 - Share a cloud flow
 - Change the owner of a cloud flow in Power Automate

3. Wrap-Up

- Next Steps: Resources for further learning.
 - o Power Automate on Microsoft Learn
 - o Official Microsoft Power Automate documentation
 - o Microsoft Power Platform Blog
 - o <u>Microsoft Power Automate (YouTube)</u>