

Hands-on Lab : Getting Started with PowerPoint for the Web

Estimated time needed: 20 minutes

Microsoft PowerPoint is the most widely used presentation software even three decades after its initial release. For all these years it has been available as a standard application that needed to be installed on your desktop; but it is not just a desktop app anymore. Now, you can even use PowerPoint when you're online by using 'PowerPoint for the web' - and run it right in your web browser without installing anything on your desktop!

'PowerPoint for the Web' (sometimes referred to as PowerPoint Online) can be used at no charge as part of a free Microsoft account. Although it does not have all of the capabilities of the desktop and paid online versions, the free web version provides many of the key features.

Software Used in this Lab

For the story telling/project report of this module, you will be using the free 'PowerPoint for the web' version as this is available to everyone.

Although you can use the PowerPoint Desktop software if you have access to this version, it is recommended that you use PowerPoint for the web for your project report as it is available for free, and there are some small differences in the interface and available features.

Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Sign up for a Microsoft Account to use PowerPoint for the web
- Sign in and open a new blank presentation in PowerPoint for the web

Exercise 1: Sign-up for a Microsoft Account to use PowerPoint for the Web

In this exercise, you will sign up for a Microsoft Account to use PowerPoint for the web.

If you already have a Microsoft account, you can skip Exercise 1 and proceed to Exercise 2 directly.

1. Go to www.office.com. Click **Sign in**

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Office website at office.com. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Microsoft, Office, Products, Resources, Templates, Support, My account, and a 'Buy now' button. On the right side of the header, there's a 'Sign in' link and a user profile icon. A red circle highlights the 'Sign in' link. Below the header, a banner reads 'Remote Learning in education. Learn more >' with a photo of a person sitting on a couch. The main content area has a dark background with the text 'Welcome to Office' and 'Your place to create, communicate, collaborate, and get great work done.'

2. Click **Create one!**

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Sign-in page. It features the Microsoft logo and the word 'Sign in'. Below that is a text input field labeled 'Email, phone, or work/school address' with a red circle highlighting it. To the right of the input field is the text 'No account? Create one!' with a red circle highlighting 'Create one!'. Below the input field are links for 'Can't access your account?' and 'Sign-in options'. At the bottom right is a large blue 'Next' button.

3. Enter your existing email id with which you want to create a Microsoft account. Click **Next**.



Create account

Enter your email

someone@example.com

[Use a phone number instead](#)

[Get a new email address](#)

Next

4. Enter your password and click **Next**.



← [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Create a password

Enter the password you would like to use with your account.

Enter your password

Create password

Show password

Next

5. Enter the code you received by email. Click **Next**.



← [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Verify email

Enter the code we sent to
[REDACTED]@gmail.com. If you didn't get the
email, check your junk folder or [try again](#).

Enter code

Enter the verification code
sent to your email address

- I would like information, tips, and offers about
Microsoft products and services.

Choosing **Next** means that you agree to the [Microsoft Services
Agreement](#) and [privacy and cookies statement](#).

Next

6. Enter your phone number and click **Send Code**.



← [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Add security info

When you need to prove you're you or a change is
made to your account, we'll use your security info to
contact you.

We'll text you the code you'll use to verify your
phone number.

Country code

Canada (+1)

Phone number

Enter your
phone number

Send

Next

7. Enter the access code you received as a text on your phone, then click **Next**.



← [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Add security info

When you need to prove you're you or a change is made to your account, we'll use your security info to contact you.

We'll text you the code you'll use to verify your phone number.

Country code

Canada (+1)

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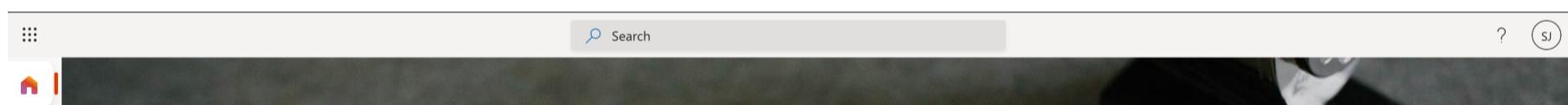
I didn't get a code

Enter the access code

Enter the code
you received on
your phone as text

Next

8. You are now done with the sign up procedure. Now since you are signed in after sign up at this stage, you can proceed directly to **Task B** of **Exercise 2**.

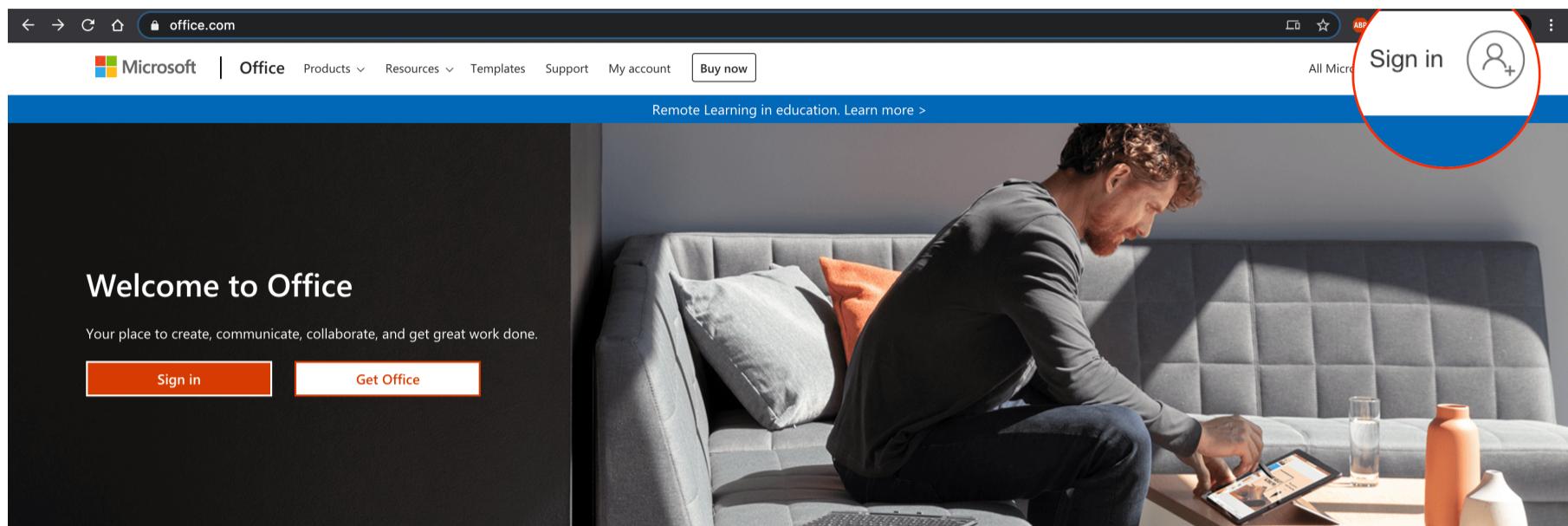


Exercise 2: Sign-in, Upload and Open presentation in PowerPoint for the Web

In this exercise, you will sign in to PowerPoint for the web. Then open a new blank presentation. Lastly upload, open and edit a presentation.

Task A: Sign in to PowerPoint for the Web

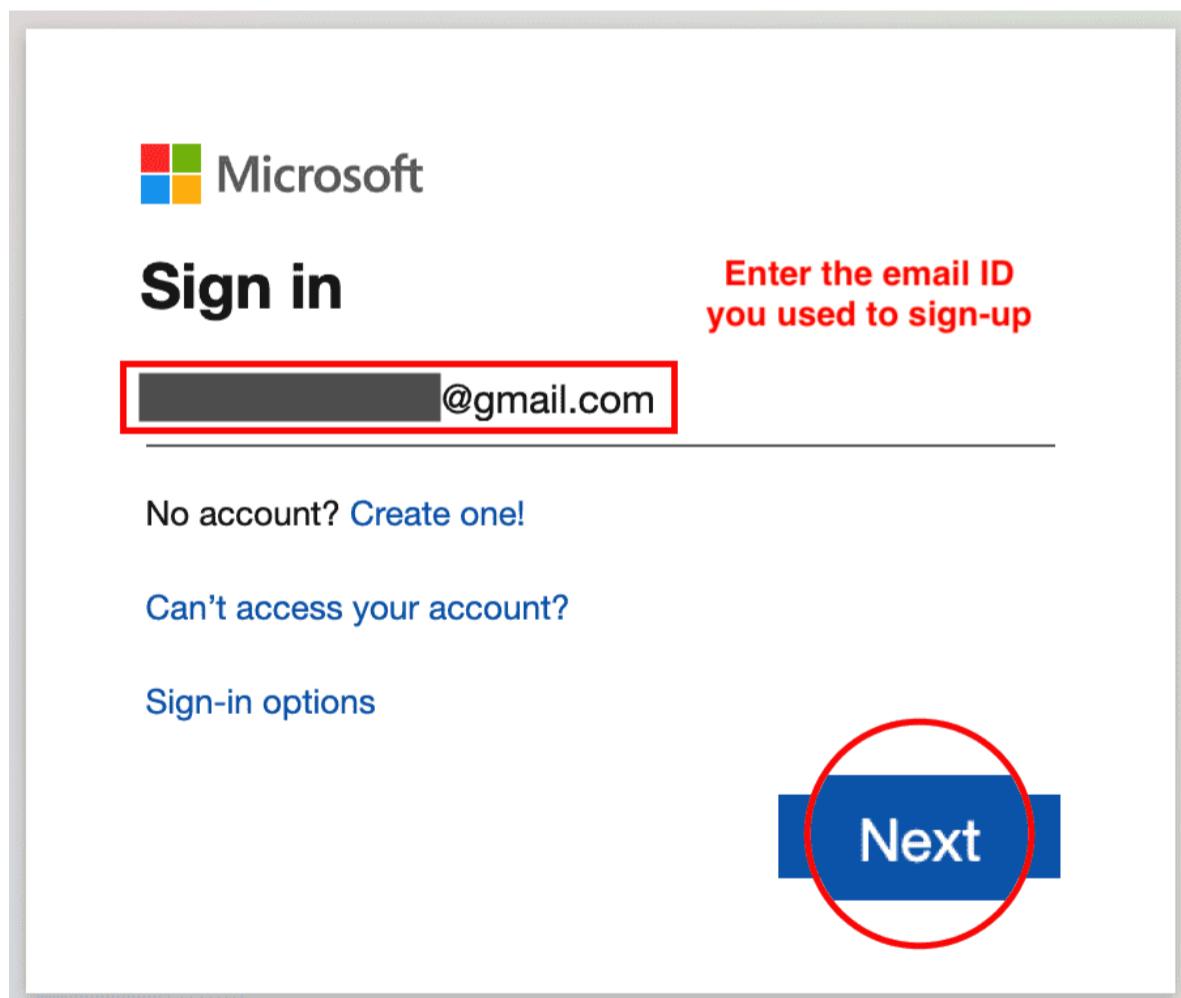
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Sign in to use your favorite productivity apps from any device



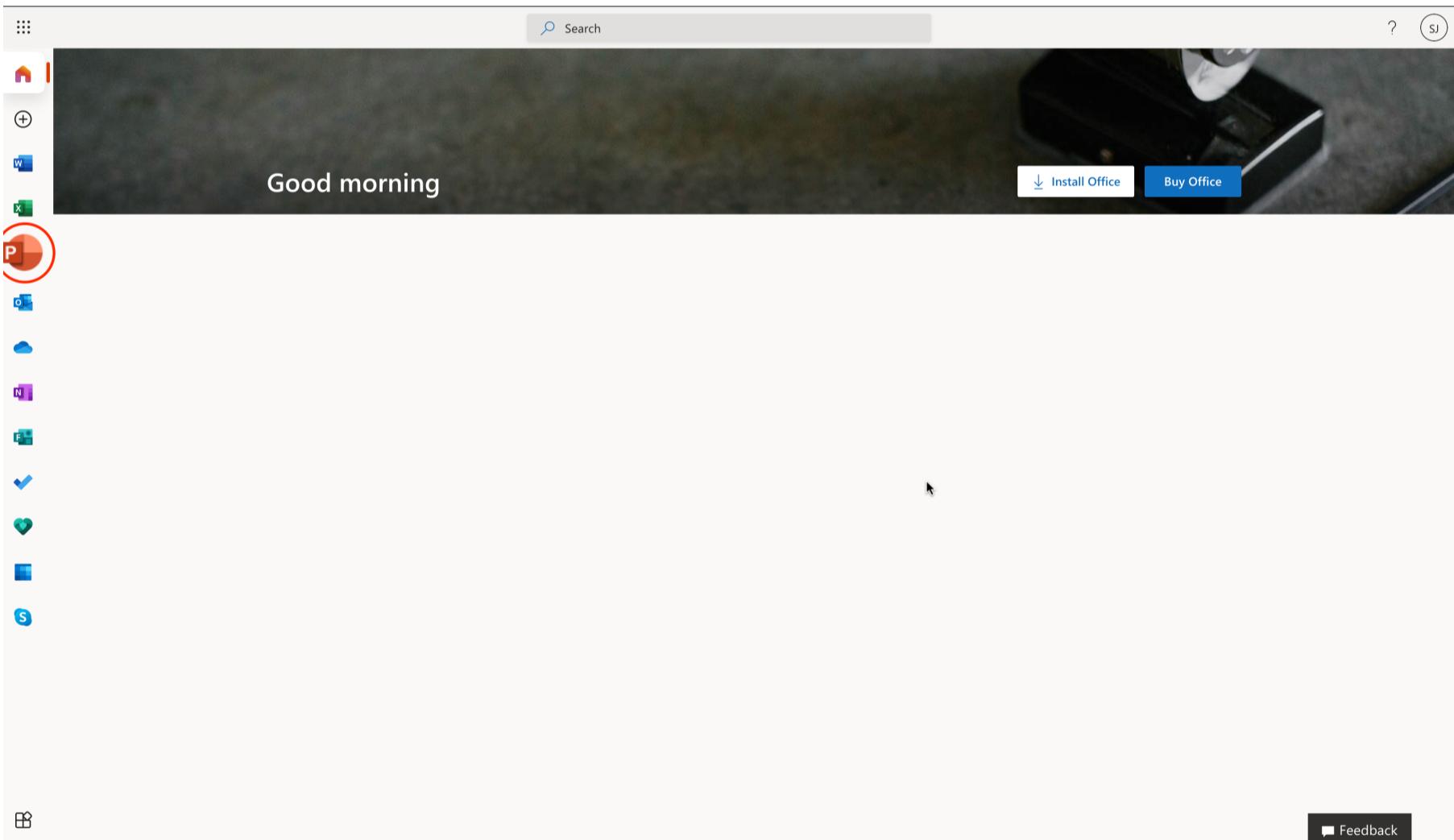
2. Enter your sign in email.



3. Enter your password.



4. You are now signed in.



Task B: Open a new blank presentation in PowerPoint for the Web

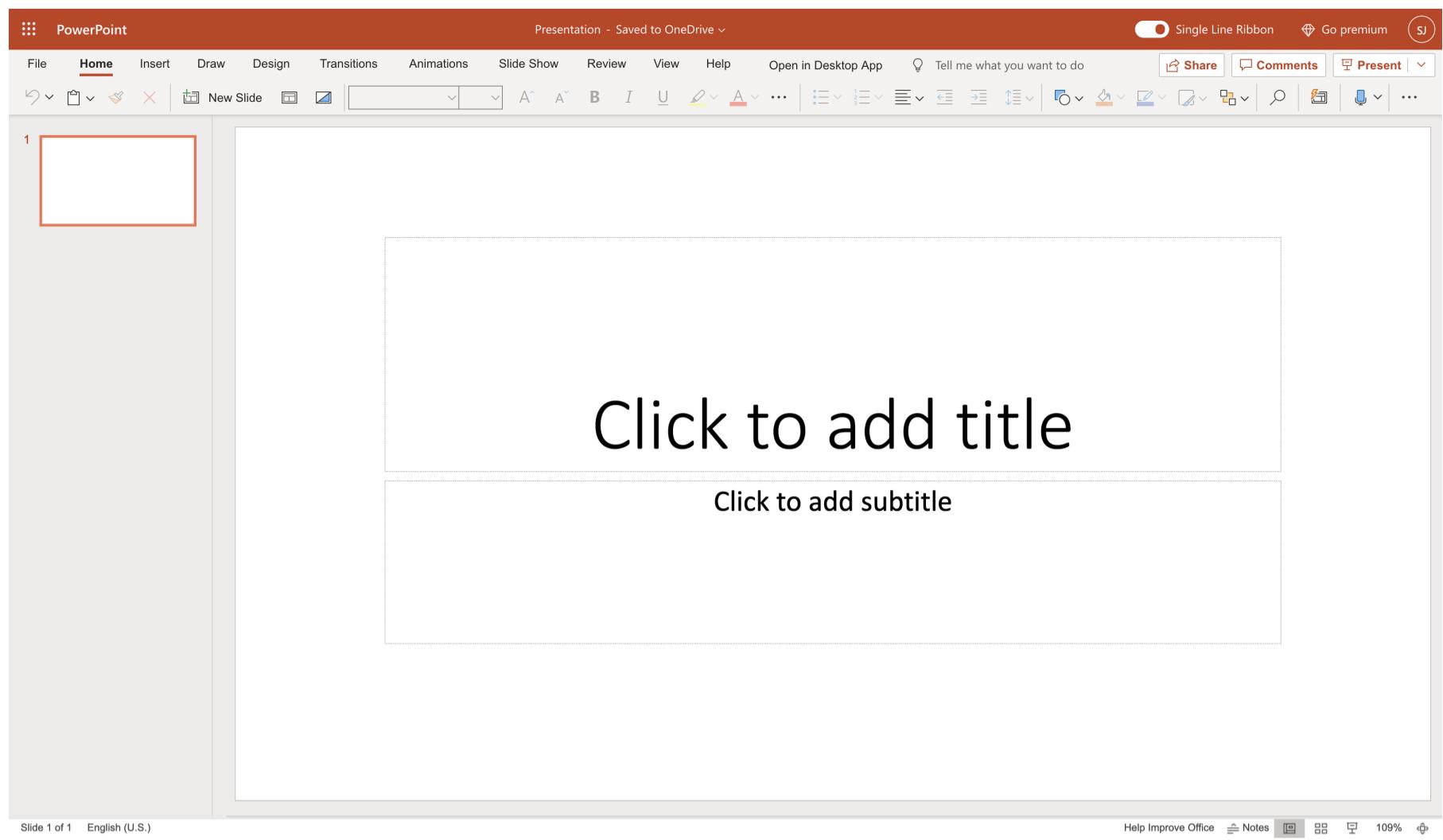
1. Click on the **PowerPoint** icon.



2. Click **New blank presentation**.

A screenshot of the Microsoft PowerPoint web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'PowerPoint', a search bar, and user account information. The main area features a 'New' section with a red circle highlighting the 'New blank presentation' button. Below this are theme preview cards for 'Madison', 'Atlas', 'Gallery', and 'Parcel', along with a 'Premium themes' section. A sidebar on the left contains various icons for file types like Word, Excel, and PDF. The bottom section shows a 'Recent' tab, a central workspace with a person icon, and a message stating 'No recent online presentations'. There are also links to 'Go to OneDrive' and 'Feedback'.

3. You have successfully opened a new blank presentation in PowerPoint for the web.

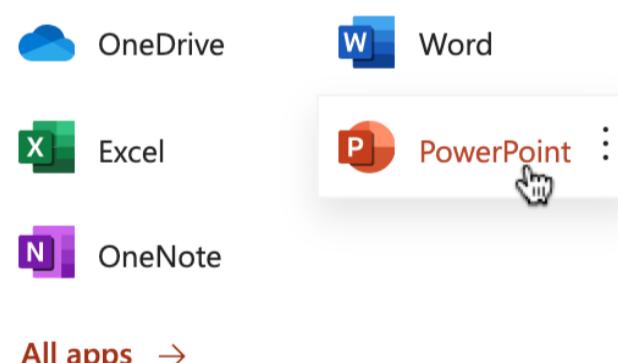


Task C: Upload, Open and Edit a Presentation

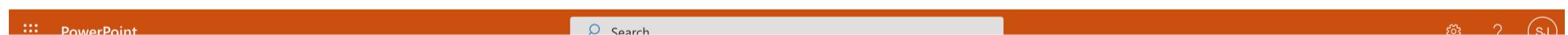
1. Download the file [capstone-story-template.pptx](#).
2. To upload and open a presentation file in PowerPoint for the web, click the **App Launcher** (cube of dots) in the top left corner. Click **PowerPoint** icon.

Office 365 →

Apps



3. Click **Upload and open...** and select the **capstone-story-template.pptx** file.



4. The file will be uploaded to your OneDrive of the Microsoft Account you signed up and used to open PowerPoint for the web.

Uploading to OneDrive

Your file will be opened automatically after upload is complete.

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Tip: You can now drag and drop files to upload them.

Cancel

5. Now edit the presentation with your information required for this module. Your edits are saved automatically.

Congratulations! You have completed this Lab.

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Changelog

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