

# Better Together: Exploring the Integrations Between Microsoft Teams and Power Automate

Heidi Jordan heidi@heidi-jordan.com

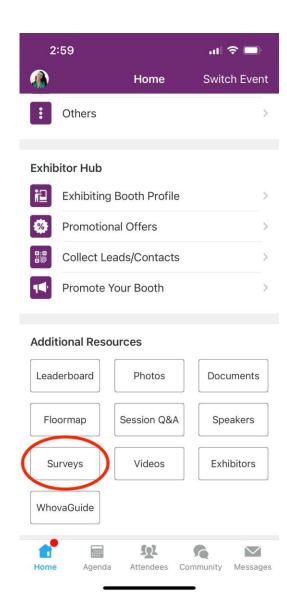
# The official event app for the **Power**Platform Community Conference



#### Join the event app to access:

- Event announcements
- Personalized agenda, session details
- Speaker & attendee profiles
- Networking, meet-ups, messages
- Event documents

**Event Invitation** Code: PPCConf2024



#### **Session Feedback Surveys**

We really want to hear from YOU!

In the pursuit of making next year's Power Platform Community Conference even better, we want to hear your feedback about this session.

#### Here's How -

- Simply go to the Whova App on your smartphone
- Scroll down on the Power Platform Community Conference Homepage to 'Additional Resources' to click "Surveys'.
- Click Session Feedback.
- Scroll down to find this session title.
- Complete the session feedback survey.
- Finally, click 'Submit'

It's just that easy!

- Groundwork
- Three integration points
  - 1) Workflows App
  - 2) Instant Flows
    - Adaptive Cards
  - 3) Approval Templates
- Wrap Up

#### AGENDA



# Heidi Jordan



Microsoft MVP, Business Applications || Manager, Modern Workplace with Avanade in Sioux Falls, SD

Fluent in SharePoint On-Premises, SharePoint Online, InfoPath, SharePoint Designer, Power Apps, Power Automate

5

Twitter: @heidi\_jordan14



LinkedIn: Heidi Jordan



Blog: https://heidi-jordan.com



E-mail: heidi@heidi-jordan.com





#### **FEATURED TOOLS**





# **Integration Points**

Workflows (Power Automate)

**Adaptive Cards** 

**Approvals** 

# \* . WORKFLOWS APP

#### Workflows App

Workflows let you automate repetitive tasks or processes that connect one or more apps to Teams.

Workflows are powered by Power Automate.



#### Demo: New Joiner Swag Kit Order Form Example

Fill out a Form

New Employee fills out a Microsoft Form

Create a Planner Task

Place the task in the Orientation bucket

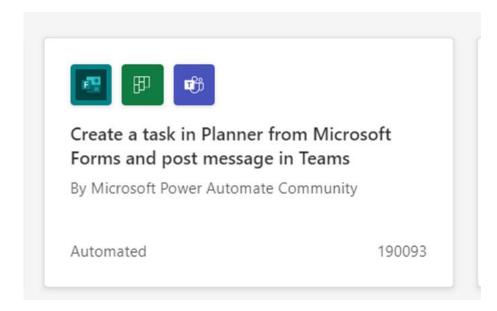
Post a message to the Team

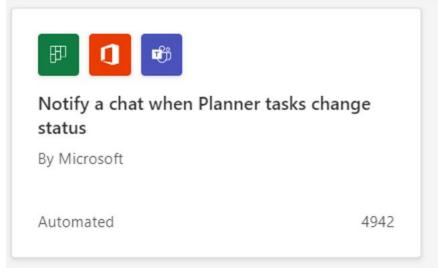
Post message to the New Joiners Team in the Swag Order channel

Send notice when task is complete

When Planner task is marked as complete, post a message to the New Jointers Team in the Swag Order channel

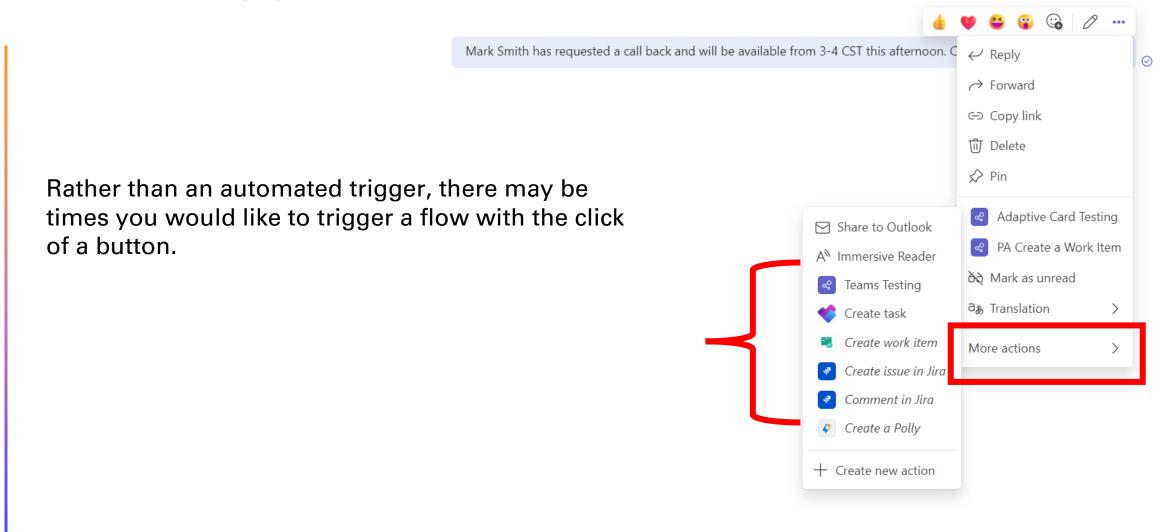
### Power Automate Templates Used





# INSTANT TRIGGER FLOWS & \* . ADAPTIVE CARDS

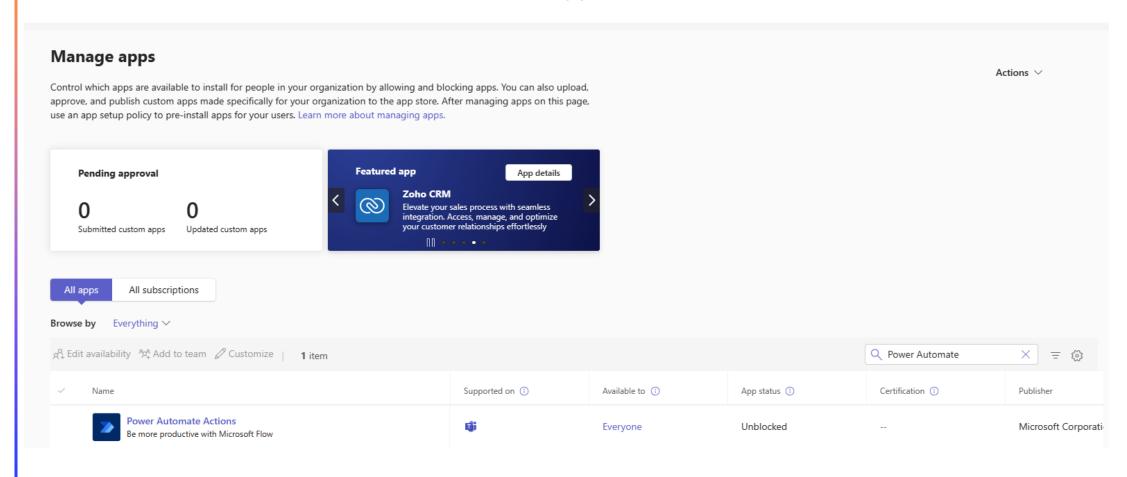
# Instant trigger flows



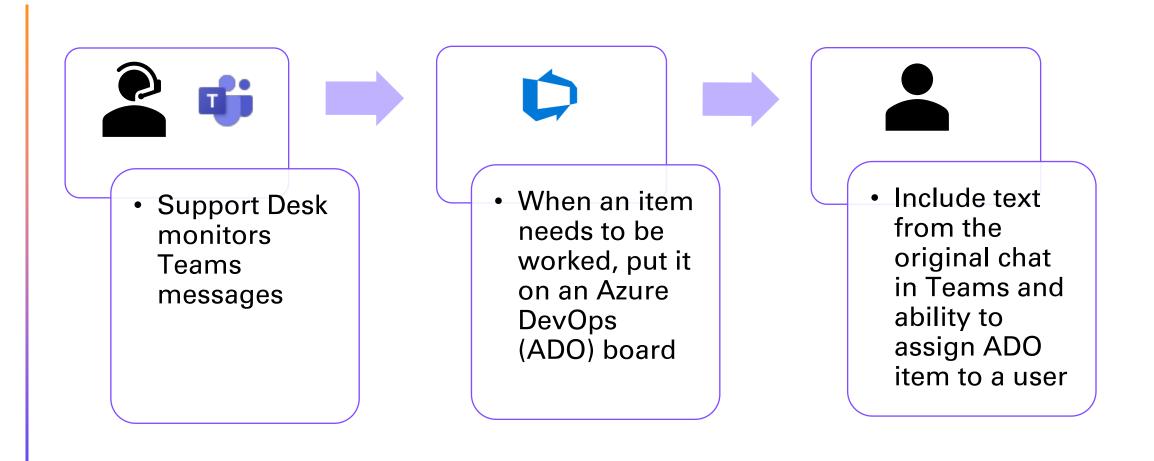
### Instant trigger flows

You must create these flows within the default environment for them to appear in Teams.

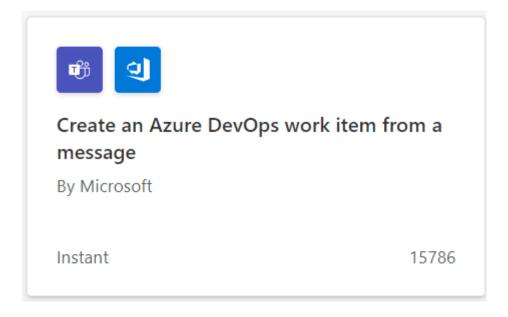
If you don't see the flows you create with the For selected message in Teams trigger, ask your admin to confirm whether the Power Automate Actions app is enabled in the Teams admin center



#### Demo: Create an instant flow w/Adaptive Card



### Power Automate Templates Used

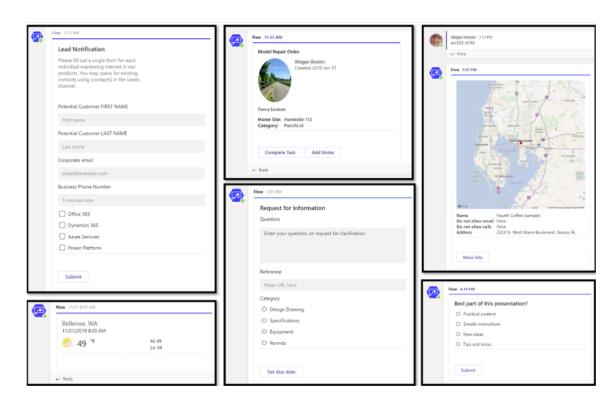


# What is an Adaptive Card?

Bottom line: Adaptive cards allow you to collect data from users and leverage in your workflow/process

Card Authors can describe their content as JSON, which then renders natively inside the host application.

For example, Contoso Bot can author an Adaptive Card through the Bot Framework, and when delivered to Skype, it will look and feel like a Skype card. When that same payload is sent to Microsoft Teams, it will look and feel like Microsoft Teams. As more host apps start to support Adaptive Cards, that same payload will automatically light up inside these applications, yet still feel entirely native to the app.



# \* . APPROVAL TEMPLATES

#### WHAT IS AN APPROVAL?

Approvals are a way to streamline all your requests and processes with your team or partners.

#### **Various methods of Approvals**



**Email** 



Teams



Approval Center

# Demo: Approval Templates

- Blank Approval
- Templates
- Use Case



#### **ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS**

#### 0

#### Advantages:

- Blank Good for ad-hoc
- Leverages existing Approvals to provide the rollup of all things org-wide
- Ability to limit to specific teams
- Export feature easy way to provide audit trail
- Export to PDF feature
- Easy to use w/integration in Teams.
   Mobile friendly, something people use every day.

#### **Limitations:**

- No further customizations add in steps, third-party connectors, etc.
- Limited trigger options
- Export feature only 90 days
- Adobe Sign/Docusign requires additional subscriptions
- Flows are created outside of solutions

#### **Appendix**

<u>Adaptive Cards Overview - Adaptive Cards | Microsoft Learn</u> <u>Designer | Adaptive Cards</u>