**Hands-On: Building Autonomous Agents with Copilot Studio**

**Workshop Overview**

Chatbots are just the beginning—autonomous AI agents can transform the way we work. In this hands-on workshop, we'll go beyond simple bots and explore how to design, build, and scale AI-driven agents using Copilot Studio. From orchestrating multi-step workflows to integrating real-world data, we'll take a no-code/low-code approach to building solutions that think and act independently. You'll leave with a working prototype and a framework for deploying agents that drive real impact.

**Prerequisites and Technical Requirements**

**Required Access:**

* **Copilot Studio Access**
  + Essential for all hands-on exercises during the workshop
  + New users can sign up for a free trial at: [Copilot Studio Trial](https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-copilot-studio/sign-up-individual)
  + Ensure access to the following:
    - <https://copilotstudio.microsoft.com/>
* **Microsoft 365 Account**
  + Provides access to Outlook, SharePoint, and Power Platform tools needed for integration exercises
  + If you don't currently have access, you can sign up for the developer program:
    - <https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/dev-program>
  + Ensure sign-in access to the following:
    - <https://make.powerautomate.com/> - Access to create flows in Power Automate. A core part of autonomous agents.
    - <https://outlook.office.com/> - Send/Receive email via Outlook. Used as one of the actions our agent will perform.
    - <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/sharepoint/collaboration> - The ability to create and modify lists. This will be used as our data source.

**Important Notes:**

* Since we are only together for half the day, I cannot spend a great deal of time troubleshooting access issues. Though you will have all workshop materials before and after.
* A Microsoft 365 Copilot license is NOT required for this workshop
* Please ensure access to required platforms before the workshop to avoid technical delays
* Bring your laptop with an up-to-date browser. Tablets and mobile devices will have severe limitations.

**Preparation Tips**

* Review basic concepts of conversational AI if you're new to the field
* Consider business processes in your organization that might benefit from AI and Automation
* Prepare questions about specific use cases
* Ensure your accounts are activated and functional before the workshop

Should you run into any issues, feel free to reach out to me ahead of time via LinkedIn:

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I look forward to guiding you through the exciting world of autonomous agents with Microsoft Copilot Studio!

- Michael