

Activate – Microsoft Viva Connections and Modern Intranets

Proof of Concept

Duration: 2 Days

Focus Area: Business/IT Alignment

Overview

Microsoft Viva Connections is your gateway to a modern employee experience – get ready to inform, engage and empower your organization.

In this two-day workshop organizations will learn about how modern SharePoint Online fuels the employee experience in Viva Connections, what needs to be done to deploy the platform, and many other important aspects of a successful Viva Connections implementation.

Objectives

After completing this training, students will be able to: Understand how to build an intranet portal using modern communication sites in Microsoft 365, engage users through Viva Connections, recognize the key factors for a successful Connections deployment, and develop a proof-of-concept portal to explore options for leveraging this new employee experience platform.

Methodology

Learn by example

Learn key concepts and best practices as you work side-by-side with a Microsoft Customer Engineer to enable a starting point for your digital transformation and Modern workplace solutions development using Microsoft 365 capabilities.

Build a Proof-of-Concept

Gain hands-on experience in a Proof-of-Concept scenario that demonstrates how to: Develop new and transform existing solutions by leveraging the Microsoft 365 and Viva Connections stack of technologies, such as SharePoint Online, Microsoft Teams, Yammer, Microsoft Stream, and more

Key Takeaways

This event helps organizations learn about Viva Connections, build a proof-of-concept intranet portal in SharePoint Online, and how they can best leverage this exciting new employee experience platform.

Below are some of the key features/benefits.

- Viva Connections Introduction
- Develop a Proof-of-Concept intranet portal
- Create Content Creation and Management governance plan
- Information Architecture analysis
- Site design guidance
- Viva Connections administration training

Agenda

Module 1: Intro to Modern Portals

- The SharePoint Communications Site
- The SharePoint Home Site
- The SharePoint Hub Site
- Intro to SharePoint Online's Information Architecture

Module 2: What is Viva Connections?

- Viva vs Viva Connections
- The Benefits of Viva Connections
- Viva Connections Desktop
- Viva Connections Mobile

Module 3: Creating a Modern Portal

- Set the Home Site
- Site Design Components
- SharePoint Online Customization Tools
- Branding Your Portal

Module 4: Planning Your Portal's Content

- Defining Your Portal
- Managing Content in a SharePoint Portal
- Designing Your Content Management Plan

Module 5: Setting The Course

- Planning Your Information Architecture
- Configuring the SharePoint App Bar
- Configuring Navigation
- Configuring Hub Sites

Module 6: Setting up Viva Connections

- Configure the Viva Connections Dashboard
- Configuring the Viva Connections App
- Planning the Viva Connections Deployment

Module 7: Connections' Other Services

- SharePoint Newsfeed
- Yammer
- Microsoft Stream
- Microsoft Search

Module 8: Operating Viva Connections

- Maintaining Your Information Architecture
- Maintaining and Updating Your Content
- Usage and Engagement
- Maintenance and Tuning

Target audience

- This Hackathon is intended for SharePoint Administrators, SharePoint Developers, and Corporate Communications content owners.
- SharePoint administrators must be familiar with managing a SharePoint tenant and modern SharePoint's components and features.
- SharePoint developers must have foundational modern SharePoint development experience.
- Corporate Communications content owners are encouraged to have defined content plans and/or feature requirements prior to the start of the workshop.

Pre-requisites/Logistics

- Participants are expected to have basic knowledge on the Microsoft 365 technologies that will be used during the workshop.
- The customer's organization is encouraged to have a test or development M365 tenant available for creating the proof-of-concept Portal so it can be fully integrated into the Viva Connections platform and experience without impacting production services or functionality.

Contact your Microsoft Account Representative for further details.