

Unleashing the Power of Adaptive Cards in Viva Connections



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What is Viva Connections

"Microsoft [Viva Connections](#) is a desktop and mobile experience that brings together relevant news, conversations, and resources in one place for your organization."



Set up Viva Connections

1

Prepare your intranet



Modernize, polish, and prioritize content and experiences

2

Set a home site



Set a SharePoint home site if you haven't already

3

Enable the app bar



Enable the SharePoint app bar and customize navigation

4

Create a Dashboard



Create a Dashboard, add cards, and apply audience targeting

5

Prepare content for the Feed



Prioritize content that will appear in the Feed on the mobile app

6

Add the app in Teams



Add the Viva Connections app in the Teams admin center

7

Choose mobile settings



Pre-install and pre-pin your branded app in the Teams mobile app bar

8

Launch with end-users



Alert and educate end-users in your organization

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/viva/connections/guide-to-setting-up-viva-connections>



The Landing

Who we are ▾

What's happening ▾

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My SharePoint

Dashboard

Dashboard details

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Top News

You are all caught up on top news today!

Time off

11 days

Currently available
paid time off[Report](#)

Office 365

FAQs

Search FAQs and ask
community a
question[Top 5 questions](#)

Microsoft Ignite

Register, play, pause,
and rewind prized
moments[Learn more](#)

Inventory

+2.56%

Today's update
across top selling
items

Holidays

Nov 25

Thanksgiving is the
next company
holiday[See all](#)

Café 34

Get today's menu,
specials and hours

Devices

HoloLens 2

For precise, efficient
hands-free work

Praise

Show gratitude to
peers who went above
and beyond at work.

Pay slip

December 14

Your next pay date
and all the details

Team calendar

This week

3 team members are
out of office, 1 report
due

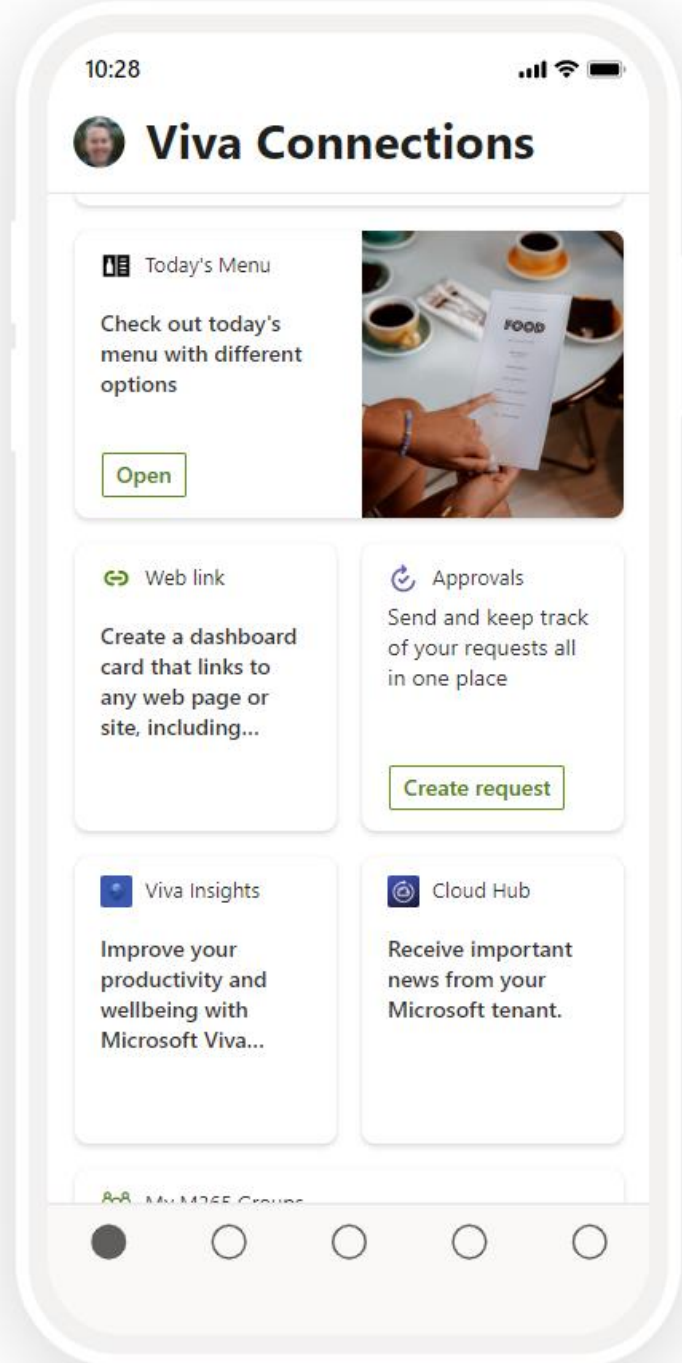
Health Check

FREE COVID-19 vaccine
and testing at the
Health Center[Schedule](#)

Benefits

Enroll for 2022

Choose from the
latest benefit options



What is an Adaptive Card (AC)

"...is a web part that provides a rich, interactive user experience to present information, displaying images and text, and collecting user input in a visually appealing way."



Your flight booking

Passengers

Sarah Hum

Jeremy Goldberg

2 Stops

Tue, May 30, 2023 9:25 PM

San Francisco, SFO
to

Amsterdam, AMS

Non-Stop

Wed, Jun 5, 2023 10:50 AM

Amsterdam, AMS
to

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Total

\$4,032.54

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EXPENSE APPRO...




 Pending

Trip to AMS

EXPORT AS PDF

ER-13052

Submitted By **Toni Pohl** toni@mycompany.org
Duration 2023-01-15 to 2023-01-20
Submitted On 2023-01-10
Reimbursable Amount \$400.00
Awaiting approval from **Martina Grom** martina@mycompany.org
Submitted to **Andele Vance** adele@mycompany.org

DATE	CATEGORY	AMOUNT
06-19	Air Travel Expense	\$300.00 
06-19	Auto Mobile Expense	\$100.00 
06-21	Excess Baggage Cost	\$50.38 

Total Expense Amount \$450.38
Non-reimbursable Amount (-) \$50.38
Advance Amount (-) 0.00

Amount to be Reimbursed **\$400.00**

[Show history](#)

Approve

Reject

Tell us about yourself

We just need a few more details to get you booked for the trip of a lifetime!



Don't worry, we'll never share or sell your information.

Your name (Last, First) *

Developer, Toni

Your email *

toni@mycompany.org

Phone Number (xxx-xxx-xxxx) *

571-345-6789

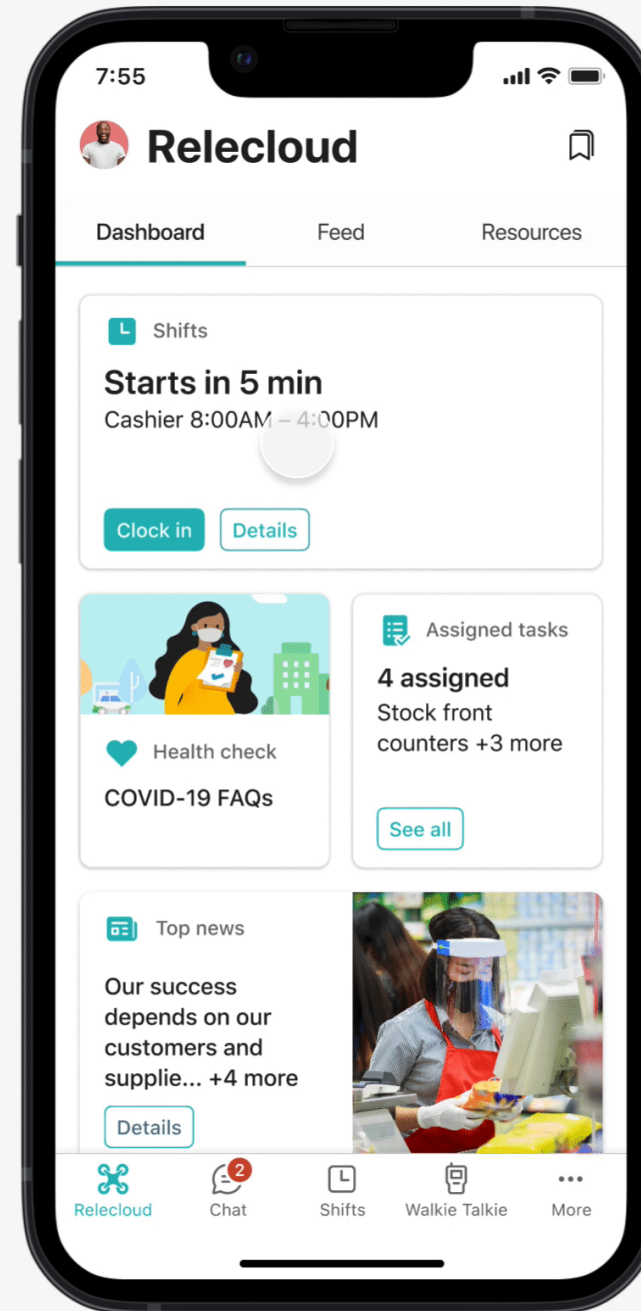
Submit

The Appeal Is In The Aesthetics



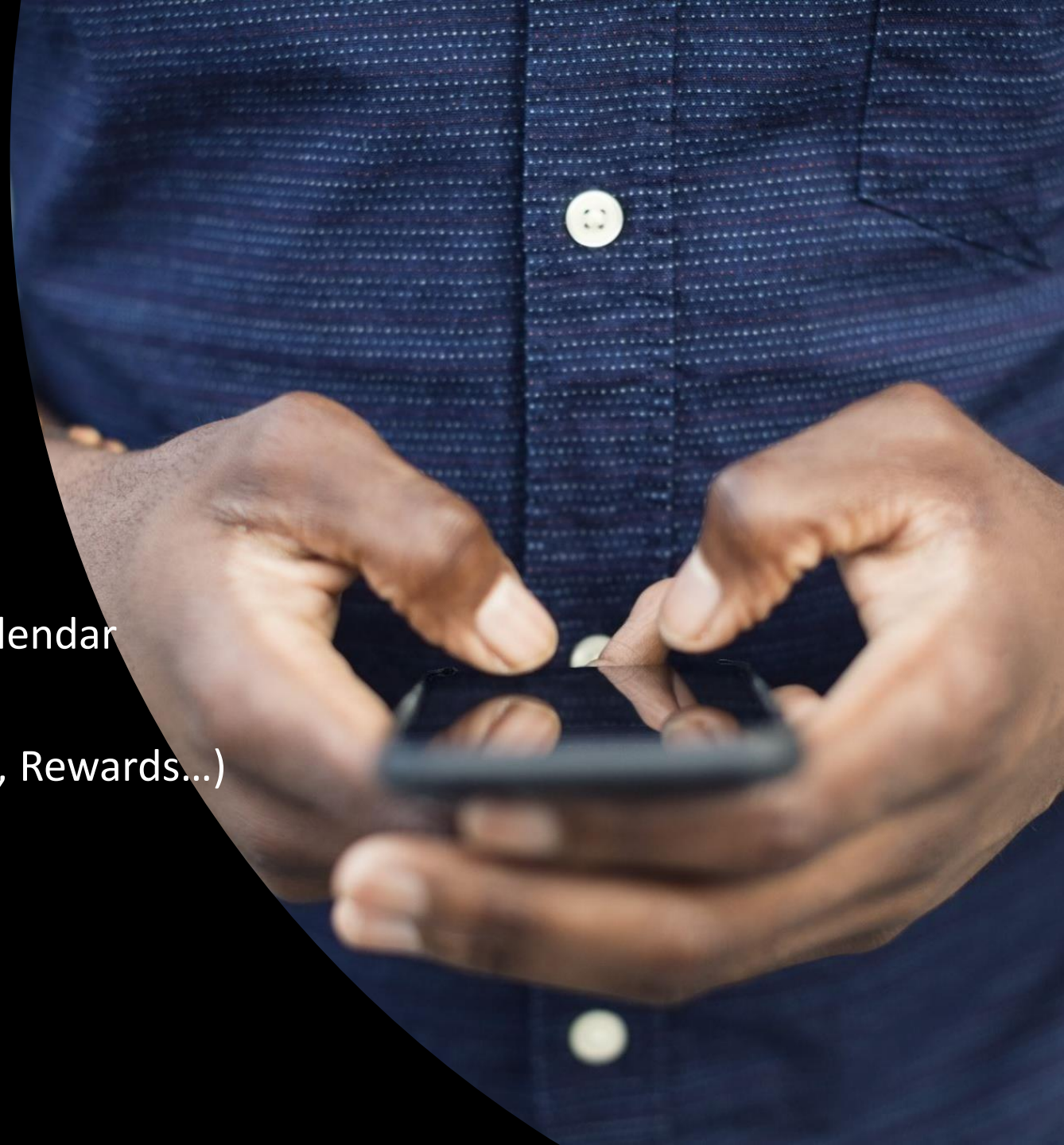
Viva Connections design principles

- Integrate rather than duplicate
- Stay in context
- Bring cards to life with relevant and dynamically refreshable data
- Avoid too many clicks



Real-life Use cases for Employee Apps

- News
- Resources
- Quick Tasks (Time check in / check out)
- 3rd party services like HR, etc.
- Internal marketplace, job offers, events, calendar
- Employee Badge
- Employee self service (HR system, Benefits, Rewards...)
- Idea generation
- Internal Phone Book
- KPI's



Real-life Employee badge

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My account


daysLunch

Our mission &



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Approvals

Send and keep track of your requests all in one place

Create request

Viva - ACE - Card types and templates

Basic

1. Title of the ACE
2. Primary Text (context)

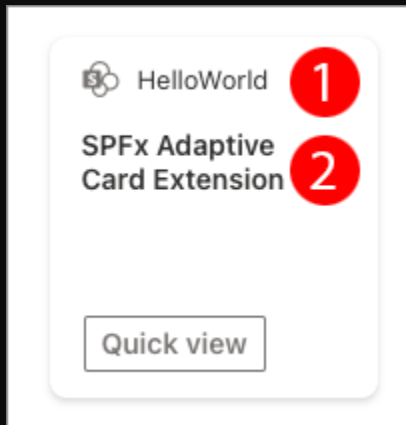
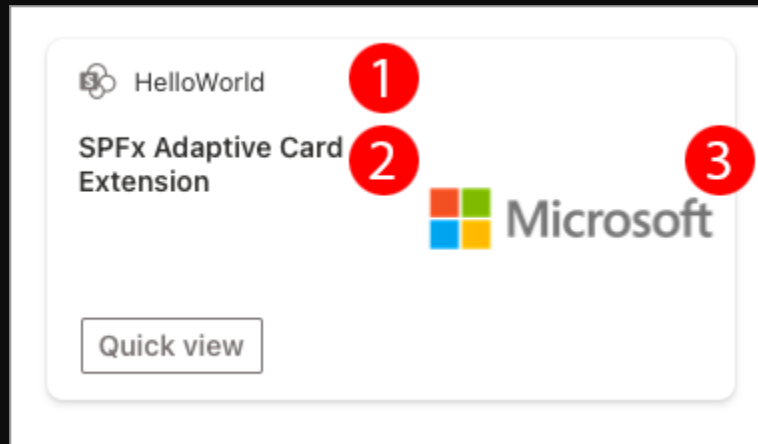


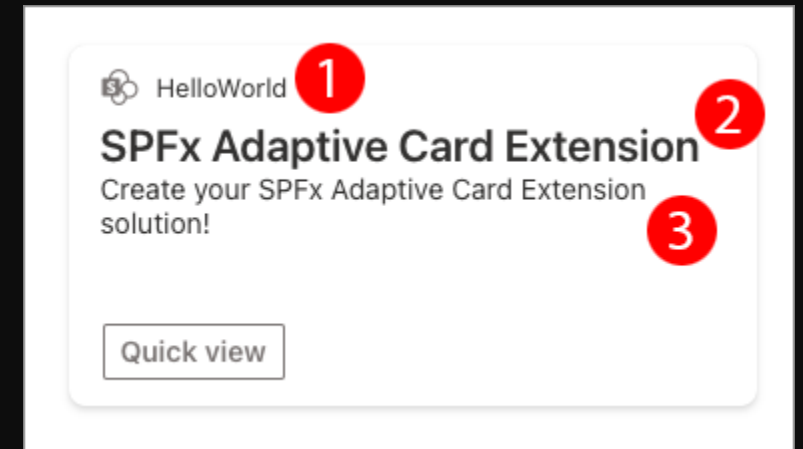
Image Card View

1. Title of the ACE
2. Primary Text (context)
3. Image URL



Primary Text Card View

1. Title of the ACE
2. Primary Text (context)
3. Description



Design Adaptive Cards

<https://adaptivecards.io>



Demo: What is it?

Mark's ACE's demos

Use static AC's in Viva



Activity update

Calendar reminder

Flight itinerary

Flight update

Food order

Image gallery

Restaurant

Sporting event

Stock update

Weather compact

Weather large

Product video

Agenda

Expense report

Flight details

Simple fallback

Activity update with labels

Calendar reminder with labels

Expense report with labels

Samples and Templates

These samples are *just a teaser* of the type of cards you can create. Go ahead and tweak them to make any scenario possible!

Important note about accessibility: In version 1.3 of the schema we introduced a [label](#) property on Inputs to improve accessibility. If the [Host app you are targeting](#) supports v1.3 you should use `label` instead of a `TextBlock` as seen in some samples below. Once most Host apps have updated to the latest version we will update the samples accordingly.

Food order sample

JSON

Copy

```
{
  "$schema": "http://adaptivecards.io/schemas/adaptive-card.json",
  "type": "AdaptiveCard",
  "version": "1.0",
  "body": [
    {
      "type": "TextBlock",
      "text": "Your registration is almost complete",
      "size": "medium",
      "weight": "bolder",
```

The JSON "code"

Use Adaptive Card Templating

Updated May 2020

Templating enables the separation of **data** from the **layout** in an Adaptive Card. It helps design a card once, and then populate it with real data at runtime. *Note:* The binding syntax changed in May 2020. [Get started with templating](#) >

The output

Adaptive Card

Try it Yourself >

Your registration is almost complete

What type of food do you prefer?



Steak

Chicken

Tofu

You can use Adaptive Cards within Microsoft 365!

- Microsoft Teams
- SharePoint
- Outlook
- Power Apps
- Microsoft Forms
- Microsoft Search
- Viva Connections
- Bots
- Websites
- More...



Demo: Development

Send an AC with a Flow

Send a custom approval AC with Outlook

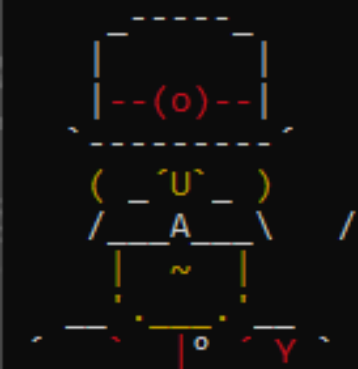
Dynamic Restaurant info app

Develop your app

```
yo @microsoft/sharepoint
```

```
> yo@4.3.0 postinstall C:\Users\Toni\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules\yo
> yodoctor

'yodoctor' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
+ gulp-cli@2.3.0
+ yo@4.3.0
+ @microsoft/generator-sharepoint@1.14.0
added 260 packages from 169 contributors and updated 2 packages in 77.178s
PS C:\Repo\Playground\spfx-company-announcements-ace> yo @microsoft/sharepoint
```



Welcome to the
SharePoint Online SPFx
Yeoman Generator@1.14.0

See <https://aka.ms/spfx-yeoman-info> for more information on how to use this generator.
Let's create a new SharePoint solution.

```
? What is your solution name? spfx-company-announcements-ace
? Which type of client-side component to create? Adaptive Card Extension
? Which template do you want to use? Basic Card Template
Add new Adaptive Card Extension to solution spfx-company-announcements-ace.
? What is your Adaptive Card Extension name? Important announcements
```

create package.json

Summary

Decision Framework for Viva Connections Apps

Topic	1 st party cards	Weblink	ACE's	Teams Apps	3 rd party apps
Description	Built-in, Available OOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approvals • Assigned Tasks • Shifts • Top News • ... 	Use ANY existing website or application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Apps • SAP Fiori • Custom Apps 	Quick view, good looking , design principles for ACE's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static ACE's • Dynamic ACE's * 	More functionality & design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPFx v1.16.x • Media upload • Geo Location • Supports Outlook & Office.com (M365 apps) 	More functionality & design, integrate SaaS solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install from Teams Marketplace • Use installed apps instantly
Opens browser	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Depends
Time	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low
Budget	\$	\$	\$ - \$\$	\$\$\$	\$ - \$\$\$
Technical Requirement	Low	Low	Low, * Developer	Developer	Low
Outcome	High Value	Easy to use	Simple results	App Development	High Value



Adaptive Card Quick view Samples

The collage displays 12 adaptive cards, each with a close button (X) in the top right corner:

- Time off:** Shows current balance, sick days, paid time off, and wellness status with a submit button.
- Events:** Microsoft Ignite schedule with a register button.
- Office 365:** Frequently asked questions with a get answers button.
- Inventory:** Distribution center #73 with top selling items and a view details button.
- Holidays:** 2021 Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve dates with a time off button.
- Food:** Cafeteria 34 menu with categories like Korean cuisine, Dim sum, Indian cuisine, Ingredients, Coup de grille, Organic salad bar, and Hand-tossed pizza.
- Devices:** Microsoft HoloLens 2 features and specs.
- Pay slip:** June 30, 2021, showing earnings, deductions, and taxes.
- COVID-19 Booster:** Schedule your FREE COVID-19 booster appointment today.
- Benefits:** Open Enrollment information and perks like reimbursement and life insurance.
- Praise:** Send praise to your colleagues with a view more button.
- Team calendar:** October 2021 calendar view with a team report due button.

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepoint/dev/spfx/viva/design/designing-quick-view>

Resources

- Set up Viva Connections
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/viva/connections/guide-to-setting-up-viva-connections>
- Set up your SharePoint Framework development environment
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepoint/dev/spfx/set-up-your-development-environment>
- SharePoint Framework release notes
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepoint/dev/spfx/roadmap>
- Viva Connections Adaptive Card Extension design guidance
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepoint/dev/spfx/viva/design/design-intro>
- Open-source designs for Adaptive Cards
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepoint/dev/spfx/viva/design/quick-view-samples>
- Viva Connection Adaptive Card Extensions (ACEs) sample repository
<https://github.com/pnp/sp-dev-fx-aces>
- Create an SPFx Image Card ACE displaying image carousel
<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/training/modules/sharepoint-spfx-adaptive-card-extension-card-types/5-exercise-ace-image-card>
- This presentation & samples
<https://github.com/tonipohl/VivaConnections>

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