**Overview**

1. **User Interface**: Add a button web part or a custom web part in SharePoint that allows the user to initiate the process.
2. **Trigger Mechanism**: Use the button to write a trigger (e.g., adding an item to a SharePoint list or calling an API endpoint).
3. **Backend Script Execution**: Set up a backend process to listen for the trigger and execute the PnP PowerShell script.

**Steps to Implement**

**1. Create a Button in SharePoint**

* Use the **Button Web Part** in a modern SharePoint page to act as the user trigger.
* Configure the button to perform an action, such as:
  + Submit a form to a SharePoint list.
  + Call a Power Automate flow.

**Example: Button to Add a List Item**

1. Add a button web part to a modern SharePoint page.
2. Configure it to open a form or link to a "New Item" form for your "Case Management" list.
3. When the user clicks the button and submits the form, the new list item acts as a trigger.

**2. Automate Script Execution**

You can automate the execution of the PnP script when the button action occurs. There are multiple approaches to achieve this:

**Option 1: Use Power Automate with a HTTP Request**

1. **Trigger Flow with a Button**:
   * Configure the button to send data (e.g., Case Name, Case Number) to Power Automate.
   * Use Power Automate to create an item in a "Pending Sites" list.
2. **Run a Backend Script**:
   * Use a scheduled PowerShell script to monitor the "Pending Sites" list and execute the PnP script for any new entries.
   * Example script:

powershell

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$PendingSites = Get-PnPListItem -List "Pending Sites"

foreach ($Site in $PendingSites) {

if ($Site["SiteCreated"] -eq $false) {

$SiteName = $Site["CaseName"]

$SiteUrl = "https://yourtenant.sharepoint.com/sites/$($Site["CaseNumber"])"

# Create the site

New-PnPSite -Type TeamSite -Title $SiteName -Alias $Site["CaseNumber"] -IsPublic $false

# Mark the site as created

Set-PnPListItem -List "Pending Sites" -Identity $Site.Id -Values @{SiteCreated = $true}

}

}

**Option 2: Use Azure Logic App or REST API**

1. **Custom API Endpoint**:
   * Create a simple API endpoint (using a free-tier Azure Function or another hosting service).
   * Configure the button web part to call this endpoint with the required data.
2. **Trigger Script Execution**:
   * The API endpoint triggers the PnP PowerShell script or adds the request to a queue for processing.
   * Example endpoint:
     + Input: Case Name, Case Number.
     + Output: Calls PnP PowerShell script and returns success or failure status.

**Option 3: Direct REST API to Create Sites**

If you're looking for simplicity and don’t want to rely on PnP PowerShell, you can call SharePoint’s REST API to create a site directly:

1. Use a **custom web part** in SharePoint built with SPFx (SharePoint Framework).
2. Configure the custom web part to use REST API calls to create team sites:
   * API Endpoint: \_api/SPSiteManager/Create
   * Example request body:

json

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{

"request": {

"Title": "Case Site Name",

"Url": "https://yourtenant.sharepoint.com/sites/CaseSite",

"Lcid": 1033,

"SiteDesignId": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",

"WebTemplate": "64",

"Owner": "user@yourtenant.onmicrosoft.com"

}

}

**3. Enhance User Experience**

* **Feedback**: Provide feedback to the user (e.g., “Site creation in progress”).
* **Confirmation**: Use a flow or email notification to confirm the site is ready.
* **Permissions**: Ensure the button is accessible only to authorized users.

**Final Thoughts**

A button-triggered process can be configured to integrate with PnP scripts, REST APIs, or backend automation tools. The best method for your setup depends on available tools and technical resources:

* **REST API** is the simplest, avoiding PowerShell entirely.
* **PnP PowerShell** is more flexible for complex site configurations.
* Use **Power Automate** as a middle layer if needed.

Let me know which direction you'd like to pursue, and I can provide a detailed walkthrough!

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**You said:**

Give me a thorough explanation of the step by step process for rest api. That seems like the best & most efficient and free method

**ChatGPT said:**

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Using the SharePoint REST API to create new sites is indeed efficient, free, and fully supported by Microsoft 365 Business Standard. Below is a detailed, step-by-step guide on how to set it up.

**Step 1: Understand the REST API Endpoint**

The key REST API for creating SharePoint team sites is:

* Endpoint: https://<tenant>.sharepoint.com/\_api/SPSiteManager/Create

This API creates modern SharePoint team sites and allows you to configure properties like the site URL, title, and owner.

**Step 2: Gather Required Information**

You’ll need the following:

1. **Tenant Information**:
   * Your SharePoint tenant URL, e.g., https://yourtenant.sharepoint.com.
2. **API Authorization**:
   * Ensure you have the necessary permissions:
     + Global Admin or SharePoint Admin role.
     + Your account should have permissions to create new sites.
3. **Data for the Site**:
   * Example parameters for site creation:
     + Title: Display name of the site.
     + Url: Site URL (e.g., /sites/Case12345).
     + Owner: Email of the user who will own the site.

**Step 3: Format the REST API Request**

You’ll send a POST request with the following JSON body:

**Request Body Example**

json

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{

"request": {

"Title": "Case 12345",

"Url": "https://yourtenant.sharepoint.com/sites/Case12345",

"Lcid": 1033,

"ShareByEmailEnabled": false,

"WebTemplate": "64",

"Owner": "user@yourtenant.onmicrosoft.com"

}

}

* Title: The display name of the site.
* Url: Fully qualified site URL.
* Lcid: Language code (1033 for English).
* WebTemplate: Template ID for the site (64 for modern team sites).
* Owner: Email of the site owner.
* ShareByEmailEnabled: Whether the site can be shared via email.

**Step 4: Execute the REST API Request**

**Option 1: Use Postman (Recommended for Testing)**

1. **Download Postman**: If you don’t already have it, download [Postman](https://www.postman.com/).
2. **Set Up the Request**:
   * Method: POST
   * URL: https://yourtenant.sharepoint.com/\_api/SPSiteManager/Create
   * Headers:
     + Accept: application/json;odata=verbose
     + Content-Type: application/json;odata=verbose
     + Authorization: Bearer <Access\_Token> (more on obtaining this below).
   * Body: Paste the JSON request body.
3. **Authenticate**:
   * Obtain an **Access Token** via Azure AD.
     + Register an app in Azure AD with API permissions for SharePoint.
     + Use the app's credentials to request an OAuth token via:

bash

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https://accounts.accesscontrol.windows.net/<tenant\_id>/tokens/OAuth/2

1. **Send Request**:
   * Click “Send” to create the site.
   * Check the response for success or errors.

**Option 2: Use Power Automate**

If you prefer automation:

1. Create a flow in Power Automate.
2. Use the "HTTP" action to send a POST request.
3. Input the API endpoint, headers, and body.

**Step 5: Add a Trigger in SharePoint**

You can trigger the REST API via a **Button Web Part** or **Custom Web Part**:

**Button Web Part**

1. Add a **Button Web Part** to a modern page.
2. Set the button to navigate to a custom form (e.g., a "New Case" form in a list).

**Custom Web Part (SPFx)**

For more customization, use the SharePoint Framework (SPFx) to build a custom web part:

1. **Install Node.js and Yeoman**:
   * Install the SPFx development tools:

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npm install -g yo @microsoft/generator-sharepoint

1. **Create a New Web Part**:
   * Run the following command:

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yo @microsoft/sharepoint

* + Configure the project with your tenant information.

1. **Write the REST API Call**:
   * Use the fetch function in your web part code:

javascript

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fetch("https://yourtenant.sharepoint.com/\_api/SPSiteManager/Create", {

method: "POST",

headers: {

"Accept": "application/json;odata=verbose",

"Content-Type": "application/json;odata=verbose",

"Authorization": `Bearer ${accessToken}`

},

body: JSON.stringify({

request: {

Title: "Case 12345",

Url: "https://yourtenant.sharepoint.com/sites/Case12345",

Lcid: 1033,

ShareByEmailEnabled: false,

WebTemplate: "64",

Owner: "user@yourtenant.onmicrosoft.com"

}

})

})

.then(response => response.json())

.then(data => console.log(data))

.catch(error => console.error(error));

1. **Deploy the Web Part**:
   * Package and deploy the web part to your SharePoint tenant.

**Step 6: Confirm Site Creation**

1. Check the **SharePoint Admin Center** to ensure the site was created successfully.
2. Verify site permissions and template application.

**Benefits of the REST API Approach**

* **Efficiency**: Sites are created instantly without relying on external services.
* **Customization**: Easily integrate the process with other workflows or tools.
* **Cost-Free**: Uses built-in SharePoint Online functionality and avoids premium services.

Let me know if you’d like assistance with any specific step!