

#### Webinar: How To Harness Microsoft Power Automate To Digitise Your Paper Processes

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Thank you for joining – we'll be starting soon





# WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY?

- Why should you consider Automating and going Paperless?
- Outline of Power Automate and how it works
- Process that you can automate
- Several Power Automate Examples that we use
- Other tools to consider that can assist automation or going paperless



#### WHAT DO WE HOPE YOU TAKE AWAY?

- Understand Power Automate (and be able to explain it to a colleague)
- Take useful/practical examples away to your organisations
- Be confident that you can implement or make progress yourself.
- Start using Power Automate soon!





#### About the I.T. team

- Formed in 2011
- Office 365 since its inception
- Managed Services/IT support
- A wide range of IT services
- Major NFP base of customers
- Providing IT services to NZ & Australian organisations

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## WHY CONSIDER AUTOMATION/PAPERLESS?

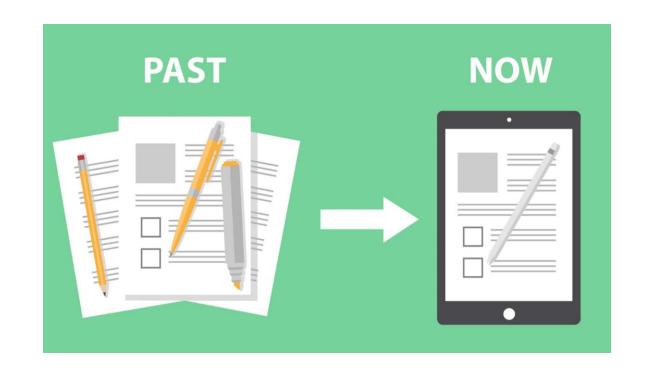
- Obviously, the environmental side
- Improve and accelerate processes
- Implementing processes easily
- Allow your organisation to function (in a lockdown scenario!)
- Keep tight records (digitally) of all activity





#### PROCESSES THAT ARE COMMONLY PAPER BASED

- Time Sheets
- Purchase requests
- Expense Claims
- Credit Card requests
- H&S Incidents
- Travel Requests
- New Client Forms
- Staff Induction





# WHAT IS POWER AUTOMATE?





### POWER AUTOMATE INTRO



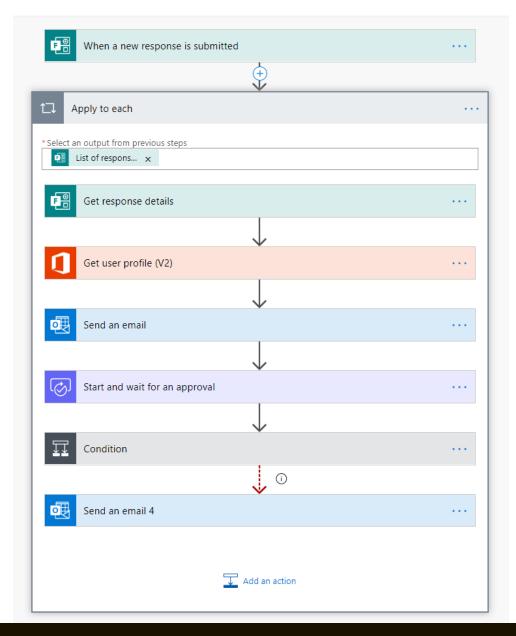
# WHAT IS POWER AUTOMATE?



- Microsoft Product/Service (part of Office 365)
- Part of the Microsoft Power Platform
- Formerly called Microsoft Flow
- For organisations and individuals
- Low or no code
- Many templates available



# WHAT DOES A FLOW LOOK LIKE?





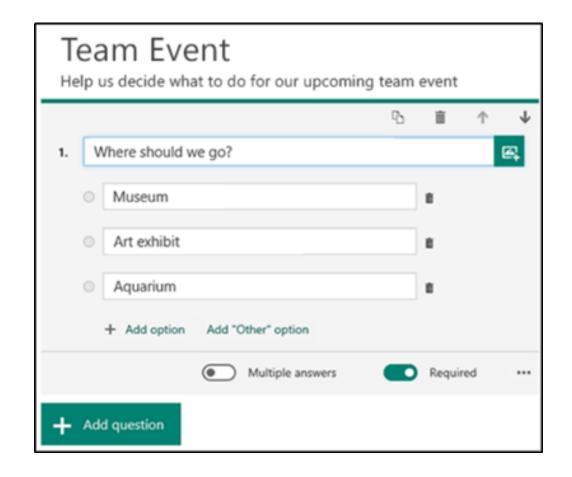
# HOW DOES A FLOW START?

- Triggers
  - Email received
  - Form filled out
  - Document uploaded
  - Tweet mention
- Buttons
- Schedules



### MICROSOFT FORMS







## DEMOS



### INTERNAL PURCHASES -OVERVIEW

#### What is it?

 A process to request approval for purchasing something for internal use, and/or on a company credit card

#### How does it work?

- Details gathered in a Microsoft form
- Approval sent to nominated person
- Details sent to Accounts Team on approval

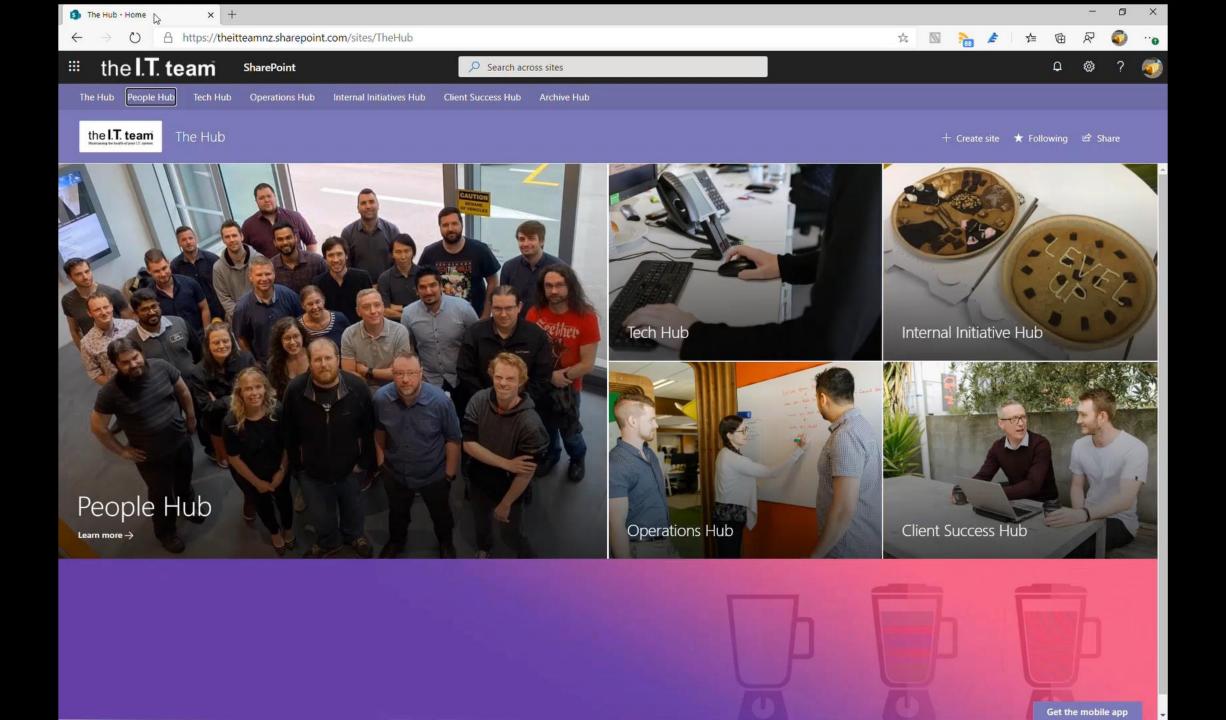


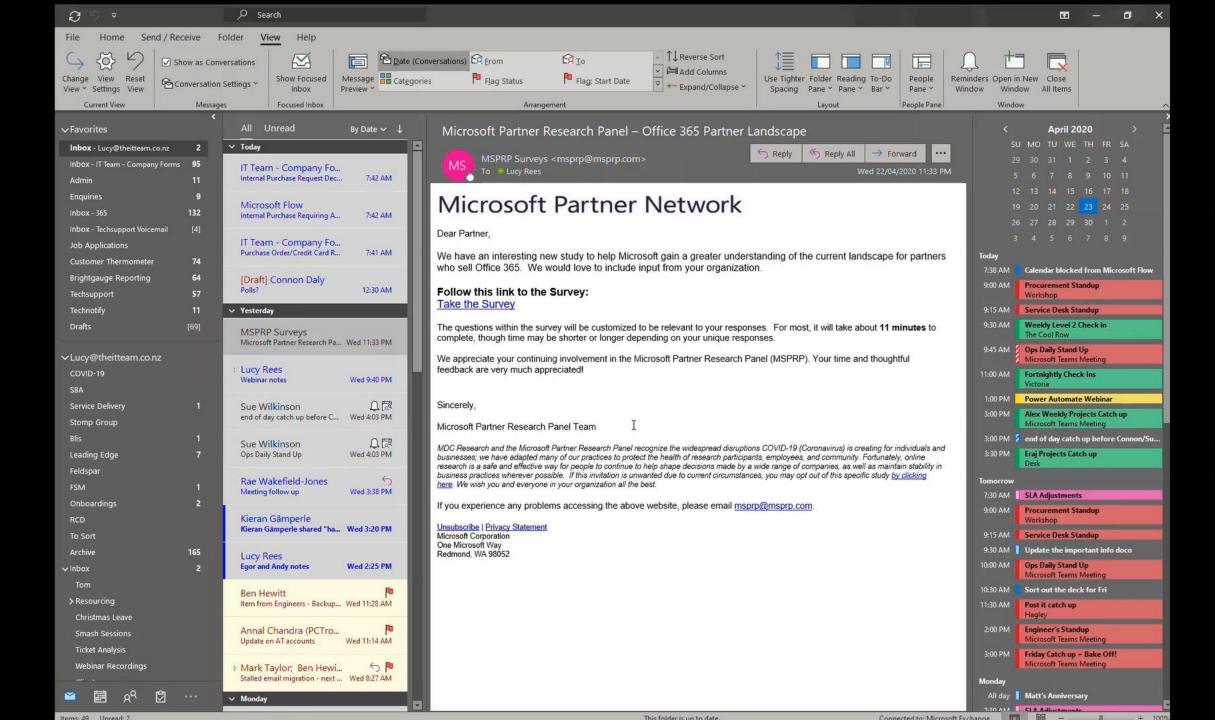
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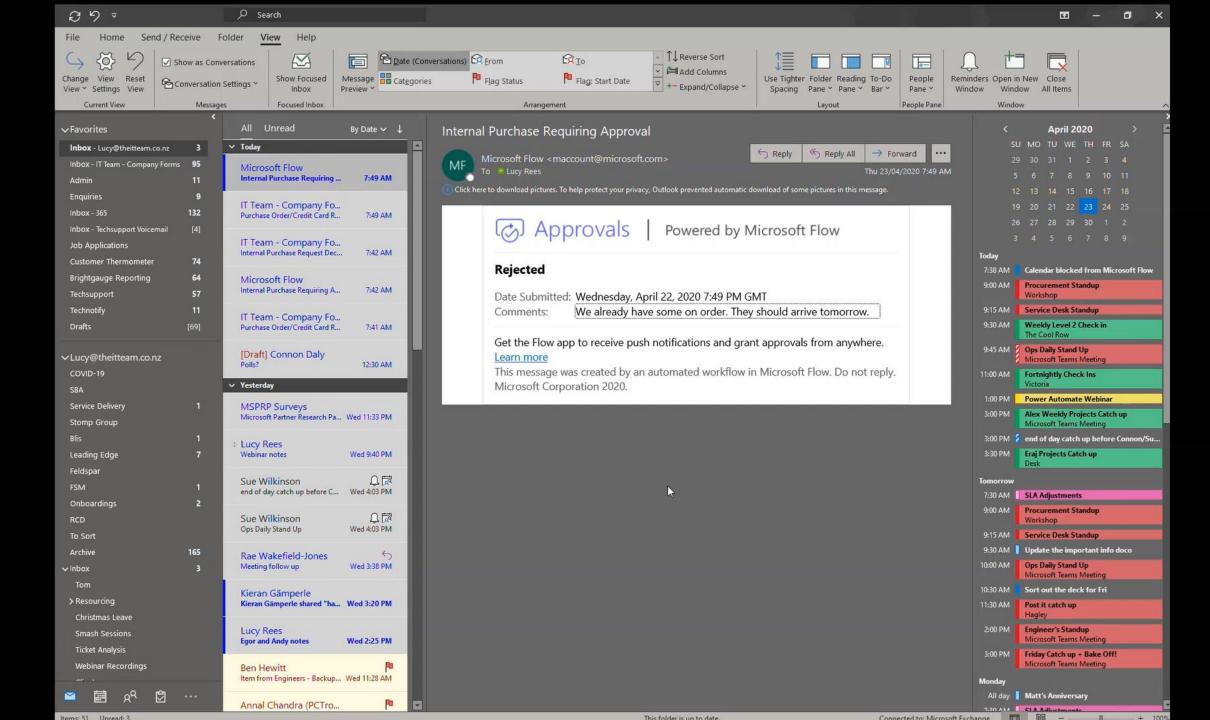
#### What did we previously do?

- Paper forms, filled out by hand and then put on manager's desk
- Often got lost, buried, or forgotten!
- Not easy for queries to be shared
- Staff would circumvent the process
- Forms weren't always filed, defeating the validity of the approval









## INTERNAL PURCHASES -WE USE THIS FOR

- Internal Purchases
- Credit Card Approvals
- Credit Approvals
- Time off requests



#### INTERNAL PURCHASES — SO FAR...

18 MONTHS 240 HOURS SAVED!!



# IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS - OVERVIEW

#### What is it?

 Notifying our Health & Safety team when incidents, near misses, or potentially hazardous onsite work is taking place

#### How does it work?

- Details collected via a Microsoft form
- H&S Committee notified directly in Teams, alerted immediately

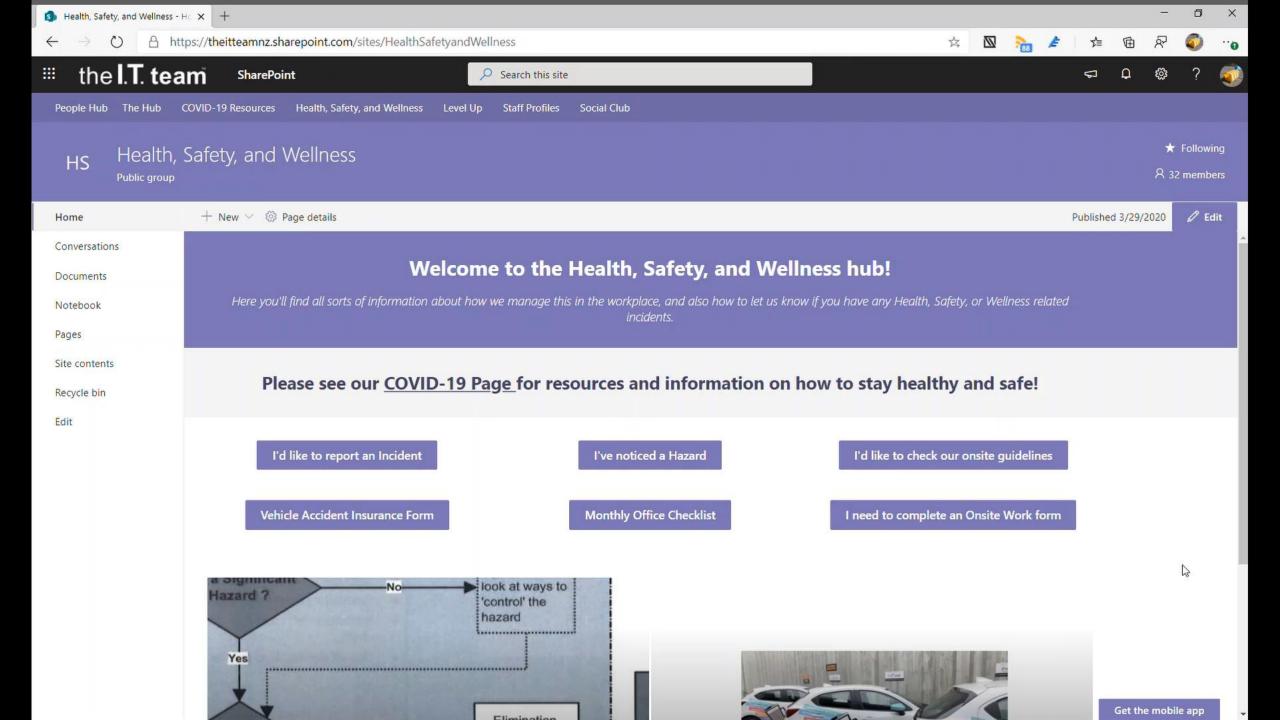


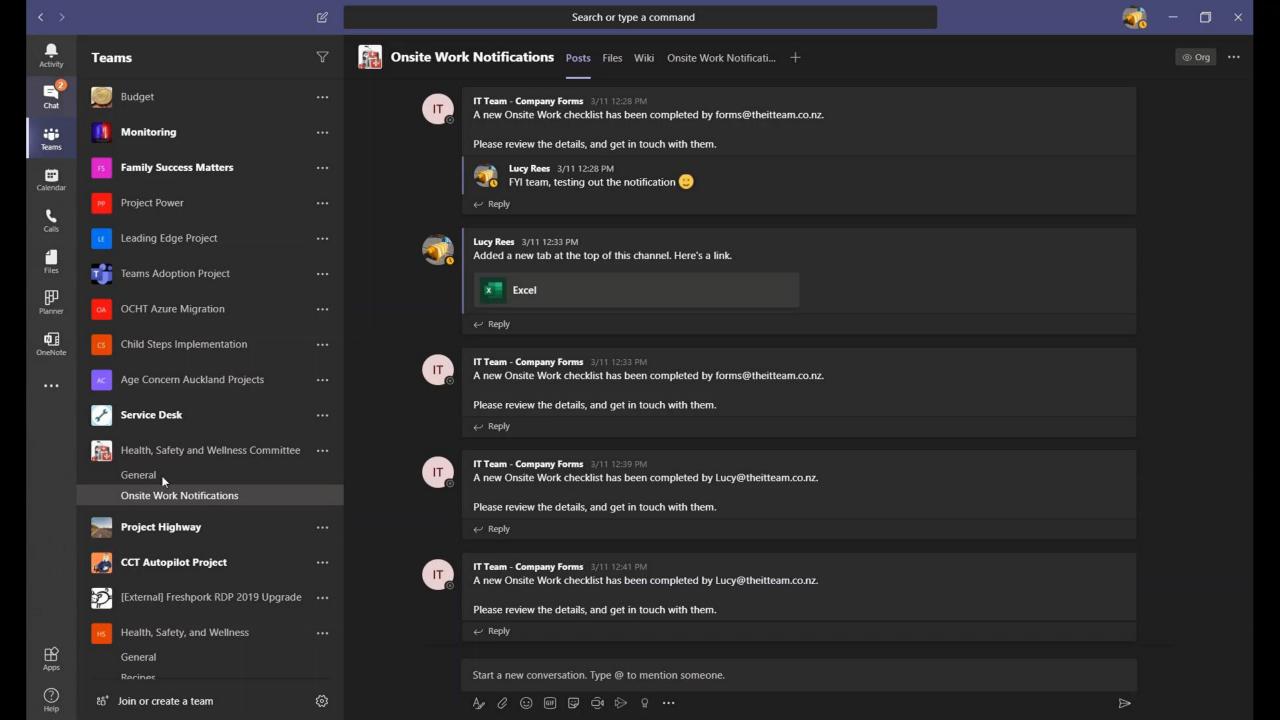
# IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS - OVERVIEW

What did we used to do?

- Email
- Phone call
- Paper form
- No central record
- Items not consistently reported







# IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS - WE USE THIS FOR...

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS

SECURITY
INCIDENTS/BREACHES



### DAILY STANDUP -OVERVIEW

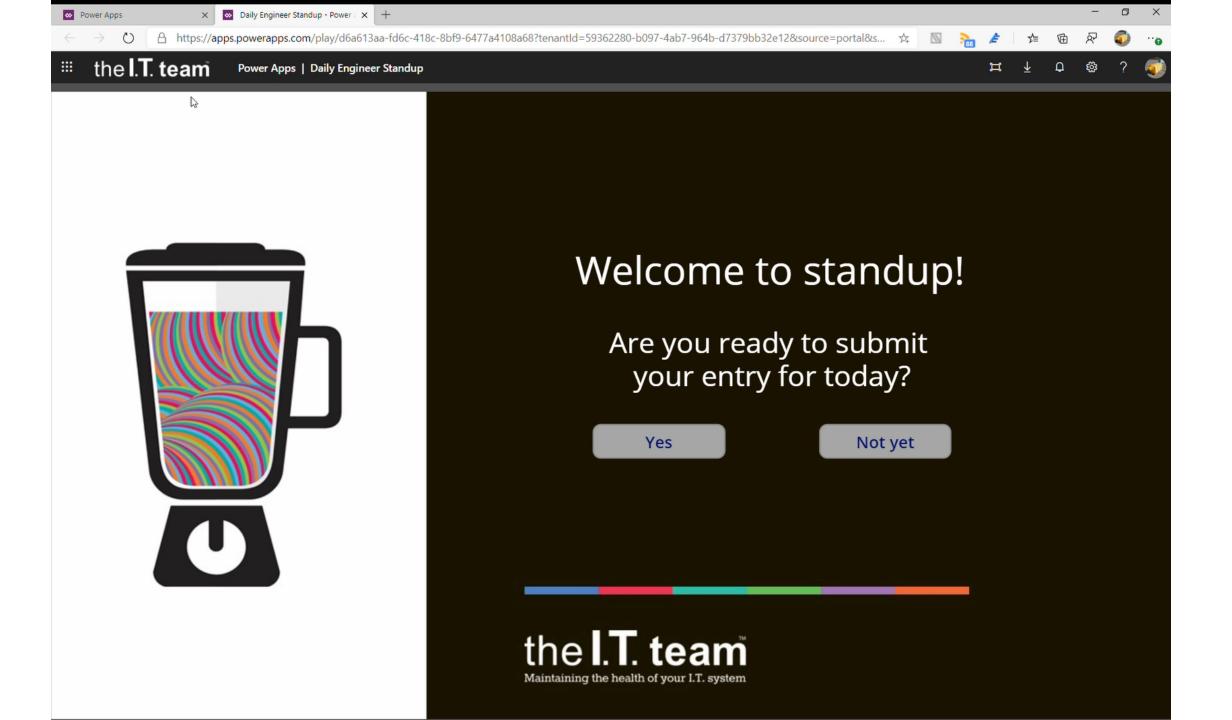
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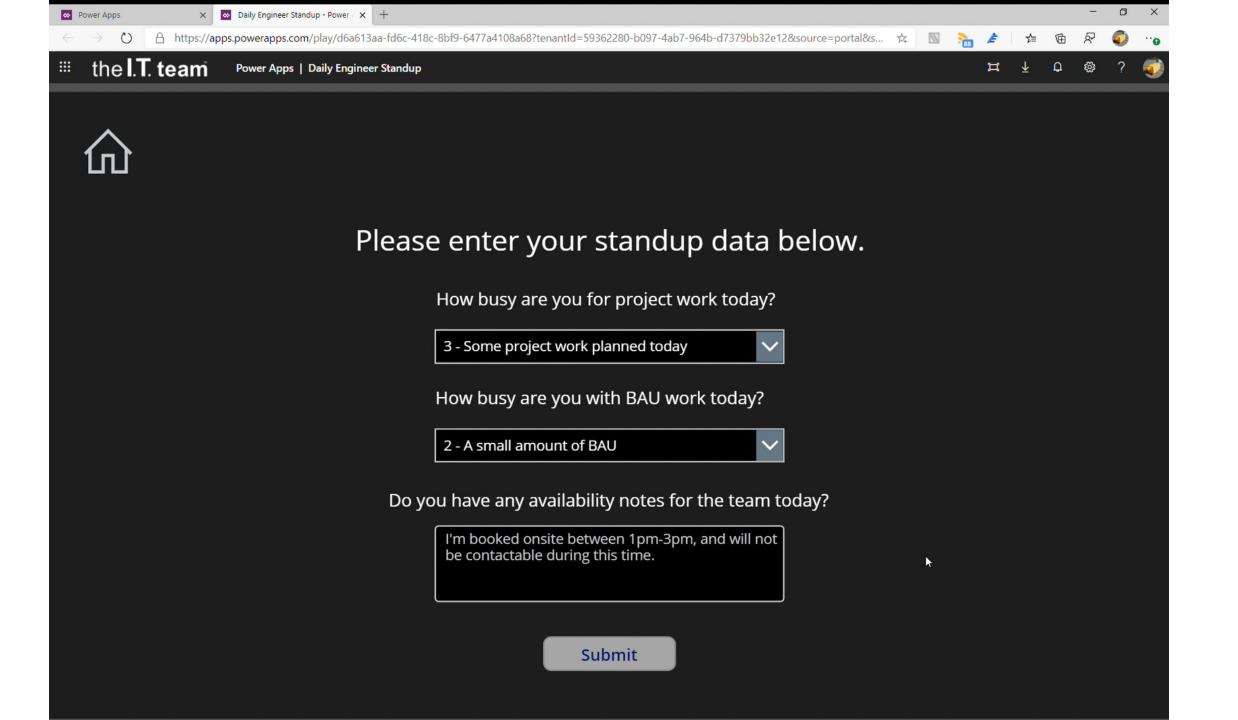
 Tool to gather information from our engineering team, on how their workload is looking for the day

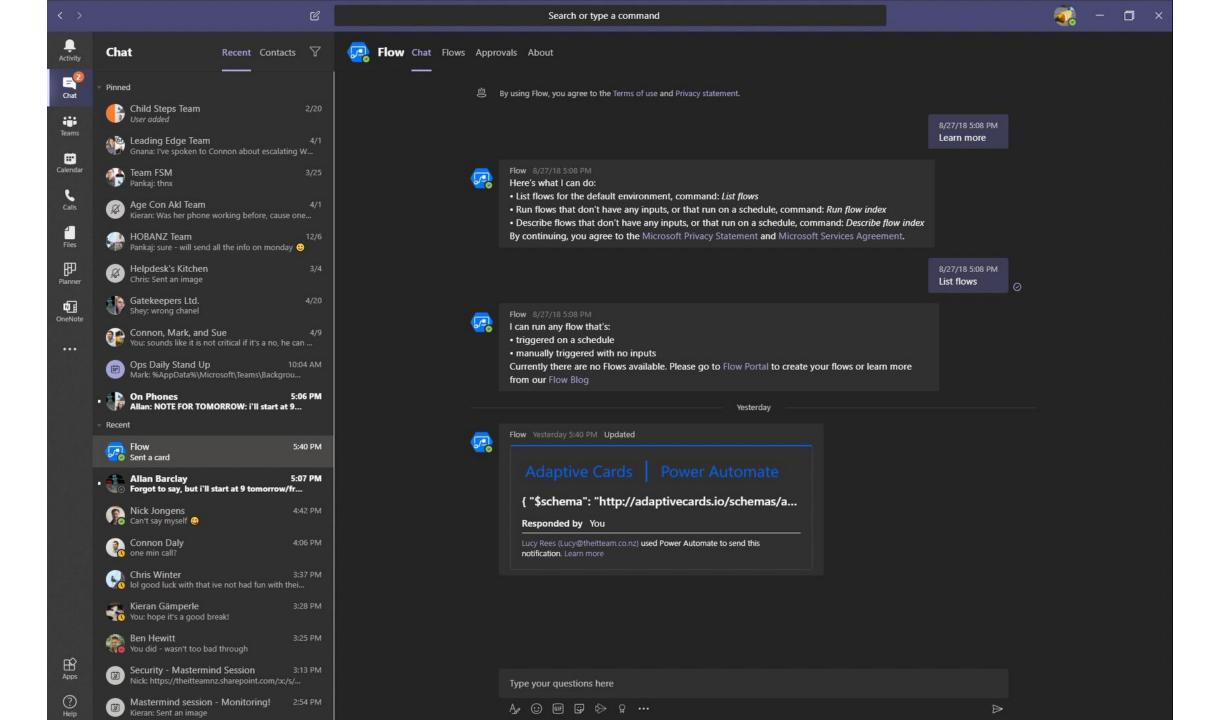
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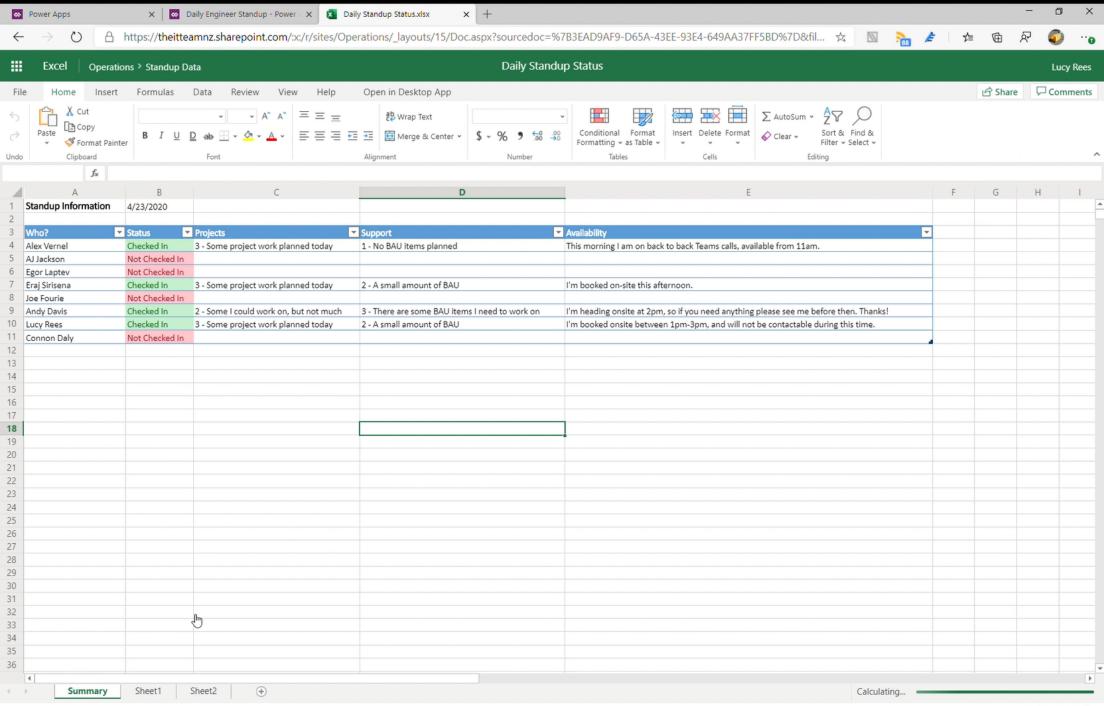
- PowerApp on mobile
- Teams bot chat
- Information collated into a spreadsheet, with a daily report











## DOCUMENT APPROVAL -OVERVIEW

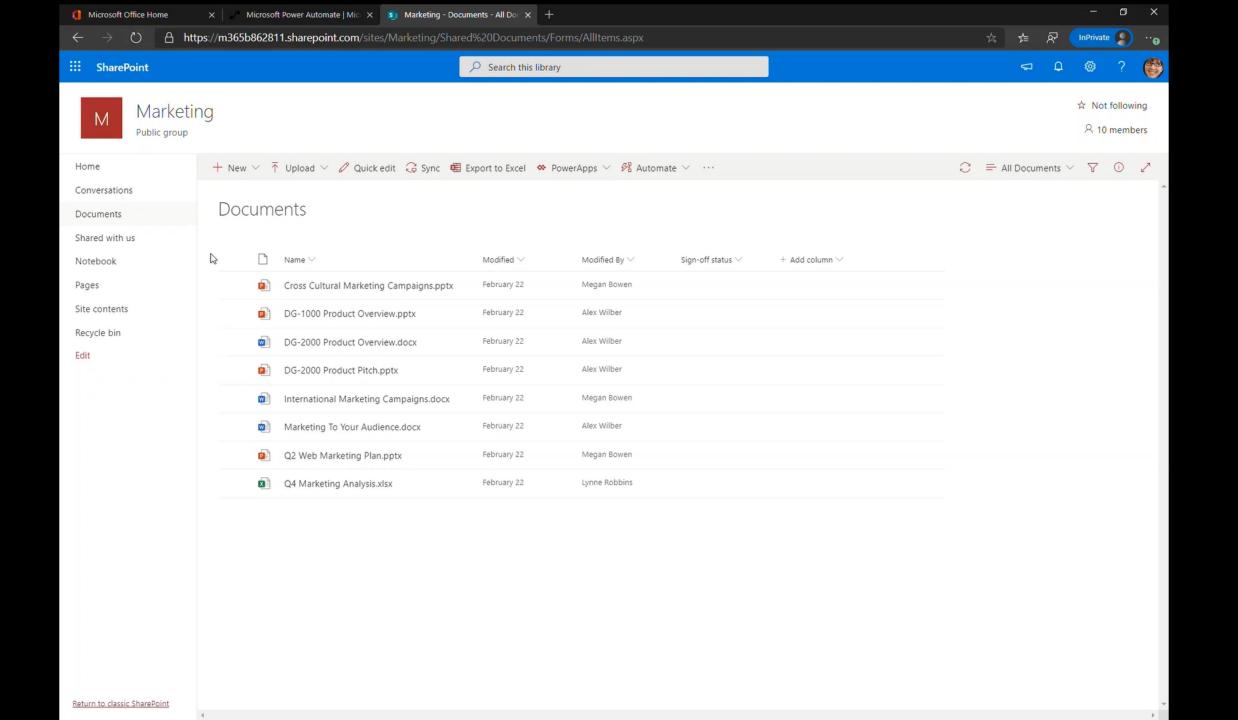
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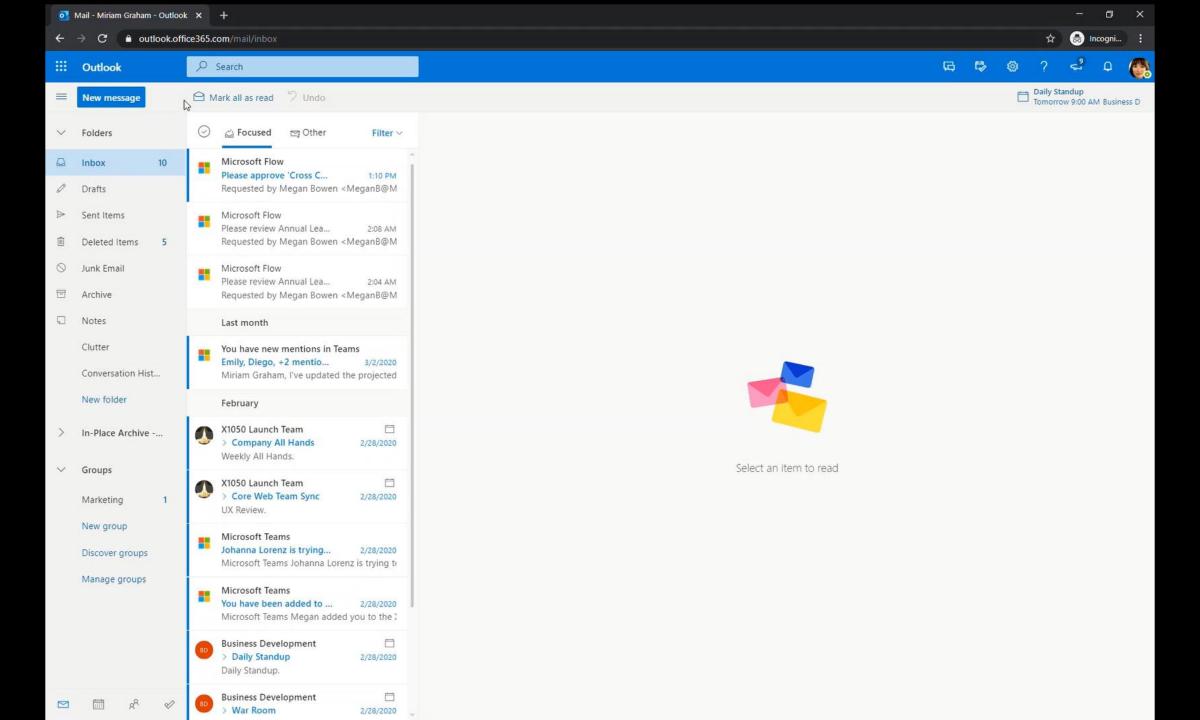
- Process to send documents for approval to those who need to sign off
- Useful for Boards, Sales proposals

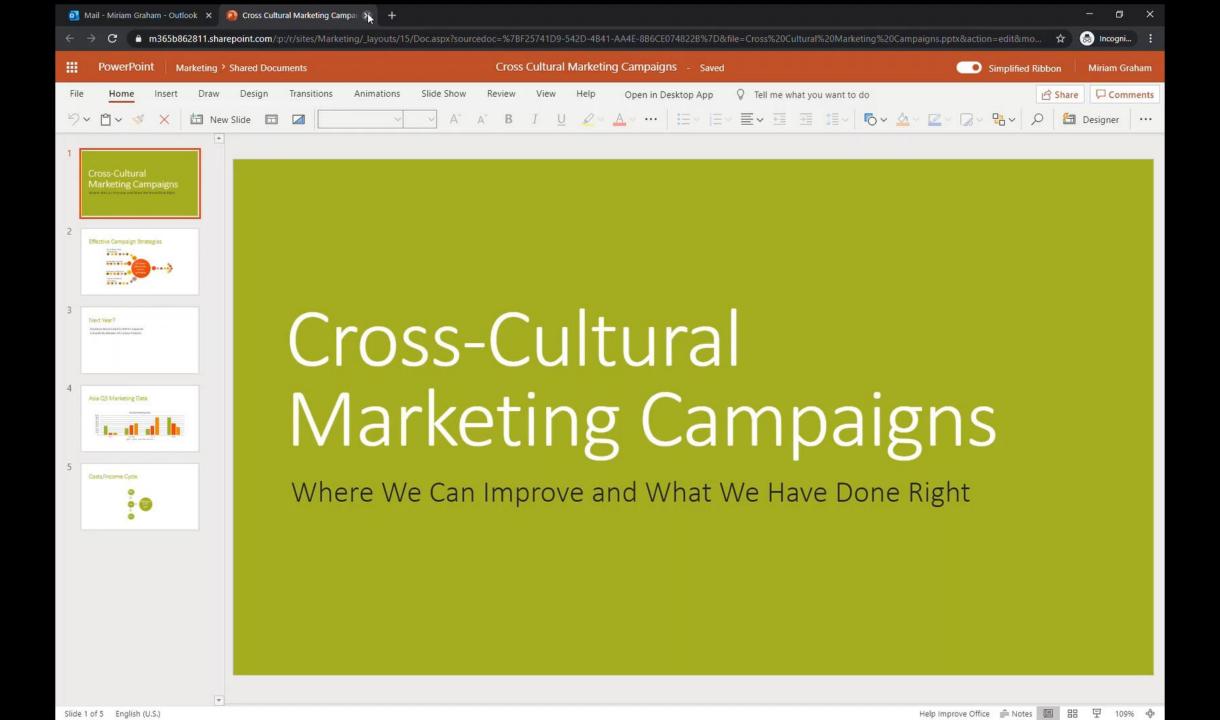
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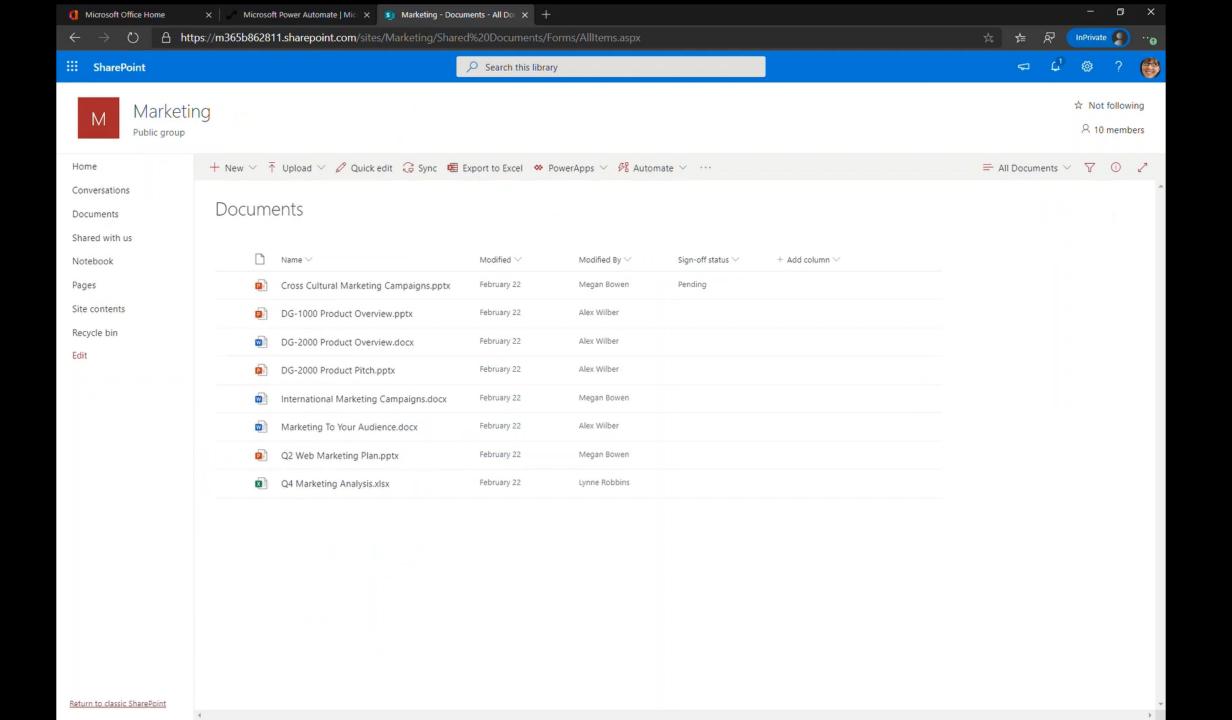
- Built in to Sharepoint
- Specified item gets sent for approval
- Sign-off status column to track









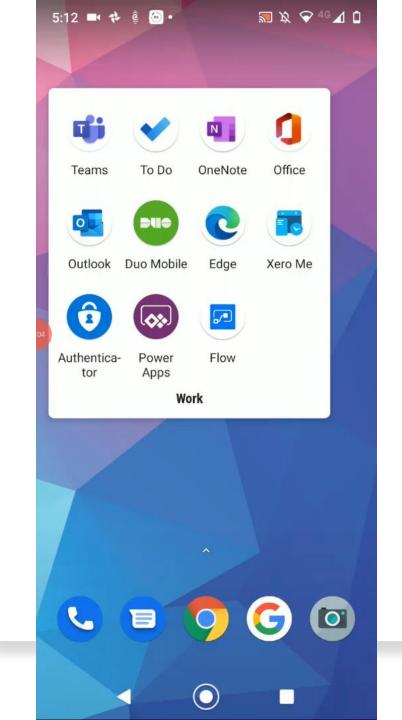


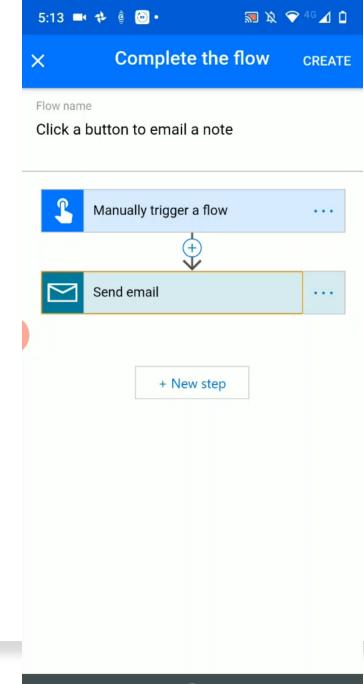


#### What are buttons?

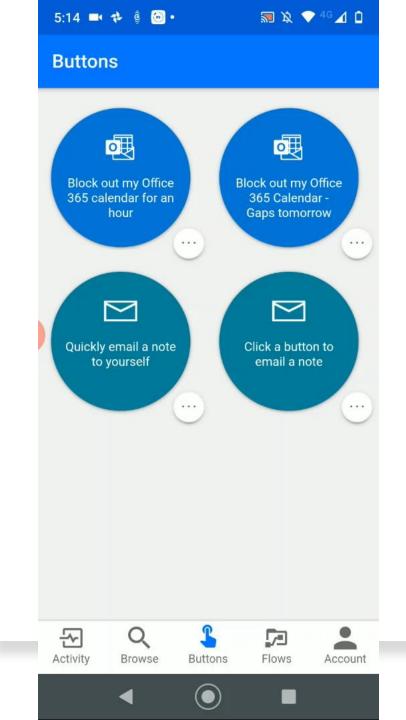
- Part of the mobile app
- Click to start a flow
- Big focus on personal productivity





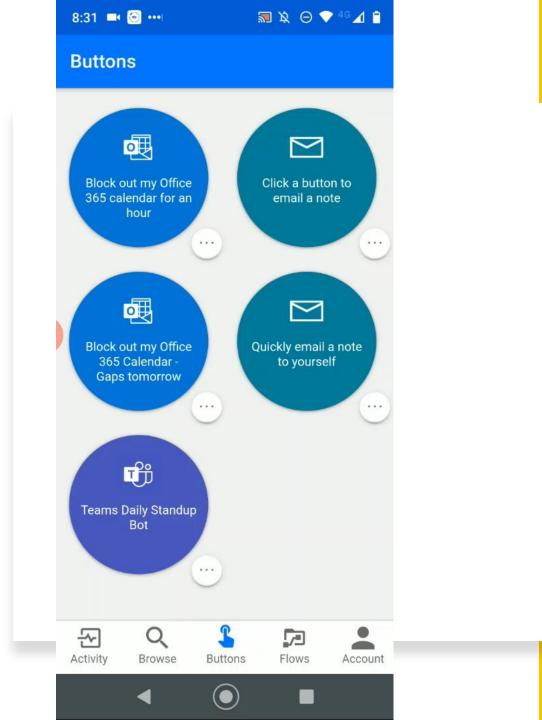




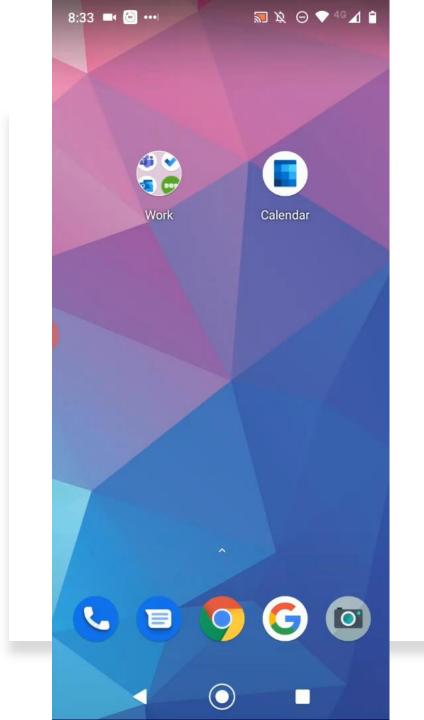




### ADVANCED BUTTONS

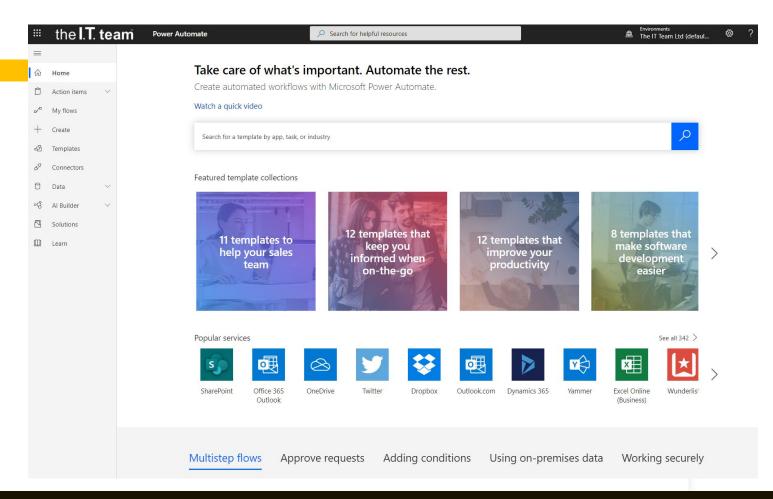


### ADVANCED BUTTONS



#### **HOW TO START?**

- Start with templates
- Get used to the backend
- Think of one process you're struggling with, and give it a go



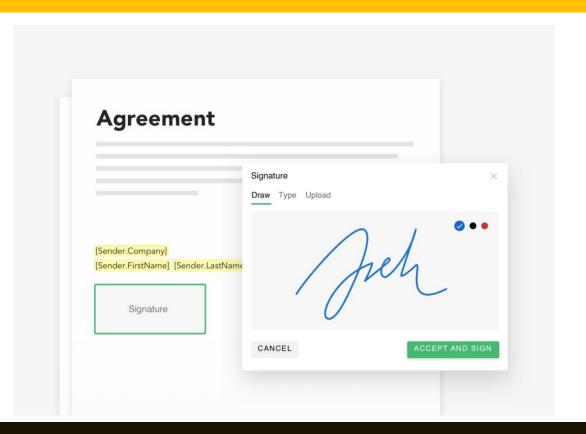
- Keep track of your social media updates
- Automate some Social media activity
- Team quiz scoring
- Induction processes
- CRM integrations

WHAT ELSE?

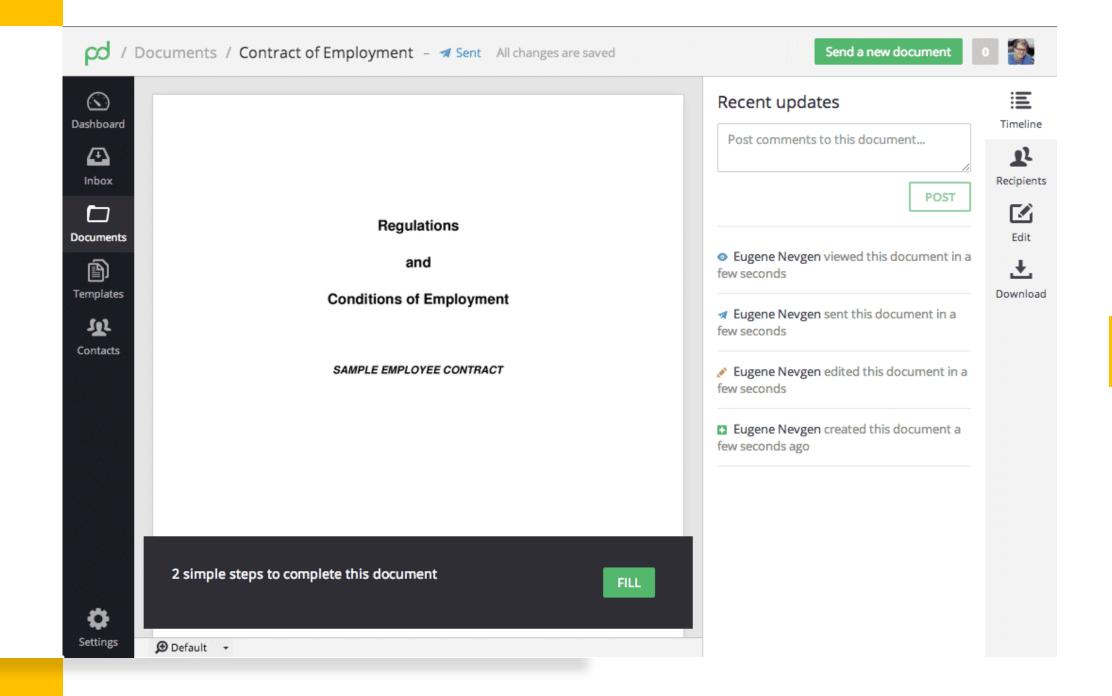


#### PANDADOCS

- Proposed based system (used by us)
- Short and long quotes/proposals
- Allows to track activity
- Obtains sign off by customers







#### **OFFICE LENS**

- Alternative to a Scanner
- Microsoft Product/Service
- Effective at capturing text on scanned document.
- Feature rich
- Very useful in a lockdown scenario if you don't have access to a scanner!













#### WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- Start thinking your processes that could be automated. Consider your time savings.
- Get started yourself. See how you get on. Find templates and try to get one of them going.
- If you struggle or would like someone else to get started, we can help.
- Download the Mobile App for a play.
- Read our Blog on Power Automate, has a bit more on our journey. <a href="https://www.theitteam.co.nz/microsoft-power-automate-18-months-on/">https://www.theitteam.co.nz/microsoft-power-automate-18-months-on/</a>
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### COMMON QUESTIONS

- How shall I get started?
- Which licenses are required for Power Automate?
- Can we get hold of the example templates?
- Does you need Office 365?
- If we don't have Paper Processes, is this valuable?
- Are we too small to use this?
- Do I need to be a developer/techie to do this?





#### **QUESTION TIME**

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