

THE INSIGHTS

Welcome to your July update

We know it's difficult to keep up with the number of changes and releases that come from Microsoft.

That's why we've highlighted the latest updates that are important to your business.



Copilot updates

- Talk to Copilot just like Siri or Alexa



365 updates

- Help Copilot learn your business with custom dictionaries



Security updates

- Safer email by default – no more “monitor” mode

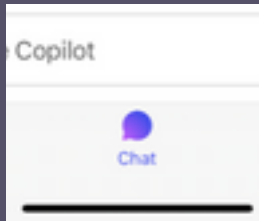


Microsoft Copilot

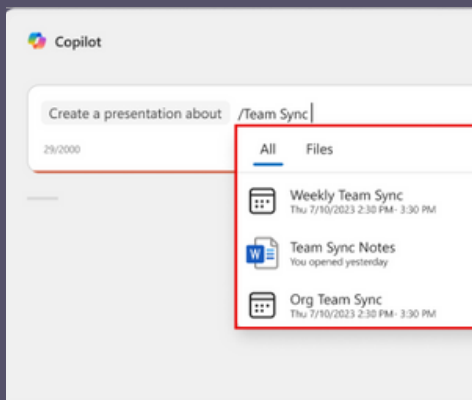
Talk to Copilot just like Siri or Alexa

Copilot just got a major upgrade. Now you can talk to it naturally, just like you would with voice assistants like Alexa or Siri.

- Prefer chatting over typing? Just tap the chat icon and start talking.
- Use plain, everyday language to ask questions, generate content, or get help automating tasks.



Why it matters: It makes Copilot way more accessible for all types of users — especially those who work better thinking out loud.

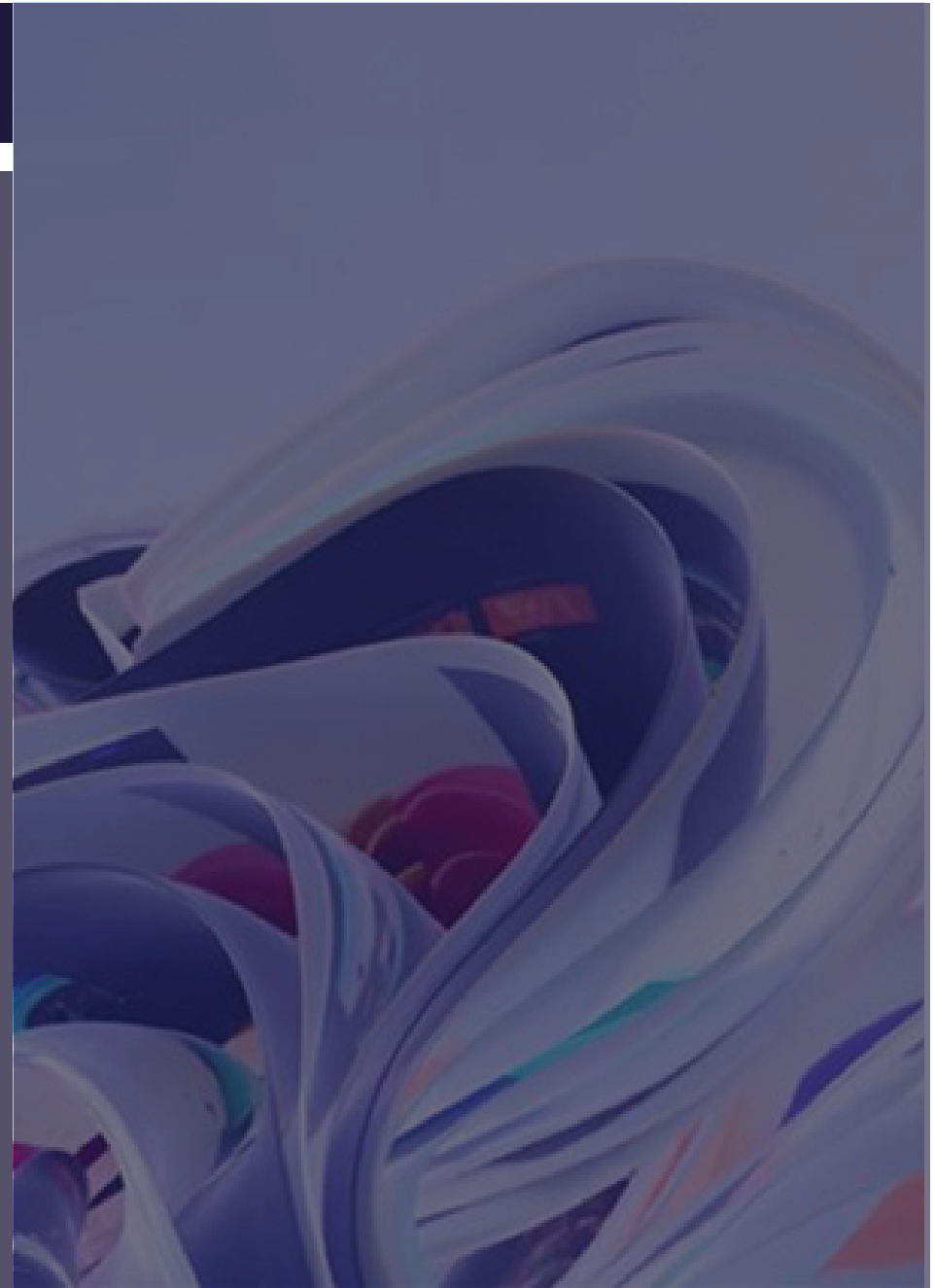


Turn meeting recordings into presentations

This one's a game-changer. You can now use meeting transcripts and recordings directly in Copilot to help create presentations.

- Just reference a past meeting, and Copilot can pull out key points to help build slides.
- Perfect for turning long conversations into clear, shareable content fast.

Why it matters: Save time, skip the note-taking, and let AI help you turn talk into action.



Microsoft 365

Help Copilot learn your business with custom dictionaries

Admins can now upload custom dictionaries in the Microsoft 365 admin centre. This helps Teams better understand your company-specific jargon during meetings.

- Think of it as teaching Teams how your organisation talks — names, terms, acronyms, etc.
- This improves the accuracy of meeting transcripts, and makes tools like Copilot and Intelligent Recap more useful.

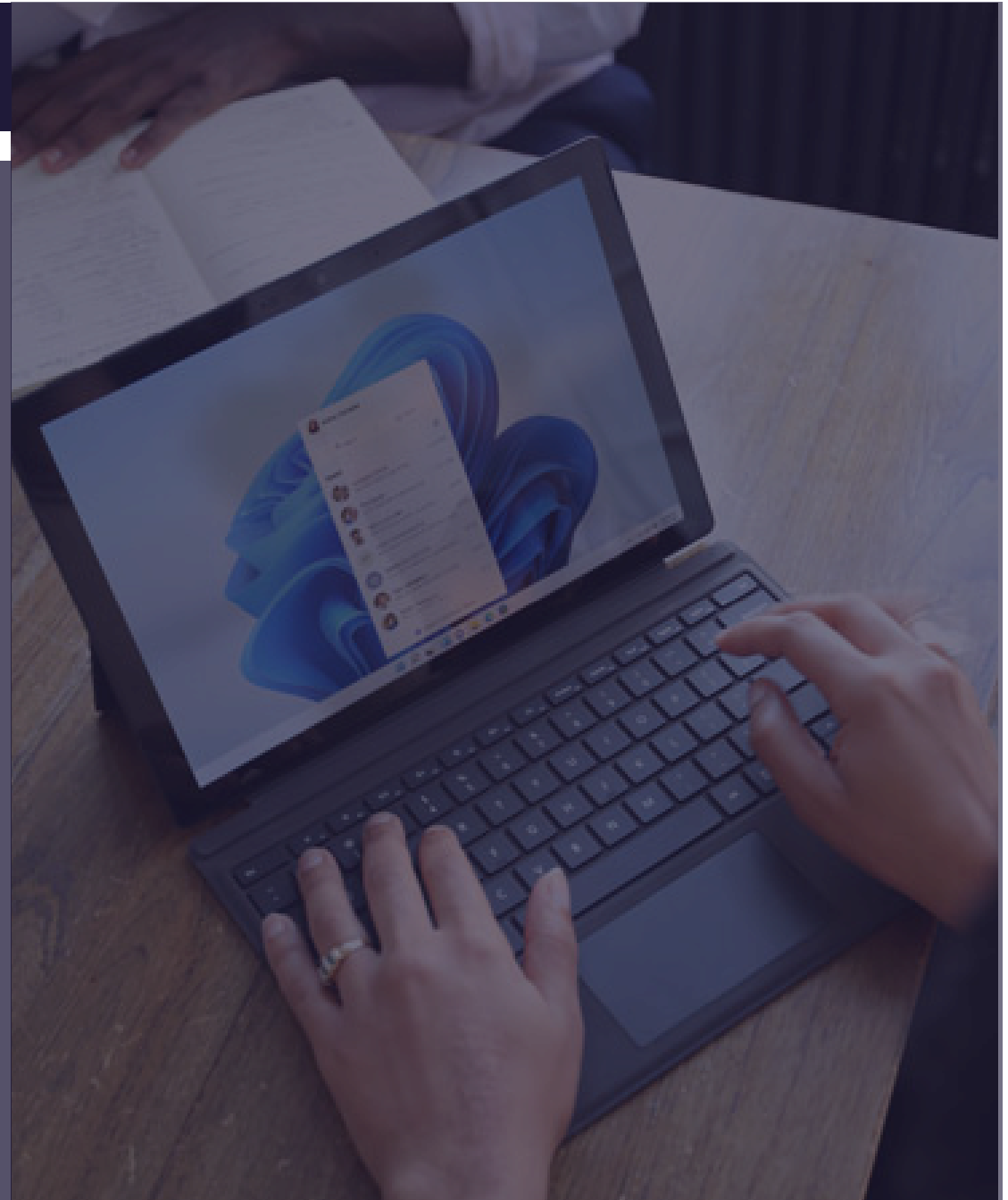
Why it matters: You'll spend less time fixing messy transcripts, and more time getting value out of meeting summaries.

Remote log collection just got easier in Teams

Admins can now remotely gather logs from users' Teams apps (both Windows and Mac) using the Teams Admin Centre.

- Just go to the user's profile or client health tab, and request the logs.
- Then you can download, review, share, or delete them as needed.

Why it matters: Troubleshooting issues no longer requires users to send you logs manually. It saves time and makes IT support way more efficient.



Microsoft Security

Tighter app and browser security

Microsoft is also updating security defaults to better protect users:

- Old browser sign-ins (like those using outdated technology) will be blocked.
- Admins must approve third-party apps before they can access Microsoft 365 data.

Why it matters: This helps reduce the risk of data leaks and improves control over who gets access to company info.

Easier updates with less disruption - Windows Hotpatch

Windows devices that meet certain requirements will automatically get Hotpatch updates:

- These updates won't need a reboot to install, which means less downtime.
- It will now be turned on by default in update settings.

Why it matters: Your team can stay protected with the latest updates without having to stop work or restart their computers.

Safer email by default – no more “monitor” mode

Starting July 2025, Microsoft will remove the “Monitor” option in their email protection settings (specifically in Safe Attachments for Microsoft Defender).

This means:

- If your business uses this feature to just observe threats without blocking them, that's going away.
- Microsoft will automatically switch your setting from “Monitor” to “Block” — so suspicious email attachments will be stopped instead of just flagged.

Why it matters: It's a big step towards stronger email security. Less chance of threats slipping through unnoticed.

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