

Welcome to What's new in Microsoft Release Wave 1, 2024

We will kick off shortly

What are the “waves”

This material considers the releases of:

- Wave 2 2023 from Jan to Mar/2024
- Wave 1 2024 from Apr to Jun/2024

Important: we only consider items already classified by Microsoft as GA - General Availability.

The analysis reflects Microsoft's status on 01/25/2024.

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DEPRECATED

Deprecations / Replacements

Item	N / U	Deadline	Benefits / Observations
Activity Editor was removed in model-driven apps		Feb/2024	<p>As part of a service update designed to improve security within Power Apps, we removed the deprecated Activity Editor control, and recommend the use of the rich text editor control. This change will be rolling out through January and February 2024.</p> <p>Learn more about adding the rich text editor control to a model-driven app. If you are using the Activity Editor control in a customized email or appointment experience in a model-driven app, learn more about switching to the rich text editor control.</p>
Power App and Power Automate - Controls for model-driven apps		Apr/2023 Apr/2024	<p>As of January 2023, the following controls for model-driven apps will be deprecated: autocomplete, input mask, multimedia player, number input, option set, and star rating.</p> <p>Why is this necessary? We'll be introducing new Fluent UI controls that feature better usability, accessibility, and dark mode support.</p> <p>Impact As of April 2023, these controls will no longer be able to be added to forms. Existing control instances will work on existing forms until April 2024.</p> <p>Necessary action Evaluate existing forms that include a deprecated control and replace them with a newer control.</p>
Power Apps portals Studio to be retired		Feb/2024	<p>Effective February 26, 2024, Power Apps portals Studio will be retired. All sites open in Power Pages design studio.</p>

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Dynamics 365 for phones and tablets will be deprecated for online users and replaced by Power Apps		Jan/2024	Effective January 2024, Dynamics 365 for phones and tablets (iOS and Android) will be deprecated for online users. Online users must migrate to the Power Apps mobile app . The Power Apps mobile app provides updated capabilities, a modern user experience, and fast load times.
jQuery 2.1.1 to be removed in model-driven apps		Oct/2023	<p>As part of a service update designed to improve security within Microsoft Power Apps we're removing jQuery version 2.1.1 from model-driven applications. In October 2023 we're removing the library located here: <code>/_static/_common/scripts/jquery-2.1.1.min.js</code>.</p> <p>If custom code in web resources has a dependency on this library it will stop working when this library is removed. We don't support use of any model-driven application client-side code, including libraries that model-driven apps depend on. These libraries might change without warning. More information: Unsupported customizations.</p> <p>To determine if you're impacted, search your web resource code for this line: <code>/_static/_common/scripts/jquery-2.1.1.min.js</code>.</p> <p>Necessary action If your web resources have a dependency on this library, you should replace the reference with a newer version of JQuery.</p> <p>Note, there may be breaking changes between versions. For information about upgrading, see jQuery Core Upgrade Guides.</p> <p>Choose one of these options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a new JavaScript web resource with the minified version of jQuery. The library is available here: jQuery Core – All Versions. More information: Create or edit model-driven app web resources to extend an app. 2. Locate the URL of a CDN for a newer version of jQuery. For example jQuery-libraries-cdnjs. <p>Replace the reference to <code>/_static/_common/scripts/jquery-2.1.1.min.js</code> with the name of the web resource you created or the URL to the CDN resource with a newer version of jQuery.</p>

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<p>Microsoft Dataverse (legacy) connector for Power Automate flows will be deprecated and replaced with another connector</p>		<p>Oct/2022 2024</p>	<p>Effective October 2022, the Microsoft Dataverse (legacy) connector (previously referred to as the CDS 2.0 connector) is deprecated. The connector will continue to work in existing flows until a final date is announced in 2024. You'll have one year from the date of announcement to move to the Microsoft Dataverse connector.</p> <p>An update will be shared in March 2024 on the Public Preview and GA timelines for these to be supported in the Microsoft Dataverse connector.</p>
<p>Microsoft Dataverse (legacy) connector for Azure Logic Apps will be deprecated and replaced with another connector</p>		<p>Oct/2022 2024</p>	<p>Effective October 2022, the Microsoft Dataverse (legacy) connector (also referred to as the CDS 2.0 connector) is deprecated. This connector currently can be used to connect to Dataverse for use in multiple clients and components. The Microsoft Dataverse connector is available for use in Azure Logic Apps starting August 2022. The Dataverse connector provides both legacy triggers and actions and new preview triggers actions for the newest connector.</p> <p>There will be a phased-in approach before deprecation takes place. Here's the timeline:</p> <p>August 30, 2022: The actions and triggers in Dataverse legacy connector became available in the Dataverse connector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing Dataverse Legacy connector triggers and actions can continue to be used in existing logic apps for backward compatibility for a period of time with additional timelines available in August 2023. - All new logic apps will be created using the new actions. <p>August 2022 through preview period: Both new and legacy actions and triggers will be available during new flow creation. By January 2024, a date for the move to general availability will be provided.</p> <p>Date TBD: No new logic apps can be created using the legacy actions and triggers, but existing logic apps with those actions and triggers will continue to work. Updates will be provided in January 2024.</p>



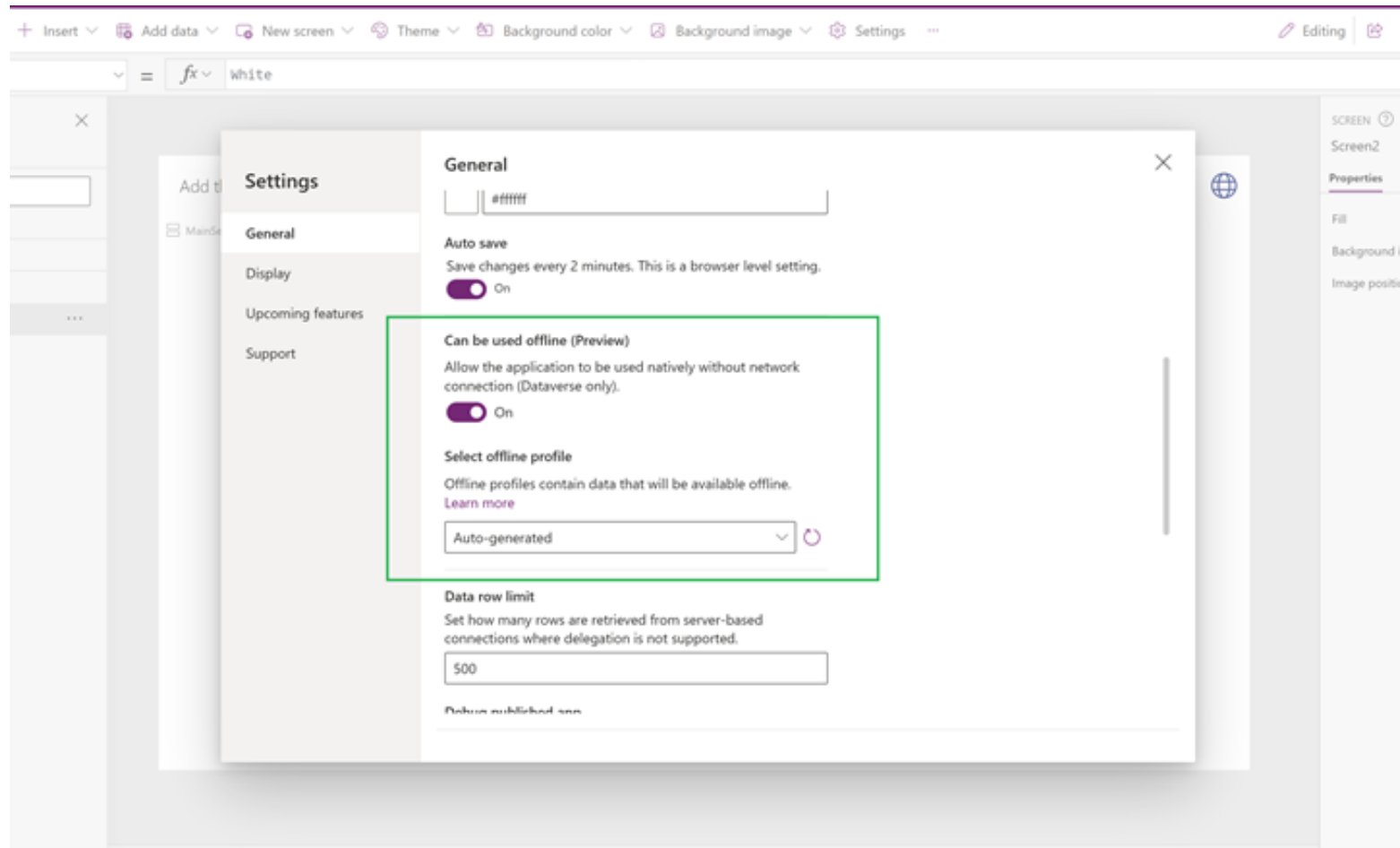
What's new in Power Platform



Power Apps

Power Apps - Building modern apps

Item	N / U	Deadline	Benefits / Observations
Enable canvas apps to work offline when using Power Apps mobile app	Update	Mar/2024	<p>Make it easy for both low-code canvas app developers who have basic offline needs and professional canvas app developers who require advanced offline functionalities. They can both enable their apps to function in remote areas with little to no network connectivity.</p> <p>For more information, go to Release Channel Overview.</p>





Governance, Adm and Dev

Governance, Adm and Dev - Power Platform data policies and governance controls



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Audit environment management operations	Update	Feb/2024	<p>Microsoft Purview and Microsoft Defender are solutions that allow customers to search and archive events that can be applied to compliance and security use cases.</p> <p>This enhancement extends the existing collection of captured activities to include actions on an environment performed by administrators across the customer management plane, including Power Platform admin center and public-facing management APIs.</p>
Instantly revoke users and enforce restrictions		Mar/2024	<p>CAE - Continuous Access Evaluation evaluates critical events like user account deletion or disablement, password changes, whether multi-factor authentication is enabled for users, and conditional access policy like IP enforcement in near real time. Once the CAE detects changes, a user is denied access to the resource.</p> <p>The key benefits of CAE are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- User termination or password change or reset: User session revocation is enforced in near real time.- Network location change: Conditional access location policies is enforced in near real time.- Token export: Token export to a machine outside of a trusted network can be prevented with conditional access location policies.
Enhance SAS calls to include IP restrictions	Update	Jun/2024	<p>With this feature, customers can enhance their security around storage Shared Access Signature (SAS) calls by restricting usage of these calls with IP restrictions that are configurable in the Power Platform admin center.</p> <p>For more information, go to SAS IP Binding.</p>



Power Pages

Power Pages - Design studio

Item	N / U	Deadline	Benefits / Observations
Explore file upload enhancements for Power Pages sites	Update	May/2024	Enhancements with this feature include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Increased file size limits for file uploads using notes attachments or file columns.- An improved upload experience, including a visual progress bar and error messages for file uploads.- Configuration within design studio for the new file size limits and storage options.



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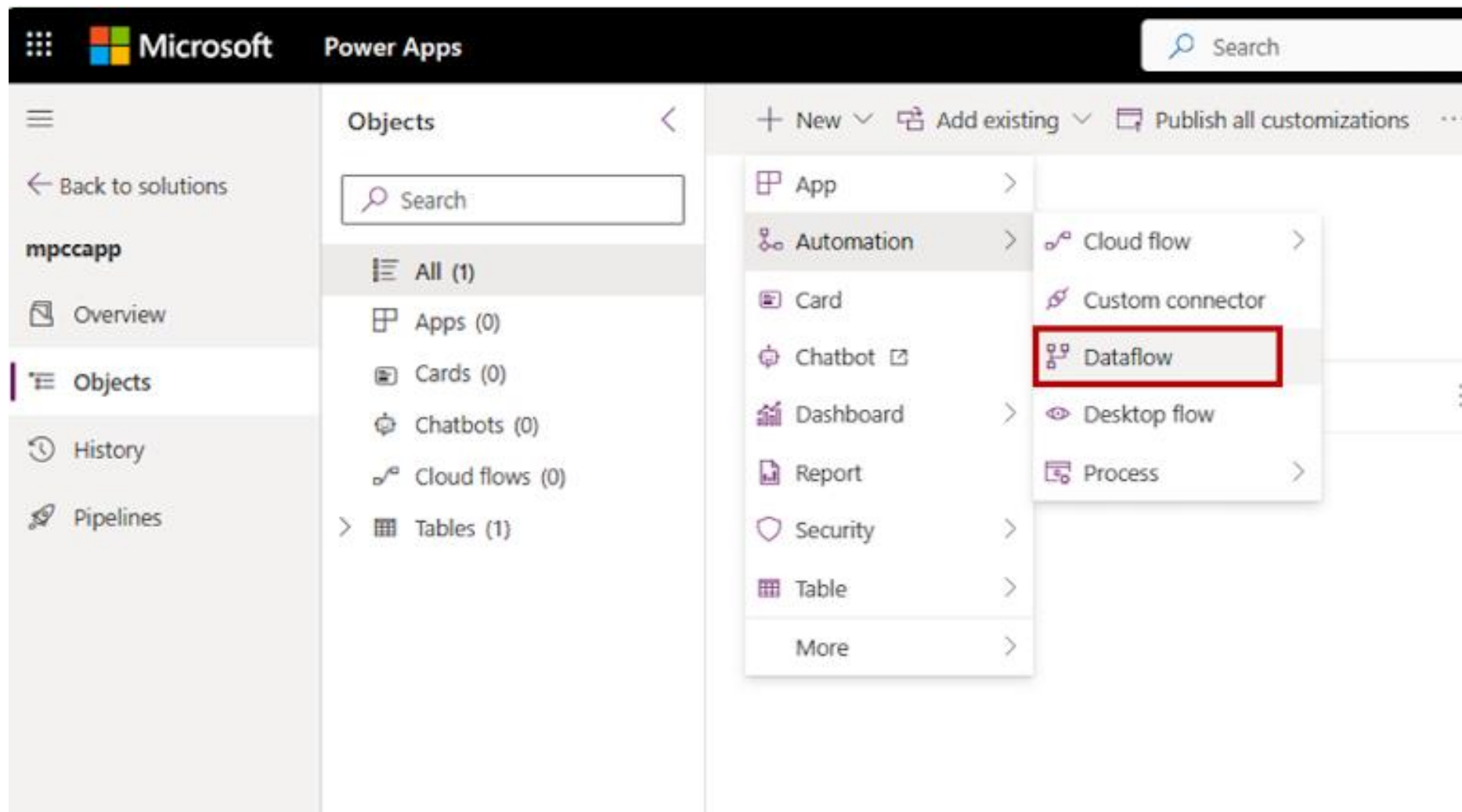




Dataverse

Dataverse - Build your low-code, hyperscale backend on Dataverse

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Include Power Platform dataflows in solutions	New	Mar/2024	This feature enables business users to build solutions with external data without involving IT help, which means lower total cost of ownership for customers while making Power Platform dataflows available for ALM in Power Platform.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Power Apps interface. The top navigation bar includes the Microsoft logo, 'Power Apps', and a search bar. The left sidebar contains navigation options: 'Back to solutions', 'mpccapp', 'Overview', 'Objects', 'History', and 'Pipelines'. The main area is titled 'Objects' and features a search bar and a list of object types: 'All (1)', 'Apps (0)', 'Cards (0)', 'Chatbots (0)', 'Cloud flows (0)', and 'Tables (1)'. A 'New' dropdown menu is open, displaying various options: 'App', 'Automation', 'Card', 'Chatbot', 'Dashboard', 'Report', 'Security', 'Table', and 'More'. The 'Automation' menu is expanded, showing 'Cloud flow', 'Custom connector', 'Dataflow' (highlighted with a red box), 'Desktop flow', and 'Process'.



Power Automate

Power Automate - Cloud flows



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Channel entry point for Teams workflows		Jan/2024	Enable users to seamlessly create flows from within Microsoft Teams.
Make changes in draft mode for solution cloud flows		Jan/2024	Currently, makers can't save a flow with errors and can't save a draft version of a flow. With this feature, makers can make changes to solution cloud flows in draft mode, including when there are errors and publish when changes are complete.
Use versioning for solution cloud flows		Jan/2024	Currently, you don't have versioning for solution cloud flows, so you lack the ability to revert to a previous version. With this feature, you can view and restore past versions of solution cloud flows. This can save you time in re-creating flows when you encounter new errors or alter plans. This ensures that your business always has a working version.
Cloud flows are automatically defined in Dataverse solutions	Update	Mar/2024	Cloud flows defined in Dataverse solutions simplify administration and application lifecycle for customers by allowing use of concepts like environment variables, connection references, solutions, and more. These also help deliver delightful maker experiences like drafts and publishing, versioning, and more.
Manage unpublished solution-aware cloud flows using admin APIs		Feb/2024	Power Automate admin APIs now have full support for solution cloud flows. This allows admins to see unpublished solution cloud flows, share solution cloud flows, and view the ownership of solution cloud flows.
Use Copilot to improve queries with rewrites	Update	Feb/2024	Makers will have a higher chance to succeed with their prompts in Copilot when the prompts are stripped of grammatical and spelling mistakes.
Use Copilot with French language		Feb/2024	Makers in French speaking countries like France and Canada can use their own native language to interact with copilot.
View a Power Automate visual in a Power BI report	Update	Apr/2024	This feature helps you translate insights to action. With Power Automate visual, you can run an automated flow from a Power BI report. Furthermore, the executed flow can be data contextual, passing in dynamic data based on the filters you set.



Copilot Studio

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Copilot and AI innovation - Use Azure OpenAI on your data for generative answers		Feb/2024	Use the powerful capabilities and customization of AI models with Azure OpenAI on your data to upload and index content that can be used in your copilots, providing immediate value from the copilot without manual topic authoring.
Copilot and AI innovation - Use generative actions		Apr/2024	Generative actions fundamentally reimagine copilot building by focusing the makers to manage plugins and maintain artifacts. Businesses can save time as makers don't need to build copilots manually. Copilots can more easily answer unanticipated questions from the user as long as there are plugins that match.
Service, runtime, and Governance - View billing and usage in the admin center		Mar/2024	System and bot admins will be able to review billing and usage analytics in the Power Platform admin center. Using this data, they can identify and report on how teams within your organization are using Microsoft Copilot Studio
Speech and IVR - Use IVR with Omnichannel for Customer Service	Update	Apr/2024	<p>Microsoft Copilot Studio incorporates native voice authoring capabilities when used with the Voice channel in Dynamics Omnichannel for Customer Service integrations.</p> <p>These capabilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) input, including single and multi-digit processing so users can use their phone keypad to interact with the bot - Silence detection for prompts, including retries and reprompts, and configurable actions on no response - Barge-in control for determining whether the bot can be interrupted or not - SSML support so you can configure how the bot sounds on a per-message basis, including playing audio files to the user in place of text-to-speech - Long running operation latency message - Enhanced speech recognition based on bot content



Power BI

Power BI Pro

Item	N / U	Deadline	Benefits / Observations
View, save, and share files in OneDrive and SharePoint		Mar/2024	Users can now save, share, and view files using OneDrive and SharePoint by default. They can share files natively with their organization without explicitly publishing files to the Power BI service.

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