Product News

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**MSIX Packaging Extension is now available in the Azure DevOps Marketplace!**

The *MSIX Packaging Extension* is an Azure DevOps extension which helps build, package and sign Windows apps using the MSIX package format. CI/CD workflows have become an integral part of the development process to improve efficiency and quality while reducing cost and time to market. Microsoft's CI/CD solution Azure DevOps Pipelines is widely adopted and popular, but the current process of integrating build and deployment workflows for apps that need to be packaged as MSIX into Azure Pipelines is tedious, specifically for people that are not Azure Pipelines or MSIX experts.

**Announcing new H5P and OneNote integration to help bring interactive content to life**

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**Azure Sentinel - What’s new: Improved Analytics Preview Graph in Public Preview!**

Rule tuning is a delicate and continuous process of balancing between detecting all threats and reducing false and benign positives. The more accurate and less noisy the rules are, the better
the detections will be. To support this goal within Azure Sentinel, we are delighted to announce improvements to the “Preview Graph” feature now in public preview.

**Best of Yammer in 2020**

This last year has been full of change, and Yammer has continued to evolve to meet the needs of customers and enterprises. We've listened to your feedback and appreciate your contributions and ideas. Here are some of the many improvements we brought to Yammer this past year.

**Blogging Update**

The Microsoft Tech Community is a community primarily, but over the last few years we have become home to many blogs. In recognition of this and to enable people to create high-quality and engaging content quickly, we recognized the need for an effortless process for authors, editors, and publishers to follow.

**Microsoft expands qualification of contractors for Government cloud offerings**

This article is in the Microsoft Tech Community Public Sector Blog that covers Microsoft Government Cloud services in the US Sovereign Cloud with Azure Government and Microsoft 365 US Government (GCC High).

**What’s New in Microsoft Teams for Education | December 2020**

Happy 2021! We’re excited to share the latest updates in December to the Teams experience.

**Collaborate with anyone in any organization with any email address!**

We've heard from you that interconnected supply and distribution chains, and vendor models are bringing B2B partners directly into your business, where secure and seamless collaboration is more important than ever. We also know how painful it can be for IT managers to keep track of guest user accounts, and for end users to remember multiple usernames and passwords. We are continually improving our Azure AD External Identities solution with more support for bring-your-own-identity (BYOI) options.

**The Ninja Training 2021 edition is out!**

Over the holidays, I have updated the Ninja Training to cover updates to Azure Sentinel and address lessons learned over time.

**Microsoft CMMC Acceleration Program Update – January 2021**

We are actively building out our program by developing resources for both partners and Defense Industrial Base (DIB) companies to leverage in their Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) journey. These tools cannot guarantee a positive CMMC adjudication, but they may assist candidate organizations by improving their CMMC posture going into a formal CMMC review in accordance with CMMC Accreditation Body (AB) standards.
Using Azure DevOps to deploy an application on AKS Private Cluster in Azure US Government

This article details building and deploying a container to an Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) cluster in Azure Government cloud using Azure DevOps.

IoT is now Generally Available as a solution covered by FastTrack for Azure to eligible customers

FastTrack for Azure is proud to announce that IoT solutions are now Generally Available to eligible customers across all geographic areas where FastTrack for Azure is available.

Introducing new policy wizard to easily apply admin policies in Teams for Education

We're excited to introduce the Microsoft Teams for Education policy wizard, now available in the Microsoft Teams Admin Center. IT admins can now easily apply education tailored policies for a safe learning environment for students, educators and staff. The policy wizard enables you to quickly and easily apply the most relevant set of policies for students at a global (Org-wide default) level and apply a custom policy set to a group of educators and staff tailored to their needs.

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LAUNCH: Azure SQL News and Data Exposed Update: January 2021 | Data Exposed Live

Starting today, Data Exposed will be going live every Wednesday at 9AM PT on LearnTV. Every 4 weeks (mostly the first week of each month), we’ll do a News Update. We’ll include product updates, videos, blogs, etc. as well as upcoming events and things to look out for. We’ve included an iCal file, so you can add a reminder to tune in live to your calendar.
Related Announcements & Events

“The self-maintaining intranet” 🎤 – The Intrazone podcast

The intranet that serves both employee self-service needs and programmatic compliance for IT is one born from human-centric design that safeguards operations at scale.

Azure Sentinel: Using rule templates

Microsoft’s Azure Sentinel, our Security Incident and Event Management (SIEM) solution, enables you to connect activity data from different sources into a shared workspace. That data ingestion is just the first step in the process though. The power comes from what you can now do with that data, including investigating incident alerts, building your own dashboards with workbooks, responding to threats with security playbooks and hunting for security threats.

Friday Five: Teams Public Preview, C# Tips, More!

Dan Clarke is an independent software developer specialising in .NET and Azure, and is interested in Docker, Kubernetes, TDD, and anything new and shiny! He runs the .NET Oxford user-group, blogs at https://www.danclarke.com, and has also recently started The Unhandled Exception podcast. Follow him on Twitter @dracan.

Introduction to Microsoft Azure Government Secret

Azure Government Secret (US) was developed with the same principles and architecture as Microsoft’s commercial cloud solutions. This new solution; however, is built exclusively in support of US agencies and partners working with data classified at the U.S. Secret classification level. It is enhanced for maintaining the security and integrity of these classified workloads without compromising the speed of access to sensitive, mission-critical information.

[Call for Content] Become a Mixed Reality BizApps Guest Blogger!

If your 2021 new year resolution is to become a published guest blogger, here’s your chance! We’re looking for community guest bloggers to contribute exciting and inspiring stories about
how you use **Mixed Reality Business Applications** like [Dynamics 365 Remote Assist](https://www.dynamics365.com/assist) and/or [Guides](https://www.dynamics365.com/guides) on HoloLens in your organization (or even personal life!).

**January Webinars & Remote Work Resources**

This month we're highlighting ways to automate processes and explore powerful ways they can be incorporated into Teams.

**Does Your Organization Record Teams Meetings? Bookmark this link!**

Tomorrow January 7th, 2021 is another big milestone date for Teams Meeting Recording Storage. We wanted to send a quick reminder to everyone to bookmark and review [https://aka.ms/tmrodsp](https://aka.ms/tmrodsp) for all the details!

**How managed identities work on Azure resources**

One of the most common challenge faced by developers while maintaining source code on Azure resources is: how to store and retrieve the secrets without having to save any credentials whatsoever. Moreover, this is strictly discouraged in accordance with Defence-in-depth approach.

**Jump Start your Developer Skills with Visual Studio Code Coding Packs**

[Coding Packs](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/extension-marketplace#coding-packs) are specialized installs of Visual Studio Code that are pre-configured for specific coding environments. They are designed to help students and educators ramp up on [VS Code](https://code.visualstudio.com/) more quickly by automating editor and environment configuration. Coding Packs are a single download that performs the following when installed:

**EVENTS**

**Live Azure Data Explorer Webinar on "How to start with KQL" Jan 20, 2021 09:00 AM PST**

Azure Data Explorer is a fast, fully managed data analytics service for real-time analysis on large volumes of data streaming from applications, websites, IoT devices, and more. Ask questions and iteratively explore data on the fly to improve products, enhance customer experiences, monitor devices, and boost operations. Quickly identify patterns, anomalies, and trends in your data. Explore new questions and get answers in minutes. Run as many queries as you need, thanks to the optimized cost structure.
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Level up with Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Scientist Associate

What’s one of the hottest roles in today’s fast-paced IT environment? If you guessed data scientist, you’d be right. In great demand, these professionals are empowered by AI, machine learning, and data science. A data scientist helps their organization visualize and deliver innovation, improve customer experience, grow the company’s revenue, and stay ahead of the competition.

How to use tagging effectively (Part 1)

One important feature which often isn’t utilised correctly is the use of tags within Microsoft Defender for Endpoint. This is a functionality that was introduced to allow you to apply a granular level of control over how you manage your devices. In this blog we wanted to cover not only the primary uses for the tagging functionality, but also to explain some tips and tricks around how to effectively use this within your organisation.

OneDrive Roadmap Roundup – December 2020
On behalf of the entire OneDrive team I would like to wish each and everyone of you a happy and healthy new year! And to begin this new year on a happier note I am glad to share some really cool features released during the holidays.

**Access Storage Accounts behind Firewalls from Logic Apps within the same region**

Storage accounts behind firewalls will not be accessible by Logic apps within the same region using Azure blob storage connector, because we can not add firewall rules to give access for the connector outgoing IP addresses; please check the following link for details: [https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/connectors/connectors-create-api-azureblobstorage#accessstor...](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/connectors/connectors-create-api-azureblobstorage#accessstor...)

**Import Project Desktop files to Project for the web API**

You can now use an API through Powershell to import .mpp files into Project for the web!

The instructions below will use your credentials to create a project from the .mpp file.

**How to stay motivated during your learning journey**

Having a goal like completing a Microsoft Learn learning path or earning a Microsoft Certification starts with a determination to succeed. In fact, in an IDC white paper, research showed that well-trained and certified IT professionals had one common attribute – their ability to have a growth mindset. Certified IT professionals were also 15% more confident with new technology responsibilities than noncertified specialists; on average, those who were certified prior to their first IT position were promoted 23% sooner than their noncertified counterparts.

**Featured Space**

**Humans of IT**

This is an open and welcoming community that connects and empowers global technologists who are passionate about discovering their tech superpowers. Through mentorship and
inspiring, authentic stories, technologists will be empowered to positively impact humanity through technology, and help solve some of the world's most pressing issues.

Member of the Week

Pontus Själander

A member since November 2017, Pontus Själander is a fantastic contributor in M365 community.