



Low Code Partner Opportunity

July 2023



Your customers' need for digital solutions is at an all-time high

50%



Of digital work can be automated with current technology.

86%



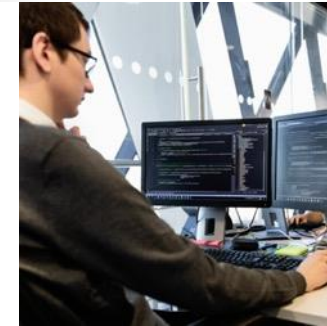
Of companies struggle to hire tech talent.

750M



More apps will be created in the next 3 years than in the last 40.

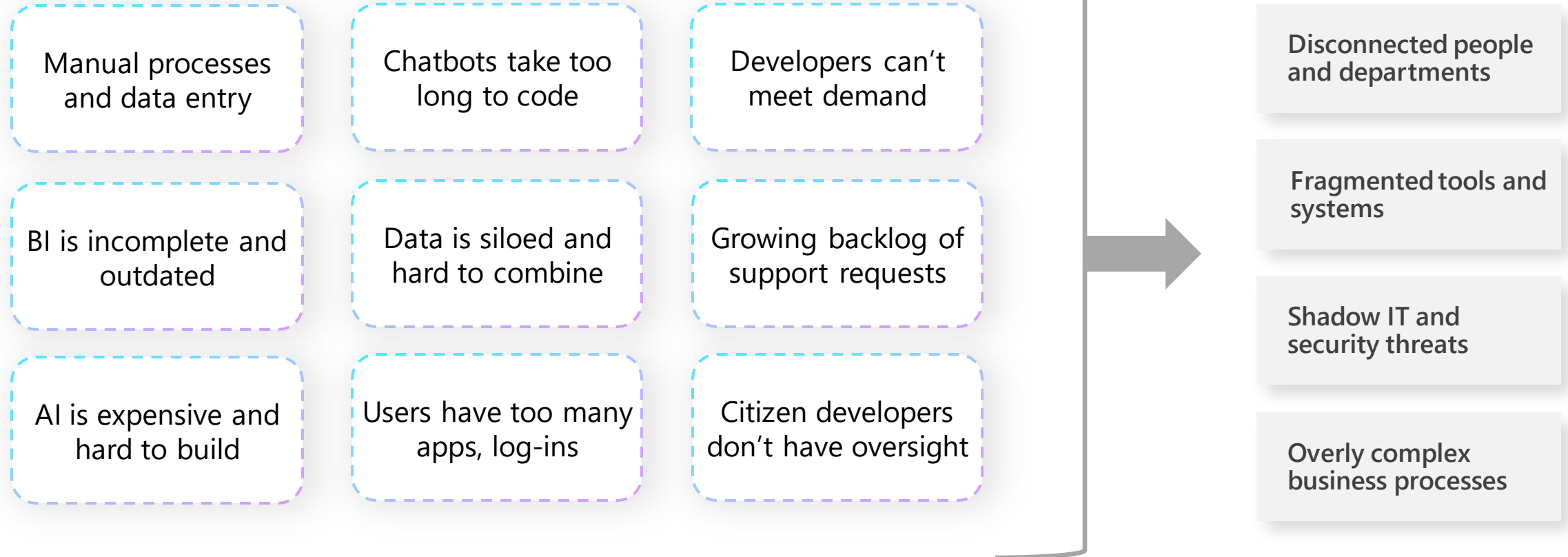
79%



Of managers are seeing increased pro & citizen developer collaboration.

Technology constraints limit their ability to transform

Challenges



Low-code helps organizations make the most of their resources at hand

Low-code solutions

Connect people and departments

UI-based automation

Ready-to-use chatbots

App templates

Real-time BI

Common data model

Integrated web tools

Plug-and-play AI

Collaborative apps

Managed dev environments

Improve business processes

Unify data and systems

Secure business data

An unparalleled opportunity with Power Platform

\$18.5 B

low-code TAM¹

**21%
CAGR¹**

No. 1

adopted low-code platform²

33 M

monthly active Power Platform users³

36,000 organizations

already using AI-powered capabilities in Power Platform⁴

140% ROI

with Power Platform premium capabilities⁵

1. Gartner Research Commissioned by Microsoft, 2023

2. [The Forrester Wave™: Low-Code Development Platforms For Professional Developers, Q2 2023](#)

3. [FY23 Q3 Earnings Release link](#)

4. Microsoft Internal data

5. A Forrester TEI Study Commissioned By Microsoft, August 2022

Microsoft is a leader and a trusted brand

Platform



Leader | Gartner
Low Code Applications Platform, 2022

Leader | Forrester Wave
Low-Code Development Platforms for Professional Developers, 2021

Automation

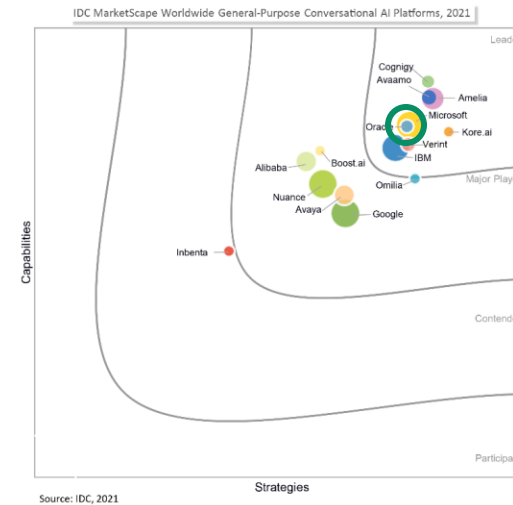


Leader | Gartner
Robotic Process Automation Attended & Unattended, 2022

Leader | Forrester Wave
Robotic Process Automation, 2022

Leader | Forrester Wave
Digital Process Automation, 2022

Conversational AI



Leader | IDC MarketScape
Worldwide General-Purpose Conversational AI & Bots, 2022

Leader | IDC MarketScape
Conversational AI Software Platforms for Customer Service, 2021

BI & Analytics



Top Vendor | Gartner
Analytics & Business Intelligence Platforms, 2022

Leader | Forrester Wave
Augmented BI Platforms, 2021

The world's most complete set of integrated, low-code development tools

Microsoft Power Platform



Power Apps
for
web and mobile
application
development



Power Automate
for
process
or workflow
automation



Power Virtual Agents
for
chatbots and
conversational
agents



Power Pages
for
building secure,
data-centric
business websites



Power BI
for
data exploration,
analytics, and
reporting



**Data
connectors**



AI Builder



**Microsoft
Dataverse**



Power Fx



**Managed
Environments**



As soon as we bring Power Platform into established accounts, we see our footprint in the organization grow—from serving one line of business to suddenly creating solutions that span several.

That shift changes the nature of our conversations with customers, which in turn, changes our role from implementation partner to a digital strategic advisor.

We might start out off talking Power Platform and end up selling Azure, Dynamics 365, or other systems that can bring the customer's vision to life."

Dynamics 365 Business Unit Manager, Abakion



With that first engagement, once a customer realizes the value and impact that Power Platform can deliver, this tends to be a defining moment in their transformation journey."

Founder & Executive Chairman, Hikari



If ever a technology found its moment in time it's Power Platform, today. This is a technology that allows organizations to do more for less, which is extremely attractive and essential for customers in today's economic reality."

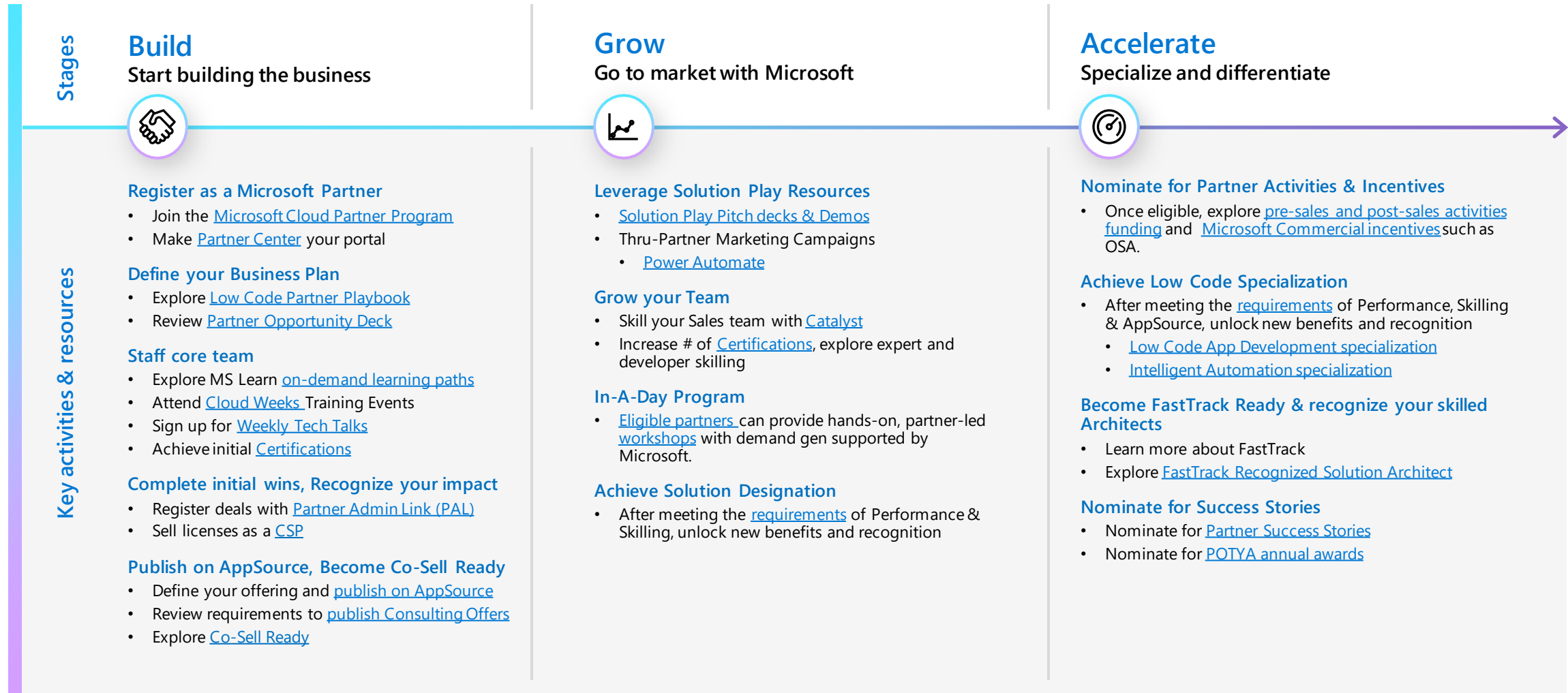
Microsoft Digital Customer Experience, Europe, Capgemini

Top 11 best practices from leading partners

- 1 Make your customer's first experience a SIMPLE, GREAT experience—and shout about it.
- 2 Change the way you think about selling and scoping projects.
- 3 Maximize agility with a phased approach to building
- 4 Decide how low-code fits into your business.
- 5 Manage customer expectations for timeline and cost
- 6 Distinguish low-code do-it-yourself customers from those who want to buy solutions you build
- 7 Build solutions around the experience not the specific tool.
- 8 Provide ongoing education for all your employees.
- 9 Come right out and ask if customers already use it.
- 10 Understand the effects your build will have on licensing.
- 11 Use low-code to increase your footprint in customer accounts and expand your offerings.

See the full **Low Code Partner Playbook** at:
<https://aka.ms/LowCodePartnerPlaybook>

Plan your next step in the partner journey



Drive low-code expertise across your organization

Enable low-code across your organization

Build and hone low-code expertise

- Develop and nurture low-code champions
- Spearhead internal low-code projects
- Publicize cool new builds across the company

Educate other teams in the organization

- Host lunch and learns for everyone to join
- Offer hands-on workshops and in-a-day builds to help folks learn the tools
- Work with sellers on identifying low-code opportunities
- Share opportunities to build skills offered through Microsoft and other communities

Consult with other teams on low-code

- Dedicate a Teams channel to handling low-code questions
- Help internal teams compare low-code vs. pro-code solutions for projects
- Assign low-code developers to projects led by other teams

Drive low-code opportunities with customers

Whether you run dedicated sales and delivery teams for just low-code sales or embed low-code experts into existing teams, continue to look for opportunities that lead with low-code

Develop low-code services that complement your strengths

Discovery & Assessment

Identify business challenges that align to low-code Solutions.

- Run Discovery and Envisioning workshops (ex. In-a-Day Workshops, Catalyst)
- Conduct Process optimization or Automation assessments
- Explore internal low-code capabilities and maturity model

Roles: Business consultants, Business Analysts

Solution Design & Implementation

Design, develop and implement solutions for the customer.

- Design low-code solutions aligned to business challenges identified
- Develop and deploy solutions to customer
- Package and sell reusable templates and repeatable IP

Roles: Low-code Architects and Developers

Governance & Center of Excellence (COE)

Define low-code strategy and governance policies to drive desired outcomes.

- Create and implement a governance strategy
- Design and set up a Center of Excellence (COE)
- Skill up customer's low-code team

Roles: Governance architects, Low-code trainers

Ongoing Support & Enablement

Provide ongoing support of customer's execution of the low-code strategy.

- Execute ongoing trainings and envisioning workshops
- Review customer-built solutions for best practices, user experience, security
- Consult on pro/low-code build options and compare ROI
- Manage COE on behalf of customer

Roles: Customer success lead, Low-code trainers, developers, business consultants

Create packaged services for initial customer engagement

Prove the value of low-code fast with quick starts that offer fixed-scope, fixed-price services

Briefing

Give your customer an introduction to low-code solutions.

- May include a light discovery session to align their challenges with low-code capabilities.

Assessment

Evaluate business processes to consider where low-code solutions make sense.

- Aim to better understand your customer's current challenges, technology landscape, business processes, and/or their low-code capability and capacity.
- If setting up a CoE, perform an assessment of their current governance policies and capabilities.

Proof of Concept

Develop a limited-scope implementation to verify that the solution meets the customer's requirements and validate that it works in their environment.

- For a CoE, this could also include training admin resources and defining their initial governance strategy.

Implementation

Deliver a fully working low-code solution.

- This may start with a discovery session to understand their challenges, then your team can design, develop, and deploy a low-code solution.
- If a CoE is part of the engagement, you can also define their governance strategy for the new implementation.

Workshop

Host an interactive training or hands-on engagement.

- In-a-day workshops and training sessions can help you drive low-code awareness and skills for your customer.
- Demos with light design and development allow you to showcase the ease of use and build traction.
- For governance, you can offer to skill up resources through a hands-on workshop.

Evolve your relationship and build a practice that increases the value for you and your customer

Low-code development partner

Point solution to address a single challenge or requirement

Strategic advisor for the business

End-to-end solution that yields a desired business outcome

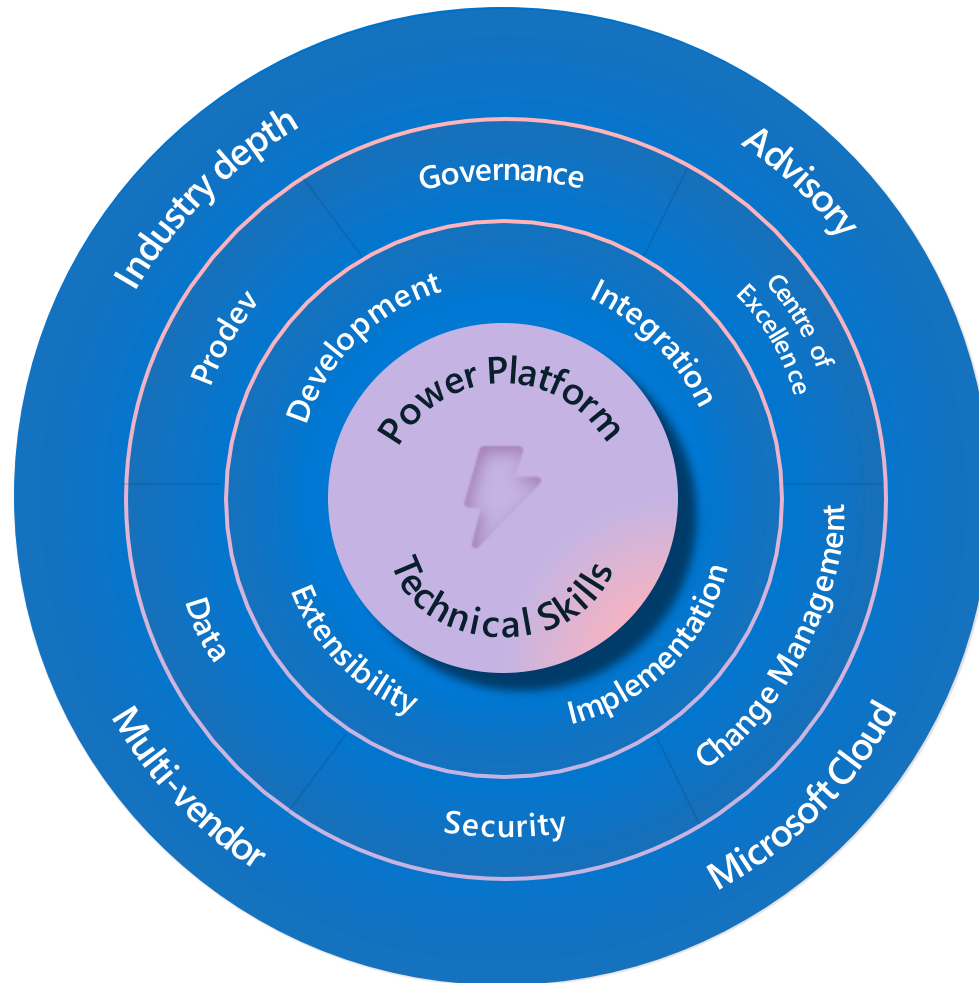
Value of opportunity to the partner



Value of the solution to the customer

Expanding your Services and Solutions

Develop value-added services to unlock the people, process and innovation



- Develop strong low-code skills and build developer, implementation and integration services
- Add value-added services including governance, change management, security and data architecture.
- Be the trusted advisor – provide advisory and consulting services bringing your depth industry knowledge, as well as the ability to look across the full value of the Microsoft Cloud and even multi-vendor scenarios

Grow into the role of a strategic advisor

Diversify your team, increase your margins, and expand your service offerings through:

- Strategic Consulting
- Data Consulting & Architecture
- Security & Risk Management
- Change Management
- COE Design & Management
- ALM and Service Management



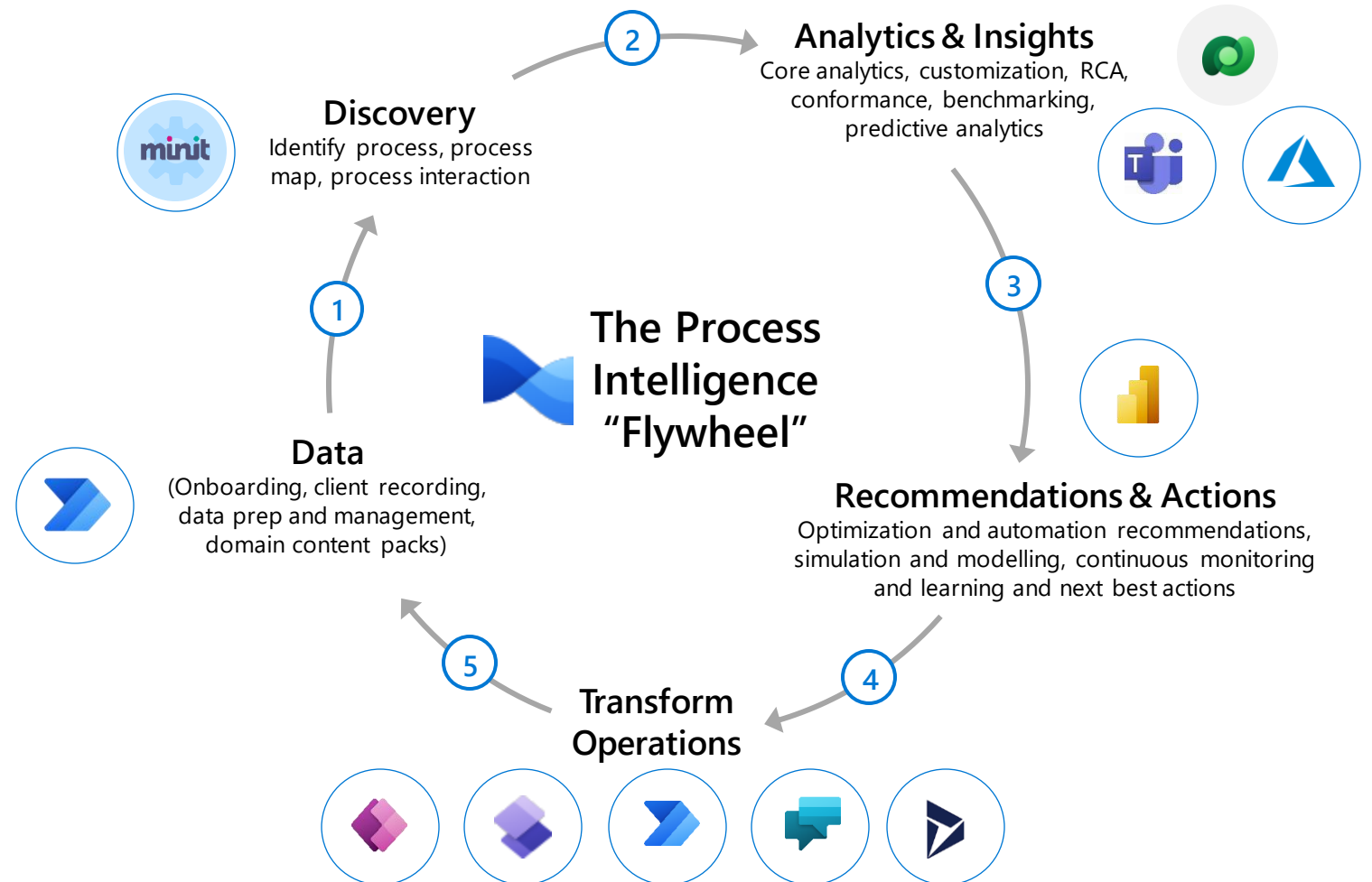
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Power Automate Process Mining

Deliver innovation through an end-to-end view of process transformation

Work with your customers to identify which processes to prioritize for automation.

- Start with the data
- Undertake discovery
- Deliver analytics and insights
- Provide recommendations
- Implement the process transformations



Power Platform Adoption Assessment

Advancing adoption and cultivating a low-code culture is about more than implementing technology features. Technology can assist an organization in making the greatest impact, but a healthy low-code culture involves many considerations across the spectrum of people, processes, and technology.

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Assessments landing page for the Power Platform Adoption Assessment. It features a header with the title and a 'Start Assessment' button. Below are three key features: 'Length of assessment' (30 minutes), 'Format' (multiple choice and multiple response questions), and 'Results' (curated and personalized guidance). The bottom section shows a 'Your overall results' summary on a tablet and a 'Your overall results' summary on a smartphone. The tablet screen shows a 'Recommendations for your workload' section and a 'Your overall results' section with a score of 44/100. The smartphone screen shows a 'Your overall results' section with a score of 44/100. A 'TAKE ACTION' section encourages improving the score over time by following personalized recommendations, with a 'See results example' button.

MICROSOFT ASSESSMENTS

Power Platform Adoption Assessment

This Power Platform assessment is a comprehensive evaluation of an organization's current use of the Microsoft Power Platform. This assessment is designed to identify opportunities to optimize and streamline efforts, share best practices and other recommendations for how an organization can better leverage the Power Platform to achieve its business objectives.

[Start Assessment](#)

Length of assessment
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Format
Multiple choice and multiple response questions.

Results
Receive curated and personalized [guidance](#) that fits your specific scenarios.

Recommendations for your workload
Actionable items to consider implementing to improve your workload across the five pillars of the Microsoft Azure Well-Architected Framework.

Your overall results
Your score: 44/100

Categories that influenced your results
Cost Optimization: Above Average Learning: Excellent
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TAKE ACTION
Improve your score over time
After completion of assessment, you will receive pragmatic recommendations based on your specific needs. Over time, you can improve your score by following these personalized recommendations.

[See results example](#)

[Microsoft Power Platform Adoption Assessment](#)

Drive usage and adoption

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Microsoft | Microsoft Adoption

Microsoft Power Platform Adoption

Work together to meet challenges effectively with Microsoft Power Platform—analyze data, build solutions, automate processes, and create virtual agents.

[Adoption workbook >](#)

Adoption workbook

This workbook will help you jumpstart your Power Platform adoption.

[Download workbook >](#)

Adoption best practices

This adoption best practices documentation provides proven guidance that's designed to help you create and implement the business and technology strategies necessary for your organization to succeed with Power

Adoption maturity model

Learn about consistent themes, patterns, practices and behaviors that underpin the progress of successful organizations as they implement comprehensive digital transformation with Power Platform.

[Microsoft Power Platform Adoption Resources](#)

Envision

- Get started
- Project team
- Executive sponsorship
- Adoption strategy and vision
- Success criteria
- Change management plan
- Readiness
- Training strategy

Onboard

- Champions
- Community
- Rewards and recognition
- Communication plan
- Awareness
- Ongoing support

Scale

- Center of Excellence (CoE)
- Adoption maturity
- Operational plan
- Success tracking
- Change management
- Activity calendar

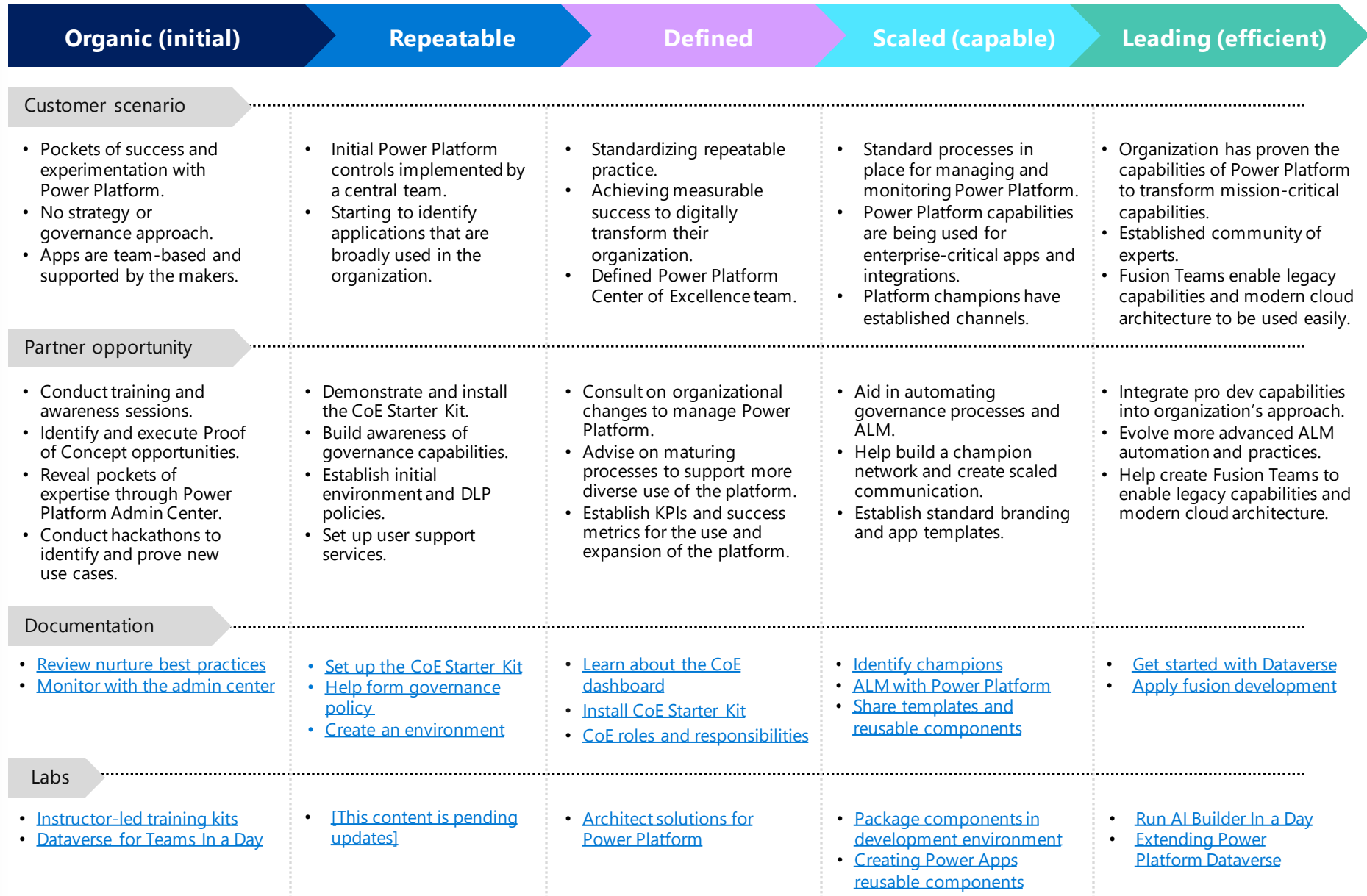
Power Platform Center of Excellence

Quick Start Guide for Building Your CoE Practice

A Power Platform Center of Excellence (CoE) is a proven way to drive adoption while maintaining security, quality, and governance. However, many customers we talk to are not sure how to plan or execute an effective CoE.

This is where Microsoft partners can help. Providing CoE services not only accelerates Power Platform sales but can drive long-term service and support revenue. Microsoft provides multiple resources to help you develop your CoE practice, including training, event kits, incentives, and more.

To put these CoE opportunities and resources in context, it's helpful to plan your CoE practice in the context of the [Power Platform adoption maturity model](#) – a collection of best practices collected by Microsoft from leading Power Platform customers. Start by reviewing **Documentation**, then move on to **Labs** for hands-on kits that can be conducted with customers.



Center of Excellence (COE) Starter Kit

A Power Platform CoE is a coordinating function of policies, processes, and user support that:

- Ensures your customer's Power Platform strategy is aligned with the digital transformation strategy of their company
- Promotes Power Platform adoption while maintaining solution quality, security, and compliance
- Aligns development around business goals rather than individual department metrics

Download the Microsoft CoE Starter Kit

The Starter Kit is a collection of components and tools designed to help you get started with developing your CoE strategy.

aka.ms/CoEstarterkit
[Set up the CoE Starter Kit](#)

Learn more about creating a strong CoE

The Starter Kit is a good start, but an effective CoE requires additional planning. These other Microsoft resources can help.

[Power Platform Adoption Best Practices](#)
[Power Platform CoE Video Demo](#)

In-a-Day workshops

Provide hands-on workshops using pre-built Microsoft materials to help customers realize the value of Power Platform and create excitement for their own use cases.

In-a-day resources

- Best practice playbook for planning and running your workshop
- Co-branded registration pages on Microsoft
- Event logistics managed by Microsoft
- Lead generation by Microsoft field, inside sellers, email campaigns, and more
- Support through Partner Teams Community, Office Hours, and Weekly Tips

[Power Platform In a Day Program](#)

Workshops for unique activities



Partner showcase

- [Partner Testimonial Video](#)
- [Eigo](#)
- [OmniData](#)

Get to know the low-code patterns of value

Align your go-to-market to address these patterns and differentiate with expertise in specific patterns

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Application modernization

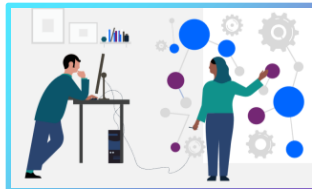
Update, rearchitect, rebuild, and create new applications faster and at scale to reduce your backlog.



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Extend LoB Systems

Simplify user experience and connect processes by extending core systems (e.g. SAP, Oracle, Salesforce.com)



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Accelerate professional developer

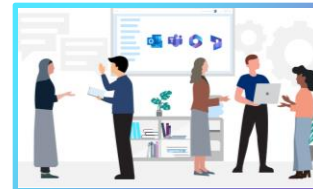
Reduce the time and effort needed to build new solutions and unlock faster time to value for everyone.



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Enhance employee experiences

Integrate with Microsoft 365 to surface data where it's needed and modernize processes for a better experience.



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Empower departments

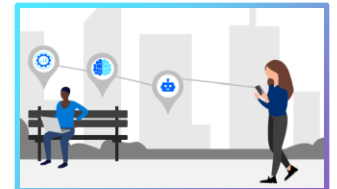
Empower business users to solve challenges while giving IT complete visibility and control into what's being created.



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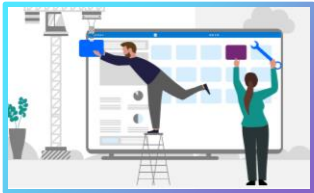
Optimize with hyperautomation

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Power Platform x Microsoft Cloud

Do more with **Power Platform** and **Microsoft Azure, Microsoft 365, Dynamics 365**



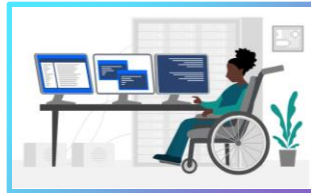
App Modernization

Azure Integration Services
Azure App Services



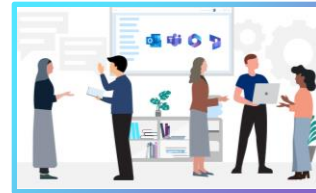
Business Agility

Azure Integration Services
Azure SQL Database
SAP on Azure
Dynamics 365



Accelerate Pro Development

Azure Integration Services
Azure App Services
Azure DevOps
Visual Studio
GitHub



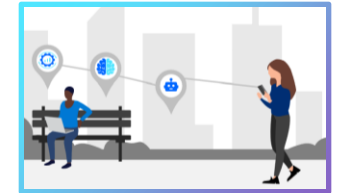
Enhance Employee Experience

Microsoft 365
Teams
Viva



Empower Departments

Microsoft 365
Teams



Optimize Hyperautomation

Microsoft 365
Teams
Windows 11

Expand your Microsoft practice with low-code innovation

Microsoft 365

Productivity tools like Excel, SharePoint, Outlook, and Teams

Customize and automate Office 365, SharePoint, and Teams experiences.

Build apps and automate processes that extend Office 365 and Teams common productivity scenarios such as SharePoint lists and InfoPath forms. Integrate and share apps and workflows within Microsoft Teams. Unify your customers data and reduce time to impact.

Azure

AI, Data and Server Migration, Internet of Things

Combine low-code efficiency with Azure extensibility.

Accelerate front end and business process development using low-code. Integrate with rich services like Bot Framework and Azure Logic Apps to deliver advanced functionality and create custom connectors to ERP systems and other data sources.

Dynamics 365

Line of business applications like ERP and CRM applications

Enable customers to do more with Dynamics 365 data.

Easily develop custom line of business applications with seamless integration to Dynamics 365 data. Build once and deploy apps in one click across iOS, Android, Windows, and Web.

Everyone

On-premises and/or legacy core systems, citizen dev teams

Increase visibility, transparency, and control.

Stay safe, agile, and innovative by implementing governance for Power Platform apps. Reduce shadow IT and increase data access by replacing legacy solutions with Power Platform solutions and using connectors to integrate with core systems.

Find opportunities for low-code in your Microsoft 365 practice

Things to listen for...

- Heavy use of Excel, Lotus Notes, etc.
- Lots of meetings and collaborative work taking place on Teams
- Need content stored in SharePoint extracted and processed automatically
- Emails and IMs used for approvals in an ad hoc fashion
- FLW cannot access data and apps remotely
- Manual processes waste time
- No time to integrate or learn new systems

Top Low-Code Opportunities

- **Extend Teams functionality.** Embed apps as a tab in Teams or add a Power Automate process.
- **Extend SharePoint.** Publish Power Apps as a SharePoint web part or create a custom SharePoint list.
- **Do more with Outlook.** Embed data-connected approvals and workflows into Outlook with Adaptive Cards.
- **Modernize InfoPath forms.** Bring data collected through InfoPath forms into Dataverse (or Dataverse for Teams) and use it with Power Apps and Power Automate to build custom apps and flows

Find opportunities for low-code in your Azure practice

Things to listen for...

- Core legacy systems make it hard to access and share valuable data
- IT backlog of requests for custom applications and reports
- Can't migrate off on-prem systems but need data mobility
- Need to modernize existing legacy apps or build new LOB apps fast
- Want to carve off SAP/Oracle workloads
- Need better front-end, user interfaces for working with data
- Lack of centralized security management

Top Low-Code Opportunities

- **Connect other data sources.** Create custom connectors using Azure Functions and write in the business logic.
- **Streamline development.** Build components with built-in support for command line interface (CLI)
- **Add AI to Power Apps.** Build and train your own AI models in Azure and use them alongside those provided by AI Builder in Power Apps.
- **Build better bots.** Use Azure development tools like Bot Framework Composer to create custom dialogs
- **API and pro developer tools.** Extend apps with custom logic, offering end-to-end application platform
- **Leverage DevOps on Azure.** Automate common build and deployment tasks across teams with familiar tools.

Find opportunities for low-code in your Dynamics 365 practice

Things to listen for...

- LOB apps don't feed back into company data systems
- Internal teams cannot collaborate or share data easily
- Legacy ERP requires complex builds to share data out
- Disjointed systems and processes create a lot of manual and repetitive work
- Ticketed queues and one-off requests take personnel time

Top Low-Code Opportunities

- **Extend ERP systems.** Leverage Azure Functions and API Management to create APIs connecting Power Apps to SAP and other systems.
- **Sales Intake forms.** Enable users to extract and insert data with Dynamics, extract and insert data into the dynamics 365 CRM with easy-to-use forms
- **Connect into CRM systems.** Use chat bots, IMs, and automations to streamline the customer and employee experience.
- **Serve data via mobile apps.** Spin up lightweight apps that can be accessed securely via mobile devices.
- **Automate finance processes.** Help understaffed teams serve their company better and faster without burning out using automation and digital apps to speed up data capture and approvals.
- **Give employees self-service tools.** Free up HR teams by creating chatbots and websites that employees can use to find answers quickly.

Connect your Microsoft practices for immediate impact

42%

of Dynamics 365 deals include Power Platform

“ERP and CRM together is happening more and more with Dynamics 365. It used to be 10%, and we’re already at 40% of customers buying both ERP and CRM workloads.”

SVP, regional partner

“The two that really attach onto the business apps work would be some form of Azure custom app; the other one is all things data. So, whether it’s advanced analytics and data science, it’s all very much a natural fit with business apps.”

President, global partner

96%

of Business Applications partners have or plan to invest in Data & AI practice

Partner Resources to Accelerate the Sales Cycle

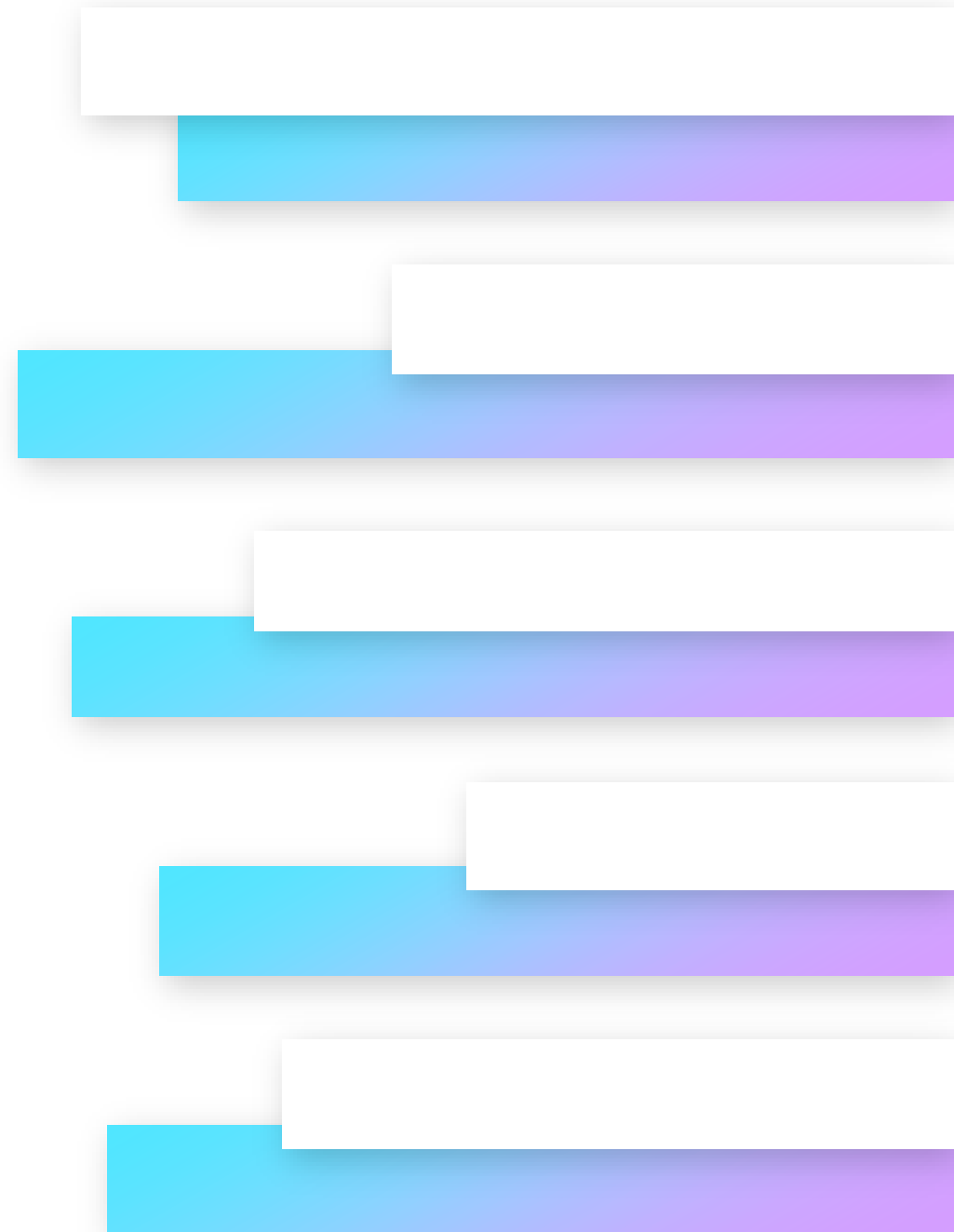
Accelerate the sales journey and drive adoption and usage with resources aligned to the Microsoft Customer Engagement Model (MCEM) stages, to connect co-sell efforts with the Microsoft Field



Description					
Content	Solution Play Pitch Decks & Demos Thru Partner Marketing Campaigns <small>New</small>	Customer Scenario Decks <small>Updated</small> Patterns of Value <small>New</small> Adoption Assessments <small>New</small>	Customer Scenario Demos	Power Platform Adoption Resources	
Programs & tools		Partner Pre-Sales Activities <small>Updated</small>	Partner Pre-Sales Activities <small>Updated</small> Power Apps Developer Plan	Partner Post-Sales Activities <small>Updated</small>	Partner Post-Sales Activities <small>Updated</small> In-A-Day Workshops
Incentives			OSA Incentive CSP Incentive		MCI Incentive



Let's get started



Distinguish your Low Code Application Development specialization

In response to the surging demand for digital solutions and an increasing shortage of developers, many organizations are looking to adopt tools, resulting in a \$12.5B US total addressable market (TAM) for low-code solutions. CIOs and IT decision makers need partners they can trust to create a culture of low code process transformation.

In addition to having a Solutions Partner designation for Business Applications or Digital & App Innovation, you must meet the following requirements:



Publish one or more AppSource consulting offers, with Power Automate as the tagged product

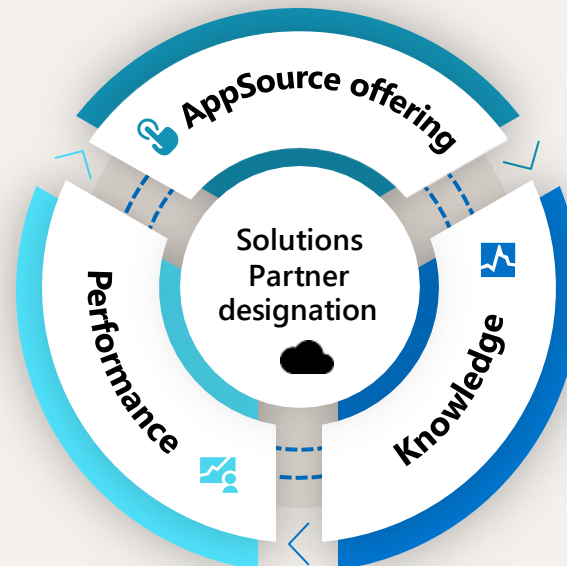


5 unique Power Apps customers as new deployments associated with the Partner ID through PAL

- To count, the flow must be built on paid eligible SKUs: Power Apps per user plan
- Deployed to the customer's production environment and also be associated with the Partner Network ID for your Partner Organization.

35% growth in deployments across the entire customer base in the trailing twelve months (TTM)

- Calculations start when you have 5 deployments in your customer base at the start of the TTM



5 individuals with intermediate certifications

- Five (5) Microsoft Certified: [Power Platform Functional Consultant Associate](#)
- Two (2) Microsoft Certified: [Power Platform Developer Associate](#)
- One (1) Microsoft Certified: [Power Platform Solution Architect Expert](#)


Your organization must have at least five individuals with the certifications listed above. The certifications can be held by the same or different individuals.

Announcing: Intelligent Automation specialization

New

By 2024, the estimated market for automation solutions will be more than \$16B, with greater than 25% of work tasks suitable for automation. Today, 37% of companies are still using paper to manage critical business processes¹. CIOs need partners they can trust to ensure automations are efficient, effective, and secure.

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 Publish one or more AppSource consulting offers, with Power Automate as the tagged product

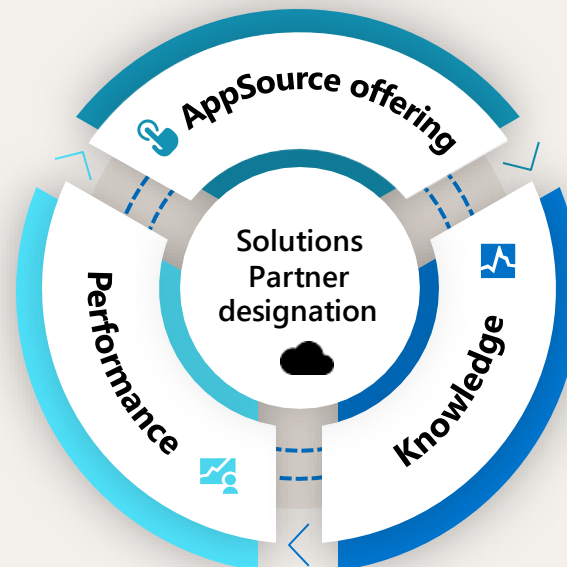


5 unique Power Automate customers as new deployments each with one flow (Cloud or Desktop) associated with the Partner ID through [PAL](#)

- To count, the flow must be built on paid eligible SKUs: Power Automate per user plan or Power Automate per user plan with attended RPA
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- Three (3) Microsoft Certified: [Power Platform Solution Architect Expert](#)

Unique individuals, or the same individual, can meet the certification requirements.

1. Gartner research commissioned by Microsoft, 2022.