Rapidly enabling Microsoft Teams in exceptional times

The current global environment has intensified the need for employees to be able to work remotely. To enable scalable and sustainable remote working, modernized workplace technologies are needed.

Avanade has developed an enablement approach to help our clients quickly equip their employees with the tools to do their jobs, from any location. We have helped clients of all sizes – including the deployment of Microsoft Teams to 1.2 million employees in seven days.

A roadmap to help you transition

Our remote working program, comprised of three rapid deployment programs: Microsoft Teams, Windows Virtual Desktop and Security create a highly extensible environment that allows you to quickly scale and adapt to changing business needs.

Our roadmap outlines six dimensions that have proved effective in quickly transitioning to a remote workplace environment:

- **Culture and adoption**
  Adapt leadership practices while protecting the culture and engagement of your workforce.

- **Elastic collaboration**
  Rapidly deploy or extend Teams, SharePoint and OneDrive. Use Workplace Analytics to understand adoption.

- **Virtual work environment**
  Evaluate your network, accelerate device deployment and leverage virtual environments such as Microsoft Virtual Desktop to support increased mobile demand.

- **Seamless networking**
  Enable reliable and secure remote network connectivity to employees’ homes and seamless integration with customers and partners.

- **Distributed continuity**
  Enhance business continuity plans to include reduction in workforce, travel restrictions and large-scale remote working environments. Use PowerApps to rapidly fill urgent needs.

- **Adaptive security**
  Review Active Directory, System Center for Configuration Management and Intune configuration to empower employees to collaborate, and secure data and users.
A rapid 3-week deployment plan

Speed and stability are critical, so our programs have been designed as part of a fixed duration – below is a typical delivery timeline. It includes an accelerated plan with design, build and test capability. Outputs include a mobilized workforce with increased adoption, customized training, adoption strategies, a recovery plan, plus full integration with Power Platform.

A rapid 3-week deployment plan

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**Microsoft Teams**

**Analyze current technology capabilities.**
Assess ability to scale, communications plans and support structure.

**Start targeted enablement of Teams through initial group of users.**

**Identify how to leverage your existing technology more effectively.**
Activate capabilities including meetings, conferencing, war room. Enable a training site and live events.

**Roll out a communications plan.**

**Design a change management plan to encourage adoption and enable the key capabilities in Teams.**
This includes key technologies to facilitate person-to-person engagement, internal meetings and even large-scale external events.

**Rapidly modernize and scale your collaboration capabilities.**
Include a focus on home networking, broader networking, security and upgrading other tools and capabilities.

**Implement a change plan to help employees work and engage successfully at scale.**

**Implement a post-crisis recovery plan to review risks, trade-offs and recommendations.**

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**Additional information**

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**Avanade Rapid Deployment Program**

Microsoft Teams

**Take the first step:**

The Teams Rapid Deployment program enables Teams, security and collaboration features, so your employees can work remotely with enhanced collaboration and capability. Our approach starts with an assessment, that evaluates your organization and prioritizes areas to focus on. The program includes the following:

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**Rapid deployment of:**
- Features like chat, threaded conversations, file sharing, conferencing and meetings.
- Additional components like audio conferencing, live meetings and virtual war rooms.

**Experienced practitioners to:**
- Accelerate your deployment and help you manage the risks/trade-offs.
- Provide guidance around the durability and manageability of the service during the recovery period.

**Training**
- Includes quick-start assets so you can customize training that makes it easier for your employees to make use of the functionality.

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