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Ignite 2026.

What changed and why it matters.

10 updates important for Copilot Studio and Power Platform makers.

Status key GA PREVIEW FRONTIER

THE COMMON THREAD

Agents are being set up like coworkers

Identity

Their own account, so actions are traceable.

Memory

They carry context between tasks.

Triggers

They can start work when something happens, not only when asked.

Governance

Admins can see, limit and pay for them like any other resource.

COPILOT STUDIO

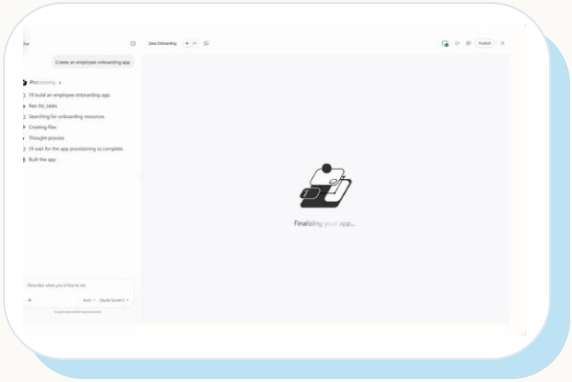
Agents, workflows and apps in one place

GA

Apps in Copilot Studio and Copilot Cowork, rolling out this month.

PUBLIC PREVIEW

Build Copilot Studio agents and workflows from Cowork or Copilot Code, in natural language.



Building an app from a prompt.

WHY IT MATTERS

Most processes need judgment, fixed steps, and a screen where people add information. With all three in one studio, you design around the process, not the tool.

AGENT IDENTITY

Agents get their own accounts

PREVIEW

Dedicated agent accounts, starting Dec 2026

Memory

Signal-based triggers

WHY IT MATTERS

When an agent has its own account you can @mention it, hand it a task, and review every action it took. That's what makes it auditable, not just helpful.

BUILD TOGETHER

Agents built by a team, not one person

GA

Agent sharing for multiple makers

PUBLIC PREVIEW

Copilot Studio CLI + Copilot Studio MCP

Local editing with GitHub-backed artifacts

WHY IT MATTERS

Single-owner agents tend to stall after the pilot. Co-authoring and source control let a team own, review and roll back an agent over time.

CUSTOMER-FACING AGENTS

Handing off to a person, with context

GA

Customer conversation harness for voice and chat, with live-agent handoff.

WHY IT MATTERS

When the agent hands off with context, the customer doesn't have to start over with a human.

CUSTOMER RESULT SHARED AT IGNITE

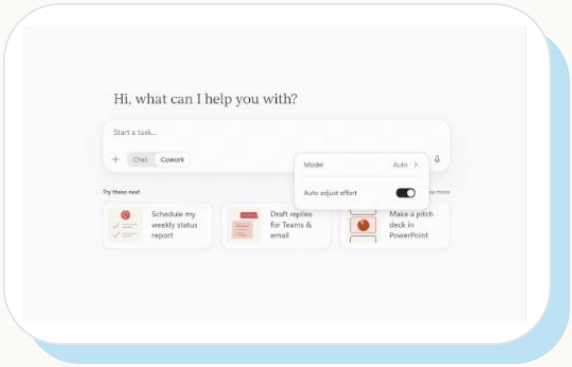
Asurion: touchless invoice processing went from under 20% to over 70% with a Copilot Studio agent.

COPILOT COWORK

Cowork picks the effort for the task

FRONTIER Auto with subagents, plus proactive recommendations.

GA Brand Kit, app building, Cowork in Edge for Business.



Cowork composer with Auto adjust effort on.

WHY IT MATTERS

Auto sets reasoning effort per task. Quick lookups stay fast; bigger jobs split across subagents running side by side. You can still set the effort yourself.

Microsoft reports nearly 80% of the Fortune 500 now use Cowork.

POWER PLATFORM

You don't have to start over.

GA

Copilot in canvas apps, this November.

Canvas delegation limit raised to 10,000 items.

Business Applications in Work IQ: existing apps, flows and sites become tools agents can use.

WHY IT MATTERS

Agents can work on the apps and flows you've already built, not just new ones. Copilot in canvas apps respects the app's existing data access and permissions.

Example from Ignite: G&J Pepsi is bringing agents into Power Platform solutions it has run for a decade, without rebuilding them.

COST & VALUE

Know the cost before you scale

Credit usage visibility in Copilot Studio.

Agent 365 Cost Management: spend limits, alerts, model choice.

FRONTIER

Agent 365 Business Analytics: measures work completed, not just tokens.

WHY IT MATTERS

After a good pilot, the next question is always ‘what will this cost at scale?’ These give makers and admins that answer before the invoice does.

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Two places to start.

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