

What's new with Office for Mac

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Agenda

- Upcoming changes to Outlook
- New Outlook management tips and tricks
- Best practices for Microsoft AutoUpdate
- · Improvements coming to AutoUpdate
- · Q&A



Upcoming changes to Outlook

· 'New' Outlook becomes the default experience for all users in the Current Channel (aka Production) starting with the 16.58 update which releases on 2/15/2022

Exceptions

- Users who have on-premise Exchange server mailboxes
- Users who have local data (i.e., 'On my computer' folders)
- The **EnableNewOutlook** preference is set to integer value 0 or 1
- See https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/deployoffice/mac/preferences-outlook#enable-new-outlook



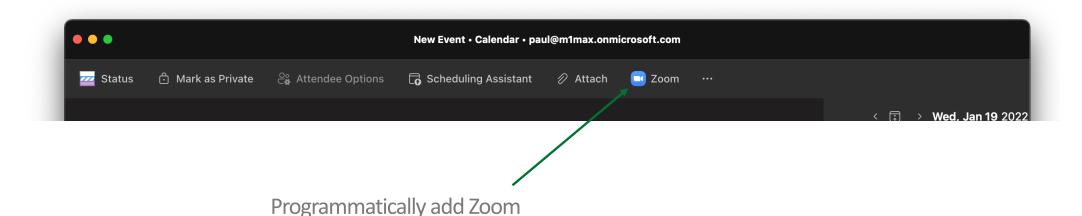
Upcoming changes to Outlook

- · Users will still be able to switch back to 'Classic' Outlook if they wish (and the preference is set appropriately)
- Classic Outlook will remain an option for at least through the end of CY2022



New Outlook Tips & Tricks

- Jamf Extension Attributes
 - · Who's using New Outlook already? [https://github.com/pbowden-msft/ExtensionAttributes/blob/master/New Outlook.sh]
 - · Which users have local data? [https://github.com/pbowden-msft/ExtensionAttributes/blob/master/OutlookFolderSize.sh]
- Populate the toolbar with add-ins
 - https://github.com/pbowden-msft/PromoteAddIns/blob/main/PromoteAddIns





Best Practices for Microsoft AutoUpdate

- · Use deferred and pinned channels if you need to control updates
 - https://www.kevinmcox.com/2021/10/microsoft-now-provides-curated-deferral-channels-for-autoupdate/
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cFKXI4qI00
- New Defer.45 channel is now online
- · Jamf JSON manifests will be updated next week
 - · Also at https://github.com/pbowden-msft/JamfManifests



Best Practices for Microsoft AutoUpdate

- If you have a security agent like CrowdStrike installed and updates cause beachballs
 - · Set **UpdaterOptimization** preference to "CPU" to prefer file-based delta updates (instead of binary deltas)

Preference Domain	com.microsoft.autoupdate2
Key	UpdaterOptimization
Data Type	string
Allowed Values	"Size" [default] "CPU"

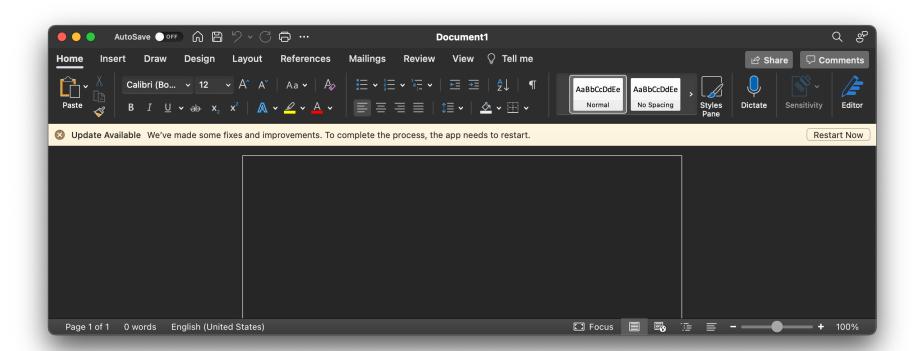
The trade-off will be larger monthly updates. For example:

Update Path	Binary Delta Update	File Delta Update
Office 16.56 -> 16.57	329 MB	1595 MB



Improvements coming to AutoUpdate

- Support for updating Teams starting 3/15 with MAU 4.45
 - Application ID = TEAMS10
- In-app update message bar coming to the Current Channel





Q&A

