

#24 — Forward with Fundamentals

Taking inspiration from across the pond (Thanks [Steve!](#)) going off in a slightly different direction than we'd been going. I've talked a lot about philosophies with M365, understanding reasons why we do things, but now I'd like to get a little more hands on and start talking about the how of this stuff.

⌚ A lot of times when I open Teams, I look straight past the left rail and go right into Chat or a meeting.

But lately I've spent more time going through that left rail and beginning to notice what Microsoft has been quietly building there — and it's kind of cool. 🤯

What surprised me most wasn't a specific feature.

It was realizing that the left side of Teams is less of a menu and more of a quiet map of the workday: activity, conversations, shared spaces, meetings, and files — all sitting there in plain sight. 🌐

Nothing here is dramatic.

Nothing here fixes a problem.

It's just a small shift in where I start.

And some days, starting in a calmer place changes the whole tone of the day. 🍃

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