

# The ShiftShow

## Episode 29 – Microsoft Loop

### Transcript

00:00:00 Dewayne

The shift show captain's log, episode 29.

00:00:04 Dewayne

The shift show is prepping for a voyage unlike any other.

00:00:08 Dewayne

On this trip, we'll be exploring the edge of the loop Galaxy to make it, though we're going to need some system upgrades for a successful mission, our crew will need to collaborate faster than ever before.

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We're going to swap out our old collaboration core for the.

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Brand new fluid powered loop drive.

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This collaboration, hot rod will certainly give us the edge that we need to loop long and prosper.

00:00:52 Dewayne

Hey, buddy, how's it going?

00:00:55 Joe

Pretty good. You've been surviving. The last week's torrential rains, you know, flooding around here.

00:01:05 Dewayne

Florida is so aggravating on so many levels it it is raining.

00:01:12 Dewayne

It was raining nonstop, and then I looked at the forecast and the real feel.

00:01:18 Dewayne

Do you know what the real feel is?

00:01:19 Dewayne

For Friday of this week.

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I think it's getting pretty brutal.

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I don't know the exact number.

00:01:25 Dewayne

109.

00:01:26 Joe

OK.

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No, no, I didn't.

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Yeah, I didn't know.

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It's triple digits.

00:01:31 Dewayne

Yeah, the like the actual temperature is going to be like 98 or 99.

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Something like that but the.

00:01:36 Dewayne

However, they figure out what the real feel is.

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Basically, it's just gonna be miserable.

00:01:41 Joe

Went through some cooler thunderstorming crazy days and yeah, I've got to definitely get my runs in the morning like two hours earlier, easily.

00:01:51 Dewayne

Like 3:00 o'clock in the morning.

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I'll still be up, probably, so that's OK.

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Yeah, well, we are.

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We're we're a little brave this month.

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We're we're doing a lot of crazy things all at the same time.

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I think this might be our most ambitious.

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Episode yet which you know, like we're not, you know, seasoned veterans or anything like that.

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But we've been doing this for a couple of years.

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And so it's kind of fun to.

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Keep it spicy.

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Yeah, I think what we're gonna you know, we're going to be covering is something that's not readily available everywhere, not something that.

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Able to fully take it and embrace it, at least in my my day job.

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It's not enabled yet.

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But it's definitely a game changer and a significant.

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Enhancement to the capabilities around collaboration that's come into Microsoft 365, that is.

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Important to start really getting the information out there and getting people prepared and ready for it.

00:03:04 Dewayne

So we're, I'll be, I guess, in full transparency to our audience, whoever you might be, we we like to talk about edge.

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You tech right specifically around, you know, research institutions and Cooperative Extension programs.

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And those types of things.

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And yeah, we're going to talk about some tooling.

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That is currently in preview, so this is the first time we've ever talked about a feature that, like you said, isn't readily available.

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We're trying this on a new podcasting platform.

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So that's a little bit of a leap of.

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Faith, so hopefully it sounds OK and everything works and the recordings are there and and what we're going to talk about is highly visual and we can only use words.

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So it's going to be hard.

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So we for those of you who are listening, who don't know.

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We do a newsletter on LinkedIn.

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It has pictures and videos, pop ups, coloring areas.

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The whole 9 yards and so you'll be able to see kind of what we're talking about, what we're going to try our best to describe this product and then go through the anatomy of it and then go through how we think.

00:04:18 Dewayne

It probably will be used, but it isn't preview, so big asterisk there.

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It might change, it will change.

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I'm sure there's things that aren't.

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Like fully baked.

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Yet you know, there's things that are missing that will come later cause it's it's in preview right?

00:04:40 Joe

We we have to be.

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Ready to get looping?

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Yeah, we have it.

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I was heading towards like, what are we going to end up with a name for this thing because it's too much fun to go with a name for this podcast.

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Though I was like loop.

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There it is.

00:04:55 Joe

Live long and prosper.

00:04:56 Joe

So I think I think we're going to have some fun with it, definitely for us.

00:04:57 Dewayne

That's the winner, yeah.

00:05:01 Dewayne

Well, if you haven't figured.

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Or if you have no idea what we're talking about, Microsoft has kind of started unveiling a brand new collaboration.

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I don't know method almost called Microsoft Loop.

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And you and I saw kind of like the.

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Foundations of this we were at a nerd conference.

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You know 35,000 other nerds all packed into a building in the Orange County Convention Center and and they unveiled something that kind of blew our minds.

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And then we were like, this is gonna really take a lot to understand and it was called the fluid framework.

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And it's still around.

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So what they call it?

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It's kind of like the.

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I don't know under the scene behind the scenes action that's powering this experience, but you want to walk us through what we saw at Ignite and what we kind of what we thought.

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Yeah, it was definitely mind-blowing.

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Capable of collaborating anywhere.

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You were working basically and fast and really just beautiful looking.

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It was very modern.

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Emojis everywhere, very fast response, very fast interaction.

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People collaborating in.

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In more real time than we have now, it felt like we were watching.

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People can get together on a Word document, a OneNote.

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You can almost kind of watch someones cursor move around in Excel.

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This felt even well fluid.

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It was. It was a.

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Good, good name.

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Initial name for that?

00:06:46 Dewayne

It was like fast fluid.

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It wasn't like, you know.

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A nice bubbling brook.

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It was like like a AH octane waterfall like it was really.

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It's the fire hose.

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Of collaboration. Yeah, totally.

00:07:00 Dewayne

It was really.

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Really fast and and I think that's our first.

00:07:05 Dewayne

I don't know call out about what this is going to do is so this product Microsoft Loop you can get to it  
AKA dot Ms. Slash loop or go to [loop.microsoft.com](https://loop.microsoft.com).

00:07:19 Dewayne

To read about it, see about it.

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Out it is.

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A collaboration workspace where you can bring people together.

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And very, very quickly.

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Get your thoughts down.

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You know, figure out, you know, like import resources and and assets from other areas, like documents  
or videos, and put them right in the canvas of this thing.

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And it's really like flexible in.

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Fluid, you know, it's just and it's freaking fast. It's so fast. I think we were joking around beforehand, saying like, this is like the F1, you know, Formula One version of collaborating.

00:08:04 Joe

So I I I think, yeah.

00:08:06 Joe

Yeah, I think something that might be helpful helpful for people to.

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It's so cool.

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Think about is we've had some of this kind of technology around for a long time and maybe people are using and this definitely takes it up a notch.

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There is something called object linking and embedding and that's something that we've been able to use.

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I went and looked back, probably been around 35 years where we've been able to take a something conceptually.

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Like you have a Word document.

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And you have an Excel document and excel has.

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Your data that maybe.

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Needs to go into a word report.

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We can use.

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Ole to take that chart in Excel or take a table in Excel and embed it into your Word document and somebody else could or someone else.

00:08:51 Dewayne

Or your PowerPoint. Yeah, PowerPoint.

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Word office documents.

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Yeah, someone else might own that Excel file.

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You're responsible for the Word document in producing this report.

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Well, you can get a link to that, embed it, pull the data in, and they may still be working on the final numbers and things like that.

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But you can continue to work on your Word document and every once in a while you can update.

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You'd have to go through a process, select that content, refresh it.

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So it's kind of the concept that we have, but like you said, F1 level formula racing fast, the number of capabilities around the, the types of objects that we can bring in and do that with now and where we can do this is what's going to be amazing to people, it's.

00:09:42 Joe

It's not just between Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

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Yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:09:46 Dewayne

And of course, there's going to be a little bit of a I sprinkled in here a little bit of.

00:09:55 Dewayne

Of deep rabbit hole called the graph which is going to connect you to peers that you work with and and documents that might be relevant.

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You know if you and I.

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Might be working on a document together a lot like that's going to become surfaced and loop and say hey, do you want to pull this into your workspace?

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You know that kind of stuff.

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And and it's just, yeah, I'm super excited about this.

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And I will say I'm going to go out on a limb and I'm just going to make some wild like.

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Proclamation that this is like this is a major, major, major step in the direction of how people collaborate.

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Know cause think about.

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Think about where we were.

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Like pre, pre teams you know take us back.

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How how was?

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It, like the dark Ages, we'll just go ahead and call it that.

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Like, what was life like when I needed to get?

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Your sign off on something.

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I'm sending an e-mail or I'm picking up a phone call, you know, picking up a phone and making a call.

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Maybe, but I'm probably waiting on an e-mail somewhere.

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Not fast, you know, not often required to constantly be checking that back and forth.

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So that that can definitely has slowed down our collaboration waiting for that final approval on a document or trying to pull together just some.

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Some fast information that we need and sending out an e-mail to 20 people and trying to get back data and then, you know, collate it, put it together so.

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Yeah, that's what we were used to.

00:11:36 Dewayne

Yeah, having having an e-mail go out to five people with five attachments and then you get 5.

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Versions coming back.

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And so we kind of crawled out of the dark ages a little bit, right?

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And not a little bit a.

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Lot a bit.

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And along comes, you know, what SharePoint?

00:11:56 Dewayne

We have a friend. What was her saying? About how what to do with the file and 11 file one place.

00:12:04 Dewayne

Right.

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And so now take us through the evolution of we're getting away from attachments and moving into.

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Links, links and embeddings.

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So now what we're heading towards with something that hopefully people have been able to experience.

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If it's is loop components, for example in teams.

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And bringing that into a chat of some sort, you can ask for we've got voting tables, we have task lists or just a standard bulleted list you can bring in and drop that into teams and work on that with everybody in that.

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Work together on that.

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Instead of, you know, you want to get, let's just pick something simple.

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You want to get.

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4th of July is coming up.

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You want to get a list of, you know, picnic items.

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To bring what?

00:13:03 Dewayne

Who's bringing the brisket?

00:13:07 Joe

Send it out in an e-mail, you know, or send, you know, send a link to an Excel file.

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And hope people are updating it and things like that.

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This tool puts the enables the ability to.

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Collect that data right where that person's probably at right where they are first the first time they're going to touch.

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Your ask about getting that information back.

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They're going to have the ability to enter and update information right there.

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It's not going to.

00:13:36 Dewayne

I'm having a flashback, Joe.

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This is the.

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This is the moment where.

00:13:41 Dewayne

We have to try to take something very visual and explain it with words, and I'm also remembering what I saw at Ignite, so this was ignite.

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2019 so it's been a minute since we saw the the pre workings of what this could be.

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So what Joe is saying is you want everybody to type in what they're going to bring to the picnic.

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But the hard part to visualize is like we're so used to or, or accustomed to conditioned to open up a file somewhere, or go to a website or whatever, right?

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Well, these loop components.

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Can function and open up directly in the e-mail itself.

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So you open, you go to your inbox, you see you got an e-mail from Joe, you click it and Joe says, hey, let me know what you're bringing to the picnic.

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And there's a field right there. Like there's like a table. And you see other people's cursors moving around. And it's like a, it's like a live document is stuck right in line in your e-mail.

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Which that was the part at Ignite where I was like, Oh my gosh, how are how?

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Are we going to explain this?

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And four years later, I'm still.

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Trying to figure it out.

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Because it's so it's so it feels like it's.

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So much of a advancement.

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Like, that's what I'm saying.

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Like it's a major shift in how we collaborate.

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You know, we're not used to.

00:15:06 Dewayne

Going to our inbox to edit something.

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You go to your inbox to read something.

00:15:09 Joe

And and I and I think I think I remember our first reaction was like but e-mail is consistently like that's the place that.

00:15:18 Joe

E-mail doesn't change.

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You know it's like.

00:15:20 Dewayne

It's mutable, right?

00:15:23 Joe

You kind of got that concept around it, but now you're putting something that's highly collaborative and changing right inside.

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The e-mail have to get around that concept of what is, what is important and it's collecting that data and that data.

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We'll talk about where that lives, how it's secure, how it's versioned, things like that.

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So there's just again, like we're talking about, this is a significant.

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Concept and change coming evolution to get around collaboration, yeah.

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Yeah, this is this is very.

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Bleeding Edge for sure.

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So, and I guess we've kind of rambled on a little bit.

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So Joe and I have been playing with loop a lot and we should.

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Talk about what you can do now, what you could do in a little while and what.

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The pieces and parts are.

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So Joe talked about what are called loop components and you can see those right now today inside of.

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You can go into a teams chat.

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You have to be chatting with someone who's in your same company right in your same organization and you'll see.

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A little little.

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Loopy looking button.

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And you know, on the bar underneath where you type your message and that's going to insert a loop component and that loop component can contain.

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All kinds of interesting pieces of information, you know, like you mentioned, a voting table, that's probably one of the most popular.

00:16:51 Dewayne

Ones I've seen in demos, but there's also simple things like a table, a task list, A bulleted list, you know, a hyperlink, all kinds of different items that you can put inside of this component.

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So that's generally available today. The thing that's in preview is the full-fledged Microsoft Loop.

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App it's a. It's a web app. It's like I said, [loop.microsoft.com](https://loop.microsoft.com), but that is going to be this what they're calling workspace, where you're going to take all this information and you're going to assemble it.

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Into one place, kind of like you would do with A1 note. And so there's a lot of chatter around loop versus one note.

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Are they going to go into the Thunderdome and one come out alive like I think they're both going to be a fine.

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They're kind of different.

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Different purposes, especially in education, you know, Edu has lots of very unique capabilities that are built into OneNote.

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Loop is more.

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I don't want to say professional, but it's more business.

00:18:05 Dewayne

I don't know to use.

00:18:06 Dewayne

My words for that but.

00:18:08 Joe

Yeah, I would say that.

00:18:10 Joe

I mean, I think it's important to try to try to and we're still dealing with it ourselves.

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Where where does one now fit in?

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Where does loop fit in?

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I I think that, like you said, education and the the way OneNote is integrated into things like class teams and things like that.

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OneNote, where some things that I see it does differently is.

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Right now I have.

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I can create a OneNote page and I have a full canvas where I can basically paste something, start something anywhere on that canvas so I can.

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I often will.

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Maybe I'm walking through and install some software, I'll take some screenshots.

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And I'll drop those on the page and off to the right of that image.

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I might put some notes about what I was doing at that point.

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Right, you know, so it's there's an image on the left, some text on the right.

00:19:03 Joe

The current way that the loop pages are working.

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Then we'll talk about these.

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They seem to be more top down.

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You're you're working like, more like a document.

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Like a document. Yeah, yeah.

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So there's a top down concept of taking these lists and these tables and checklists and putting them kind of 1 after the other on top of each other.

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OneNote is inking.

00:19:26 Joe

There's, you know, translation, transcription kind of technology in there.

00:19:31 Joe

So I think they definitely are going to be serving 2 purposes and have both.

00:19:35 Joe

Have you know, valid reasons and and clear delineations why you might want to pick one versus the other.

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Are you an extension agent?

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Just getting started with teams, or maybe you're experienced, but you're looking to improve your digital cloud skill set.

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Are you an IT pro supporting extension programs at your university?

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Well, you're invited to join us in a community working to empower extension agents and their support staff to scale up and learn together.

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If you're interested, visit AKA dot Ms.

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Join Cloudy County to sign up and join us for monthly.

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Training sessions in open discussion with your hosts of the shift show cloudy county extension, essential cloud skills for extension by extension.

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Yeah, the inking is is pretty big.

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You know if you're a tablet user, got a stylus, it's pretty, it's pretty sweet to be able to just, you know, hand write your notes and have it convert it to text.

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And I I would say.

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Generally speaking, I don't wanna make any like absolutes here because that's not.

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That's not what I'm doing, but generally speaking I would say that one note is less collaborative than loop.

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And that might be an absolute sure.

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Dwayne said it here cause one note.

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Yes, you can have a notebook and a team, but.

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It's it's not live like you can see edits kind of as they happen.

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There's some sort of synchronization that's occurring and I can see, you know, we've used OneNote together for every episode of our Our podcast since we started it.

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And you know, I can see you putting stuff in there, but I.

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Don't see your cursor?

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I don't see where you are.

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You can't mention me, you know or react to something that I did.

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So I would.

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Yeah, I would say it's less collaborative.

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And it's more.

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Personal you know, I guess, what do you?

00:21:39 Joe

Think there's definitely a heavier aspect to it?

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Yeah, I would say so.

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There's, yeah, like you said, obviously you can have multiple people come in all work inside of a OneNote.

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People get their own sections.

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Pages like that, but yeah, yeah, definitely not live.

00:21:56 Dewayne

It's kind of more for reference though not live.

00:22:03 Joe

Kind of loop to me is heading towards.

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I'm getting stuff and gathering it.

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I need this stuff.

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Sooner and maybe eventually, I'm going to take this.

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Data and put it somewhere else as a final document.

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I mean, I'm not even sure what this stuff looks like.

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We try to print it right now.

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So it's really.

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Just talked to this.

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So if you're using this to produce a PDF down the road, it might not be the tool, but collect a bunch of data and a bunch of information.

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And and you know, work through that quickly that that is definitely a key that we're going to.

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Be using loop for yeah.

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Alright, so we have 3.

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Pieces to talk about when it comes to the Loop app itself, and you're going to think about these kind of top down kind of sort of there's a thing called a workspace workspace is what you will create when you go to [loop.microsoft.com](https://loop.microsoft.com) and.

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These workspaces will contain your pages.

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Your pages will contain your items like your content.

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You know an item could be.

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Like we said earlier, with the component stuff inside of teams chat like the item could be a label that says this is a.

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Facilities or human resources, or, you know, whatever the item could be a voting table.

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The item could be a regular table.

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The item could be a task list, which is really a really cool one and and so that this that's kind of like your canvas where this stuff goes and these pages.

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You know, I just keep going back to speed and and.

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They're so alive, like you're going to see who's on that page, right.

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So there's going to be some presence capability of who's looking at this at the same time as me.

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Right now you're going to see where their cursor is, kind of like you would with a word.

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Document but somehow.

00:24:10 Dewayne

I don't have any like science behind this, but somehow it feels even faster.

00:24:15 Dewayne

I don't know.

00:24:15 Dewayne

Is that me?

00:24:16 Dewayne

Am I just making stuff up or do you feel like it's?

00:24:18 Joe

No, I feel that definitely I think it's just a modern look to it.

00:24:22 Joe

It's you said it's very pretty beautiful.

00:24:26 Joe

It's there's little, there's little, and there's little.

00:24:30 Joe

There's a lot of UI there that helps you just you know you're going to learn and figure out what these mean.

00:24:38 Joe

Years for like what's been changed recently?

00:24:41 Speaker 3

It has changed it, yeah.

00:24:43 Dewayne

I'll say that like the the way that.

00:24:46 Dewayne

They've figured out.

00:24:46 Dewayne

How to let me know that something has changed is so subtle but so functional, right?

00:24:54 Dewayne

Think about how do you.

00:24:55 Dewayne

Unless you're doing something.

00:24:58 Dewayne

Like track changes in Word, how are you going to just open a document and immediately see what's new?

00:25:05 Dewayne

Right.

00:25:06 Dewayne

This thing as soon as I jump back into the page where you and I were.

00:25:09 Dewayne

Working I see just this real little small dot right next to a line and I hover over it and it's like hey Joe did some stuff.

00:25:20 Dewayne

And then I can look at it and see, you know?

00:25:21 Dewayne

Oh, OK, Joe did that and it's very, very.

00:25:27 Dewayne

I don't know how else to explain it.

00:25:29 Dewayne

We're going to overuse that, I can tell.

00:25:34 Dewayne

But and to continue on with like the beautiful part of it, like there's this real emphasis on imagery.

00:25:43 Dewayne

And emojis and color, you know like color coding things and making sure that like you can organize this however you want like the people that love colored post it notes are gonna lose their mind for this like cause you can do whatever you want on this page to organize things in a way that.

00:26:05 Dewayne

Sensible for your project like however you want to.

00:26:09 Dewayne

Color-coded, you know.

00:26:15 Dewayne

The thing you did to me today?

00:26:16 Dewayne

What the heck was that?

00:26:18 Dewayne

That was a boost.

00:26:19 Dewayne

That was a boost, so.

00:26:20 Dewayne

That's very new.

00:26:21 Dewayne

That's very new.

00:26:22 Dewayne

So that was so I had written something.

00:26:26 Dewayne

And you hovered over whatever I.

00:26:29 Dewayne

Wrote and you see.

00:26:29 Dewayne

Like uh, kind of like the little text message bubbles, you know next to it.

00:26:35 Dewayne

And that's kind of like your indicator of ohh I can leave a comment on this so I'm not.

00:26:39 Dewayne

Going to like.

00:26:40 Dewayne

Old school, right next to it.

00:26:42 Dewayne

In like a Word document in a different font or a different color.

00:26:46 Dewayne

You can actually leave a proper comment that doesn't tear up the original content.

00:26:50 Dewayne

You know it doesn't manipulate the original content at.

00:26:53 Dewayne

And yeah, when you hovered over it, it was like hey.

00:26:57 Dewayne

Leave it a, you know, would you use a spotlight?

00:27:01 Dewayne

And the next time I went to the page and I scrolled down, I saw this animated spotlight shine a light on what you commented on.

00:27:13

And I just.

00:27:14 Dewayne

I was like ohh he wants me.

00:27:15 Dewayne

To look at this.

00:27:19 Dewayne

It's very obvious he wants me to go look at this.

00:27:23 Joe

Definitely boosted eyes towards that.

00:27:25 Joe

You know section that text.

00:27:28 Dewayne

So that's part of the, I don't know, the beauty of it is it's this very.

00:27:34 Dewayne

Flexible, very interactive.

00:27:37 Dewayne

You know, very interactive.

00:27:39 Dewayne

It's not just again, you know, contrasting it to just a document, you can leave comments in a document, sure, but the comments kind of like live on the side, you know, like these comments are right literally in the middle of where?

00:27:54 Dewayne

You're working, you know, as you're scrolling you.

00:27:56 Dewayne

Have a conversation about a table.

00:28:01 Dewayne

You know, in the in the in the canvas.

00:28:04

That's so cool.

00:28:05 Joe

And some things just require you to just just hover over it and you can you can get information you're not having to click move around.

00:28:12 Joe

I like the fact that in places maybe we're used to double right clicking on something to get.

00:28:20 Joe

Extra information about it maybe formatting and things like that.

00:28:24 Joe

This is quicker to do some things.

00:28:27 Joe

I can double click on some words and immediately I'm going to get a little mini pop up on formatting.

00:28:31 Joe

Just a lot of little enhancements like that that really well thought out experience for us on.

00:28:40 Joe

Like this you.

00:28:40 Joe

Know we're trying to do things quicker and faster with this, so bring in some of those tools easier to get access to.

00:28:48 Speaker 3

We're back to speed, yeah.

00:28:50 Dewayne

Yeah, I mean, so if if you're following along and you're like, oh, what are their main points?

00:28:55 Dewayne

Point number one, this thing is fast.

00:28:58 Dewayne

It is so fast to get stuff done.

00:29:01 Dewayne

It's so fast. Not just.

00:29:04 Dewayne

Not just performance fast, but intuitiveness.

00:29:10 Dewayne

It didn't take very long of us playing with it for us to figure out like, oh, OK, this means he did something.

00:29:15 Dewayne

This is how I comment on something.

00:29:16 Dewayne

This is how I tag somebody.

00:29:19 Dewayne

This is how I pull in a document.

00:29:21 Dewayne

You know you can you know how you can at mention people.

00:29:25 Dewayne

You know you can add.

00:29:26 Dewayne

Mention a file.

00:29:29 Dewayne

Like I want to at mention, you know, super important presentation dot PPTX just so that it's linked here so that.

00:29:38 Dewayne

The in the flow of work where we're talking about our ideas about this big presentation that we're going to deliver the presentations right there.

00:29:47 Dewayne

You know one click away from.

00:29:50 Dewayne

Like it and kind of like you were saying earlier like.

00:29:52 Dewayne

Loop might be.

00:29:54 Dewayne

The place where we create the ideas and where we put down the thoughts around what we're going to make.

00:30:02 Dewayne

But the final product might be a PowerPoint presentation.

00:30:07 Dewayne

Or it might be a report of some kind right of a paper that you're that you're.

00:30:13 Dewayne

Going to submit.

00:30:14 Dewayne

But all the build up all the data.

00:30:17 Dewayne

That you're trying to collect.

00:30:20 Dewayne

Happening in loop, you'll collect it.

00:30:23 Dewayne

I'll definitely say this.

00:30:24 Dewayne

You'll collect it faster.

00:30:26 Joe

Yeah, the just the the ability to be like in a chat in teams and and you're you're working through like a little.

00:30:34 Joe

Team call on some project and you come up with and just say you know we need to.

00:30:39 Joe

You know, we need to collect some information from our consumers of this service.

00:30:45 Joe

What you know, what are they?

00:30:46 Joe

What do they?

00:30:46 Joe

Need improvements on that.

00:30:49 Joe

We think they need just right there.

00:30:51 Joe

Create a just create a table and start typing right, you know right in your chat.

00:30:55 Joe

Don't need to go spin up planner or spin up a list.

00:31:02 Joe

You know, don't don't waste that time you've got. You've got the idea already turning in people's minds. Put something in a loop component right there and.

00:31:10 Joe

Start working on it.

00:31:11 Joe

You can take that if you need to somewhere else, or pull that component.

00:31:16 Joe

Into a project workspace and pull it into a page.

00:31:19 Joe

And start building that.

00:31:21 Joe

You know that would be the concept around that would be the concept around that.

00:31:25 Dewayne

Before we go too far down the component path, can you rewind a little bit because you talked about you said words that made my ears perk up.

00:31:33 Dewayne

You said planner.

00:31:35 Dewayne

You said tasks.

00:31:38 Dewayne

You said like where you're working, you know, instead of having to go build something new, talk to me about what happens when you make a task list and.

00:31:50 Joe

So we make a a task list in loop or I mean they've got progress trackers, you know, they've got these kind of concepts around that, but a task list is going to create yourself a table with.

00:32:04 Joe

Columns kind of ready to go for what you'd expect.

00:32:07 Joe

For what do you need for tasks?

00:32:09 Joe

Well, you've got.

00:32:10 Joe

You've got something that you are what is the task and usually going to assign that to someone.

00:32:16 Joe

And the integration with assigning.

00:32:21 Joe

Loop component an item in a task list.

00:32:25 Joe

That can flow all the way into the.

00:32:26 Joe

Persons to do.

00:32:29 Joe

So it's really quickly integrated into this other systems that we have now, which also is really important so that we're not designing another service where we need to go look for some of these kind of things, we're expecting somewhere else to ask.

00:32:48 Joe

Do tasks really well to do? That's where you go for our tasks. Don't build something else out, so make sure that our task list they took care of that it's integrated into these other services across Microsoft 365.

00:33:05 Joe

Well it you know, I think that's really important and well thought out to to make sure we don't end up with a new pocket of someplace.

00:33:11 Joe

Where these things get lost?

00:33:13 Dewayne

We don't need any.

00:33:14 Dewayne

More silos for sure.

00:33:16 Joe

I'm going to take.

00:33:17 Joe

I'm gonna take a step back one more time.

00:33:19 Joe

Just because this, like you said, this is visual and we're trying to get people to understand.

00:33:24 Joe

I'm going to talk a little bit about and compare it to OneNote.

00:33:27 Joe

I think real quick again our.

00:33:30 Joe

Conceptually to me are workspace.

00:33:34 Joe

Is probably a.

00:33:39 Joe

Well, it could be a section.

00:33:41 Joe

In OneNote and the pages in loop would be like a page in those sections in OneNote.

00:33:52 Joe

So if you've got a section that's designed around a project of some sort or workspace could be something around.

00:33:58 Joe

Also around a project.

00:34:01 Joe

But with our workspaces.

00:34:05 Joe

It might have to be all the way to the top of an entire OneNote.

00:34:09 Joe

Because of the sharing capability, is built in the loop is.

00:34:16 Joe

Really clean fast.

00:34:18 Joe

Share it with you know anybody, you, anybody you want in your?

00:34:24 Joe

That just another layer there, but conceptually that workspace could be an entire OneNote and you've got pages in your OneNote or maybe section.

00:34:34 Joe

In OneNote and then pages down there.

00:34:36 Joe

So visually just trying to help people kind of think about that.

00:34:40 Joe

And then on those one on those loop pages, that's where you're getting.

00:34:44 Joe

These these items that you can add.

00:34:49 Joe

Maybe you need to talk about when you first drop something on a page.

00:34:53 Joe

It's it's an item, it's a loop item.

00:34:56 Joe

To me, it's not.

00:34:57 Joe

Is it really yet a component?

00:34:59 Joe

It's not yet that component which, and let's talk about what that component means.

00:35:04 Joe

What do we what can we do differently with that component?

00:35:06 Dewayne

Yeah, let me let me read a few things.

00:35:08 Dewayne

Microsoft has a page support page.

00:35:11 Dewayne

We'll put it in the show notes.

00:35:12 Dewayne

We'll of course put it in the in the newsletter, so if you're not connected with us on LinkedIn, now's the plug.

00:35:21 Dewayne

Connect with us on LinkedIn and subscribe to our newsletter because that's where you'll see the visuals for this.

00:35:27 Dewayne

But I'm going to go from the bottom up versus how Microsoft has it on here.

00:35:32 Dewayne

It says loop workspaces are shared spaces.

00:35:36 Dewayne

They'll allow you and your team to see and group everything important to your project, making it easy for you to catch up on what everyone is working on, track their progress towards your shared goals.

00:35:48 Dewayne

And then within your workspaces you have pages.

00:35:50 Dewayne

Microsoft says this pages are flexible canvases and the loop app where you can bring together people and all of your components, links, tasks and data which Joe and I have been referring to as items.

00:36:05 Dewayne

Loop pages can start small, continue to grow to match the size of your ideas.

00:36:10 Dewayne

Loop pages can be shared across Microsoft 365 apps as a link or as an embedded component. Now we get to components. This is the.

00:36:22 Dewayne

If you've listened this far, you're in for a treat.

00:36:25 Dewayne

This is this is it, right here.

00:36:27 Dewayne

Loop components are portable pieces of content that stay In Sync across all of the places that they are shared.

00:36:36 Dewayne

Components allow you to collaborate and the flow of.

00:36:39 Dewayne

Work on a loop page in a teams chat in an e-mail, in a meeting or even inside of a document.

00:36:46 Dewayne

They can be lists, they can be notes, they can even be more than that.

00:36:51 Dewayne

You're always working with the latest information and whatever your preferred app is.

00:36:55 Dewayne

So if you want to use.

00:36:57 Dewayne

Microsoft Teams, if you want to use Outlook.

00:37:00 Dewayne

If you want to use word.

00:37:02 Dewayne

If you want to use whiteboard.

00:37:04 Dewayne

If you want you know the Loop app loop proper components live in all of those places.

00:37:11 Dewayne

So I think the key thing here is the very first sentence.

00:37:14 Dewayne

It says loop components are portable pieces of content portable.

00:37:19 Dewayne

So Joe, you want to break down, how do you make data that's in a notebook?

00:37:27 Joe

Well, I I think what's?

00:37:28 Joe

Important here to make sure.

00:37:30 Joe

That people understand, is it?

00:37:32 Joe

It's not producing like an attachment that that portability isn't.

00:37:36 Joe

Isn't something like that?

00:37:36 Dewayne

It's not thumb drive.

00:37:39 Joe

So it's right now my first thought is I don't know if you like that word portable.

00:37:45 Joe

It feels like immediately I'm thinking that I'm picking up this thing.

00:37:50 Joe

And it's disconnected from something else as my.

00:37:53 Joe

Anyway, my first reaction to that.

00:37:56 Joe

But it's a it's almost like a viewport like there's there's some place where there is this window to this data.

00:38:06 Joe

There's you've got a bulleted list.

00:38:08 Joe

And multiple ways to view that.

00:38:10 Joe

You could view it through, you know, the lens of a camera.

00:38:14 Joe

You could view it through, you know, a window.

00:38:17 Joe

You could be right up on it and looking at it in person, those that that loop component could be in an e-mail, that same loop component could be viewed inside of a Word document, the same loop.

00:38:28 Joe

Component could be inside of a teams chat, but you're.

00:38:32 Joe

Turn it to kind of that raw data wherever that thing lives.

00:38:36 Joe

Which of course is going to be SharePoint.

00:38:38 Joe

So somewhere in there that that's the kind of that portability, the viewing of that data and the updating of it is what's portable.

00:38:50 Dewayne

So we go back to speed.

00:38:51 Joe

The data moves.

00:38:52 Joe

Around in different places, but it's all viewing and looking at one you know the one.

00:38:58 Joe

Place where it lives so.

00:39:01 Dewayne

The we talked about this earlier when we talked about the picnic example and being able to embed a loop component directly into an e-mail, and I feel like the speed aspect, you know, if we reverse to.

00:39:16 Dewayne

.1 of our episode here is you're probably more likely.

00:39:23 Dewayne

To get like if you're depending upon somebody else to give you information.

00:39:28 Dewayne

It's in your best interest from a productivity standpoint to make it as easy on them as you possibly can, right?

00:39:37 Dewayne

You know, if there's, if you lessen the friction between the information that they have and and what you need, you're probably more likely to get it quicker, right?

00:39:47 Dewayne

And again, loops all about.

00:39:49 Dewayne

And our this is not what I don't know if this is what the loop team says, but this is what Dwayne Joe say.

00:39:54 Dewayne

It's all about speed.

00:39:55 Dewayne

Formula One racing of collaboration.

00:39:59 Dewayne

So I need you to give me information.

00:40:03 Dewayne

I can put it directly in our teams chat and not just say hey, can you send me a chat message with the things that you're going to bring to the picnic?

00:40:13 Dewayne

Because now what do I have to do?

00:40:15 Dewayne

I have to copy and paste whatever you said and go format it in whatever place it's going to live, right?

00:40:23 Dewayne

Well, now with this component aspect, this portable component I just take this component from loop.

00:40:30 Dewayne

Drop it right into our teams chat.

00:40:32 Dewayne

You update it directly in line in the teams chat.

00:40:35 Dewayne

You never have to switch windows.

00:40:38 Dewayne

You never click a hyperlink, you never have to open up a file you know, like directly where I just asked you for the thing.

00:40:46 Dewayne

You just give me the answer and whatever you type in is automagically being synchronized to my loop workspace where I'm collecting all of that information in one place.

00:40:57 Dewayne

That blows my mind.

00:40:59 Dewayne

It's so hard to.

00:41:01 Dewayne

To say in words, and hopefully people like realize the impact of.

00:41:05 Dewayne

That it's crazy.

00:41:06 Joe

Is is way better than sending an e-mail to one person on your team saying tell me what you're bringing and then forward this to the next person you know and you end up with.

00:41:16 Joe

If they forward it properly in this e-mail chain, you eventually you've got what everybody everybody's bringing.

00:41:21 Joe

You don't do that any more.

00:41:23 Dewayne

More and if they're all, like, not aware of what the others are bringing, well then you have like 8 people who all brought you know artichoke dip or something and then you're.

00:41:33 Dewayne

All sitting there looking at.

00:41:35 Dewayne

So put everything in one place and then send out the components and say, hey everybody type in what you're going to bring and they all are aware instantly.

00:41:48 Dewayne

Of what's in that component?

00:41:50 Dewayne

And again, the the beauty of this is you are minimizing 100 other steps that they might have to take to give you the information that you want or steps on your part of having to reconcile that information like we're kind of almost.

00:42:05 Dewayne

Still, in a weird way, preventing the dark ages of, you know, sitting out a file attachment and having to get 5 copies of it back and then reconcile them together, and then go put them into the final version of the policy or whatever it might be.

00:42:19 Dewayne

You're you're letting them update the actual.

00:42:22 Dewayne

Data source itself, but only the part of it.

00:42:27 Dewayne

That you want them to update.

00:42:30 Speaker 3

I think take us through really.

00:42:32 Dewayne

That's the big one.

00:42:32 Joe

I think that's, yeah, I think it's important.

00:42:35 Joe

You know having.

00:42:37 Joe

Having this, we've we've got a workspace, we've got a page, we've got components on the pages that where where can you?

00:42:45 Joe

How how far down the hole can you delegate?

00:42:49 Joe

And I think that's kind of important.

00:42:51 Joe

You've got these.

00:42:51 Joe

You got these individual components that live on a page.

00:42:56 Joe

That component could be, maybe you emailed you, you create that component on this page, you e-mail it out to five people, they get access to update and edit that component that lives on a page that they don't have access to.

00:43:10 Joe

That you could share.

00:43:12 Joe

That page with a different set of people.

00:43:15 Joe

And they would have access to everything on that page and then at the works.

00:43:19 Dewayne

This is so crazy, Joe.

00:43:19 Joe

With the workspace level.

00:43:21 Joe

'S The workspace, but then at the workspace level you could bring in a different set of people also and they would have access to all the pages and all the components.

00:43:31 Joe

On there, so definitely very granular, I would say ways to.

00:43:39 Joe

Help people help you.

00:43:41 Joe

You know, build up information about some project you're working.

00:43:45 Dewayne

And I'm I'm not going to.

00:43:46 Dewayne

I'm not going to trash talk one note because I've used OneNote for a long time.

00:43:50 Dewayne

I love OneNote.

00:43:51 Dewayne

We have an episode all about OneNote.

00:43:52 Dewayne

Heather Severino was on our.

00:43:54 Dewayne

Show talked about it.

00:43:56 Dewayne

However, you can't share just a page.

00:44:01 Dewayne

Right, you have to give them access to the whole notebook.

00:44:05 Dewayne

A A Word document.

00:44:07 Dewayne

You can't share a page from a Word document.

00:44:12 Dewayne

You can't share a paragraph from a Word document.

00:44:18 Dewayne

But I'm going to color a picture here for us.

00:44:20 Dewayne

And hopefully, hopefully.

00:44:21 Dewayne

This will make it all audibly make visual sense.

00:44:25 Joe

You know, as best as I could.

00:44:26 Dewayne

Do you've got a committee of?

00:44:29 Dewayne

Five people, those five people are charged with creating some sort of important piece of information.

00:44:37 Dewayne

All those five people are members of the workspace.

00:44:41 Dewayne

They have full access to everything.

00:44:44 Dewayne

They have the ability to delete.

00:44:46 Dewayne

They have the ability to create.

00:44:48 Dewayne

They have the ability to invite, right?

00:44:51 Dewayne

They are owners, Co owners, if you will, of the workspace.

00:44:55 Dewayne

But you start to create your pages and you've got different create different pages created for different purposes, different work streams, different divisions of your business, right and now maybe.

00:45:06 Dewayne

You need to.

00:45:07 Dewayne

Gather some information from the finance department.

00:45:10 Dewayne

But you don't necessarily need the finance department to see what the human resources department said about whatever policy it is that.

00:45:18 Dewayne

Well, you could share just the finance page.

00:45:23 Dewayne

With that person.

00:45:25 Dewayne

And when they look at loop, that's all they see is that one page, but whatever they're typing in whatever kind of data they're giving you is still kind of being assembled into your larger, bigger picture workspace.

00:45:42 Dewayne

And so you're almost.

00:45:45 Dewayne

Right.

00:45:45 Dewayne

You're delegating the fact finding and it's all coming together in one big space that you're controlling what?

00:45:54 Dewayne

The whole thing looks like.

00:45:56 Dewayne

And then we go down even further into the rabbit hole you've got.

00:46:02 Dewayne

You've got a section on a page, right?

00:46:05 Dewayne

So you've got a, you know, the finance stuff, you know, they're doing their thing right now.

00:46:09 Dewayne

You talk to facilities, right?

00:46:10 Dewayne

We need to get some information about.

00:46:11 Dewayne

A building, and maybe we're very I'm really making this up on the fly.

00:46:16 Dewayne

Maybe they're very concerned.

00:46:18 Dewayne

About the HVAC.

00:46:19 Dewayne

You know, I don't know.

00:46:21 Joe

I hope right now in Florida.

00:46:23 Dewayne

Yeah, exactly. It's.

00:46:24 Dewayne

Hot and and so you could create on that page.

00:46:32 Dewayne

And then in that component you could put a table and say I need to make model and serial number of every HVAC unit in building 120.

00:46:42 Dewayne

And you could share that component.

00:46:45 Dewayne

Directly to them in a teams chat and they would fill it in, but that's the only thing they could see.

00:46:51 Dewayne

They had no visibility to what else was on the rest of that page and absolutely no visibility to the rest of the workspace.

00:47:01 Dewayne

But again, you've kind of farmed out.

00:47:05 Dewayne

The the data collection the the input that you needed to make the bigger picture all in you know however you want it orchestrated however you want it to look and that.

00:47:17 Dewayne

Ohh gosh, I don't know if we can do a good enough job with just.

00:47:19 Dewayne

Words how powerful this is.

00:47:22 Dewayne

It is crazy powerful.

00:47:24 Joe

And and I think you know it's it may not be trust maybe you know you trust your your your employees to come in?

00:47:32 Joe

Maybe you gave them access to the entire page.

00:47:34 Joe

That's OK, but what if you if they don't need to see all that other stuff and and waste their time?

00:47:40 Joe

You know, cruising through.

00:47:42 Joe

Your pages looking for what you wanted them to update and edit.

00:47:46 Joe

You save them time too.

00:47:48 Joe

You really just need, like you were saying, a list of HVAC units somewhere.

00:47:53 Joe

Do they need to come in and look at all this other stuff?

00:47:56 Joe

They probably don't.

00:47:57 Dewayne

With probably noise, it's probably noise, sadly, yeah.

00:47:57 Joe

It's not interesting to.

00:47:58 Joe

Them. Yeah, exactly.

00:48:01 Joe

Right, I don't.

00:48:01 Joe

Have to look at it as a as a trust issue.

00:48:04 Joe

Just look at it as you're healthy and efficient.

00:48:07 Joe

Yep, be efficient about what data you're asking for, and we're right.

00:48:10 Dewayne

Back to Speed, Joe, maybe need for speed is going to be the name of this episode.

00:48:20 Joe

Most races are all going in a loop already.

00:48:22 Dewayne

So ohh good point.

00:48:24 Dewayne

Yeah, good point.

00:48:26 Dewayne

All right, well, real quick.

00:48:30 Dewayne

Loop.microsoft.com there are going to be videos, there are going to be pictures. They're going to be words on our newsletter, you know.

00:48:41 Dewayne

Go on all the video places and type in Microsoft Loop and see what you can find.

00:48:45 Dewayne

I'm telling you you heard it from Dwayne and Joe and you and you probably lots of other people in this space.

00:48:50 Dewayne

You're saying like this is the one of the next big things like this is not only is this like a whole new way to collaborate, but Microsoft has figured out how to take this technology and build it right into other products that you're already using, like not only is just.

00:49:05 Dewayne

The the the.

00:49:07 Dewayne

The top most facing part of it amazing.

00:49:12 Dewayne

The under the hood part is also amazing and it's going to really change the way.

00:49:18 Dewayne

The speed at which we collaborate, it's it's just.

00:49:22 Dewayne

It's just fast.

00:49:26 Dewayne

Yeah, that that ability to delegate, you know, hey, fill in this table for me.

00:49:31 Dewayne

And that table lives right where you need it.

00:49:35 Dewayne

And you get everything, you get the whole picture all wrapped up in one nice neat package in a loop workspace.

00:49:40 Dewayne

That's so awesome.

00:49:42 Joe

I think really important to talk about real quick.

00:49:44 Joe

This is this is preview, not every organization is going to probably have it on yet.

00:49:49 Dewayne

Yeah. Yeah. Good call.

00:49:50 Joe

So it's not, it's not on.

00:49:51 Joe

You may not be able to see it yet, but you can.

00:49:55 Joe

Likely take advantage of some loop components in teams.

00:50:01 Joe

You may be able to start doing it in Word online and in Outlook online.

00:50:09 Joe

You might be able to start doing some of that.

00:50:10 Joe

You might want to check and see if you've got the ability to insert loop.

00:50:13 Joe

When it's in those areas now.

00:50:18 Joe

You, you know, go ahead and start pressuring your admins because they can turn it on and they can turn it on for a select set of people in your organization too.

00:50:26 Joe

If you've got some early adopters or people who need to start learning it so they can help other people, once it becomes available.

00:50:34 Dewayne

And you can get a really limited, I won't say limited, but you can get.

00:50:37 Dewayne

OK.

00:50:38 Dewayne

A feel for it if you have just a Microsoft account, you know an outlook or Hotmail, something like that.

00:50:45 Dewayne

You can go to loop.microsoft.com and you can sign in with what would be called your MSA, your personal account, and you'll be able to see loop. You'll be able to see Workspaces, you'll be able to see pages. You'll be able to see components.

00:50:59 Dewayne

Not really sure how far you can share because right now external sharing is one of the limitations, so you're not going to be able to solicit other people at other organizations to fill in information for you yet.

00:51:11 Dewayne

That's, you know, again we said.

00:51:13 Dewayne

This is a preview.

00:51:14 Dewayne

Lots of things are coming.

00:51:16 Dewayne

Make sure to pay attention to the road maps.

00:51:18 Dewayne

I will try to include as many links and useful things as possible in the show notes and our newsletter, but you could definitely get.

00:51:26 Dewayne

Feel for it at least.

00:51:27 Dewayne

See what it looks like using a Microsoft personal.

00:51:32 Dewayne

But yeah, ask your admins.

00:51:33 Dewayne

Don't tell them.

00:51:34 Dewayne

Dwayne and Joe sent you, but.

00:51:35 Dewayne

Ask your admins.

00:51:40 Dewayne

All right, that was fun.

00:51:41 Dewayne

I like I said, this is probably one of the most challenging.

00:51:46 Dewayne

Yet, because that was a very visual thing.

00:51:50 Dewayne

Brand new podcast platform that I already forgot to unmute myself on, but hopefully we can edit that out.

00:51:57 Dewayne

And yeah, I I guess, well, I'm pretty happy.

00:52:01 Joe

And like you said, visual part, once you get into loop, you'll definitely understand that visual part.

00:52:05 Joe

So yeah, yeah, fun.

00:52:08 Dewayne

Well, let's get into some wins.

00:52:09 Dewayne

We got a few minutes left.

00:52:11 Dewayne

You want to tell me a win, Joe.

00:52:12 Dewayne

You got one lined up.

00:52:15 Joe

I've had an opportunity to work with one of our Florida extension associations.

00:52:22 Joe

They've got a conference coming up and.

00:52:25 Joe

They they collect abstracts for people who are going to present a poster or present an oral presentation.

00:52:35 Joe

And the process in the previous years usually has been collecting A specially formatted like Word document with this abstract on there in the different parts of the abstract and had to be formatted a specific way and they would collect those.

00:52:48 Joe

You know, hundred, a couple 100 at least I'm sure of.

00:52:52 Joe

Of these documents and have to look through them, decide if they were going to be approved to give an oral presentation or a poster and go through that process, score them.

00:53:04 Joe

E-mail those out somewhere to all the different scores and do.

00:53:07 Joe

That kind of stuff.

00:53:08 Joe

So I had a chance to work with them to come up with a better way and.

00:53:12 Joe

Worked with our favorite Microsoft forums to collect the abstract information in a word in not in a Word document, but just in questions.

00:53:21 Joe

In Microsoft forms, there's like 5 sections to an abstract.

00:53:26 Joe

And there's different associations that they belong to, and they could also decide if they're going to do an oral presentation or a poster session.

00:53:36 Joe

But with the magic power automate.

00:53:39 Joe

Collect that information, produce some Excel documents with these separated out for each organization.

00:53:46 Joe

Each poster set each presentation set, and then those are shared out with the people who are going to actually score.

00:53:55 Joe

So we didn't have to e-mail a bunch of files around, they could just pop into the Excel file, look at them, and then I set up another set of Microsoft forms for them to enter the scoring data and collect that into some more Excel files, something they were comfortable with.

00:54:11 Joe

It was, it was a quick thing we needed to get done in a few days.

00:54:15 Joe

And then the the.

00:54:17 Joe

Those things I've done a lot, but something that I hadn't ever used before was the data analysis in Excel and coming up with a way to take the scoring information and quickly look at that Excel file and average all the totals for each abstract and score them.

00:54:38 Joe

Total them and put them into a chart or a table with data analysis.

00:54:43 Joe

It was really easy.

00:54:46 Joe

A question field.

00:54:47 Joe

You can basically say give me the average total reach abstract and it produces basically a pivot table that's sorted.

00:54:57 Joe

You know highest to lowest automatically and inserts it into Excel file.

00:55:02 Joe

It's not AI yet.

00:55:03 Joe

It's not that co-pilot thing, but sure felt like it it was.

00:55:06 Joe

So gonna say it sounds close.

00:55:08 Joe

Yeah, it was.

00:55:09 Joe

That part was really fun.

00:55:10 Joe

So it was.

00:55:12 Joe

I mean it literally.

00:55:14 Joe

10 seconds An Excel file to produce that data and again it was working with stuff that they they were comfortable with working with Excel.

00:55:22 Joe

All these files live in a team.

00:55:23 Joe

They could access them and do that kind of stuff.

00:55:25 Joe

So that worked out really well.

00:55:30 Dewayne

Well, my wind does not feel nearly.

00:55:31 Joe

What do you got?

00:55:33 Dewayne

As it's not nerdy, I know that and it's not even a win yet.

00:55:39 Dewayne

It's kind of a hope for a win, maybe like a, you know, keep me in, in your thoughts, kind of a kind of a thing.

00:55:46 Dewayne

But over the summer.

00:55:49 Dewayne

My wife and I volunteer at a camp for, I would say at risk teens.

00:55:56 Dewayne

These are teens that are like in.

00:55:59 Dewayne

Not great situations, and so I'm hoping for a win.

00:56:04 Dewayne

I'm hoping that I can.

00:56:07 Dewayne

Be a good influence.

00:56:08 Dewayne

I'm hoping that I have the.

00:56:12 Dewayne

Right answers to the questions that might come up, the ability to.

00:56:18 Dewayne

You know, there's some really cool like we call it challenge course like team building exercises to try to help build self esteem, problem solving and those types of things that that we go through.

00:56:32 Dewayne

And so I'm really excited for those to try.

00:56:34 Dewayne

To help them, you know.

00:56:36 Dewayne

Just progress and and some of these boys, you know, it's all boys obviously and some of them have been through some stuff that I can't even imagine.

00:56:45 Dewayne

And so I'm hoping for a win.

00:56:47 Dewayne

So y'all give me, give me the vibes.

00:56:49 Dewayne

Give me give me all that and hopefully I can report back on the next episode that it was a win.

00:56:55 Dewayne

This is my second year doing it.

00:56:57 Dewayne

So I'm not a veteran, but I'm not a newbie either.

00:57:02 Dewayne

Yeah, yeah, that's funny.

00:57:02 Joe

Well, it's a great a great cause and definitely sends some good, good vibes your way and is it this coming weekend is that so, I hope.

00:57:10 Dewayne

Yeah, I leave Wednesday night.

00:57:16 Joe

Hope you can stay cool somewhere.

00:57:17 Joe

Hope there's a lake or.

00:57:18 Joe

Something by this is.

00:57:19 Dewayne

It would be so.

00:57:19 Joe

Hot go just at a.

00:57:22 Joe

Duane, go jump in a lake.

00:57:23 Dewayne

Yeah, there's a lake.

00:57:24 Dewayne

But you know what likes warm weather, amoebas.

00:57:32 Dewayne

Well, now they're cold blooded.

00:57:33 Dewayne

Well, I don't know.

00:57:35 Dewayne

It's gotta get too hot for an alligator eventually, yeah.

00:57:38 Dewayne

Real feel of 109. The Gators might even say forget it and just go to sleep.

00:57:42 Dewayne

At the bottom of the lake.

00:57:44 Dewayne

We'll see, but yeah, it's it's going to be, you know, there's there's a lake fishing, you know, tubing on a boat, you know, all kinds of fun stuff and lots of basketball and.

00:57:56 Dewayne

And yeah, yeah, that kind of stuff.

00:57:57 Joe

You're going to do great.

00:57:59 Dewayne

So not a win yet kind of a cop out.

00:58:03 Joe

We'll, we'll we'll get a we'll get a report next month.

00:58:06 Dewayne

Yeah. Yeah and.

00:58:08 Dewayne

Our our podcast hasn't been on a very predictable cadence, but you know, we're trying.

00:58:13 Dewayne

We're doing our best.

00:58:15 Dewayne

It's been hard.

00:58:16 Dewayne

Joe and I are working in two different places now.

00:58:18 Dewayne

It's it's difficult to keep everything in alignment and he's really busy.

00:58:22 Dewayne

I'm really busy, but we're we're doing, we're getting there.

00:58:25 Dewayne

We're doing what we can do.

00:58:26 Speaker 3

So definitely going to keep keep going at it.

00:58:30 Speaker 3

Yeah, for sure.

00:58:31 Speaker 3

There's too way too much exciting stuff to talk about.

00:58:33 Dewayne

To not do this.

00:58:34 Dewayne

So I'm all about it.

00:58:36 Dewayne

And if you listen this far, you must be really excited about Luke to listen to U.S.

00:58:40 Dewayne

drone on about Formula One collaboration.

00:58:44 Dewayne

But we appreciate it.

00:58:45 Dewayne

We're glad that you made it this far.

00:58:47 Dewayne

And again for like the 3rd, 4th or 5th time I will say check out the newsletter.

00:58:52 Dewayne

That's where there's going to be a lot more information.

00:58:55 Dewayne

The show notes also on whatever you're using to gather your podcast.

00:59:00 Dewayne

We'll have useful information in.

00:59:02 Dewayne

It as well.

00:59:03 Dewayne

Uh, But yeah, we'll.

00:59:06 Dewayne

We'll see you on the next one.

00:59:07 Dewayne

Hanging out, we hope you enjoyed this episode of The Shift Show.

00:59:11 Dewayne

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00:59:16 Dewayne

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Forward slash shift show.

00:59:28 Dewayne

We'll beam back next month for a new episode.

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