Flank Speed Overview | MAY 3, 2021

On June 1st, the Navy will begin its transition into a new cloud environment called Flank Speed (FS).

In shiphandling, the command "Flank Speed" is an extreme engine order given for ships to evade danger or outpace threats. As the Department of the Navy's largest-ever digital transformation initiative, Flank Speed is an extreme order that sets the foundation for the new way of working that modern operations in a future operational environment demand.

The full suite of capabilities will take time to deliver, however a subset of these tools—outlined below—will be available to you day one. Flank Speed enablement will start with 266,000 initial users, with a target of 472,000 ashore users by the end of FY21. The long-term objective is to bring the M365 toolset and robust security to the full Navy enterprise.

Available to you June 1

COLLABORATION

Teams

Virtual collaboration is at the heart of Modern Operations, and Teams delivers chat, video, file sharing and more.

PRODUCTIVITY

Word, PowerPoint, OneNote, Excel

Just like in CVR, work in the classic Microsoft Office applications, but M365 offers additional intelligent features with the power of the Cloud.

STORAGE

OneDrive

Users get up to 1TB of cloud storage and file sharing so that you can increase efficiency and save time, all in a common user experience.

Upcoming Releases

EMAIL & SCHEDULE
Outlook with new FS email address

Initially, you will continue to utilize email the same way you do today.
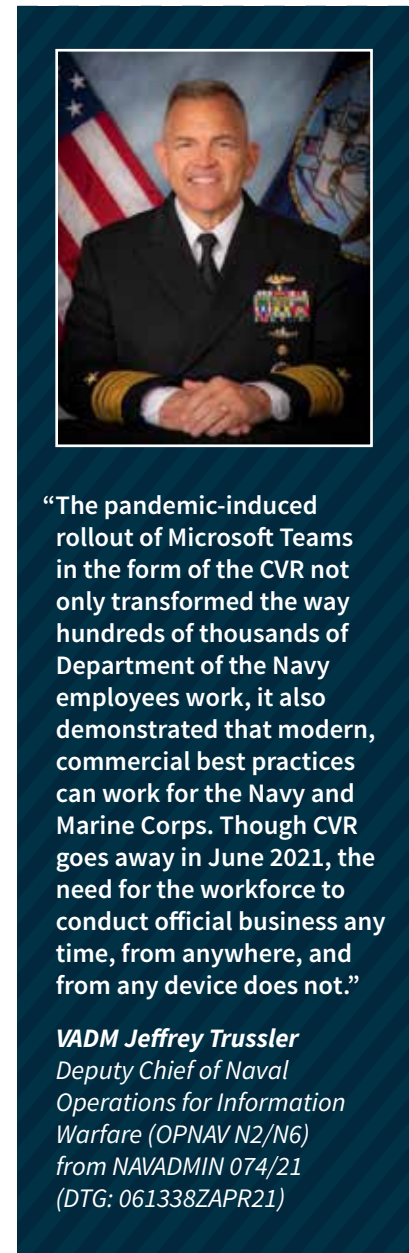
HOSTING
SharePoint

PLANNING
My Tasks
Project*

*For certain licenses

DASHBOARDING
Power BI*
Power Apps*
Power Automate*
Power Virtual Agent*

Flank Speed provides more than just M365, it provides an environment that will enable flexible access from multiple types of devices—from smartphones to desktop computers—in a secure environment built on the advanced security principles of zero trust, supporting unclassified systems and operating at security Impact Level 5 (IL-5), accommodating Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) level of data.

No immediate action is required (yet)—this message is simply to introduce you to the effort. More information will be delivered to you in the coming weeks to ensure you know exactly what to do to make a smooth transition into Flank Speed. If your Command has provided a Champion Representative, please utilize that resource to aid in your journey.

> "The pandemic-induced rollout of Microsoft Teams in the form of the CVR not only transformed the way hundreds of thousands of Department of the Navy employees work, it also demonstrated that modern, commercial best practices can work for the Navy and Marine Corps. Though CVR goes away in June 2021, the need for the workforce to conduct official business any time, from anywhere, and from any device does not."
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> *VADM Jeffrey Trussler*
> *Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare (OPNAV N2/N6) from NAVADMIN 074/21 (DTG: 061338ZAPR21)*

For such a massive digital transformation effort, reaching full maturity will take time. Here's a look at the current timeline:

June 1st
- FS accounts will be enabled for all NEO 365 and active CVR users (266,000 initial users)

June 15th
- CVR will shut down
- *Data needs to be self-migrated out of CVR by this date or it will be lost.*

Summer 2021
- Additional users will be enabled with FS accounts

FY22 & beyond
- Transition additional legacy applications to the cloud
- Decommission NEO 365 & on-premises hardware
- Additional users enabled

FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE.

Additional products and features will be continuously delivered throughout the transition, such as dial-in audio conferencing.

Are you ready to move at Flank Speed?

The time has come for you to move to the Navy's new unclassified computer environment called Flank Speed. We are moving because:

1. The Commercial Virtual Remote (CVR) environment is shutting down on June 15, 2021
2. The computer licenses for the Navy Enterprise Operations (NEO) 365 environment expire for all 160,000 users at the end of the fiscal year
3. The Navy is changing how we operate our computer network
4. The Navy needs improved security

In Flank Speed you will have Microsoft Teams on day one along with a limited suite of tools; the full suite of Microsoft 365 (M365) capabilities will take time to deliver across the entire Navy. Flank Speed is a brand new environment that will include better security features at the same time as allowing flexible access across both locations and devices.

What does this mean for me as I try to do my work?

It means you will be getting more storage capacity, a better ability to collaborate, access your data, and robust security. The Navy gets a network with greater command and control of the environment which helps ensure we have the capability to do our work.

What do I get on day one of transition?

From day one you'll get Teams, 1TB of OneDrive storage, and access to the full productivity suite from M365 to include Excel, Word, OneNote, and PowerPoint. You will also retain access to your old accounts, but please note CVR will shut down on June 15th.

What do I need to do?

Nothing until it comes time to log on; you will be receiving a series of follow-on emails which tell you about logging into Flank Speed for the first time. Please note: Current CVR users should inventory their data to determine what they want to move to the FS environment. We will provide "save and move" instructions to make it easier.

Can I access FS from home?

You bet, you'll be able to access the web versions of the M365 toolsets (including Teams) on personal devices direct from the internet (pending DoD approval, expected in June), but you won't be able to directly download files.

What if I'm working in the office?

If in the office or using a VPN dial-in on government furnished equipment (GFE), you will be able to download files and have the full application available.

Do I have to use a CAC?

Yes, on both GFEs and personal devices. CAC is the only currently authorized way to verify identity. A better user experience (non-CAC) is being pursued under an exception to policy, but timing remains undetermined.

What's up with the robot?

Oh, that's just Fathom. It's cool. He's with us.

Where can I find out more information about Flank Speed?

A CAC-enabled information page has been set up which hosts a variety of information related to Flank Speed.

ACCESS IT HERE

Help!

If you need help after you receive your account, please contact your current service desk

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