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Organizational Chart. Solution Overview

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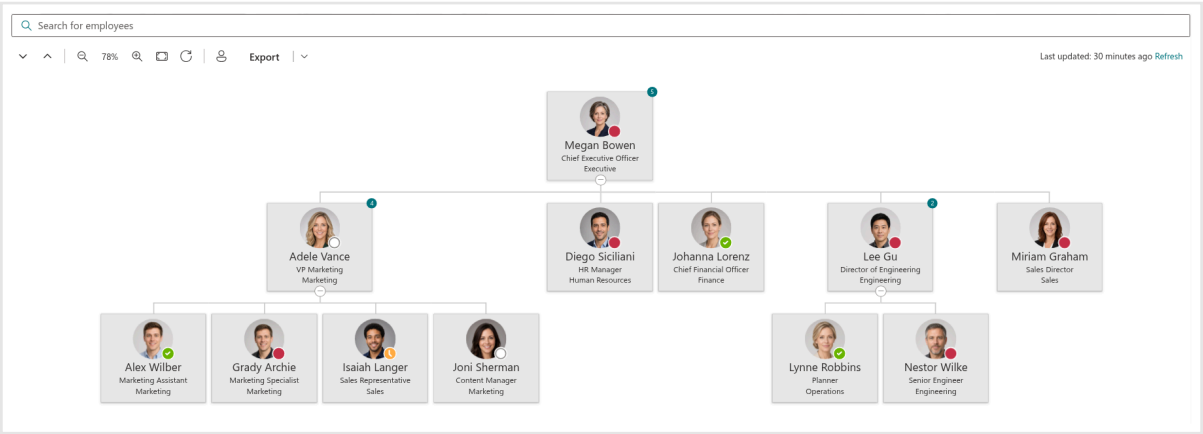
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Introduction

Every company has an organizational structure, and every employee needs it at some point: a new hire wants to understand who reports to whom, a manager wants to see the shape of a neighboring department, and HR wants a current chart for a presentation without redrawing it by hand. The problem is that a chart drawn in a slide deck is out of date the moment someone changes roles.

Vitextra Organizational Chart solves this by building the chart automatically from the directory you already maintain. The **web part** reads the **manager** attribute of every **user profile** in **Microsoft Entra ID** and renders the company hierarchy as an interactive tree on a **SharePoint Online** page or in **Microsoft Teams**. There is no separate data source to maintain: when a reporting line changes in the directory, the chart changes with it.



Organizational Chart web part on a SharePoint page

This article gives an overview of what the web part does and how its main features fit together. For step-by-step setup instructions, see KB10233. How to Add and Configure the Organizational Chart Web Part; for a walkthrough aimed at end users, see KB10234. Organizational Chart: A Quick Guide for End Users.

Built from your directory

The web part is built on the **SharePoint** Framework and retrieves employee data through the **Microsoft Graph** API. It loads the active member accounts of your **tenant** together with their manager relationships, and then arranges them into a tree: a person whose manager is another employee becomes a child node of that employee, and so on down the hierarchy.

Because the structure is derived from the **Manager** field, the quality of the chart depends directly on the quality of your directory. If the manager is set for every

employee except the head of the company, the chart has a single root and clean branches. If several people have no manager assigned, each of them becomes a separate root at the top of the chart.

Note

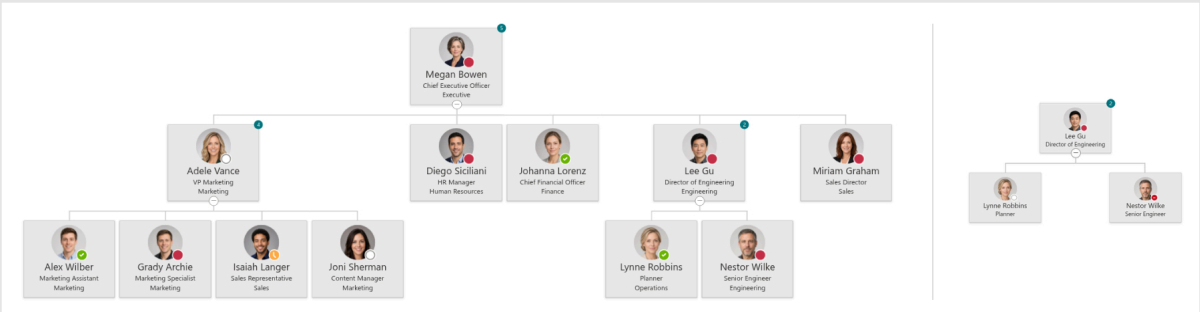
Guest accounts and external users are never included - the chart only shows member accounts of your organization. Disabled accounts are always excluded. Accounts without an assigned license or without a job title are excluded by default; an administrator can change these latter two rules in the web part settings.

The employee data is loaded once and kept in the browser for up to 12 hours, so reopening the page is fast and does not put extra load on Microsoft Graph. The **Last updated** time is shown above the chart together with a **Refresh** link that reloads the data on demand. Employee photos and presence status are loaded lazily - only for the cards that are actually visible on screen - which keeps the chart responsive even in organizations with thousands of employees.

Two chart modes

The web part can show the whole organization or just one part of it:

- **Entire Company** - the chart starts from the employees who have no manager (typically the CEO or the executive team) and shows the full hierarchy beneath them. This is the mode for the intranet home page or the *About the company* section.
- **Employees reporting to specific user** - the chart starts from a person you select and shows everyone who reports to them, directly or indirectly. This mode is the right choice for a department **site** or a team page, where only one branch of the organization is relevant.



Entire Company and Reports To modes

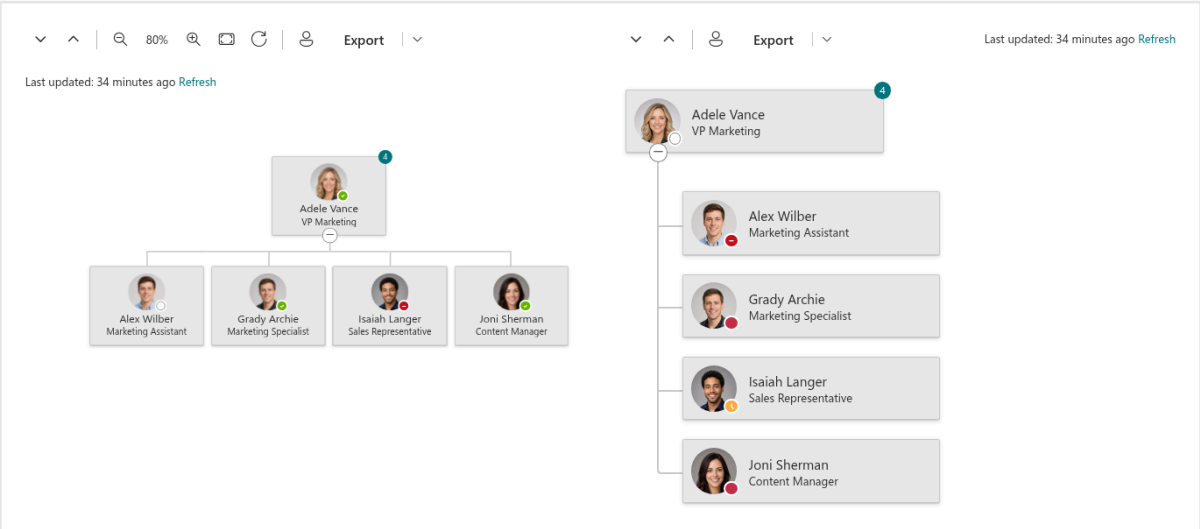
In both modes, you choose how many levels of the hierarchy are expanded when the page opens - from 1 to 10. Deeper levels stay collapsed until a visitor expands them,

which keeps a large chart readable.

Layouts and employee cards

The chart is available in two layouts:

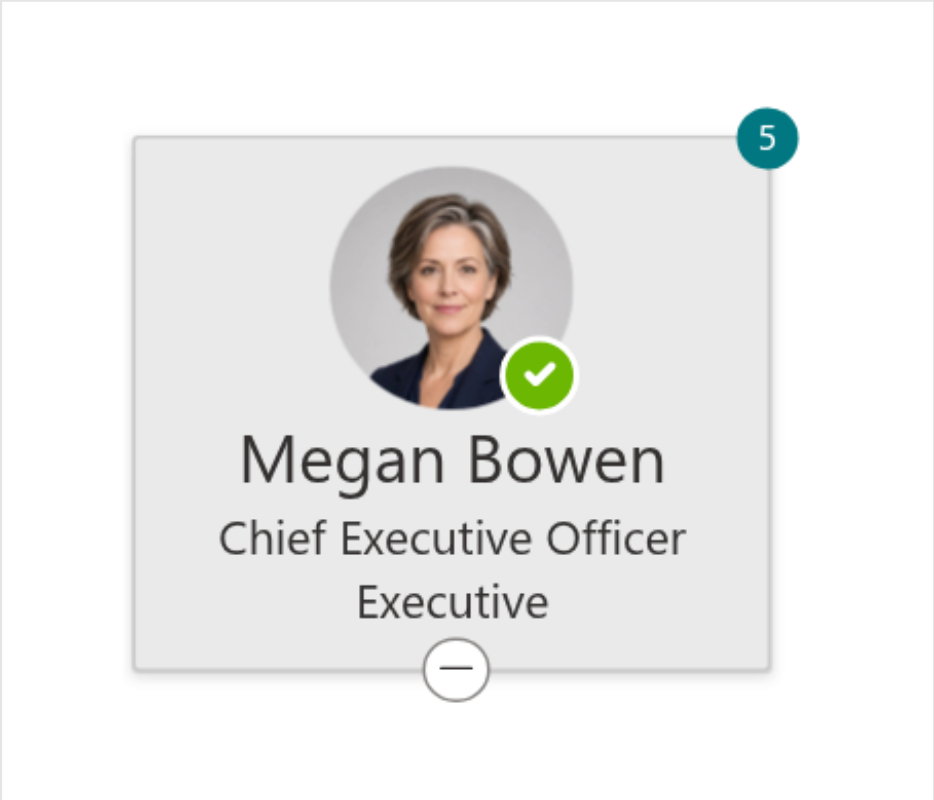
- **Horizontal** - the classic top-down organizational tree. Visitors can pan the chart by dragging it and zoom in and out, which makes it well suited to wide page sections and full-width layouts.
- **Vertical** - a compact nested **list** where each level is indented under its parent. It takes less horizontal space and works well in narrow columns and on mobile screens.



Horizontal and Vertical layouts

Each employee is represented by a card. The card size has four levels, from a compact card with just the name to a large card with a photo and three lines of information. You decide which attributes those lines show: the header, secondary and tertiary fields can each be set to any of fifteen profile attributes - full name, job title, department, e-mail, cell phone, office location, city, country, employee ID and others. A department site might show the job title and the phone number, while an office directory might prefer the office location and the e-mail address.

Cards also show the employee's photo and a **Microsoft Teams presence** indicator - Available, Busy, Away, Do not disturb or Offline - so colleagues can see whether this is a good moment to get in touch. Hovering over a card opens the standard **Microsoft 365 profile card** with contact details and actions such as starting a chat or sending an e-mail. Optionally, a badge on each card can show the number of the person's direct reports. Presence is fetched when the card loads; it is not continuously refreshed.



An employee card with photo, presence and direct reports badge

Navigating the chart

A toolbar above the chart gives visitors everything they need to move around a large structure:

- **Expand all** and **Collapse all** - open or close the whole tree in one click.
- **Zoom in**, **Zoom out** and the current zoom level in percent (from 20% to 200%), plus **Fit to screen**, which picks the scale at which the whole chart fits the width of the page, and **view**, which returns to 100% and the original position. Holding **Ctrl** (or ⌘ on a Mac) while scrolling the mouse wheel also zooms the chart, while scrolling without the key scrolls the page as usual.
- **Find me** - locates the signed-in user in the hierarchy, expands the chain of managers above them, highlights their card and scrolls it into view. It is a quick answer to "where am I in this structure?" and a favorite of new employees.
- **Export** - saves the chart as a file (see below).

Individual branches are expanded and collapsed with the chevron under each card, which is also operable from the keyboard.

Search and filtering

The search box above the chart filters the tree as you type. It matches the name, job

title, department, e-mail, employee ID, city, state and country of every employee; matching cards are highlighted and the branches that contain them are expanded automatically, so a result is never hidden inside a collapsed node.

For administrators, the web part offers a **Filter** section in the property pane. A query builder lets you combine conditions on any of the card attributes with *And/Or* logic and operators such as *is equal to*, *contains*, *begins with*, *contains data* and their negations - for example, to show only the employees of two departments, or to leave out service accounts whose job title contains a certain word. Three quick toggles additionally exclude employees without a license, with a blank department or with a blank job title.

Tip

A typical use of filtering is to show a single department on its own site. See KB50026. How to Filter the Organizational Chart to Show a Specific Department for a worked example.

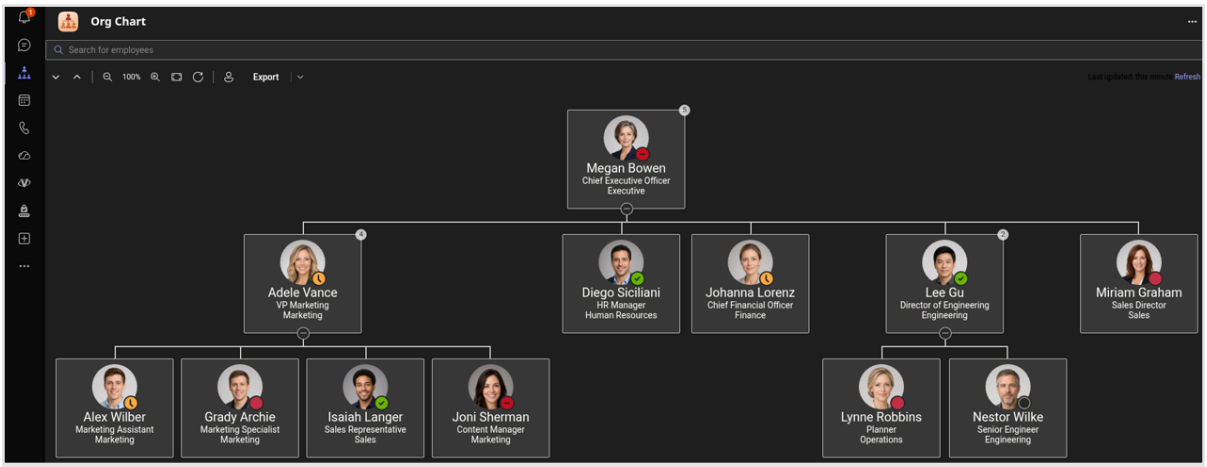
Export to PDF and JPEG

The chart can be exported to a **PDF** document or a **JPEG** image with one click. The export always captures the complete tree - every root and every branch as currently expanded, not only the part that happens to be visible on screen - and the PDF page orientation is chosen automatically to match the proportions of the chart. An administrator decides which of the two formats are offered to visitors.

Microsoft Teams

Organizational Chart ships as a Microsoft Teams application. It can be installed as a **personal app**, where every employee opens the company chart from the Teams sidebar, or added as a **tab** to a channel so that a team always has its own structure at hand. The data, the layouts and the navigation are exactly the same as on a SharePoint page.

In Teams, an administrator can save the current settings as the **tenant-wide default**, so that every user of the personal app sees the same, consistently configured chart without configuring anything themselves.



Organizational Chart as a personal app in Microsoft Teams

Themes and languages

The web part follows the theme of the SharePoint site, including the color variant of the page section it is placed in, and switches to dark mode together with the Teams client. It supports full-width sections and is fully responsive.

The user interface is available in **more than 40 languages**, selected automatically from the language of the SharePoint site or the Teams client.

System requirements

Platform	SharePoint Online (Microsoft 365)
Hosts	SharePoint modern pages, full-page apps, Microsoft Teams personal app and channel tabs
Data source	Microsoft Entra ID via Microsoft Graph
Installation	SPFx package (`.sppkg`) via the tenant **App Catalog**
API permissions	`Directory.Read.All`, `User.Read.All`, `Presence.Read.All` (Microsoft Graph)
Licensing	One license per tenant; the number of users does not affect the price

Warning

Organizational Chart is a cloud product and does not support SharePoint Server (on-premises) environments.

Tip

To deploy the web part in your environment, see KB10035. How to Install a Vitextra Product in SharePoint Online. To add it to a page and configure it, see KB10233. How to Add and Configure the Organizational Chart Web Part.

Learn more about the product: *https://vitextra.com/en/products/org-chart*

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App Catalog
The App Catalog is a special SharePoint site that stores apps for SharePoint, Teams, and other Microsoft 365 services. Global or SharePoint administrators can upload and manage applications from the AppSource marketplace, custom-developed apps, or third-party apps for the organization's internal use. There can be only one tenant-level App Catalog in a tenant; site collection app catalogs can be added for individual site collections.

List
A list is a storage unit in SharePoint. A list can contain columns of different types, content types, and views. A document library is a special type of list and therefore inherits the functionality of a list.

Microsoft 365
Microsoft 365 is a cloud-based subscription service that combines productivity apps such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook with cloud services such as SharePoint, OneDrive, Teams, and Exchange Online, together with advanced security and device management.

Microsoft Entra ID
Microsoft Entra ID (formerly Azure Active Directory) is a cloud-based identity and access management service offered by Microsoft. It allows organizations to efficiently manage and secure their users' identities and access to a variety of resources, both internal and external. These resources include Microsoft 365, the Azure platform, and thousands of other software-as-a-service (SaaS) applications.

Microsoft Graph
Microsoft Graph is a REST API secured with Microsoft Entra ID (formerly Azure Active Directory) and OAuth 2.0. It provides a single endpoint for accessing data and services in Microsoft 365, such as SharePoint, Outlook, OneDrive, Teams, and others.

Microsoft Teams
Microsoft Teams is a chat-based collaboration platform for business communications with features for online meetings, live events, and document sharing.

Profile Card

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A profile card in Microsoft 365 displays information related to a person, such as contact details, organizational chart view, recently used documents, emails, and others.
The profile card may look different depending on the application you use. Outlook, Teams, SharePoint, OneDrive, and other Microsoft 365 services support the profile card.

SharePoint
SharePoint is a web-based collaboration platform that provides content management, document management, workflow applications, search, and other tools that empower employees and teams to work together. SharePoint is also a secure place to store, organize, and access shared information.

SharePoint Online
The cloud version of SharePoint, a web-based collaboration platform within Microsoft 365 that provides an extensive range of capabilities to store, share, and manage the digital information, content, and knowledge of an organization.

Site
A SharePoint site is a container for information within the SharePoint platform. Sites typically offer features such as document libraries, lists, calendars, discussion boards, and workflows, facilitating collaboration, communication, and document management within teams or across departments. Sites can be customized and configured to suit the specific needs and workflows of an organization.

Tenant
A Microsoft 365 tenant is a dedicated instance of Microsoft 365 services. The tenant holds the organization's information, such as users and domains (Microsoft Entra ID), configurations, subscriptions, and services. An organization receives a tenant by signing up for Microsoft 365 services.

User Profile
A user profile is a set of properties that describe a user. The properties include basic information about the user, contact details, and other data. The user profile is used by services such as Delve, My Site, and others.

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Web Part
A web part is a primary building block of functionality or content placed on a SharePoint page. Some web parts support customization, such as configuring the web part or changing its appearance.