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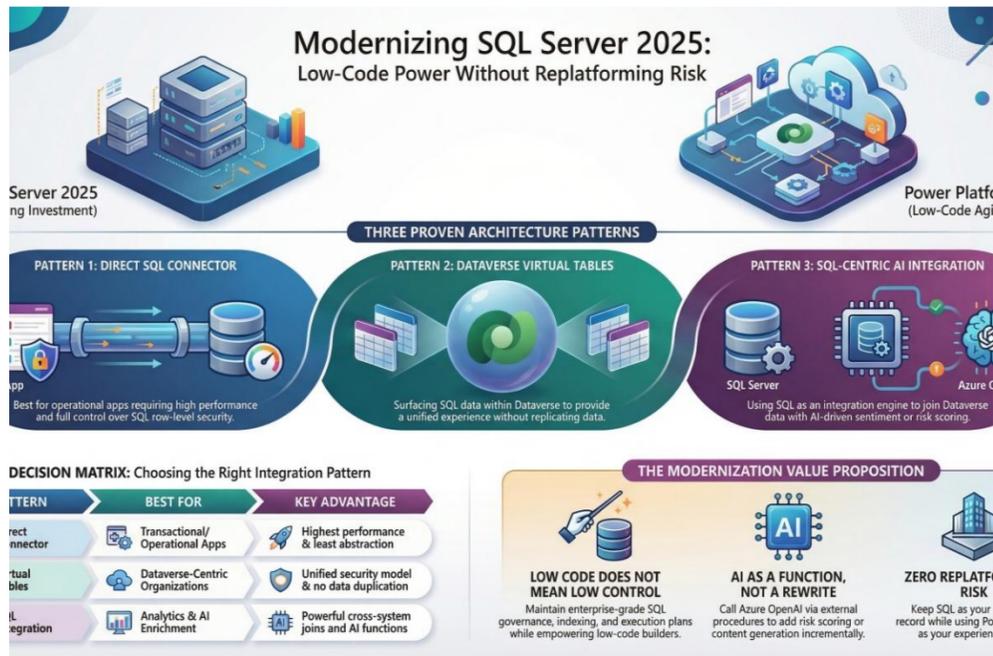
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# Building Next-Gen Apps with Power Platform and SQL Server 2025

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- YouTube Channel - PowerMates
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- Member of Microsoft Global Data Communities Council



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Director – Zarasa / PowerMates

- Cloud Architect
- Power Platform User Group Leader
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# Microsoft Power Platform



#1 most adopted  
low-code platform

1400+  
connectors

Copilot  
first



Power BI



Power Apps



Power Automate



Power Pages



Copilot

+



Copilot Studio

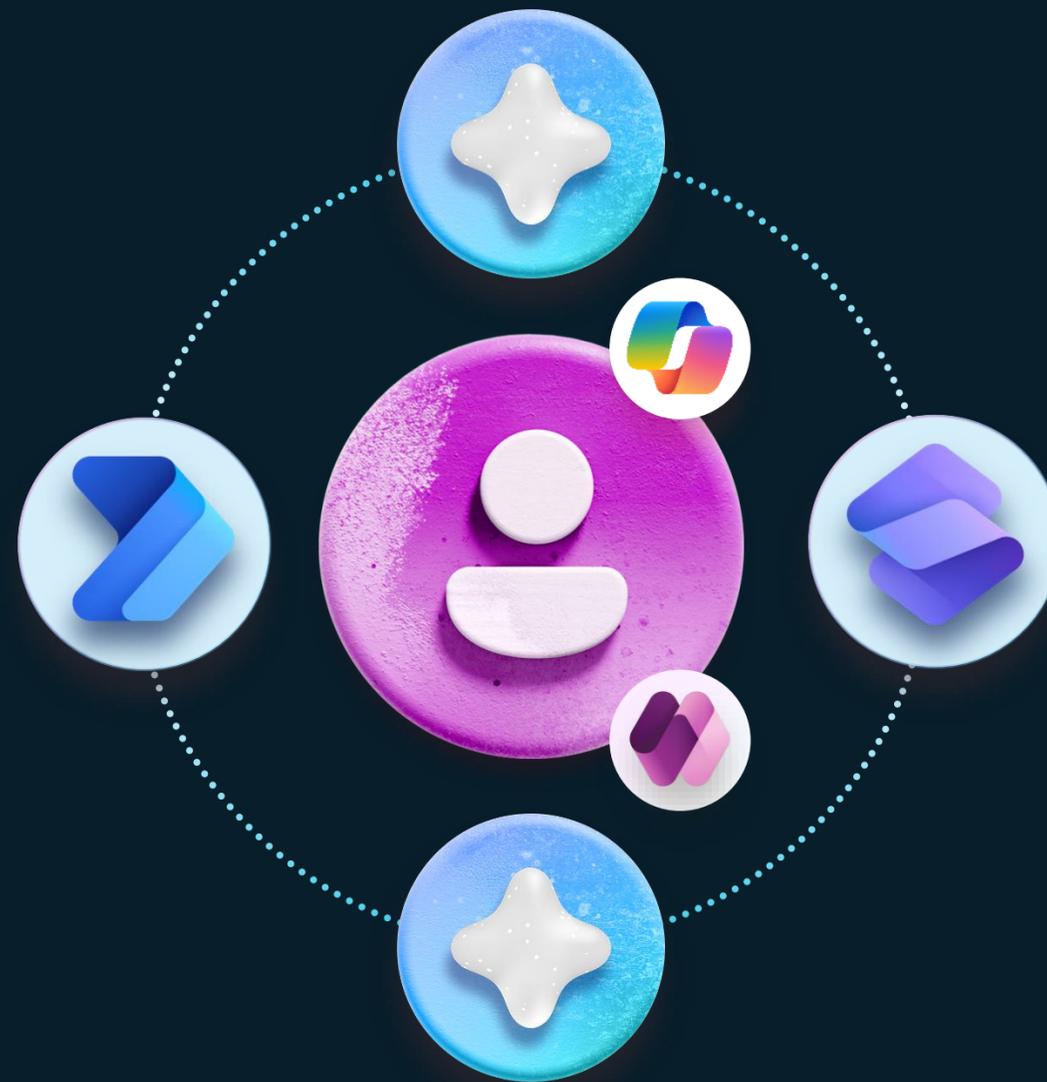


Agents

# AI embedded everywhere

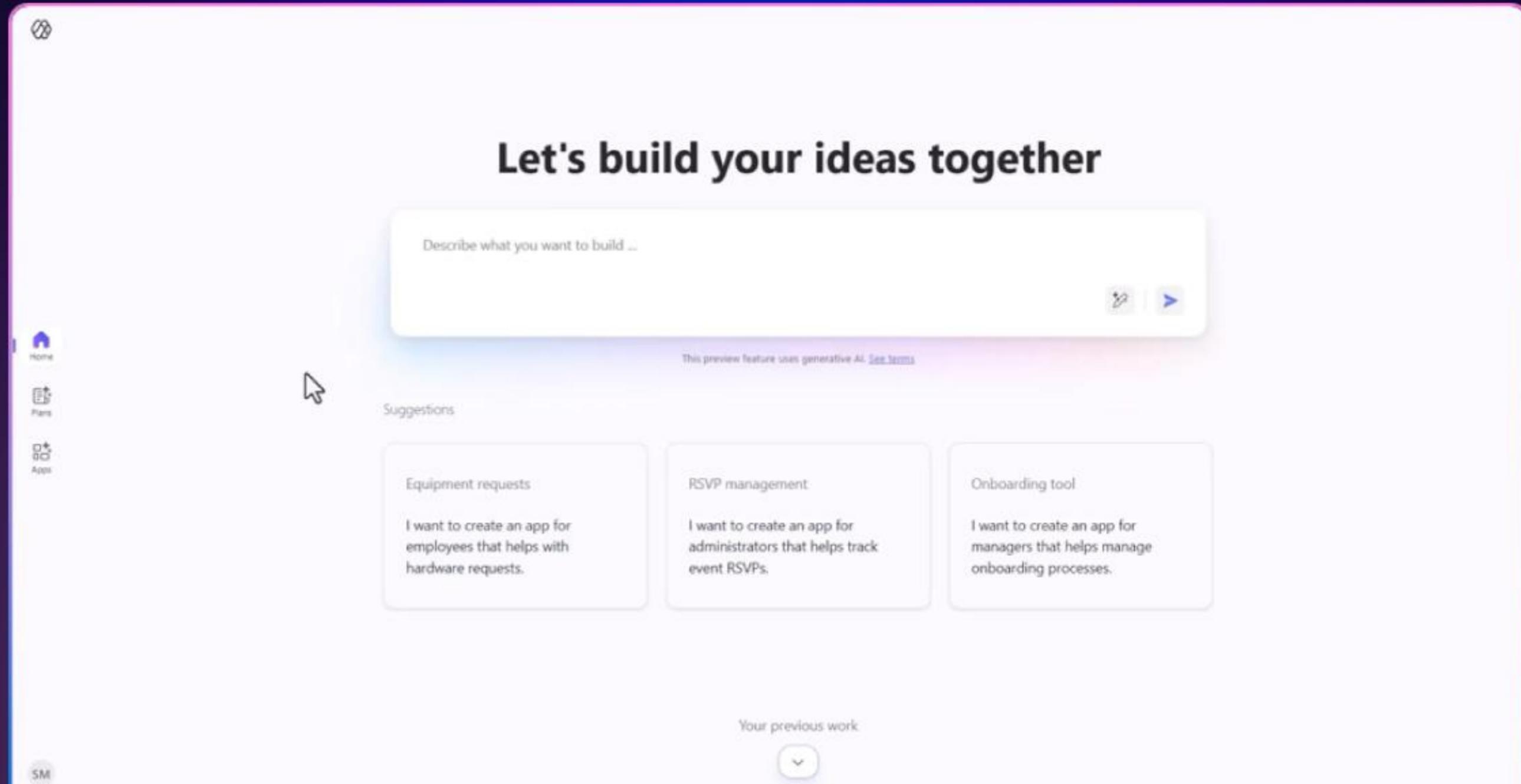


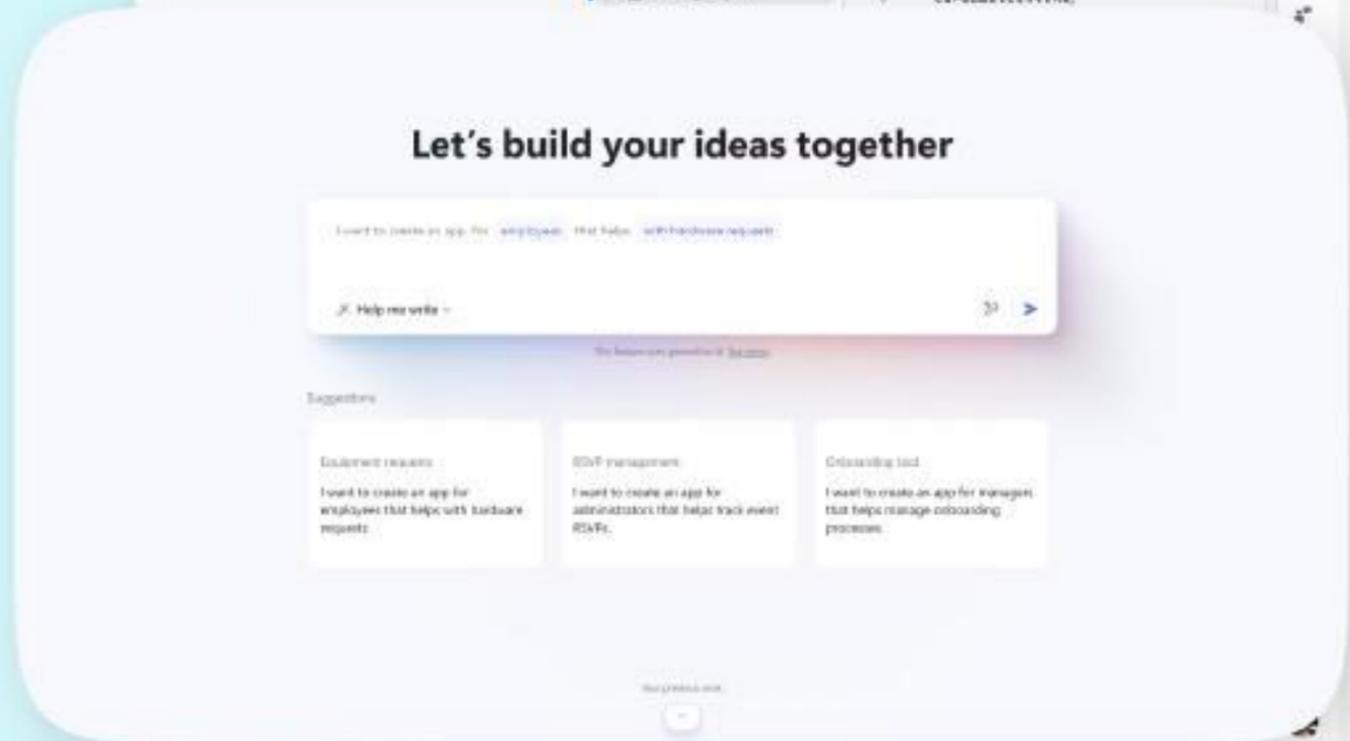
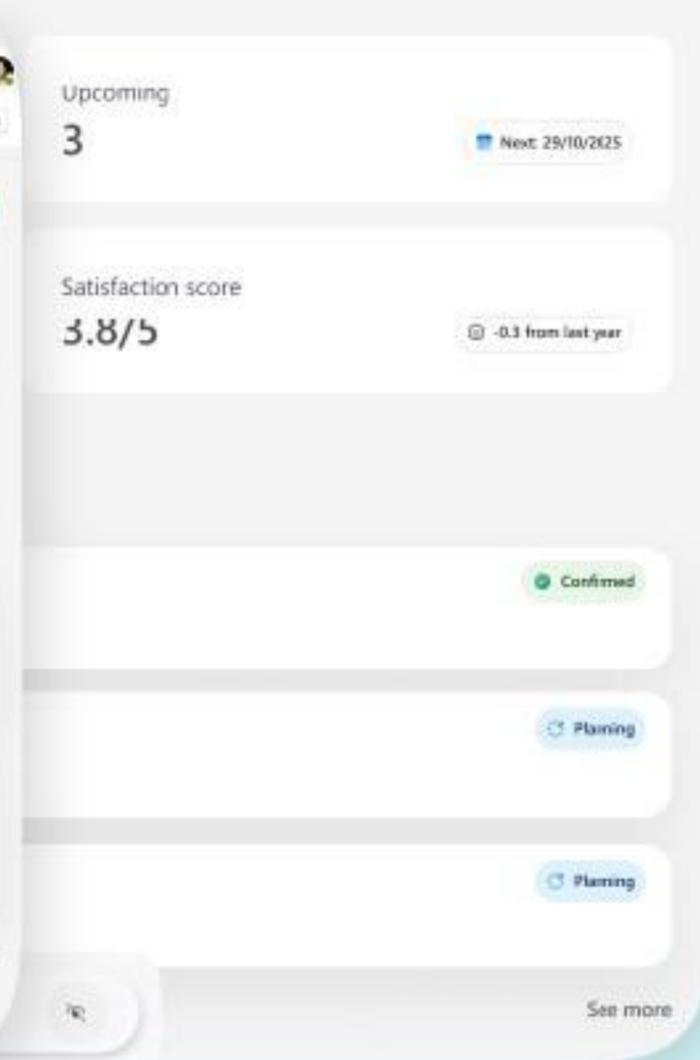
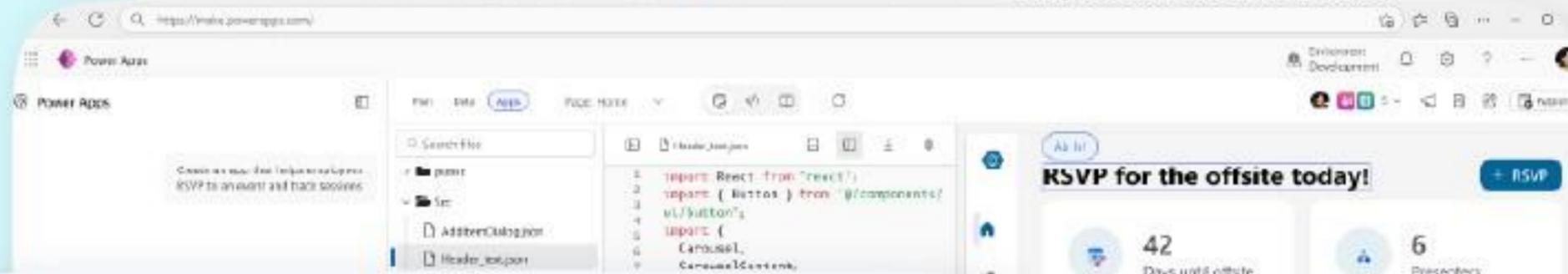
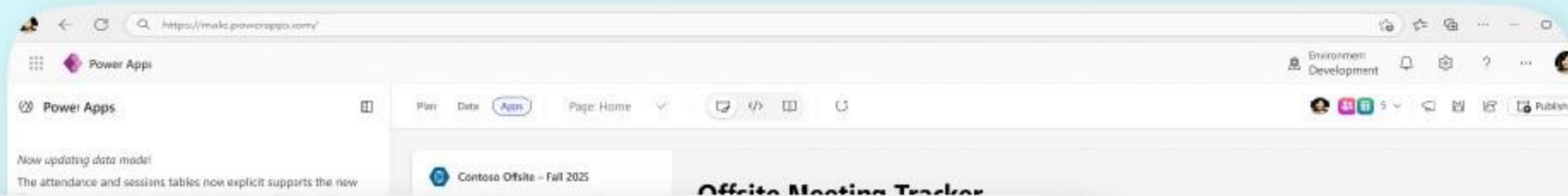
# Applications as Intelligent Surfaces



# Vibe coding gets an enterprise upgrade with Power Apps

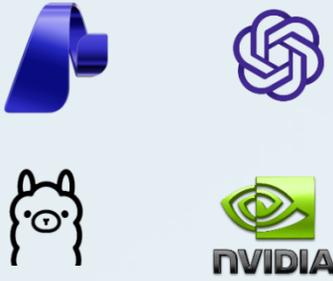
Work with a team of agents including a new Code Agent that builds full-stack apps





# SQL Server 2025

## The AI-ready enterprise database from ground to cloud



AI built-in



Develop modern data applications



Integrate your data with Fabric



Secure by default



Mission critical engine



Connected with Arc



Managed DR



Assisted by Copilots



Benchmark<sup>1</sup> leader



Built for all platforms

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Generally Available



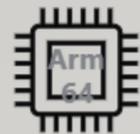
SQL Server 2025 support



Fabric integration



GitHub Copilot (Preview)



Windows ARM64 support



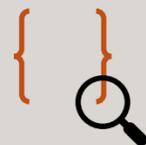
Migration Assistant



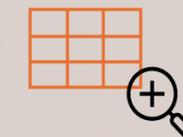
Query Hint Recommendation tool



New themes including dark

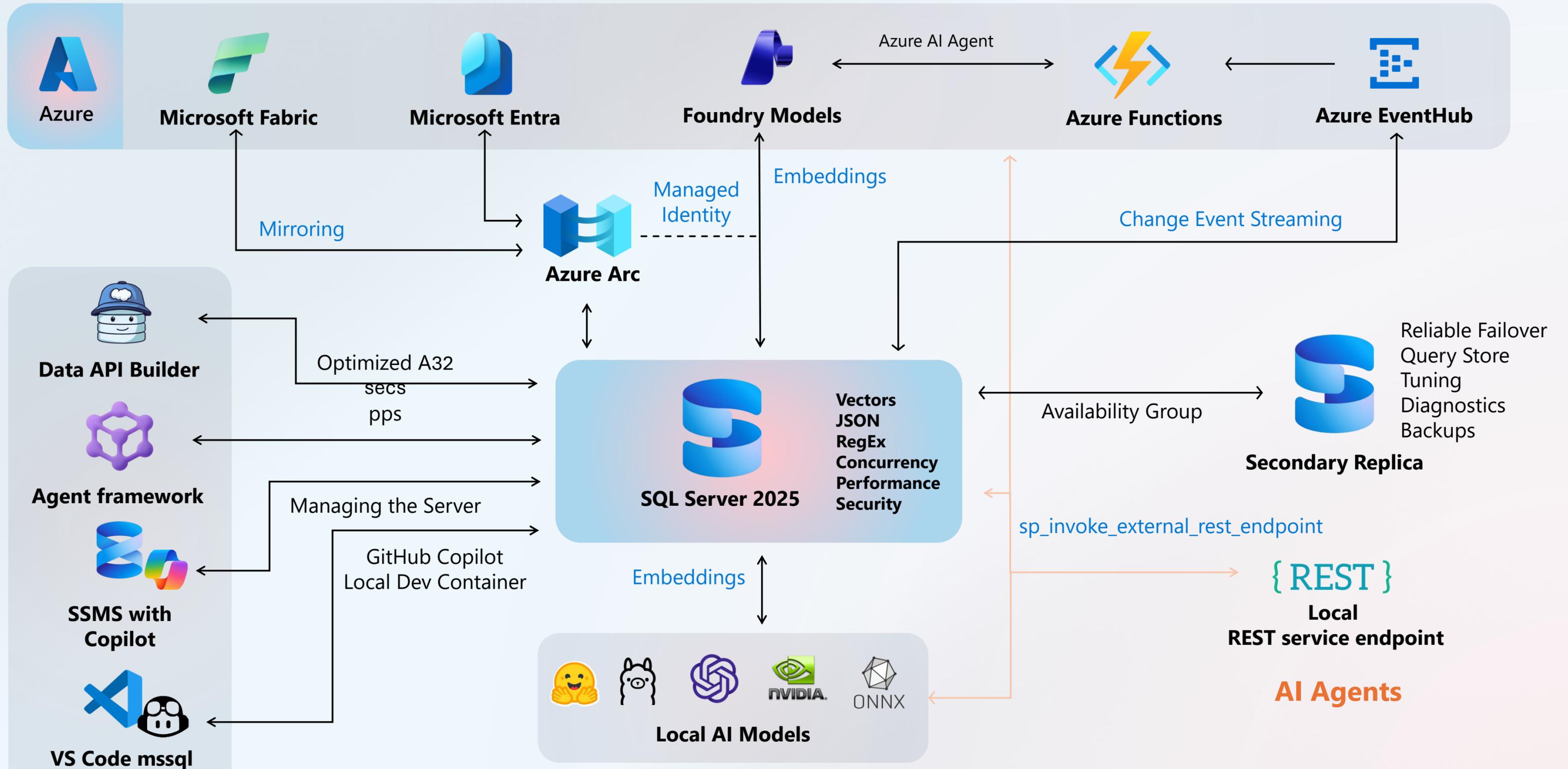


JSON viewer



Zoom results grid

# The SQL Server 2025 Platform Architecture

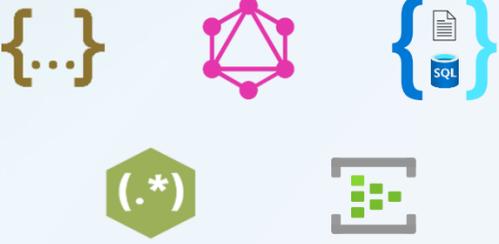


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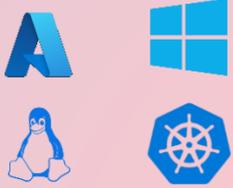
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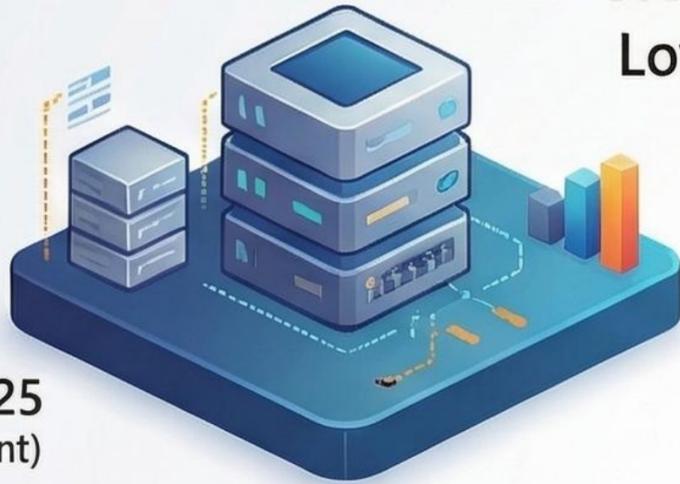


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# Modernizing SQL Server 2025: Low-Code Power Without Replatforming Risk



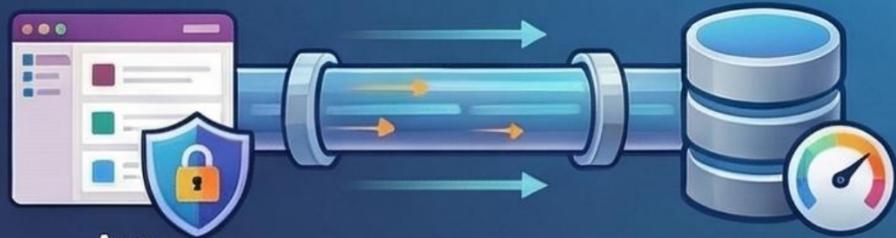
SQL Server 2025  
(Existing Investment)



Power Platform  
(Low-Code Agility)

## THREE PROVEN ARCHITECTURE PATTERNS

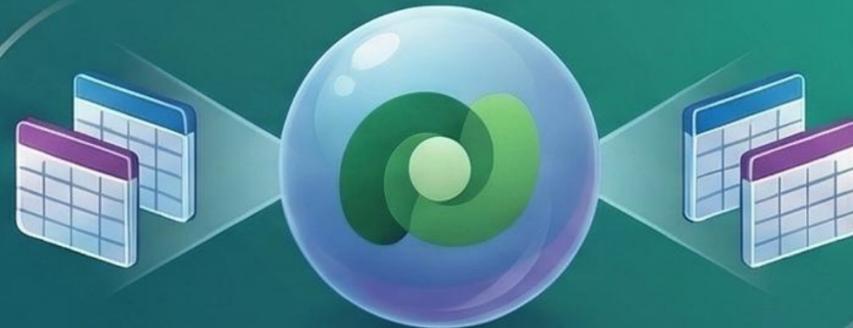
### PATTERN 1: DIRECT SQL CONNECTOR



App

Best for operational apps requiring high performance and full control over SQL row-level security.

### PATTERN 2: DATAVERSE VIRTUAL TABLES



Surfacing SQL data within Dataverse to provide a unified experience without replicating data.

### PATTERN 3: SQL-CENTRIC AI INTEGRATION



SQL Server

Azure OpenAI

Using SQL as an integration engine to join Dataverse data with AI-driven sentiment or risk scoring.

## DECISION MATRIX: Choosing the Right Integration Pattern

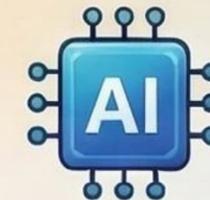
| PATTERN                 | BEST FOR                               | KEY ADVANTAGE   |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| <p>Direct Connector</p> | <p>Transactional/Operational Apps</p>  | <p>Highest performance &amp; least abstraction</p>      |
| <p>Virtual Tables</p>   | <p>Dataverse-Centric Organizations</p> | <p>Unified security model &amp; no data duplication</p> |
| <p>SQL Integration</p>  | <p>Analytics &amp; AI Enrichment</p>   | <p>Powerful cross-system joins and AI functions</p>     |

## THE MODERNIZATION VALUE PROPOSITION



### LOW CODE DOES NOT MEAN LOW CONTROL

Maintain enterprise-grade SQL governance, indexing, and execution plans while empowering low-code builders.



### AI AS A FUNCTION, NOT A REWRITE

Call Azure OpenAI via external procedures to add risk scoring or content generation incrementally.



### ZERO REPLATFORMING RISK

Keep SQL as your system of record while using Power Platform as your experience layer.

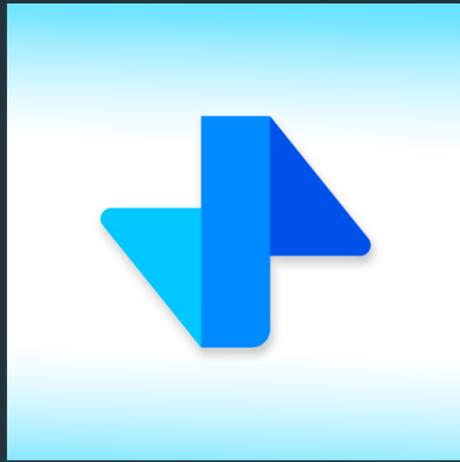


# Demo Time

# QUESTIONS?

# Thank you

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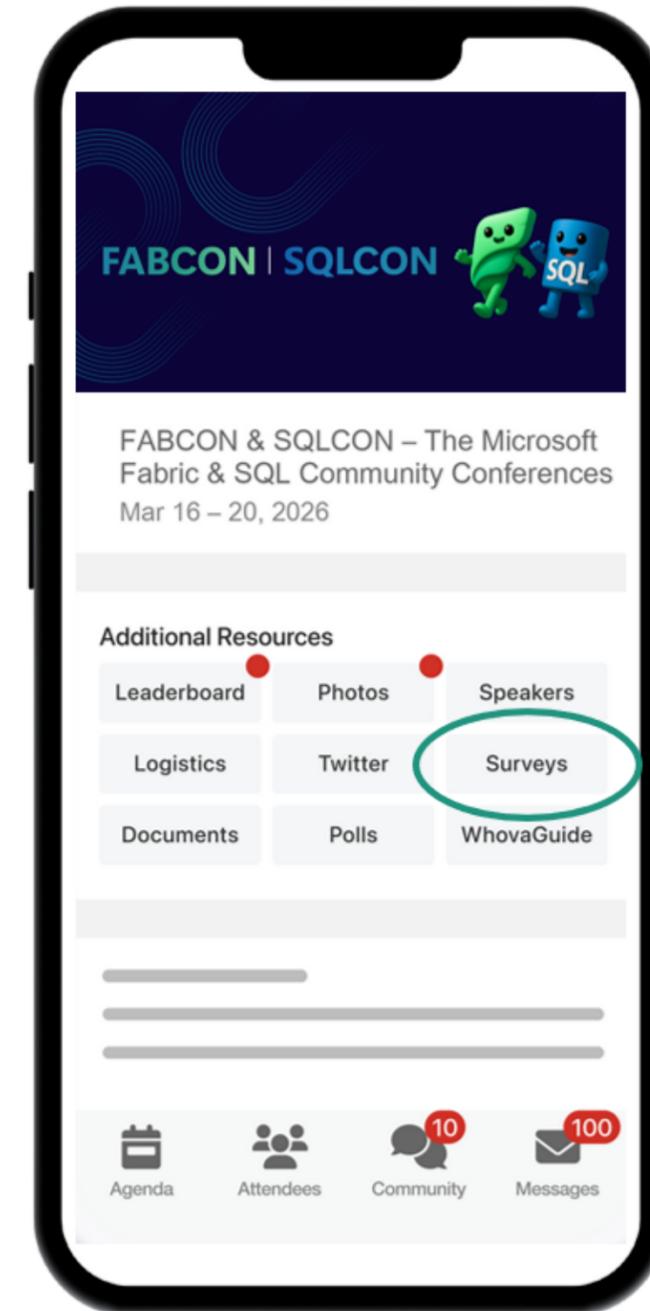
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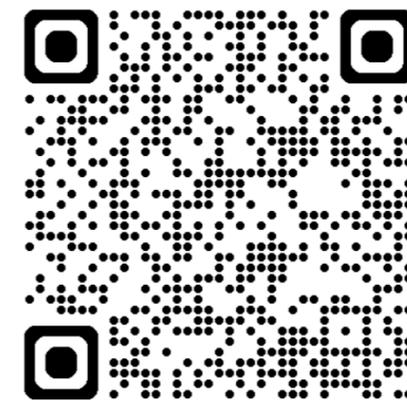


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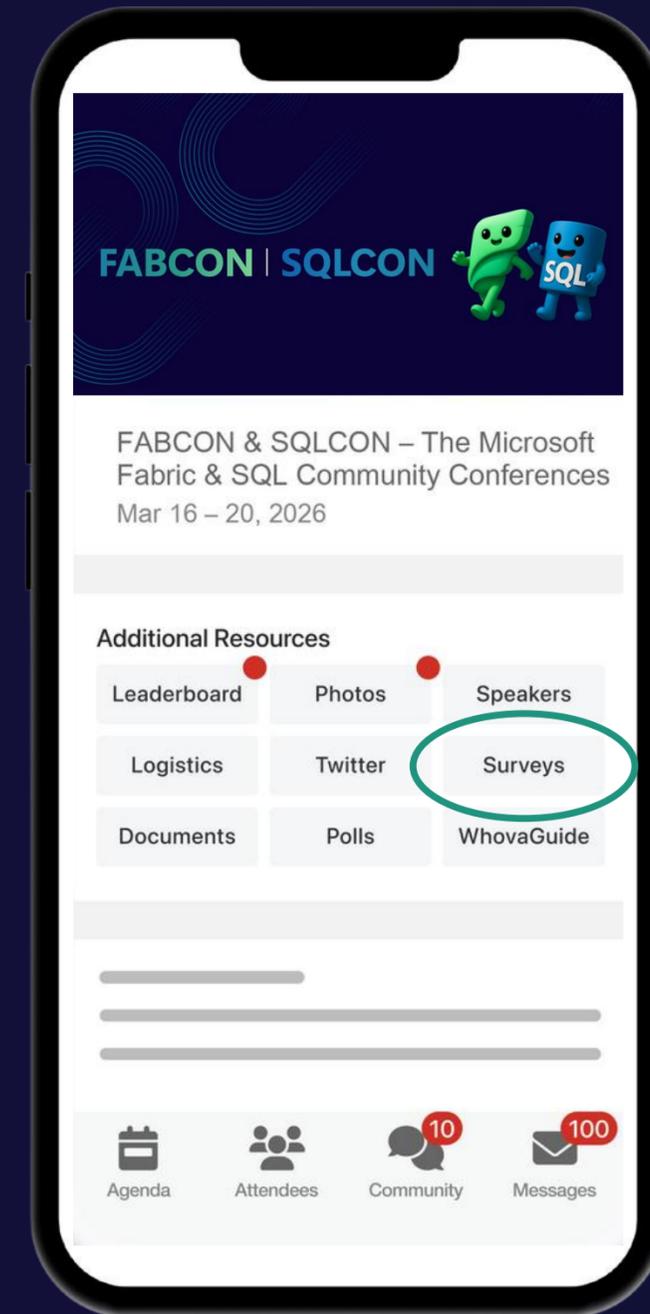
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