Chronicle by iomer

News center for SharePoint Online

Chronicle gives communications teams a news center inside SharePoint. Authors write from templates, stories go through approval workflows in which approvers can edit with every change marked, each story is published as a real SharePoint news page, and archive and retire rules keep the news current. Records stay in lists on your news site; email and scheduled work run in Power Automate.

12
story templates, 18 block types

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ready-made approval workflows

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news web parts for any site

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servers to host

Reading

- News center with seven featured layouts
- Topics, filtered search, archive by month
- Save for later and reactions

Authoring

- Block designer, desktop and phone preview
- Pictures, documents and events from SharePoint
- Authors save layouts as new templates

Approvals

- Routing by campaign, series, topic, department
- Managers, leads, owners or named people
- Approver edits tracked word by word

Publishing

- A SharePoint news page for every story
- Publish now or at a scheduled time
- Featured news with an end date

Lifecycle

- Archive and retire rules by topic or campaign
- Archive layout, restore, and hold
- Retire log; pages go to the recycle bin

Administration

- Guided setup creates every list
- Setup checks for groups, permissions, roles
- Audit log and a built-in Help centre

Specifications

Packages	SharePoint Framework 1.23.2, version 1.0.1: Chronicle (news center and story pages) and Chronicle news web parts, plus a demo of each with sample data that saves nothing.
Where it runs	SharePoint Online: the news center on one news site, ideally full width, with optional full-screen display; the news web parts on any site.
Data	17 lists on the news site, created by the guided setup; uploaded pictures in Site Assets.
Pages	A modern page in Site Pages for each story, promoted as news while published, with its text indexed by SharePoint search.
Directory	Microsoft Graph User.Read.All and GroupMember.Read.All, delegated, for people, managers and group roles. The news web parts need none.
Automation	Two Power Automate flows on the SharePoint and Office 365 Outlook connectors; standard Microsoft 365 licensing.
Email	Only to your organization's domains, from the service account or a shared mailbox; messages more than a day old aren't sent.
Timing	Messages within about one to five minutes; scheduled news within the hour; archiving and retiring once a night.
Access	Five SharePoint groups; Apply permissions gives each list its designed access. Drafts open only to Chronicle's groups.
Campaigns	On the news site, or shared with Herald through your iomer platform site; private campaigns for their owners and contributors.
Accessibility	Checked against WCAG 2.2 AA with axe-core at five widths; keyboard and screen reader support.

You'll need

- Microsoft 365 with SharePoint Online and a tenant app catalog
- An administrator to approve the Graph permissions
- A site owner on the news site to run the guided setup
- For the flows: a service account with Exchange Online and Power Automate
- Optional: a shared mailbox, with Send As for that account

Good to know

- Works without the flows: news publishes on approval and owners archive by hand
- Retired pages stay in the site recycle bin for 93 days
- Most read uses SharePoint's own view counts