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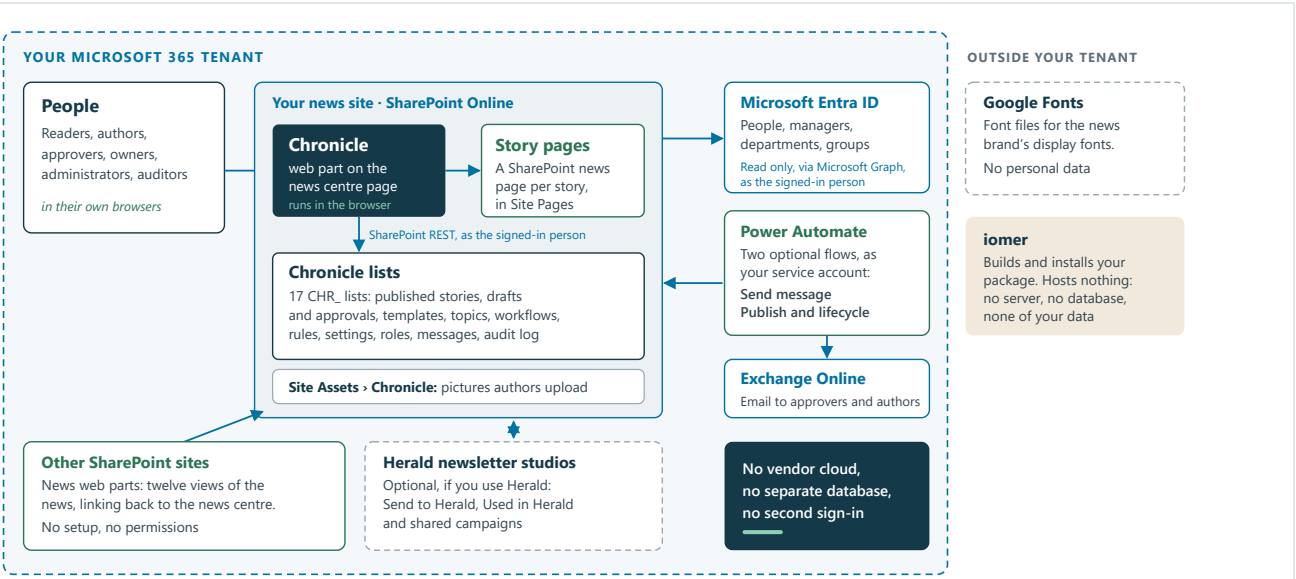
CHRONICLE · IT OVERVIEW · NOVEMBER 2026

Chronicle for IT and Microsoft 365 admins

Chronicle is a news centre for SharePoint. It's a solution accelerator: iomer builds it for your organization as a single deployment package and installs it in your own tenant. There is no vendor cloud, no second sign-in, and no new place for your content to live.

ARCHITECTURE

How Chronicle fits into Microsoft 365



Your administrators change topics, templates, workflows, rules and the news brand in Chronicle. Changes to the web parts come as a new version of your package, built and installed by iomer.

WHAT IOMER INSTALLS

One package, built for you

- ✓ Two SharePoint Framework packages in your app catalog: the news centre and story pages, and the news web parts for other sites
- ✓ Chronicle's lists on your news site, set up with your topics, departments, templates, workflows, routing and archive rules, and news brand
- ✓ Two optional Power Automate flows, Send message and Publish and lifecycle, running as your service account
- ✓ What differs between organizations is mostly configuration, not new code, so the foundation your security review looks at stays the same from build to build.

WHERE YOUR DATA LIVES

In your tenant, as SharePoint content

- ✓ Stories, drafts, approvals, settings and the audit log are list items and pages on one site, under your security, retention and data residency settings
- ✓ No separate database, server or vendor cloud. Nothing is hosted by iomer. Flow run history stays in your own Power Platform environment
- ✓ Every read and write runs as the signed-in person, so SharePoint permissions decide what each person can open; readers can't open drafts
- ✓ The one outside request: font files from Google Fonts for the news brand's display fonts, with no personal data

WHERE EACH RECORD LIVES

Lists and pages on your news site

WHERE	WHAT IT HOLDS
CHR_Stories	Published stories, readable by everyone who can open the site
Site Pages	A modern SharePoint news page for each published story
CHR_News	Drafts, news in approval and each story's approval history. Only Chronicle's groups can open it
Topics, departments and settings	CHR_Topics, CHR_Departments, and CHR_ lists for series, templates, workflows, routing and lifecycle rules, Herald connections and settings
CHR_RoleAssignments	Who holds each Chronicle role, with Entra object IDs and user principal names
CHR_Campaigns	Campaigns, or a shared iomer campaign list in your tenant when campaigns are shared with Herald
CHR_Reads, CHR_Notifications	Reactions and saved stories, one item per person and story, readable by everyone on the site (screens show totals); the outbox the Send message flow sends from
CHR_RetireLog, CHR_AuditLog	Retired stories' titles and dates, and every change made in Chronicle. Chronicle never edits or deletes an audit entry
Site Assets › Chronicle	Pictures authors upload, readable by everyone who can open the site

Seventeen CHR_ lists in all, plus one that records the setup version, created by the guided setup with their columns, indexes and views.

PERMISSIONS

What Chronicle asks for

PERMISSION	APPROVED BY	WHY
Microsoft Graph User.Read.All**, delegated**	A SharePoint administrator, once	People pickers, titles and departments, and the author's manager for manager approvals. Read only, as the signed-in person
Microsoft Graph GroupMember.Read.All**, delegated**	A SharePoint administrator, once	Whether the signed-in person belongs to Entra ID groups that hold Chronicle roles
SharePoint	Each person's own access	Everything else. Apply permissions gives each list its designed permissions; site owners keep Full Control

The news web parts and the demo packages request no permissions. Without the Graph approvals, people pickers fall back to SharePoint's people search and manager approval steps find no manager. Hiding Chronicle's lists from Site contents is convenience, not security; we agree with you which working lists to take out of Microsoft 365 search.

AUTOMATION

Two optional flows

FLOW	WHAT IT DOES	WITHOUT IT
Send message	Emails approvers and authors (approval needed, sent back, rejected, published, ready to publish) and Herald suggestions, only to the email domains you configure	Approvers see waiting news under Approvals in Chronicle
Publish and lifecycle	Hourly, publishes scheduled news. Nightly, archives and retires stories on their dates, reminds authors before a story archives, and applies private campaigns' permissions	News publishes when it's approved; owners archive and retire by hand from what's due

Both run as a service account in Chronicle Administrators and the site's Members, and in Owners if you use private campaigns. They read Chronicle's settings on every run and do nothing when an administrator switches them off in Chronicle.

LICENSING PREREQUISITES

Microsoft 365 plans Chronicle works with

MICROSOFT 365 PLAN	READING THE NEWS	WRITING AND APPROVING	NEWS WEB PARTS ON OTHER SITES	ROLES HELD BY ENTRA ID GROUPS
E5	Included	Included	Included	Included
E3	Included	Included	Included	Included
Business Premium	Included	Included	Included	Included
F3 (frontline)	Included	Included	Included	Included

Chronicle uses SharePoint Online and Microsoft Graph, which these plans include, so everyone who reads, writes or approves news needs only their Microsoft 365 account. The two optional flows use only Power Automate's standard SharePoint and Office 365 Outlook connectors, so no premium Power Automate licence is needed; they run as one service account with a mailbox, which needs Exchange Online and Power Automate. Microsoft changes plan contents, so check before you buy.

BEFORE YOU START

What you need

- ✓ Microsoft 365 with SharePoint Online, modern pages and a tenant app catalog
- ✓ A SharePoint administrator to approve two delegated Microsoft Graph permissions
- ✓ A site owner on your news site, for the guided setup
- ✓ Departments and managers recorded in Entra ID
- ✓ For the optional flows, a licensed service account with a mailbox, a Power Platform environment it can use, and both connectors in one data group of any DLP policy
- ✓ A Microsoft 365 admin to approve the installation with us

DELIVERED BY IOMER

What we do

- ✓ Agree your topics, departments, templates, approval routes and archive rules with you
- ✓ Build your organization's deployment package
- ✓ Install it in your tenant and test it there, flows included if you want them
- ✓ Pilot it with one or two departments' news
- ✓ Launch with training for authors, approvers and news owners

MICROSOFT 365 UPDATES

Updates, rollback and removal

Chronicle uses supported Microsoft interfaces, and not SharePoint alerts, which Microsoft retired in July 2026. When Microsoft changes something Chronicle relies on, the fix reaches you as a new version of your package, built, tested and installed by iomer.

Updates and rollback

The new package replaces the old one in the app catalog. The guided setup adds any new lists or columns; nothing is renamed or removed, and your data stays. To roll back, upload the previous packages.

Removal

Turn off both flow switches in Chronicle and the flows, then remove the apps. The lists, news pages and data stay in your tenant until a site owner deletes them.

PLAIN FACTS TO PLAN AROUND

Data residency

Records are stored wherever your SharePoint content is, under Microsoft's in-country commitments. Microsoft's ISO/IEC 27001 and SOC 2 reports cover Microsoft 365, not iomer.

Accessibility

Keyboard and screen reader support; brand colours checked for WCAG AA contrast. iomer's own automated tests run axe-core on every screen.