

Dear Skype (A Break-Up Letter)

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Dear Skype,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to let you know I don't think things are going to work out between us. The truth is, I've found someone new – someone with more on the ball, who enhances my productivity and makes work more enjoyable than I ever thought possible. I'm talking, of course, about Microsoft Teams. I think you may know each other.

When our relationship first started after I broke up with Lync, things were great. With your sleek interface and the way you got along so easily with Outlook, I never imagined things would end. But as time went on, there were a couple of things that bothered me. For example, the way you never really got along with my best friends, OneDrive and SharePoint. Sometimes it felt like you didn't even acknowledge they existed, which was very hard for me since we hang out so often.

Then, there were your short-term memory issues. I felt like

you never remembered the things I said after a conversation was over, even the most important things, like the deadline for a key deliverable. When I'm with Teams, it seems like our conversations are saved forever--including the fun ones with GIFs, emojis, and memes. I've never felt so creative or collaborative as I have with Teams.

Even more, my best friends OneDrive and SharePoint are always included everything we do, as well as some friends I hadn't been hanging out with as much, like OneNote and Planner. Having everything in one place--the digital cockpit, we call it--makes it easy for me and my team to stay connected and organized--something you never were able to help with.

Most importantly, Teams is a go-getter, always listening to things I need and taking charge to get them, like the private channels and guest access features he's promised this year. Every time I voiced my concerns to you, it seemed like you went inactive and never made any changes.

I hope you understand why I have to leave to be with Microsoft Teams this year. I really do wish you the best. If it's any consolation, you can keep our conversation history--though you always did have a hard time finding it.

Sincerely,

Digital Worker