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We’d really appreciate your thoughts on how we can make this newsletter work best for you.

-The Google Apps Team

June 1, 2015
Featured Launch: Inbox by Gmail early adopter program for work

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Announced May 28, 2015

What's new: On May 28th, we announced that Inbox by Gmail was opening to all consumers—no invitation required. We also announced several new features for Inbox like undo send and signatures. In addition, while we’re still in the early stages of bringing Inbox to work, we’ve expanded the Inbox early adopter program—announced earlier this year—so any Google Apps for Work customer who wants to join can do so.

How it works: We want to build an Inbox that changes the way people get things done at work by collaborating with Apps for Work customers to bring Inbox to work, and we encourage Apps for Work customers interested in the early adopter program to get involved by joining the Inbox early adopter community.

Notes:

● If you use Vault, you should carefully evaluate how existing domain rules work with Inbox before enabling Inbox for your domain.

● The early adopter program is currently not available for Google Apps for Education, Google Apps for Nonprofits, and Google Apps for Government customers.

Check out the Help Center for more details on the Inbox early adopter program for work.
Create, edit, and grade assignments with the Classroom mobile app

Released May 6, 2015

What’s new: In January, we launched a Classroom mobile app for iOS and Android, because we knew that students were increasingly relying on mobile devices to get homework done on the go. That app has now been downloaded more than 2.5 million times. This functionality isn’t just useful for students, however. We heard from teachers that they also want to be able to keep track of their classes no matter where they are or what device they’re on. With this launch, we made that even easier with several new features.

How it works:

Teachers can now...

- Create and edit assignments on the go, make copies of attachments, and attach new photos to assignments.
- Grade assignments from their phones or tablets, and add private comments for students.
- Snap pictures to create assignments, so whiteboard photos and class notes can be posted to the stream for students who are absent and/or assigned to the class for a deeper dive.

Check out the Google for Education blog post to learn more and get the Classroom Android or iOS apps

Mobile image and table insertion on the Google Docs and Slides apps

Released May 13, 2015

What’s new: New versions of the Google Docs and Slides apps for Android and iOS are now available on Google Play and the App Store. New features include:

- **Docs**
  - Insert images

- **Slides**
  - Insert, crop and mask images
  - Insert and manipulate tables

All of these improvements to Docs and Slides will remain available when you’re offline. You’ll just need the updated mobile apps.

Learn more in the Help Center (Docs | Slides) and get the latest Docs and Slides apps on Google Play and the App Store (Docs | Slides)
A new version of the Google Drive app for Android is now available on Google Play. New features include:

- PDF Viewer enhancement: see completed form data
- Performance and interface improvements

Get the latest Google Drive app for Android on Google Play
Google+ Collections

Released May 4, 2015

What’s new: In May we announced Google+ Collections, a new way to group posts by topic.

Every collection is a focused set of posts on a particular topic, providing an easy way for people using Google+ to organize their interests and focus areas. For Google Apps customers, collections could be used for communicating to a project team or organizing an event, allowing followers to easily access all relevant posts in one location.

How it works: Each collection can be shared publicly, privately, or with a custom set of people. Once you create your first collection, your profile will display a new tab where other people can find and follow your collections. Posts in collections you follow will appear in your Home stream, with a link to easily jump right into the collection so you can get to similar content from that author.

Collections is available on Android and the web now, with iOS coming later.

Check out the Help Center to learn more.
New sign-in experience for Google Apps accounts

Released May 1, 2015

What’s new: Previously, people signed in to Google via a sign-in page that had both ‘username’ and ‘password’ fields on the same page. With this launch, we split those two fields into separate pages.

As we’ve said many times publicly, we’re working towards introducing new authentication solutions that complement traditional passwords. We’ve already split the ‘username’ and ‘password’ fields onto separate pages in Android in 2014. This change to our web sign-in page is another step in that direction.

How it works: Ultimately, this new Google account sign-in flow will provide the following advantages:

- A more personalized sign-in experience that prepares for future authentication solutions
- A better user experience for SAML SSO users
- Reduced confusion among people who have multiple Google accounts.

New privacy and security tools for Google Apps accounts

Released May 28, 2015

What’s new: We recognize that people today are constantly connected, making control over their digital privacy and security even more important. We want to help them better use tools and settings to safeguard their data, protect their privacy, and decide what information is used to make Google services work better for them. With this in mind, we launched a single hub where people can manage their Google account data. My Account, which replaces the previous Google Account settings page, features sections dedicated to managing one’s sign-in and security settings, personal info and privacy settings, and account preferences. Below are just some of the things a person can do with My Account:

- Take the Privacy Checkup and Security Checkup, two simple, step-by-step guides for reviewing and editing one’s personal privacy and security settings.
- Manage the information that can be used from Search, Maps, YouTube, and other products to enhance one’s experience on Google.
- Control which apps and sites are connected to one’s account.
How it works: Check out My Account at myaccount.google.com.
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Sign in now: With thousands of IT admins signing up every month, Google for Work Connect (GWC) is quickly becoming the best place to get the right information at the right time. Sign in now to discuss best practices, ask questions, and communicate with your peers and Googlers. Don’t miss out! Make sure you follow our Community Manager, Luis Vargas, to get weekly updates.

What’s new: In May, our Q2 Content Plan kicked into high gear, covering hot topics like Google Drive. Be sure to check out our most popular Content Plan article: Optimize your searches in Google Drive. Also, don’t miss our special Change Management piece on Google Drive: Tips for increasing the usage of Drive within your organization. Look out for future articles on Google Chrome, Chromebox for Meetings, and Vault. Don’t miss it!

Get certified: Save 50% on the Google Apps Admin Certification Exam

Google Apps for all: The Apps Show on YouTube, every Tuesday, 11am PST, with special episodes every Thursday

What’s new: The Apps Show started showing how Googlers in different functions, like operations and recruiting, use Google Apps.

To know: We’d love to know what functions or roles for which you want tips, tricks, and use cases. Comment on our latest episode to let us know.

Bookmark The Apps Show playlist on YouTube

What’s New for Apps Admins videos

What’s new: The What’s New for Apps Admins videos provide a recap of all of the features we’ve released in the past month that are relevant to Google Apps Admins, so you can watch and share them whenever you want.

How it works: Bookmark the playlist on YouTube and check back each month for the latest updates. You can also access all video recordings in the archive on the What’s New site.

Thanks for checking out our newsletter! We’d really appreciate your thoughts on how we can make this work best for you.