



Microsoft co-pilot: Startup Checklist

Essenkay: Microsoft ERP implementation specialists

Before you start

Conduct a thorough evaluation to determine if Microsoft co-pilot would be suitable for you and your upcoming projects. (Tick off as you go!)

1.	Review Microsoft's official guide to Copilot	
2.	Run demos for Copilot and Github	
3.	Read reviews and discuss the software with trusted peers	
4.	Research the benefits for your client base	
5.	Review costings and timings before you commit	

Implementing the software

Follow the steps below to successfully set up Microsoft Copilot (Tick each one off as you complete it!). For more detailed instructions, check out our blog post.

1.	Set up the relevant subscriptions and licenses for Copilot through the Microsoft 365 admin centre, the Microsoft account team, or a trusted Microsoft partner	
----	---	--

2.	Sign up for GitHub, and undertake a free trial (if you haven't already)	
3.	Install all required plugins and extensions, such as Open AI plugins and GitHub Copilot Chat	
4.	Enable Copilot in your IDE to take full advantage of the software.	
5.	Integrate GitHub with your workflow	
6.	Run several test projects, for a range of scenarios	
7.	Review suggestions carefully and assess your workflow	
8.	Stay updated on new features and improvements	
9.	Seek out training opportunities and online communities for advice	
10.	Give feedback to improve the software	

How to overcome integration challenges

Once you have integrated to Copilot, it is natural to face roadblocks when implementing a new software solution into your workflow.

Problem	Solution
Workflow Challenges	If you are struggling with getting used to using Copilot in your day-to-day work life, try just using the platform for small projects at first, taking note of what worked well each time. Don't forget to reach out to peers who also use the platform, as they have likely faced the same roadblocks!
Security concerns	Ensure you anonymise sensitive code or private company data when using the platform to avoid any GDPR breaches. Make sure to

	thoroughly read the privacy policy to understand how your data will be used by the platform.
Bias in Suggestions	From time to time, developers may find that the AI-automated coding suggestions have a certain bias or are problematic in the context of their project. Remember to take the time to regularly review your work, especially for custom formats or unfamiliar languages.
Code overreliance	With any AI-generated tool, there is a risk of overreliance if used as a crutch, rather than an assistant. Continue to undertake industry training courses to develop your coding skills.

About Essenkay

We support businesses with cloud-based ERP digital transformation projects and work exclusively with the Microsoft Dynamics 365 suite to streamline operations, enhance efficiency, and drive sustainable growth.

Explore our [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) for regular industry news and updates. Our [blog page](#) is regularly updated with tips and advice for businesses, so make sure you explore there, too.

Phone number: 01509 559947

Email address: enquiries@essenkay.co.uk

Website: <https://essenkay.co.uk/>