Compare the three platforms

The same form-to-email task, represented in three different ways.

ZAPIER	MAKE	POWER AUTOMATE
TRIGGER Google Forms New Form Response	TRIGGER Google Forms Watch Responses	TRIGGER Microsoft Forms When a new response is submitted
LAYOUT A Zap with sequential trigger and action steps.	LAYOUT A scenario with connected circular modules.	LAYOUT A cloud flow with sequential cards.
STEPS Form trigger → Gmail Send Email.	STEPS Watch Responses → Gmail Send an Email.	STEPS Form trigger → Get response details → Outlook Send an email (V2).
FORM DATA Select response fields from the trigger using Insert data or +.	FORM DATA Expand Answers and select each individual text Value in the mapping panel.	FORM DATA Insert dynamic content from Get response details, not the trigger.
TESTING Test the email action, then publish and submit a fresh response.	TESTING Run once with a fresh response, then enable scheduling and test the next check.	TESTING Save, select Test > Manually and submit a new response.
HISTORY Zap history shows published runs; editor tests may be separate.	HISTORY Scenario History > Details shows module inputs, outputs and status.	HISTORY My flows > Run history shows each card's inputs, outputs and status.
DISTINCTIVE DETAIL Google Forms requires a linked response sheet. The Zap still has two steps.	DISTINCTIVE DETAIL Watch Responses remembers its starting point and checks on a schedule.	DISTINCTIVE DETAIL Get response details is needed because the trigger supplies a response reference.

What changed and what stayed the same

All three routes use the Alex Test enquiry to send the same formatted notification to a test mailbox. Compare the finished result as well as the editor.

New response → Map the answers → Send the email

Your preference for this task is not a universal ranking. Account access, connected services and workflow complexity can change which platform is suitable.

01 Which platform felt easiest to follow for this workflow?

02 What was the biggest difference between the three?

03 Which concepts stayed the same in all three?