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New for This week

- As a user of Microsoft technologies, you are receiving this publication to stay informed about critical topics such as Microsoft licensing, price increases, end-of-life dates, technical updates, security notices, and more.

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- **Another 3 New vendors** Codetwo, Octoparse and Snagit are added.
- **Microsoft EoL section Updated for January 2027** - Update in April
- **DarkWeb Weekly Intelligence Report #4** - The Bad Guys are really busy!
- **Confused with the many shades of CoPilot?** - You are not alone
- **Windows 11 Update brings key improvements** - Sometimes an update is useful!
- **Microsoft adds multimodal AI** - You can have 2 AI's check each other!
- **Dynamics Licensing guide updated** - and a long list of new FAQ's (again)
- **You really DON'T want the bad guys to learn this!** - They can make you miserable!
- **EvilTokens emerges as a new PHaaS** - complete with customer support!
- **Claude takes the Wheel of your Windows computer** - AirBags needed!

Microsoft End of Life to
January 2027

DarkWeb Weekly
Intelligence Report #161

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Summary of what to know up to January 2027.

Update coming in April

We scan the DarkWeb continuously for Hacker signals and Ransomware attacks.

Click above for the report from our live dashboard that we will publish weekly (but actually updated continuously).

This is part of the DarkWeb monitoring services included with many of BUI's managed services offerings. **This report is live, and this is a "snapshot" of the top 10 events at 6:00pm Sunday.**

Click button above for last weeks news.

Visit FirstMarketPLace Link here for New Additions

Codetwo, Octoparse and Snagit have been added for this week.

See below for LinkedIn [Try out our AI](#) to see whats been added since launch.

Our LinkedIn

Movie releases

Get all the releases for the next 4 weeks in South Africa. **Super Mario Galaxy** is now screening - will even keep an ADHD kid glued to the screen!

Devil Wears Prada 2 and **Michael** are looking to excellent movies as well

Upcoming Shows

Update for rest of 2026 coming in April

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Microsoft News This Week

Confused with the 50 75 Shades of CoPilot?

Don't feel alone, and do not feel that your IQ has suddenly diminished as you try to explain how they all fit together!

An AI consultant has made a heroic attempt to map all the products Microsoft has named CoPilot, and it looks like the best representation I have seen.

If you want to see ALL the different pieces of CoPilot and how they interconnect, this is the site for you. But, even HE cannot find a pattern.....

Please contact your First Technology account manager to connect you with our CoPilot experts across our different divisions. Based on your requirements and this very cool interactive map, your account manager will be able to connect you with the RIGHT CoPilot specialist in the First Technology Group to help with your evaluation or deployment journey.

75 Variants of CoPilot (and counting)

Directions: Major Changes to M365 CoPilot

Windows 11 April update brings key improvements

Microsoft is releasing the April 2026 security update for Windows 11 on April 14, 2026. The update applies to versions 24H2 and 25H2.

This is quite significant as it includes enhancements to Smart App Control (no clean installation needed), expanded support for Narrator image descriptions, refinements to the Settings app, fixes for File Explorer, and display improvements such as support for refresh rates above 1,000Hz.

Some features will be rolled out gradually using Controlled Feature Rollout, so not all users will see every change immediately after installing the update.

Please contact your First Technology account manager to connect you with our Windows 11 specialists to help prepare for these updates and to cope better when it goes wrong!

Windows 11 Improvements for April

Microsoft adds Multi-Modal AI

Microsoft is expanding its Microsoft 365 Copilot “Researcher” agent with new multi-model capabilities designed to improve the accuracy and depth of AI-generated research outputs. The update introduces a “Critique” system that assigns separate roles for generation and evaluation, alongside a “Council” feature that compares outputs from multiple models and highlights agreement, divergence, and unique insights.

Please contact your First Technology account manager to connect you with our First Digital experts, to show you how this can help many people get the benefit out of AI in your business. This will be especially useful to Legal, Accounts, HR, Marketing and others. If Microsoft is giving you the opportunity to test CoPilot, I recommend that you ask how to use it.

Microsoft adds Multimodal AI to CoPilot

Microsoft Dynamics Licensing guidance updated (again)

Microsoft has refreshed parts of its Dynamics 365 FAQ library, with updated guidance now covering AI capabilities in Dynamics 365, licensing for Customer Insights, and licensing and storage questions for Dynamics 365 Sales. There is also a Team Members FAQ on Microsoft Learn, though that page does not appear to have been updated as recently as the others.

FAQ Links are as follows:

- [FAQs about AI capabilities in Dynamics 365.](#)
- [Dynamics 365 Customer Insights FAQs.](#)
- [Dynamics 365 Sales, Licenses and Storage FAQs.](#)
- [Dynamics 365 Team Members license overview and FAQ.](#)
- [Dynamics 365 Sales Troubleshooting and FAQs hub](#), which links to the broader Sales FAQ set, including Copilot and licensing topics

Please contact your First Technology Group account manager to connect you with our Dynamics licensing experts to review your Dynamics licensing, as it is being updated all the time along with increasing in complexity/

Security



What's your favourite ** stars name?**

A cybercriminal would love to know!

That silly quiz asking for your first pets name, childhood street or birth year is not really a game, it is data collection dressed up as entertainment.

The article published by CyberDexterity makes the point that attackers no longer need a breach to know far too much about you.

They scrape LinkedIn, pull clues from social media, combine old quiz answers and app permissions, and turn those fragments into highly believable spear phishing and impersonation attacks.

The real lesson is that information which looks harmless on its own becomes dangerous when stitched together.

Stop taking quizzes, trim back what you expose online, review third-party app access, make sure MFA is enabled everywhere it can be, and PLEASE teach your family to be more careful!

Most important of all, ATTEND TRAINING that teaches you more about how the bad guys can piece together a picture of you and your family that can lead to them possibly causing serious damage to you or your company, or, both!

PLEASE contact your First Technology account manager to connect you with our training specialists to help ensure your staff are educated in dealing with these spear phishing attacks that could have taken you out!!!.

A cybercriminal would love to know your favourite **'s Name!**

EvilTokens emerges as a new PHaaS Microsoft takeover platform

The core of EvilTokens is the abuse of Microsoft's OAuth 2.0 Device Authorisation Grant, a legitimate flow designed for devices with limited input capabilities such as smart TVs or printers. Normally, a device displays a short code that the user enters on a separate browser to authenticate. EvilTokens hijacks this flow by acting as the authenticating device and tricking victims into completing the sign-in on the attacker's behalf.

The attack begins when the attacker sends a request to Microsoft's API to generate a fresh device code.

This code is passed to the victim through a phishing page or attachment. The victim, believing they are simply verifying access to a shared document or invoice, visits the real Microsoft login page and enters the code.

Once they complete the sign-in, the attacker's system receives a valid access token and a refresh token, granting immediate and long-lasting access to the account.

Again, the human remains the weakest link, and employees need training to understand that entering a device code can actually authorise an attack!

PLEASE contact your First Technology account manager to connect you with our training

specialists to help ensure everybody is kept up to date on how to handle these increasingly sophisticated attacks.

New PhaaS Microsoft Takeover Attack

Cloud & AI



Claude can tap into your PC's apps and even run tasks

Anthropic is adding more features to Claude, where it will now be able to actually take control of your computer to complete tasks. Claude's M365 Integration is also live across standard and Premium Tiers. This is an exceptionally smart AI

capable of performing tasks all by itself. It can also work within Excel to help you work like an Excel wizard (CoPilot does it as well).

Please contact your First Technology account manager to connect you with our AI experts to see how AI can be safely activated in your environment. As exciting as Claude may be, CoPilot is the only AI in the Microsoft ecosystem that comes with the proper security guardrails.

Claude gets a major upgrade on Windows

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