

TOP STORIES #33

With the Bokke dominating the news, it just as well there is nothing that major in terms of news on the IT front as I suspect we will be a little distracted next weekend as well!

Hardware

Thunderbolt 5 is not supported by 14th Gen. Desktop CPU's

Intel had to correct a big "oops" - read [here](#).

However, it makes sense that we will see TB5 in Meteor Lake the upcoming 14th Gen family for Notebooks. Meteor Lake is the major new release next year, and TB5 is a major increase in connectivity performance. Of course, you will need peripherals to support it.

If you are thinking of a major hardware refresh, see if you can plan for Meteor Lake - which will probably be accompanied by the release of Windows 12.

Microsoft

Getting Started with Designer

[Here is an excellent guide](#) to get you started. It uses AI to create different types of graphics for any project.

Teams to get a Private Line Feature for Most Important calls

This is a feature (in Teams Premium) that will allow you to take calls that will bypass normal delegates, admins or assistants. It is expected to roll out in November

Cloud&AI

Gartner: Generative AI will be everywhere - strategise now.

"Generative AI is not just a technology or business trend — it is a profound shift in how humans and machines interact," Gartner distinguished VP analyst Mary Mesaglio said in an opening keynote.

[This is a great article](#) that supports my assertion that we HAVE to dive into seeing how we can use AI to bring improvements to our business through more efficient processes and enhancing the skills and capabilities of our employees.

Don't wait for somebody else's case study - if you do, it means you are late to the party.

Security

Patch WinRAR (or remove it completely)

WinRAR has to be [patched manually](#). If you do an inventory scan of your network you will probably find many trial copies installed. This is a very good opportunity to purge your network of this for good.

Remember Windows 11 23H2 will support RAR natively. Read more [here](#).

What's new at FTG

Cyber MXDR by BUI

With an estimated 921 password attacks happening every second and the average cost of a ransomware incident now more than \$1.82m, effective cyber security is absolutely critical.

Basic perimeter protection and internal safeguards are not enough.

To defend your networks, endpoints, applications, workloads, emails, identities and sensitive data, you need complete visibility across your connected environment and a team of experts to locate and mitigate threats in real time.

[Cyber MXDR](#) offers you all of this and more in a human-led, intelligence-driven managed security service designed to provide continuous monitoring and rapid detection, investigation and incident response.

When

24/7 (Not a Typo!)

Where

To discuss your requirements book an appointment [here](#).

Movies

With the World Ruby Cup Final on Saturday night, and the lineup below, I suspect cinemas are

going to be VERY empty this weekend!
Now Playing: [Killers of the Flower Moon](#)
Now Playing: [Cat Person](#)
27 October: [Five Nights at Freddy's](#)
27 October: [Freelance](#)
27 October: [Never Give Up](#)
28 October: World Rugby Cup Final!

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