

# TOP STORIES #31

It was a quiet week, with only Google having a big event - which you can read all about [here](#). If colleagues would like to receive the newsletter themselves, [click here to subscribe](#).

## Hardware

### Microsoft to announce it's own AI processor

Microsoft is struggling to get enough NVIDIA processors to meet its AI aspirations, which given the impending release of CoPilot will demand gigantic computing resources. To alleviate the shortage, it is rumoured Microsoft will announce this at the Ignite Conference in November. Read more [here](#).

### Get \$1million if your doorcam snaps an Alien

This is too good not to share! If you have a Ring Doorbell camera, and if you capture a picture of an Alien you can win \$1 million USD, but they must show up by 3 Nov (T's & C's apply). Read more [here](#).

## Microsoft

### Intel Drops a hint about Windows 12

This is the best indication yet that Windows 12 (or maybe it will be called Windows AI) is on track for Q4 2024. This is of course all speculation, and Microsoft has said nothing officially, but Intel did refer to a "Windows Refresh" for 2024. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

### New Teams is Released

Microsoft has released the new improved, faster and less memory-hungry Teams, and you should be offered the option to upgrade as of now. Read more [here](#), and a more detailed story [here](#).

### Now you have the New Teams, but what about the New Outlook?

This new version is far from ready to replace the old Outlook, and worryingly (and happily) will not support COM add-ins - which can be a worry for companies (read [more here](#) on what to do about that). [Here is a deep dive](#) into what the new Outlook looks like and what it can and can't do.

### Microsoft now supports Mobile Application Management (MAM) for Windows 11

Intune MAM is now Generally available for Windows 11 after already supporting Android and iOS for years. Read more [here](#). You can manually upgrade by downloading it [here](#).

### Teams can auto-enrol you in meetings with face recognition

Teams is getting the ability to identify you automatically by recognising your face - read more about how this will be rolled out in December 2023 [here](#).

### SQL 2014 ESU Support available ahead of schedule

Even though SQL 2014 is supported to July 9 2024. Note that Microsoft is showing SQL 2014 Extended end date for Support is shown as 12 July 2027, but that is if you are purchasing ESU to extend it to that date. Read more [here](#).

### OneDrive getting a (AI) makeover

It may eventually be easier to use than Google Drive!!  
Read more about the improvements [here](#).

## Cloud & AI

### 97% of kids use their devices during school hours and beyond

This is a very concerning report, and given how AI is starting to spread through mobile devices, the dependence on devices by our youth will only increase. Encouraging our youth to understand that real-life interactions are better than those just with devices is so important.

There is also an interesting video segment about modern phone etiquette. Young people need real-life interactions to spot something dodgy, and without experience, young people can and sometimes will end up in serious trouble online.

Read [here](#).

## Security

### Hackers spreading Malware through Job postings

This will spread to other Job posting web sites, so be aware... The idea is to trick executives into clicking on links you trust. Read more [here](#).

## What's new at FTG

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### When

10 October 2023

### Where

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## Movies

Now Playing: [Exorcist: The Believer](#)

Now Playing: [Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie](#)

13 October: [57 Seconds](#) (Morgan Freeman one of the actors)

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