

# TOP STORIES #7

Quite a lot on the Microsoft front this week. I'm very pleased to see that my prediction about Windows 12 more than a year ago is starting to come true, and it may even be sooner in 2024!

There are **rumours** that Microsoft is reducing the release cycle between new versions from 5 years to 3.

If this turns out to be true, this is huge, because then we will see Windows 13 (maybe they pick a different name) in 2027 and Windows 14 in 2030 which underscores how fast things are changing.

## Hardware

### Microsoft is Building its own AI processor

Microsoft has not only invested in OpenAI and NVIDIA but is also building its own chip to allow it to scale even faster read [here](#).

### Intel working on 2000W Coolers for CPU's

It is incredible to think that Intel (and that would be AMD and NVIDIA as well) are working on technologies to cool CPU's that emit 2000W in heat when today we think 500W is a lot for one CPU. [Read here - even Intel talks about Science Fiction!](#)

## Microsoft

### Leaked: Windows 11 gets an AI-like feature

It looks like Microsoft has "leaked" a new feature that allows you to snap you windows the way you like them on your desktop and then remember them to restore them with one click - ie "snap assist" - read [here](#) and more detail [here](#)

### Sharepoint 2013 Workflow coming to an end

Microsoft is wanting you to prepare to switch to systems like Power Automate though there are functional challenges for some.

**If you are running Sharepoint and have concerns about it's roadmap, it maybe be a good plan to speak to our experts in First Digital** (your account manager can help connect you with the right person) to help you figure out what to do next.

Sharepoint 2013 is already out of Support. Read the detailed story [here](#).

### RIP Office 2013, Office 2016 and 2019 soon

Like with Sharepoint 2013, Office 2013 is no longer supported, and it is a good time to remind you that Office 2016 and 2019 support ends at the same time in **October 2025**.

Read the story in more detail [here](#).

### Windows 12 testing starting soon

It seems that Microsoft is getting ready to start testing Windows 12 in the wild. There are some hints that this may be a reality, read [here](#). If this is true, then we are definitely on track for October 2025.

### New Microsoft 365 Plan Comparison Table

It is available [here](#). This one is updated to show the Intune Suite and Intune Plan 2

### Universal Print Capacity Allocations increased

This is a cloud-based printing solution operating exclusively on Microsoft Azure, removing the necessity for conventional on-premises print servers or printer driver installation. Clients with Windows 10 Enterprise E3, E5, A3, and A5, or Microsoft 365 A3, A5, F3, and Business Premium licenses receive a pooled allotment of 5 print jobs per license each month at the tenant level.

**Starting May 1st, 2023, Microsoft 365 E3 and E5 users will receive 100 print jobs per license.**

**Add-ons can be purchased to provide an additional 500 print jobs monthly if more capacity is**

**required.** You can read the announcement from Microsoft [here](#), and some licensing information [here](#).

## Security

### SQL Servers getting hacked

You cannot relax, ever. [Here](#) is a story about a new attack on SQL servers, which if encrypted

can lead to devastating damage in companies, especially ones running older SQL databases.

## Cloud and AI

### AI coming to photographs and video editing

Adobe is starting to release a slew of AI products and features. [Here is one](#) that photographers will find interesting - a denoise feature for photos shot in dim conditions. Adobe is building a system to make video editing super simple by using AI. Read the first news about [Firefly](#).

### Google's BARD is catching up

Google has announced some new features giving BARD capability similar to ChatGPT with maybe some better integration, see [here](#).

## Movies

Nothing big this coming week, I think we are all waiting for [Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3](#)

Now Playing: [Beautiful Disaster](#)

Now Playing: [KISI KA BHAI KISI](#)

28 April: [Big George Foreman](#)

28 April: [Black Demon](#)

28 April: [Epic Tails](#)

28 April: [Polite Society](#)

28 April: [To Catch a Killer](#)

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