

TOP STORIES #22

It's a busy week for some Microsoft licensing changes and announcements, amongst other more routine news.

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Hardware

Details about Intel's Meteor Lake emerge

It seems that these new CPU's are going to give us impressive performance with embedded AI acceleration capability. Read more [here](#), with even more detail [here](#).

Intel is very upbeat about this new generation and is saying that this generation is as important as when it introduced integrated WiFi 2 decades ago, read more [here](#).

Microsoft

Limits on storage for Education customers to be imposed

From 1 August 2024, all school tenants will be limited to 100TB of pooled storage, and the A1 Plus program will be retired. Read more [here](#).

It makes sense, if you had access to unlimited storage on a decently fast [connection](#), would you not feel tempted to use it for backing up loads of private stuff? This is probably becoming too much for Microsoft to support "free".

Some users now allowed to Office 365 in AWS

It seems that Microsoft is now allowing customers to run Office 365 in AWS, but you still need M365E3, NOT O365E3 to be able to do that. Read more [here](#).

Power Automate Mining is now available

Microsoft has announced that Power Automate Process Mining is now available.

A Power Automate Premium licence is required, which offers 50 MB of Process Mining Data Storage.

Each additional license purchased provides an extra 50 MB, up to a limit of 100 GB per client. Beyond this point, customers can buy a Power Automate Process Mining Add-on license, which provides an additional 100 GB of Data Storage at a monthly cost of \$5,000.

The announcement from Microsoft is [here](#), with licensing information [here](#), and guidance on pricing [here](#).

Teams Essentials and Teams Phone Bundle offers

Microsoft has unveiled special offer prices for Teams Essentials and Teams Phone bundles available to clients in the US, Canada, and the UK. Businesses can opt for Teams Essentials coupled with just Teams Phone Standard, a Domestic or International Calling Plan, or pay-as-you-go calling. Alternatively, customers can add these Teams Phone options to their current Teams Essentials licenses at a discounted rate. The announcement is [here](#), with details on the promotion [here](#).

Power Apps License renamed to Premium

Microsoft has changed the naming convention for Power Apps licensing - the Power Apps per User licence has been rebranded as the Power Apps Premium licence. This is the only modification, with the cost still being \$20 per user per month, enabling the licensed user to have unlimited access to apps and Power Pages websites. The licence continues to encompass Dataverse capacity and AI Builder service credits. More details can be found [here](#).

Viva Pulse is now available

Microsoft has announced the launch of Viva Pulse, a new tool designed to assist bosses in collecting frequent and confidential feedback regarding their team's experience. **This new application is included in the existing Viva Suite**, which costs \$12 per user per month. The announcement by Microsoft is [here](#), and a comparison sheet can be found below:

Now Playing: **Haunted Mansion**

Now Playing: **Meg 2, The Trench**

11 August: **Gran Turismo**

11 August: **Sarafina**

11 August: **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem**

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