

TOP STORIES #3

AI is coming at us from all sides with all sorts of new tools and "assistants" to help us in so many different ways, and I'll highlight a few that have popped up just this week.

Beware of getting sucked in too quickly as this is becoming the next bubble with which Billions will be made and lost.

Overall, the pace of change is accelerating driven by increasingly rapid changes in processing systems from AMD, Intel and NVIDIA

P.S. in case you miss it, right at the bottom of this mail is a summary of the movies on the circuit and what's coming in South Africa

Hardware

AMD's New 96-Core CPU to break world records

AMD is about to release a server processor that can practically put a data centre in a single box! In the past you would have needed racks of servers, now you only need ONE single server.

Read more [here](#)

Microsoft

Microsoft changes to the Unified Update Platform servicing scheme.

This is a bit technical, but it is really important that you share this with your colleagues responsible for keeping your premise-based systems up to date. They should know about this, but just in case, [here](#) is a great article that takes you through the detail. **Note this facilitates the updates of air-gapped windows systems**

Microsoft To test Loop and CoPilot

This will allow AI to be incorporated into the creative process.

Read about "Loop" [here](#)

In Loop, Copilot will save a history of submitted prompts so they can be refined to produce better results, and allow generated work to be saved as a "component" (essentially a document) in a Loop workspace to be collaborated on or shared within other **Microsoft 365** apps, such as **Teams** or Outlook.

Microsoft Teams Rooms Users Get Tool To Help Comply with July Licensing Deadline

Microsoft has changed the licensing for Microsoft Teams Rooms devices, no longer allowing them to be used with "Shared Devices" licenses or "Per User" licenses. The new licensing is "per device," with two plans - Microsoft Teams Rooms Pro and Microsoft Teams Rooms Basic - introduced in September 2021 to replace the previous "Standard" and "Premium" offerings from 2020. Read more detail about this change [here](#)

Security

Beware of GPT fakes.

This fake ChatGPT Chrome Extension could compromise your Facebook account

This is a heads-up to be super suspicious of GPT or AI add-ons - they could severely compromise you. **Here is a story** about one of those fake add-ons.

You can't be careful enough!

Assessing Azure Security: Protecting yourself from being breached

Breaches of environments are happening a LOT!

You might not even know that your environment is misconfigured allowing hackers to compromise it to run up epic bills on your account for nefarious purposes.

BUI, Azure and Security specialists of the **First Technology group** have released a series of tools for you to assess your environment on the **Azure marketplace**.

- The first assessment, assesses, who is and who is not enabled for MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication), for Legacy, Baseline, and Conditional Access, which can be hard to figure out at times.
- The second assessment, assesses, access to Network interfaces from the Internet to the customers' environments in Azure, i.e., can you make a remote desktop connection into the environment?

Both these attack vectors are heavily exploited and are the main cause of many breaches in Azure. Both assessments provide the user with a report displayed in Red, Yellow and Green for

easy reading.

In 99% of the cases, if these two areas are locked down and they are correctly configured, a breach is greatly mitigated.

Cloud & AI

Guides on how to use GPT

There are going to be many, and some of them could be particularly handy. [Here](#) is a nice concise guide on how to get GPT to write your resume, of course, you can just ask GPT what it needs from you to write a good resume! Try it, it might surprise you!

The Cloud Backlash is starting

For almost a decade companies have been exhorted by the cloud providers like AWS, Alibaba, etc...to "Lift and Shift" to the cloud, and that worked for a while, but the tables are turning, and NVIDIA is one of the companies suggesting that the tide may be turning suggesting that moving large ML and AI workloads on-premise can yield big savings. Read more [here](#).

I cannot stress more how important it is to have a multi-cloud and hybrid cloud strategy where you use the cloud on "best fit for purpose" basis.

Adobe launches generative AI tools for marketers

[Here is a detailed article](#) on what Adobe is releasing, Adobe is far from the first:

[Movio](#), [Copysmith](#), [Copy.ai](#), [Sellscale](#), [Jasper](#), [Omneky](#) and [Regie.ai](#) are using generative AI to create (ostensibly) better marketing copy, imagery and even video for ads, websites and emails.

And both [Google](#) and [Microsoft](#) recently launched generative AI capabilities aimed at business customers, including copy- and image-generating tools.

Uptake has been swift — Statista [reports](#) that 87% of current AI adopters are already using, or are considering using, AI for improving their email marketing. Another [report](#) projects that the market for generative AI will be worth more than \$110 billion by 2030.

Movies

Now Playing: [Demon Slayer: To the SwordSmith Village](#)

Now Playing: [John Wick 4](#) (This is apparently very good)

Now Playing: [The Lost King](#) (Already Streaming)

31 March: [The Honeymoon](#) (Comedy)

31 March: [Dungeons and Dragons](#) (Looks like it's going to be very good)

31 March: [Marlowe](#) (Already Streaming)

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