

TOP STORIES #19

Microsoft has been surprisingly busy, with some more information about CoPilot leaking out. If you have been forwarded this mail and would like to subscribe, click [here](#).

Hardware

PC Sales are still slowing, so good time to look for deals

Now may be a good time for deals for both Intel 12th and 13th Generation computers. 14th Generation Meteor Lake is coming, but you can get the same performance from the older generation computers by making sure you are getting a powerful GPU with the computer for AI-based tasks (and gaming of course). Read more [here](#).

Microsoft

Windows 11 23H2 Coming Soon

[Here is quite a lot of detail](#) on what to expect with Win 11 23H2 which will be released as an enablement package and will be "underwhelming". Microsoft is urging users to upgrade to Windows 11 Now rather than wait. This is possibly laying the ground for an [early release of Windows 12](#).

An interesting change is that Windows 10 IoT will now be available through volume licensing from the 1st of August, but do not expect any price benefits vs. the OEM channel. It is essential to check with your First Tech. AM to confirm applicability as well.

Office getting a new Default font

Last updated in 2007, Microsoft has decided to [change to a new more modern font](#). This is actually a big deal as choosing the right font has a big impact on readability. [Here is an interesting paper](#) on the different types of fonts and how you should apply them. Personally, I like Neo-Grotesque for Headings and Humanist for Body.

Will I have to Pay extra for CoPilot?

Probably yes.....

Microsoft held an "Ask me Anything" event for CoPilot and has shed some more light on what to expect. One thing was confirmed is as follows:

"Microsoft 365 Copilot will be an [add-on license available for Microsoft E3, E5, Business Standard, and Business Premium](#) customers to begin".

When it comes to using it with Outlook, Microsoft commented:

"Copilot works in the Web apps." However, when using it with Outlook, organizations will need to use "the New Outlook or the web app"

Hopefully, this will change as many organisations have invested in the standard Outlook with many add-ins and add-ons.

There is a lot more [detail to be found here](#).

Microsoft Continues to Improve Teams

Microsoft has announced new tweaks to Teams coming soon that will make it even easier to use with conferencing calls.

Azure AD changes name

Microsoft has changed the name to Entra ID. Read more [here](#). You can find an extremely useful map that provides an overview of the Microsoft Entra identity and access management platform. Read more [here](#). Note it is 2 pages.

Security

USB Malware on the rise

There appears to be a spike in USB-based malware incidents, [so watch out!](#)

Cloud & AI

Is the ChatGPT Honeymoon over?

It seems that the use of GPT-4 is starting to decline as the initial thrill of talking to an AI starts wearing off, along with reports of GPT-4 [losing some of its intelligence](#). The bigger picture is that there are many other AI tools and bots coming to the market along with Bard steadily growing up and [even finding a voice!](#)

Movies

Now Playing: [Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning: Part 1](#)

Now Playing: [Boonie Bears Guardians Code: You're Next](#)

21 July: [Oppenheimer](#)

21 July: [Barbie](#)

21 July: [Resident Evil: Death Island](#)

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