

# TOP STORIES #15

With Infocomm, Apple WWDC and Computex behind us, the news this week is a bit slow. What we are seeing is more and more evidence (rumours) that Windows 12 may be released sooner than October 2025... things are speeding up!

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## Hardware

### Sales are falling - time to buy

Sales of computer hardware are not doing very well, and with an accelerated release cycle from AMD and Intel, there are still 10, 11, and 12th generation computers in the channel desperately wanting to be sold. With all this going on, now is an excellent time to look for a really good deal. Read more [here](#).

Demand should start picking up as companies realise that they HAVE to replace their old Windows 10 machines that cannot upgrade to Windows 11, so really good deals will not last for more than 8-12 months.

Note! I'm making reference to the global market, not specifically South Africa.

### PCIe 7 Standard released - 512GB/s transfer rates

It will still be a few years before we see this in laptops, as this is first headed for bandwidth-hungry data centers, but it is nice to see 1TB/s is in range in less than 10 years. Read more [here](#).

### Intel Rebrands CPU's

In preparation for the launch of Meteor Lake, Intel is dropping the "I" and adding an "ultra" variant. You can read more about the name change [here](#).

### Intel Raptor Lake Refresh Launching Q4

Raptor Lake Refresh is still considered part of the 13th Gen series of CPU's from Intel, and we will see these launching Q4 of 2023 as well. You can read more [here](#). You can [check out Wikipedia](#) as it will help you get your Meteors and Raptors unconfused.

## Microsoft

### More hints about Windows 12 leak

There are rumours afoot that Microsoft is planning to build AI into the fabric of the new operating system, and when we look at the new [Meteor Lake](#) that is coming Q4 2023, it is certain that this will be the case.

That we will see Windows 12 in 2024 is becoming increasingly real!

Read more [here](#).

### Windows 21H2 is dead

Microsoft is asking you to move on, which is a good idea, and maybe use it as an excuse to move on to Windows 11. Read more [here](#).

## Security

### How hackers steal passwords and how you make them safer

To have an idea of how to create a better password, it is good to understand how passwords get cracked. Scientific American has an interesting article about this [here](#).

## Cloud & AI

### AI is being used to create the final Beatles song

A very interesting use of AI, that will definitely not be the last - where this rabbit hole goes is just plain scary! Read more [here](#).

### Accenture Declares AI to be Mature and Delivers Value

Accenture is planning to grow its AI workforce to 80 000 people (after cutting 19 000 Jobs). The Register has its own opinion on this. Read more [here](#).

## Movies

It's a slow week at the movies as well.....

23 June: [No Hard Feelings](#)

23 June: [Rally Road Racers](#)

23 June: [Dark Beauty](#)

Now Playing: [Elemental](#)

Now Playing: [Greatest Days](#)

Now Playing: [Astroid City](#)

Now Playing: [The Flash](#)

Now Playing: [Adipurush](#)

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