

TOP STORIES #62

It is not a very busy week, though the fallout from Broadcom's acquisition of VMWare is still playing out - read more below.

Microsoft is paying more attention to security and getting CoPilot to work better with existing features, so we will see a slowdown in the announcements of new ones.

Last Week's [TOP STORIES #61 is here](#).

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The link last week was invalid - this one works - apologies!

Hardware

AMD hits highest Market Share in Desktop and Server

AMD is proving to be a headache for Intel where it's market share is climbing as companies look for more cost-effective computing power without sacrificing capabilities. Performance, price and availability of the latest AI-capable technology may very well result in you needing to pay more serious attention to AMD based computing systems. [You can read more here](#) and some more details [here](#).

Microsoft

Microsoft's VMware Rapid Migration Plan: Not as shiny as it looks

Directions on Microsoft has published an article that warns you to be careful about the VMware Migration plan. It can be beneficial, but you do need to be careful about what happens after the five years of reserved instances come to an end (the new cut-off date for purchase is 1 December 2024). You can [read more here](#).

[Please contact your First Tech Licensing account manager for assistance in deciding how best to take advantage of the Migration plan.](#)

Microsoft Purview enhanced with AI hooks

Microsoft is rolling out Purview AI Hub, which will offer insights into how AI applications are being used within your networks and allow you to prioritise data risks. Microsoft Purview eDiscovery will allow streamlining the collection of CoPilot data.

[You can read more about this here](#), and then please reach out to your First Tech. account manager to connect you with our specialists in Purview to see if and how you can start participating in the preview program.

Microsoft M365 Plan Comparison Table - May 2024

A reminder that you can download the latest M365 Plan Comparison Document dated 1 May 2024 [here](#).

Cloud & AI

AWS Rights to resell VMWare terminated

Hot on the heels of Microsoft's VMWare migration plan VMWare has ended AWS's ability to resell VMWare cloud as of 30 April. AWS has also posted a blog on moving customers from VMWare to AWS native services. You can [read more about this here](#).

Please also reach out to our [AWS Specialists at First Horizon](#) to work with them to look at your options with AWS. Please also reach out to your First Technology Licensing AM to ensure you are connected with the right people to best assist you.

Security

Major Dell User Data Breach

You may already be aware of this, but it's pretty serious, as you cannot undo it by changing the Service Tags affixed to Dell hardware at customers.

49 million customer records, including your computer's Service Tag (aka. serial number), are now being sold on the dark web, so [it would be wise to be extra wary of any communication claiming to be from Dell \(or even a partner\), especially if you get it in your inbox](#). You can read [more about this breach here](#).

What's up at FTG

CoPilot Readiness Workshops are now available for you to register [here](#) or [here](#).

Copilot for Security Join BUI, (FTG's Azure, Cloud and Security specialists) for an exclusive one-on-one demo session featuring Microsoft Security Copilot!

This is a prime opportunity for your team to experience the forefront of technology with our latest release. Dive into discussions about defining and understanding the consumption needs specific to your organisation.

Reserve your spot now! [Sign up here](#).

Microsoft CoPilot Studio Webinar

Join us for an enlightening webinar on Microsoft CoPilot Studio, where we'll unveil the capabilities and potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing organizational productivity. Discover how to craft your own AI CoPilots and integrate them seamlessly into your business processes.

Don't miss this opportunity to empower your organization with the next generation of AI technology.

When

Thursday 23 May @ 10:00am - [Register Here](#)

Where

Online - Microsoft Teams Thursday, 23 May 2024

Movies

Now Playing: [Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes](#)

Now Playing: [Tarot](#)

17 May: [The Strangers: Chapter 1](#)

17 May: [Imaginary Friends](#)

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