

TOP STORIES #67

As with every week, there is always news, and it is no different this week. Read on.....

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Hardware

Zoom Experience Centre

Zoom has opened a centre in the UK to show different approaches to conferencing solutions, some of them need some very deep pockets, while others are a bit more realistic. Here is a

[short story about the experience centre](#) and [more from Zoom here](#),

If you want to learn more about different options for your conferencing rooms, [you can contact your First Tech account manager to put you in touch with our Zoom and Teams experts to chat with you about the "art of the possible"](#).

Infocomm 2024 is done

Infocomm has now closed and, it was a huge show, with many well known brands walking away with the ["best of the show" awards](#).

You can read the show daily publications for Day [1](#), [2](#) and [3](#) which do a good job of covering all the technologies and vendors that came to the show. Rave Pubs probably has the most definitive guide to [Infocomm here](#).

Some really cool technology was on display, such as [Samsung's transparent bezel-free micro-LED display](#)—stuff we only thought we would ever see in science fiction movies!

We will have a lot more to share once our representatives return from the show with bags full of information and new products to improve your boardroom experience even more without spending a fortune!

Of course, no visit to Las Vegas can be complete without visiting the Sphere - [here is a story about one person's experience](#) of a show especially for Infocomm guests.

CoPilot+ PC reviews are disappointing (for now)

This is not great news, but also to be expected when it comes to such new technology. Hopefully this is because the first test results are on machines that are still going to get optimised with BIOS updates and patches and next week we will see more reviews from more brands. [It is still very early days, and a reminder that being really first is not always the best!](#)

In the USA, when these PC's launch next week [you will be able to get a free 50" TV](#) when buying a CoPilot+ PC!

Microsoft

CoPilot GPT Builder officially retired

If you have a Copilot Pro licence you will no longer have the ability to develop your own custom Copilot GPTs. Additionally, any Copilot GPTs generated by Microsoft or by customers will be eliminated at this juncture. You can find the [official announcement here](#). The retirement of this perk has been a bit surprising. You can find [more about this here](#). [If you are affected by this change, please contact your First Tech. Account manager to connect you with our CoPilot specialists to help with alternatives.](#)

Recall is Recalled

It is no surprise that Microsoft has decided to launch CoPilot+ PCs without the most interesting feature, Recall. This feature will now be refined a lot more before Microsoft releases it to the world, with way better security than originally intended. You can read [more about the change in plans here](#).

Cloud & AI

We got it wrong it's not AI, it's Apple Intelligence

Apple's WWDC was full of Apple's flavour of AI, but the reaction has been quite varied. Apple is late to the game but is also showing to users that its closed ecosystem does have advantages. A LOT of stories have been written about the WWDC and what was announced. One of the sites summarising the conference [is here](#).

Apple taking a jab at Microsoft's Recall (which is now Recalled) disaster [can be found here](#).

Security

Stay Patched - or you could have been hacked!

This is a scary one! Microsoft issued a "Patch Tuesday" fix that could have allowed baddies to install malware via your WiFi connection. All common versions of Windows are affected. This is a good reminder that staying patched is very important. You can [read more about this here](#).

Beware of emails bearing Gifts (like attachments).

Here is yet another story about a phishing attack that cleverly uses the Windows Explorer search function to deliver a payload. [You can read more about how it works here](#), but the moral of the story is to always be suspicious of emails from strangers. It is especially important to be alert as there is a sophisticated SARS phishing scam going on as well. [Read more about it here](#).

What's up at FTG

Legacy Snapshot – Creating The Immortal Enterprise

As organizations hasten their IT modernization efforts, the web of legacy systems while still alive and lurking inside your environment *maybe* doing something useful, refuse to go off and die gracefully. ("Yikes!!!! Don't switch it off - maybe somebody needs it!")

This situation confuses employees and customers while posing significant security threats and compliance risks that can jeopardise brand integrity. [This webinar highlights the strategic importance of a disciplined approach](#) to decommissioning these systems.

It will explore effective strategies for archiving legacy system data in line with organisational access control and records retention policies, ensuring the information remains accessible and operational for future decision-making.

When

Thursday 20 June @ 11:00am - [Register Here](#)

Where

Online - [Register Here](#)

CoPilot Readiness Workshops

They are available.

You can register for them [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](#).

NEW! FTG's BUI MonthlySecurity Blog

FTG's Azure and security division has launched a blog focused on Security - what's new, what changed and what you need to do to maintain a good security posture. The blog will be published monthly - [and here is the 1st one](#) - it's only 4mins long, and has some interesting information about:

- New Recommendations in Entra ID
- Entra Admin Center Updates
- Conditional Access Policies Renaming
- Phasing Out Legacy Identity Protection Policies

Movies

Now Playing: [Inside Out 2](#) is turning out that it might be a [bigger success than the first one](#) with [good reviews](#) but what makes this super special is that it has been released in HDR for theatres - [except only 100 worldwide can show it](#) - so do not expect to see this in SA anytime soon! It is really very early days for HDR, but it is the next level in experiencing a movie and will probably be more sustainable than 3D - you can [read more about HDR projection here](#).

Now Playing: [Doraemon The Movie: Nobita's Earth Symphony](#)

Now Playing: [Highway Sheila: Resurrection](#)

21 June: [Girl you know it's True](#) (No reviews yet)
21 June: [Chief of Station](#) (Already Streaming - and getting **pretty "OK" ratings**)

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