

TOP STORIES #4

Every week there is something new about AI, and it will of course feature prominently in the weekly highlights, but of course, it's not only about AI, there are also a lot of other things going on in a very busy industry.

This week the News has a lot of Microsoft, just worked out that way.

Hardware

Intel Server CPU Roadmap updated

Not to be outdone by AMD, Intel has announced it's roadmap to 2025, suggesting that it will skip the 20A node and produce CPU's with the 18A Node.

All this suggests that the overall roadmap for AMD and Intel is ahead of schedule, and we will be seeing major increases, by orders of magnitude in the next couple of years. I think GPT-5 will arrive very soon powered by these new systems, which NVIDIA is also working on.

Read more [here](#).

Microsoft

Windows 12 System Requirements

It seems more stuff is starting to leak out about Windows 12, and it seems my prediction about the system requirements might be right.

The most important news is that the minimum RAM requirement is 8Gig whereas Windows 11 was 4Gig - this translates to the minimum real-life requirement for Windows 11 being 16 Gig, and thus of course, 32 Gig for Windows 12. It is of course all still rumour, but you can read more [here](#).

It is important to note that upgrading machines from Windows 11 to 12 might run into trouble, if your Windows 11 machines are still be deployed with 8Gig - I urge you to reconsider if that is the case. Read more [here](#).

A screenshot of Windows 12 might have [leaked as well](#).

Enabling Microsoft Loop

First, if you do not know what Loop is, read [this](#) - which explains what it does by comparing it with its competitor, Notion. Once you feel this may be useful, read [this to guide](#) you on how to enable this.

New Teams, Smaller, Faster and Smarter

Microsoft has launched the new Teams for public preview, and it is a big deal promising to run at twice the speed in half the memory (something zoom has always done). You can read about this new version of Teams [here](#).

Microsoft is also starting to show how CoPilot will be integrating with Teams as well. Maybe Teams will run our meetings without us having to be present, it already allows you to catch up if you are late. Read more [here](#).

EXCEL just got updated!

Microsoft has just updated Excel to improve your ability to collaborate with @mentions, including how images are handled in spreadsheets.

Read more [here](#).

Security

Microsoft will block emails from Vulnerable servers

Important to note that Microsoft will proactively start blocking emails from servers that remain persistently unpatched. Read [here](#).

Microsoft Releases CoPilot for security.

This is just the beginning, and already CoPilot will enable admins to respond to and deal with threats in minutes and not days (but don't forget the bad guys are onto this too). read more [here](#). Of course, The Register has [something to say as well](#).

OFFICE 2016 and 2019 CONNECTION TO O365 END DATE

Microsoft has issued a reminder of a **very important Servicing Milestone**, where after October 023 connections to O365 might become "iffy". It is important to read this document [here](#). You also will not be able to use Configuration Manager to migrate.

Cloud and AI

AI Helping the bad guys

Unfortunately, it is only to be expected that as much as AI helps us good guys work more intelligently and efficiently, it also helps bad guys that are not so clever commit really clever crimes with the aid of an AI, more on this [here](#). I truly think we need to proactive and already work on stepping up our defences and our education of users who could be be deceived by "next level" phishing attempts.

GPT-5 is coming

It is possible that GPT 5 will achieve Artificial General Intelligence (**AGI**) in 2024, which has many in the world, including Musk very worried.

I asked GPT what it thinks about reaching AGI with GPT-5, and it has this to say:

"As an AI language model, GPT-5 or any future artificial general intelligence (AGI) would be capable of understanding and processing human language at a level similar to or surpassing that of humans. This would allow for more advanced and sophisticated interactions between humans and the AI.

If and when GPT-5 is developed, it may be able to provide more personalized and tailored responses to specific user needs and preferences, making it even more helpful in assisting with tasks and providing information. It may also be able to learn and adapt to new information and situations more quickly and effectively than previous AI models. However, it is important to note that the development of AGI is still speculative and it is unclear when or if it will become a reality. Additionally, ethical and safety concerns will need to be addressed as AI becomes more advanced and potentially more powerful."

You can read more about this [here](#).

Maybe it's time to watch the movie "[Her](#)" a little more carefully, and wonder just what our future holds for us.

GPT-4 shows it's power

Here is a nice summary of some amazing things that GPT-4 can do. Read [here](#)

Summarising Meetings - A perfect AI Use case

It is not just Zoom and Microsoft coming up with great ways to summarise meetings. [here is a story of a startup](#), Read, that has figured out how to summarise meetings into a 2min Clip.

Movies

John Wick 4 was such an unexpected success, the producers are already trying to see how to bring him back for No. 5 - read the story [here](#).

Now Playing : [The Honeymoon](#) (Comedy)

Now Playing : [Dungeons and Dragons](#) (getting good reviews)

Now Playing : [Marlowe](#) (Already Streaming)

7 April: [The Pope's Exorcist](#) - Russell Crowe has the leading role - not for the fainthearted!

7 April: [One True Loves](#)

7 April: [Mario Bros.](#) for kids of all ages!

7 April: [AIR](#) - the story of how Nike landed Michael Jordan

7 April: [The Thorn](#)

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