

# TOP STORIES #10

Even though the week was dominated by the Google I/O conference, there are still a few interesting stories this week with IBM launching Watsonx platform to help enterprises use AI to cut back on employees (it seems IBM employees are being motivated in the same way). Our experience with AI is only just starting. It will get more exciting and scary every week! Also, there is a dangerous phishing attack you need to be on the alert for with South Africa getting a mention.

## Hardware

### New Chips from Intel to Beat the Apple M2

Not to be outdone by AMD, Intel has announced it too will be introducing CPU's with improved integrated GPU performance, and this could start causing trouble for NVIDIA removing the need for separate GPUs in computers for many applications. Read more on this story [here](#).

### A very cool monitor from Philips

[This is a very interesting monitor](#) with a companion E-paper Panel hooked up on the side. I do not know when it will be available in SA, but it is a very cool idea...

### What is HDR for displays?

This is referred to more and more, but what is it and should you get it for your monitor? [This article](#) helps demystify some of the hype.

## Microsoft

### Windows 10 coming to an end

The beginning of the end is that [21H2 is coming to the end of support on June 13](#), so you will be forced to upgrade to 22H2 soon. Read more detail [here](#),

### Windows 11 "Moment 3" coming soon - probably June

This is the next "major" update of the operating system which looks like it will be "minor". Read more about it [here](#).

### Microsoft Enabling "Everything" with CoPilot

[Here is a story from The Register](#) as to how Microsoft is going to be enabling every component of its M365E3 and E5 stack with digital assistants.

## Security

### Dangerous Phishing attack

This is dangerous as it is offered as PhaaS (Phishing as a service) bypassing MFA. [South Africa is mentioned](#). As always keep trying to educate your users from acting on suspicious emails, which are looking less suspicious all the time! Read more [here](#).

### Outlook flaw patched

It is important to keep you patches up to date. This vulnerability affects all versions of outlook. Read more [here](#).

### Teams to get more productive

There are new features rolling out in Teams. One that I will find especially useful is "howling detection", read about that feature and others [here](#).

### PLEASE patch your exchange servers!

Or better yet, try to switch them off. Teams appear to be slow to be patching servers, and that at is not good - [read here](#).

[We have multiple teams in the First Technology Group to help you with Patching and Migrating the servers to the cloud. Please talk to your AM to see what is the best assistance we can give you for your specific challenges.](#)

## Cloud & AI

### IBM Launches Watsonx

IBM has very tough competition in the AI space already and has not done well with Watson, so let's see if IBM has better luck this time around as an [AI development platform](#). Read more

[here](#). [The Register](#) has some interesting comments about Watsonx, and also about IBM's idea that it will be used to replace workers. Read even more [here](#).

### Google makes Bard available in 180 countries

As part of the Google I/O conference, Google announced that they are opening up Bard to more countries. I find it funny, because of a difficult start in Google's compute with Microsoft, it is still labelled as an "experiment". Read more [here](#).

### ChatGPT gets Internet Access

It is early days, but [here is how you can join the waitlist](#)

## Movies

Now Playing: [Love Again](#)

Now Playing: [Book Club: The Next Chapter](#)

Now Playing: [Hypnotic](#)

19 May: [Fast and Furious 10](#) - with competition like this, this is the only release for the week!

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