

## TOP STORIES #27

I have added a new section to the letter "**What's New at FTG**". This tells you about what upcoming events are being planned by First Technology Group (FTG) divisions. Sometimes it's difficult to know what's going on in the group that might be of interest to you, so I'm putting everything in one place. If you would like colleagues to join this newsletter, all they have to do is click [here](#) to subscribe.

It is a relatively quiet week unless you are a gamer! The Gamer world is flooded with stories about Starfield, though Intel is having challenges with getting its GPU's to work with Starfield. The interest in Starfield is impressive - with [6 million players by day 2](#), Bethesda's biggest launch ever.

## Hardware

### The Ultimate Display

When I first got into computers as a teenager in the late 70's with the Sharp MZ-80K (my first computer), all I knew was the green screen CRT monitor. By the late 80's LCD started to replace CRT very slowly, and then in the 90's Plasma Displays were considered better than LCD for TV's.

This was followed by OLED in the 2000's improving contrast ratios and viewing angles, while LCD has continued to improve reaching impressive levels of quality. We also had a brief boom of 3D only to disappear entirely in 2016, remaining only in cinema.

Now we are starting to see what will probably be the ultimate in 2D flat panel technology before we start seeing [Wave Field Display technologies](#) in the next 15 years.

**This is called MicroLED, brighter than LCD and longer lasting than OLED** with no burn-in and infinite contrast ratio. You can even buy a MicroLED TV from LG today for \$237 000, but it is going to take a while for Micro-LED to reach realistic price levels.

LCD continues to improve in brightness and quality, but will never reach the levels of brightness and quality you will get from MicroLED, but still, the latest in Mini-LED LCD TV's are very impressive indeed (with prices less insane). Read [here](#).

To learn more about a Micro-LED TV that costs about the same as a pretty decent house, read [here](#). Note the speakers are optional for another \$80K.

## Microsoft

### Microsoft will defend you Against CoPilot copyright issues, But.....

This is quite a big deal! If you are looking to deploy AI in your company, a big concern is if you could end up with copyright issues. Microsoft has now announced that the company will protect you, but there is a catch...

You must correctly use the guardrails that Microsoft has implemented to prevent its AI from returning copyright-infringing content, and only the paid versions are protected.

What is becoming very clear is that you need a [partner expert in this field](#) to help ensure CoPilot is deployed correctly. Read more [here](#).

Microsoft has also updated its Services agreement effective 30 September [here](#).

### Windows 11 23H2 is (almost) here

It is the first real start of the journey to Microsoft's AI future with the first limited inclusion of CoPilot for Windows. We can expect 23H2 somewhere in September or October. You can read a review [here](#).

### Office 2019 & 2021 get Aptos fonts too

Contrary to Microsoft's statements, it appears that the new fonts have been added to Office 2019 & 2021.

Read more about the discovery [here](#).

## Cloud & AI

### It is not just about ChatGPT, Bing, DUET.....Here is CLAUDE!

Anthropic has launched Claude Pro which is similar to ChatGPT, and professes to be highly intelligent, able to pass many exams, and allows you to have human-like conversations with it. It is promising a much larger context window allowing even a large book to be ingested for insights you may be looking for. Read more [here](#).

## Zoom Launches AI Companion

If someone joins a meeting late, the AI companion will help them catch up and also answer specific questions about the meeting content, generate summaries, etc....

Zoom uses multiple Language Models allowing users to benefit from the best for a specific need. Read more [here](#).

## Security

### Targeted Hacking of Microsoft 365 Accounts

This is a lesson in that nobody is 100% safe.

You have to keep making sure you are always on top of your security policies being in place and continuously updated with help from security experts. Read more [here about this 365-targeted attack](#).

## What's New at FTG

### Microsoft Mastery Day

**BUI** in partnership with Torque IT and **The CRM Team** is excited to extend a warm invitation to you for a remarkable event that promises to redefine your IT journey. We proudly present

**Microsoft Mastery Day "Empower IT: Navigating the Microsoft Universe - Cyber Security, AI, Copilot, Power BI & Beyond"**, an immersive day of exploration and learning.

Spending the day with some of the top experts in the country is highly recommended if you want to get a good picture of how the sometimes confusing worlds of Microsoft Security, CoPilot and Power BI integrate.

### When

19 Sept. '23, Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm,

### Where

Torque IT Western Services Road, Gallo Manor. [Register Here](#), [Programme Here](#)

### Code Like a Captain

**Take your application management to the next level.**

learn how to harness the power of Azure Insights and Co-Pilot to monitor, analyse, and optimize your applications seamlessly with [First Digital](#).

### When

14 Sept '23, Time: 10:00am to 11:00am

### Where

Online - register [here](#).

## Movies

Now Playing: [My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3](#)

Now Playing: [Nun 2](#)

Now Playing: [Jawan](#)

15 September: [A Haunting in Venice](#)

15 September: [Talk to Me](#)

15 September: [First Slam Dunk](#)

15 September: [Headspace](#)

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