

TOP STORIES #34

With the Bokke winning the World Cup, I'm not sure any of this can be remotely as newsworthy, but nevertheless, there is still something to write about this week.

Hardware

Intel plans to sell a LOT of new computers

Intel is bringing AI to the computer "on board" with Meteor Lake. This will allow the PC to perform some very impressive AI tricks, without accessing cloud resources or needing a super expensive GPU to do the heavy lifting. What it will mean is that you are going to need to refresh all your hardware! [Read more here](#).

This will be a very important upgrade, and it may be an idea to delay or re-negotiate major hardware refreshes to ensure that they come with Meteor Lake.

You can start expecting Meteor Lake based notebooks as early as Feb/March as Intel has confirmed that it is in [full production and shipping to OEM's](#).

This is a big deal, as the integrated CPU will do a decent job with games anyway, and do away with having to buy an expensive gaming machine with an Off-board NVIDIA GPU, unless you are a very serious gamer. Look at this demo [here](#).

Microsoft

Microsoft Teases us about Windows 12

There are quite a few hints, but one of the more interesting ones is how the new operating system will be fully AI-enabled allowing a hybrid use of AI processing power onboard (a nod to Intel's Meteor Lake) and AI in the cloud. [Read a lot more here](#).

Purview Standard Perks delayed till May 2024

Microsoft has detailed plans to enhance audit logging and data retention for Purview Audit Standard users, with an extension of the default audit logs retention period to 180 days and the addition of 30 more audit logs. These improvements, rolled out gradually starting October 2023, will first benefit global enterprise customers, followed by government clientele, although some features won't be available until mid-to-late 2024. Read more [here](#).

Microsoft releases Security CoPilot

This is rolling out as an early access program, read more [here](#),

Windows 23H2 about to release

There are signs that 22H2 is about to be released by Microsoft, and it could be the last major update to Windows 11 before Windows 12. Read more [here](#),

Cloud & AI

Grammarly Releases New AI Features

I think a LOT of us are using the free version of Grammarly, so it is interesting to see what Grammarly is adding to its features for Business customers, noting you get some AI functionality in even the free version.

Read more [here](#), and [here](#) where you can read how it can learn your writing style and apply it to any text (think of the implications when it is used by scammers).

It's early days so be careful to commit to only one AI vendor.

This is an example of yet another startup that is growing dramatically, AutogenAI helps companies prepare new business contracts using AI. This is being launched in the US, but it is sure to become available worldwide soon. Read more [here](#).

Then [there is EVE](#) for the legal profession. Then [there is HeyGen, a video generation tool](#) that enables users to produce professional-quality videos without any prior design or video editing experience!

Security

Fraudsters using GPT to scam you convincingly.

Increasingly you cannot spot a scam because it has grammatical mistakes and spelling errors. Now you are going to have to be suspicious of emails that just come across as "too perfect". Trying not to be caught out is getting more and more difficult! [Read more here](#).

Ransomware is not going away

This is a sobering reminder that you cannot let up on security where this month saw the highest number of attacks ever recorded. Read more [here](#).

What's new at FTG

We are taking a break this week.

Movies

Now Playing: [Five Nights at Freddy's](#)

Now Playing: [Freelance](#)

Now Playing: [Never Give Up](#)

3 November: [Dear David](#)

3 November: [Miracle Club](#)

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