

TOP STORIES #12

Quite a lot of news on the Microsoft side of things with new licensing guides, and a bunch of Azure Dashboards to view and manage savings better.

Hardware

Rollable Displays

In the near future, we may start seeing notebooks that are much smaller than what we are used to today, because the display can be rolled up and tucked away when not in use. You can see one that [Samsung presented at a recent show](#).

AMD and Intel Battle to Lead AI in Windows

This is another hint that the upcoming release of Windows (12) will be the first operating system to enable AI throughout its architecture, but in the meantime, even with Windows 11 the battle is heating up. Read [here](#)

Microsoft

Azure Linux Generally available

It is now finally available - read the story [here](#).

New Features Coming to Windows

A preview of Windows 11 Moment 3 has already been pushed out by Microsoft, and you can enable the features now if you like, see [here](#). Over and above this Microsoft announced a lot of new features coming to Windows 11, more [here](#). A nice summary of just what is coming in moment 3 can be found [here](#).

New Azure Savings Dashboard and custom lookback advisor & EASavings Plans

If you're interested in tracking the savings you've accrued in Azure by buying Reservations or Savings Plans, you can use the Power BI dashboard. To get more details and download the Power BI file, [including setup instructions](#).

Further, the Azure Advisor provides cost-saving advice by analyzing VM usage and identifying idle/underutilized machines. The default review period is 7 days, now adjustable to 14, 21, 30, 60, or 90 days. Read [here](#).

If you're an EA customer looking to manually calculate your **savings from Azure Savings Plans**, there's a helpful article [here](#). It provides complete instructions for downloading the amortized usage and charges file, preparing an Excel spreadsheet, and conducting the necessary calculations to figure out the savings.

Power Platform Licensing guide updated

The Power Platform Licensing Guide, updated in May 2023, now includes tiered pricing for AI Builder credit packs. Refer to page 20 of the guide for details [here](#) (AI Builder rate card).

Windows 11 Guide

Microsoft has published an updated guide on the [Licensing Guides portal](#) for Windows 11 dated April. It covers all the different editions, plus downgrade rights and VL activations.

Microsoft Announces App Governance in Defender

As of 1 June, the App governance add-on will be included in any license that includes Defender for Cloud Apps which of course means it's included in M365E5 and E5 Security. Read more [here](#).

SQL Server Centrally managed Azure Hybrid benefit available

Microsoft has launched the centrally managed Azure Hybrid Benefit for SQL Server. Now, you can easily apply eligible licenses to your SQL Server resources in Azure at a Subscription or Billing Profile level, rather than to individual resources, simplifying management.

You can find the announcement [here](#), and useful learn documentation [here](#)

Security

D-Link and Zyxel release patches

This is a reminder that our Routers, AP's and firewalls need to be kept up to date, and old units that are not supported get removed. Both D-Link and Zyxel have announced patches that you

best check out if you are using any of the listed products. See D-Link [here](#) and Zyxel [here](#).

Cloud & AI

ChatGPT now uses Bing AI Search data

Slowly ChatGPT is being released into the wild, read more [here](#).

Photoshop tool could bring AI magic to your images

Adobe has introduced a new tool in Photoshop that can make mind-blowing changes to your pictures. See the story [here](#).

Movies

We are now in peak summer blockbuster Season!

Now Playing: [The Little Mermaid](#) (Kids love it)

Now Playing: [About my Father](#)

02 June: [The boogeyman](#)

02 June: [Spiderman: Across the Spiderverse](#)

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