

TOP STORIES #37

It has been a news-filled week, mainly because of the Microsoft Ignite conference ([here is a great overview](#)), the hype around "specials" for Black Friday and of course, OpenAI firing Sam Altman.

Hardware

Microsoft announces its own chips

These two chips are going to be used in Microsoft data centres from early 2024, even Sam Altman (just before he was fired) has some positive things to say about the new chips. [You can read more on this here.](#)

Microsoft

Nadella Highlights CoPilot AI, cloud and Fabric

In the Keynote Nadella laid out a grand vision for CoPilot. You can watch the Keynote [here](#) (it's 1 hour), read a summary of it [here](#), and get an 8min version of the [Keynote here](#).

Microsoft introduces Sharepoint Premium aka Syntex

This is the new name for Microsoft Syntex, but now has a clear roadmap to increasingly apply AI to organisational content and governance. [You can read more details here.](#)

Windows 365 and AVD to get Windows App.

Microsoft announced at Ignite a Windows App preview which is sort of a home page for accessing VMs in the cloud, the AVD (Azure Virtual Desktop) infrastructure, Dev Box environments and RDS connections. [Redmondmag has a lot more on this here.](#)

Ignite and the many Microsoft CoPilots

There is a lot of hype around signing up for M365 CoPilot, but it is important to note that this is one of many aspects of CoPilot, and Microsoft introduced MANY at Ignite. Most of them are still in preview as well. A detailed summary of what Microsoft has [announced for CoPilot is here](#). Microsoft is still finding its way, so expect regular name changes, like Bing Chat is now called Microsoft CoPilot.

Office 2024 is coming

It is unlikely to have anything dramatically new, other than further integration with CoPilot. [Read here about this leak](#) - nothing official from Microsoft.

Teams gets to decorate your Office

One fun update that Microsoft announced is the ability for Teams to decorate your background by making it look more topical and less cluttered. A noise background remover was also announced. Read more [here](#).

Of course, this is only for Team Premium license holders.

To Do, Planner and Project become one

Microsoft is planning to consolidate these three products into one thing called Planner. Microsoft did not provide much detail at Ignite, but if true, there are going to be challenging licensing implications. Read (a little more) [here](#).

Cloud & AI

Privacy implications of AI Assistants.

For these assistants to really help you, they need to know as much as possible about you. Are you ready to start allowing the AI to scratch through EVERYTHING you interact with? [Here is a good article to help you consider the implications](#)

Security

It's REALLY important to stay patched!

Staying patched across your entire estate is probably the most important thing you can be doing. For some reason, companies have been slow to patch Citrix Netscaler with disastrous consequences [which you can read about here](#).

What's new at FTG

AI for Business

Our division, BUI, has put together a framework to allow you to engage with them around getting AI to work in your business, starting with the preparation to be able to give the AI access to your data. This must happen even before the licensing gets finalised, and will actually help you figure out what licensing you will need.

[See here to sign up to start the process.](#)

Movies

Now Playing: [Joika](#)

Now Playing: [Hunger Games: Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes.](#)

24 November: [Wish](#)

24 November: [Napoleon](#)

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