

In this year's thrilling update to the Standards of Business Conduct, the focus is on stopping \_\_\_\_\_.



Bedlam

In Satya's first few weeks as CEO, his most impactful change was putting a stop to \_\_\_\_\_.



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Satya has called on all of us to reinvent \_\_\_\_\_.



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Behold the new company Leadership Principles:  
1) Create Clarity  
2) Generate Energy  
3) \_\_\_\_\_



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After retiring, SteveB went on to spend his leisure time \_\_\_\_\_.



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You know what I miss the most about Windows Phone?



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IT

This might sting a little.

But \_\_\_\_\_ will make things better.



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IT

Heads up!

\_\_\_\_\_ is coming.



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Although Microsoft is facing the toughest competition ever seen in its history, at least we can all rely on \_\_\_\_\_ to save the day.



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My favorite part about working at Microsoft? \_\_\_\_\_.



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I took the job at Microsoft because I knew I'd be \_\_\_\_\_.



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What's the best way to survive an exec review?



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The new re-org tries to optimize for \_\_\_\_\_.



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If it wasn't for \_\_\_\_\_, both Building 7 and Windows 9 would be with us today.



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We could all use a little more \_\_\_\_\_ in today's mobile-first, cloud-first world.



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The Design Studio has decreed that \_\_\_\_\_ is the new black.



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Today’s build break was caused by \_\_\_\_\_.



**Bedlam**

What should I blame last year’s bad review on?



**Bedlam**

Yet another new internal  
Sharepoint site that will  
die a lonesome death in  
three months



*Stop. Collaborate and Listen. And then stop  
visiting the site.*

Being the team that  
shows up in the  
Standards of Business  
Conduct videos



*Just in case it's not clear, this is NOT a  
good thing.*

Using Sharepoint



*In playtests of the Alpha of this game, this  
was one of the favorite cards. Wonder  
why?*

A threesome – with dev,  
test *\*and\** PM



*Menage a triad.*

A sweaty, naked exec in  
the Pro Club locker room



*Some execs are known to be quite  
comfortable standing around 'starkers', as  
they say.*

Long, shitty product  
names for business



*See also: Long, shitty product names*

Long, shitty product  
names



*Like "The Messaging and Security Feature  
Pack for Windows Mobile 5.0"!*

Flighting (formerly  
known as "testing")



*STE what I mean?*

Having a legitimate  
business reason for  
using InPrivate browsing



*I mean for avoiding single-sign-on when  
you need to authenticate as another  
account, of course.*

Waterfall development  
masquerading as agile



*We were so agile in how quickly we  
stopped using the word "Waterfall".*

Universal Windows Apps



*UWAs, straight outta Redmond.*

Windows Vista



*Hardly missed-ya*

Windows 8



*Windows Reimagined. Also Reinvented.*

The app gap



*\*Not\* a place where you buy stylish,  
generic clothes.*

The Substrate



*An up-and-coming term for some exciting  
stuff that's totally going to reinvent the  
way things work, again!*

Having a big .DOC



*It's big, it's real, and you like showing it to coworkers.*

Remembering to say  
"Bing" instead of  
"Google"



*Because that's the search engine everyone here uses.*

Accidentally turning off  
SafeSearch on your work  
machine



*SafeSearch is the Bing feature that prevents... certain kinds of content from showing up.*

Xbox One



*Or pronounce it as "X-BONE" if you're feeling punchy.*

Cortana



*One of the times we actually got the name of something right.*

Two Onedrives



*Pro \*and\* amateur.*

Red banging every mail



*Your lack of poor planning does not constitute an emergency for me. Except when it does.*

Responding to a multi-  
question email with "No"



*Asking someone multiple questions and their response only answers one of them.*

Accidentally replying  
all to a company-wide  
email



*All the more amusing if your title includes the word "distinguished".*

Surfing the GAL for  
funny names



*There are some awesome ones out there. Sorry for those of you who have them.*

Finally seeing another  
woman in the restroom



*In buildings with mostly engineering disciplines, this is a rare occasion.*

Laughing at overworked  
Amazon employees  
while responding to  
email at 10pm



*Admit it. You've done it.*

Sending a mail marked  
low importance - in  
order to get people to  
read it



*Take it from a pro: it works.*

Our crappy marketing



*Oops, how did that adjective slip in there?*

Accidentally emailing  
someone because you  
put them on the cc line  
just to look them up in  
the address book



*...and forgot to take them off before sending.*

The 17th cheery, verbose email from IT about downtime for a service no one uses



*The only time it's OK to ask "How did I get on this DL" is when IT puts you on it without asking you.*

An internal DL full of nothing but funny videos of cats



*More than one of these DLs exist, but you won't find them from the display name.*

Dismal attendance at the mandatory all-hands



*Because who doesn't want to see your Ben Stein-like group manager read the words off the slides?*

Long e-mail chains of successively higher execs congratulating the team without clearly knowing why



*Great job team!!! Like, totes!!! (that's how execs talk, right?)*

BILLIONS of dollars in cash



*Hold your pinky up to the corner of your mouth when you say it.*

The daily build that takes 26 hours to produce



*True story.*

Friends who only stay in touch because of the employee software discount



*So you're saying I'm not the only one this happens to?*

Knowing your numbers



*Take heart: the worse they are, the more likely you qualify for the 20/20 program.*

The Ninjacat



*Our unofficial mascot, circa 2015.*

A racist chatbot



*Someone else's, that is - certainly not \*ours\*!*

Complaining about DLs on yammer, and yammer on DLs



*People used to email hate forums. People used to forums hate email.*

Saying "One Microsoft" without smirking



*Sometimes (\*very\* rarely)... we don't work perfectly across two teams.*

Writing off a multi-billion-dollar acquisition



*Look it up.*

Hiring go-go-dancers for an event



*Because we hire only the best.*

Being a bae intern



*The best kind of intern.*

**Saying HELL YES to getting lit on a Monday night**



**Bedlam**

*Because that's how we recruit the top talent!*

**Being added to a team in Microsoft Teams**



**Bedlam**

*What an honor!*

**Eliminating an entire discipline**



**Bedlam**

*What we lose in profit we'll make up in volume!*

**An ultra informative Yammer post with more than 50 hashtags**



**Bedlam**

*Hashtags put the fun in hash functions, especially when you're coding in C hashtag.*

**An executive mandate to use Yammer**



**Bedlam**

*Us email die-hards will resist to the very last one of us!*

**Karma**



**Bedlam**

*It's not really about asking...*

**Hella noms and lots of dranks**



**Bedlam**

*And the best beats.*

**A badge that still works**



**Bedlam**

*#badgestillworks*

**Building a great company culture, one poster at a time**



**Bedlam**

*All in all, it's just another poster on the wall.*

**Being a busy PM with a lot of important things to do**



**Bedlam**

*PMs do REAL WORK, you know.*

**The dark art of writing a spec that doesn't actually say anything substantive**



**Bedlam**

*So that nobody knows you didn't actually do any work.*

**BCC'ing a huge DL and promptly going to hell**



**Bedlam**

*We don't like rule breakers around here.*

**Actually liking the taste of Talking Rain**



**Bedlam**

*What's your favorite color of canned water?*

**Accidentally walking into the wrong gender restroom because some building layouts are mirrored**



**Bedlam**

*If you get caught, urinalotta trouble.*

**Emailing the wrong Ashish Gupta because there are 7 in the GAL**



**Bedlam**

*AKA the "Amitabh Srivatsava" problem and why you'll see "(TEAM NAME)" in some people's display names.*

Being too busy sorting through the email reminders about MSPoll to actually complete MSPoll



*Mails from your entire management chain, pleading for you to fill out the poll.*

Wondering if the sweet release of death will come before the shuttle ever shows up



*The shuttles between buildings in Redmond are not always the speediest route across campus.*

Having to scan my badge just to get my damned print job



*I'm an important person, I don't have the kind of seconds it requires.*

Wearing socks and sandals



*Seattle-ites are well known for this fetching fashion combination.*

Working on "special projects"



*Usually code for "Leaving the company but we don't want to say that yet."*

Putting a bowl of "Legal in Washington state" brownies outside your office



*Who's got two thumbs and loves Washington State?*

Referring to "Millenium F" by its acronym



*That's a building I'd like to have an office in.*

Blaming "scheduling issues"



*Everyone knows this is just an excuse.*

Taking an job at Amazon in order to get a promotion when you come back to Microsoft



*So common, they should put it in the official CSP definitions.*

Taking UX design tips from MSExpense



*Just the tips.*

This week's re-org



*Sometimes there's more than one so it's hard to disambiguate.*

The fifth sad, plaintive email from your project manager, begging you to update your bugs.



*Tracking the work for complicated software projects is a PITA.*

Dogfood that reminds you of actual food for dogs



*Sometimes the quality of the code earns the name.*

That guy who asks the exec "How do I do better in stack ranking?" at an all-hands



*There's always that one guy.*

People who preface every adjective with "SUPER"



*Because it's SUPER culturally relevant!*

A monitor stand made out of printer paper



*It's better for your posture to have it up higher, and the printer paper is conveniently right down the hall.*

Code written by MSR



*When your goal is a research paper and not a usable product...*

Questionably legitimate mammograms in the Commons



*No, this didn't actually happen. Made you look down here though, didn't I?*

The guy with seven monitors on his desk



*Do you suppose he looked up at his six monitors and said "This just isn't good enough, I deserve better"?*

Executives who forget to take out "[insert something here]" in org-wide emails



*It almost makes you wonder if they don't write them themselves.*

Hot Pockets in the kitchen vending machines



*So cold on the outside, so burning the tongue on the inside. Hahhhht Pockets!*

The snowpocalypse



*See also: snowmageddon.*

Office moves



*If you don't average at least one per year, something must be wrong.*

An uncontrollable urge to chant "TELEMETRY!"



*Give in to the urge.*

A 30 minute shuttle ride to a building 5 minutes away



*You meet such lovely people while traveling.*

Inventing and then killing off a new dev framework



*It's funny because it's true.*

Comparing the planning memo to what we actually shipped and crying one tiny little tear



*And drinking one tiny little drink.*

The fourth open carton of milk in the fridge



*There's no sense crying over chilled milk.*

Telling partner teams whatever they want to hear, and then promptly forgetting about it



*This card is fictitious. Any resemblance to real-world situations is purely coincidental.*