MICROSOFT QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS, PRODUCT RELEASES AND ENHANCEMENTS

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Every quarter Microsoft delivers hundreds of products, either as new releases or services or as enhancements to current products and services. These releases are a result of significant research and development investments, made over multiple years, designed to help customers be more productive and secure and to deliver differentiated value across the cloud and the edge.

Following are the major product releases and other highlights for the quarter, organized by product categories, to help illustrate how we are accelerating innovation across our businesses while expanding our market opportunities.

Microsoft 365 Copilot

The improved Microsoft 365 Copilot app provides a unified AI experience designed for users to easily transform their work with AI. It provides a 5-in-1 experience with access to Chat, Search, Create, Notebooks and Agents. This new version is a window into the world of agents, where users can easily find and access agents from the Agent Store — whether prebuilt agents like Researcher and Analyst, agents from partners like Jira, Monday.com or Miro, or a company's custom agents. And with Copilot Studio, users can easily create and securely customize enterprise-grade agents for their unique business needs.

Researcher agent helps users tackle multi-step research at work — delivering insights with greater quality and accuracy than previously possible. It combines OpenAI's deep research model with Microsoft 365 Copilot's advanced orchestration and deep search capabilities. Early adopters have used Researcher to quickly assess the impact of tariffs on business lines, prepare for vendor negotiations, and gather client insights ahead of sales calls.

Analyst agent thinks like a skilled data scientist, transforming raw data into insights in minutes. Built on OpenAI's o3-mini reasoning model and optimized to do advanced data analysis at work, Analyst uses chain-of-thought reasoning to progress through problems iteratively, taking as many steps as necessary to refine its reasoning and provide a high-quality answer that mirrors human analytical thinking. It can run Python to tackle complex data queries — and users can view the code it's running in real time and check its work. Early adopters have used Analyst to assess how discounts affect customer behavior, identify top customers who aren't fully using products they've purchased, and visualize product sentiment and usage trends to inform go-to-market decisions.

Copilot Agent Store is a centralized, curated marketplace that features agents built by Microsoft, trusted partners and customers. This immersive experience within Microsoft 365 Copilot enables users to browse, install and try agents tailored to their needs, such as developers looking to reach millions of users or employees seeking AI tools to boost productivity.

Copilot Create brings the power of OpenAI's GPT4o AI image generation to work, unlocking design and content creation skills for everyone. Users can easily modify or customize brand images or generate AI images aligned to their company's approved brand guidelines, and create visual assets for everything from social media to newsletter banners and surveys to videos from PowerPoint presentations and more.

Copilot Notebooks allows users to pull together a wide range of content such as notes, documents and more. It then grounds Copilot on their notebook to provide the most relevant responses and produce high-quality outputs — all while constantly scanning the source material to update in real time as the content updates. Notebooks can even create a podcast-style audio overview of the content with two hosts who walk users through the key points — a fun, flexible way to stay informed.

Copilot audio overviews in Word, OneDrive, Outlook (attached files) and Copilot Notebooks transforms user content into a dynamic, conversational audio experience. Users can review project updates, brainstorm ideas, or catch up on meeting summaries with a podcast-style audio overview.

Chat scheduled prompts can schedule essential prompts for repeated tasks to create a productive routine that improves organization and efficiency. Users can create a prompt once, save it, and then schedule it to run automatically at a time and frequency they choose. This enhancement allows for automation of repeated tasks, ensuring organization and efficiency without the need to manually trigger prompts each time.

Copilot image generation empowers users to generate photorealistic images directly within the chat experience — making it easy to create visuals for presentations, social media and more. By seamlessly integrating image generation into the flow of conversation, Copilot Chat helps bring ideas to life without ever leaving the original workflow.

Microsoft Teams

The chat and channels experience is redesigned to help users collaborate more efficiently and effectively. It's simple by default, enabling everyone to stay on top of what matters, and it's powerful on demand, allowing you to organize information and communicate your

way. Users can catch up on chat, channels and teams in one place, use filters to triage messages, create custom sections to organize conversations by topics, and more.

Teams client health dashboards in Teams admin center enables IT Administrators to view and monitor the health of Teams desktop clients on both Windows and Mac platforms. This feature offers comprehensive admin-actionable insights into client health metrics, including client crashes and launch failures. With these dashboards, administrators are equipped with detailed information on issues, insights and mitigation tools to promptly and effectively address any potential client health problems.

Graph APIs for AI Meeting Insights enable app developers to leverage the AI capabilities of Microsoft Teams and provide insights and recommendations to meeting participants and organizers, without the overhead of owning and managing their own AI pipeline. APIs that provide AI-generated meeting insights allow small- and medium-sized ISVs and LOB developers to surface automated meeting insights in their user's workflow.

Teams Phone extensibility for Dynamics 365 Contact Center leverages Teams Phone as a single, integrated solution to power calling across unified communications as a service (UCaaS) and contact center as a service (CCaaS) solutions. This streamlines the deployment, management and billing of a telephony infrastructure.

AI assistant in the Teams Rooms Pro Management portal saves time and effort with an AI-powered assistant which provides answers to "how-to" product questions related to Teams meeting spaces and management solutions. This feature also provides data and insights specific to inventory in the organization's environment.

Detect sensitive content while screen sharing will proactively analyze onscreen content and alert meeting organizers, co-organizers and presenters if the presenter shares sensitive information. This can include information such as bank information, credit card numbers, etc., on the screen. This helps limit the exposure of the presenting organization and adds a layer of security to meetings and events.

Windows

Recall (preview) on Copilot+ PCs transforms how users search for and rediscover content on their PC, allowing them to retrace their steps in seconds to quickly and securely find and get back to an app, website, image or document by scrolling through their timeline or describing the content they remember. Recall is an opt-in experience with a rich set of privacy controls to filter content and customize what gets saved for later. For commercial customers and partners, advanced IT controls are available with an active E3 subscription, giving organizations management over their systems. Recall is available on Snapdragon X Series, AMD Ryzen and Intel-powered Copilot+ PCs.

Click to Do (preview) on Copilot+ PCs provides contextual shortcuts to relevant actions like summarizing, rewriting or copying text or images seen on screen. Using Click to Do is simple and seamlessly integrates into workflows. Click to Do is available on Snapdragon X Series, AMD Ryzen and Intel-powered Copilot+ PCs.

Improved Windows search on Copilot+ PCs allows users to simply describe what they're looking for, making search more natural and intuitive by understanding the contextual meaning of words or phrases. Whether using File Explorer, the Windows Search box or Settings, users can describe in their own words what images, documents or settings they are looking for, and improved Windows search will comb through files and data to find it. Improved Windows search is available on Snapdragon X Series, AMD Ryzen and Intel-powered Copilot+ PCs.

Photos relight on Copilot+ PCs adds dynamic lighting controls to pictures on the Copilot+ PC. Users can position up to three light sources, set their color and move a focus point that all lights automatically follow. Brightness and intensity controls provide additional fine-tuning to achieve the desired effect. For quicker edits, built-in presets offer ready-made lighting styles that can be applied with a single click. Relight simplifies complex lighting adjustments into a visual, intuitive experience for correcting poor lighting or applying creative effects. Photos relight is available on Snapdragon X Series Copilot+ PCs with support for AMD and Intel-powered devices coming later this year.

Updates to Paint and Snipping Tool on Copilot+ PCs include Paint sticker generator, Paint object select and Snipping Tool perfect screenshot. Paint sticker generator creates custom digital stickers from a simple text prompt. Type a short phrase to generate ready-to-use stickers that can be added to the canvas, copied into documents or shared in chats. It's a quick way to add creative, personalized visuals without needing to draw them manually. Paint object select uses the power of AI to make Paint creations even easier to edit — with object select, users can pinpoint specific elements on the canvas to select and make edits instantly. Snipping Tool perfect screenshot automatically adjusts the capture area to tightly frame on-screen content, reducing the need for post-capture cropping. When activated, the tool uses a rectangular selection that analyzes the visible screen and snaps around the most prominent content in view. Updates to the Paint and Snipping Tool apps are available on Snapdragon X Series, AMD Ryzen and Intel-powered Copilot+ PCs.

New Windows AI APIs for developers include the text recognition API, which enables the recognition of text in an image, and the conversion on a local device of different types of documents (such as scanned paper documents, PDF files and images captured by a digital camera) into editable and searchable data. Image super resolution API enables image sharpening and scaling. The image segmentation API enables segmentation of images. The object erase API allows for removing objects from images.

Windows 365 Disaster Recovery Plus is specifically designed for users whose Cloud PC use demands high disaster recovery performance in case of an outage. These needs include faster recovery time, lower risk of data loss, and pre-allocated capacity that helps ensure recovery in case of an infrastructure outage.

Windows 365 Frontline in shared mode enables organizations to expand access to corporate data and applications to a greater number of employees, contractors or vendors. With shared mode, businesses can purchase Cloud PCs based on the number of active users needing access at any given time: one Windows 365 Frontline license provides access to one shared Cloud PC, which can be accessed by any number of users, one at a time.

Windows App for Android and Mobile Application Management (MAM) enable organizations to offer their employees more flexibility with a simple, secure and user-friendly single access point to all Windows virtualization solutions. This includes Windows 365, Azure Virtual Desktop, Microsoft Dev Box, Remote Desktop and Remote Desktop Services. With MAM, organizations can manage and protect their data within an application without enrolling in device management, helping ensure that an employee's personal data on the device is not accessed.

Windows 365 Link is the first Cloud PC device purpose-built by Microsoft to connect securely to Windows 365 in seconds. The device can be set up in minutes, requires minimal configuration and is familiar for IT to manage using Microsoft Intune. End users — particularly desk-based or frontline workers in shared workspaces — can efficiently sign in to access their Windows 365 Cloud PCs, work securely with responsive, high-fidelity experiences, and leave no data on the local device when they sign out. In April 2025, Windows 365 Link became available for purchase from Microsoft and select resellers in Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States. It will become available for purchase in Denmark, France, India, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland later in 2025.

The 13-inch Surface Laptop is the thinnest and lightest Surface Laptop yet — smaller than a standard notebook, featuring a premium anodized aluminum chassis and comes in Ocean, Violet and Platinum. Weighing just 1.5 pounds, the new laptop is powered by the Snapdragon X Plus processor including an integrated 45 TOPS (trillion operations per second) NPU.

The new Surface Pro provides the functionality of a laptop and the portability of a tablet, with the help of its built-in adjustable kickstand, detachable keyboard and Surface Slim Pen that now magnetically attaches to the back of the tablet for charging and secure storage. The reimagined Surface Pro 12-inch Keyboard transforms the Surface Pro into a laptop. The new keyboard attaches easily and lies flat for a grounded and quiet typing

experience, featuring a smooth-matte palm rest for comfort and durability, a full-size backlit keyset, and a customizable precision touchpad with adaptive touch mode. The new keyboard now folds back completely flat against the Surface Pro for comfortable sketching and writing. With dedicated keys like the Copilot key and lock key, users have all the functions they need, right at their fingertips. The Surface Pro 12-inch Keyboard is available in three new colors to complement the Pro: Slate, Ocean and Violet.

Dynamics 365

AI-powered smart charts in Dynamics 365 Sales enable sellers to generate real-time visualizations directly within their workflow helping sellers uncover trends, patterns and relationships in tabular data. Sellers can now easily interpret data, act on insights faster, and stay focused on closing deals. Smart charts are available with the Copilot experience embedded in Dynamics 365 Sales.

Workforce Engagement Management capabilities in Dynamics 365 Contact Center empower supervisors and service reps with AI-driven tools to optimize staffing, improve performance and enhance customer satisfaction. Key capabilities include intelligent forecasting, omnichannel scheduling, and real-time insights into service rep workloads and performance. These features also help organizations ensure the right reps are available at the right time, across all channels.

WhatsApp as a native channel, powered by Azure Communication Services, is now supported in Dynamics 365 Contact Center, enabling organizations to meet customers where they are with personalized, secure and scalable customer service. Service reps can manage WhatsApp conversations alongside other channels in a unified interface, while organizations benefit from built-in analytics, compliance and AI-powered insights.

The customer feedback survey agent in Dynamics 365 Contact Center can gather real-time customer feedback in voice channels with Copilot Studio. With predefined templates for recording metrics such as CSAT and NPS, along with AI-based summarization, supervisors can more easily collect customer insights to improve service quality.

Native integration with contract lifecycle management (CLM) systems, such as Icertis, is now generally available in Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management. This streamlines how procurement contracts are created, approved and enforced. By enabling organizations to manage supplier contracts end-to-end — from authoring and negotiation to execution and renewal — directly within the source-to-pay workflow. Executed contracts automatically generate synchronized purchase agreements in SCM, ensuring consistent terms, pricing and compliance without manual reentry.

Microsoft Power Platform

Agent flows in Microsoft Copilot Studio help users automate structured, repeatable business processes by combining deterministic workflows with powerful AI actions like document processing, summarization and approvals. These flows are created with natural language and can be reused across scenarios for greater consistency and efficiency. By coupling agents with agent flows, customers unlock new efficiency and agility in one unified platform, simplifying automation from design to deployment.

Generative orchestration in Microsoft Copilot Studio allows agents to generate intelligent responses based on organizational knowledge, eliminating the need for predefined trigger phrases and conversation flows. This feature enables more natural interactions, reduces escalations and supports a wider range of scenarios. It can handle multiple requests in a single query, enhancing user experience and satisfaction.

Model Context Protocol (MCP) in Microsoft Copilot Studio makes it easier to connect agents to external data sources and services. By connecting to an MCP server, agents are instantly equipped with the latest actions and information, which are automatically updated as systems evolve. The result is a faster, smarter way to build and scale agents, dramatically cutting down on manual upkeep and accelerating innovation.

The new Tools tab in Microsoft Copilot Studio gives makers a centralized, streamlined place to build and manage agent capabilities across their environment. Tools empower agents to take action in external systems — not just retrieve data — and include six types: Model Context Protocol (MCP), agent flows, computer use, custom connectors, REST APIs and prompts. With expanded support for Power Fx and prebuilt connector actions, it's now easier than ever to configure rich, reusable functionality and automate meaningful tasks like data transformation, system updates or desktop interactions.

Plans in Power Apps allows developers to work with a team of agents to define requirements, map processes, create data models and architect multiple components of a solution to work together. With plans, developers can describe business use cases in natural language and add relevant images, like business process flows or screenshots of legacy apps. The plan designer generates a complete Power Platform solution tailored to users' needs. It includes Microsoft Dataverse tables, canvas apps, model-driven apps, Power Pages sites, Power Automate flows and Copilot Studio agents.

Code view in Power Apps Studio now makes it easier for developers of all skill levels to collaborate seamlessly. Makers can now share code snippets through Microsoft Teams, email or forums; view the code for each control to better understand the app's functionality; and copy and paste any control within Studio as YAML+Power Fx code into a code editor for modifications.

Microsoft Industry Cloud

Education

- Reading Coach now [includes features designed](#) to support educators in guiding and monitoring student reading practice. Educators can create and share custom reading practice, set time-based reading goals, and select passages from the built-in ReadWorks library or allow students to choose from AI-generated stories. Users can share passages or choose from the robust ReadWorks library to bring high-quality content designed to improve effectiveness and student achievement. Students will also have the option to explore AI-generated stories that match their interests.

Health & Life Sciences

- Microsoft introduced [Dragon Copilot](#) — the health care industry's first unified voice AI assistant that enables clinicians to streamline clinical documentation, surface information and automate tasks. By combining and extending the proven capabilities of Dragon Medical One (DMO) and DAX Copilot (DAX), Dragon Copilot promotes clinician wellbeing, increases efficiency, improves patient experiences and drives financial impact. Clinicians working across ambulatory, inpatient, emergency departments and other care settings will benefit from Dragon Copilot's fast, accurate, secure and intuitive speech and ambient capabilities to document care, navigate electronic health record (EHR) workflows, and perform other administrative tasks. Part of Microsoft for Healthcare, Dragon Copilot is built on a secure modern architecture that enables organizations to deliver enhanced experiences and outcomes across care settings for providers and patients alike.

- Following a successful preview — 2M+ radiology reports, 1,300+ radiologists, 12 health care organizations — [PowerScribe One 2023.1 SP3](#) reflects strong customer engagement and our continued investment in diagnostic imaging innovation, highlights and impact. SP3 elevates user experience with major updates such as redesigned AutoText Manager, new Explorer workflows, improved reporting UX and enhanced security. It drives measurable productivity gains and reduces cognitive load through Smart Impression and cloud speech enhancements, expanding the ecosystem value with a new API licensing framework for third-party integrations. It also supports PowerScribe 360 conversions and aligns future enhancements to customer strategic goals.

LinkedIn

LinkedIn's AI-powered job search helps members find better-fit roles by describing what they want in natural language. It uses generative AI and platform data to surface tailored opportunities—making job discovery more intuitive and effective.

LinkedIn's job match feature empowers job seekers to focus their search on roles that best align with their skills and experience. Within seconds, members can see how well they match a job, which qualifications they meet, and where they may fall short. This transparency helps candidates make faster, more confident decisions about whether to apply—driving better-fit applications and improving hiring outcomes.

LinkedIn's Hiring Insights provide transparency into job listings, including valuable details like a company's typical response time, whether they're actively reviewing candidates, and if a job is promoted. This enables job seekers to focus on opportunities where they're more likely to hear back.

LinkedIn launched a new set of analytics to further help creators and members across the globe to better measure, track, and tailor the professional knowledge and content they share on platform. These analytics include profile viewers, followers gained from a post, and Premium custom button interactions.

Azure

Microsoft compiles an ongoing list of generally available Azure products, services and enhancements for the quarter across AI, analytics, compute, databases, developer tools, DevOps, hybrid + multicloud, identity, networking, security, storage and more. A full list can be found at: https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/updates/

Azure Analytics

ALTER Table DROP COLUMN and SP RENAME column support in Fabric Data Warehouse makes it easier to maintain a clean and efficient data model, allowing teams to quickly adapt to evolving business needs with minimal disruption. ALTER TABLE DROP COLUMN effortlessly removes unnecessary columns to streamline storage, boost performance and improve query efficiency. SP_RENAME COLUMN easily renames columns without downtime, making schema adjustments faster, reducing the risk of errors.

Session Scoped distributed #temp table in Fabric Data Warehouse allows users to create session-scoped #temp tables to handle intermediate query results in batch jobs seamlessly. These temp tables can be backed by either Parquet (distributed) or mdf (non-distributed), offering flexible options to cater to different needs.

The OPENROWSET function in Fabric Data Warehouse will significantly improve data ingestion experience by enabling users to browse files, transform data during ingestion, and facilitate easier migrations from Synapse, SQL Server and Azure SQL Database to Fabric Data Warehouse.

The BULK INSERT statement in Fabric Data Warehouse enables users to load data from external storage. BULK INSERT supports traditional SQL Server and Azure SQL syntax, thus facilitating an easy migration of SQL Server databases to the Fabric Data Warehouse without the need for code changes.

Fabric Spark Native Execution Engine is a C++-based vectorized engine that runs Spark workloads directly on the lakehouse, requiring no code changes or new libraries. This leads to significant performance enhancements for Fabric Data Science and Data Engineering Spark jobs and queries.

Command Line Interface (CLI) is a developer-first command-line tool that brings a familiar, file-system-like experience to working with Microsoft Fabric. CLI will allow the execution of commands through a terminal using interactive command-line prompts or scripts, providing a code-first, no-clicks experience with Fabric for users and admins who want to write everything via code. Fully supported for production use, backed by Microsoft's SLA, and built to meet the security, compliance and reliability standards our customers expect, the CLI is ready for real-world environments, from CI/CD pipelines to deployment automation to governance scenarios.

Open Mirroring allows any application or data provider to write change data directly into a mirrored database within Fabric.

The T-SQL Notebook feature in Microsoft Fabric lets users write and run T-SQL code within a notebook. Users can use T-SQL notebooks to manage complex queries and write better markdown documentation. It also allows direct execution of T-SQL on connected warehouse or SQL analytics endpoint.

Fabric Notebook Version History enhances the user experience in developing and managing notebooks by offering built-in version control capabilities. It includes automatic checkpoints, tracking history of changes, and the ability to restore previous versions.

Azure Data Factory item in Microsoft Fabric allows customers to bring their existing Azure Data Factory (ADF) pipelines into Fabric workspaces seamlessly, without the need for manual rebuilding or migration.

Developer Tools, Services and GitHub

Agent Mode in GitHub Copilot is now available in code editors including VS Code and Visual Studio, JetBrains, Eclipse and Xcode

In both GitHub Enterprise and Azure DevOps, Secret Protection and Code Security monthly per active committer as standalone products are now available. With this, the development teams can adopt Secret Protection or Code Security independently, scaling security as needed without committing to a bundled solution.

GitHub Copilot code review helps offload basic reviews to a Copilot agent that finds bugs, potential performance problems and even suggests fixes.

Anthropic Claude 3.7 Sonnet, Claude 3.5 Sonnet, OpenAI o3-mini and Google Gemini Flash 2.0 have been promoted from preview release terms to generally available release terms. This extends indemnification for IP infringement to code generated using these models in Copilot Chat and agent mode.

Beyond the initial tools and workspace awareness introduced in May, VS Code developers can now use authorization, prompts, resources and sampling. These additions transform Model Context Protocol from a set of individual tools into a comprehensive standard for AI agent integrations.

GitHub Copilot chat extension is now open source in VS Code under the MIT license, enhancing transparency and security, and empowering developers to easily build, test and refine AI integrations directly within the editor.

Agent mode, an autonomous "pair programmer," can analyze codebases, make multistep edits, run and monitor terminal commands (like compile or lint), interact with external tools via MCP or extensions, and iterate until the task is complete.

GitHub Copilot for Azure enables developers and DevOps teams to use natural language to provision, configure and manage Azure resources directly from Visual Studio Code. And with Agent Mode, it can now orchestrate and execute multi-step infrastructure and DevOps workflows autonomously.

Azure AI

The Azure AI Foundry API serves as the core interface for building and managing Foundry projects. It enables seamless integration of models, agents and tools into developer workflows, streamlining the creation of intelligent applications. Developers can use the API

to orchestrate components across the Foundry stack with consistency and control. This GA release marks a key milestone in making Foundry extensible and production-ready.

The release of GPT-4.1 and its variants (mini, nano) offer enhanced performance, long-context reasoning and fine-tuning capabilities. A new class of reasoning-first models — o3, o3-pro and o4-mini — was launched to support complex logic, compliance and agentic workflows. The multimodal portfolio expanded with GPT-image-1, Sora for video generation, and GPT-4o real-time audio models, enabling rich, interactive applications across media types. Finally, new APIs and developer tools like the unified Responses API and Codex-mini for code generation streamline the creation of intelligent, structured and scalable AI solutions.

The Phi-4-reasoning model family, now generally available, showcases how smaller, open-weight models can rival much larger counterparts in complex reasoning tasks. Phi-4-reasoning (14B parameters) excels through detailed reasoning chains enabled by fine-tuning on curated OpenAI o3-mini data. Phi-4-reasoning-plus builds on this with reinforcement learning and 1.5x more inference-time tokens for even greater accuracy. Meanwhile, Phi-4-mini-reasoning offers a compact, math-optimized variant ideal for educational and edge deployments, trained on over a million diverse math problems to deliver high-quality, step-by-step problem solving in resource-constrained environments.

Grok and Grok3 mini, developed by xAI, is a family of large language models that blends unparalleled reasoning with vast pretraining knowledge, honed on xAI's Colossus supercluster with 10x the compute power of prior leading models. Grok 3 models excel in reasoning, mathematics, coding, world knowledge and instruction-following, setting a new standard for enterprise AI. Grok 3 Mini, a lightweight-yet-powerful thinking model, is optimized for logic-based tasks, delivering efficiency without compromise. Grok models are available as direct from Azure models.

Cohere models on managed Compute is a deployment option within Azure AI Foundry Models that lets users run large language models (LLMs), SLMs, HuggingFace models and custom models fully hosted on Azure infrastructure. Cohere's latest models — Command A, Rerank 3.5 and Embed 4 — are now available on Azure AI Foundry models via Managed Compute. This launch allows enterprises and developers to now deploy Cohere models instantly with their own Azure quota, with per-hour GPU pricing that compensates the model provider — unlocking a scalable, low-friction path to production-ready generative AI.

Azure AI Foundry now hosts a trio of cutting-edge models for advancing reasoning and scientific prediction. MAI-DS-R1, a collaboration between Microsoft AI and Azure teams, significantly enhances the responsiveness and safety of DeepSeek R1 while preserving its

strong reasoning capabilities. It excels in handling sensitive topics and is available via open weights and an Azure-hosted API with optimized inference. DeepSeek R1 0528, the latest in the DeepSeek series, delivers deeper reasoning and inference performance, rivaling top-tier models like OpenAI o3 and Gemini 2.5 Pro, and saw a 4x deployment surge within 36 hours of launch. Meanwhile, Aurora, launched on June 30 by Microsoft Research, is a foundation model for atmospheric forecasting, trained on large datasets and adaptable to specialized climate prediction tasks with minimal data.

Oracle Database@Azure

Enterprise networking capabilities are now generally available for Oracle Database@Azure, including Network Security Groups, Private Link, Global Peering and ExpressRoute FastPath. These features provide enhanced security, private connectivity, low-latency performance and seamless integration with Azure services — making Oracle workloads even more enterprise-ready.

Oracle Database@Azure continues its rapid global rollout — now available in three new regions: South Central US, Australia Southeast, East US 2. Oracle Database@Azure is now available in 16 regions globally — Australia East, Australia Southeast, Brazil South, Canada Central, Central US, East US, East US 2, South Central US, France Central, Germany West Central, Italy North, Japan East, Southeast Asia, UK South, UK West and West US.

Support for single-node Exadata Exascale clusters is now available — delivering the performance and automation of Exadata in a smaller, more cost-efficient footprint. It's ideal for dedicated workloads, development environments or right-sized production deployments in Oracle Database@Azure.

SAP on Azure

Users can now work within Microsoft 365 Copilot to combine enterprise data residing in SAP (via Joule) with contextual knowledge from Teams, Outlook, Word and more, delivering richer insights for better decision-making.

SAP Business Technology Platform is now available in Azure Marketplace, adding a new way for customers to easily purchase and unlock the full potential of their AI, data and applications with the BTP platform.

Gaming

Call of Duty: Black Ops 6 launched Season 03.

"A Minecraft Movie" was released in theaters.

On April 4, NBC's "Today" show aired a special Xbox-focused segment, framed by Microsoft's 50-year anniversary.

Senua's Saga Hellblade II received 11 nominations across a variety of categories at the BAFTA Games Awards, including a win in Technical Achievement.

Age of Empires IV launched the Knights of Cross and Rose DLC.

Halo Infinite launched Operation: Forerunner.

The Diablo IV roadmap was revealed, and Diablo III: Reaper of Souls — Ultimate Evil Edition became available on Game Pass, adding another Activision Blizzard title to the service.

South of Midnight launched on Xbox Series X|S, Xbox PC, Steam, Xbox Cloud Gaming (Beta), and was available to play day one with Game Pass.

Sea of Thieves announced the game's arrival on Batttle.net and confirmed pre-orders were available to make.

The Xbox April Monthly Features Update announced several new features that began rolling out, including the ability to purchase games and redeem perks directly through the Xbox app on mobile, expanded remote play support for select TVs, and the stream your own game feature on Xbox Series X|S and Xbox One consoles, with now over 100 titles in that collection.

Xbox launched the Xbox Wireless Controller — DOOM: The Dark Ages Limited Edition and the Xbox Series X Wrap — DOOM: The Dark Ages Limited Edition.

Call of Duty: Mobile launched Season 4 – Infinity Realm.

Clair Obscur: Expedition 33 launched on Xbox Series X|S and Windows PC with support for Xbox Play Anywhere and day one with Game Pass.

The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion Remastered launched on Xbox Series X|S, Xbox PC, Steam, Xbox Cloud Gaming (Beta), PlayStation 5, and was available to play day one with Game Pass.

Overwatch 2 launched Season 16.

World of Warcraft launched The War Within 11.1.5.

Xbox Game Pass Ultimate members in 25+ countries were able to start playing games directly from the Xbox app on select LG TV devices through Xbox Cloud Gaming (Beta), bringing more ways to play Xbox on more devices.

Xbox launched the Xbox Elite Series 2 — DOOM: The Dark Ages Limited Edition.

On April 29, Forza Horizon 5 launched on PlayStation 5, following an early access period and launch of Horizon Realms on April 25.

Xbox released Towerborne on Xbox Series X|S consoles, Xbox PC, Xbox Cloud and Xbox Game Pass via Xbox Game Preview. This marks the debut of Towerborne on Xbox Game Preview, having been released on Steam Early Access in September.

Call of Duty: Black Ops 6 launched Season 3 Reloaded.

Diablo IV launched Season 8.

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II became available with Game Pass, adding another Activision Blizzard title to the service.

Diablo Immortal launched their in-game collaboration with Berserk, including limited-time cosmetics players could earn.

Forza Motorsport launched the meetup at Fujimi Kaido for Forza Motorsport's 20th Anniversary.

Gears of War: Reloaded was announced for Xbox Series X|S, Xbox PC, Steam and PlayStation 5.

Diablo IV launched an in-game collaboration with Berserk, including limited-time cosmetics players could earn.

Halo Infinite launched Operation: Last Stand.

Age of Empires II: Definitive Edition launched on PlayStation 5.

Overwatch 2 revealed its Stadium Roadmap.

The Call of Duty Endowment launched the Kane Brown High Road Challenge in honor of Military Appreciation Month.

Xbox and DOOM announced a collaboration with Prince St. Pizza to celebrate the launch of DOOM: The Dark Ages.

The Texas Rangers hosted Call of Duty Endowment (CODE) Night.

The CODE: Got Your Six Event and United Forces Tracer Pack launched in-game.

Xbox launched the Designed for Xbox Floral Collection, which features floral-themed accessories from multiple partners.

DOOM: The Dark Ages launched on Xbox Series X|S, Xbox PC, Steam, PlayStation 5, Battle.net, Xbox Cloud Gaming (Beta) and on day one with Game Pass.

Xbox celebrated Global Accessibility Awareness Day with new accessibility features and customized gameplay for titles including Candy Crush Soda Saga, DOOM: The Dark Ages, South of Midnight and Diablo IV.

Sea of Thieves launched into an early access period on Battle.net.

Xbox launched Retro Classics with Game Pass, a collaboration between Xbox and Antstream Arcade, to bring a collection of 50+ classic Activision games from the '80s and '90s to Game Pass members globally.

Xbox announced that Senua's Saga: Hellblade II will be available on PlayStation 5 this summer.

Call of Duty launched Mobile Season 5 — Primal Reckoning.

Xbox launched the Xbox Wireless Controller — The Witcher 3 10th Anniversary Special Edition and the Xbox Elite Wireless Controller Series 2 — The Witcher 3 10th Anniversary Special Edition.

Sea of Thieves launched into general access on Battle.net.

Call of Duty: Black Ops 6 and Warzone launched Season 4.

Hearthstone revealed the 33.0 expansion and the start of pre-orders.

Minecraft announced a new collection and in-game content in collaboration with Adidas.

Diablo IV celebrated its second anniversary with in-game rewards and the Reliquary Update.

Xbox aired the Xbox Games Showcase followed by The Outer Worlds 2 Direct. This double-feature included announcements and reveals for more than 30 games like The Outer Worlds 2 and Call of Duty: Black Ops 7, as well as the unveil of the ROG Xbox Ally and ROG Xbox Ally X — two new handhelds crafted in collaboration with ASUS — launching holiday 2025.

Halo Infinite launched Operation: Legacy.

Minecraft released the Chase the Skies game drop.

World of Warcraft launched The War Within Update 11.1.7.

Crash Bandicoot 4: It's About Time, Warcraft I & II Remastered and Call of Duty: WWII launched on Game Pass, adding additional Activision Blizzard titles to the Game Pass Library.

World of Warcraft revealed The War Within Update 11.2.

Xbox announced a multi-year partnership with AMD to co-engineer silicon across a portfolio of devices, including future first-party consoles and cloud.

Minecraft's location-based event, Minecraft Experience: Villager Rescue, opened in Toronto.

"A Minecraft Movie" was released for streaming on Max.

The Xbox June Monthly Features Update announced an early preview of Copilot for Gaming on mobile, major enhancements to the PC app like an aggregated library and publisher channels, and new console features such as customizable menus, Game Hubs and improved game save dialogs.

In collaboration with Meta, Xbox and Meta announced the launch of the limited-edition Meta Quest 3S Xbox Edition VR headset, featuring a custom 128GB Meta Quest 3S in Xbox Carbon Black and Velocity Green, matching Touch Plus controllers, a limited-edition Xbox controller, an Elite Strap, three months of Meta Horizon+, and a three-month Xbox Game Pass Ultimate membership.

Call of Duty: Mobile launched Season 6.

[Call of Duty: Black Ops 6](#) launched Season 4 Reloaded.

[Warcraft: Remastered, Warcraft II: Remastered and Warcraft III: Reforged](#) launched on Game Pass.

[Call of Duty: WWII](#) launched on Game Pass.

Microsoft Search, Advertising, and News

[Ads Studio](#) — an AI-powered creative tool built for performance marketers designed to create better-performing ads with ease — helps to easily find, create, manage and optimize creative assets with insights to boost advertising results.

Audience ads has a newly launched [diagnostic tool](#) in the campaign overview tab. It provides real-time health checks for campaign settings, billing, editorial, bid strategy and conversions, with one-click actions to resolve issues.

[Performance Max](#) now supports scripts and automated rules, additional reporting on assets and audiences, LinkedIn targeting as an audience signal, and features such as ability to import brand lists from Google Ads and new customer acquisition goals.

Shopify merchants can now directly advertise their products on Microsoft Advertising via the updated [Microsoft Channel app available in the Shopify app store](#) in more markets, including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Japan, Australia and the UK, in addition to the U.S. and Canada. Shopify merchants can sync their product catalogs, so all products are automatically able to be shown on the Shopping pages of Microsoft Bing and MSN as Product Listings Ads. For additional reach and conversions, they can also create new Performance Max campaigns from within the Shopify store.

Admins can now deploy secure, encrypted passwords to users with [secure password deployment](#). Users will receive encrypted passwords to their device and can seamlessly log into websites. This helps reduce unauthorized access by preventing end-users from copying or sharing passwords to unintended audiences, therefore enhancing the overall security posture of the organization.

The Edge for Business [security connector framework](#) integrates the browser with leading security solutions like Cisco Duo, Ping Identity, CrowdStrike, Splunk and KnowBe4. This

initiative aims to enhance device trust, reporting and data loss prevention directly within the browser, ensuring comprehensive security for modern workplaces.

[Experimental web APIs in Microsoft Edge](#) simplify AI integration for web developers. These APIs leverage the built-in Phi-4-mini language model, enabling tasks like text analysis, generation and modification directly within the browser. This initiative aims to enhance privacy, reduce costs and improve accessibility for AI capabilities in web applications.

[Microsoft Edge Game assist](#) the first in-game browser built specifically with PC players in mind — features tips and guides for many of the top PC games, and easy access to essential sites like Discord, Spotify and Twitch. Users can also pin Game Assist above their game to reference guides or watch videos while they play, staying focused on the action without interruption. Because it's connected to the Edge browser, users have instant access to their favorites, passwords, history and more.

[Copilot Search in Bing](#) blends the best of traditional and generative search together to help users find what they need and meet them where they are in their discovery journey. Copilot Search in Bing brings state-of-the-art Copilot's AI to search, so users can spend less time scrolling through pages and more time discovering. Depending on the query, they will get an easy-to-digest summary of the most critical points, a clear answer, or a smart layout of information to help them find what they're looking for.

[Bing Video Creator](#) is a free AI video generation tool in Microsoft Bing. Bing Video Creator is powered by OpenAI's Sora model and turns words into short, 5-second videos for free — either in 9:16 format or, coming soon, 16:9 format. Videos are stored for up to 90 days, giving users plenty of time to download, share or refine prompts. Video creation is free to all users, with the ability to choose between Fast and Standard generation speeds, rolling out starting in the Bing Mobile App and coming soon to desktop, mobile and everywhere accessible by Copilot Search.

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