

# THE INSIGHTS








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## Welcome to your January update

We know it's difficult to keep up with the number of changes and releases that come from Microsoft.

That's why every month we highlight the latest updates that are important to your business.

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## New device overview experience for Intune

Microsoft Intune is a powerful tool in automating device management. This new update allows you to enrol devices, manage profiles and policies, and access monitoring and reports all in one place in Intune.

Now in public preview, you can go to the 'devices' area in the Microsoft Intune admin centre to:

- Get at-a-glance, actionable information and key metrics about your devices
- Access workloads for device onboarding, management, and monitoring
- View, monitor, and drill down into active issues on the Overview page
- Manage devices by OS platform
- Access, apply, and view filters at the top of every list view

This new feature further eases ongoing management by giving granular detail in a digestible view for admins to ensure their environment is secure and compliant.

## External access analytics in Teams

External access continues to be a source of risk for enterprises with employees who need to collaborate outside of their organisation.

The Teams Admin Centre will now provide basic analytics for external access to provide more visibility and control for third-party access, including:

- Total number of internal users that leverage external access
- Breakdown of external access usage by capability
- List of external domains being communicated with
- An aggregate number of internal and external users communicating with each domain

This will help [further protect your hybrid workers](#) and ease management for admins, whilst enabling essential collaboration for employees.



You can book a more [detailed consultation](#) with one of our experts to discuss how this will affect your organisation, security strategy, Microsoft environment and user experience.



## Licence changes for NFP customers

There has been an update to the previously announced timeline for CSP legacy Public Sector offers (Government Community Cloud, education and nonprofit) in new commerce. Microsoft will launch Public Sector offers in new commerce across four waves beginning March 1, 2024.

- May 1, 2024: New subscription purchases for available public sector product SKUs must be on new commerce
- July 1, 2024: Microsoft-led migrations from legacy to new commerce starts

If you're a Microsoft not-for-profit customer and are unsure how these changes will affect your organisation, request a call back from one of our experts.



## Copilot for Azure

Copilot for [Azure](#) (in preview) is the newest member of the [Microsoft Copilot](#) family, offering AI-powered assistance to IT professionals who work with Microsoft Azure.

GitHub Copilot has been a valuable tool for over 1.5 million software developers and DevOps engineers, helping them build applications and infrastructure-as-code (IaC) more quickly and easily.

Copilot for Azure builds on these features, connecting directly to the Azure control plane to provide new insights and efficiencies to help you leverage the vast resources in Azure, whether in the cloud or on the edge. You can use Copilot to ask questions about your environment, learn more about concepts, analyse, estimate, and optimise costs, deploy resources such as virtual machines, and generate code such as Azure CLI scripts or YAML files.

While this is a great resource for developers using Azure, you're more likely worried about the recent [Terraform licence changes](#). While HashiCorp has pledged to keep Terraform free and open source for now, the new Business Source Licence (BSL) gives them the right to change things down the road (with little notice).

For anyone wanting to make sure you're not tied into one tool in case things do change in the future, [OpenTofu](#) is an open-source alternative many developers are now turning to.



If you're unsure about these changes and want to talk them through with one of our cloud experts, you can [book a free consultation](#) here to understand the full impact and implications of these changes.