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## 2009-2010 Research Agenda >

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Topic	Publish Date	Title	Description
Windows & Mobile	Feb-09	Windows 7 Application Compatibility and User Interface	What developers must do to write compatible applications, and what they can do to support new user interface features.
	Mar-09	Windows Embedded CE/Mobile Roadmap	Roadmap for operating systems on mobile devices and custom clients.
	Jul-09	Windows 7 Power Management	Why power management will remain a tough task even on Windows 7.
	Jul-09	Internet Explorer 8	News on the browser from the MIX 2009 conference.
	Aug-09	Windows 7 Multicore	OS and development platform changes to exploit multicore processors.
	Sep-09	Windows 7 with Windows Server 2008 R2	Client OS features that exploit the latest version of Windows Server.
	Oct-09	<b>RESEARCH:</b> Evaluating Windows 7	An overview of the new OS for large organizations considering upgrades.
	Jan-10	Geneva Identity Technology	An overview of new Windows features and APIs for cross-platform, cross-organization access control, which can simplify remote access to resources and applications.
Business Applications and Services	Feb-09	<b>LICENSING:</b> Office Suite	What licenses customer require for the Office suite, including licensing for centralized desktops.
	Mar-09	Communications Server 2007 R2	A notable update to Microsoft's voice and instant messaging product enables connection to public voice-over-IP providers, among other improvements.

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	Mar-09	<b>RESEARCH:</b> Enterprise Search	An overview of SharePoint and FAST products for unified, full-text search of file systems, e-mail systems, databases, and other resources.
	Apr-09	Connecting to Microsoft Online	What organizations must do on-site to take advantage of Microsoft-hosted services such as Exchange Online.
	Apr-09	<b>LICENSING:</b> SharePoint Products	What licenses organizations need to use the SharePoint products for Web-based collaboration, portal, document management, and search.
	Aug-09	Office 2007 SP2	An Office 2007 service pack supports Open Document Format and delivers other new features in addition to fixes.
Systems Management and Security	Jan-09	Forefront Threat Management Gateway	The successor to Internet Security and Acceleration (ISA) Server takes advantage of the Windows Server 2008 network stack and delivers other improvements.
	Jan-09	<b>RESEARCH:</b> Desktop Optimization Pack	An overview of Microsoft's suite of tools for client diagnostics and repair, application management, and inventory.
	Mar-09	Identity Lifecycle Manager 2009	Workflow authoring and self-service lead improvements in Microsoft's product for synchronizing databases of user accounts and other identity data.
	Jun-09	Service Manager Preview	A preview of Microsoft's new product for helpdesk management, problem resolution, and hardware and software asset tracking.
	Jul-09	Operations Manager 2007 R2	The monitoring product's latest update delivers cross-platform monitoring, improved service level monitoring reports, and a new console.
	Aug-09	Forefront Client Security Update	Improvements to Microsoft's enterprise antimalware product.
	Sep-09	Forefront Stirling	A first look at Microsoft's suite for antimalware and firewall functions.

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Application Platform	Jan-09	Teams, Services on Developer Platform Roadmap	New versions of the Visual Studio development environment and the .NET Framework application platform are on the horizon for late 2009 or early 2010.
	Jan-09	<b>LICENSING:</b> SQL Server	What licenses customers need for the latest version of Microsoft's database management system and business intelligence platform.
	Mar-09	ASP.NET Model-View-Controller Framework	New components and guidance support an application architecture that promotes flexibility in user interface design and simplifies testing.
	Jun-09	Team Development Improvements	Testing and other enhancements in the upcoming Visual Studio 2010 Team System.
	Jul-09	Silverlight Brings Web Closer to Desktop	An overview of the Microsoft platform for Rich Internet Applications, which aim to combine the simple deployment of Web applications with the responsiveness and graphics of desktop applications.
	Aug-09	BizTalk Server 2009	Electronic Data Interchange, Radio Frequency ID, and other improvements in Microsoft's application integration and business-to-business commerce product.
	Sep-09	Windows Azure	Online services hosted in Microsoft's data centers support identity management, messaging, and other infrastructure services for applications.
	Oct-09	CLR 4 Parallel Programming, Dynamic Languages	Major improvements in the Common Language Runtime, the runtime infrastructure for .NET Framework applications, will support dynamic languages such as Python and applications that exploit multiple processors and cores.
	Nov-09	Thick Client Platform Improved	New graphics APIs and other improvements coming for developers of thick client applications that run on user's PCs.

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	Dec-09	<b>RESEARCH:</b> Visual Studio 2010 and the .NET Framework 4	Improvements to the .NET Framework development platform and the Visual Studio tool set that supports it.
	Jan-10	Dublin Web Services Component and Oslo Modeling	Dublin delivers a package of Windows Server improvements for hosting Web services and workflows built with the .NET Framework; Oslo supports authoring of Dublin applications but also supports broader aims.
Sales, Marketing, and Services	Feb-09	<b>LICENSING:</b> Volume Programs for Companies	An introduction to Microsoft's volume license purchase programs for commercial organizations.
	Apr-09	<b>LICENSING:</b> Evaluating Software Assurance	Evaluating Microsoft's software maintenance program for customers who don't have Enterprise Agreements.
	Jun-09	<b>LICENSING:</b> Volume Programs for Government Agencies	An introduction to Microsoft's volume license purchase programs for government agencies.
	Aug-09	<b>LICENSING:</b> Volume Programs for Academic Institutions	An introduction to Microsoft's volume license purchase programs for schools, universities, and other educational organizations.
Corporate and Legal	Dec-08	<b>ROADMAP:</b> Enterprise Software and Services	Updated release and retirement information for Microsoft's most important enterprise products, including news from the 2008 Professional Developers Conference and Windows Hardware Engineering Conference.
	Feb-09	<b>ORGCHART</b> (Online Update)	The latest list of Microsoft's 600+ top leaders.
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