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Topic	Publish Date	Title	Description
Windows and Mobile	Aug-09	File Classification Infrastructure	New Windows technology helps identify files containing sensitive corporate data.
	Sep-09	RESEARCH: Evaluating Windows 7	An overview of the new client OS, for large organizations considering upgrades.
	Jan-10	Geneva Identity Technology	New Windows features and APIs for cross-platform, cross-organization access control, which can simplify remote access to resources and applications.
	Jan-10	RESEARCH: Windows Server 2008 R2	An overview of the new server OS, for large organizations considering upgrades.
Business Applications and Services	Sep-09	SharePoint 2010 Preview	The next versions of Microsoft's SharePoint products deliver Web-based Office applications and other improvements.
	Nov-09	SharePoint Server 2010 Collaboration and Content Management	New capabilities for Web-based document and data sharing and other collaboration and content management functions.
	Nov-09	Exchange 2010: Client-side Features	New client (Outlook and Outlook Web Access) features in Exchange 2010.
	Dec-09	SharePoint Server 2010 Enterprise Search	Scalability and other improvements in the SharePoint full-text search technology.
	Dec-09	Exchange 2010: Server Features	Archiving, compliance, performance, and scalability features in Exchange 2010.
	Jan-10	FAST Search for SharePoint	A look at Microsoft's most tunable enterprise search engine and its integration with SharePoint Server.

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	Mar-10	SharePoint Server 2010 Business Intelligence	Scorecarding and other reporting and analytics enhancements in SharePoint Server.
	Apr-10	SharePoint Server 2010 Administration and Policy	Enhancements for scalability, availability, records management, backup and other enterprise administration functions.
	May-10	SharePoint Application Access	Forms processing, database connectivity, and other key APIs for integrating applications into SharePoint sites.
	Jun-10	Project and Project Server 2010	Portfolio management and other improvements to Microsoft's enterprise project management solution.
	Jun-10	Office 2010 Suite	Word, Excel, PowerPoint and other applications in the suite get some improvements that don't depend on SharePoint Server and Exchange Server.
	Oct-10	Communications Server 2010 Voice	Location information for emergency response and other improvements to make Microsoft's unified communications server competitive with enterprise telephone systems.
	Nov-10	Communications Server 2010 Web Conferencing	Improvements to Microsoft's software for online meetings.
Systems Management and Security	Aug-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	Management Licensing Changes	Changes to rules for licensing System Center products and virtualized systems.
	Oct-09	Forefront Stirling	A look at Microsoft's suite for antimalware and firewall functions.
	Nov-09	Configuration Manager 2007 SP2	Update to the system management and inventory tool.

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	Feb-10	Service Manager Integrates System Center	Finally, the help desk tool arrives.
	May-10	Forefront Identity Manager	Workflow authoring and self-service lead improvements in Microsoft's product for synchronizing databases of user accounts and other identity data.
	Jul-10	RESEARCH: Forefront Product Suite	An overview of Microsoft's suite for antimalware and firewall functions.
Application Platform	Aug-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.
	Sep-09	Workflow and Messaging in the .NET Framework 4	Windows Workflow Foundation and Communication Foundation enhancements in the .NET Framework 4, and how they work with the Dublin component of Windows Server.
	Sep-09	Exchange 2010 APIs	Review of APIs to use with Exchange 2010 including new Web services managed API
	Oct-09	SQL Server 2008 R2 Preview	Master data management, a new analysis client, and other planned improvements to Microsoft's database management and business intelligence platform.
	Oct-09	ROADMAP: Developer Platform (Oct. 2009)	A guide to selecting APIs and supporting toolsets for the most important development tasks on the .NET Framework.
	Nov-09	Windows Azure	A detailed look at Microsoft's cloud application hosting and storage service.
	Dec-09	Data Access and the Entity Framework 2	API and tool improvements for access to databases and other data sources.
	Jan-10	RESEARCH: Visual Studio 2010 and the .NET Framework 4	Improvements to the integrated development environment and collaborative development system, including new test and architecture tools.

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	Jan-10	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.
	Feb-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.
	Feb-10	SQL Server 2008 R2 Gemini	The new business analytics engine and its integration with Excel and SharePoint Server 2010
	Feb-10	ROADMAP: Developer Platform (Feb. 2010)	A guide to selecting APIs and supporting toolsets for the most important development tasks on the .NET Framework, as well as on Microsoft enterprise products including Office, Exchange, SharePoint Server, and Communications Server.
	Jun-10	SQL Server 2008 R2 Master Data Services	The new master data management system, which helps organizations synchronize and improve the quality of widely-used data sets such as customer lists.
	Jul-10	SQL Server 2008 R2 Administration	Policy-based management and other improvements in Microsoft's database management system.
Sales, Marketing, and Services	Aug-09	Online Services Licensing	How Microsoft licenses its online services for businesses.
	Aug-09	Partner-Ready Services	Programs to transfer knowledge from Microsoft's in-house consulting staff to partners.
	Sep-09	SPLA Update	Update on Microsoft's licensing program for hosting partners.

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Corporate and Legal	Aug-09	ROADMAP: Enterprise Software and Services	Updated release and retirement information for Microsoft's most important enterprise products.
	Sep-09	Corporate Responsibility at Microsoft	How Microsoft handles environmental issues, charitable giving, and other considerations that affect its reputation and governmental relationships.
	Sep-09	Fourth Quarter 2009 Earnings	Results of Microsoft's final fiscal quarter and its push for renewals of annuity licensing agreements.
	Nov-09	ROADMAP: Enterprise Software and Services	Updated release and retirement information for Microsoft's most important enterprise products.
	Dec-09	ORGCHART (hardcopy)	The latest list of Microsoft's 600+ top leaders.
	Jan-10	ROADMAP: Enterprise Software and Services	Updated release and retirement information for Microsoft's most important enterprise products.