

Elevating the Modern Workplace: Microsoft 365 Product Roadmap 2026

As Nubis 365 continues to empower businesses through cloud-first strategies, keeping pace with Microsoft's rapid development cycle is essential. The latest updates to the Microsoft 365 suite focus on deeper AI integration via Copilot, enhanced security via Intune, and more fluid collaboration within SharePoint and OneDrive.

SharePoint & OneDrive: A New Era of Collaboration

Microsoft is redesigning the file-sharing experience to be more intuitive and performance-driven:

- **SharePoint Brand Center:** Businesses can now maintain brand consistency across all internal sites with centralised control over themes and fonts.
- **OneDrive Offline Mode:** Significant improvements allow users to open, edit, and organise files in the browser even without an internet connection, with changes syncing automatically once back online.
- **Enhanced File Governance:** New administrative controls in SharePoint now help prevent the "over-sharing" of sensitive data by flagging files that have been accessible to the entire organisation for too long.

Productivity Powerhouses: Excel & Outlook

The core "Office" apps are receiving updates that focus on data handling and communication efficiency:

- **Excel Data Processing:** Microsoft has optimised Excel's calculation engine to handle significantly larger datasets (up to millions of rows) with a 30% reduction in latency.
- **Outlook "Classic" vs. New:** As the transition to the "New Outlook" continues, Microsoft has added "Offline Support" for Mail and Calendar to bridge the gap for power users.
- **Copilot in Outlook:** AI-driven coaching now helps users refine the tone of their emails and summarises long threads to save hours of reading time.

Microsoft Intune: The Heart of Modern Management

For Nubis 365 clients, Intune remains the most critical tool for securing a distributed workforce:

- **Automated Patch Management:** Intune now features "Autopatch" for third-party applications, ensuring that software like Sage or Adobe is always up to date without manual intervention.
- **Advanced Endpoint Analytics:** New dashboards provide predictive alerts, telling us if a laptop's battery or hardware is likely to fail before it actually impacts your employee.

- Cloud PKI: Microsoft has simplified certificate management, allowing businesses to secure Wi-Fi and VPN connections without the need for a complex on-site server.

Why These Updates Matter

These changes aren't just about new features; they are designed to meet the NCSC and Cyber Essentials standards for secure, modern computing. By leveraging these tools, Nubis 365 ensures your business remains productive, secure, and ready for the future.