

Interfuture News

June is here: halfway through the year already! As always, we've got the latest you need to know from **Interfuture** and about IT in general.

In this edition of the **Interfuture Systems Newsletter**, we remind you about moving to **Windows 11**, troubleshoot your connection problems, give advice on refurbished tech and data syncing as well as sharing some updates from Microsoft.

We hope you find the newsletter informative.
Any feedback or questions please contact us via social media or our website.



Get Back Online

Having trouble connecting to the internet?
Here are a few potential problems and fixes:

Problem 1: problems with the tech

Cause: over time, cables can become damaged, or routers can become obsolescent, causing issues when you want to connect.

Solution: ensure all your equipment is in good condition. While purchasing new items might eventually be necessary, we recommend thorough testing first. For example, before you completely change out your modem for a newer model, try with a different cable. That way you know for sure what the issue is before it costs you anything.

Problem 2: overloaded network

Cause: Say a family of four are each in separate places trying to stream different tv shows, while also using their phones – that might be too much for your wi-fi to handle!

Solution: make sure any devices that aren't being used are disconnected and prioritize traffic using the Quality of Service settings on your router. If those don't work, it may be time to consider upgrading your plan or hardware to better accommodate your needs.

Problem 3: incorrect configuration settings

Cause: if your network settings haven't been established properly – including IP addresses, subnet masks or DNS configurations – your devices may be unable to get online.

Solution: correct these settings – your operating system may provide troubleshooting tools.

Windows 10 : Once Again!

You're probably tired of hearing this, as we mention it almost every week, but it is essential that you take action: support for **Windows 10** ends in October.

By October, you need to move your devices to **Windows 11**, for continued quality of life and security patches. If you haven't updated yet, you need to NOW!



Old Tech, New Tricks

Did you know that you can buy refurbished tech? This is technology, like PCs and laptops, that has been previously owned by someone else before being wiped, reset and sold again.

Because the item has been used, it usually comes at a much lower price, which is ideal if you're on a budget.

It also reduces emissions and waste as there is less demand for new tech and fewer devices in landfill.



can now share control of their **PowerPoint** slides, allowing multiple people to present together seamlessly.

Teams will now scan shared content and alert presenters, organisers and co-organisers to any sensitive or potentially malicious content.

Microsoft Copilot

You can now reference existing documents – **Word**, **Excel** or **PowerPoint** files – to help generate drafts of new documents, simplifying the use of old templates.

Users can now ask **Copilot** to convert paragraphs into bullet points of numbered lists, allowing users to quickly format their text.

Copilot will now generate a summary of a **PowerPoint** presentation, helping to emphasise the key topics.

Copilot can be used in **Outlook** to draft, highlight and rewrite text, which can be used to refine email drafts.



Microsoft Updates

Microsoft have released another batch of updates, adding new features and improvements to their services. Here are some highlights that you may find useful:

Microsoft Teams

The viewing delay in **Teams Town Hall** has been reduced from 20-30 seconds to almost real time, making it easier for presenters to interact with their audience.

In **Town Hall**, organisers, co-organisers and presenters can now join the event as an attendee to preview the experience, ensuring it is perfect before launching to more people.

Presenters in **Teams** meetings and events

Syncing

Remember, it is important if you have multiple devices to sync them, and any backups you may have.

This will ensure if one device is damaged, lost or stolen that you still have the latest version of your data available to use.

Better to be safe than sorry!