



Privacy Nightmare: Microsoft Copilot+ Recall Feature Sparks Concerns

Description

The UK data regulator has raised concerns about a new feature from Microsoft called Recall, which can take screenshots of your laptop every few seconds. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is reaching out to Microsoft to understand the safety measures in place for this feature. Privacy advocates have labeled Recall as a potential "privacy nightmare" as it has the capability to search through all user activity, including files, photos, emails, and browsing history.

Microsoft defends Recall by stating that it is an "optional experience" exclusive to Copilot+ PCs. The company assures that the captured data is only stored locally and not accessible by anyone without device access. However, concerns remain about the implications of continuous screenshotting on users' privacy.

Experts warn that Recall could have a chilling effect on users, potentially affecting their online behavior and limiting their access to certain websites or documents. Questions around consent, access controls, and the security of personal information when using Recall are also highlighted.

Furthermore, there are worries about the potential risks of passwords being recorded by Recall, which could be accessed by unauthorized parties. Mozilla's privacy team leader, Jen Caltrider, advises caution when using Recall, suggesting refraining from sensitive online activities due to the risk of unauthorized access to personal information.

Overall, the launch of Recall by Microsoft has sparked concerns among privacy experts and regulators, emphasizing the need for robust safeguards and transparency when introducing new technologies that may impact user privacy.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Regulator** // (noun): A person or organization that supervises or controls the actions of others.
2. **Concerns** // (noun): Worries or issues that cause unease or anxiety.
3. **Feature** // (noun): A distinctive attribute or aspect of something.
4. **Screenshots** // (noun): Images showing the contents of a computer or device screen at a specific moment.
5. **Capability** // (noun): The power or ability to do something.
6. **Exclusive** // (adjective): Limited to only one person or group.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term refers to the abilities or potential of a system or individual?
Option: Impressive
Option: Capabilities
Option: Antics
Option: Personalized
2. Which term describes a setting or scenario after a catastrophic event?
Option: Optimizing
Option: Post-apocalyptic
Option: Enormous
Option: Rivalry

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

3. The software was designed to integrate _____ with existing systems.
4. Users can _____ their profile by selecting different themes and layouts.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 5. The event attracted a large crowd of devoted fans and followers. |
| 6. The organization was built on the principles of equality and social justice. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Capabilities 2. Post-apocalyptic

Gap-Fill: 3. seamlessly 4. customize

Matching sentence: 1. enthusiasts 2. foundation

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