



Chicago

Microsoft® Technology Center

Overview

Microsoft Technology Centers (MTCs) provide everything you need—an outstanding environment, industry leaders, and technology experts—to envision, architect, and demonstrate a secure, customized solution based on Microsoft and partner technologies.

Outstanding Environment

We have created environments that will ensure that your team's learning and development experience with us is second to none.

Industry Leaders

The MTCs have formed alliances with industry leaders that provide comprehensive resources including hardware, software, and services to MTC customers for the duration of their engagement.

Technology Experts

The MTC staff are experts in Microsoft technology solutions. They will work side by side with your team to rapidly find solutions to your technology challenges. Our staff's experience and in-depth knowledge of Microsoft products and technologies ensure you benefit from development best practices.

Offerings

Strategy Briefing: This one-day briefing starts by examining your current IT environment and business objectives and then moves into the Envisioning Center, where you will see Microsoft solutions in action, through powerful demos and scenarios customized to meet your needs. The day includes mutual discovery, tailored product and technology drill-downs, and expert presentations, and it culminates with the delivery of a clear and actionable picture of how Microsoft .NET—software that connects people, information, systems, and devices—can help you reach your business goals.

Architecture Design Session: This custom session drills into your business objectives and aligns them with specific applications of .NET technology to help you not only meet your goals, but also capitalize on them. We will provide architectural guidance, preferred practices input, architecture, and risk analysis to chief technology officers, architects, and senior members of your development team.

Proof-of-Concept Workshop: In this multiweek, in-depth workshop, our architects work closely with key members of your technical staff to transfer knowledge and develop proofs for custom solutions. This workshop may also include detailed demos and training sessions. Your development team will have a private, secure, and fully loaded development suite that is preconfigured prior to their arrival.

Your proof-of-concept suite includes:

- A dedicated, high-speed LAN
- 5 to 10 high-end developer workstations
- Complete privacy
- Security, with cardkey access 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- A laser printer

And you have access to:

- 140-plus servers, 400-plus 32-bit and 64-bit processors, and 20 combined terabytes of storage from Dell, EMC2, HP, Intel, Unisys, NEC, and XIOtech
- An APC InfraStruXure power management system backup power unit, manageable over the Web
- A mobile environment with wireless access points and handheld devices from AMD, Dell and HP
- Tablet PCs and Windows Mobile®-based devices for development
- A secure server rack through a keyboard, video, and mouse unit from Avocent (remote access)
- All Microsoft software, including select prerelease and beta versions
- A library of select third-party software

Areas of Focus: Business Intelligence, Business Process Automation, Information Worker Collaboration, Portals, Microsoft Dynamics, Operational Efficiency and Productivity.

Scheduling

Contact the MTC—Chicago to discuss your engagement needs and availability.

Location and Contacts

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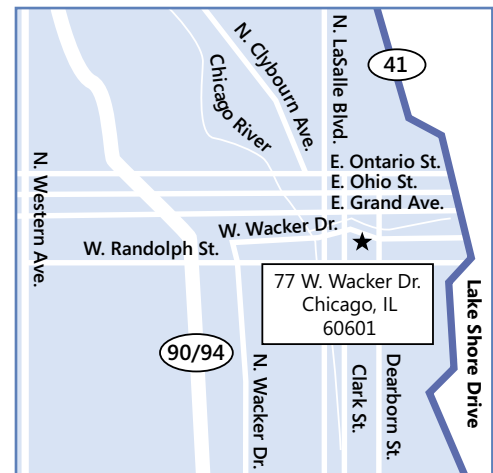
Driving Directions

From the North on I-90 (Kennedy): Take I-90 East and exit Ohio Street, which is one-way going east. Drive five blocks to Clark Street. Turn right and drive five blocks to Wacker Drive.

From the South on I-94 (Dan Ryan): Take I-94 West and exit Ohio Street, which is one-way going east. Drive five blocks to Clark Street. Turn right and drive five blocks to Wacker Drive.

From the North on Lake Shore Drive: Take Lake Shore Drive and exit Grand Avenue going west. Drive nine blocks to Clark Street and turn left. Drive four blocks to Wacker Drive.

From the South on Lake Shore Drive: Take Lake Shore Drive and exit Randolph Street going west. Drive four blocks to Dearborn Street. Turn right on Dearborn and go one block to Wacker Drive.



Transport from the Airports:

The MTC is conveniently located a half block north from the Clark and Lake “L” station in downtown Chicago (on the east side of the street). This station serves all “L” trains in the city, including those from O’Hare and Midway. The cost for the “L” is U.S.\$1.75 each way.

- O’Hare (Blue Line “L”)—It takes approximately 40 minutes to get to the Clark & Lake station near the MTC.
- Midway (Orange Line “L”)—It takes approximately 35 minutes to get to the Clark & Lake station near the MTC.

Accommodations

For information on accommodations in proximity to the MTC—Chicago, go to www.microsoft.com/mtc.

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