

Thames Valley



Overview

Microsoft® Technology Centres (MTCs) provide everything you need—an outstanding environment, industry leaders, and technology experts—to envision, architect, and demonstrate a secure, customised 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, for the duration of your team's 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.

The MTCs marshal their premier resources into three types of offerings—strategy briefing, architecture design session, and proof-of-concept workshop—each of which focusses on a different stage of your organisation's search for a solution.

The MTCs focus on the following business needs:

- Build Customer Connections
- Drive Real World Business Process
- Drive Business Performance
- Enable Your Mobile Workforce
- Application Platform Optimization
- Optimize Your Business Productivity Infrastructure
- Optimize and Secure Your Core Infrastructure
- Performance Testing and Tuning

Offerings

STRATEGY BRIEFING

This one-day briefing starts by examining your current IT environment and business objectives and then moves into the Envisioning Centre, where you will see Microsoft solutions in action, through powerful demos and scenarios customised to meet your needs. The day includes mutual discovery, tailored product and technology drill-downs, and expert presentations. It culminates with the delivery of a clear and actionable picture of how Microsoft and partner technologies 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 Microsoft. NET connection software to help you not only meet your goals, but also capitalise on them. We will provide architectural guidance, preferred practices input, 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 prove out 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

And you have access to:

- 80-plus servers, 300-plus 32 and 64-bit processors; and 20 combined terabytes of storage from AMD, APC, Avocent, Brocade, Dell, EMC², HP, IBM, Intel, NetApp, Nortel and ProCurve Networking
- APC InfraStruXure™ racks and power protection
- HP ProCurve gigabit switch
- Nortel telephony technology
- Avocent DS Series KVM solution providing secure remote access to the servers
- Virtual Enterprise network simulation technology
- BIG-IP application security, availability and optimisation technology from F5 Networks
- Tablet PCs and Windows Mobile. powered devices for mobile development
- All Microsoft software, including select beta versions
- A library of select third-party software

Location and Contacts

Contact the MTC Thames Valley to discuss your engagement needs and the availability of MTC resources.

Microsoft Technology Centre—Thames Valley

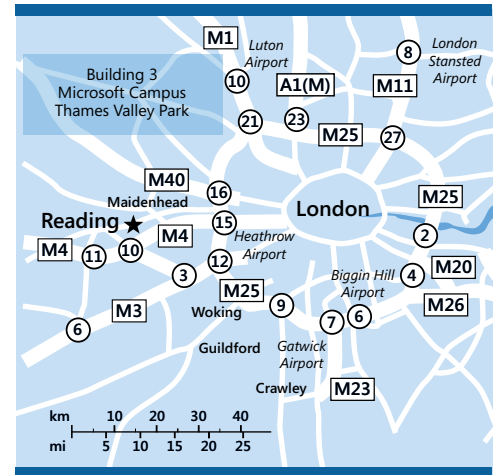
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Directions

- Exit the M4 at Junction 10, and follow the A329(M) towards Reading.
- Follow the road to the roundabout at the end of the dual carriageway, where you will see a large sign for Thames Valley Park. Do not exit at the Reading Junction (A4).
- At the first roundabout, take the first exit and follow the dual carriageway. At the second roundabout, take the first exit, at the third roundabout, take the second exit. At the final roundabout, take the third exit onto the Microsoft campus.
- The Microsoft campus consists of four buildings in a row. The MTC is on the ground floor of Building 3. Visitors should register at Building 3 reception.

Public transportation

- The nearest main line station is Reading Central, which is on the main lines from both Paddington and Waterloo stations.
- Taxis are available outside the station. Additionally a free bus service operates between the station and the Microsoft Campus. The Thames Valley Park free shuttle bus service is available from outside the main station doors at the bus stop labelled 'SA'. It departs every 8 minutes during peak hours and every 20 minutes during off-peak hours. Please allow 30 minutes travel time during peak hours, otherwise the journey will take approximately 15 minutes.
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Accommodations

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

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