

# Chicago



## Overview

The Microsoft® Technology Centers (MTCs) are collaborative environments that provide access to innovative technologies and world-class expertise, enabling you to envision, design, and deploy solutions to meet your exact needs.

### Outstanding Environment

We've 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 training services, for the duration of your team's engagement.

### Technology Experts

The MTC staff members are experts in Microsoft technology solutions. They'll 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 that you benefit from development best practices.

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

### The MTCs focus on the following business needs:

- Application platform optimization
- Business productivity optimization
- Cloud services
- Core infrastructure optimization
- Enabling your mobile work force
- Unified communications
- Virtualization

## Offerings

### STRATEGY BRIEFING

This one-day briefing starts by examining your current IT environment and business objectives. Then it moves into the Envisioning Center, where you'll 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. 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 focuses on your business objectives and aligns them with specific applications of Microsoft software to help you not only meet your goals, but also capitalize on them. We'll provide architectural guidance, consultation on preferred practices, 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's preconfigured prior to their arrival.

**Your development suite includes** a dedicated, high-speed LAN; 5 to 10 high-end developer workstations; complete privacy; security with 24-hour card-key access; and a printer.

#### And you have access to:

- 60-plus servers; 300-plus 64-bit processor cores; and 60-plus combined terabytes of storage from Dell, EMC2, HP, Intel, NetApp, and XIOTech
- An APC InfraStruXure power management system backup unit and HVAC units, manageable over the web
- PBX infrastructure from Nortel
- Gigabit Ethernet fabric and management from ProCurve
- Fiber switches from Brocade and fiber server adapters from Emulex and QLogic
- A mobile environment with wireless access points and handheld devices from AMD, Dell, and HP
- Network accelerators from Certeon
- A wide area network emulator
- A diverse array of Windows® 7-based and Windows Phone devices to assist in the development of mobile devices and multiple form factors
- A server rack secured through a keyboard, video, and mouse unit from Avocent (remote access)
- All Microsoft software, including select beta versions, and a library of select third-party software

## Location and Contacts

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

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## Directions

### To the Aon Center Parking Garage

#### From the North:

- Lake Shore Drive South to Randolph Drive exit. Turn right.
- Drive two blocks to Columbus Drive. At the stoplight turn right immediately into the left lane.
- Drive one block to Lake Street. At the stoplight turn left.
- Drive one-half block. The entrance to the garage is on the left side of Lake Street.

#### From the South:

- Lake Shore Drive North to Randolph Drive exit. Turn left.
- Drive 2 blocks to Columbus Drive. At the stoplight turn right immediately into the left lane.
- Drive one block to Lake Street. At the stoplight turn left.
- Drive one-half block. The entrance to the garage is on the left side of Lake Street.

#### From the West (I-90/I-94—Dan Ryan/O’Hare Airport):

- Ohio Street exit east to LaSalle. Turn right on LaSalle.
- Drive two blocks to Illinois and turn left.
- Drive 9 blocks (1/2 mile) on Illinois and turn right on Columbus.
- Drive 4 blocks to Lake Street—you will go under the bridge.
- Turn right on Lake Street.
- Drive one-half block. The entrance to the garage is on the left side of Lake Street.

#### From the West (I-290—Eisenhower):

- Congress east to Columbus Drive (turn left). Drive about 1.5 miles.
- One block past Randolph Drive to Lake Street (turn left).
- Entrance to the parking garage is located on the left side of Lake Street.



### Transport from the Airports:

The MTC is conveniently located two blocks east of the Randolph and Wabash “L” station in downtown Chicago (on the north side of the street). This station serves the Orange, Pink, Green, Purple, and Brown line “L” trains in the city, including those from Midway. The cost for the “L” is U.S. \$2.25 each way.

- O’Hare (Blue Line “L”)—Located one block north of Randolph and four blocks east of the Aon Center. It takes approximately 45 minutes to get from O’Hare to the “L” stop nearest the MTC.
- Midway (Orange Line “L”)—It takes approximately 30 minutes to get to the Randolph and Wabash station near the MTC.

## Accommodations

For information on accommodations in proximity to the MTC Chicago, go to [www.microsoft.com/mtc](http://www.microsoft.com/mtc).

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