

Minneapolis

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.

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:

- 28-plus servers; 144-plus 64-bit processor cores; and 60-plus combined terabytes of storage from Dell, EMC, HP, Intel, and NetApp
- An APC InfraStruXure power management system backup unit and HVAC units, manageable over the web
- 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 F5
- 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 Minneapolis to discuss your engagement needs and the availability of MTC resources.

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Directions

From Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport (MSP):

- Take I-494 West (SR-5)
- Exit at 6B, France Avenue (CR-17)
- Turn Right or North onto France Avenue South
- Turn Right or East onto West 76th Street

From St. Paul:

- Take I-35E South
- Exit 99B to I-494 West
- Exit at 6B to France Avenue (CR-17)
- Turn Right or North onto France Avenue South
- Turn Right or East onto West 76th Street

From Minneapolis:

- Take I-35W South
- Exit at 9B to I-494 West
- In 2 miles Exit 6B to France Avenue (CR-17)
- Turn Right or North onto France Avenue South
- Turn Right or East onto West 76th Street

Accommodations

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