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## Microsoft reaches RTM milestone with availability slated for Oct. 18th

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Microsoft recently announced that they had achieved a great milestone: Windows Server 2012 R2 and Windows 8.1 had been released to manufacturing (RTM). This provides final software to Microsoft's hardware partners for them to complete their final system validations and in turn is the final step before putting the next generation of Windows Server in your hands.

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Guest Speaker: Sherry Smeaton, IBM Canada, Associate Partner, Business Analytics & Optimization

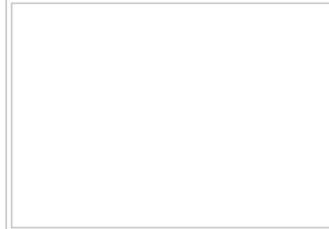
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## It may be time to change IT's role in your organization







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Between people forgetting their passwords, the discovery of malware on the network, new servers making funny noises, the Internet going down and demand for new applications going up, the IT

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## Microsoft to empower 45,000 app developers and IT professionals across India

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Microsoft, along with 23 learning solution partners like NIIT, Aptech, IT-Networkz are hosting the 'Power Your Future' initiative across the country. More than 45,000 developers and IT professionals are participating in a simultaneous orientation session across 1,000 locations, aimed at helping them chart their career path. It will also provide direction to hone their skills to build apps for the global marketplace.

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