Multiyear Alliance

AT&T Communications and Microsoft are embarking on an extensive, multiyear alliance where the two companies will apply technologies, including cloud, AI, and 5G, to improve how people live and work today and in the future. Microsoft will be the preferred cloud provider for non-network applications, and as part of AT&T’s broader public cloud first strategy, will support AT&T as it consolidates its data center infrastructure and operations.

We’re becoming a “public cloud first” company by migrating most non-network workloads to the public cloud by 2024. That initiative will allow us to focus on core network capabilities, accelerate innovation for customers, and empower the workforce while optimizing costs.

Edge Technologies and 5G

The alliance will help enable a future of ubiquitous computing through edge technologies and 5G. Microsoft will tap into the innovation AT&T is offering on its 5G network, including to design, test, and build edge-computing capabilities. With edge computing and a lower-latency 5G connection enabled through AT&T’s geographically dispersed network infrastructure, devices can process data closer to where decisions are made.

The companies will bring to market integrated industry solutions including in the areas of voice, collaboration and conferencing, intelligent edge and networking, IoT, public safety, and cyber security. In addition, AT&T and Microsoft will work together on technology-enabled approaches and solutions aimed at social good. Both companies have been focused on addressing sustainability, accessibility, and community challenges such as homelessness, and see an opportunity to support each other’s work to address urgent social needs, including Microsoft’s affordable housing initiative and the AT&T Believes campaign.

“AT&T and Microsoft are among the most committed companies to fostering technology that serves people,” said John Donovan, CEO, AT&T Communications. “By working together on common efforts around 5G, the cloud, and AI, we will accelerate the speed of innovation and impact for our customers and our communities.”