

Meyerson Leaves Microsoft as it Splits Windows and Devices Group

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The latest Microsoft corporate shakeup brings an end to a long-standing division-- the Windows and Devices Group (WDG), home of Windows, Surface and HoloLens products, is no more, leading to the departure of head Terry Myerson.



To replace WDG Microsoft formed "Experiences & Devices," a team taking care of Windows client releases, first party apps, Office 365 and Surface hardware. Leading is former Office exec Rajesh Jha. That said, some WDG members are going to the "Cloud + AI" group under Scott Guthrie, which also gets some Microsoft AI + Research group staff.

As mentioned earlier, WDG boss Terry Myerson is leaving the company after 21 years. Panos Panay remains head of Surface and HoloLens hardware with the title of Chief Product Officer, while Joe Belfiore is still Windows client experience lead. The two report to Jha, as will the Windows Enterprise Deployment and Management team under Brad Anderson.

"Having a deep sense of customers' unmet and unarticulated needs must drive our innovation," a blog post by CEO Satya Nadella announcing the organisational changes reads. "We can't let any organisational boundaries get in the way of innovation for our customers. This is why a growth mindset culture matters."

For those curious as to what Myerson will do next, a LinkedIn post has him draw up plans to train for an Ironman competition, learn to play a musical instrument, learn more about genomics and robotics, and spend some time with his wife and kids.

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