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The cloud becomes a physical decision.

Custom silicon connects software, power and institutional control. The value lies in the system around the chip.



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The chip is part of the operating model.

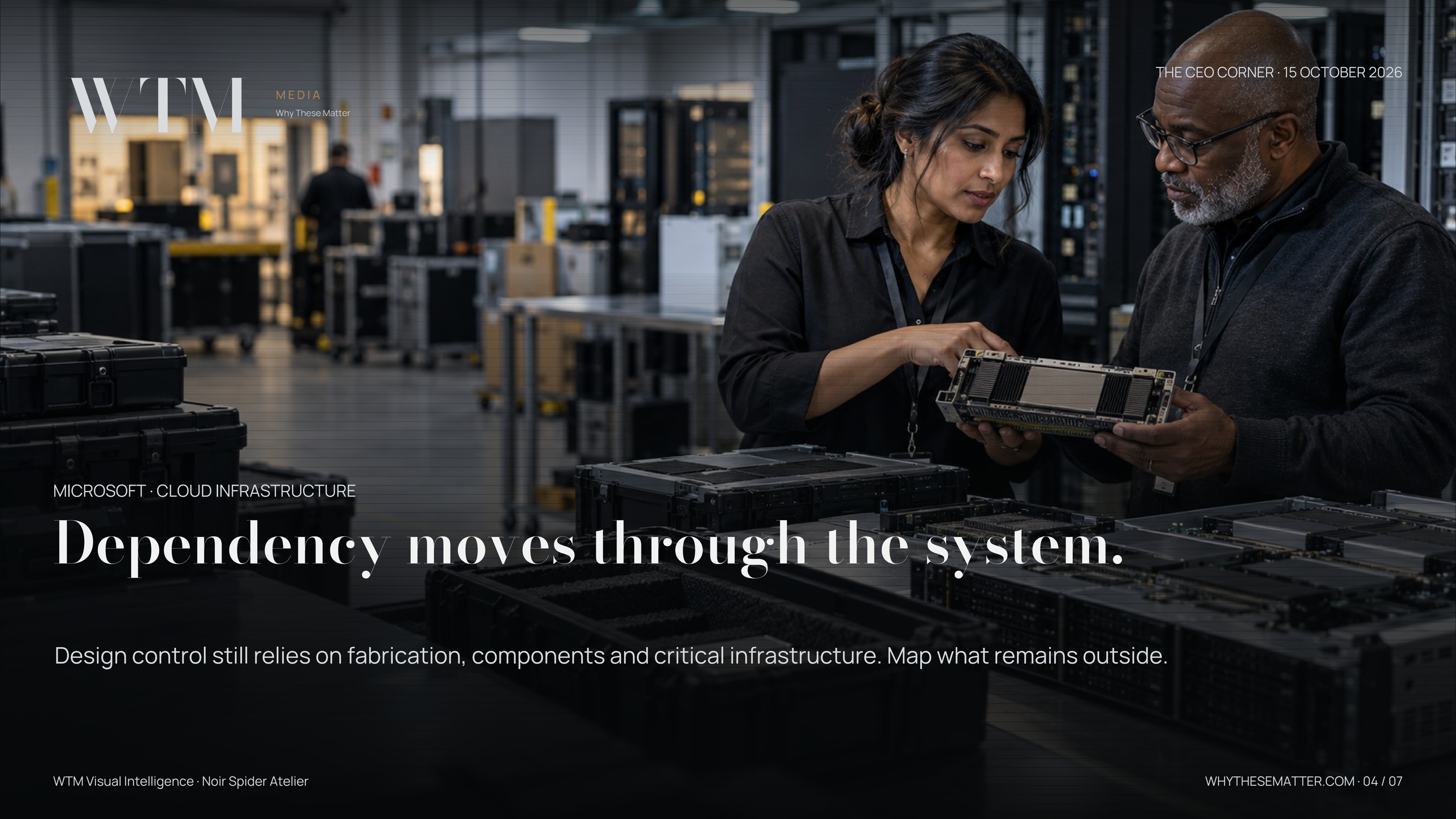
Hardware, software and operations must work as one. Ownership creates capability only when the interfaces hold.



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Efficiency needs an energy boundary.

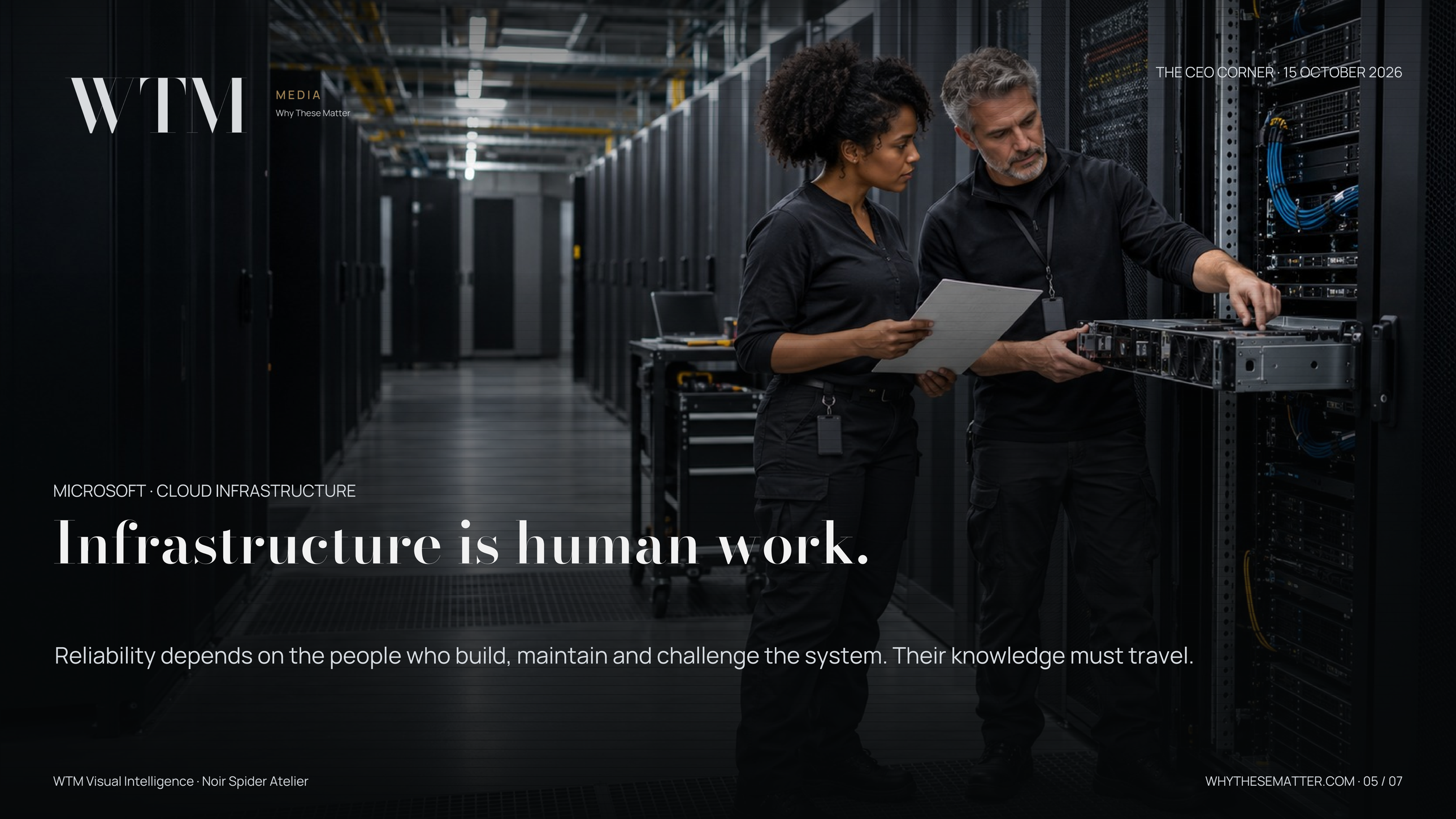
More useful work per unit of power does not establish lower total electricity demand. Measure both.



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Dependency moves through the system.

Design control still relies on fabrication, components and critical infrastructure. Map what remains outside.



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Infrastructure is human work.

Reliability depends on the people who build, maintain and challenge the system. Their knowledge must travel.



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Govern scale before it hardens.

Set evidence thresholds before expansion makes reversal costly. Capacity, value and public obligations need separate tests.

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Evidence, context and visual provenance

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Microsoft Official Blog · 12 October 2026

Maia 300 and planned deployment from 2027; company expectations, not demonstrated outcomes.

Microsoft Azure · Architecture · 12 October 2026

Vendor description of the integrated hardware and software system; no WTM benchmark test.

Microsoft Source · 12 October 2026

Performance comparisons are prospective company claims with workload and system boundaries.

International Energy Agency · Energy and AI · 2025

System-level energy context, not a forecast or assessment of Microsoft alone.

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