

Visual Studio 2010 &.NET 4.0

- Beta 2 release on MSDN, general release October 21st
- Official release date 22nd March 2010
- Free upgrades for VS2008 Professional with MSDN Professional



Microsoft Office 2010

- Works will be replaced by a cut down ad-support Office version
- Office Web available now
- Office Beta starts soon
- <http://www.microsoft.com/office/2010/>

System.Transaction

- TransactionScope class provides transactional support
- Can be used over many SQL Connections, although MSDTC is needed for this
- Provides rollback
- Does not need to be implemented as part of a SQL connection set up, but will be used if created higher in the stack

Website Spark

- Free for small web companies
(≤ 10 employees)
- Free
 - VS2008 Pro
 - Expression 3
 - SQL Server 2008 R2
 - plus more....
- <http://www.microsoft.com/web/websitespark>

Silverlight Streaming Ends

- Free streaming to be replaced with paid Azure service
- Turn off date not yet released
- Files uploaded can be retrieved
- <http://dev.live.com/blogs/sls/archive/2009/10/18/505.aspx>