

Microsoft to use AMD software

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Redmond, Wash., software giant Microsoft announced it would use AMD's virtualization technology for an upcoming service pack.

The company said the feature would be included in Beta 2 of Virtual Server 2005 R2 SP1, BetaNews reported.

The move comes as a departure from Microsoft's policy of including support only for Intel-specific virtualization technology.

"Virtualization is a major global trend that enables businesses to be more agile. AMD and Microsoft are collaborating to make virtualization a strong part of the computing fabric," said AMD Vice President Terri Hall.

Microsoft said Beta 2 would also include a Volume Shadow Service, which allows users to make backups and edit files in a virtual hard disc without activating the virtual machine.

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