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## Windows Live Paralysis

### *Denied by Microsoft*

Niall Kennedy, the former Technorati community manager who joined Microsoft in April as a key developer on the Redmond Company's infrastructure technology for its Windows Live initiative has disclosed a subjective perspective overlooking the platform of his personal blog. Kennedy accuses Microsoft that it has permitted Windows Live's momentum to come to a halt. "Windows Live is under some heavy change, reorganization, pullback, and general paralysis and unfortunately my ability to perform, hire, and execute was completely frozen as well," he stated. As a result, the developer has resigned from his development position and will part ways with the Redmond Company come August 18. He explained his move arguing that the development of the syndication platform designed to leverage RSS and Atom technologies is plagued with paralysis due to a shift in Microsoft investment strategy. He made a correlation between the Redmond Company's initial plans to fuel development with an anticipated \$2.7 billion and 10,000 fresh employees and Microsoft's stock drop. "If we had the resources I truly believe we could have tackled the number of users Hotmail, Messenger, Spaces, or even Internet Explorer might supply, and then ask for more by opening up the platform to the world. I was able to borrow resources here and there, but there was no team being built around the platform in the foreseeable future," complained Kennedy. Microsoft responded immediately to his position through the voice of Adam Sohn, a spokesman for the Redmond Company, who stated: "We are not pulling back on the Live effort at all. We are totally committed and seeing great momentum across the company."