

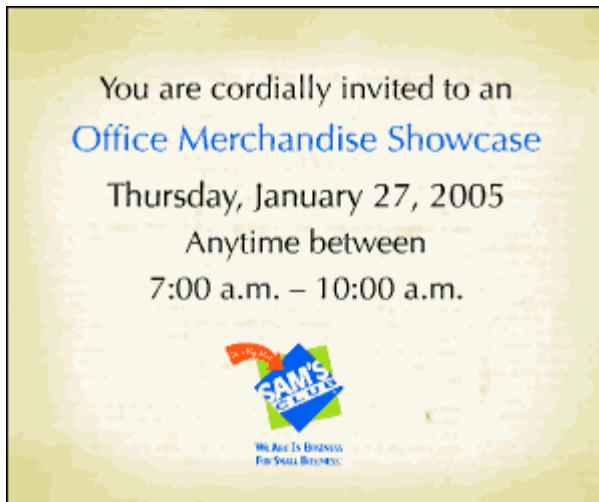
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Microsoft launching community computer lab at Winston-Salem State

Winston-Salem State University and WinstonNet are planning to launch a community computer lab thanks to a major financial gift from software giant Microsoft Corp.



In a ceremony scheduled for Jan. 18, the university plans to announce a public lab with 41 computers that will offer free e-mail, high-speed Internet access and computer training to Winston-Salem residents. This will be part of a network of 350 public computers across the city.

Microsoft (NASDAQ: MSFT) plans to announce a gift that will further expand that network as well as enhance the computer education programs at Winston-Salem State.