

Week Ending: July 20, 2018

Top Stories This Week

EU Order Against Google Opens New Doors For Mobile Industry

A European Union antitrust judgment against Google on Wednesday invites more competition from software developers including Microsoft Corp, Amazon.com Inc and Samsung Electronics Co, but still leaves them at an disadvantage, industry executives and analysts told Reuters. (<u>reuters.com</u>)

Thousands Of Leading Al Researchers Sign Pledge Against Killer Robots

Thousands of scientists who specialise in artificial intelligence (AI) have declared that they will not participate in the development or manufacture of robots that can identify and attack people without human oversight. (*theguardian.com*)

Walmart, Microsoft Are Teaming Up To Take On Amazon

Walmart and Microsoft announced Tuesday they have forged a strategic partnership that will help both of them battle Amazon. (*fiercetelecom.com*)

Products & Services

MLB Adds Machine-Learned Stats To Amazon Web Services Deal

Baseball league targets innovative fan experiences with expanded tie-up. (sportspromedia.com)

Emerging Technology

The Smart Home Of tomorrow Will Call 911 For You

Why should someone in the midst of a heart attack or comforting an injured child have to dial 911 when any one of the internet-connected gadgets in their home could do it for them? (<u>money.cnn.com</u>)

Are You Ready To Fly Without A Human Pilot?

On a recent visit to the Southwest Airlines headquarters in Dallas, I got to fly a Boeing 737. Or, at least, I got as close as someone who is not a licensed commercial pilot can: I sat at the controls of a multimillion-dollar simulator and learned how to "land" at La Guardia Airport in New York City. (nytimes.com)

Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

IBM Partners With Colombia University To Open Blockchain Research Center

The Tech Giant IBM has finally unveiled their new research center with a smart partnership with Colombia University to position them at a point where they can improve the blockchain technology they are using for apps and education. (bitcoinexchangeguide.com)

Zipit Announces Collaboration With Vodafone For Zipit IoT Connect Service

Zipit, an IoT value-added services provider, today announced it is working with Vodafone to support Zipit IoT Connect, an offering for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) that provides optimized data plans and automates the cellular provisioning process for IoT devices. (prnewswire.com)

Industry Reports

Justice Dept Wants Expedited AT&T Appeal

The Justice Department is asking the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to expedite its appeal of the merger of AT&T and Time Warner. (<u>wtz.com</u>)

Is Blockchain The Way To Save IoT?

The internet of things (IoT) was a hot topic in tech a few years ago, with everyone and their mother pitching IoT platforms, "smart" products and automated, real-time, interconnected "things" everywhere. (<u>forbes.com</u>)

Why Is Facebook Keen On robots? It's Just The Future Of Al

Facebook announced several new hires of top academics in the field of artificial intelligence Tuesday, among them a roboticist known for her work at Disney making animated figures move in more human-like ways. (abcnews.go.com)