

Week Ending: October 18, 2019

Top Stories This Week

[T-Mobile And Sprint Get FCC Approval To Merge In 3-2 Party-Line Vote](#)

The Federal Communications Commission has voted 3-2 to approve T-Mobile's acquisition of Sprint, an FCC spokesperson confirmed to Ars today. ([arstechnica.com](#))

[Disney Re-Strategises, Set To Split \\$3billion Media Business With Omnicom And Publicis](#)

The Walt Disney Company recently gave a glimpse into what its marketing strategy will look like in the streaming era – heavily promoting the sheer volume of content on Disney+ and splitting the bulk of its media between dedicated units set up by Omnicom and Publicis Groupe. ([marketingedge.com.ng](#))

Products & Services

[Google's New Pixel Buds Are Designed To Take On The Wireless Earbud Competition](#)

While there were a few fully wireless earbud options available, three years ago Apple took the idea mainstream with the Apple AirPods. ([zdnet.com](#))

[Microsoft Expands IoT And Edge Computing Portfolio With Windows And SQL Server](#)

At the CEATAC event in Japan, Microsoft announced new additions to its Windows and SQL Server family of products to support IoT and Edge Computing use cases. ([forbes.com](#))

Emerging Technology

[Autonomous 'Mayflower' Research Ship Will Use IBM AI Tech To Cross The Atlantic In 2020](#)

A fully autonomous ship called the "Mayflower" will make its voyage across the Atlantic Ocean next September, to mark the 400-year anniversary of the trip of the first Mayflower, which was very much not autonomous. ([techcrunch.com](#))

[This Robotic Hand Taught Itself To Solve A Rubik's Cube](#)

There are a number of very impressive examples of how artificial intelligence can accomplish things that humans simply can't, but nothing is cooler than seeing AI married to robotics. ([bgr.com](#))

Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

[Intel Is Buying A Canadian Software Business For \\$27 Million To Turbo-Charge Its Edge Computing And 5G Efforts](#)

Intel has agreed to purchase a software business from Toronto-based Pivot Technology Solutions for \$27 million, the U.S. chipmaker said on Tuesday. ([businessinsider.com](#))

Industry Reports

[Amazon Charges Brands For Slots On Its 'Curated' Holiday Toy Guide](#)

Amazon.com Inc. just released its annual holiday toy guide, telling customers the Lego Disney castle, VTech's Magical unicorn and more than 100 other items were "thoughtfully curated to help shoppers quickly tackle even the lengthiest holiday shopping lists." ([bloomberg.com](#))

[Blockchain And The Classroom — How DLT Can Improve Education](#)

Blockchain technology has proven to be a catalyst of change across a wide variety of industries in the years since Bitcoin's (BTC) inception in 2009. ([cointelegraph.com](#))