



## KS&R's DIGITAL DISPATCH

**Week Ending:** March 22, 2019

### Top Stories This Week

#### [Disney Sets Sights On Streaming Now That \\$71B Fox Deal Is Official](#)

The Walt Disney Company officially took ownership of several 21st Century Fox entertainment assets early this morning after its \$71.3 billion acquisition was finalized. ([fiercevideo.com](#))

#### [IBM Launches Global Blockchain-Based Payments Network](#)

IBM today unveiled Blockchain World Wire, a near real-time global payments network based on distributed ledger technology (DLT) for regulated financial firms. ([computerworld.com](#))

### Products & Services

#### [Instagram Trials A New Shopping Feature For U.S. Users](#)

Facebook's Instagram is trialing a feature that lets U.S. users shop from the photo-sharing app by using a "checkout" option on items tagged for sale, the company said on Tuesday. ([venturebeat.com](#))

#### [Google Unveils Stadia, A Video Game Streaming Service That Could Threaten Xbox And PlayStation](#)

Google is getting into video games. And it's playing to win. ([fortune.com](#))

### Emerging Technology

#### [The iPhone 11 Could Scan The Veins In Your Face To Unlock](#)

Apple's upcoming iPhone 11 may use a form of Face ID that scans veins to determine who's picking it up, according to newly discovered patents. ([techradar.com](#))

### Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

#### [Timescale And Microsoft Azure Join Forces To Power IoT And Time-Series Workloads](#)

Timescale, the company behind the leading open-source time-series SQL database, announces that it has partnered with Microsoft Azure to introduce support for TimescaleDB on Azure Database for PostgreSQL. ([marketwatch.com](#))

### Industry Reports

#### [More Americans Now Subscribe To Streaming Services Than Cable TV](#)

This week, the research firm Deloitte released the 13th edition of its Digital Media Trends survey and the results were full of interesting information about the growth of cord cutting services. ([cordcuttersnews.com](#))

[More IoT, More Automation, And More AI In 2019 To Accelerate Industry 4.0 Says Chip Industry Leader, W.K. Choi, CEO, Bistel](#)

Completing the journey to smart manufacturing will mean integrating human knowledge with more powerful computing, more automated production processes and smarter data analytics tools capable of processing and analyzing massive amounts of factory data in near real -time. ([benzinga.com](http://benzinga.com))