

Week Ending: April 05, 2019

### **Top Stories This Week**

#### Accenture, Ripple, SAP, SWIFT Join International Blockchain Group

Yesterday the European Commission hosted the launch of the International Association of Trusted Blockchain Applications (INATBA) with a speech from the Commissioner for Digital Economy, Mariya Gabriel. (*ledgerinsights.com*)

### AT&T Is The First 5G Carrier In The US To Reach Gigabit Speeds

The initial 5G rollout in the US has been underwhelming, in part because those vaunted gigabit-class speeds have been nowhere to be found. (*engadget.com*)

#### **Products & Services**

#### Microsoft's Chromium-Based Edge Browser Will Likely Support 4K Streaming

If you like streaming things at a razor-sharp resolution then good-news; Microsoft's upcoming Chromium-based Edge browser will probably support 4K streaming. (*theinguirer.net*)

<u>Verizon's New 'Just Kids' Plan Aims To Become Your Child's First Smartphone Plan</u> A child's first cell phone is increasingly becoming an earlier, and pricier, decision for parents. *(msn.com)* 

# **Emerging Technology**

#### Self-Lacing Nikes Can't Make You Dunk, But They'll Still Turn Heads

We love it when a gadget from science fiction makes its way into reality, and while we still don't have flying cars or time machines, Nike has at least made the self-lacing shoe — like those seen in Back to the Future II — an actual thing you can buy. (digitaltrends.com)

# Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

### Viacom Becomes First Media Partner In T-Mobile's New TV Service

T-Mobile US Inc. said it reached an agreement to stream live Viacom Inc. channels like MTV, Comedy Central and Nickelodeon as well as offer on-demand shows on its coming wireless TV service. (*seattletimes.com*)

#### Walmart Partners With Google For Voice-Assisted Grocery Shopping

Walmart's grocery strategy has a missing piece: voice shopping. (cnn.com)

## **Industry Reports**

Almost Half Of All Cord Cutters Exclusively Stream Everything They Watch
Over the weekend, we posted a survey asking readers about some of their cord cutting habits.
(cordcuttersnews.com)

You Think Bitcoin Is Better Than Visa? You May Be Wrong And Here's Why The number one cryptocurrency Bitcoin (BTC) has often been taken as a better option for transactions than global payment giant Visa. (*zycrypto.com*)