



## KS&R's DIGITAL DISPATCH

**Week Ending:** May 24, 2019

### **Top Stories This Week**

#### [T-Mobile's Deal For Sprint Gets Big Boost From FCC Commission](#)

T-Mobile US Inc's \$26 billion acquisition of rival Sprint Corp appeared to win the support of a majority of the Federal Communications Commission on Monday, in a significant step toward the deal's approval. ([news.yahoo.com](https://news.yahoo.com))

#### [Is It Time To Start Thinking About A 5G Phone?](#)

The prospect of 5G, a superfast and secure new wireless network, has a lot of people excited. ([consumerreports.org](https://consumerreports.org))

### **Products & Services**

#### [IBM Launches Watson Tools For Agriculture](#)

IBM is hoping Watson can improve the future of food and crop years as it launched a global version of its cognitive tools for agriculture. ([zdnet.com](https://zdnet.com))

#### [SpaceX Plans To Start Selling High Speed Internet In Late 2019 Or Early 2020](#)

SpaceX just received approval from the FCC to launch 4,425 satellites into space to build a low earth orbit network of satellites to sell home Internet a few weeks ago. ([cordcuttersnews.com](https://cordcuttersnews.com))

### **Emerging Technology**

#### [Samsung's AI Animates Paintings And Photos Without 3D Modeling](#)

Engineers and researchers from Samsung's AI Center in Moscow and Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology have created a model that can generate realistic animated talking heads from images without relying on traditional methods, like 3D modeling. ([venturebeat.com](https://venturebeat.com))

#### [Honda and GM to Research Smart Grid, Electric Car Interoperability With Blockchain Tech](#)

Major automobile manufacturers Honda and General Motors (GM) are jointly conducting research on electric vehicle and smart grid interoperability using blockchain tech, Japanese news outlet Nikkei reported on May 20. ([cointelegraph.com](https://cointelegraph.com))

## **Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships**

### [Microsoft And Sony Are Teaming Up For The Future Of Gaming](#)

Microsoft and Sony unveiled a surprising partnership last week that will see the companies collaborate to develop future cloud solutions for game and content-streaming services.

([theverge.com](http://theverge.com))

## **Industry Reports**

### [How 5G, AI And IoT Are Set To Accelerate Digital Transformation](#)

The next, more mature stage of the connectivity will be powered by three key elements: the internet of things, machine learning and 5G. ([forbes.com](http://forbes.com))

### [Facebook, YouTube The Most Widely Used Platforms For US Adults](#)

Looking at data from an annual telephone poll conducted by Pew Research Center and quantified in tables here by our partners at Statista, it's easy to see that YouTube and Facebook far outpace the rest of the competition when it comes to daily use on both PCs and phones. ([pcmag.com](http://pcmag.com))