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Week Ending: August 02, 2019

Top Stories This Week

[Microsoft Will Drop Skype For Business Online On July 31, 2021](#)

Since 2017, when Microsoft announced its Teams group-chat service would replace Skype for Business Online, customers have been asking about the cut-over deadline. ([zdnet.com](#))

[AT&T Reels In \\$984M Contract With Department Of Justice](#)

AT&T announced on Monday that it has reeled in a 15-year, \$984 million contract with the U.S. Department of Justice. ([fiercetelecom.com](#))

Products & Services

[Apple Joins Google, Facebook, And Twitter In Data-Sharing Project](#)

Just over a year after its official launch, the Data Transfer Project is announcing a new set of partners and features. ([theverge.com](#))

[Amazon Prime Video Now Available On Oculus VR Headsets](#)

The Amazon Prime Video app has launched on the Oculus Go, Samsung Gear VR, and Oculus Quest VR headsets, according to an announcement from Oculus. ([cordcuttersnews.com](#))

Emerging Technology

[Sony's Making A Silent, Wearable Air Conditioner That Will Launch Next Year](#)

Global temperatures have been rising to new all-time highs this year, a fact that no one who's suffered through the heatwave that's blanketed the US in recent weeks probably needs to be reminded of. ([bgr.com](#))

[Facing Your AI Self At The 'Neural Mirror' Art Installation](#)

Italian design studio Ultravioletto has created a mirror that lets you see yourself the way corporations see you: as a collection of data points. ([engadget.com](#))

Mergers, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

[Ford Acquires Quantum Signal To Bolster Autonomous Car Effort](#)

Mere months after Ford announced it would collaborate with Agility Robotics to explore a range of autonomous home package delivery concepts, the automaker revealed that it's acquiring a company whose bread and butter is self-guided machines, modeling, and simulation. ([venturebeat.com](#))

Industry Reports

[The Cord-Cutting Decision Is Tougher These Days. Here's What You Need to Know](#)

Every year, more Americans decide to fire their traditional pay-TV provider, whether that's a cable service or a satellite TV company. ([consumerreports.org](#))

[Verizon Hiring Blockchain Experts For 'Distributed Network' Project](#)

A recent LinkedIn post for blockchain-engineers indicates that telecom giant, Verizon, could be in the process of building a blockchain-based product focused on privacy, payments, and security. ([bitcoinist.com](#))