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Octo Telematics, a leading global provider of telematics and data analytics solutions for the auto insurance industry, announced that Octo Telematics’ North American CEO, Nino Tarantino, was named Influencer of the Year at TU Automotive Detroit. Octo Telematics has won Best Insurance Telematics awards for its products, Octo Surround and Octo Vantage, at TU Automotive Detroit in recent years.

The Influencer of the Year is based on a leader's outstanding contributions to the industry over the last year. Tarantino has been the driving force behind Tier 1 customer relationships and new partnerships for Octo. In addition, in North America, he launched the company's next generation IoT insurance platform, a fully modular insurance telematics structure, affording flexibility through mix-and-match service selection.
Telefónica Joins the MobiledgeX project by Deutsche Telekom
un segno dell'importanza del MEC nelle future reti, il fatto che anche grandi operatori da soli non riescono a sviluppare quanto serve e si propongono cooperare su progetto open source e nuovi modelli di business 

Per maggiori info si veda il report del Future Center
https://intranet.telecomitalia.it/it/Community/ProfessionalCommunities/Innovation/Documenti%20condivisi/FC%20Reports/2018/MEC%20and%20FOG.pdf?Web=1

Telefónica is the latest operator to forge a relationship with Deutsche Telekom's edge computing offshoot MobiledgeX. Deutsche Telekom created MobiledgeX as a wholly owned, San Francisco-based standalone business at the start of this year and appointed former Ericsson cloud infrastructure expert Jason Hoffman as its CEO. (See DT Forms New Edge Computing Unit, Appoints Ex-Ericsson Cloud Guru as CEO.)

Within weeks, Deutsche Telekom AG (NYSE: DT) had pledged to use the startup's software as part of the edge computing rollout that will support the German giant's 5G architecture. (See DT-Owned MobiledgeX to Power German Telco's Edge Rollout.)

There was also potential interest from SK Telecom (Nasdaq: SKM) in taking a stake in the specialist vendor. (See SKT in Talks With DT to Join MobiledgeX.)

Since then Hoffman has been engaging with multiple network operators, looking to get as many of them as possible to collaborate on edge computing developments, he tells Light Reading. "Our intention is to do what we're doing with as many operators as possible... if not all of them," says the CEO.

A case in point is the current edge projects. "We have some use cases already that we know about -- 5G radio as a VNF, packet core as a VNF, a virtual BNG -- but that's about it. We need to ask, what else will be running on that same footprint? Who might be interested in using [the edge computing capabilities] and why? Essentially what we are doing is solving a major distributed systems problem and what's important is getting systems in front of developers so they can build against it," and that's a different mindset to developing specifications and millions of lines of standards code, notes the MobiledgeX man.

Tags: 5G, MEC, Open Source

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É il traffico è sempre più video ...questo da solo dice perchè crescerà ancora il il traffico dati mobile; un'ora di video su smartphone consuma un gigabyte ...
o Instagram nel mese scorso. "Sebbene la natura dell’impegno sui social media differisca dal tipo di visualizzazione e coinvolgimento della tv, sempre più utenti di Internet dedicano più momenti della loro giornata ai social media - si legge nel rapporto -. E più i video decollano più le piattaforme social coglieranno l’opportunità di muoversi nel mondo della tv".

E chiari segnali in questa direzione ci sono da tempo. Su Instagram partirà a breve una sezione per i video professionali che potranno durare fino a un’ora, mentre Facebook starebbe collaborando con diversi network televisivi per produrre notiziari originali, telegiornali da diffondere sulla sua piattaforma Watch al momento attiva solo negli Stati Uniti.

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USA Mobile Senior plan, data unlimited: 45$ ; Italia TIM Senior 60+ 4 GB: 13€. Poi negli USA gli operatori si lamentano ...

You'll recall that back when AT&T and Verizon tried to kill unlimited data and shovel users onto metered plans—they "grandfathered" a select number of customers, letting them remain on the company’s older, cheaper unlimited data plans. MacRumors noticed an announcement over at the AT&T website stating that the company's grandfathered unlimited data users will be seeing an increase from $35 to $40 per month for those lines, in the wake of a late 2016 hike from $30 to $35. Users on these grandfathered unlimited data lines will still see reduced speeds if they exceed 22GB of data in a billing cycle and are in a congested area.

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**Ospedali americani: reti private geografiche a 40 Gbps! Zayo to build Private Dedicated Wavelength Network for Hospital System**

I requisiti di banda della sanità sono importanti!! perché gli ospedali utilizzano sempre più big data e AI attraverso data center e cloud... questo richiede bande di 40 Gbps e oltre per singolo ospedale

A major health system in the south-central U.S. has selected Zayo to provide a Private Dedicated Wavelength Network (PDN-W). A 40G network will provide diverse connectivity between the customer’s primary hospital campuses and data centers, supporting all data needs, from electronic health records (EHR) to medical device applications.
ZTE's Near-Collapse May Be China's Sputnik Moment
Una riflessione interessante dal NY Times sul drago cinese che è stato svegliato: l'effetto può essere accelerare l'indipendenza tecnologica della Cina su semiconduttori e software. Europa: non pervenuta

HONG KONG — Once derided as a technology backwater and copycat, China is justifiably proud of its technology boom. Its people zip around the country on high-speed trains. They can buy, and pay for, just about anything with their smartphones. For Chinese traveling abroad, the rest of the world can seem slow and antiquated.

Now, that progress has been cast into doubt, and even some of the smartest people in the technology world are asking how they got it so wrong.

“The recent ZTE incident made us see clearly that no matter how advanced our mobile payment is, without mobile devices, without microchips and operating systems, we can’t compete competently,” Pony Ma, chief executive of the Chinese internet giant Tencent Holdings said last month at a science forum.

China feels new urgency to increase its technological abilities. Its current push — called Made in China 2025 — lies at the root of worsening trade relations between the United States and China. But the problems with ZTE, which had $17 billion in revenue in 2017, will only spur Chinese leaders to push ahead.

“Self-reliance is the foundation for the Chinese nation to stand firmly in the world, while independent innovation is the only way for us to climb the peak of the world's science and technology,” Xi Jinping, China’s leader, told its top scientists late last month.

As Chinese ask how they can keep up, many are also wondering why they didn’t realize they were so far behind to begin with.

And it wasn't just Chinese people. Michael Moritz, the American venture capital investor, warned that China “is leaving Donald Trump's America behind.” Peter Thiel, a PayPal co-founder, wondered how long it would take for China to overtake the United States. Three to four years, he concluded.


Cloud, IoT, AI

Ericsson eyes analytics deals from leading Indian telcos
Il tema di frontiera ormai non è semplicemente utilizzare i bigdata per monitorare e conoscere la rete ma che questo venga fatto in real time, sia per motivi tecnici (VoLTE, SON etc) che commerciali (reactive, programmatic ...)

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NEW DELHI: Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson is expecting to clinch a deal for its analytics and automation offering from a leading telecom operator, having begun a pilot in the country. It said that all leading telcos are actively looking to deploy these solutions, especially after the entry of Reliance Jio, to provide better services, and cut costs.
“There is a high degree of interest coming from telecom operators. In fact, we are doing a pilot with one of the leading telecom providers in India. It is almost at a conclusion stage with very positive results,” Neeraj Vyas, Head of Digital Business Solutions, South East Asia, Oceania, and India at Ericsson, told ET. Analysts say that telcos have been looking ways to bring the cost down of the network by better planning and optimisation, and they are now seeking to lower the cost of operations and want a lower cost in customer service.

“Analytics plays an important role in all these priorities to help both, deliver a better customer experience as well as lower the cost across operations, design, and planning, as well as customer care,” Vyas said.

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In this space, Ericsson is competing with the likes of Nokia, Huawei, and IBM.

IBM activates 18 new cloud availability zones
Anche se meno nota di Amazon e Azure, IBM ha 60 data center attivi nel mondo nel mondo, in Italia solo Milano

IBM Cloud continues to build out its cloud footprint with 18 new availability zones in Europe (Germany and UK), Asia-Pacific (Tokyo and Sydney), and North America (Washington, DC and Dallas, Texas).

An availability zone is an isolated instance of cloud inside a data center region, with independent power, cooling and networking to strengthen fault tolerance.

IBM Cloud already operates in nearly 60 locations. This expansion gives it more capacity and capability in these key centers. Additionally, clients will be able to deploy multizone Kubernetes clusters across the availability zones via the IBM Cloud Kubernetes Service, simplifying how they deploy and manage containerized applications and adding further consistency to their experience.

IBM also announced several marquee customers for its cloud platform, including ExxonMobil, Bausch + Lomb and Westpac.
Despite not having a strong automobile sector of its own, China remained the top light vehicle producing country in 2017. Domestic manufacturers such as Dongfeng, SAIC, FAW (First Automotive Works) and BAIC - which is now in a joint-venture with Daimler - are gaining market share, but joint ventures with foreign partners are still key to China's success as a motor vehicle producer, both in the passenger car and the truck segment. Japan, Germany, India, and South Korea completed the list of the world's largest five car producers. Most of these countries are home to the major manufacturers of passenger vehicles. The leading car manufacturers worldwide include US-based General Motors and Ford, Germany's Volkswagen Group, as well as the Japanese automakers Toyota Motor Corporation and Nissan.

**Tags:** Connected car

**Source:** https://www.statista.com/statistics/226032/light-vehicle-producing-countries/

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### Cadillac Will Offer Super Cruise ADAS on All Models - The Connected Car

Tutte le Cadillac saranno a guida autonoma a livello 3 in autostrada, con DSRC (v2X in standard 802.11p), ma l'auto deve anche avere LTE a bordo

Luxury American carmaker Cadillac -- a division of General Motors -- is expanding the rollout of a hands-free advanced driver assistance system (ADAS) feature Super Cruise.

The Super Cruise platform deploys Liar-based map data, GPS, a driver attention system and a network of camera and radar sensors to keep the car on the road.

Available on all Cadillac models beginning in 2020, Super Cruise will then make its way to GM brands later.

The expanded rollout is all part of the company's plan to stay competitive in the ADAS feature market. Cadillac first introduced vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communications on its CTS sedan in 2017.

The communications platform uses Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) technology, which transmits anonymized data, including the location, speed and acceleration of a vehicle, several times per second.

With that data, nearby cars can be made aware if the vehicle is stalled, stopped in traffic or about to enter a blind intersection, among other things.
Using V2X, compatible vehicles can be notified of hazardous road conditions, traffic light statuses, changing work zones and more, and with a range of nearly 1,000 feet, drivers can be alerted to possible threats in time to avoid a crash.

The connectivity of vehicles and infrastructure systems (V2I) is seen as a critical step to an intelligent transportation system that can optimize traffic flows and reduce congestion. For example, V2I-enabled red lights won't hold up traffic when they're not needed, and real-time traffic updates will help further reduce congestion.

Earlier this month, the SoftBank Vision Fund announced it would invest up to $2.25 billion in Cruise Automation, GM's autonomous vehicle subsidiary. GM stepped up at the same time with an additional pledge of $1.1 billion.

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Sperimentazioni di auto di fascia alta come servizio e non più possesso da Mercedes, BMW, Cadillac e startup
Trial di "car as a service" da BMW e Mercedes negli USA: invece che comprare l'auto, si ha diritto di usarne una a piacere dal pool a disposizione. Un segnale di come i big car maker studiano la digital transformation e la trasformazione di prodotto in servizio

In an effort to reach drivers who want the convenience and variety of a subscription, Mercedes-Benz is rolling out a pilot service called the Mercedes-Benz Collection. Drivers will be able to access Mercedes-Benz vehicles in Philadelphia and Nashville with the launch, the company said in an announcement.

With the pilot, Mercedes-Benz is launching three tiers: Signature, Reserve and Premier. Drivers can select from any vehicle body style offered within their selected level. Vehicles offered include SUVs, sedans, coupes, cabriolets, wagon models and even roadsters. The news comes as BMW geared up to launch a car subscription pilot — called Access by BMW — in Tennessee earlier this year. This type of service is one strategy automakers use to attract younger customers. Last year, Cadillac launched a car subscription concierge service of cars and SUVs called BOOK. The service allows for the company's vehicles to be delivered and picked up on demand via a smartphone app. The program will be available in New York City and expand to additional larger U.S. cities over time.

Tags: Connected car, Digital Transformation

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eSports in cina e nel mondo: bassa latenza (non) aspettarmi! Man City takes on China esports market with FIFA Online team

Tornei di eSport - eCalcio in particolare, inattesa del debutto alle olimpiadi. E la latenza della rete è parte essenziale ...

Manchester City have launched a FIFA Online team in Beijing to compete in the Tencent's Online Star League (FSL), the English Premier League soccer champions said on Tuesday.

Esports, where players can compete in electronic versions of “real” sports, boast an estimated 250 million players worldwide, more than many Olympic sports federations
combined, in a growing market worth about a billion dollars a year. Esports will be a demonstration event at this year’s Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia and are set to debut as a medal sport at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. At last year’s Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Turkmenistan, players competed in a multi-player online battle arena as well as in real time attack games.

Tags:  eSport

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**Highlights: Ericsson Mobility Report 2018**
Report periodico di previsioni di Ericsson, ricchissimo di statistiche; il sito originale è su ....; qui alcuni highlights:

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