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INDUSTRY INSIGHTS - AUGUST 2022

## Looking ahead to MWC Las Vegas

As summer in Europe comes to an end and the rain returns, we look ahead to MWC Las Vegas!

Whilst recruitment typically slows down with holiday/vacations, industry news is buoyant.

It's great to see the crossover with our colleagues in Satellite & New Space as T-Mobile look to connect smartphones via satellite.

### In this issue:

Virgin Media O2, NEC and Rakuten Symphony drive multi-vendor Open RAN innovation in the UK

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## Featured Companies

Rakuten Symphony

Virgin Media/O2

Nokia

NEC

T-Mobile

SpaceX

DriveNets

Red Hat

Amdocs

Vodafone

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## Virgin Media O2, NEC and Rakuten Symphony drive multi-vendor Open RAN innovation in the UK

Virgin Media O2, NEC Corporation and Rakuten Symphony have announced their joint multi-vendor Open RAN deployment is entering the field phase, commencing with the activation of the first live sites in Virgin Media O2's commercial network. This successful multi-vendor Open RAN system deployment on macro-sites in the UK is notable for being in a brownfield network and baselined on the existing Telco Cloud supply chain to maximise future synergies.

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## Nokia Industrial 5G fieldrouter launches to accelerate Japanese digital transformation through private wireless

Nokia announced it is extending its Industrial portfolio of ruggedized devices with the launch of an Industrial 5G fieldrouter, supporting the local band and certified for the Japanese market. The fieldrouter will allow asset-intensive enterprises in the country to connect vehicles and equipment and use operational data to gain new levels of agility and productivity. Ports, manufacturers, energy, transportation, warehousing and logistics companies will benefit from greater operational flexibility to meet rapidly changing market needs.

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## T Mobile Takes Coverage Above and Beyond With SpaceX

Companies share their vision to provide truly universal coverage, pairing SpaceX's breakthrough satellite constellation with T Mobile's industry leading wireless network.

New service aims to connect vast majority of smartphones already on T Mobile's network to Starlink satellites.

Companies issue invitation to world's carriers to expand globally with reciprocal roaming.

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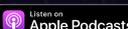
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## DriveNets Secures \$262 Million in Series C Funding to Continue Disrupting the Telecommunications and Cloud Infrastructure Industry

DriveNets – a leader in cloud-native networking solutions – today announced it has secured \$262 million in a Series C venture capital funding round, considerably increasing the company's valuation over its January 2021 Series B round. The funding from this latest round of investment will be used to develop future technology solutions, pursue new business opportunities, and expand the company's global operations and support teams to support growing customer demand.

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## Red Hat Drives Greater Consistency and Management Across the Hybrid Cloud with Latest Version of OpenShift Platform Plus

Red Hat Inc., the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced a new iteration of Red Hat OpenShift Platform Plus, with new features and capabilities that go beyond the base Kubernetes platform to encompass storage, management and more. This further extends Red Hat OpenShift Platform Plus as a singular Kubernetes platform to span the breadth of enterprise IT scenarios, whether a traditional datacenter, distributed edge operations or multiple public cloud environments.

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## Vodafone Germany Accelerates its Digital Transformation with Amdocs

Amdocs, a leading provider of software and services to communications and media companies, today announced a deeper collaboration with Vodafone Germany that will accelerate the German techco operator's digital transformation, enabling it to deliver an optimized customer experience across all touchpoints while achieving greater operational efficiency.

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