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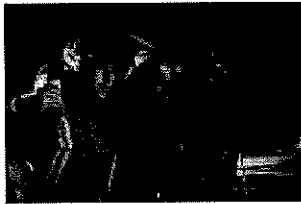
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Border Patrol losing more agents than it can hire



In Homeland Security

From July 25: Border security is once again in the headlines as the Trump administration tries to deal with another immigration crisis. President Donald Trump and many of his GOP counterparts have been demanding a significant increase in the number of U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the southwest border as a way of preventing more illegal crossings and apprehending more migrants attempting to enter the U.S. illegally. However, a recent government

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New facial recognition tech catches 1st impostor at DC airport



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Paylt Makes Former Illinois CTO its Chief Client Officer Mike Wons, who helped establish Illinois' existing IT strategy, was already an adviser to Paylt. Now, he's their CCO.

ACLU Tests Amazon Rekognition on Lawmakers, Software Misidentifies Many The civil rights organization is skeptical of governments' use of facial recognition software, so it put Amazon's to the test.

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Stats on Diversity at Venture Capital Firms (Richard Kerby/Medium)

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Bloomberg

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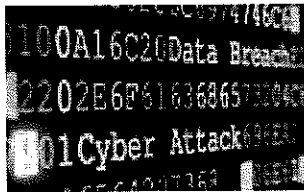
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The Homeland Security Department is joining forces with Canada's national security research office to test a variety of innovative tools that could make firefighters, paramedics and other first responders more effective in the line of duty. Recently, Homeland Security and the Defence Research and Development Canada Centre for Security Science kicked off a two-year partnership aimed at harnessing emerging technologies to bolster both nations' emergency response efforts. **READ MORE**

6 myths preventing you from achieving maximum online privacy



By Harold Kilpatrick

Data plays a significant role in our everyday lives, something that has been made all too clear over the last few years. The enormous amount of false and misleading information about online privacy that's floating around isn't helping the situation, either. With so much conflicting advice out there, it can be hard to know what the best practices for maintaining online privacy are. Correcting the following common myths is the first step towards living a more private online life. **READ MORE**

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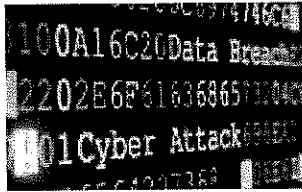
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Police, Community Mark 2-Year Anniversary of Dallas Ambush

Friends, family members, and fellow officers gathered on Saturday to remember the four officers who died in an ambush attack two years ago.

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Georgia Officer Nominated for HAIX Hero of the Month

A 10-year veteran of law enforcement, Officer Clay started her career as an Explorer. Today, she is one of the advisors for the Alpharetta DPS Explorer program. She is also involved with the department's iCan Bike program. Through the iCan Bike program she helps to teach 40...



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Tennessee Officer Struck by Car Suffers Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Corporal David Klein was attempting to pull the woman from her vehicle when she reportedly intentionally accelerated in reverse, knocking the officer to the ground and running over him.



Video: Washington Officer Picks American Flag Up from the Ground

A Marysville (WA) police officer was on patrol on the Fourth of July and noticed an American Flag that had fallen to the ground.



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The El Paso Police Department said on Saturday they had launched an internal investigation of the incident.



Houston PD Permits Officers to Use Pistol Optics

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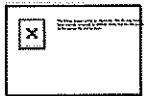
Top 5 News

1. Officer Charged with Homicide in Antwon Rose Shooting

Officer Rosfeld is accused of killing Rose, who was in a car stopped in East Pittsburgh 13 minutes after the drive-by shooting in North Braddock. The vehicle had bullet holes and matched a description of the vehicle involved in the drive-by, which left a 22-year-old with a gunshot wound to the stomach, from which he is recovering.

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2. Pennsylvania Politicians Call For Charges in Fatal OIS of Antwon Rose



Several elected officials have joined community protesters in calling for charges to be filed against Officer Michael Rosfeld for the fatal shooting of

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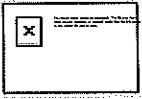
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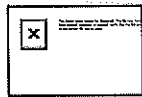
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In a 5-4 vote, the United States Supreme Court ruled on Friday that police must first obtain a search warrant before examining location data — cell tower records that can show a person's movement for long periods of time — stored on a subject's mobile phone.

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4. Amazon Employees Join ACLU, Investors in Protest of Amazon's Sale of Tech to Police



A group of Amazon employees have asked company executives to discontinue its sale of the company's Rekognition facial recognition software to law enforcement agencies.

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5. New York Cop Killer Granted Parole

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COMMUNITY POLICING

The New Republic: Peace officers

On a spring morning last year, in the Keith Creek neighborhood of Rockford, Illinois, Eric Thurmond stopped his patrol car on a street shrouded by trees and veined with cracks. Thurmond, a rookie on the Rockford police force, had been shown the statistics documenting the neighborhood's decline-burglaries, shootings, home invasions. It was not a desirable place to live. But he would be moving there in less than two weeks. He was part of Rockford's newest experiment in policing-a program designed to help cops put down roots in high-crime sections of the city. The police department had procured a house for him. He would be living there rent-free for a minimum of three years, with his only mission to serve the community-to be a good neighbor.

GUN REGULATIONS

Texas Monthly: Art Acevedo on guns and politics

On May 18 a student walked into Santa Fe High School with a shotgun and a handgun and proceeded to kill ten people and wound thirteen others before he was arrested. In the wake of the tragedy, Houston police chief Art Acevedo, whose department was one of several agencies to respond to the scene, has publicly spoken out about a lack of effort to control gun violence and expressed frustration with what he sees as policymakers' reluctance to successfully address the issue.

TECHNOLOGY

NPR: How data analysis is driving policing

Police have always relied on data - whether push pins tracking crimes on a map, mug shot cards, or intelligence files on repeat offenders. The problem with all that information is that it has traditionally been slow and hard to use. "I would have to log into 19 different databases," says Los Angeles Police Department Deputy Chief Dennis Kato. Now he can see all that information on one screen. Kato has been instrumental in LAPD's rollout of a data search program sold by a company called Palantir. While Palantir is somewhat controversial because of its secrecy and reliance on national security contracts, its product for police isn't that mysterious. Like Palantir, other companies make similar "relational database" tools, which combine data from different sources to get a bigger picture quickly.

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Memphis Commercial Appeal: Memphis Police Department loosens college requirement for recruits

To qualify for the Memphis Police Department, recruits must pass a wide range of tests, from a background check to hustling through a timed obstacle course. And they must complete weeks of training at the police academy. But one thing has changed: they no longer need college classes, at least not at first.

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BidPrime Sues SmartProcure, SmartProcure Calls it a Misunderstanding The two companies do business in the competitive and crowded space of listing bid opportunities for government work. BidPrime has accused SmartProcure of stealing its data, but SmartProcure says it accessed data at the behest of customers and never used it in its own database. Here are the details.

Urban Innovation Fund Officially Closes \$22.5M First Fund The firm has invested in about half as many companies as it wants to so far.

Shareholders Ask Amazon Not to Sell Facial Recognition Software to Government The company has come under fire for selling the software,

called Rekognition, to police. Civil rights advocates fear that facial recognition, combined with increasing surveillance tools in the form of drones, traffic cameras and body cameras, will lead to police coming down even harder on minority communities. So shareholders are asking Amazon to just not sell the software to government at all.

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DNA Left on Abandoned Bike Leads to Arrest in Florida Murder Case

Police in Miami Gardens (FL) say that DNA collected from a bicycle abandoned at a murder scene in March led to the arrest of 23-year-old David Jones.



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Commissioner,

I wanted to make sure that you were aware of Amazon's push in the 'Facial Recognition' software field. I truly believe that the city of Springfield should reach out to Amazon and their Amazon Web Services and explore the possibility of having them become a strategic partner in enhancing the capability of Springfield's Crime Analysis Center. Included in this article is a video clip of **AMAZON's Amazon Web Service (AWS)** recent conference in Korea where a company official spoke about the company's facial recognition system. (Of interest is a portion at the 30.00 minute mark which speaks about the technologies' Public Safety application's! CreditVideo by Amazon Web Services Korea
As you may be Aware, on April 26, Amazon announces its entry into the 'Home Security Industry.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/05/22/technology/amazon-facial-recognition.html>

Amazon Pushes Facial Recognition to Police. Critics See Surveillance Risk.

May 22, 2018



Amazon promotes its facial recognition technology on the company's website, saying that the service can track people in a video even when their faces are not visible. Amazon

SEATTLE — In late 2016, Amazon introduced a new online service that could help identify faces and other objects in images, offering it to anyone at a low cost through its giant cloud computing division, Amazon Web Services.

Not long after, it began pitching the technology to law enforcement agencies, saying the program could aid criminal investigations by recognizing suspects in photos and videos. It used a couple of early customers, like the Orlando Police Department in Florida and the Washington County Sheriff's Office in Oregon, to encourage other officials to sign up.

But now that aggressive push is putting the giant tech company at the center of an increasingly heated debate around the role of facial recognition in law enforcement. Fans of the technology see a powerful new tool for catching criminals, but detractors see an instrument of mass surveillance.

On Tuesday, the American Civil Liberties Union led a group of more than two dozen civil rights organizations that asked Amazon to stop selling its image recognition system, called Rekognition, to law enforcement. The group says that the police could use it to track protesters or others whom authorities deem suspicious, rather than limiting it to people committing crimes.

Facial recognition is not new technology, but the organizations appear to be focusing on Amazon because of its prominence and what they see as a departure from the company's oft-stated focus on customers.

"Amazon Rekognition is primed for abuse in the hands of governments," the group said in the letter, which was addressed to Jeff Bezos, Amazon's chief executive. "This product poses a grave threat to communities, including people of color and immigrants, and to the trust and respect Amazon has worked to build."

With the letter, the A.C.L.U. released a collection of internal emails and other documents from law enforcement agencies in Washington County and Orlando that it obtained through open records requests. The correspondence between Amazon and law enforcement officials provides an unusual peek into the company's ambitions with facial recognition tools, and how it has interacted with some of the officials using its products.

Many of the companies supplying the technology are security contractors little known to the public, but Amazon is one of the first major tech companies to actively market technology for conducting facial recognition to law enforcement. The efforts are still a tiny part of

Amazon's business, with the service one of dozens it offers through Amazon Web Services. But few companies have Amazon's ability to effectively push widespread adoption of tech products.



Amazon's campus in downtown Seattle. The American Civil Liberties Union and other civil rights groups are asking the company to stop selling its image-recognition system, Rekognition, to law enforcement authorities. Ruth Fremson/The New York Times

"The idea that a massive and highly resourced company like Amazon has moved decisively into this space could mark a sea change for this technology," said Alvaro Bedoya, executive director at the Center on Privacy & Technology at the Georgetown University Law Center.

In a statement, a spokeswoman for Amazon Web Services stressed that the company offered a general image recognition technology that could automate the process of identifying people, objects and activities. She said amusement parks had used it to find lost children, and Sky News, the British broadcaster, used it last weekend to automatically identify guests attending the royal wedding. (The New York Times has also used the technology, including for the royal wedding.)

The spokeswoman said that, as with all A.W.S. services, the company requires customers to comply with the law.

The United States military and intelligence agencies have used facial recognition tools for years in overseas conflicts to identify possible terrorist suspects. But domestic law

enforcement agencies are increasingly using the technology at home for more routine forms of policing.

The people who can be identified through facial recognition systems are not just those with criminal records. More than 130 million American adults are in facial recognition databases that can be searched in criminal investigations, the Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law estimates.

Facial recognition is showing up in new corners of public life all the time, often followed by challenges from critics about its efficacy as a security tool and its impact on privacy. Arenas are using it to screen for known troublemakers at events, while the Department of Homeland Security is using it to identify foreign visitors who overstay their visas at airports. And in China, facial recognition is ubiquitous, used to identify customers in stores and single out jaywalkers.

There are also concerns about the accuracy of facial recognition, with troubling variations based on gender and race. One study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology showed that the gender of darker-skinned women was misidentified up to 35 percent of the time by facial recognition software.

“We have it being used in unaccountable ways and with no regulation,” said Malkia Cyril, executive director of the Center for Media Justice, a nonprofit civil rights organization that signed the A.C.L.U.’s letter to Amazon.

The documents the A.C.L.U. obtained from the Orlando Police Department show city officials considering using video analysis tools from Amazon with footage from surveillance cameras, body-worn cameras and drones.

Amazon may have gone a little far in describing what the technology can do. This month, it published a video of an Amazon official, Ranju Das, speaking at a company event in Seoul, South Korea, in which he said Orlando could even use Amazon’s Rekognition system to find the whereabouts of the mayor through cameras around the city.

Video from an Amazon event where a company official spoke about the company's facial recognition system. Video by Amazon Web Services Korea

In a statement, a spokesman for the Orlando Police Department, Sgt. Eduardo Bernal, said the city was not using Amazon’s technology to track the location of elected officials in its jurisdiction, nor did it have plans to. He said the department was testing Amazon’s service now, but was not using it in investigations or public spaces.

“We are always looking for new solutions to further our ability to keep the residents and visitors of Orlando safe,” he said.

Early last year, the company began courting the Washington County Sheriff’s Office outside of Portland, Ore., eager to promote how it was using Amazon’s service for recognizing faces, emails obtained by the A.C.L.U. show. Chris Adzima, a systems analyst in the office, told Amazon officials that he fed about 300,000 images from the county’s mug shot database into Amazon’s system.

Within a week of going live, the system was used to identify and arrest a suspect who stole more than \$5,000 from local stores, he said, adding there were no leads before the system identified him. The technology was also cheap, costing just a few dollars a month after a setup fee of around \$400.

Mr. Adzima ended up writing a blog post for Amazon about how the sheriff’s office was using Rekognition. He spoke at one of the company’s technical conferences, and local media began reporting on their efforts. After the attention, other law enforcement agencies in Oregon, Arizona and California began to reach to Washington County to learn more about how it was using Amazon’s system, emails show.

In February of last year, before the publicity wave, Mr. Adzima told an Amazon representative in an email that the county’s lawyer was worried the public might believe “that we are constantly checking faces from everything, kind of a Big Brother vibe.”

“They are concerned that A.C.L.U. might consider this the government getting in bed with big data,” Mr. Adzima said in an email. He did not respond to a request for comment for this article.

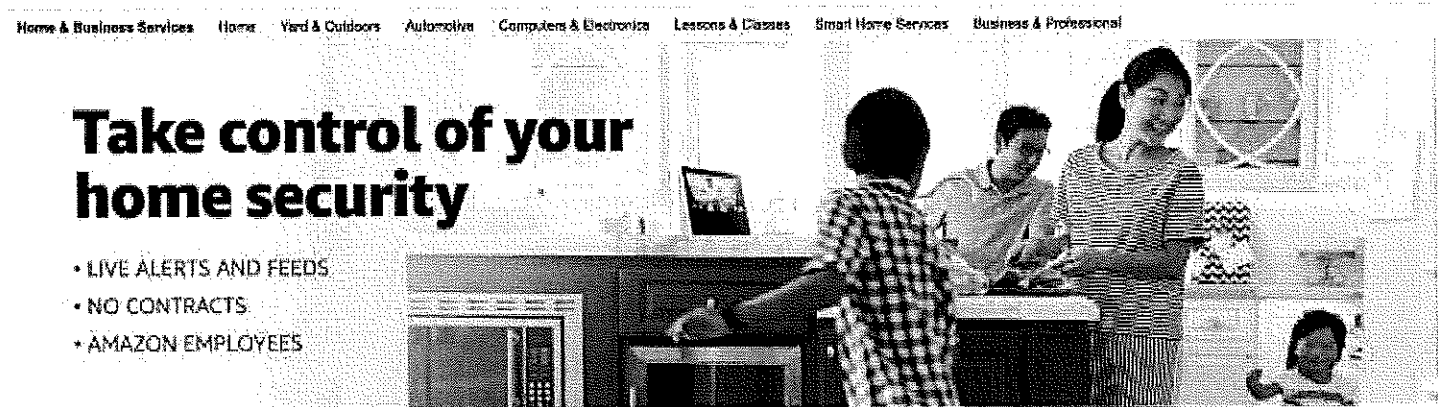
Deputy Jeff Talbot, a spokesman for the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, said Amazon’s facial recognition system was not being used for mass surveillance by the office. The company has a policy to use the technology only to identify a suspect in a criminal investigation, he said, and has no plans to use it with footage from body cameras or real-time surveillance systems.

“We are aware of those privacy concerns,” he said. “That’s why we have a policy drafted and why we’ve tried to educate the public about what we do and don’t do.”

As reported in TechCrunch.com on April 26, 2018:

Amazon is now selling home security services, including installations and no monthly fees

Ingrid Lunden@ingridlunden / Apr 26, 2018

A banner for Amazon's Smart Home Services. At the top, a navigation bar lists categories: Home & Business Services, Home, Yard & Outdoors, Automotive, Computers & Electronics, Lessons & Classes, Smart Home Services, and Business & Professional. The main visual is a black and white photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) gathered around a kitchen island, looking at a laptop. To the left of the photo, the text 'Take control of your home security' is prominently displayed. Below this, a bulleted list highlights key features: '• LIVE ALERTS AND FEEDS', '• NO CONTRACTS', and '• AMAZON EMPLOYEES'.

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Five smart security packages designed for peace of mind

Amazon's made a slew of acquisitions in the area of smart home services, and now it's offering a product that brings them together under one roof — your roof.

Amazon has quietly launched a portal offering home security services — which include all the equipment you would need and in-person visits from Amazon consultants to advise and install the kit. The packages are being sold in five price tiers, at a flat fee — no monthly service contracts, a significant disruption of how many home security services are sold today.

The least expensive, \$240 for Outdoor Base, gives you an Echo Dot plus indoor and outdoor lighting designed “to make it look like you’re home.” The most expensive tier, \$840 for Smartest, includes an alarm siren, motion sensors, safety sensors, a camera, and Echo Dot, the lighting and a video doorbell — potentially rolling in previous security launches from the company like Amazon Key and Cloud Cam. All include two visits from Amazon employees to consult you and help with the installation.

SMART SECURITY FEATURES	OUTDOOR BASE \$240 total	OUTDOOR PLUS \$490 total	INDOOR BASE \$320 total	SMART \$575 total	SMARTEST \$840 total
 Siren			✓	✓	✓
 Motion/Contact Sensors			✓	✓	✓
 Safety Sensors					✓
 Camera			✓		✓
 Echo Dot	✓	✓		✓	✓
 Indoor Lighting	✓	✓			
 Video Doorbell		✓		✓	✓
 Outdoor Lighting	✓	✓			✓

Last July it emerged that Amazon was quietly working on its own answer to Best Buy's Geek Squad — offering repairs and installations of home WiFi, smart home devices, Alexa installations, and other hardware-related services.

Amazon never appeared to confirm it at the time, but that service now officially seems to be called “Smart Home Services” and it has expanded to Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Texas, Nevada, North Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, Washington D.C. and Florida.

The security offering we are describing here — which was initially flagged to us by a reader — falls under that general banner, and it is being promoted at the top of the Smart Home Services homepage. Judging by the user reviews of the consultants, it appears to have been around since at least December.

Giving consumers the option of a more full-service security offering, beyond selling alarms and other devices a la carte, makes sense for a couple of reasons.

The first is that while there are some early adopters who might like the challenge of installing these services themselves, there will be many middle and later adopters who will not be interested in facing that learning curve.

Amazon has positioned itself in the smart home security space as more than just a reseller of third-party devices — although it sells those, too — with acquisitions of the smart doorbell startup Ring and the smart camera and doorbell startup Blink.

The second is that most often, home security systems are coupled with service installations in your home that include maintenance contracts. So if Amazon hopes to eat up some of that market, it needs to offer something comparable.

It's an interesting development also of the company's wider strategy to move into selling services, beyond physical products. Services is one of Amazon's various efforts to diversify its business by targeting different categories of commerce and different demographics.

Another foray into human-powered services was its Thumbtack-style competitor Amazon Home Services, a marketplace it launched back in 2015 for finding tradespeople and other freelance service providers like

masseurs and language tutors. (Notably, Amazon makes a big deal on its security pages of using Amazon employees to install its security systems.)

Earlier this month, it also emerged that Amazon was stealing a march on Apple in smart homes, specifically by inking deals with smart home builders, who were opting for Amazon as their preferred supplier for consulting and installing such services for their home buyers.

A report in The Information noted that one such home builder, Lennar, was “prioritizing Amazon” in its recommendations, while still working with Apple, in part because of the former company’s stronger efforts to integrate with more third-party products, giving buyers a wider range of choices.

Ramping up into security services fits with this, too. Lennar, as it happens, is directly linked now on Amazon’s security homepage, but to be clear, the offering is not exclusive to Lennar homeowners.

We’ve asked Amazon about the security service pages, and the company has acknowledged the question but still has not replied. We’ll update this post as and if we learn more.

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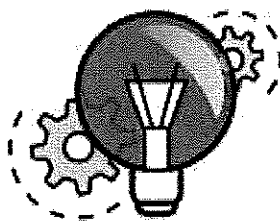


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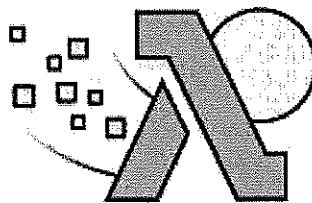
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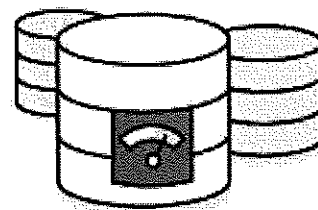
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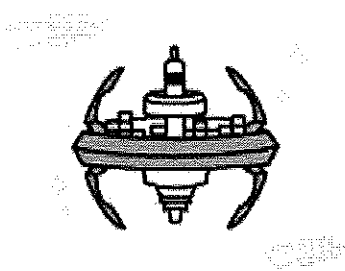
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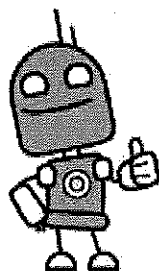
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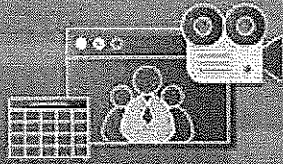
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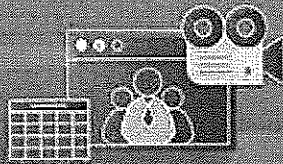
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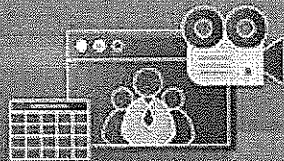
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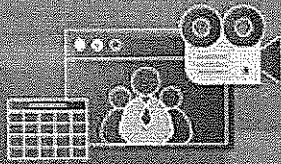
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IoT

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Management Tools

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Mobile

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Networking & CDN

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Security

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Storage & Content

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