



NEW STREAMING SERVICES



RDK Management says its new RDK video software (RDK-V) will improve the efficiency of deploying video services and apps across IP and hybrid QAM/DVB set-top boxes.

“RDK6 will provide pay-TV operators with a hyper-efficient, versatile, low-memory utilisation software stack to power their set-top boxes,” said Jason Briggs, President and General Manager of RDK. “RDK6 will help improve the efficiency of app integration and manage core video functionality across chipsets (SoCs) and device manufacturers (OEMs).”

RDK6 is designed to offer a comprehensive set of tools for managing core technical functions in an efficient manner. The functionality

includes audio and video playback, conditional access, digital rights management (DRM), home networking interfaces, closed captioning (subtitles), emergency alerts, voice remote pre-integrations and device telemetry. Its primary aim is to simplify the process for operators to develop, test, and deploy video services and applications across set-top boxes, collaborating with leading System-on-Chip (SoC) manufacturers.

QVEST + TERA VOLT NEW ACQUISITION



Qvest Group is strengthening its portfolio with the acquisition of TeraVolt, a developer of smart TV applications based in Hamburg. Financial details were not disclosed.

The new member of Qvest Group enables solutions for TV, streaming platforms and content providers. In the area of HbbTV and Connected TV apps, TeraVolt is also a long-standing partner of broadcasters and digital platforms such as ZDF (development of the catch-up service) as well as RTL, Deutsche Telekom (Magenta Sport) and Vodafone.

EXPANSION FOR CANAL +



Canal+ has expanded the distribution of its channels in the Czech Republic.

In addition to Skylink, freeSAT, Canal+ and T-Mobile Czech Republic, Canal+ Sport and Canal+ Action are now available on O2 TV. Significantly, Canal+ Sport has exclusive rights to the Premier League.

Commenting on the development, Ladislav Rehacek, VP of Canal+ Luxembourg for the Czech Republic and Slovakia, said: “The English Premier League is one of the best that the sports world has to offer, which is reflected in the price of broadcasting rights. We do not intend to distribute our programs exclusively, on the contrary, from the beginning we are open to discussions about sharing them with other major TV platforms. I am therefore pleased that an agreement has been reached and our Canal+ Sport and Canal+ Action will now also be available to O2 customers. I believe that greater accessibility will help further expand the number of Czech fans of the English top football competition”. ■

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