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Providing the latest news and developments related to the major tech platforms.



Meta / Facebook

Elections: Meta released info on how it is preparing for 2022 U.S. midterm elections. Read more.

Explore: Instagram is adding features that allow users more control over what they see on Instagram, both in the traditional feed and explore page. Read more.

Widely Viewed Content: Facebook released its Widely Viewed Content Report for the second quarter, covering the most-viewed organic content on the Facebook Feed during the quarter. Read more.

News Fund in Australia: Meta opened applications for its second year of Australian News Fund, covering innovation and public interest journalism. Read more.



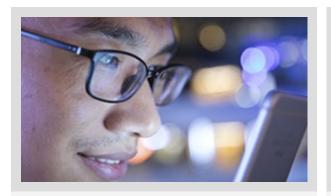
Google

Elections: Google and YouTube have released tools and plans outlining their efforts to minimize political misinformation ahead of the 2022 midterms. Read more.

Snippets: Google announced its effort to improve featured snippets in search results by introducing an Al model that will help establish "high quality results." Read more.

Going Cookieless: Google is testing a new tool to help publishers share their first-party data with advertisers using IAB taxonomies, which will help publishers in the post-cookie world. The tool is currently only available in beta mode on Google Ads and DSP Display & Video 360 and not third-party ad tech. Read more.

Trust Online: Google funded a survey conducted by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, MediaWise, and YouGov Inc. on online literacy and how users decide what to trust online. Read more.



Apple

iOS 16: Apple launched iOS 16, which includes an update to Apple News, including a feature allowing users to easily track their favorite sports teams. Read more.



Who Else to Watch

Snapchat: Snapchat released Snap Pixel, a tool for advertisers to measure, optimize, and build audiences for their ad campaigns. Read more.

TikTok: TikTok released new content moderation guidelines ahead of November's U.S. election. Read more.



Twitter

Elections: Twitter released information on how the company is preparing for November's midterm elections in the U.S. Read more.

News: Twitter released information about how people engage with news on the platform and what they're doing to address misinformation



Upcoming Events

- September 21, 2022: <u>Press Gazette Future</u> of Media Tech Conference (London, UK)
- September 22-25, 2022: <u>DIG Festival</u> (Modena, Italy)

and add context. Read more.

Editing on Twitter: Twitter is testing an edit button on tweets, which will roll out to Twitter Blue members in the coming weeks. Read more.

Twitter Circles: Twitter launched Twitter Circles, which allows users to tweet to only a select group of followers. Read more.

Podcasts: Twitter has integrated podcasts into the Spaces tab of the app, allowing users to listen to and explore podcasts in the app. Read more.

Birdwatch: Twitter expanded its Birdwatch program, which allows users to add notes to tweets that may need more context. Read more.

- October 5-9, 2022: <u>International Journalism</u> <u>Week 2022</u> (Athens, Greece)
- October 6, 2022: News Impact Summit (Prague, Czechia)
- October 18-19, 2022: <u>Adweek: Publishing</u>
 <u>Week</u> (TBD)
- November 24-26, 2022: <u>Brussels European</u>
 Journalism Symposium (Brussels, Belgium)

WHAT WE'RE READING

- "Making Sure that We Are Reaching New Audiences": How Publishers are Innovating with Audio (What's New in Publishing)
- How Data Visualisation Can Add Value to Your Stories Guide for the Era of Post-Infographics (The Fix)
- The Season of Change: Digiday's Editors Recap Summer 2022's Top Trends in Media (Digiday)

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