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*"I am ahead, I am advanced,
I am the first mammal to make plans, yeah.
I crawled the earth, but now I'm higher.
2010, watch it go to fire.
It's evolution, baby!"*

Do the Evolution by Pearl Jam



It's 2010, and evolution is here. (Okay, so it's not the dark sort of evolution Eddie Vedder wailed about in the above song, but it's evolution, nonetheless.)

It's Long Term Evolution, baby. LTE. It's been a buzzword in the mobile space for some time, but unlike the many, many buzzwords that have sparkled and faded in the past, this one has come to fruition with TeliaSonera's 4G LTE launch, and more to come from providers around the globe.

What 's special about LTE? How will user behavior continue to grow and change as mobile broadband speeds increase and they are able to do ever-more on the mobile network? How does this impact the bandwidth crunch providers are already seeing? How can OSS/BSS providers help meet the challenges of LTE?

In this issue of Pipeline, we take a look at the future of LTE and its implications for mobile users and providers, alike. Ed Finegold explores the demand for and reality of LTE in The BSS Report. In addition, thought leaders from NetCracker, Telcordia, and Kabira tell us about how OSS/BSS providers can meet the special needs of a 4G LTE network.

We also look into what visitors can expect from the upcoming Mobile World Congress and look at the news from last month's Management World Americas event.

Enjoy the issue. Do the Evolution.

Best,

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