

# Microsoft buying Canadian online game company

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Microsoft, in a statement, said the Canadian videogame maker will be integrated with Microsoft Game Studios, "where the team will continue development on an exclusive [Xbox 360](#) game."

Financial details of the purchase were not disclosed.

"We are delighted by the opportunity to welcome the BigPark team," Microsoft Game Studios general manager Phil Spencer said.

"We believe BigPark has tremendous potential to create new properties and innovative gaming experiences for our platforms, one of which we're looking forward to showcasing at the E3 Expo in June" in Los Angeles, he said.

BigPark was founded in 2007 by veterans of Distinctive Software Inc. and [Electronic Arts](#) Canada and its founders have been involved in hit franchises such as "Need for Speed," "FIFA Soccer," "NBA Street" and "SSX."

One of its founders, Don Mattrick, recently joined [Microsoft](#) as senior vice president of its interactive entertainment business.

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