

Google buys Canadian 3D desktop software startup

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The Canada-based startup is behind BumpTop, a program crafted to make computer screens appear more similar to real desktops where boxes can be moved or stacked using gestures or a stylus.

"More than three years ago, we set out to completely change the way people use their desktops," Bump said in a message on its website.

"We're excited to announce that we've been acquired by Google!"

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The acquisition sparked speculation over whether [Google](#) planned to fuse Bump technology with Android [operating system software](#) to imbue mobile gadgets such as tablet computers with 3D capabilities.

BumpTop was created by a University of Toronto student as a masters thesis project.

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