

Samsung files lawsuits against Apple

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Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Tab, left, is displayed with at an advertising board, at the headquarters of South Korean mobile carrier KT in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, April 22, 2011. South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co. says it sued Apple Inc. for patent rights violations, only days after Apple sued Samsung for the same reason.(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

(AP) -- South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co. says it sued Apple Inc. for patent rights violations, only days after [Apple sued Samsung](#) for the same reason.

Samsung is accusing Apple of violating its rights to 10 smartphone and computer patents. The company filed lawsuits Thursday in Seoul, Tokyo and Mannheim, Germany.

The lawsuits come only days after Apple sued Samsung in a California court. Apple alleges Samsung's Galaxy line of smartphones and tablet

computers copy Apple's popular [iPad](#) and [iPhone](#).

The lawsuits are the latest in a long string of patent disputes among phone makers. In recent years Apple, Microsoft Corp., Nokia Corp., HTC Corp. and others have taken legal action to protect their intellectual property rights.

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