

Microsoft, Acer in patent license agreement

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"We are pleased that Acer is taking advantage of our industrywide licensing program established to help companies address Android's IP issues," Microsoft deputy general counsel Horacio Gutierrez said in a statement.

"This agreement is an example of how industry leaders can reach commercially reasonable arrangements that address intellectual

property," Gutierrez said.

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Patent lawsuits are a regular occurrence among technology giants and [Google](#) accused Apple, Oracle, Microsoft and other companies last month of using "bogus patents" to wage a legal campaign against its Android operating system.

Google purchased US smartphone maker Motorola Mobility last month for \$12.5 billion, in part to build up its [patent portfolio](#) to defend Android against lawsuits from rivals.

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