

# Microsoft to buy Yammer for \$1 bn: report

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The Journal said it was unclear when the acquisition would be completed, and neither Microsoft nor Yammer could immediately be reached for comment.

Yammer, known as the [Facebook](#) of the workplace, creates private social networks inside companies that allow for file-sharing and other applications, and is thus a potential threat to Microsoft's business software dominance.

If the deal is completed, it would be the second time in a little over a year that Microsoft buys up a younger company on its way to an [initial public offering](#), the Journal said.

In May 2011, Microsoft purchased Internet voice and video leader Skype for \$8.5 billion dollars -- its largest purchase ever -- in a move aimed at boosting its presence in an online arena dominated by [Google](#) and Facebook.

Skype announced late last month that it hopes to quadruple its number of users to one billion, through mobile customers and partnerships with Facebook and other firms.

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