



Facebook buys 750 patents from source

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It is unclear how much Facebook paid for the IBM patents, but tech companies build their portfolios have pushed intellectual property prices higher. Google bought Motorola Mobility last summer for \$12.5 billion, and said Motorola's patent attraction.

That deal came after Nortel Networks Corp sold about 6,000 patents to a consortium for \$4.5 billion, after Google bowed out of the bidding.

IBM's transaction with Facebook was first reported by Bloomberg.

(Reporting by Dan Levine and Alexei Oreskovic; editing by Carol Bishop)

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