

Sell a Samsung Android, Give Microsoft Cash

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Microsoft announces a patent portfolio cross-licensing agreement with Samsung covering mobile devices from each company-- simply put, Microsoft will receive unspecified royalties for each Android device Samsung sells.



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Microsoft and Samsung now also have a cooperation agreement in Windows Phone development and marketing.

Samsung is hardly the first company to pay out royalties to Microsoft-- HTC reportedly pays Microsoft \$5 for every Android it sells.

Will the Microsoft-Samsung deal "open a new chapter of collaboration" building up to the Windows Phone "Mango" launch? We can't tell, but we do know Motorola is the only major phone maker without Microsoft patent licenses...

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