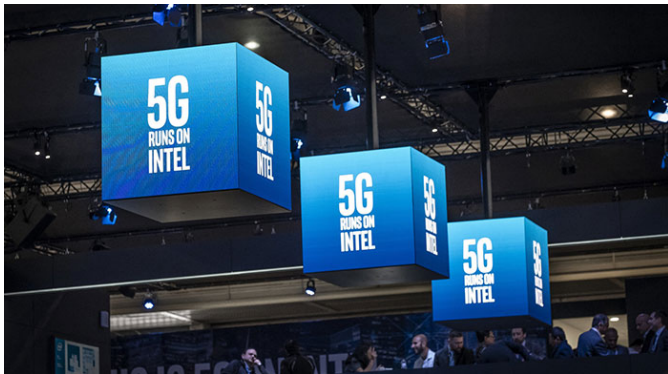


WSJ: Apple to Soon Buy Intel Modem Business

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Apple is in "advanced talks" to buy the Intel smartphone modem business, the Wall Street Journal reports, allowing the iPhone maker to bring efforts to develop the critical components making a smartphone in-house.



The news is technically not, well, news-- The Information had [a similar story little more than a month ago](#) -- but the WSJ's unnamed sources add a deal covering a portfolio of patents and staff worth around \$1 billion could be reached as early as next week. Furthermore, Apple has reportedly already been working with the team on a first Chipzilla 5G mobile modem, but failed to create such a component in time.

Such a deal represents a potential win-win for both Apple and Intel. On one hand, Apple acquires experienced staff and a bevy of patents, bringing about an in-house 5G modem development team. On the other, Intel offloads a business whose losses clock at around \$1bn annually, at least according to the WSJ.

The WSJ story comes months after [Apple reached a settlement with Qualcomm](#) for the supply of 5G modem, bringing to a close years of ugly court litigation. If one is curious as to how much the settlement cost Apple, the [Qualcomm Q2 2019 fiscal report](#) has the answer-- a cool \$4.5 billion. Such a sum might sound massive, but considering the Apple war chest reportedly contains \$225.4 billion in cash on hand alone, in iPhone maker terms it's little more than small potatoes

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