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Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2001 15:52:36 GMT
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Posted by [George N. White III](#) on Sat, 13 Oct 2001 14:03:02 GMT
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Large companies can trade access to patent portfolios, which then helps keep down upstart competitors who haven't anything to trade. To do this you need a useful portfolio of patents.

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