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Speech Technology News

Nuance Buys VoiceBox Technology with Little Fanfare

In a very stealthy move, Nuance purchased VoiceBox Technologies last week. There was no public announcement, but [GeekWire](#) [reported](#) the acquisition. While neither company is commenting on the purchase, an autoreply email from Mike Kennewick, Voicebox CEO and co-founder confirms the news.

VoiceBox, based in Washington, was an early provider of speech recognition technology. "Founded in 2001, Voicebox had amassed [a large patent portfolio during its 17-year history](#)," according to [GeekWire](#). Additionally, "Nuance's [latest quarterly filing](#) with the Securities and Exchange Commission references an \$82 million cash acquisition of an unnamed company in its automotive segment in April. Voicebox has been focusing largely on connected car voice technology since its work on Samsung's S Voice technology [took a hit following the Galaxy Note 7 discontinuation](#) last year."



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