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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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