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PATENT KINGS

For the 20th year in the row, International Business Machines Corp (IBM) has come out tops as the highest patent winner of 2013. [Data](#) from IFI CLAIMS Patent Services, which tracks and analyzes patent data from the U.S Patent and Trademark Office, indicated that IBM earned a total of 6,809 patents in 2013.

Coming in second for most prolific patent winner is Samsung Electronics with 4676 patents in its portfolio. Coming in third and fourth is Canon with 3825 patents and Sony Corp with 3098 patents. Microsoft Corp is placed at fifth place winning 2660 patents in 2013.

What has captured the attention of industry experts is the leap from 21st place to 11th place by Google Inc with 1851 patent wins, up by 60% from its 2012 count of 1151. This is a significant rise among the ranks of the world's top patent holders as Google only made it among the Top 50 chart in 2012. Another company with a significant increase is Apple Inc which comes in at 13th with 1775 patent wins, a rise from 22nd place in 2012 where it was behind Google by only 15 patents.

Overall, as industry experts have declared, 2013 has been a record year for patents where a staggering 277,835 utility patents were issued. This amount is a 10% increase over the amount Issued in 2012. A total of 27 of the top patent winners come from Asia while the US holds the record of second with 18 patents. Blackberry represents the only Canadian company in the top 50, coming in at 20th place with 1334 patent wins.

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