

Mail.ru Denies Merger

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Mail.ru Group denied reports in the media about the company's proposal to unite the country's two most popular social networks, Odnoklassniki and Vkontakte, Mail.ru Group's press service told RIA-Novosti on Thursday.

At the Russian Internet Forum and Internet and Business Conference (RIF+KIB 2011) conference Wednesday, head of Mail.ru Group Dmitry Grishin suggested that increasing the group's share in Vkontakte might be a good idea. This did not mean, however, that the group was suggesting uniting the two social networks, the group's press service said.

"We are an independent company and are not planning to fall under Mail.ru Group's control. There are no negotiations underway," Vkontakte spokesman Vladislav Tsyplukhin also said.

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