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Facebook confirms data sharing deal with Chinese companies

[Facebook](#) has data-sharing partnerships with at least four Chinese electronics companies, including a manufacturing giant that has a close relationship with China's government, the social media company said on Tuesday.

The agreements, which date to at least 2010, gave private access to some user data to Huawei, a telecommunications equipment company that has been flagged by American intelligence officials as a national security threat, as well as to [Lenovo](#), Oppo and TCL.

The four partnerships remain in effect, but Facebook officials said in an interview that the company would wind down the Huawei deal by the end of the week.

Facebook gave access to the Chinese device makers along with other manufacturers — including [Amazon](#), [Apple](#), BlackBerry and Samsung — whose agreements were disclosed by The New York Times on Sunday.

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