## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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PARALLEL NETWORKS, LLC, Plaintiff, v.

C.A. No.\_\_\_\_\_

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

A10 NETWORKS, INC.,

Defendant.

# **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Parallel Networks, LLC ("Parallel") files this Complaint for patent infringement against Defendant A10 Networks, Inc. ("A10" or "Defendant") and alleges as follows:

## PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Parallel Networks, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company having its principal place of business at 1105 N. Market St., Suite 300, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

2. On information and belief, A10 is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California, and has a principal place of business at 3 West Plumeria Drive, San Jose, California 95134 and/or is conducting business through an affiliate located at this address.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This civil action for patent infringement arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq*. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims presented herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. On information and belief, A10 makes, imports, uses, sells, and/or offers for sale the Accused Instrumentalities (as defined below) within the United States, including this District, that infringe one or more claims of United States Patent No. 7,571,217 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR UNIFORM RESOURCE LOCATOR TRANSFORMATION" (the "217

Patent"). The '217 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 4, 2009. A true and correct copy of the '217 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

5. On information and belief, A10 makes, imports, uses, sells, and/or offers for sale the Accused Instrumentalities (as defined below) within the United States, including this District, that infringe one or more claims of United States Patent No. 8,352,570 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR UNIFORM RESOURCE LOCATOR TRANSFORMATION" (the "570 Patent"). The '570 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 8, 2013. A true and correct copy of the '570 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

6. The '217 Patent and '570 Patent are collectively referred to herein as the "Asserted Patents."

7. Parallel is the owner by assignment of all rights, title, and interests in the Asserted Patents, and is entitled to sue for past and future infringement thereof.

8. On information and belief, A10 is engaged in the business of developing and selling network optimization and security solutions. More particularly, A10 offers the A10 AX Series and A10 Thunder Unified Application Service Gateway lines of products that provide delivery controllers, server load balancers, security modules, and networking solutions. A10's AX Series and Thunder products (these product configurations and any and all similar product configurations are referred to herein as the "Accused Hardware Instrumentalities") perform and/or facilitate caching. *See* <u>http://www.scribd.com/doc/38841306/AX-Config-Guide-v2-0-2-</u>

<u>20091111</u> and <u>http://www.a10networks.com/resources/files/DS-Thunder\_Series.pdf</u> (last visited November 19, 2013). Additionally, A10 sells a SoftAX software (these product configurations and any and all similar product configurations are referred to herein as the "Accused Software Instrumentalities") that can be run on A10's AX-V appliances. *See* 

http://www.a10networks.com/resources/files/DS-AXSeries\_SoftAX.pdf (last visited November

19, 2013). The combination of Accused Hardware Instrumentalities and Accused Software Instrumentalities facilitates caching. *See* <u>http://www.a10networks.com/products/axseries-</u> <u>softax.php</u> (last visited November 19, 2013). A10's SoftAX software can be run on commodity hardware to facilitate caching. *See* <u>http://www.a10networks.com/products/axseries-softax.php</u> (last visited November 19, 2013). The above-defined Accused Hardware Instrumentalities and the Accused Software Instrumentalities alone or in combination comprise the "Accused Instrumentalities."

9. On information and belief, A10 markets, offers for sale, and sells the Accused Instrumentalities in this District via a website, <u>http://www.a10networks.com/</u>, that encourages a website visitor to call and purchase directly from A10 through its "How to Buy" pages. On information and belief, A10 also markets, offers for sale, and sells the Accused Instrumentalities via "Resellers" in this District. *See* <u>http://www.a10networks.com/forms/partners-find.php</u> (last visited November 19, 2013). Further, A10 offers a "Free Trial Download" of the accused SoftAX software on its website, available in this District. *See* 

http://www.a10networks.com/softax\_trial\_license/ (last visited November 19, 2013).

10. On information and belief, A10 directly and/or indirectly imports, manufactures, uses, offers for sale, and/or sells the Accused Instrumentalities within the United States, including this District, that infringe one or more claims of the Asserted Patents.

11. A10 is a foreign corporation transacting business within the state of Delaware; is causing tortious injury to Parallel in the state of Delaware by committing all or part of the tortious acts or omissions described herein in Delaware; and is causing tortious injury to Parallel in the state of Delaware or outside of Delaware by an act or omission outside Delaware while regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent conduct in Delaware and deriving substantial revenue from services, or things used or consumed in Delaware. Therefore, this Court has general and specific personal jurisdiction over A10 under the Delaware long-arm statute, Del. Code. Ann. Tit. 3, § 3104.

12. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1400(b) and 1391(c).

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

13. On information and belief, A10 is engaged in the business of developing, making or having made, using, offering for sale and selling the Accused Instrumentalities. Among the many features of the Accused Instrumentalities is the ability to perform transparent cache switching. On information and belief, each of the Accused Instrumentalities constitute an integrated hardware and software solution that acts, among other capacities, as a caching server that receives requests for web content comprising URL and header information. On information and belief, each of the Accused Instrumentalities determines whether requested content is cached, and provides web address translation and request/response rewrite in connection with requests for web content according to one or more rules. For example, not by way of limitation, each of A10's Accused Instrumentalities perform caching of dynamic content and modifies incoming HTTP requests before forwarding the requests for retrieval. *See* http://www.a10networks.com/resources/files/DG\_SharePoint.pdf (last visited November 19, 2013). This information is found in A10's online product documentation, which is available to

the public, including purchasers and/or users of the Accused Instrumentalities. In addition, the Accused Instrumentalities support static and dynamic HTTP RAM caching. The Accused Instrumentalities can be configured to inspect and modify headers prior to the retrieval of the requested content, including retrieval of the requested content from cache. A10's aFleX scripting tool allows the Accused Instrumentalities to "[a]utomatically display[] a Web page based on the user's language, using the language set in the user's browser."

http://www.a10networks.com/products/axseries-aflex\_advanced\_scripting.php (last visited November 19, 2013). This quotation is from A10's online product documentation, which is available to the public, including purchasers and/or users of the Accused Instrumentalities. As shown by at least these examples, A10 provides technical support to teach and encourage its customers of the Accused Instrumentalities how to use the products to perform caching as claimed in the Asserted Patents.

## FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of the '217 Patent)

Parallel incorporates paragraphs 1 through 13 as though fully set forth herein.

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15. Upon information and belief, A10 has been and now is directly infringing one or more claims of the '217 Patent by making, importing, using, offering for sale, and/or selling the patented inventions, and/or indirectly infringing one or more claims of the '217 Patent by actively inducing others to use the patented inventions.

16. More particularly, without limitation, A10 is now directly infringing one or more claims of the '217 Patent by making, importing, using (including use for testing purposes), offering for sale, and/or selling the Accused Instrumentalities, all in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a). The Accused Instrumentalities provide a system for communicating data, the system having a memory and an application, the application operable to receive requests for content and

to cache content items as claimed in one or more claims of the '217 Patent. As shown by A10's technical publications, the Accused Instrumentalities can be configured to perform the method(s) claimed in one or more claims of the '217 Patent.

17. In addition and/or in the alternative, A10 has been and/or now is indirectly infringing one or more claims of the Asserted Patents by inducing customers to use the Accused Instrumentalities to directly infringe one or more claims of the Asserted Patents in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

18. At least by the filing of this action, A10 has been given actual notice of the existence of the '217 Patent. In spite of having received such notice, A10 has intended, and continues to intend, to induce patent infringement by its customers, and, as of at least the filing date of this action, has had knowledge that the inducing acts would cause infringement or, alternatively, has been willfully blind to the possibility that its inducing acts would cause infringement.

19. The Accused Instrumentalities comprise the systems claimed in one or more claims of the '217 Patent, and, when configured and used as described in A10's technical publications, perform the method(s) described and claimed in the Asserted Patents. A10 has engaged in indirect infringement by its post-complaint conduct of providing its customers with the infringing Accused Instrumentalities, and/or by providing the Accused Instrumentalities and providing instructions to enable those customers to use the Accused Instrumentalities, each of which constitute the system claimed in one or more claims of the '217 Patent, and/or to utilize Accused Instrumentalities so as to practice the method claimed in one or more claims of the '217 Patent.

20. By way of example, and not as a limitation, A10 induces such infringement by at least making its website available to customers and providing links and/or other directions on its website and/or the internet to instruct and teach users to use the Accused Instrumentalities in an infringing manner. A10 engages in such activities knowingly and, at least from the time of receipt of the present Complaint, has done so with the knowledge that such activities induce customers to directly infringe the Asserted Patents. In addition, or, in the alternative, A10 engages in such activities knowingly, and, at least from the time of receipt of the present Complaint, has sold or distributed the Accused Instrumentalities knowing that such Accused Instrumentalities are especially made or adapted for use by its customers in an infringing use of one or more claims of the Accused Instrumentalities. On information and belief, A10's customers configure the Accused Instrumentalities to cache or facilitate the caching of data as described and claimed in the Asserted Patents. Thus, A10's customers, by using the Accused Instrumentalities, directly infringe the claimed method(s) of the Asserted Patents.

21. Parallel has been damaged by the infringing activities of A10, and will be irreparably harmed unless those infringing activities are preliminarily and permanently enjoined by this Court. Parallel does not have an adequate remedy at law.

22. By the filing of this action, A10 has been given actual notice of the existence of the '217 Patent. Despite such notice, A10 continues in acts of infringement without regard to the '217 Patent, and will likely continue to do so unless otherwise enjoined by this Court. Parallel is not presently seeking damages against A10 for indirect infringement for the period prior to the filing of this Complaint. However, in the event that Parallel learns through discovery that A10 had actual notice of the '217 Patent prior to the filing of this Complaint, Parallel reserves the right to seek damages for A10's activities prior to filing.

### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of the '570 Patent)

23. Parallel incorporates paragraphs 1 through 13 as though fully set forth herein.

24. Upon information and belief, A10 has been and now is directly infringing one or more claims of the '570 Patent by making, importing, using, offering for sale, and/or selling the patented inventions, and/or indirectly infringing one or more claims of the '570 Patent by actively inducing others to use the patented inventions.

25. More particularly, without limitation, A10 is now directly infringing one or more claims of the '570 Patent by making, importing, using (including use for testing purposes), offering for sale, and/or selling the Accused Instrumentalities, all in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a). The Accused Instrumentalities provide a system for communicating data, the system having a memory and an application, the application operable to receive requests for content and to cache content items as claimed in one or more claims of the '570 Patent. As shown by A10's technical publications, the Accused Instrumentalities can be configured to perform the methods claimed in one or more claims of the '570 Patent.

26. In addition and/or in the alternative, A10 has been and/or now is indirectly infringing one or more claims of the Asserted Patents by inducing customers to use the Accused Instrumentalities to directly infringe one or more claims of the Asserted Patents in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

27. At least by the filing of this action, A10 has been given actual notice of the existence of the '570 Patent. In spite of having received such notice, A10 has intended, and continues to intend, to induce patent infringement by its customers, and, as of at least the filing date of this action, has had knowledge that the inducing acts would cause infringement or,

alternatively, has been willfully blind to the possibility that its inducing acts would cause infringement.

28. The Accused Instrumentalities comprise the systems claimed in one or more claims of the '570 Patent, and, when configured and used as described in A10's technical publications, perform the method(s) described and claimed in the Asserted Patents. A10 has engaged in indirect infringement by its post-complaint conduct of providing its customers with the infringing Accused Instrumentalities, and/or by providing the Accused Instrumentalities and providing instructions to enable those customers to use the Accused Instrumentalities, each of which constitute the system claimed in one or more claims of the '570 Patent, and/or to utilize Accused Instrumentalities so as to practice the method claimed in one or more claims of the '570 Patent.

29. By way of example, and not as a limitation, A10 induces such infringement by at least making its website available to customers and providing links and/or other directions on its website and/or the internet to instruct and teach users to use the Accused Instrumentalities in an infringing manner. A10 engages in such activities knowingly and, at least from the time of receipt of the present Complaint, has done so with the knowledge that such activities induce customers to directly infringe the Asserted Patents. In addition, or, in the alternative, A10 engages in such activities knowingly, and, at least from the time of receipt of the present Complaint, has sold or distributed the Accused Instrumentalities knowing that such Accused Instrumentalities are especially made or adapted for use by its customers in an infringing use of one or more claims of the Accused Instrumentalities. On information and belief, A10's customers configure the Accused Instrumentalities to cache or facilitate the caching of data as

described and claimed in the Asserted Patents. Thus, A10's customers, by using the Accused Instrumentalities, directly infringe the claimed method(s) of the Asserted Patents.

30. Parallel has been damaged by the infringing activities of A10, and will be irreparably harmed unless those infringing activities are preliminarily and permanently enjoined by this Court. Parallel does not have an adequate remedy at law.

31. By the filing of this action, A10 has been given actual notice of the existence of the '570 Patent. Despite such notice, A10 continues in acts of infringement without regard to the '570 Patent, and will likely continue to do so unless otherwise enjoined by this Court. Parallel is not presently seeking damages against A10 for indirect infringement for the period prior to the filing of this Complaint. However, in the event that Parallel learns through discovery that A10 had actual notice of the '570 Patent prior to the filing of this Complaint, Parallel reserves the right to seek damages for A10's activities prior to filing.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Parallel requests the following relief:

(a) A judgment in favor of Parallel that A10 has directly infringed, and/or has indirectly infringed by way of inducement, one or more claims of the Asserted Patents;

(b) A judgment that Parallel has been irreparably harmed by the infringing activities of A10 and is likely to continue to be irreparably harmed by Defendant's continued infringement;

(c) Preliminary and permanent injunctions prohibiting A10 and its officers, agents, servants, employees and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, as well as all successors or assignees of the interests or assets related to the Accused Instrumentalities, from further infringement, direct and indirect, of the Asserted Patents;

(d) A judgment and order requiring A10 to pay Parallel damages adequate to compensate for infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 284, which damages may include lost profits but

in no event shall be less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the inventions of the

Asserted Patents, including pre- and post-judgment interest and costs, including expenses and

disbursements; and

(e) Any and all such further necessary or proper relief as this Court may deem just.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Parallel hereby demands

a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

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