

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**ST. LUKE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,**

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**ATHENAHEALTH, INC.,**

*Defendant.*

**Civil Action No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff St. Luke Technologies, LLC (“St. Luke” or “Plaintiff”), by and through its attorneys, brings this action and makes the following allegations of patent infringement relating to U.S. Patent Nos. 8,316,237 (“the ‘237 patent”); 8,498,941 (“the ‘941 patent”); 8,830,630 (“the ‘630 patent”); and 8,600,895 (“the ‘895 patent”) (collectively, the “patents-in-suit”). Defendant Athenahealth, Inc. (“Athena” or “Defendant”) infringes the patents-in-suit in violation of the patent laws of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*

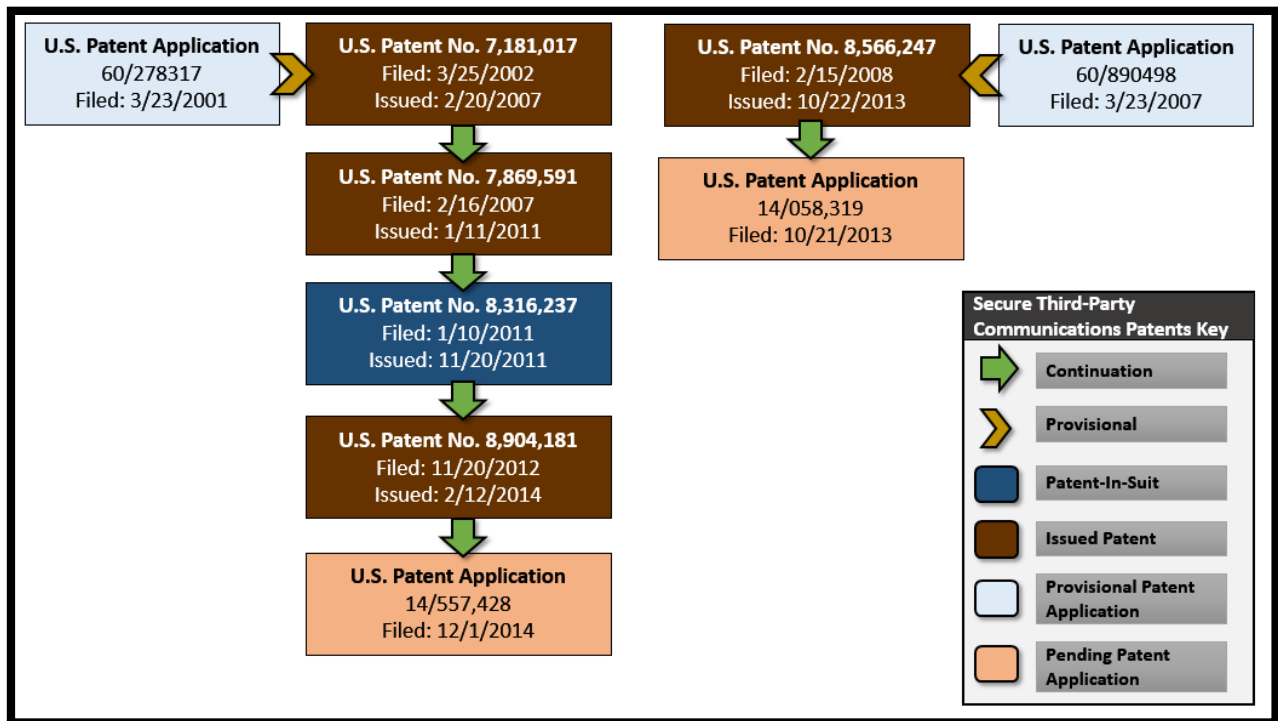
**INTRODUCTION**

1. In an effort to expand its product base and profit from the sale of infringing cloud computing encryption technologies and information record infrastructure technologies, Athena has unlawfully and without permission copied the technologies and inventions of Dr. Robert H. Nagel, David P. Felsher, and Steven M. Hoffberg.

2. Dr. Nagel, Mr. Felsher, and Mr. Hoffberg are the co-inventors of the ‘237 patent and U.S. Patent Nos. 7,181,017 (“the ‘017 patent”); 7,869,591 (“the ‘591 patent”); 8,904,181 (“the ‘181 patent), and 8,566,247 (“the ‘247 patent”) (collectively, the “Secure Third-Party Communications Patents” or “STPC patents”). The STPC patents have been cited in over 1,015 United States patents and patent applications as prior art before the United States Patent and

Trademark Office. The STPC patents disclose systems and methods for secure communications over a computer network where a third party (intermediary) performs a requisite function with respect to the transaction without requiring the intermediary to be trusted with respect to the private information or cryptographic keys for communicated information. The inventions taught in the STPC patents employ secure cryptographic schemes, which drastically reduce the risk of unauthorized disclosure of encrypted data.

3. The below diagram shows St. Luke’s STPC patents, pending STPC patent applications, and the STPC patent Athena infringes.<sup>1</sup>



4. Over a decade after Dr. Nagel and his co-inventors conceived of the inventions disclosed in the STPC patents, Athena has described systems such as Dr. Nagel, Mr. Felsher, and Mr. Hoffberg’s secure third party communications system as “very important.”

Our services involve the storage and transmission of clients’ proprietary information and protected health information of patients. Because of the sensitivity of this information, security features of our software are very

<sup>1</sup> St. Luke’s STPC patents are in two patent families claiming priority to U.S. Patent Applications 60/278,317 and 60/890,498.

important. If our security measures are breached or fail as a result of third-party action, employee error, malfeasance, insufficiency, defective design, or otherwise, someone may be able to obtain unauthorized access to client or patient data. As a result, our reputation could be damaged, our business may suffer, and we could face damages for contract breach, penalties for violation of applicable laws or regulations, and significant costs for remediation and remediation efforts to prevent future occurrences.

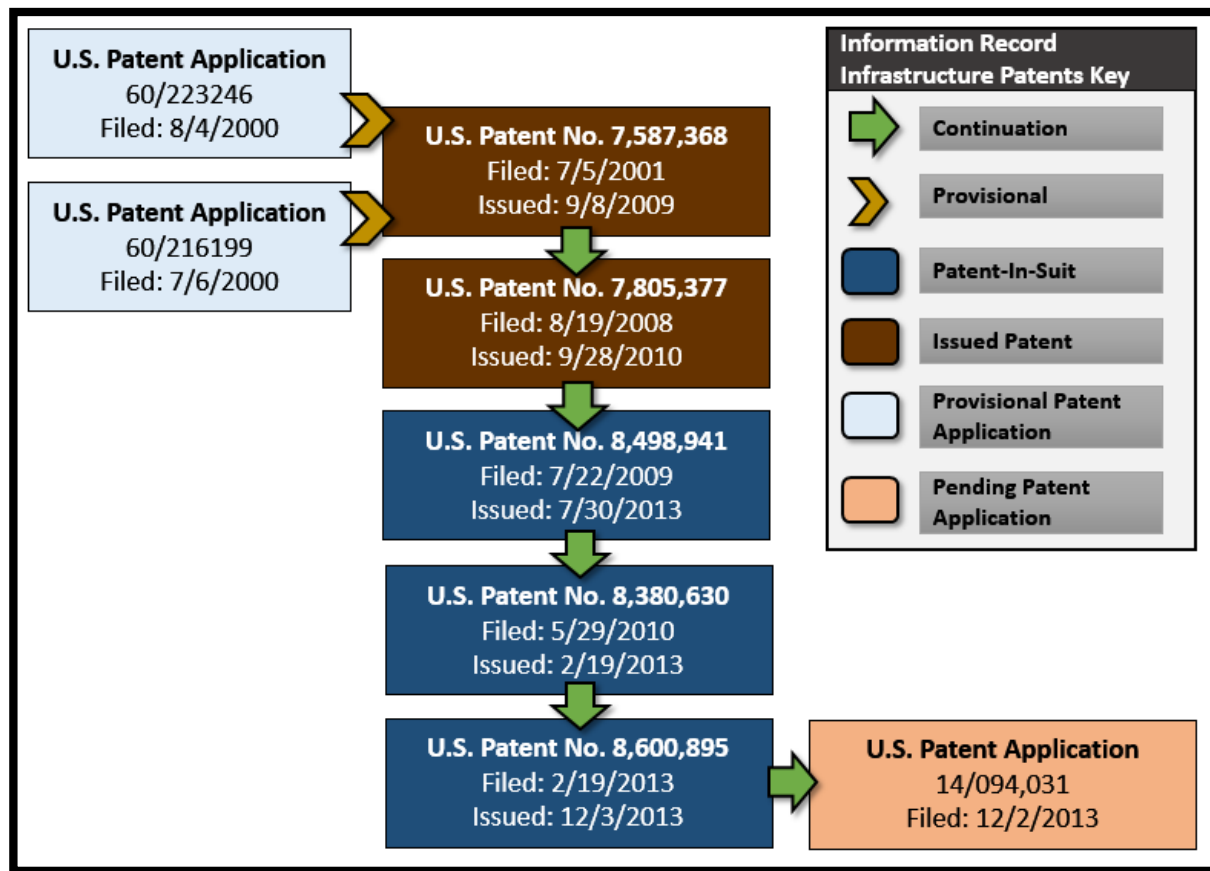
*Athenahealth, Inc. Form 10-K*, SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FILE NO. 001-33689 at 31 (filed on March 2, 2009).

5. Mr. Felsher is the inventor of the ‘941 patent, the ‘630 patent, the ‘895 patent and U.S. Patent Nos. 7,587,368 (“the ‘368 patent”) and 7,805,377 (“the ‘377 patent”) (collectively, “Information Record Infrastructure Patents” or “IRI patents”). The IRI patents have been cited by over 1,714 United States patents and patent applications as prior art before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

6. The IRI patents disclose systems and methods for distributing and granting access to data where data is stored in multiple external computer databases. The IRI patents address the difficult problem of authorizing access to protected information records where authorization will depend on the access privileges of the user.

7. Athena has cited the IRI patents as relevant prior art in its own patents and published patent applications including U.S. Patent No. 7,617,116 and U.S. Patent App. No. 14/072,068.

8. The below diagram shows the IRI patent family tree, a pending IRI patent application, and the IRI patents Athena is accused of infringing.



**THE INVENTORS’ LANDMARK SECURE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

9. Mathematician Dr. Robert Nagel, the named inventor of one patent-in-suit, pioneered development of large-scale computer-based data distribution systems. In the 1970s Dr. Nagel developed some of the first computer systems for distributing encrypted data over computer networks. Dr. Nagel is the named inventor of twenty-three United States Patents. Dr. Nagel’s patents have been cited thousands of times by various companies. Later in life, Dr. Nagel founded two publicly traded companies, and served as a representative to the United Nations.

10. In 1975, Dr. Nagel developed a system harnessing burgeoning microprocessor power to broadcast stock prices and related data over coaxial cable and telephone networks. Dr. Nagel’s patented system was the foundation of Reuters’s high-speed transmission technologies for distributing real-time market information.

Computer power behind the new information system is provided by a Digital Equipment Corp. PDP-8E with 32K memory and a multiprocessor system consisting of one PDP-11/35 with 64K memory and 2 PDP-11/50s, each with 96K memory.

The system was developed by Robert H. Nagel of IDR. Another patent for the high-speed transmission technique is expected to be issued shortly.

REUTERS GETS NEWS SYSTEM PATENT, COMPUTERWORLD at 36, April 23, 1975 (describing Dr. Nagel's development of one of the first terminals for displaying real-time stock market data).<sup>2</sup>

11. The data distribution system developed by Dr. Nagel in the mid-1970s was commercialized by Reuters and allowed the rapid transmission of market and news information over coaxial cable and telephone lines.<sup>3</sup>

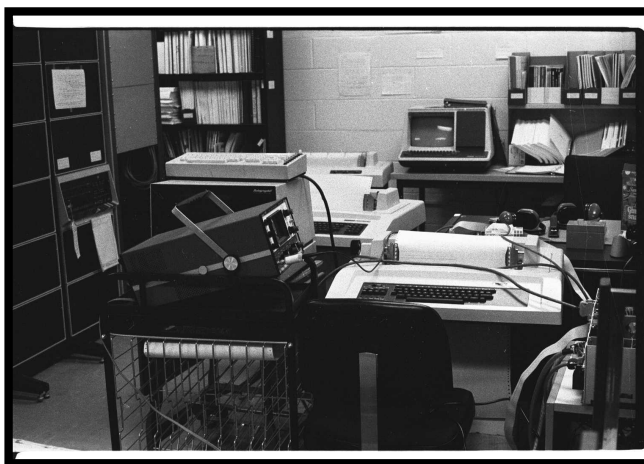
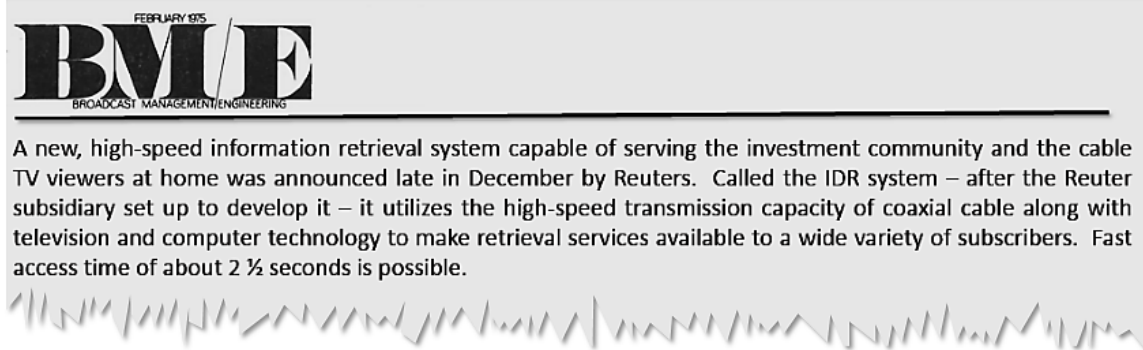


IMAGE OF THE DEC PDP-11/50 SYSTEM, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COMPUTING HISTORY ARCHIVE (circa 1976), <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/computinghistory/> (showing an installed PDP-11/50 device that was a component in Dr. Nagel's data distribution system).

<sup>2</sup> See U.S. Patent Nos. 3,875,329, which issued on April 1, 1975. Dr. Nagel's work at IDR, Inc. (a subsidiary of then Reuters Group PLC) led to the development of U.S. Patent Nos. 3,889,054; 4,042,958; 4,064,494; 4,120,003, 4,135,213; and 4,148,066. These patents have been cited in over 830 patent applications and issued patents of companies including Cisco Technology, Inc., Sony Corporation, Intel Corporation, etc.

<sup>3</sup> REUTERS TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT CHRONOLOGY 1975-1979, THE BARON, July 13, 2015), <http://thebaron.info/archives/technology/reuters-technical-development-chronology-1975-1979>.

12. Reuters sold thousands of information systems modeled on Dr. Nagel's patented inventions.<sup>4</sup> Hundreds of companies including IBM, Intel, and Xerox cite Dr. Nagel's groundbreaking inventions described in his patents as relevant prior art in their own patents.<sup>5</sup>



*Reuters Announces Retrieval System For Cable TV Subscribers*, BROADCAST MANAGEMENT/ENGINEERING MAGAZINE at 9, February 1975.

13. In the 1990s, Dr. Nagel was the Chief Technology Officer of eSecure Docs, Inc., Founder of Digits Corporation, and Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of InfoSafe Systems, Inc.<sup>6</sup> Publications including Fortune Magazine and ComputerWorld described

<sup>4</sup> REUTERS TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT CHRONOLOGY 1975-1979, THE BARON, July 13, 2015), <http://thebaron.info/archives/technology/reuters-technical-development-chronology-1975-1979> (More than 10,000 units are eventually produced. It revolutionizes the Monitor product financials and field staffing and provides valuable cash flow for IDR.”).

<sup>5</sup> PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIGITAL EQUIPMENT USERS SOCIETY, DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS Vol. 3 Issue 1 at 1 (1977) (“Reuters has developed a network to assist stock and commodity brokers and foreign exchange dealers by giving them the latest prices and rate of exchange via terminals in this book.”); ANNUAL REVIEW OF INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INFORMATION SCIENCE, AMERICAN DOCUMENTATION INSTITUTE Vol. 12 at 223 (1977) (“Reuters provides the user with a 1.2 Kbps leased connection to the nearest network processor or multiplexor. The Monitor user configuration is a Digital Equipment Corporation PDP 8 with up to three display units.”); REUTERS BLENDS CATV & COMPUTER SKILLS IN NEWS RETRIEVAL SYSTEM, DATA PROCESSING DIGEST at 12 (1975) (“Reuters has introduced in New York a high-speed information retrieval system for the investment community. The system was developed by Information Dissemination and Retrieval, Inc. (IDR), a Reuters subsidiary, and uses the high-speed transmission capacity of coaxial cable with television and computer technology.”).

<sup>6</sup> In addition to his work in private industry, Dr. Nagel served as a consultant to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (“DARPA”), responsible for the development of emerging technologies used by the U.S. Department of Defense. Dr. Nagel was a designer of the Navy’s Tactical Air Navigation System (“TACAN”) and assisted in the development of the nuclear reactor that powers the Navy’s Seawolf class of nuclear submarines. Dr. Nagel was also the developer of the Hot Well Liquid Level Control system that is a part of the control system of the nuclear power plant aboard the Seawolf, Defender and other submarines.

Dr. Nagel as a “noted computer scientist” for his groundbreaking work<sup>7</sup>—work that led to the inventions disclosed in the patents-in-suit.

**The technology Nagel designed at InfoSafe Systems, Inc., won the Seybold Award for Excellence as the “most innovative product of the year.” His work in high technology received major press coverage in such publications as Fortune, Forbes, and Business Week. He testified before Congress on the capabilities of a system he designed for NASDAQ.**

*Aliye Pekin Celik*, OUR COMMON HUMANITY IN THE INFORMATION AGE: PRINCIPLES AND VALUES FOR DEVELOPMENT at 191 (2007).

14. Following his development of groundbreaking electronic data distribution systems for Reuters, Dr. Nagel used his insights to develop the secure communications technologies that are used today by Athena and many of the world’s largest corporations without attribution or compensation.

15. Dr. Nagel foresaw the need for enabling secure communications between two parties wherein an intermediary performs a requisite function with respect to the transaction without requiring the intermediary to be trusted with respect to the private information or cryptographic keys for communicated information.

16. Dr. Nagel’s interest in developing secure systems for the provision of highly secure data was driven in part by his experience being totally blind.<sup>8</sup> Dr. Nagel recognized that the growing adoption of the Internet and increased computational power presented unique challenges to the security of medical records. Dr. Nagel also had the insight that the challenges presented in controlling access to secure medical records could be applied outside the context of

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<sup>7</sup> See Rick Tetzeli, et al., *Fortune Checks Out 25 Cool Companies For Products, Ideas, And Investments*, FORTUNE MAGAZINE, July 11, 1994.

<sup>8</sup> Dr. Nagel served as a representative to the United Nations Committee that authored the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Dignity of Persons with Disabilities See Jan Jekielek, *Human Rights Panel Explores Implementation of Rights and Global Well-Being*, Epoch Times, December 3, 2010, <http://www.cccun.net/ccun-12-2-10-eventepochtim.pdf> (“Nagel, who is blind himself. He expounded on the remarkable accomplishment that is the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the 21st century’s first U.N. human rights convention.”).

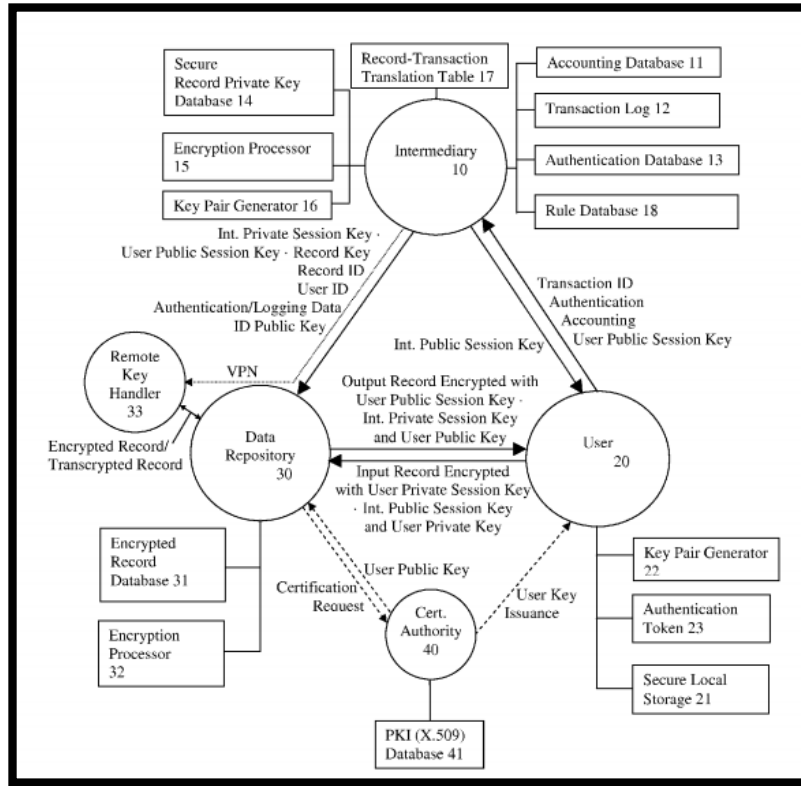
medical records, with wide applicability to the security of data on networks where an intermediary could have access to secure information.

17. The rise of cloud computing (the delivery of on-demand computing resources over a distributed network), has made Dr. Nagel and his co-inventors' insights uniquely valuable. Medical records, financial information, email messages, and other forms of electronic data are now placed on remote servers and accessed via a network by a diverse variety of users, under a diverse variety of circumstances.

18. The inventions disclosed in the STPC patents address shortcomings in systems available at the time of the patents' conception—for example, the need for users in particular contexts, to access and/or modify data stored at or by an intermediary without allowing the intermediary to access an unencrypted version of the data.

19. Prior art systems such as the “Micali Fair Encryption scheme do[] not . . . allow communications of a secret in which only one party gains access to the content, and in which the third party or parties and one principal operate only on encrypted or secret information.” ‘237 patent, col. 2:40-44.





‘237 Patent Fig. 1.

20. Dr. Nagel worked with Steven Hoffberg and David P. Felsher to develop the systems and methods disclosed in the STPC patents. The inventions taught in these patents relate to the secure transmission of data—for example, wherein an intermediary performs a requisite function with respect to a secure data transmission without requiring the intermediary to be trusted with the private, secure contents of the transmission and/or without requiring the intermediary to have access to the cryptographic keys required to access the protected information. The STPC patented systems and methods employ secure cryptographic schemes, which reduce the risks and liability of unauthorized disclosure of private information as it travels across a network.

21. Mr. Hoffberg holds a Master of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an advanced degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Hoffberg is a named inventor on sixty-seven patents in the fields of telematics, wireless ad hoc networking, image and audio signal processing, and cryptography. Mr. Hoffberg

also spent three years in the University of Connecticut Medical School Medical Doctorate Program.

22. Mr. Felsher is an appellate attorney, health care activist, and inventor. After graduating from MIT with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, Mr. Felsher went on to earn an MBA from the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Fordham Law School.<sup>9</sup> Mr. Felsher has served as counsel to the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Inc.

23. The STPC patents have been cited by 1,015 United States patents and published patent applications as prior art before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.<sup>10</sup>

Companies whose patents cite the Secure Third-Party Communication Patents include:

- Microsoft Corporation
- Nokia Corporation
- Apple, Inc.
- International Business Machines Corporation
- Massachusetts Institute Of Technology
- Ncr Corporation
- Netapp, Inc.
- Adobe Systems Incorporated
- American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.
- AT&T Intellectual Property LLP
- Canon Kabushiki Kaisha
- Hytrust, Inc.
- Cisco Technology, Inc.
- Intuit Inc.
- Cloudera, Inc.
- Novell, Inc.
- Google Inc.
- Teradata Us, Inc.
- Mitsubishi Electric Corporation
- Texas Instruments Inc.
- Unitedhealth Group Incorporated
- Fujitsu Limited
- Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.
- Verizon Patent and Licensing Inc.
- Visa U.S.A. Inc.
- Western Digital Technologies, Inc.

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<sup>9</sup> During his legal career, Mr. Felsher has been counsel of record on seventeen briefs to the United States Supreme Court.

<sup>10</sup> The 1,015 forward citations to the Secure Third-Party Communication Patents do not include patent applications that were abandoned prior to publication in the face of the Secure Third-Party Communication Patents.

- Xerox Corporation
- Yahoo! Inc.
- Koninklijke Philips Electronics, N.V.
- Zynga Inc.
- Square, Inc.
- Sprint Communications Company L.P.
- Sony Corporation
- Siemens Aktiengesellschaft
- Sharp Laboratories of America, Inc.
- Sap AG
- EMC Corporation
- Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.
- Ricoh Co., Ltd.
- Red Hat, Inc.
- Panasonic Corporation
- Broadcom Corporation
- Oracle International Corporation

24. The IRI patents have been cited by 1,714 United States patents and published patent applications as prior art before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.<sup>11</sup>

Companies whose patents cite the IRI patents include:

- Bank Of America Corporation
- Siemens Medical Solutions Health Services Corporation
- AthenaHealth, Inc.
- Robert Bosch Gmbh
- Thompson Reuters (Healthcare) Inc.
- Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Inc.
- McKesson Corporation
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Sandisk Technologies Inc.
- Intel Corporation
- Greenway Medical Technologies, Inc.
- Medtronic, Inc.
- Sybase, Inc.
- General Electric Company
- Epic Systems Corporation
- Allscripts Software, Llc
- Ebay, Inc.
- 3Com Corporation
- Oracle International Corporation
- Intuit Inc.
- Gemalto Sa
- Adobe Systems Incorporated
- Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.
- Electronic Data Systems Corporation
- American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

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<sup>11</sup> The 1,714 forward citations to the IRI Patents and their related patent applications do not include patent applications that were abandoned prior to publication in the face of the IRI Patents.

- Google Inc.
- Apple, Inc.
- McAfee, Inc.
- Hewlett-Packard Development Company L.P.
- EMC Corporation
- Blackboard Inc.
- AT&T Intellectual Property LLP
- Cerner Innovation, Inc.
- Cisco Technology, Inc.
- Citrix System, Inc.
- International Business Machines Corporation

### **THE PARTIES**

25. Tyler, Texas-based St. Luke is committed to advancing the current state of innovation in the field of data encryption technologies for secure communications over a distributed network. In addition to the ongoing efforts of Messrs. Felsher and Hoffberg, St. Luke employs a resident of Tyler, Texas as a Technology Analyst. St. Luke is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business at 719 West Front Street, Suite 247, Tyler, Texas 75710.



26. St. Luke is a small, Texas-based company. St. Luke depends on patent protection to effectively license its innovative technologies and build its business. Like Defendant Athena, St. Luke relies on its intellectual property.

27. Athena has filed numerous patent infringement actions in federal courts.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> See, e.g., *Athenahealth v. AdvancedMD Software, Inc.*, Case No. 11-cv-11260 (filed July 18, 2011 Mass.) and *Athenahealth v. Carecloud Corporation*, Case No. 13-cv-10794 (filed April 5, 2013 Mass.).

28. On information and belief, Athenahealth, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472. Athena is registered to do business in the State of Texas and it may be served with process by delivering a summons and a true and correct copy of this complaint to its registered agent for receipt of service of process, CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan St., Ste. 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

29. On information and belief, Athena has offices in Texas where it sells, develops, and/or markets its products including a 110,000 square foot office in Austin, Texas focused on research and development.<sup>13</sup>

30. According to Athena's website, Athena offers infringing products for sale throughout the United States, including in the Eastern District of Texas. Further, Athena advertises its infringing products throughout the Eastern District of Texas and claims financial benefits through its conducting of business in Texas.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

31. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. Accordingly, this Court has exclusive subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

32. Upon information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Athena in this action because Athena has committed acts within the Eastern District of Texas giving rise to this action and has established minimum contacts with this forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Athena would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Defendant Athena, directly and/or through subsidiaries or intermediaries (including distributors, retailers, and others), has committed and continues to commit acts of infringement in this District by, among other things, offering to sell and selling products and/or services that infringe the patents-in-suit. Moreover, Athena is registered to do business in the State of Texas, and has

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<sup>13</sup> Menegain, Bernie, *Athenahealth to Create 607 Jobs in Texas*, HEALTHCARE IT NEWS REPORT, February 17, 2014, <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/athenahealth-build-rd-team-austin>.

appointed CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan St., Ste. 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136, as its agent for service of process.

33. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(d) and 1400(b). Defendant Athena is registered to do business in Texas, and upon information and belief, has transacted business in the Eastern District of Texas and has committed acts of direct and indirect infringement in the Eastern District of Texas.

### **TECHNOLOGY BACKGROUND**

34. Advances in computational power and the explosive growth of the Internet have led to the development of secure encryption systems and information record management systems that enable secure communications between two or more computers on a network where the data that is sent and/or processed by an intermediary without access to the plaintext data.

- *The STPC patents* teach specific computer based encryption systems, including systems that use composite key asymmetric cryptographic algorithms to avoid substantially revealing plaintext data during intermediate processing.
- *The IRI patents* teach specific computer based systems and methods, including systems for electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases.

#### **A. Secure Third Party Communications Patents**

35. Athena prizes systems that provide secure third party communications through an intermediary.

36. Fellow technology companies Apple and Oracle have confirmed the importance and value of encryption systems that protect data in the Cloud. Tim Cook, Chief Executive Officer of Apple described the importance that Apple places on secure encryption in the cloud:

Removing encryption tools from our products altogether, as some in Washington would like us to do, would only hurt law-abiding citizens who rely on us to protect their data. The bad guys will still encrypt, it's easy to do and readily available.

Matthew Panzarino, *Apple's Tim Cook Delivers Blistering Speech on Encryption, Privacy*, TECHCRUNCH WEBSITE, June 2, 2015, <http://techcrunch.com/2015/06/02/apples-tim-cook-delivers-blistering-speech-on-encryption-privacy/#.wsy2vn:ybuV>.<sup>14</sup>

37. Vipin Samar, Vice President of database security product development at Oracle states in a 2014 press release that, “As regulations worldwide increasingly call for more data to be encrypted, organizations need a centralized solution to securely manage all the encryption keys and credential files in their data centers.” The press release continued by pointing out the importance of secure encryption in the cloud.

and backup mechanisms. As organizations increasingly encrypt data at rest and on the network, securely managing all the encryption keys and credential files in the data center has become a major challenge.

At the same time, organizations also need to comply with stringent regulatory requirements for managing keys and certificates. Many global regulations and industry standards call for audits demonstrating that keys are routinely rotated, properly destroyed, and accessed solely by authorized entities.

*Oracle Customers Secure Critical Encryption Keys with Oracle Key Vault*, ORACLE PRESS RELEASE, August 7, 2014.

38. Although secure third party encryption systems that protect access to data at an intermediary are offered by major corporations today, at the time the inventions disclosed in the STPC patents were conceived, no such systems existed.

39. The claims in the STPC patents describe a solution that is unquestionably rooted in computer technology to overcome a problem specific to and characteristic of complex computer networks. Professor of Computer Science at Columbia University, Steven M. Bellovin<sup>15</sup> described in a 1996 academic article, contemporaneous to the development of the patents-in-suit (and cited on the face of the STPC patents) that the development of modern cryptography was a reaction to the rise of the Internet as a mass medium and concerns unique to the exchange of information over the Internet.

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<sup>14</sup> See also APPLE Q4 2014 EARNING CALL TRANSCRIPT, October 20, 2014, <http://seekingalpha.com/article/2576865-apples-aapl-ceo-tim-cook-on-q4-2014-results-earnings-call-transcript> (“We've also communicated and demonstrated our commitment to respecting and protecting users' privacy with strong encryption and strict policies that govern how our data is handled.”).

<sup>15</sup> At the time, Professor Bellovin authored the above referenced article he was a Fellow at AT&T Labs Research.

In early 1994, CERT announced<sup>1</sup> that widespread password monitoring was occurring on the Internet. In 1995, Joncheray published a paper explaining how an eavesdropper could hijack a TCP connection [Jon95]. In mid-1998, there is still very little use of cryptography. Finally, though, there is some reason for optimism.

A number of factors have combined to change people's behavior. First, of course, there is the rise of the Internet as a mass medium, and along with it the rise of Internet commerce. Consider the following quote from a popular Web site:

Steven M. Bellovin, *Cryptography and the Internet*, AT&T LABS-RESEARCH, Aug. 1998, Florham Park, New Jersey.

40. Although encryption, in some form, has been an objective of individuals (and governments) for many years, the STPC patents are directed at solving problems that are unique to the realm of computers and specifically network cloud computing.

41. The specific technologies disclosed and claimed in the STPC patents are discussed in detail below. However, the history of cryptography provides context for the inventions disclosed in the STPC patents and confirms that the patented inventions are limited to specific computer systems and methods addressing issues specific to modern computer networks.

42. ***Pre-Mechanical Encryption.*** The origin of cryptography has been around since the reign of Pharaohs; however, the problems that “pre-silicon” societies faced were markedly different from those the patents-in-suit are directed at solving. The unique solutions taught by the patents-in-suit reflect that difference. In 1900 BC, Egyptian scribes developed a rudimentary form of cryptography that allowed the passing of messages written on papyrus. The key to unlocking the meaning of non-standard hieroglyphs (the encrypted message or cipher) was located in an inscription on the same document. Thus, a recipient of a message could decipher the meaning of the encoded message using the key transmitted with the message. This early form of encryption was susceptible to frequency analysis, a method utilizing the frequency that certain letters or symbols would be used.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> NIGEL SMART, CRYPTOGRAPHY: AN INTRODUCTION 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION 40 (2004) ([U]nderlying statistics of the language could be used to break the cipher. For example it was easy to determine which ciphertext letter corresponded to the plaintext letter *E*.”).





*Alexander Stanoyevitch*, INTRODUCTION TO CRYPTOGRAPHY WITH MATHEMATICAL FOUNDATIONS AND COMPUTER IMPLEMENTATIONS PRESS (2002).

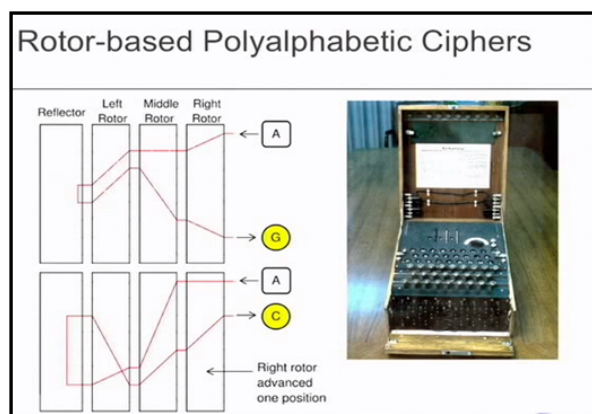
43. Over the following four millennia, the advance of cryptography was limited. In the mid-1400s, Leon Battista Alberti invented an encryption system using a mechanical device with sliding disks that allowed for various methods of substitution.<sup>17</sup> This is the base concept of a polyalphabetic cipher, which is an encryption method that switches through several substitution ciphers throughout encryption. Polyalphabetic substitution by rotating the discs to change the encryption logic limited the use of frequency analysis to crack the cipher. However, polyalphabetic substitution was susceptible to plain text attacks that would try various permutations of the code.

44. ***Encryption in the Mechanical Age.*** In the 1920s, electro-mechanical devices were developed that used electrical signals to perform rudimentary calculations that would encrypt messages. The Enigma machine developed by the German government at the end of World War I used mechanical devices to encrypt and decrypt messages. Germany's Enigma device used a set of codes that, when programed into a device, would generate an encrypted message. Ciphers generated by the Enigma could thus be decrypted if one had both possession

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<sup>17</sup> DAVID KAHN, THE CODE BREAKERS: THE STORY OF SECRET WRITING 125 (1967) (David Kahn calls Alberti "the father of western cryptography" based on his development of a device that had two copper disks that fit together. "Each one of them had the alphabet inscribed on it. After every few words, the disks were rotated to change the encryption logic, thereby limiting the use of frequency analysis to crack the cipher.").

of an Enigma device and the “crib” or the symmetric key that was used to program the device.<sup>18</sup> Alan Turing (among others) wanted a technique to break Enigma that did not rely on the key, which could (and frequently did) change.<sup>19</sup> Turing developed several ways of using Bayesian inference coupled with “the Bombe,” an electromechanical device that could detect the setting for the Enigma.



*Steve Weis*, THEORY AND PRACTICE OF CRYPTOGRAPHY 9:23 (November 2007) (image of the Enigma machine).

45. ***The Development of Public Key Encryption.*** Prior to 1976 (roughly three decades before the patents-in-suit issued), the only method of encryption was use of a symmetric key. Egyptian Ciphers, Polyalphabetic Encryption, and the Enigma Machine relied on a sender and receiver sharing the same key (a symmetric key). The advent of computer networks and the increasing computational power of computers spurred the invention of a cryptographic system

<sup>18</sup> DAVID KAHN, SEIZING THE ENIGMA: THE RACE TO BREAK THE GERMAN U-BOAT CODES, 1939-1943 (1991) (In 1941 the British were able to decrypt ciphers generated by the enigma machine by discovering that portions of weather reports (Short Weather Codes) transmitted by German Warships were the symmetric key. However, in the fall of 1941 the German cryptographers stopped using short Weather Codes as symmetric keys. Subsequently, Germany out of abundance of caution changed the configuration of the enigma machines.).

<sup>19</sup> DAVID LEAVITT, THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH: ALAN TURING AND THE INVENTION OF THE COMPUTER (2006) (Turing settled on a known plaintext attack, using what was known at the time as a “crib.” A crib was a piece of plaintext that was suspected to lie in the given piece of cipher text. The methodology of this technique was to form a given piece of cipher text and a suspected piece of corresponding plaintext to first deduce a so-called “menu.” A menu is simply a graph, which represents the various relationships between cipher text and plaintext letters. Then the menu was used to program an electrical device called a Bombe.).

specifically tailored toward encrypting and decrypting electronic messages communicated using a computer.

46. In a 1976 paper, cited on the face of the STPC patents, Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman proposed the notion of *public-key* (frequently, and more generally, called *asymmetric key*) cryptography in which two different but mathematically related keys are used—a *public* key and a *private* key. Systems that utilize *public key* encryption were developed specifically to address problems unique to computer networking. Public key encryption at the time of the invention of the STPC patent technologies was not a long-held view, nor a technology that simply amounted to taking something and “doing it on a computer.” The introduction to Diffie and Hellman’s paper makes clear that public key systems were specific to computer networking.

This paper deals with new problems which arise in the application of cryptography to computer communication systems with large numbers of users. Foremost among these is the key distribution problem. We

Diffie, et al., in *Multiuser Cryptographic Techniques*, AFIPS--CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, Vol. 45 at 109 (1976).

47. A public key system contains two keys (numbers) so that calculation of one key (the 'private key') is computationally infeasible from the other (the 'public key'), even though they are necessarily related. Instead, both keys are generated secretly, as an interrelated pair. Public key encryption offered a novel mechanism for allowing two parties to share data over a network.

48. The development of Diffie and Hellman’s first public key system was directly motivated by the need to protect stored or transmitted data on a modern computer network.

In a computer network with a large number of users, cryptography is often essential for protecting stored or transmitted data. While this application closely resembles the age old use of cryptography to protect military and diplomatic communications, there are several important differences which require new protocols and new types of cryptosystems. This paper addresses the multiuser aspect of computer networks and presents ways to preserve privacy of communication despite the large number of user connections which are possible.

*Id.*

49. The Diffie-Hellman public key system illustrates the limitations present in systems for encrypting and decrypting information over a computer network contemporaneous to the STPC patents. The Diffie-Hellman system lacked the ability to enable the exchange of data between two parties through an intermediary where the intermediary would not have the ability to substantially decrypt the data. A 2005 paper (cited on the face of the STPC patents) described the limitations of the Diffie-Hellman system when conducting secure third party communications. The paper also described a problem that the STPC patents solve as one that had only recently been addressed:

It was only recently that the problem has been formally addressed in the three-party model, where the server is considered to be a trusted third party (TTP). This is the same scenario used in the popular 3-party Kerberos authentication system. The main advantage of these systems is that users are only required to remember a single password, the one they share with a trusted server, while still being able to establish secure sessions with many users. ***The main drawback is the need of the trusted server during the establishment of these secure sessions.***

Michel Abdalla and David Pointcheval, *Interactive Diffie-Hellman Assumptions With Applications To Password-Based Authentication*, in *PROCEEDINGS OF THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCIAL CRYPTOGRAPHY AND DATA SECURITY* (2005) (emphasis added).

50. Another early encryption system developed for communications over a computer network is a method of public-key encryption developed by Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard M. Adleman, now generally referred to as “RSA.” RSA is based on the use of two extremely large prime numbers which fulfill the criteria for a “trap-door, one-way permutation.” Such a permutation function enables the sender to encrypt the message using a non-secret

encryption key, but does not permit an eavesdropper to decrypt the message through cryptanalytic techniques within an acceptable period of time. This is because, for a composite number composed of the product of two very large prime numbers, the computational time necessary to factor this composite number is unacceptably long. A brute force attack requires a sequence of putative keys to be tested to determine which, if any, is appropriate. A brute force attack requires a very large number of iterations. The number of iterations increases exponentially with the key bit size, while the normal decryption generally suffers only an arithmetic-type increase in computational complexity.

51. Like the Diffie-Hellman system, RSA was developed specifically to address problems with sending and receiving encrypted information over a computer network. The original RSA patent (cited on the face of the STPC and IRI patents) describes the use of public key encryption as directed toward a computer network.

With the development of computer technology, the transfer of information in digital form has rapidly increased. There are many applications, including electronic mail systems, bank systems and data processing systems, where the transferred information must pass over communications channels which may be monitored by electronic eavesdroppers.

U.S. Patent No. 4,405,829, col. 1:14-20.

52. Academic articles from creators of the RSA system make clear that the use of public key encryption is specific to problems unique to computer networks.

[W]e present a sketch of how a computer system might be modified to solve the problem of performing operations on encrypted data securely. . . All sensitive data in main memory, in the data bank files, in the ordinary register set, and on the communications channel will be encrypted. During operation, a load/store instruction between main memory and the secure register set will automatically cause the appropriate decryption/encryption operations to be performed.

Ronald L. Rivest, Leonard Adleman, and Michael L. Dertouzos, *On Data Banks and Privacy Homomorphisms*, IN ON DATA BANKS AND PRIVACY HOMOMORPHISMS 169 (1978).

53. The RSA system illustrates limitations in encryption technologies that preceded the STPC patents. RSA provided a mechanism for exchanging data between two parties but did not disclose the use of an untrusted intermediary when data was exchanged between two parties. A 1998 article contemporaneous to the development of the STPC patents (and cited on the face

of the STPC patents) describes this as a limitation in the RSA system and other systems known at the time.

We point out that classic techniques of secret sharing [14] are inadequate in this scenario. Secret sharing requires one to reconstruct the secret at a single location before it can be used, hence introducing a single point of failure. The technique described above of sharing the secret key such that it can be used without reconstruction at a single location is known as *Threshold Cryptography*. See [9] for a succinct survey of these ideas and nontrivial problems associated with them.

An important question left out of the above discussion is key generation. Who generates the RSA modulus  $N$  and the shares  $d_1, d_2, d_3$ ? Previously the answer

D. Boneh, J. Horwitz, *Generating A Product Of Three Primes With An Unknown Factorization*, in PROC. OF THE THIRD ALGORITHMIC NUMBER THEORY SYMPOSIUM 237 (1998).

54. Silvio Micali's patents (U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,026,163 and 5,315,658; cited on the face of the STPC patents) describe a split key, or so-called "fair" cryptosystem, designed to allow a secret key to be distributed to a plurality of trusted entities, such that the encrypted message is protected unless the key portions are divulged by all of the trusted entities. Thus, a secret key may be recovered through cooperation of a plurality of parties. The Micali system provides that the decryption key is split between a number ( $n$ ) of trusted entities, meeting the following functional criteria: (1) The private key can be reconstructed given knowledge of all  $n$  of the pieces held by the plurality of trusted entities; (2) The private key cannot be guessed at all if one only knows less than all ( $<n-1$ ) of the special pieces; and (3) For  $i-1, \dots, n$ , the  $i^{\text{th}}$  special piece can be individually verified to be correct.

55. The Micali system does not allow communication of a secret in which only one party gains access to the content, and in which the third party or parties and one principal operate only on encrypted or secret information.

#### **B. The Value Of The Inventions Disclosed In The STPC Patents**

56. Executives at leading technology companies have described the value of specific encryption techniques as critical, lasting, and prominent. Chris Cicotte, a Cloud Architect at EMC, stated strong encryption technologies specific for networked computers "are a vital component of a strong security posture for any size organization, and it should be a standard

offering within the cloud . . . . The threat landscape has already begun to evolve, and from an overall security perspective, we need to take a proactive approach by layering in technologies like encryption at every layer."<sup>20</sup> The development of secure communications systems and methods, such as the inventions taught in the STPC patents, was motivated by the unique problems created by the internet where secured data is often transmitted through untrusted intermediaries.

Achieving secure communications in networks has been one of the most important problems in information technology. . . . If there is a private and authenticated channel between two parties, then secure communication between them is guaranteed. However, in most cases, many parties are only indirectly connected, as elements of an incomplete network of private and authenticated channels. ***In other words they need to use intermediate or internal nodes.***

Yvo Desmedt and Yongee Wang, *Perfectly Secure Message Transmission Revisited* at 502, *Advances in Cryptology EUROCRYPT Vol. 2332* (2002) (emphasis added).

57. Companies such as Oracle Corporation, International Business Machines Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, and Google, Inc., confirm the importance of providing strong encryption systems that address the unique threats posed by moving data to the cloud.

Once data is moved to the cloud, ***it becomes vulnerable to a number of new threats*** ranging from stolen administrator credentials to new hacking techniques. In addition, new legislation, such as the USA PATRIOT Act, is making it possible for competitors and governments to access data from cloud providers without the consent of the data owner. Many cloud providers thought they could achieve data sovereignty through locating cloud services in different jurisdictions, but this theory has been shaken by the subpoena classification ruling handed down recently in the U.S. federal court.

*HP Atalla Cloud Encryption: Securing Data in the Cloud*, HP TECHNICAL WHITE PAPER 2 (2014) (emphasis added).

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<sup>20</sup> Jude Chao, *Cloud Computing Demands Cloud Data Encryption*, ENTERPRISE NETWORKING PLANET WEBSITE, May 13, 2014, <http://www.enterprisenetworkingplanet.com/netsecur/cloud-computing-demands-cloud-data-encryption.html>.

The need to secure data is driven by an expanding privacy and regulatory environment coupled with an increasingly dangerous world of hackers, insider threats, organized crime, and other groups intent on stealing valuable data. ***The security picture is complicated even more by the rapid expansion of access to sensitive data via the Internet***, an unprecedented understanding of technology, increasing economic competition, and the push to achieve greater efficiencies through consolidation and cloud computing.

*Oracle Database 12C Security and Compliance*, ORACLE WHITE PAPER 2 (February 2015) (emphasis added).

With rare exceptions, one of the most important assets for any company is its data. Your data may take the form of financial information, proprietary sales information, marketing information, healthcare information, intellectual property (IP), and more. Losing your data could negatively affect operations and potentially shut down your organization. . . . Cloud-aware applications create unique security challenges in that both Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) providers and Platform as a Service (PaaS) providers make use of a shared-risk model.

Robi Sen, *Develop Secure Cloud-Aware Applications*, IBM DEVELOPER WORKS 2-3 (May 20, 2015).

Business requirements, industry regulations, and government mandates increasingly dictate that your organization must secure electronic communications. Whether it is financial data, medical records, or proprietary corporate information, you simply must secure the delivery of sensitive content to its destination.

*Google Message Encryption*, GOOGLE APPLICATION SECURITY PAPER 1 (2008)

58. Numerous academics have concluded the advent of cloud computing has created challenges that are unique to cloud computing and these challenges require specific encryption technologies that were previously unnecessary.

The growing demand for cloud computing stems from the need to securely store, manage, share and analyze immense amounts of complex data in many areas, including health care, national security and alternative energy. And although several companies have launched commercially available cloud systems, two areas still need significant improvements, [Dr. Bhavani] Thuraisingham said: the security mechanisms needed to protect sensitive data as well as the capability to process huge amounts of both geospatial data and what's known as semantic Web data.

*Investment in Cloud Computing Research Pays Off, UT Dallas Computer Scientists Make Advances in Key Aspects of Growing Field*, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS NEWS CENTER (April 19, 2011).<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> See also Kevin Hamlen et al., *Security Issues For Cloud Computing* at 39, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY Vol. 4(2) (April-June 2010) (“Because of the critical nature of the applications, it is important that clouds be secure. The major security challenge with clouds is that the owner of the data may not have control of where the data is placed.”); Ryan Layfield, Murat Kantarcioglu, and Bhavani Thuraisingham, *Enforcing Honesty in Assured Information Sharing within a Distributed System*, IFIP WG 11.3 CONFERENCE ON



Security is the most important challenge for cloud technology, as CSP's [Cloud Service Providers] have to protect the consumer's data from theft and ensure the consumer is not exploited. Consumers may be exploited from denial of service (DoS) attacks . . . ***They must also protect the data through the use of advanced encryption algorithms*** and ensure that their data centers are physically secure using advanced biometrics and many other authentication methods.

Sean Carlin & Kevin Curran, *Cloud Computing Technologies*, in INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CLOUD COMPUTING AND SERVICES SCIENCE (IJ-CLOSER) Vol.1, No.2 at 59 (June 2012) (emphasis added).

The growth of computer networks and the opening that their interconnection brings, especially through Internet, mean that a great amount of information is traveling through network and ***crossing numerous intermediate systems. This results in the increase of the number of possible attacks and illegal operations.*** . . . They should guarantee the identity of the communicating parties . . . the protection against unauthorized writing and, in some cases, unauthorized reading of transferred data. These services of authentication, nonrepudiation, integrity and confidentiality, respectively, can be provided using cryptosystems.

Natasha Prohic, *Public Key Infrastructures - PGP vs. X.509* at 1, in INFOTECH SEMINAR ADVANCED COMMUNICATION SERVICES (ACS) (2005) (emphasis added).

59. On information and belief, contemporaneous to, and following conception of the inventions disclosed in the STPC patents, academics, and businesses headquartered in Texas actively entered the field of secure encrypted communications. Computer researchers at the University of Texas at Austin founded the Security Research Group. The University of Texas at Dallas founded the Data Security and Privacy Lab, a center for research on security issues raised by dissemination of data over computer networks.

60. Texas based companies incorporated secure communications technologies into numerous products and many of these same companies cite STPC patents in their own patents. Texas based businesses that developed products incorporating secure communications technologies included: HP Enterprise Services, LLC of Plano, Texas; Texas Instruments, Inc. of Dallas, Texas; Rocksteady Technologies, LLC of Austin, Texas; Dell, Inc. of Round Rock,

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DATABASE AND APPLICATIONS SECURITY (2007) ("The growing number of distributed information systems such as the internet has created a need for security in data sharing."); Safwan M. Khan and Kevin W. Hamlen, *AnonymousCloud: A Data Ownership Privacy Provider Framework in Cloud Computing* at 170, in PROCEEDINGS OF THE 11TH IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRUST, SECURITY AND PRIVACY IN COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (June 2012) ("Revolutionary advances in hardware, middleware, and virtual machines over the past few years have elevated cloud computing to a thriving industry . . . . A significant barrier to the adoption of cloud services is customer fear of privacy loss in the cloud.").

Texas; AT&T Intellectual Property whose inventors were based in various locations in Texas; Gazzang, Inc. of Austin, Texas, Net.Orange, Inc. of Dallas, Texas; and Futurewei Technologies, Inc. of Plano, Texas. The STPC patents are cited by at least 50 patents that were either initially assigned to or are currently assigned to entities headquartered in Texas.

**1. U.S. Patent No. 8,316,237**

61. U.S. Patent No. 8,316,237 (the “237 patent”) entitled, System and Method for Secure Three-Party Communications, was filed on January 10, 2011 and claims priority to March 23, 2001. St. Luke is the owner by assignment of the ‘237 patent. A true and correct copy of the ‘237 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The ‘237 patent claims specific methods and systems for securely transcribing protected electronic information transmitted over at least one computer network from a first encrypted form to a second, different encrypted form substantially without intermediate decryption of the protected electronic information.

62. The ‘237 patent has been cited by 176 issued United States patents and published patent applications as relevant prior art. Specifically, patents issued to the following companies have cited the ‘237 patent as relevant prior art.

- Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI)
- NEC Corporation
- Disney Enterprises, Inc.
- WMS Gaming, Inc.
- Verizon Patent and Licensing, Inc.
- Microsoft Corporation.
- Netapp. Inc.
- NCR Corporation
- EMC Corporation
- AT&T Intellectual Property, L.P.
- Sony Corporation
- SAP AG
- Blackberry Limited
- Adobe Systems Incorporated
- Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation
- Novell, Inc.
- Spring Communications L.P.
- Hytrust, Inc.
- International Business Machines Corporation
- Google, Inc.
- Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba
- Panasonic Intellectual Property Management Co., Ltd.
- Zynga Inc.

- Certicom Corp.
- Wincor Nixdorf International GmbH
- Oracle International Corporation
- Futurewei Technologies, Inc.
- Dell Products, L.P.
- Intuit Inc.

63. The '237 patent claims a technical solution to a problem unique to computer networks – securely transmitting encrypted electronic information via an intermediary device, wherein the electronic information is cryptographically secure not only from outside attackers, but also from the intermediary.

64. At the time of the inventions claimed in the '237 patent, securely processing, transmitting, and accessing protected electronic data in a massively distributed computing environment presented new and unique issues over the state of the art. As explained in the '237 patent: “Often, the nature of these communications protocols places the third party (or group of third parties) in a position of trust, meaning that the third party or parties, without access to additional information, can gain access to private communications or otherwise undermine transactional security or privacy.” '237 patent, col. 2:13-17.

Generating and protecting encryption keys while maintaining data availability has traditionally been a major barrier to implementing encryption, especially on an enterprise scale. Key management is complex and challenging, and often fails because issuance, storage, and renewing are difficult. ***Worse yet, lost keys can make important data permanently unrecoverable.***

*Sustainable Compliance for the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard*, ORACLE WHITE PAPER 23 (July 2015) (emphasis added).

65. Although the systems and methods taught in the '237 patent have been adopted by leading businesses today, at the time of invention, the technologies taught in the '237 patent claims were innovative and novel. “Typical public key encryption technologies, however, presume that a pair of communications partners seek to communicate directly between each other, without the optional or mandatory participation of a third party, and, in fact, are designed specifically to exclude third party monitoring.” '237 patent, col. 2:56-61. Indeed, companies such as Oracle have recognized that, until recently, security for distributed systems was not a primary concern.

- Security was not a major issue, even for Oracle
  - Standard passwords (scott/tiger, system/manager, ...)
  - Oracle standard users were installed and left open (though not at SAP!)
  - There are some recommendations, but not much more.
  - From Oracle9i, the issue of security was increasingly addressed by Oracle (DBCA: locking of default accounts, ..., 10.2: CONNECT roles)

Andreas Becker, *High Security for SAP Data with Oracle Database Vault and Transparent Data Encryption*, ORACLE PRESENTATION 6 (2010).

66. Further, the '237 patent claims improve upon the functioning of a computer system by allowing encrypted electronic data to be securely transmitted through an intermediary without the intermediary gaining substantial access to the unencrypted information. This improves the security of the computer system and allows it to be more efficient.<sup>22</sup> "Third parties, however, may offer valuable services to the participants in a communication, but existing protocols for involvement of more than two parties are either inefficient or insecure." '237 patent, col. 2:61-64. Studies have confirmed that the inventions disclosed in the '237 patent improve the security of systems.

***Key management is a big concern with encryption, because the effectiveness of the solution ultimately depends on protecting the key.*** If the key is exposed, the data being protected with the key is, essentially, exposed. Wherever the key is stored, it must be protected, and it should be changed on occasion. For example, if an administrator with access to a key leaves an organization, the key should be changed.

Tanya Baccam, *Transparent Data Encryption: New Technologies and Best Practices for Database Encryption*, SANS WHITE PAPER 3 (April 2010) (emphasis added).

<sup>22</sup> See Kevin Hamlen et al., *Security Issues For Cloud Computing* at 39, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY VOL. 4(2) (April-June 2010) ("The major security challenge with clouds is that the owner of the data may not have control of where the data is placed. . . . Therefore, we need to safeguard the data in the midst of untrusted processes."); Elana Ferrari and Bhavani Thuraisingham, *Security and Privacy for Web Databases and Services* at 17, PROCEEDINGS OF THE EDBT CONFERENCE (March 2003) ("very little work has been devoted to security"); Elisa Bertino et al., *Selective and Authentic Third-Party Distribution of XML Documents* at 1263, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON KNOWLEDGE AND DATA ENGINEERING, Vol. 16 No. 10 (October 2004) ("The most intuitive solution is that of requiring Publishers to be trusted with regard to the considered security properties. However, this solution could not always be feasible in the Web environment since large Web-based systems cannot be easily verified to be secure.").

67. The '237 patent claims are not directed to a “method of organizing human activity,” “fundamental economic practice long prevalent in our system of commerce,” or “a building block of the modern economy.” Instead, they are limited to a concretely circumscribed set of methods and systems for transcribing electronic information that is transmitted over a computer network via an intermediary.

68. The '237 patent claims are not directed at the broad concept/idea of “encrypting” or “decrypting” information. Instead, they are limited to a concretely circumscribed set of methods and systems for transcribing electronic information that is transmitted over a computer network via an intermediary. These methods and systems are technologies unique to the Internet age.

69. The inventive concepts claimed in the '237 patent are technological, not “entrepreneurial.” For example, transcribing protected electronic information between a first (e.g., server) encrypted form and a second (e.g., network) encrypted form without a substantial intermediate representation of the information in decrypted form is a specific, concrete solution to the technological problem of transferring encrypted information via an intermediary without providing the intermediary substantial access to the information.

70. Researchers have identified the problems the '237 patent is directed at solving arise from new security challenges relating to cloud computing.

Deepak Panth, Dhananjay Mehta and Rituparna Shelgaonkar, *A Survey on Security Mechanisms*

**Data Security:** Data security was the most important concern that had hindered the acceptance of the cloud computing initially. Storing and processing the data, running software, using CPU and virtual Machines on others' infrastructure were some serious concerns for the users initially. Data breach, data integrity and data loss are major security issues that posed threats to organization's data and software. Moreover, the multi-tenancy model and pooled computing resources over cloud have introduced new security challenges requiring new techniques to tackle with [4] [5] [6].

*of Leading Cloud Service Providers*, in INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS 98(1) at 34 (July 2014) (emphasis added).<sup>23</sup>

71. The '237 patent claims are directed toward a solution rooted in computer technology and use technology unique to computers and computer networking to overcome a problem specifically arising in the realm of secure distributed computing. For example, claims of the '237 patent require transcribing protected electronic information using one or more intermediary computing devices specially configured to yield a desired result—a result that overrides the routine and conventional sequence of events in electronic communications, even encrypted electronic communications.

72. The '237 patent is directed to specific problems in the field of cryptography. In the “Background” section of the patent, the '237 patent explains that encryption systems use “keys,” similar to passwords, to control how plaintext is encrypted and decrypted. '237 patent, col. 2:65–3:13. An encryption system thereby encrypts and decrypts information differently depending upon the key input. *Id.* Two common cryptanalytic attacks, linear and differential cryptanalysis, analyze large amounts of cipher text (encrypted information) and different possible keys in order to eventually converge on the correct key and break the encryption. *Id.* at col. 3:1–3:13. Both attacks exploit the fact that some encryption systems use static keys to create

<sup>23</sup> See also Vaibhav Khadilkar, Murat Kantarcioglu, and Bhavani Thuraisingham, *Secure Data Processing in a Hybrid Cloud* at 1-2, Computing Research Repository (CoRR) abs/1105.1982 (2011) (“The emergence of cloud computing has created a paradigm shift by allowing parallel processing of massive amounts of data. . . . [H]ow do users protect themselves from cloud service providers who may be able to access their data? This issue is related to data security and is relevant for users since their data is placed at the provider’s site.”).

the cipher text. *Id.* In other words, using the same key repeatedly gives an attacker more information to work with. The inventions of the '237 patent introduce several novel techniques to overcome these weaknesses and allow encrypted information to be securely transferred through an intermediary.

73. The preemptive effect of the claims of the '237 patent are concretely circumscribed by specific limitations. For example, claim 1 of the '237 patent requires:

A transcription device, comprising:

an automated communication port configured to receive a first message representing an encrypted communication associated with a first set of asymmetric keys, to receive a transcription key, and to transmit a second message representing the encrypted communication associated with a second set of asymmetric keys, the first and second sets of encryption keys being distinct;

a memory; and

an automated processor, configured to communicate through the automated communication port and with the memory, to receive the first message, receive the transcription key, automatically transcribe the first message into the second message, and to transmit the second message, wherein the automated processor does not store as a part of the transcription any decrypted representation of the encrypted communication, and the transcription key is employed without revealing any secret cryptographic information usable for decrypting the first message or the second message.

74. The '237 patent does not attempt to preempt every application of the idea of encrypting electronic information transmitted over a computer network, or even the idea of encrypting electronic information transmitted over a computer network via an intermediary.

75. The '237 patent does not preempt the field of secure third-party communications systems, or prevent use of alternative secure third-party communications systems. For example, the '237 patent includes inventive elements—embodied in specific claim limitations—that concretely circumscribe the patented invention and greatly limit its breadth. These inventive

elements are not necessary or obvious tools for achieving secure third-party communications, and they ensure that the claims do not preempt other techniques for secure communications.

76. For example, the '237 patent describes numerous techniques for secure third-party communications that inform the invention's development but do not, standing alone, fall within the scope of its claims:

- Key Escrow. U.S. Pat. No. 6,009,177 to Sudia, relates to a cryptographic system and method with a key escrow feature that uses a method for verifiably splitting users' private encryption keys into components and for sending those components to trusted agents chosen by the particular users.
- Partitioning of Information Storage Systems. U.S. Patent No. 5,956,400 to Chaum, relates to partitioned information storage systems with controlled retrieval.
- Use of a Trusted Intermediary. U.S. Patent No. 6,161,181 to Haynes, describing secure electronic transactions using a trusted Intermediary; U.S. Patent No. 6,145,079 to Misty, describing secure electronic transactions using a trusted intermediary to perform electronic services.
- Split Key Storage. U.S. Patent No. 6,118,874 to Okamoto, teaching encrypted data using split storage key and system.
- Use of a Cryptographic File Labeling System. U.S. Pat. No. 5,953,419 to Lohstroh, disclosing cryptographic file labeling system for supporting secured access by multiple users.
- Computer Security Devices. U.S. Pat. No. 5,982,520 to Weiser, disclosing a personal storage device for receipt, storage, and transfer of digital information to other electronic devices; *see also* U.S. Pat. No. 5,991,519 to Benhammou; U.S. Pat. No. 5,999,629 to Heer; and U.S. Pat. No. 6,034,618 to Tatebayashi.
- Computer Network Firewalls And Agents. U.S. Pat. No. 6,061,798 to Coley, disclosed the use of an assigned proxy agent to verify the authority of an incoming request to access a network element indicated in the request. Once verified, the proxy agent completes the connection to the protected network element on behalf of the source of the incoming request; *see also* U.S. Pat. No. 6,023,762 to Dean, disclosing a data access and retrieval system which comprises a plurality of user data sources each storing electronic data signals describing data specific to a user, or enabling services selected by a user; an agent device which is configurable to select individual ones of the user data sources and



present selections of user data and service data to a set of callers who may interrogate the agent device remotely over a communications network; and U.S. Pat. No. 6,029,150 to Kravitz, disclosing a system and method of payment in an electronic payment system wherein a plurality of customers have accounts with an agent. Further, the patent lists thirty-three other patented systems involving Computer Network Firewalls that are not, standing alone, preempted by the inventions claimed in the patents-in-suit.

- Virtual Private Networks. As described in: U.S. Pat. No. 6,079,020 to Liu and U.S. Pat. No. 6,081,900 and twenty other patented systems involving virtual private networks that are not, standing alone, preempted by the inventions claimed in the patents-in-suit.
- Biometric Authentication. U.S. Pat. No. 5,193,855 to Shamos, disclosing the use of biometrics such as fingerprints to facilitate secure communications and identification of users. Further, the '237 lists 238 patented systems that use biometric authentication that are not, standing alone, preempted by the inventions claimed in the patents-in-suit.

77. Although “[e]ncryption, in general, represents a basic building block of human ingenuity that has been used for hundreds, if not thousands, of years,”<sup>24</sup> the ‘237 patent does not claim, or attempt to preempt, “some process that involves the encryption of data for some purpose” (or similar abstraction).

78. The ‘237 patent does not claim, or attempt to preempt, the performance of an abstract business practice on the Internet or using a conventional computer.

79. The claimed subject matter of the ‘237 patent is not a pre-existing but undiscovered algorithm.

80. The ‘237 patent claims systems and methods that “could not conceivably be performed in the human mind or pencil and paper.”<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> *Paone v. Broadcom Corp.*, Case No. 15 CIV. 0596 BMC GRB, 2015 WL 4988279, at \*7 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 19, 2015) (citing *Fid. Nat'l Info. Servs., Inc.*, Petitioner, CBM2014-00021, 2015 WL 1967328, at \*8 (Apr. 29, 2015) (both upholding the patent eligibility of patents directed toward encryption).

<sup>25</sup> *TQP Dev., LLC v. Intuit Inc.*, Case No. 2:12-CV-180-WCB, 2014 WL 651935, at \*4 (E.D. Tex. Feb. 19, 2014) (finding claims directed to encryption to be patent eligible); *Paone v. Broadcom Corp.*, Case No. 15 CIV. 0596 BMC GRB, 2015 WL 4988279, at \*7 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 19, 2015); see also *Prism Technologies, LLC v. T-Mobile USA, Inc.*, 12-cv-124, Dkt. No. 428 at 7 (D. Neb. Sept. 22, 2015) (Finding on cross motions for summary judgment that patents directed at delivering resources over an untrusted network were patent eligible. “The problems addressed by Prism’s claims are ones that ‘arose uniquely in the context of the Internet.’”).

81. The '237 patent claims require the use of a computer system.

82. The claims in the '237 patent require the modifying of data that has concrete and valuable effects in the field of secure third-party communications. By allowing an intermediary to receive secure information but not gain access to the unencrypted form of the information, the '237 patent improves the security of computer systems. Prior art systems that the '237 patent remedies enabled unauthorized "access to private communications or otherwise undermine[d] transactional security or privacy." Companies have described the use of encryption in the cloud as important to improve the security and functioning of systems.

For many organizations, keeping data private and secure has also become a compliance requirement. Standards including Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX), Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and EU Data Protection Directives all ***require that organizations protect their data at rest and provide defenses against threats.***

*HP Atalla Cloud Encryption: Securing Data in the Cloud*, HP TECHNICAL WHITE PAPER 2 (2014) (emphasis added).

83. The '237 patent claims systems and methods not merely for transferring secure information over a computer network, but for making the computer network itself more secure.<sup>26</sup>

84. The claimed invention in the '237 claims is rooted in computer technology and overcomes problems specifically arising in the realm of computer networks.

85. The systems and methods claimed in the '237 patent were not a longstanding or fundamental economic practice at the time of the patented inventions. Nor were they fundamental principles in ubiquitous use on the Internet or computers in general. As just one

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<sup>26</sup> Limitations in the prior art that the '237 patent was directed to solving included: computer systems where a "third party plays a requisite role in the transaction but which need not be trusted with access to the information or the cryptographic key" (*Id.*, col. 2:5-7); "[p]asswords may be written near access terminals (*Id.* col. 1:50-51);" "[s]ecurity tokens can be stolen or misplaced" (*Id.*, col. 1:51-52); "users may share supposedly secret information" (*Id.*, col. 1:52); and "unauthorized uses of the system" (*Id.*, col. 11:28). The '237 patent "allows the entity that transmits the information to be assured that the transmission will be secure, even with respect to a trusted third party, while ensuring that the intended recipient must cooperate with the intended third party." '237 patent, col. 8:48-52.

example, at the time the inventions disclosed in the ‘237 patent were conceived, the use of asymmetric encryption keys was described by Oracle as “relatively new.”<sup>27</sup>

A Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) consists of protocols, services, and standards supporting applications of public key cryptography. ***Because the technology is still relatively new***, the term PKI is somewhat loosely defined.

*Introduction to the SSL Technology*, ORACLE DOCUMENTATION (February 1, 2001), [http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E53645\\_01/tuxedo/docs12cr2/security/publickey.html](http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E53645_01/tuxedo/docs12cr2/security/publickey.html) (emphasis added).

86. The asserted claims do not involve a method of doing business that happens to be implemented on a computer; instead, the ‘237 patent teaches changing data in a way that will affect the communication system itself, by making it more secure. The security challenges that the ‘237 patent is directed at overcoming were new and unique to distributed networks, as confirmed in a recent paper from Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.: “The unprecedented growth of cloud computing has created new security challenges. The problem is ever more complex as there is a transition from traditional computing to a service-based computing.”<sup>28</sup>

87. The ‘237 patent claims are not directed at a mathematical relationship or formula. The ‘237 patent claims concrete, specific computer systems and methods for cryptographically protecting and managing access to secure data in multi-party communications.

88. ‘237 patent claims transform data from one form into another that will be recognizable by the intended recipient but secure against decryption by unintended recipients.

89. IBM in its computer reference guides (“redbooks”) refers to encryption as “transform[ing] data that is unprotected.


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<sup>27</sup> See also BACKUPEDGE ENCRYPTION WHITEPAPER, MICROLITE CORPORATION at 2 (2003) (describing the technology of asymmetric keys as “new”); Roger Clarke, MESSAGE TRANSMISSION SECURITY (May 1998), <http://www.rogerclarke.com/II/CryptoSecy.html> (“Public key cryptography is relatively new and technically complex.”).

<sup>28</sup> Deepak Panth, Dhananjay Mehta and Rituparna Shelgaonkar, *A Survey on Security Mechanisms of Leading Cloud Service Providers*, in INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS 98(1) at 34 (July 2014).

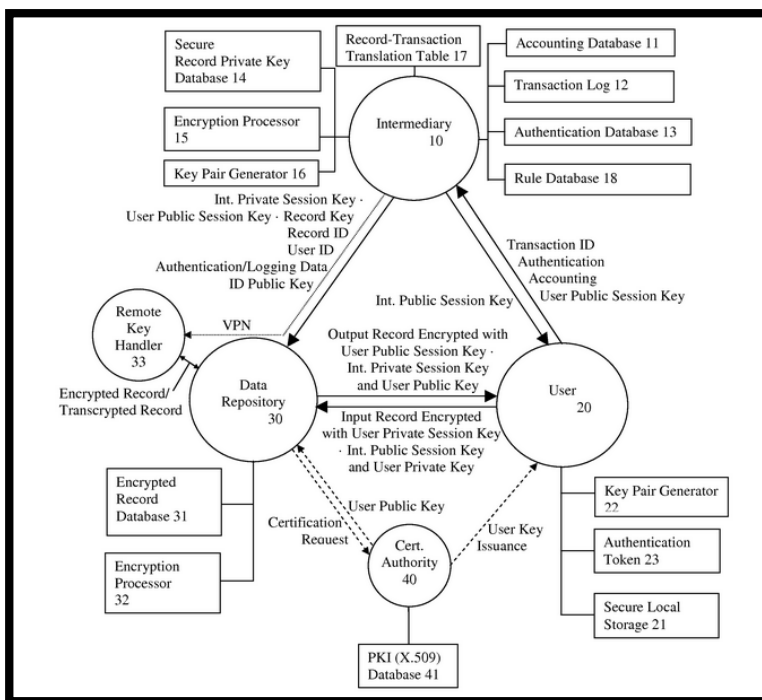
**Encryption concepts and terminology**

Encryption transforms data that is unprotected, or *plain text*, into encrypted data, or *ciphertext*, by using a *key*. Without knowledge of the encryption key, the ciphertext cannot be converted back to plain text.



*Bertrand Dufrasne and Robert Tondini, IBM DS8870 DISK ENCRYPTION 6<sup>th</sup> Edition at 4 (2015) (from a reference guide published by IBM).*

90. One or more claims of the '237 patent require a specific configuration of electronic devices, a network configuration, and the use of encryption systems to secure communications from access by an intermediary. These are meaningful limitations that tie the claimed methods and systems to specific machines. For example, the below diagram from the '237 patent illustrates a specific configuration of hardware disclosed in the patent.



'237 patent, Fig. 1.

**C. Information Record Infrastructure Patents**

91. The IRI patents disclose specific computer based systems and methods for electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases.

92. Over fifteen years ago, Mr. Felsher conceived of the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents, based on his experiences with the limitations in existing systems for controlling access to electronic medical records and protected electronic data.

93. During Mr. Felsher's work in the field of electronic medical records, he witnessed first-hand the drawbacks to existing computer systems and methods for controlling access to protected data. Existing systems failed to efficiently transmit unstructured protected information. '368 patent, col. 3:5-10. Other problems included the inability to secure the protection of data, integrate content management functions, and create a trust infrastructure wherein an independent third party represents and serves as an agent for the content owner. *Id.* at col. 3:4-54:16. The result was an inability to effectively manage access to protective data. The IRI patents disclosed systems and methods that overcome these drawbacks. The inventions disclosed in the IRI patents improved upon the then-available technology, enabled efficient access control of unstructured data, reduced costs, and ultimately resulted in a more secure system.

94. Athena values systems that provide secure systems and methods for controlling access to protected data such as the system disclosed in the IRI patents.

95. Fellow technology companies, such as Apple and Hewlett Packard, have confirmed the importance and value of systems and methods that manage access to protected data.

Today, the need for data protection and security goes well beyond the realm of access privileges and firewalls. Organizations of all sizes, in public and private sectors, must not only protect information from unauthorized access and intrusion but also manage how documents, presentations, spreadsheets, and e-mails are handled in the normal course of daily business

*HP Information Rights Management Solutions Ensuring Life Cycle Protection Of Digital Information in Microsoft Environments*, HP WHITE PAPER (2005).

## Overview of FairPlay Streaming (FPS)

Industrial-strength protection for your HTTP Live Streaming audio & video  
Already delivering keys in the premium content industry  
Built into iOS, Apple TV, and OS X  
Power-efficient on mobile devices  
Integrated with AirPlay  
Offered under the Apple Developer Program License Agreement

Roger Pantos, *Content Protection for HTTP Live Streaming*, APPLE WWDC15 PRESENTATION at 9 (2015).

96. Academics have confirmed the value of secure information access management systems such as the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents.

***With the proliferation of the Internet, the speed and ease of digital data exchange has increased, together with the number of potential parties that can exchange data.*** This has also meant that digital data security is no longer confined to the computer that holds the original data, or even behind corporate firewalls. Furthermore, data security no longer applies only to the access to data, but also to what the user can do with the data

Alapan Arnab and Andrew Hutchinson, *Digital Rights Management - An Overview of Current Challenges and Solutions*, in PROCEEDINGS OF INFORMATION SECURITY SOUTH AFRICA CONFERENCE (2004) (emphasis added).<sup>29</sup>

97. Although major corporations offer systems for providing secure access to protected data today, at the time the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents were conceived, systems had significant limitations that were addressed by the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents.

While “awareness of risks and of possible technical solutions is increasing,” the authors would appear to be describing a rather precarious environment, at least in the short run. The picture does not improve when one focuses on the details of some of the technical fixes. Barrows and Clayton deem “tight” prospective

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<sup>29</sup> See also Murat Kantarcioglu, Wei Jiang, and Bradley Malin, *A Privacy-Preserving Framework for Integrating Person-Specific Databases* at 299, PRIVACY IN STATISTICAL DATABASES LNCS 5262 (2008) (Describing the difficulty in managing medical records stored in multiple electronic databases “in the healthcare realm, patients are mobile and their data can be collected by multiple locations, such as when a patient visits one hospital for primary care and a second hospital to participate in a clinical trial.”).

access restrictions—a “need to know,” mandatory access control model—as largely incompatible with the dynamic health care environment.

Reid Cushman, *Serious Technology Assessment for Health Care Information Technology*, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL INFORMATICS ASSOCIATION 4(4) (1997).<sup>30</sup>

98. The claims in the IRI patents describe solutions that are rooted in computer technology to overcome problems specific to and characteristic of complex computer networks where protected data is stored. For example, academics identified distributed information systems as leading to new problems regarding information rights management that the IRI patents solve.

The development and wider use of wireless networks and mobile devices has led to novel pervasive computing environments *which pose new problems for software rights management* and enforcement on resource-constrained and occasionally connected devices. . . . The latter opens new channels for super-distribution and sharing of software applications that do not impose a cost on the user.

Ivana Dusparic, Dominik Dahlem, and Jim Dowling, *Flexible Application Rights Management in a Pervasive Environment*, in IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON E-TECHNOLOGY, E-COMMERCE AND E-SERVICE, pages 680–685 (2005) (emphasis added).<sup>31</sup>

Then there is the cloud. Cloud, cloud, cloud, it's on every webcast, in every article. The cloud has many advantages. Why wouldn't you want to outsource all

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<sup>30</sup> This reference is cited on the face of the IRI patents as an exemplar illustrating limitations in systems existing at the time the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents were conceived; *see also* Alapan Arnab and Andrew Hutchinson, *Digital Rights Management - An Overview of Current Challenges and Solutions*, in PROCEEDINGS OF INFORMATION SECURITY SOUTH AFRICA CONFERENCE (2004) (emphasis added) (“none of these products provide for all the needs of an enterprise, and furthermore these products do not offer all the benefits that DRM potentially offers to an enterprise”).

<sup>31</sup> *See also* Aaron Franks, Stephen LaRoy, Miek Wood, and Mike Worth, *Idrm: An Analysis Of Digital Rights Management For The Itunes Music Store*, TECHNICAL REPORT, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (2005) (“The need for secure digital rights management (DRM) is more urgent today than ever before. With the rapid increase in broadband availability, Internet file sharing has become a threat to content providers’ bottom line.”); Mike Godwin, *What Every Citizen Should Know About DRM, A.K.A. ‘Digital Rights Management,’* PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE (2004) (“As circumvention tools evolve, and as new technologies pose new infringement problems, the locking of industrial sectors into a particular “standard” scheme, mediated and supervised by government, actually slows the ability of the content sector to respond to new problems.”); HP DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT (DRM) FOR NETWORK AND SERVICE PROVIDERS (NSPs), HP SOLUTION BRIEF (2003) (“DRM [Digital Rights Management] is an emerging technology with fragmented addressable markets, solution capabilities and standards.”); Arun Kulkarni, Harikrishna Gunturu, and Srikanth Datla, *Association-Based Image Retrieval* at 183, WSEAS TRANS. SIG. PROC. Vol.4(4) (April 2008) (“With advances in computer technology and the World Wide Web there has been an explosion in the amount and complexity of multimedia data that are generated, stored, transmitted, analyzed, and accessed.”).

your costs of network management, storage, system administration? The cloud makes perfect sense but has one massive concern... security.

Simon Thorpe, *Security in the Enterprise 2.0 World: Conflicts of Collaboration*, ORACLE OFFICIAL BLOG, September 27, 2010, <https://blogs.oracle.com/irm/>.

99. Although secure and effective information rights management, in some form, has been an objective of corporations and researchers for many years ('368 patent, col. 6:61-7:3), the IRI patents are directed at solving problems that are unique to the realm of computers and specifically network cloud computing.

100. The systems and methods disclosed in the IRI patents have particular application to two primary fields: electronic medical records and electronic rights management. Shortcomings in available technology at the time the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents were conceived, led to the development of the IRI patents.

101. A brief overview of the state of the prior art in these two areas provides context to understanding the truly inventive nature of the IRI patents. The specific systems and methods disclosed and claimed in the IRI patents are discussed in detail later in this Complaint.

102. Background on the state of the art at the time of the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents confirms that the patented inventions are limited to specific computer systems and methods and address issues specific to accessing protected data using modern computer networks.

103. ***Information Rights Management.*** The inventions disclosed in the IRI patents have particular application to the management of rights in digital works, to allow a content owner to exploit the value of the works while assuring control over the use and dissemination. The IRI patents address problems specific to and arising from distribution and protected works on the internet.

104. At the time the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents were conceived, the growth of the internet created unique problems relating to managing rights to protected works.

There's too much data being collected in so many ways, and a lot of it in ways that you don't feel you had a role in the specific transaction," he [Craig Mundie] said. "Now that you're just being observed, whether it's for commercial purposes or other activities, ***we have to move to a new model.***" . . . Under the model



imagined by Mundie [a] central authority would distribute encryption keys to applications, allowing them to access protected data in the ways approved by the data's owners.

Tom Simonite, *Microsoft Thinks DRM Can Solve the Privacy Problem*, MIT TECHNOLOGY REVIEW, October 10, 2013 (emphasis added) (Craig Mundie is Senior Advisor to the CEO at Microsoft and its former Chief Research and Strategy Officer).<sup>32</sup>

105. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, information rights management systems had significant limitations. Prior art systems did not create a trust infrastructure, wherein an independent third party represents and serves as agent for the content owner, implementing a set of restrictive rules for use of the content, and interacting and servicing customers.

106. Apple's iTunes software, released in January 2001, was indicative of the state of information rights management systems available at the time. Apple's 2001 iTunes release lacked information rights management software and was marketed to users who wanted to convert compact discs into MP3s. The product was marketed with the tagline "Rip. Mix. Burn."<sup>33</sup>

107. Information rights management systems such as Microsoft's PlayForSure and RealNetwork's Rhapsody were still years from being released. Even when these systems were released in 2004 they had significant limitations. Both systems lacked the ability of a third party to act as an intermediary between a content creator and a user. The state of the art at the time the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents were conceived underscores the inventive nature of the IRI patents.

108. *Electronic Medical Records*. The IRI patents disclose systems and methods for controlling access to protected health information where the information is stored in one or more external databases. Systems for controlling access to medical records, contemporaneous to the

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<sup>32</sup> See also Martin Abrahams, *Document Theft - IRM as a Last Line of Defense*, ORACLE IRM, THE OFFICIAL BLOG, August 1, 2011, <https://blogs.oracle.com/irm/> ("The relevance of IRM is clear. . . . In a cloudy world, where perimeters are of diminishing relevance, you need to apply controls to the assets themselves.").

<sup>33</sup> Jacqui Cheng, *iTunes Through The Ages: We Look Back At 12 Years Of iTunes Releases*, ARS TECHNICA, May 23, 2012, <http://arstechnica.com/apple/2012/11/itunes-through-the-ages/>.

IRI patents had significant limitations that the IRI patents address.<sup>34</sup> These systems included: (1) Anonymizing Records. A method used in contemporaneous systems to the IRI patents is the maintenance of anonymous medical records. However, anonymizing techniques did not provide patients and medical professionals the ability to access patient specific records. (2) Indexing. Systems contemporaneous to the IRI patents indexed medical records with anonymous identification codes.<sup>35</sup> While these systems preserved privacy, these systems made locating a database record other than by patient identifier, or its accession identifier, difficult. (3) Proxy Systems. Other contemporaneous systems used a proxy server to protect user privacy. However, systems using an Internet proxy resulted in a loss of rights and did not act in a representative capacity for the content owner, and did not integrate content management functions.

109. In addition, access to these early medical records systems was limited to authorized individuals who were on-site, as these systems provided little-to-no connectivity to anyone outside of the organization or to the Internet generally. Because access was restricted to on-site users on a local network using stationary terminals in designated areas, there was very little emphasis placed on data security.

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<sup>34</sup> See Reid Cushman, *Serious Technology Assessment for Health Care Information Technology*, J. AM. MED. INFORM. ASSOC. 4: 259-265 (1997) (This article is cited on the face of the IRI patents and finds “Data protection practices in the typical late twentieth-century organization are not very good, even in putatively “secure” institutions. . . The forthcoming study of health care security by the National Academy of Sciences, to be released in February 1997, is expected to reach a similar conclusion. The widespread deficits in security are hardly a secret; they are common fodder among information systems professionals.”); see also Bhavani Thuraisingham, *Data and Applications Security: Developments and Directions* at 2, PROCEEDINGS IEEE COMPSAC (2002) (Discussing issues with electronic medical records “There are numerous security issues for such systems including secure information sharing and collaboration. Furthermore, data is no longer only in structured databases. . . . Security for such data has not received much attention.”).

<sup>35</sup> See also Murat Kantarcioglu and Chris Clifton, *Security Issues in Querying Encrypted Data* at 2, TECHNICAL REPORT CSD TR 04-013, Purdue University Computer Sciences Department (2004) (“methods that quantize or “bin” values reveal data distributions. Methods that hide distribution, but preserve order, can also disclose information if used naively”).

110. In sharp contrast to the flexible, modular, and tightly integrated multi-layer security and access control framework disclosed and claimed in the IRI patents, systems such as Epic System Corporation's CareWeb<sup>36</sup> had significant limitations, including: inability to effectively control access on a record-by-record basis within respective external databases, as claimed in several IRI patents; inability to distinguish between records within an external or backend database, the databases accessed through CareWeb were basically opaque to the "CareWeb" system; and CareWeb's fixed structure was expressly limited to a particular, monolithic front-end architecture for secure implementation.

111. At the time the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents were conceived, the medical community showed little sign of implementing a system for controlling access to medical records that were stored in external databases. Further, computer networks presented new challenges and unique problems that the IRI patents addressed.

As health care moves from paper to electronic data collection, providing easier access and dissemination of health information, the development of guiding privacy, confidentiality, and security principles is necessary to help balance the protection of patients' privacy interests against appropriate information access. . . . It is imperative that all participants in our health care system work actively toward a viable resolution of this information privacy debate.

Suzy Buckovich, Helga Rippen, and Michael Rozen, *Driving Toward Guiding Principles: A Goal for Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security of Health Information*, J. AM. MED. INFORM. ASSOC. 6 (1999).

112. The need for a secure system for providing access to medical records was specifically required in the cloud computing context where medical records were stored in one or more external databases.

The healthcare industry is in a major period of transformation and IT modernization. More than ever, healthcare providers and professionals are faced with the need to be more efficient, reduce costs and collaborate seamlessly as virtual teams to deliver higher quality care for more people at a lower cost point. Healthcare organizations are increasingly looking to cloud technologies to help

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<sup>36</sup> John D. Halamka, Peter Szolovits, David Rind, and Charles Safran, *A WWW Implementation of National Recommendations for Protecting Electronic Health Information*, J. AM. MED. INFORM. ASSOC. 4: 458-464 (1997) (The limitations of the CareWeb system are discussed in depth in the specification of the IRI patents.).

them meet these goals. However, a natural concern with using cloud technology is keeping sensitive health information private and secure.

Hemant Pathak, DATA PRIVACY AND COMPLIANCE IN THE CLOUD IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY (December 2013), <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/health/blogs/data-privacy-and-compliance-in-the-cloud-is-essential-for-the-healthcare-industry/default.aspx>.

113. On information and belief, contemporaneous to, and following conception of the inventions disclosed in the IRI patents, Texas educational institutions, Texas governmental entities, and businesses headquartered in Texas actively entered the field of electronically structuring and controlling access to protected health data stored in a plurality of external databases. In 2006, Texas Gov. Rick Perry called for widespread adoption of health information technology (“HIT”).<sup>37</sup> Governor Perry signed Senate Bill 45, which created the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) within the Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council in the Department of State Health Services.<sup>38</sup> In addition, various universities studied and implemented systems for securely managing access to distributed medical records.<sup>39</sup>

114. Texas based companies incorporated systems and methods for electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases into numerous products. Many of these same companies cite the IRI patents in their own patents. Texas based businesses that developed products and/or technologies incorporating these systems included: HP Enterprise Services, LLC of Plano, Texas; Hospitalists Now, Inc. of Austin, Texas; StandardCall, LLC of Frisco, Texas; Security First Corp whose inventors were based in various locations in Texas; Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. of Plano, Texas; Omnyx LLC whose

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<sup>37</sup> Gov. Rick Perry, *State-of-the-State Speech*; February 6, 2007, available at: <http://governor.state.tx.us/news/speech/5567/>.

<sup>38</sup> Texas Senate Bill 45, Texas 79<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session (25 TAC §§571.11-571.13); *see also* Texas Executive Order RP-61, *Relating to the Creation, Composition, and Operation of the Governor's Health System Integrity Partnership for the State of Texas* (October 9, 2006) (The Partnership was directed to develop a method for secure exchange of electronic health information.).

<sup>39</sup> *See* David E. Gerber et al., Predictors and Intensity of Online Access to Electronic Medical Records Among Patients with Cancer, *J Oncol Pract.* Vol. 10(5) (Sept. 2014) (studying electronic medical record infrastructure implementations at and Texas hospitals).

inventors included individuals based in Texas; Electronic Data Systems Corporation of Plano, Texas; and South Texas Accelerated Research Therapeutics, LLC of San Antonio, Texas.

**1. U.S. Patent No. 8,498,941**

115. U.S. Patent No. 8,498,941 (the “941 patent”) entitled, Information Record Infrastructure, System and Method, was filed on July 22, 2009, and claims priority to July 6, 2000. St. Luke is the owner by assignment of the ‘941 patent. A true and correct copy of the ‘941 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The ‘941 patent claims specific methods and systems for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer where each record has associated access rules.

116. The ‘941 patent has been cited by fifteen United States patents and published patent applications as relevant prior art. Specifically, patents issued to the following companies have cited the ‘941 patent as relevant prior art.

- Red Hat, Inc.
- Intuit, Inc.
- Microsoft Corporation
- Silver Spring Networks, Inc.
- Royal Canadian Mint
- Extendabrain Corporation

117. The ‘941 patent claims a technical solution to a problem unique to computer networks – controlling access to a plurality of records provided within a plurality of automated electronic databases, each record having an associated set of access rules.

118. At the time of the inventions claimed in the ‘941 patent, electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases presented new and unique issues over the state of the art. As explained in the ‘941 patent: “The present invention therefore seeks to provide a comprehensive set of technologies to address the full scope of issues presented in implementing a secure and versatile information content infrastructure that respects the rights of content owners and users to privileges, such as confidentiality.” ‘941 patent, col. 53:35-39.

119. Although the systems and methods taught in the '941 patent have been adopted by leading businesses today, at the time of invention, the technologies taught in the '941 patent claims were innovative and novel. "Existing systems do not create a trust infrastructure, wherein an independent third party represents and serves as an agent for the content owner, implementing a set of restrictive rules for use of content . . . Thus, existing intermediaries do not act in a representative capacity for the content owner, and do not integrate content management functions." '941 patent, col. 5:17-20.

120. Further, the '941 patent claims improve upon the functioning of a computer system by allowing encrypted electronic data to be securely transmitted through an intermediary. This improves the security of the computer system and allows it to be more efficient. "[B]y consolidating a plurality of institutions [referring to digital records stored in external databases], uniformity, interoperability, cost reductions, and improved security result." '941 patent, col. 66:21-23.

121. The '941 patent claims are not directed to a "method of organizing human activity," "fundamental economic practice long prevalent in our system of commerce," or "a building block of the modern economy." Instead, they are limited to a concretely circumscribed set of methods and systems that provide a conduit for the authorized transmission of digital records, while maintaining the security of the records against unauthorized access.

122. The '941 patent claims are not directed at the broad concept/idea of "managing digital records." Instead, the '941 patent claims are limited to a concretely circumscribed set of methods and systems for authorizing and transmitting secure digital records. These methods and systems are technologies unique to the Internet age.

123. The '941 patent claims are directed toward a solution rooted in computer technology and use technology unique to computers and computer networking to overcome a problem specifically arising in the realm of secure distributed computing. For example, one or more claims of the '941 patent require the generation of an information polymer - a procedure

that overrides the routine and conventional sequence of events in electronic communications, even encrypted electronic communications.

124. The '941 patent is directed to specific problems in the field of digital record access and transmission.

125. The preemptive effect of the claims of the '941 patent are concretely circumscribed by specific limitations. For example, claim 1 of the '941 patent requires:

A method for controlling access to a plurality of records provided within a plurality of automated electronic databases, each record having an associated set of access rules, comprising:

receiving a request from a requestor, the requestor having at least one attribute;

searching the plurality of automated electronic databases to find records in dependence on the request and on connections between respective records;

applying a set of access rules associated with each found record by at least one automated processor, to produce a set of accessible records;

linking the set of accessible records into an information polymer using a server device;

applying at least one compensation rule by at least one automated processor, dependent on the at least one attribute of the requestor;

logging at least the request for access by at least one automated processor; and

communicating the information polymer to the requestor.

126. The '941 patent does not attempt to preempt every application of the idea of controlling access to a digital record over a computer network where the digital records are within a plurality of automated electronic databases.

127. The '941 patent does not preempt the field of electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases. For example, the '941 patent includes inventive elements—embodied in specific claim limitations—that concretely circumscribe the patented invention and greatly limit its breadth. These inventive elements are

not necessary or obvious tools for achieving secure third-party communications, and they ensure that the claims do not preempt other techniques for secure communications.

128. For example, the '941 patent describes numerous techniques for electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases. The techniques inform the invention's development but do not, standing alone, fall within the scope of its claims:

- Rights-Based Access to Database Records. U.S. Pat. No. 5,325,294 to Keene, relates to a system that receives and stores the individual's medical information, after the individual is tested to establish this information and the date on which such information was most recently obtained
- Role-Based Access. U.S. Pat. No. 6,023,765 to Kuhn, relates to a role-based access control in multi-level secure systems.
- Security Tokens. U.S. Patent No. 5,978,918 to Scholnick, discloses a back-end process returns a time sensitive token that the "sender" sends to the "receiver." The "receiver" takes the time sensitive token and uses it to retrieve the private data.<sup>40</sup>
- Secure Networks. U.S. Pat. No. 5,579,393 to Conner, relates to a system and method for secure digital records, comprising a provider system and a payer system.
- Cryptographic Technology. U.S. Pat. No. 5,956,408 to Arnold, relates to an apparatus and method for secure distribution of data. Data, including program and software updates, is encrypted by a public key encryption system using the private key of the data sender.
- Watermarking. U.S. Pat. No. 5,699,427 to Chow, relates to a method to deter document and intellectual property piracy through individualization, and a system for identifying the authorized receiver of any particular copy of a document.
- Computer System Security. U.S. Pat. No. 5,881,225 to Worth, relates to a security monitor for controlling functional access to a computer system. A security monitor controls security functions for a computer system. A user desiring access to the system

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<sup>40</sup> See also Arindam Khaled et. al, *A Token-based Access Control System for RDF Data in the Clouds* at 104, in PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2ND IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLOUD COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE (2010) (discussing the use of a "token-based access control system . . . implemented in Hadoop (an open source cloud computing framework)").



inputs a user identification and password combination, and a role the user to assume is selected from among one or more roles defined in the system.

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- Biometric Authentication. U.S. Pat. No. 5,193,855 to Shamos relates to a patient and healthcare provider identification system which includes a database of patient and healthcare provider information including the identity of each patient and provider and some identification criteria (such as fingerprint data).<sup>41</sup>

129. The '941 patent does not claim, or attempt to preempt, the performance of an abstract business practice on the Internet or using a conventional computer.

130. The claimed subject matter of the '941 patent is not a pre-existing but undiscovered algorithm.

131. The '941 patent claims require the use of a computer system.

132. The '941 patent claims systems and methods not merely for transferring secure information over a computer network, but for making the computer network itself more secure.

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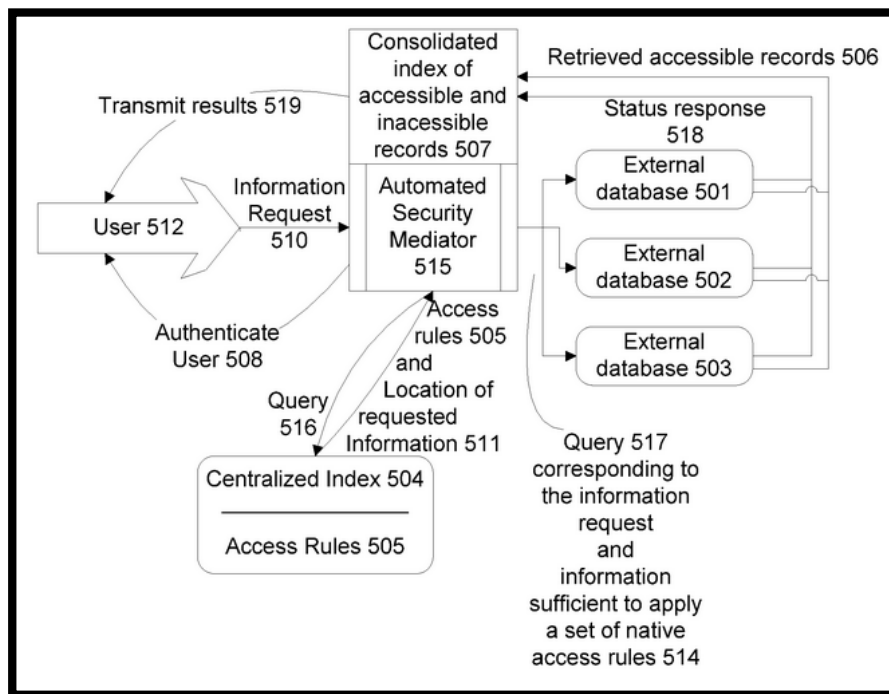
<sup>41</sup> Nary Subramanian, *Biometric Authentication*, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRYPTOGRAPHY AND SECURITY (S. Jajodia and H.C.A. van Tilborg 2nd ed. 2011) (“Biometric authentication is a technique for identifying the person accessing a secured asset . . . by comparing their unique biological features . . . [an] issue with biometric authentication is privacy of personal data.”).

133. The claimed invention in the '941 claims is rooted in computer technology and overcomes problems specifically arising in the realm of computer networks.

134. The systems and methods claimed in the '941 patent were not a longstanding or fundamental economic practice at the time of patented inventions. Nor were they fundamental principles in ubiquitous use on the Internet or computers in general.

135. The asserted claims do not involve a method of doing business that happens to be implemented on a computer; instead, they involve a method for changing digital records in a way that will affect the communication system itself, by making it more secure.

136. One or more claims of the '941 patent require a specific configuration of electronic devices, a network configuration, and the use of encryption systems to secure communications and manage access to secure digital records. These are meaningful limitations that tie the claimed methods and systems to specific machines. For example, the below diagram from the '941 patent illustrates a specific configuration of hardware disclosed in the patent.



'941 patent, Fig. 6.

**2. U.S. Patent No. 8,380,630**

137. U.S. Patent No. 8,380,630 (the “’630 patent”) entitled, Information Record Infrastructure, System and Method, was filed on May 29, 2010, and claims priority to July 6, 2000. St. Luke is the owner by assignment of the ‘630 patent. A true and correct copy of the ‘630 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit C. The ‘630 patent claims specific methods and systems for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer, using a security mediator, where each record has associated access rules.

138. The ‘630 patent has been cited by fifteen United States patents and published patent applications as relevant prior art. Specifically, patents issued to the following companies have cited the ‘630 patent as relevant prior art.

- Informatica Corporation
- Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (“ETRI”)
- J.D. Power and Associates
- CA, Inc.
- Microsoft Corporation

139. The ‘630 patent claims a technical solution to a problem unique to computer networks – controlling access to a plurality of records provided within a plurality of automated electronic databases, each record having an associated set of access rules.

140. At the time of the inventions claimed in the ‘630 patent, electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases presented new and unique issues over the state of the art. As explained in the ‘630 patent: “The present invention therefore seeks to provide a comprehensive set of technologies to address the full scope of issues presented in implementing a secure and versatile information content infrastructure that respects the rights of content owners and users to privileges, such as confidentiality.” ‘630 patent, col. 53:45-49.

141. Although the systems and methods taught in the ‘630 patent have been adopted by leading businesses today, at the time of invention, the technologies taught in the ‘630 patent claims were innovative and novel. “Existing systems do not create a trust infrastructure, wherein an independent third party represents and serves as an agent for the content owner, implementing

a set of restrictive rules for use of content . . . Thus, existing intermediaries do not act in a representative capacity for the content owner, and do not integrate content management functions.” ‘630 patent, col. 5:11-23.

142. Further, the ’630 patent claims improve upon the functioning of a computer system by allowing encrypted electronic data to be securely transmitted through an intermediary. This improves the security of the computer system and allows it to be more efficient. “[B]y consolidating a plurality of institutions [referring to digital records stored in external databases], uniformity, interoperability, cost reductions, and improved security result.” ‘630 patent, col. 66:33-35.

143. The ‘630 patent claims require an automated security mediator (“ASM”).

144. The ‘630 patent claims require the ASM query the automated centralized index (“ACI”) to locate the record information within a plurality of external databases.

145. The ‘630 patent claims require that the ASM generate an index of accessible location record information that is available in a plurality of externally databases.

146. The ‘630 patent claims are not directed to a “method of organizing human activity,” “fundamental economic practice long prevalent in our system of commerce,” or “a building block of the modern economy.” Instead, they are limited to a concretely circumscribed set of methods and systems that provide a conduit for the authorized transmission of digital records, while maintaining the security of the records against unauthorized access.

147. The ’630 patent claims are not directed at the broad concept/idea of “managing digital records.” Instead, the ‘630 patent claims are limited to a concretely circumscribed set of methods and systems for authorizing and transmitting secure digital records. These methods and systems are technologies unique to the Internet age.

148. The ‘630 patent claims are directed toward a solution rooted in computer technology and use technology unique to computers and computer networking to overcome a problem specifically arising in the realm of secure distributed computing. For example, one or more claims of the ’630 patent require an ASM, require the generation of an Automated

Centralized Index (“ACI”), require applying the access rules associated with the located requested information (“LRI”), require the ASM query the ACI to locate the record information within the plurality of external databases, and require that the ASM generate an index of LRI accessible in a plurality of external databases - a procedure that overrides the routine and conventional sequence of events in electronic communications.

149. The ‘630 patent is directed to specific problems in the field of digital record access and transmission.

150. The preemptive effect of the claims of the ‘630 patent are concretely circumscribed by specific limitations. For example, claim 1 of the ‘630 patent requires:

A method for security mediation, comprising:

receiving an information request for information stored within a plurality of external databases (“POEDs”) from a user, wherein the information request is received by an automated security mediator (“ASM”) which is neither an owner nor custodian of the requested information;

authenticating the user;

querying an automated centralized index (“ACI”), maintained by the ASM to locate the requested information within the POEDs, wherein the ACI includes a location and a set of access rules for each entry;

applying the access rules associated with the located requested information (“LRI”);

automatically communicating from the ASM to each of the POEDs storing the LRI: a query corresponding to the information request, and information sufficient to apply a set of native access rules of the respective POEDs storing the LRI to further control access to the LRI;

receiving at least a status response from at least one of the POEDs storing the LRI indicating whether the LRI is accessible or inaccessible;

automatically indexing the accessible and inaccessible LRI; and

at least one of:

retrieving, by the ASM, the accessible LRI from the POEDs storing the LRI and communicating, from the ASM to the user a consolidation of the retrieved accessible LRI; and

communicating, from the ASM to the user a consolidated index of the accessible LRI.

151. The '630 patent does not attempt to preempt every application of the idea of controlling access to a digital record over a computer network where the digital records are within a plurality of automated electronic databases.

152. The '630 patent does not preempt the field of electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases. For example, the '630 patent includes inventive elements—embodied in specific claim limitations—that concretely circumscribe the patented invention and greatly limit its breadth. These inventive elements are not necessary or obvious tools for achieving secure third-party communications, and they ensure that the claims do not preempt other techniques for secure communications.

153. For example, the '630 patent describes numerous techniques for electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases. The techniques inform the invention's development but do not, standing alone, fall within the scope of its claims:

- Rights-Based Access to Database Records. U.S. Pat. No. 5,325,294 to Keene, relates to a system that receives and stores the individual's medical information, after the individual is tested to establish this information and the date on which such information was most recently obtained
- Role-Based Access. U.S. Pat. No. 6,023,765 to Kuhn, relates to a role-based access control in multi-level secure systems.
- Secure Networks. U.S. Pat. No. 5,579,393 to Conner, relates to a system and method for secure digital records, comprising a provider system and a payer system.
- Cryptographic Technology. U.S. Pat. No. 5,956,408 to Arnold, relates to an apparatus and method for secure distribution of data. Data, including program and software updates, is encrypted by a public key encryption system using the private key of the data sender.

- Watermarking. U.S. Pat. No. 5,699,427 to Chow, relates to a method to deter document and intellectual property piracy through individualization, and a system for identifying the authorized receiver of any particular copy of a document.
- Computer System Security. U.S. Pat. No. 5,881,225 to Worth, relates to a security monitor for controlling functional access to a computer system. A security monitor controls security functions for a computer system. A user desiring access to the system inputs a user identification and password combination, and a role the user to assume is selected from among one or more roles defined in the system.
- Computer Security Devices. U.S. Pat. No. 5,982,520 to Weiser, relates to a personal storage device for receipt, storage, and transfer of digital information to other electronic devices has a pocket sized crush resistant casing with a volume of less than about ten cubic centimeters.
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- Virtual Private Network. U.S. Pat. No. 6,079,020 to Liu, relates to a method and an apparatus for managing a virtual private network operating over a public data network. This public data network has been augmented to include a plurality of virtual private network gateways so that communications across the virtual private network are channeled through the virtual private network gateways.
- Biometric Authentication. U.S. Pat. No. 5,193,855 to Shamos relates to a patient and healthcare provider identification system which includes a database of patient and healthcare provider information including the identity of each patient and provider and some identification criteria (such as fingerprint data).

154. The '630 patent does not claim, or attempt to preempt, the performance of an abstract business practice on the Internet or using a conventional computer.

155. The claimed subject matter of the '630 patent is not a pre-existing but undiscovered algorithm.

156. The '630 patent claims require the use of a computer system.

157. The '630 patent claims systems and methods not merely for transferring secure information over a computer network, but for making the computer network itself more secure.

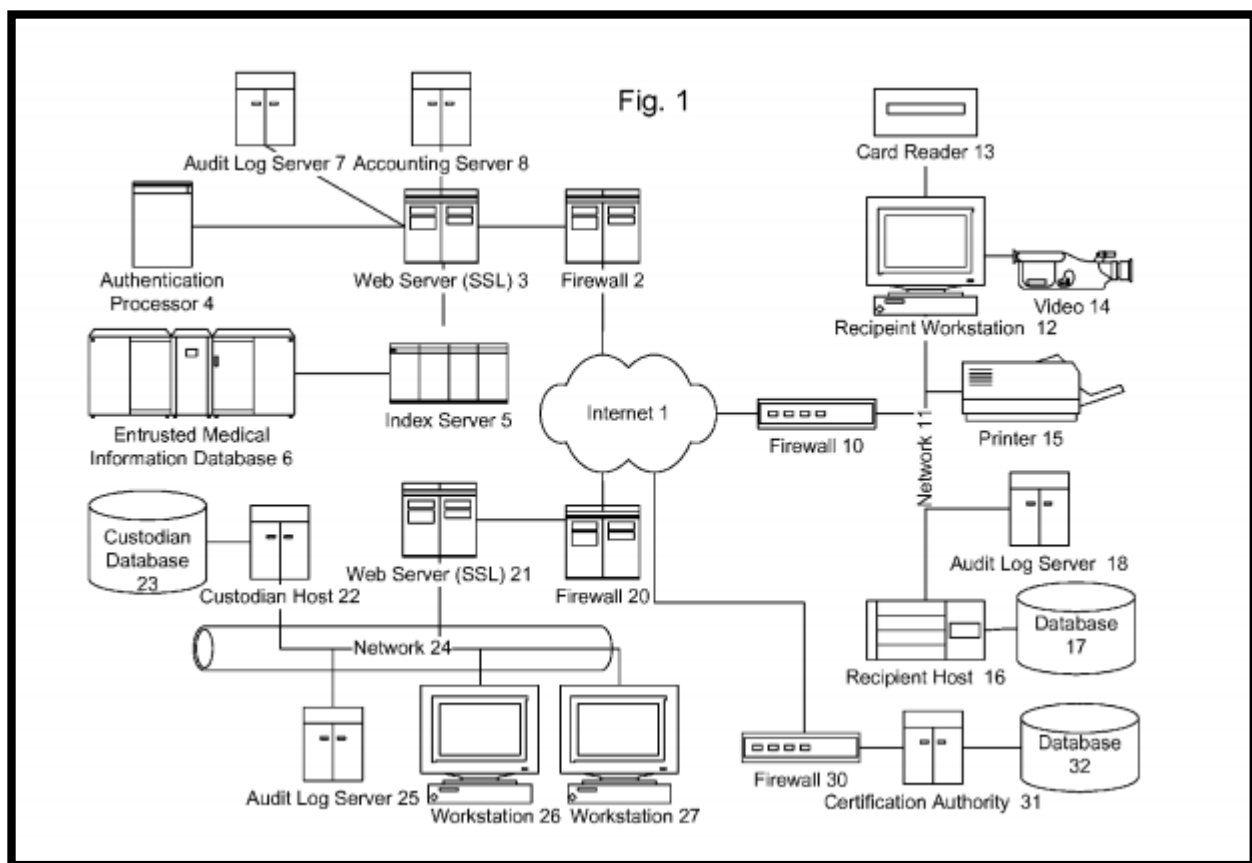
158. The claimed invention in the '630 claims is rooted in computer technology and overcomes problems specifically arising in the realm of computer networks.

159. The systems and methods claimed in the '630 patent were not a longstanding or fundamental economic practice at the time of patented inventions. Nor were they fundamental principles in ubiquitous use on the Internet or computers in general.

160. The asserted claims do not involve a method of doing business that happens to be implemented on a computer; instead, they involve a method for changing digital records in a way that will affect the communication system itself, by making it more secure.

161. One or more claims of the '630 patent require a specific configuration of electronic devices, a network configuration, and the use of encryption systems to secure communications and manage access to secure digital records. These are meaningful limitations that tie the claimed methods and systems to specific machines. For example, the below diagram from the '630 patent illustrates a specific configuration of hardware disclosed in the patent.





‘630 patent, Fig. 1.

### 3. U.S. Patent No. 8,600,895

162. U.S. Patent No. 8,600,895 (the “’895 patent”) entitled, Information Record Infrastructure, System and Method, was filed on February 19, 2013, and claims priority to July 6, 2000. St. Luke is the owner by assignment of the ‘895 patent. A true and correct copy of the ‘895 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit D. The ‘895 patent claims specific methods and systems for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer, using a security mediator, where each record has associated access rules.

163. The ‘895 patent has been cited by five United States patents and published patent applications as relevant prior art.<sup>42</sup> Specifically, patents issued to the following companies have cited the ‘895 patent as relevant prior art.

<sup>42</sup> Although the ‘895 patent has only been cited five times, the patent applications to which the ‘895 patent claims priority have been cited by hundreds of companies. U.S. Patent Application 12/790,818 was cited in 59 issued patents and published patent applications, U.S. Patent

- J.D. Power and Associates
- Fujitsu Limited
- Extendabrain Corporation

164. The '895 patent claims a technical solution to a problem unique to computer networks – controlling access to a plurality of records provided within a plurality of automated electronic databases, each record having an associated set of access rules.

165. At the time of the inventions claimed in the '895 patent, electronically structuring and controlling access to protected data in a plurality of external databases presented new and unique issues over the state of the art. As explained in the '895 patent: “The present invention therefore seeks to provide a comprehensive set of technologies to address the full scope of issues presented in implementing a secure and versatile information content infrastructure that respects the rights of content owners and users to privileges, such as confidentiality.” '895 patent, col. 53:53-57.

166. Although the systems and methods taught in the '895 patent have been adopted by leading businesses today, at the time of invention, the technologies taught in the '895 patent claims were innovative and novel. “Existing systems do not create a trust infrastructure, wherein an independent third party represents and serves as an agent for the content owner, implementing a set of restrictive rules for use of content . . . Thus, existing intermediaries do not act in a representative capacity for the content owner, and do not integrate content management functions.” '895 patent, col. 5:18-30.

167. Further, the '895 patent claims improve upon the functioning of a computer system by allowing encrypted electronic data to be securely transmitted through an intermediary. This improves the security of the computer system and allows it to be more efficient. “[B]y consolidating a plurality of institutions [referring to digital records stored in external databases], uniformity, interoperability, cost reductions, and improved security result.” '895 patent, col. 66:41-44.

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Application 13/770,764 was cited in 61 patents and published patent applications, and U.S. Patent Application 09/899,787 was cited in 1,115 patents and published patent applications.

168. The '895 patent claims require controlling access to a plurality of records stored within a plurality of automated external databases.

169. The '895 patent claims require an automated centralized index ("ACI") that includes, for each record, a (1) location identifier (LI), (2) content identifier (CI), and (3) associated set of access rules (ASAR).

170. The '895 patent claims require logically associating the releasable accessible record ("AR") into a linked set of releasable ARs (LAS) and communicating the LAS to the requestor.

171. The '895 patent claims are not directed to a "method of organizing human activity," "fundamental economic practice long prevalent in our system of commerce," or "a building block of the modern economy." Instead, they are limited to a concretely circumscribed set of methods and systems that provide a conduit for the authorized transmission of digital records, while maintaining the security of the records against unauthorized access.

172. The '895 patent claims are not directed at the broad concept/idea of "managing digital records." Instead, the '895 patent claims are limited to a concretely circumscribed set of methods and systems for authorizing and transmitting secure digital records. These methods and systems are technologies unique to the Internet age.

173. The '895 patent claims are directed toward a solution rooted in computer technology and use technology unique to computers and computer networking to overcome a problem specifically arising in the realm of secure distributed computing. For example, one or more claims of the '895 patent require an ACI, require a content identifier ("CI"), require querying ACI to find entries containing CI, require for each accessible record (AR) communicate to the plurality of external databases information sufficient for the external databases to apply native access rules to determine whether the AR is releasable.

174. The '895 patent is directed to specific problems in the field of digital record access and transmission.

175. The preemptive effect of the claims of the '895 patent are concretely circumscribed by specific limitations. For example, claim 16 of the '895 patent requires:

An apparatus for controlling access to a plurality of records stored within a plurality of automated external databases ("AXES"), comprising:

- an automated centralized index ("ACI"), stored in a memory, configured to store an entry for each record consisting of a location identifier ("LI"), an associated set of access rules ("ASAR"), and a content identifier ("CI");

- an input port configured to receive a request from a requestor for access to one or more records stored in the plurality of AXES, wherein the request specifies a CI with which to query the ACI;

- at least one processor configured to:

- generate a query based on the specified CI ("SCI");

- find entries in the ACI containing the SCI;

- for each found entry, apply the ASAR corresponding to the LI to determine if the record stored in a respective one of the AXES corresponding to the LI is accessible;

- generate a communication, for communication to the respective one of the AXES storing an accessible record ("AR"), wherein the communication contains information sufficient for the respective one of the AXES storing the AR to apply a set of native access rules ("NAR") it maintains to determine if the AR is releasable;

- form a linked set of releasable ARs by logically associating the releasable ARs; and

- generate a communication containing the linked set of releasable ARs; and

- at least one communications port configured to communicate:

- the generated communication to the respective one of the AXES storing the ARs; and

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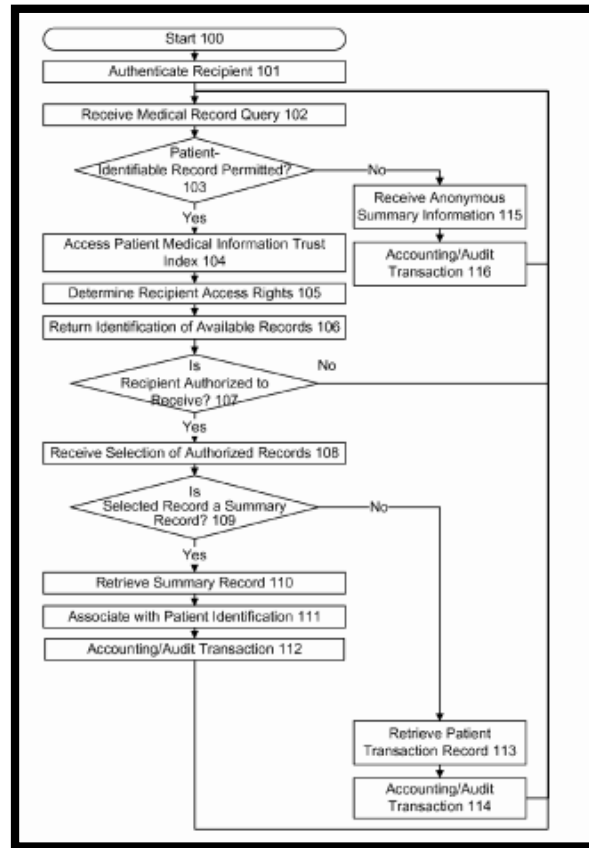
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186. One or more claims of the '895 patent require a specific configuration of electronic devices, a network configuration, and the use of access rules to secure communications and manage access to secure digital records. These are meaningful limitations that tie the claimed methods and systems to specific machines. For example, the below diagram from the '895 patent illustrates a specific configuration of hardware disclosed in the patent.



'895 patent, Fig. 4.

**D. The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (the "HITECH Act").**

187. Recent legislation and newly-issued regulations require vendors of electronic health record ("EHR")<sup>43</sup> systems to implement technology to protect patients' privacy and

<sup>43</sup> EHR systems are sometimes referred to as electronic medical record ("EMR") systems. Although the terms "EHR" and "EMR" are not fully synonymous in all contexts, they are more or less interchangeable as used herein.

preserve the confidentiality of their personal information.

188. The HITECH Act, which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, contains incentives related to health care information technology in general (e.g. creation of a national health care infrastructure) and contains specific incentives designed to accelerate the adoption and meaningful use of electronic health record (“EHR”) systems among providers.<sup>44</sup>

189. As used in the context of the HITECH Act and implementing regulations, “Meaningful Use” means, in essence, that in order for a provider to receive federal reimbursement of health information technology expenditures, the provider must demonstrate that their organization is using certified Electronic Medical Record (EMR) or Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology in ways that measure significantly in quality and in quantity.<sup>45</sup>

190. For example, under the HITECH Act, health care professionals and hospitals may be eligible for incentive payments when they use EHR/EMR technology to meet meaningful use objectives, with the goal of having information follow a patient through transitions of care and interactions with providers, hospitals, payers and Health Information Exchange organizations.

191. The meaningful use requirements are divided into three “Stages”: Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3, respectively.<sup>46</sup>

192. In order to certify that their EMR/EHR products are compliant with Meaningful Use “Stage 2,” the vendor must attest (among other things): (1) that the products at issue are capable of using DIRECT messaging to support transitions of care and transmission of clinical

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<sup>44</sup> See generally, e.g., <https://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/learn-ehr-basics> (last visited Apr. 26, 2016); <https://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/ehr-incentives-certification> (last visited Apr. 25, 2016); <https://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/ehr-privacy-security> (last visited Apr. 26, 2016); <https://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/ehr-incentive-programs> (last visited Apr. 24, 2016).

<sup>45</sup> See generally, e.g., <https://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/ehr-implementation-steps/step-5-achieve-meaningful-use> (last visited Apr. 26, 2016).

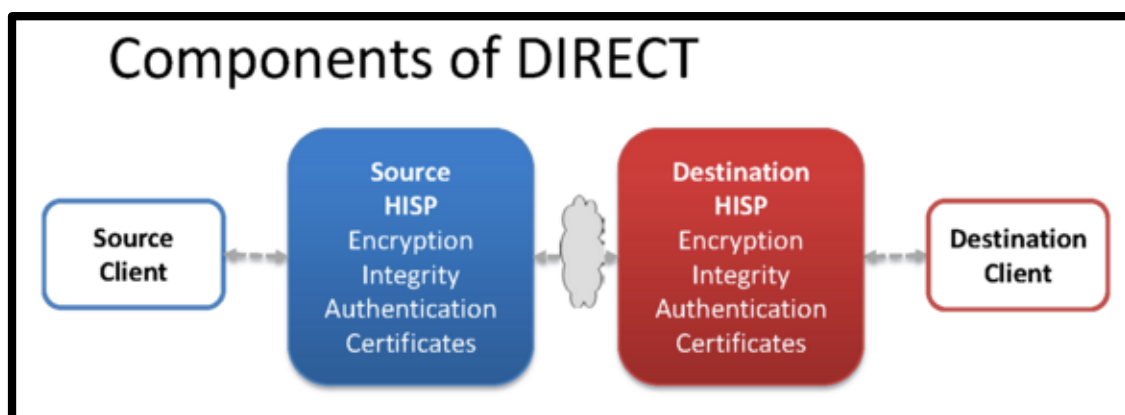
<sup>46</sup> See, e.g., <https://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/how-attain-meaningful-use> (last visited Apr. 26, 2016).



summaries to third parties, and (2) that the vendor has reasonable assurance that the other party actually received the transmission.<sup>47</sup>

193. The DIRECT Project, including DIRECT messaging, is an initiative started in 2010 by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in support of the HITECH Act's Meaningful Use provisions. Direct messaging was created to specify a simple, secure, scalable, standards-based way for participants to send authenticated, encrypted health information directly to known, trusted recipients over the Internet.

194. On information and belief, a high-level representation of the DIRECT messaging protocol is depicted below:



*Direct Project's Use of Healthcare Standards*, COREPOINT HEALTH'S THE INTEGRATION GENERATION BLOG (January 23, 2013), <http://corepointhealth.com/geni/direct-project%E2%80%99s-use-healthcare-standards>

195. A Health Information Services Provider ("HISP") is an entity that manages security and transport for health information exchange among health care entities or individuals using the DIRECT standard for transport.

196. HISP functions can be performed by existing organizations (such as EHR vendors or hospitals) or by standalone organizations specializing in HISP services.

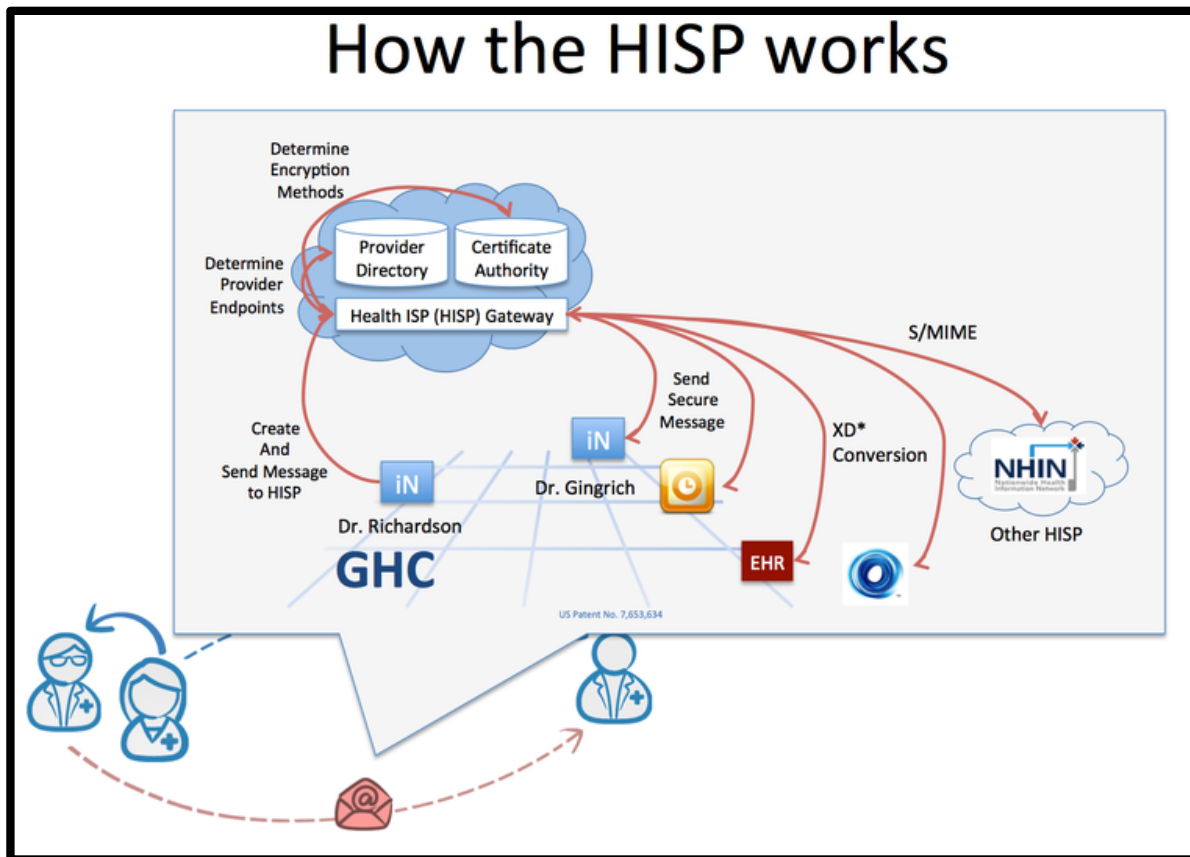
197. HISPs perform two key functions that support scalability of exchange using the DIRECT standard. First, HISPs establish trust networks by defining policies for network

<sup>47</sup> See, e.g., <https://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/step-5-achieve-meaningful-use-stage-2> (last visited Apr. 25, 2016).

participation and issuing security certificates tied to a HISP anchor certificate to enforce such policies. In addition, HISPs issue direct addresses tied to the HISP anchor certificate in accordance with conventions defined by the DIRECT standard.

198. A HISP provides specialized network services that connect one EHR to other EHRs that are using the DIRECT standard for communications. A health care provider must be connected to a HISP in order to send and receive DIRECT messages with other parties.

199. A reasonably detailed, exemplary illustration of a HISP system is provided below:



*Pilot Project Brief – Gorge Health Connect, THE DIRECT PROJECT WIKI (2016), <http://wiki.directproject.org/Pilot+Project+Brief+-+Gorge+Health+Connect>.*

**COUNT I**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,316,237**

200. St. Luke references and incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

201. Athena makes, uses, sells, and/or offers for sale in the United States products and/or services for secure three-party communications.

202. Athena makes, sells, offers to sell, imports, and/or uses the Athenahealth athenaClinicals electronic health record system, including versions 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9, 14.10, 14.11, 14.12; versions 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, and versions 16.1, 16.2, 16.3 (the “athenaClinical Products” or the “Athena ‘237 Products”).

203. On information and belief, the Athena ‘237 Products comprise encryption technology.

204. On information and belief, the Athena ‘237 Products comprise a key management system, which includes a key management server and a key management module on the HISP communication gateway.

205. On information and belief, the Athena ‘237 Products are compliant with applicable Meaningful Use Stage 2 requirements.

206. On information and belief, the Athena ‘237 Products comprise ONC Certified HIT HISP modules that are compliant with certain 2014 Edition ONC certification criteria for Complete EHRs or EHR Modules relating to secure transport, data encryption and integrity, data portability, authentication and access control, and secure auditing. These certification criteria include, for example: 45 CFR §§ 170.314(b)(1), 170.314(b)(2), 170.314(b)(7), 170.314(d)(1), 170.314(d)(2), 170.314(d)(3), 170.314(d)(7), 170.314(d)(8), 170.314(e)(1), and 170.314(e)(3).

207. These certification criteria incorporate by reference a number of technical standards, some of which are identified in 45 CFR §§ 170.202(a)(1), 170.202(a)(2), 170.202(b),

170.202(c), 170.202(d), 170.205(a) *et seq.*, 170.210(a) *et seq.*, 170.210(c) *et seq.*, 170.210(d), and 170.210(e) *et seq.*

208. On information and belief, the Athena ‘237 Products enable sending encrypted information through an intermediary where the intermediary is not able to substantially access the unencrypted message

209. On information and belief, the Athena ‘237 Products are available to businesses and individuals throughout the United States.

210. On information and belief, the Athena ‘237 Products are available to, offered to, and marketed to businesses and individuals located in the Eastern District of Texas.

211. On information and belief, one or more of the Athena ‘237 Products is or has recently been sold to and/or provided to businesses and individuals located in the Eastern District of Texas.

212. On information and belief, one or more of the Athena ‘237 Products comprises a secure distributed information access control system.

213. On information and belief, one or more of the Athena ‘237 Products includes a communication interface (e.g., a HISP communication gateway) configured to communicate with a plurality of independently operating servers—e.g., a plurality of independently operating servers used for the storage of electronic health information.

214. On information and belief, each independently operating server communicates server encrypted information, wherein the server encrypted information is in an encrypted form negotiated between a respective server and an intermediary. For example, in the electronic health information storage use case, each independently operating storage server communicates server encrypted storage information to a HISP-associated key management system, including a key management server and a key management module associated with the HISP communication gateway.

215. On information and belief, the intermediary in one or more of the Athena ‘237 Products includes an automated processor configured to communicate with a network using

network encrypted information, wherein the network encrypted information is in a form negotiated between a network endpoint (e.g., an authenticated user, represented by a distinct client platform) and the intermediary—e.g., the automated key handler of a HISP-associated key management system.

216. On information and belief, one or more of the Athena '237 Products contains an audit database configured to log usage of or by at least one of the plurality of independently operating servers and the activity of the intermediary.

217. On information and belief, the Athena '237 Products enable asymmetric encryption.

218. On information and belief, Athena has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe the '237 patent by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling products and/or services for secure three-party communications, including but not limited to, the Athena '237 Products, which include infringing encryption and access control technologies.

219. By making, using, testing, offering for sale, and/or selling encryption products and services, including but not limited to Athena '237 Products, Athena has injured St. Luke and is liable to St. Luke for directly infringing claim 18 of the '237 patent, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

220. On information and belief, Athena has had knowledge of the '237 patent since at least the date of service of this Complaint or shortly thereafter, and on information and belief, Athena knew of the '237 patent and knew of its infringement, including by way of this lawsuit.

221. On information and belief, Athena intended to induce patent infringement by third-party customers and users of the Athena '237 Products and had knowledge that the inducing acts would cause infringement or was willfully blind to the possibility that its inducing acts would cause infringement. Indeed, Athena intentionally had the Athena '237 Products tested and certified for compliance with certain capabilities corresponding to the limitations of claim 18 of the '237 patent, as described above. Athena then advertised and promulgated this certified compliance to prospective and current customers and/or partners, and instructed and directed

such customers and/or partners to configure, employ, and operate their Athena '237 Products in an infringing manner in compliance with their certified capabilities (e.g., to meet applicable ONC Certified HIT certification criteria).

222. On information and belief, Athena specifically intended and was aware that the normal and customary use of the accused products would infringe the '237 patent. Athena performed the acts that constitute induced infringement, and would induce actual infringement, with the knowledge of the '237 patent and with the knowledge, that the induced acts would constitute infringement. For example, Athena provides the Athena '237 Products, which have the capability of operating in a manner that infringes claim 18 of the '237 patent, and Athena further provides documentation and training materials that cause customers and end users of the Athena '237 Products to utilize the product in a manner that directly infringes claim 18 of the '237 patent. By providing instruction and training to customers and end-users on how to use the Athena '237 Products in a manner that directly infringes claim 18 of the '237 patent, Athena specifically intended to induce infringement of the '237 patent. On information and belief, Athena engaged in such inducement to promote the sales of the Athena '237 Products, e.g., through Athena manuals, product support, marketing materials, blog postings, and training materials to actively induce the users of the Athena '237 Products to infringe the '237 patent. Accordingly, Athena has induced and continues to induce users of the accused products to use the accused products in their ordinary and customary way to infringe the '237 patent, knowing that such use constitutes infringement of the '237 patent.

223. To the extent applicable, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287(a) have been met with respect to the '237 patent.

224. As a result of Athena's infringement of the '237 patent, St. Luke has suffered monetary damages, and seeks recovery in an amount adequate to compensate for Athena's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Athena together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

**COUNT II**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,498,941**

225. St. Luke references and incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

226. Athena makes, uses, sells, and/or offers for sale in the United States products and/or services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer.

227. Athena makes, sells, offers to sell, imports, and/or uses the Athenahealth athenaClinicals electronic health record system, including versions 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9, 14.10, 14.11, 14.12; versions 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, and versions 16.1, 16.2, 16.3 (the “athenaClinical Products” or the “Athena ‘941 Products”).

228. On information and belief, the Athena ‘941 Products include encryption technology.

229. On information and belief, the Athena ‘941 Products comprise a key management system, which includes a key management server and a key management module for the HISP-associated communication gateway.

230. On information and belief, the Athena ‘941 Products are compliant with applicable Meaningful Use Stage 2 requirements.

231. On information and belief, the Athena ‘941 Products are ONC Certified HIT HISP modules that are compliant with certain 2014 Edition ONC certification criteria for Complete EHRs or EHR Modules relating to secure transport, data encryption and integrity, data portability, authentication and access control, and secure auditing. These certification criteria include, for example: 45 CFR §§ 170.314(b)(1), 170.314(b)(2), 170.314(b)(7), 170.314(d)(1), 170.314(d)(2), 170.314(d)(3), 170.314(d)(7), 170.314(d)(8), 170.314(e)(1), and 170.314(e)(3).

232. These certification criteria incorporate by reference a number of technical standards, some of which are identified in 45 CFR §§ 170.202(a)(1), 170.202(a)(2), 170.202(b),

170.202(c), 170.202(d), 170.205(a) *et seq.*, 170.210(a) *et seq.*, 170.210(c) *et seq.*, 170.210(d), and 170.210(e) *et seq.*

233. The Athena '941 Products comprise systems for controlling access to a plurality of records stored within a plurality of automated external databases.

234. The Athena '941 Products enable controlling access to records in a plurality of databases, wherein each record has an associated set of access rules.

235. On information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable receiving a request from a requestor, the requestor having at least one attribute. For example, on information and belief, the Athena '941 Products can receive a request from a requestor (e.g., a health care provider end user), the requestor having at least one attribute (e.g. an identified role).

236. On information and belief, the at least one requestor attribute can be used to implement user-based and/or role-based access policies.

237. On information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable searching the plurality of automated electronic databases to find records relating to an entity corresponding to the request, and records having connections to records corresponding to the request, relating to transactions, relationships or communications between the entity and another entity.

238. On information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable applying a set of access rules (e.g., account-specific, user and/or role-specific, and/or resource-specific access policy rules) for each found record by at least one automated processor, to produce a set of accessible records, at a server device. For example, on information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable, by at least one automated processor, applying a set of access rules for each found record in an automated external database, to produce a set of accessible records at a server device.

239. On information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable applying at least one compensation rule by at least one automated processor, dependent on the at least one attribute of the requestor. For example, on information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable applying at least one compensation rule by at least one automated processor, dependent on the at least one



attribute of the requestor (e.g., by using an attribute of the requestor to determine who and how much to charge for a query).

240. On information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable logging at least the request for access by at least one automated processor. For example, on information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable logging at least the date, time, patient identification, and user identification when electronic health information is created, modified, accessed, or deleted and an indication of who performed each action(s).

241. On information and belief, the Athena '941 Products enable communicating the set of accessible records. For example, the Athena '941 Products communicate the linked set of releasable accessible records to the requestor (e.g., a health care provider end user).

242. On information and belief, the Athena '941 Products are available to businesses and individuals throughout the United States.

243. On information and belief, the Athena '941 Products are available to, offered to, and marketed to businesses and individuals located in the Eastern District of Texas.

244. On information and belief, one or more of the Athena '941 Products is or has recently been sold to and/or provided to businesses and individuals located in the Eastern District of Texas.

245. On information and belief, Athena has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe the '941 patent by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling products and/or services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer, including but not limited to, the Athena '941 Products, which include infringing information record infrastructure technologies.

246. By making, using, testing, offering for sale, and/or selling products and services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer, including but not limited to the Athena '941 Products, Athena has injured St. Luke and is liable to St. Luke for directly infringing one or more claims of the '941 patent, including at least claim 8, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

247. On information and belief, Athena also indirectly infringes the '941 patent by actively inducing infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), at least as of the date of service of this Complaint or shortly thereafter. Athena knew of the '941 patent and knew of its infringement, including by way of this lawsuit.

248. On information and belief, Athena intended to induce patent infringement by third-party customers and users of the Athena '941 Products and had knowledge that the inducing acts would cause infringement or was willfully blind to the possibility that its inducing acts would cause infringement. Indeed, Athena intentionally had the Athena '941 Products tested and certified for compliance with certain capabilities corresponding to the limitations of one or more claims of the '941 patent (e.g., claim 8), as described above. Athena then advertised and promulgated this certified compliance to prospective and current customers and/or partners, and instructed and directed such customers and/or partners to configure, employ, and operate their Athena '941 Products in an infringing manner in compliance with their certified capabilities (e.g., to meet applicable ONC Certified HIT certification criteria).

249. On information and belief, Athena specifically intended and was aware that the normal and customary use of the accused products would infringe the '941 patent. Athena performed the acts that constitute induced infringement, and would induce actual infringement, with the knowledge of the '941 patent and with the knowledge, that the induced acts would constitute infringement. For example, Athena provides the Athena '941 Products that have the capability of operating in a manner that infringe one or more of the claims of the '941 patent, including at least claim 8, and Athena further provides documentation and training materials that cause customers and end users of the Athena '941 Products to utilize the products in a manner that directly infringe one or more claims of the '941 patent. By providing instruction and training to customers and end-users on how to use the Athena '941 Products in a manner that directly infringes one or more claims of the '941 patent, including at least claim 8, Athena specifically intended to induce infringement of the '941 patent. On information and belief, Athena engaged in such inducement to promote the sales of the Athena '941 Products, e.g.,

through Athena's user manuals, product support, marketing materials, and training materials to actively induce the users of the accused products to infringe the '941 patent. Accordingly, Athena has induced and continues to induce users of the accused products to use the accused products in their ordinary and customary way to infringe the '941 patent, knowing that such use constitutes infringement of the '941 patent.

250. To the extent applicable, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287(a) have been met with respect to the '941 patent.

251. As a result of Athena's infringement of the '941 patent, St. Luke has suffered monetary damages, and seeks recovery in an amount adequate to compensate for Athena's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Athena together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

**COUNT III**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,380,630**

252. St. Luke references and incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

253. Athena makes, uses, sells, and/or offers for sale in the United States products and/or services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer.

254. Athena makes, sells, offers to sell, imports, and/or uses the Athenahealth athenaClinicals electronic health record system, including versions 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9, 14.10, 14.11, 14.12; versions 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, and versions 16.1, 16.2, 16.3 (the "athenaClinical Products" or the "Athena '630 Products").

255. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products include encryption technology.

256. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products comprise a key management system, which includes a key management server and a key management module for the HISP-associated communication gateway.

257. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products are compliant with applicable Meaningful Use Stage 2 requirements.

258. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products are ONC Certified HIT HISP modules that are compliant with certain 2014 Edition ONC certification criteria for Complete EHRs or EHR Modules relating to secure transport, data encryption and integrity, data portability, authentication and access control, and secure auditing. These certification criteria include, for example: 45 CFR §§ 170.314(b)(1), 170.314(b)(2), 170.314(b)(7), 170.314(d)(1), 170.314(d)(2), 170.314(d)(3), 170.314(d)(7), 170.314(d)(8), 170.314(e)(1), and 170.314(e)(3).

259. These certification criteria incorporate by reference a number of technical standards, some of which are identified in 45 CFR §§ 170.202(a)(1), 170.202(a)(2), 170.202(b), 170.202(c), 170.202(d), 170.205(a) *et seq.*, 170.210(a) *et seq.*, 170.210(c) *et seq.*, 170.210(d), and 170.210(e) *et seq.*

260. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products enable receiving an information request for information stored in a plurality of external databases.

261. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products comprise a security mediator that can receive a request for information from a user, locate requested information, apply a series of access rules, and communicate requested information or a link thereto back to the user.

262. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products enable authenticating a user.<sup>48</sup>

263. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products enable receiving an information request for information stored on a plurality of external databases (e.g., electronic health data stored in the cloud).

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<sup>48</sup> See, e.g., 45 CFR § 170.314(d)(1) – "Authentication, access control, and authorization."

264. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products comprise an input port configured to receive a request for information stored in a plurality of external databases from a client (e.g., an authenticated health care provider end user).

265. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products comprise an automated centralized index, stored in a memory, configured to store location information and associated access rules for information stored in external databases.

266. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products comprise one or more processors, configured to: locate requested information; generate a query corresponding to the request; apply the access rules stored in the automated central index ("ACI") to restrict access to the located requested information ("LRI").

267. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products enable generating instructions to each of the external databases storing the LRI to apply native access rules ("NARs") of the respective external databases to further restrict access to the LRI and consolidate the requested information retrieved from the external databases storing the LRI.

268. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products include robust logging and audit trail functionality. For example, on information and belief, the Athena '630 Products enable logging at least the date, time, patient identification, and user identification must when electronic health information is created, modified, accessed, or deleted and an indication of who performed each action(s).

269. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products are available to businesses and individuals throughout the United States.

270. On information and belief, the Athena '630 Products are available to, offered to, and marketed to businesses and individuals located in the Eastern District of Texas.

271. On information and belief, one or more of the Athena '630 Products is or has recently been sold to and/or provided to businesses and individuals located in the Eastern District of Texas.

272. On information and belief, Athena has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe the '630 patent by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling products and/or services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer, including but not limited to, the Athena '630 Products, which include infringing information records infrastructure technologies.

273. By making, using, testing, offering for sale, and/or selling products and services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer, including but not limited to the Athena '630 Products, Athena has injured St. Luke and is liable to St. Luke for directly infringing one or more claims of the '630 patent, including at least claim 16 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

274. On information and belief, Athena also indirectly infringes the '630 patent by actively inducing infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), at least as of the date of service of this Complaint.

275. On information and belief, Athena has had knowledge of the '630 patent since at least service of this Complaint or shortly thereafter, and on information and belief, Athena knew of the '630 patent and knew of its infringement, including by way of this lawsuit.

276. On information and belief, Athena intended to induce patent infringement by third-party customers and users of the Athena '630 Products and had knowledge that the inducing acts would cause infringement or was willfully blind to the possibility that its inducing acts would cause infringement. Indeed, Athena intentionally had the Athena '630 Products tested and certified for compliance with certain capabilities corresponding to the limitations of one or more claims of the '630 patent (e.g., claim 16), as described above. Athena then advertised and promulgated this certified compliance to prospective and current customers and/or partners, and instructed and directed such customers and/or partners to configure, employ, and operate their Athena '630 Products in an infringing manner in compliance with their certified capabilities (e.g., to meet applicable ONC Certified HIT certification criteria).

277. On information and belief, Athena specifically intended and was aware that the normal and customary use of the accused products would infringe the '630 patent. Athena performed the acts that constitute induced infringement, and would induce actual infringement, with the knowledge of the '630 patent and with the knowledge, that the induced acts would constitute infringement. For example, Athena provides the Athena '630 Products that have the capability of operating in a manner that infringe one or more of the claims of the '630 patent, including at least claim 16, and Athena further provides documentation and training materials that cause customers and end users of the Athena '630 Products to utilize the products in a manner that directly infringe one or more claims of the '630 patent. By providing instruction and training to customers and end-users on how to use the Athena '630 Products in a manner that directly infringes one or more claims of the '630 patent, including at least claim 16, Athena specifically intended to induce infringement of the '630 patent. On information and belief, Athena engaged in such inducement to promote the sales of the Athena '630 Products, *e.g.*, through Athena's user manuals, product support, marketing materials, and training materials to actively induce the users of the accused products to infringe the '630 patent. Accordingly, Athena has induced and continues to induce users of the accused products to use the accused products in their ordinary and customary way to infringe the '630 patent, knowing that such use constitutes infringement of the '630 patent.

278. To the extent applicable, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287(a) have been met with respect to the '630 patent.

279. As a result of Athena's infringement of the '630 patent, St. Luke has suffered monetary damages, and seeks recovery in an amount adequate to compensate for Athena's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Athena together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

**COUNT IV**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,600,895**

280. St. Luke references and incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

281. Athena makes, uses, sells, and/or offers for sale in the United States products and/or services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer.

282. Athena makes, sells, offers to sell, imports, and/or uses the Athenahealth athenaClinicals electronic health record system, including versions 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9, 14.10, 14.11, 14.12; versions 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, and versions 16.1, 16.2, 16.3 (the “athenaClinical Products” or the “Athena ‘895 Products”).

283. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products include encryption technology.

284. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products comprise a key management system, which includes a key management server and a key management module for the HISP-associated communication gateway.

285. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products are compliant with applicable Meaningful Use Stage 2 requirements.

286. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products are ONC Certified HISP modules that are compliant with certain 2014 Edition ONC certification criteria for Complete EHRs or EHR Modules relating to secure transport, data encryption and integrity, data portability, authentication and access control, and secure auditing. These certification criteria include, for example: 45 CFR §§ 170.314(b)(1), 170.314(b)(2), 170.314(b)(7), 170.314(d)(1), 170.314(d)(2), 170.314(d)(3), 170.314(d)(7), 170.314(d)(8), 170.314(e)(1), and 170.314(e)(3).

287. These certification criteria incorporate by reference a number of technical standards, some of which are identified in 45 CFR §§ 170.202(a)(1), 170.202(a)(2), 170.202(b),



170.202(c), 170.202(d), 170.205(a) *et seq.*, 170.210(a) *et seq.*, 170.210(c) *et seq.*, 170.210(d), and 170.210(e) *et seq.*

288. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products include systems for controlling access to a plurality of records stored within a plurality of automated external databases.

289. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products enable controlling access to a plurality of records within a plurality of automated external databases (e.g., documents and application data stored in and/or hosted by a plurality of structured or unstructured cloud data stores, each external to a centralized Athena-associated authentication and access control index).

290. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products comprise an automated centralized index (e.g., an automated, centralized authentication and access control index), stored in memory, configured to store an entry for each record, each record having an associated set of access rules (e.g., an associated set of data store specific native access rules), a location identifier (e.g., an URI for the record and/or its data store), and a content identifier (e.g., content metadata for a respective record).

291. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products comprise an input port configured to receive a request from a requestor for access to one or more records stored in the plurality of automated external databases, wherein the request specifies a content identifier with which to query the automated centralized index.

292. On information and belief, the request is communicated from a requestor (e.g., an authenticated health care provider end user or an authenticated native or web application) and contains a specific content identifier (“SCI”) (e.g., human-readable and/or machine-encoded content identification metadata relating to the specified information content).

293. On information and belief, the Athena ‘895 Products enable authenticating a requestor by cryptographically verifying authentication credentials received in and/or with the request (e.g., authentication header credentials in an html request).

294. On information and belief, the Athena '895 Products comprise at least one processor configured to generate a query based on the specified content identifier, locate entries in the automated index containing the specified content identifier (e.g., application data relating to a specified user, group, organization, and/or subject), and apply an associated set of access rules corresponding to the location identifier to determine if the record stored in a respective automated external database of the plurality of automated external databases corresponding to the location identifier is accessible.

295. For example, for each found query (e.g., entry in the centralized Athena authentication and authorization index corresponding to the request SCI), the Athena '895 Products applies the associated set of access rules (e.g., role-based access rules) corresponding to the location identifier (e.g., URI for the automated centralized index entry and/or its data store) to determine if the record (e.g., an electronic health record) stored in a respective automated external database (e.g., individual cloud-based structured or unstructured data store) of the plurality of automated external databases corresponding to the location identifier is accessible given the authenticated request context (e.g., user id, role, time, client hardware and/or software, etc.).

296. On information and belief, the Athena '895 Products comprise at least one processor configured to communicate from the centralized automated security processor to the automated external database storing the accessible record information sufficient to determine whether the record is releasable by the automated external database by applying a set of native access rules maintained by the automated external database. For example, for each record (e.g., an electronic health record) determined to be accessible, the Athena '895 Products automatically communicate to the automated external database (e.g. individual cloud-based structured or unstructured data store) information (e.g., content and/or access metadata) in a format compatible with the respective automated external database) sufficient to determine whether the record determined to be accessible is releasable by the automated external database storing the record by applying a set of native access rules maintained by the automated external database

(e.g., record-specific access rules local to the respective structured or unstructured data store, which may be in a standards-compliant or proprietary format).

297. On information and belief, the Athena '895 Products comprise at least one processor configured to logically associate the releasable, accessible records (e.g., electronic health records determined to be releasable to the requestor in view of the authenticated request context) into a linked set of releasable, accessible records (e.g., one or more data objects logically associated with the releasable electronic health records and/or with references to the releasable electronic health records).

298. On information and belief, the Athena '895 Products comprise at least one processor configured to communicate the linked set of releasable, accessible records to the requestor (e.g., an authenticated health care provider end user and/or an authenticated provider-side native or web application).

299. On information and belief, the Athena '895 Products are available to businesses and individuals throughout the United States.

300. On information and belief, the Athena '895 Products are available to, offered to, and marketed to businesses and individuals located in the Eastern District of Texas.

301. On information and belief, one or more of the Athena '895 Products is or has recently been sold to and/or provided to businesses and individuals located in the Eastern District of Texas.

302. On information and belief, Athena has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe the '895 patent by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling products and/or services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer, including but not limited to, the Athena '895 Products, which include infringing information records infrastructure technologies.

303. By making, using, testing, offering for sale, and/or selling products and services for securely controlling access to a plurality of digital records by a remote computer, including but not limited to the Athena '895 Products, Athena has injured St. Luke and is liable to St. Luke

for directly infringing one or more claims of the '895 patent, including at least claim 16, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

304. On information and belief, Athena also indirectly infringes the '895 patent by actively inducing infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), at least as of the date of service of this Complaint.

305. On information and belief, Athena has had knowledge of the '895 patent since at least service of this Complaint or shortly thereafter, and on information and belief, Athena knew of the '895 patent and knew of its infringement, including by way of this lawsuit.

306. On information and belief, Athena intended to induce patent infringement by third-party customers and users of the Athena '895 Products and had knowledge that the inducing acts would cause infringement or was willfully blind to the possibility that its inducing acts would cause infringement. Indeed, Athena intentionally had the Athena '895 Products tested and certified for compliance with certain capabilities corresponding to the limitations of one or more claims of the '895 patent (e.g., claim 16), as described above. Athena then advertised and promulgated this certified compliance to prospective and current customers and/or partners, and instructed and directed such customers and/or partners to configure, employ, and operate their Athena '895 Products in an infringing manner in compliance with their certified capabilities (e.g., to meet applicable ONC Certified HIT certification criteria).

307. On information and belief, Athena specifically intended and was aware that the normal and customary use of the accused products would infringe the '895 patent. Athena performed the acts that constitute induced infringement, and would induce actual infringement, with the knowledge of the '895 patent and with the knowledge, that the induced acts would constitute infringement. For example, Athena provides the Athena '895 Products that have the capability of operating in a manner that infringe one or more of the claims of the '895 patent, including at least claim 16, and Athena further provides documentation and training materials that cause customers and end users of the Athena '895 Products to utilize the products in a manner that directly infringe one or more claims of the '895 patent. By providing instruction

and training to customers and end-users on how to use the Athena '895 Products in a manner that directly infringes one or more claims of the '895 patent, including at least claim 16, Athena specifically intended to induce infringement of the '895 patent. On information and belief, Athena engaged in such inducement to promote the sales of the Athena '895 Products, *e.g.*, through Athena's user manuals, product support, marketing materials, and training materials to actively induce the users of the accused products to infringe the '895 patent. Accordingly, Athena has induced and continues to induce users of the accused products to use the accused products in their ordinary and customary way to infringe the '895 patent, knowing that such use constitutes infringement of the '895 patent.

308. To the extent applicable, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287(a) have been met with respect to the '895 patent.

309. As a result of Athena's infringement of the '895 patent, St. Luke has suffered monetary damages, and seeks recovery in an amount adequate to compensate for Athena's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Athena together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff St. Luke respectfully requests that this Court enter:

- A. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff St. Luke that Athena has infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '237 patent, the '941 patent, the '630 patent, and/or the '895 patent.
- B. An award of damages resulting from Athena's acts of infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- C. A judgment and order requiring Athena to provide accountings and to pay supplemental damages to St. Luke, including, without limitation, prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and
- D. Any and all other relief to which St. Luke may show itself to be entitled.

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, St. Luke requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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