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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 13 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 14 SAN JOSE DIVISION

15 IN RE PERSONALWEB TECHNOLOGIES,  
 16 LLC, ET AL., PATENT LITIGATION

**CASE NO.: 5:18-md-02834-BLF**

**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

19 PERSONALWEB TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, a  
 20 Texas limited liability company, and  
 LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,  
 21 a Delaware limited liability company,

**Case No.: 5:18-cv-05967-BLF**

22 Plaintiffs,

23 v.

24 TRIPADVISOR LLC, a Delaware limited  
 liability company,

25 Defendant.  
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1 Plaintiff PersonalWeb Technologies, LLC (“Plaintiff” or “PersonalWeb”) files this First  
2 Amended Complaint (“Complaint”) for patent infringement against Defendant TripAdvisor LLC  
3 (“Defendant”). Plaintiff PersonalWeb Technologies, LLC alleges:

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5 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

6 1. PersonalWeb and Level 3 Communications, LLC (“Level 3”) are parties to an  
7 agreement between Kinetech, Inc. and Digital Island, Inc. dated September 1, 2000 (the “Agreement”).  
8 Pursuant to the Agreement, PersonalWeb and Level 3 each own a fifty percent (50%) undivided  
9 interest in and to the patents at issue in this action: U.S. Patent Nos. 6,928,442, 7,802,310, and  
10 8,099,420 (“Patents-in-Suit”). Level 3 has joined in this Complaint pursuant to its contractual  
11 obligations under the Agreement, at the request of PersonalWeb.

12 2. Pursuant to the Agreement, Level 3 has, among other rights, certain defined rights to  
13 use, practice, license, sublicense and enforce and/or litigate the Patents-in-Suit in connection with a  
14 particular field of use (“Level 3 Exclusive Field”). Pursuant to the Agreement PersonalWeb has,  
15 among other rights, certain defined rights to use, practice, license, sublicense, enforce and/or litigate  
16 the Patents-in-Suit in fields other than the Level 3 Exclusive Field (the “PersonalWeb Patent Field”).

17 3. All infringement allegations, statements describing PersonalWeb, statements  
18 describing any Defendant (or any Defendant’s products) and any statements made regarding  
19 jurisdiction and venue are made by PersonalWeb alone, and not by Level 3. PersonalWeb alleges that  
20 the infringements at issue in this case all occur within, and are limited to, the PersonalWeb Patent  
21 Field. Accordingly, PersonalWeb has not provided notice to Level 3—under Section 6.4.1 of the  
22 Agreement or otherwise—that PersonalWeb desires to bring suit in the Level 3 Exclusive Field in its  
23 own name on its own behalf or that PersonalWeb knows or suspects that Defendant is infringing or  
24 has infringed any of Level 3’s rights in the patents.

**THE PARTIES**

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2 4. Plaintiff PersonalWeb Technologies, LLC is a limited liability company duly organized  
3 and existing under the laws of Texas with its principal place of business at 112 E. Line Street, Suite  
4 204, Tyler, TX 75702.

5 5. Plaintiff Level 3 Communications, LLC is a limited liability company organized under  
6 the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business at 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe,  
7 Louisiana, 71203.

8 6. PersonalWeb’s infringement claims asserted in this case are asserted by PersonalWeb  
9 and all fall outside the Level 3 Exclusive Field. Level 3 is currently not asserting patent infringement  
10 in this case in the Level 3 Exclusive Field against any Defendant.

11 7. Defendant TripAdvisor LLC is, upon information and belief, a Delaware limited  
12 liability company having a principal place of business and regular and established place of business at  
13 400 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Needham, Massachusetts 02494.

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15 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

16 8. The court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a)  
17 because this action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*

18 9. Venue is proper in this federal district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)–(c) and  
19 1400(b) because Defendant is incorporated in the State of Delaware.

20 10. Venue is also proper in this Court because this action has been transferred to this  
21 District by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation for consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant  
22 to 28 U.S.C. § 1407.

23 11. This court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because, in addition to the  
24 allegations in above paragraphs, on information and belief, Defendant is domiciled in this District.  
25 Further, on information and belief, Defendant purposefully directed activities at residents of Delaware,  
26 the claims herein arise out of and relate to those activities, and assertion of personal jurisdiction over  
27 Defendant would be fair.

1 12. On information and belief, Defendant is subject to this Court’s jurisdiction because this  
2 action has been transferred to this District by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation for  
3 consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407.  
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5 **PERSONALWEB BACKGROUND**

6 13. The Patents-in-Suit cover fundamental aspects of cloud computing, including the  
7 identification of files or data and the efficient retrieval thereof in a manner which reduces bandwidth  
8 transmission and storage requirements.

9 14. The ability to reliably identify and access specific data is essential to any computer  
10 system or network. On a single computer or within a small network, the task is relatively easy: simply  
11 name the file, identify it by that name and its stored location on the computer or within the network,  
12 and access it by name and location. Early operating systems facilitated this approach with standardized  
13 naming conventions, storage device identifiers, and folder structures.

14 15. Ronald Lachman and David Farber, the inventors of the Patents-in-Suit, recognized  
15 that the conventional approach for naming, locating, and accessing data in computer networks could  
16 not keep pace with ever-expanding, global data processing networks. New distributed storage systems  
17 use files that are stored across different devices in dispersed geographic locations. These different  
18 locations could use dissimilar conventions for identifying storage devices and data partitions.  
19 Likewise, different users could give identical names to different files or parts of files—or unknowingly  
20 give different names to identical files. No solution existed to ensure that identical file names referred  
21 to the same data, and conversely, that different file names referred to different data. As a result,  
22 expanding networks could not only become clogged with duplicate data, they also made locating and  
23 controlling access to stored data more difficult.

24 16. Lachman and Farber developed a solution: replacing conventional naming and storing  
25 conventions with system-wide “substantially unique,” content-based identifiers. Their approach  
26 assigned substantially unique identifiers to “data items” of any type: “the contents of a file, a portion  
27 of a file, a page in memory, an object in an object-oriented program, a digital message, a digital  
28 scanned image, a part of a video or audio signal, or any other entity which can be represented by a

1 sequence of bits.” Applied system-wide, this invention would permit any data item to be stored,  
2 located, managed, synchronized, and accessed using its content-based identifier.

3 17. To create a substantially unique, content-based identifier, Lachman and Farber turned  
4 to cryptography. Cryptographic hash functions, including MD4, MD5, and SHA, had been used in  
5 computer systems to verify the integrity of retrieved data—a so-called “checksum.” Lachman and  
6 Farber recognized that these same hash functions could be devoted to a vital new purpose: if a  
7 cryptographic hash function was applied to a sequence of bits (a “data item”), it would produce a  
8 substantially unique result value, one that: (1) virtually guarantees a different result value if the data  
9 item is changed; (2) is computationally difficult to reproduce with a different sequence of bits; and  
10 (3) cannot be used to recreate the original sequence of bits.

11 18. These cryptographic hash functions would thus assign any sequence of bits, based on  
12 content alone, with a substantially unique identifier. Lachman and Farber estimated that the odds of  
13 these hash functions producing the same identifier for two different sequences of bits (i.e., the  
14 “probability of collision”) would be about 1 in 2 to the 29<sup>th</sup> power. Lachman and Farber dubbed their  
15 content-based identifier a “True Name.”

16 19. Using a True Name, Lachman and Farber conceived various data structures and  
17 methods for managing data (each data item correlated with a single True Name) within a network—  
18 no matter the complexity of the data or the network. These data structures provide a key-map  
19 organization, allowing for a rapid identification of any particular data item anywhere in a network by  
20 comparing a True Name for the data item against other True Names for data items already in the  
21 network. In operation, managing data using True Names allows a user to determine the location of  
22 any data in a network, determine whether access is authorized, and to selectively provide access to  
23 specific content not possible using the conventional naming arts.

24 20. On April 11, 1995, Lachman and Farber filed their patent application, describing these  
25 and other ways in which content-based “True Names” elevated data-processing systems over  
26 conventional file-naming systems. The first True Name patent issued on November 2, 1999. The last  
27 of the Patents-in-Suit has expired, and the allegations herein are directed to the time period before  
28 expiration of the last of the Patents-in-Suit.

1 21. PersonalWeb has successfully enforced its intellectual property rights against third  
2 party infringers, and its enforcement of the Patents-In Suit is ongoing. This enforcement has resulted  
3 in PersonalWeb obtaining settlements and granting non-exclusive licenses regarding the Patents-in-  
4 Suit.

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6 **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

7 22. A webpage is a type of document that is typically retrieved over the World Wide Web,  
8 made viewable and formatted (rendered) by a web browser, and displayed electronically. A “webpage”  
9 often refers to what is visible in a browser, but sometimes also refers to a computer file (“webpage  
10 base file”), usually written in Hypertext Markup Language (“HTML”) or a comparable markup  
11 language. Such HTML webpage base files typically include text, formatting, and references  
12 (hyperlinks) to other web content, such as style sheets, scripts, and images that make up part of the  
13 webpage. Web content referenced in an HTML or similar file are also called “asset files” herein. The  
14 web browser coordinates the retrieval of the various asset files of a webpage and renders the webpage  
15 for display from the webpage base file and the asset files referenced in the webpage base file or  
16 referenced in other asset files.

17 23. On the World Wide Web, hyperlinks generally include Uniform Resource Identifiers  
18 (“URIs”), which each typically include an address of a server (“host”) from which the asset file is to  
19 be retrieved (*e.g.*, “www.website.com”), a “path” to the location of that asset file on the host server  
20 (*e.g.*, “/directory/”), and a filename (*e.g.*, “filename.ext”).

21 24. On the Internet, a web browser typically retrieves a webpage base file from a remote  
22 web server and retrieves referenced asset files from the same or different servers. The web browser  
23 retrieves a webpage base file or an asset file by making a GET “request” to a web server using the  
24 Hypertext Transfer Protocol (“HTTP”), an industry standard. The web server may respond to such an  
25 HTTP request with a HTTP “response” that includes the requested web content and may include other  
26 information or instructions.

27 25. A static webpage is delivered exactly as stored, as web content in the web server’s file  
28 system or memory. In contrast, a dynamic webpage is generated by a web server application, usually

1 driven by server-side software, upon receipt of a request from a browser (user). For example, a picture  
2 of a building might be delivered as static content (a picture) whereas the latest traffic conditions may  
3 be delivered dynamically based on real time traffic information.

4 26. The speed of a browser retrieving webpage base files and incorporated asset files can  
5 be increased by the browser storing previously retrieved webpage base files and asset files in a browser  
6 “cache” on the computer running the browser. If a browser’s user later requests a previously retrieved  
7 webpage base file or requests a webpage that includes an asset file previously used by the browser in  
8 rendering the same or a different webpage (for example, by reloading a webpage or visiting the same  
9 webpage again), the browser may use the cached webpage base file or asset file rather than having to  
10 download the same file repeatedly over the Internet again.

11 27. Two computers communicating over the Internet usually are not directly connected to  
12 each other but rather interact via chains of network appliances and other computers (*e.g.*, “switches”  
13 and “intermediate” servers). Many intermediate servers have caches similar to and complementing  
14 the browser cache that store webpage base files and assets that pass through that intermediate server.  
15 If a browser or server requests a file from the intermediate server that is present in that intermediate  
16 server’s cache, the intermediate server can use the content in its cache to respond to the request rather  
17 than send the request upstream towards the web server from which the file initially originated (also  
18 called the “origin server”).

19 28. Responses to HTTP requests may include header elements (control elements) and a  
20 body (the “object” that was requested). Under HTTP, web servers can include a “cache-control”  
21 header with a response that includes a webpage or asset file. A “cache-control” header includes one  
22 or more directives that instruct browsers and intermediate server caches (“intermediate caches”) as to  
23 whether and for how long the file (object) included in the response may be cached or under what  
24 circumstances and under what conditions the cached content may be used. HTTP also provides for  
25 including other headers in responses that provide similar types of instructions to browsers and  
26 intermediate caches. Collectively, these other headers and directives in a “cache-control” header are  
27 referred to herein as “cache-control headers.”  
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1 29. Given that webpage content changes, sometimes rather quickly and regularly, a  
2 problem that website owners face is effectively instructing a browser that is re-rendering a previously  
3 cached webpage that one or more of its cached files for that webpage are no longer the correct and  
4 authorized content (the content of those files has changed) and similarly reauthorizing the use of those  
5 cached files whose content has not changed.

6 30. On one hand, website owners want to encourage the browsers that render their web  
7 pages to use cached files thereby reducing the number of requests for these files that are being made  
8 to their webpage servers. Therefore, they frequently will set cache-control headers that authorize the  
9 browser to cache their webpage base files and asset files so the files are on hand when the browser  
10 needs to render that webpage again. On the other hand, website owners want the browsers to use the  
11 latest authorized files so that their users do not see the wrong content when viewing their webpage.

### 12 **DEFENDANT'S BACKGROUND**

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14 31. On information and belief, Defendant has operated a website located at  
15 **tripadvisor.com**, and has done so since before expiration of the last to expire of the Patents-in-Suit,  
16 which has operated to provide authorized webpage content to its users in the manner herein described.<sup>1</sup>

17 32. On information and belief, Defendant's web servers utilized a system of notifications  
18 and authorizations to control the distribution of content, *e.g.*, what webpage content may be served  
19 from web servers and intermediate caches and what cached webpage content a browser is re-authorized  
20 to use to render Defendant's webpage(s).

21 33. On information and belief, Defendant's system and its associated method of providing  
22 webpage content used "conditional" HTTP GET requests with If-None-Match headers and associated  
23 content-based ETag values for various asset files required to render various webpages of the  
24 Defendant.

25 34. On information and belief, Defendant's system and associated method used these  
26 ETags to instruct both the intermediate cache servers and the endpoint caches at browsers to verify

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28 <sup>1</sup> While the complaint is sometimes written in the present or present perfect tense, all specific  
allegations are directed to the system's operations and the method's performance in the relevant time  
period.



1 whether they were still authorized to reuse the previously cached webpage base files of Defendant and  
2 to instruct them to obtain newly authorized content in rendering Defendant's webpage when that  
3 content had changed. In other words, whether the previously cached content was still considered valid  
4 for use by the Defendant website operator.

5 35. On information and belief, Defendant thereby reduced the bandwidth and computation  
6 required by its origin servers and any intermediate cache servers to field user requests to render  
7 Defendant's webpages as those servers only need to serve files whose content has changed. On  
8 information and belief, this has allowed for the efficient update of cached information only when such  
9 content has changed, thereby reducing transaction overhead and bandwidth and allowing the  
10 authorized content to be served from the nearest cache.

11 36. More particularly, on information and belief, each of Defendant's webpages included  
12 a webpage base file (*e.g.*, a main or initial HTML file) and one or more asset files referenced in the  
13 webpage base file (or referenced in other asset files that contained references to other asset files). On  
14 information and belief, the references in the webpage base file to the asset files needed to render the  
15 webpage were typically Uniform Resource Identifiers ("URIs"), which each typically included a  
16 filename, the address of a host server from which the asset file could be retrieved, and a "path" to the  
17 location of that asset file on that server.

18 37. On information and belief, for at least one of the asset files ("CBI ETag asset files"),  
19 the asset file comprised a sequence of bits and an associated ETag value was generated by Defendant  
20 by applying a hash function to the sequence of bits; wherein any two CBI ETag asset files comprising  
21 identical sequences of bits had identical associated ETag values. Thus, on information and belief,  
22 when a CBI ETag asset file's content was changed a new associated ETag value was generated by  
23 Defendant. On information and belief, Defendant caused the origin server for each CBI ETag asset  
24 file to serve such CBI ETag asset file with its associated Etag value in response to HTTP GET requests  
25 for the CBI ETag asset file.

26 38. On information and belief, when an intermediate cache server or a browser requested  
27 a webpage from the Defendant for the first time, it sent an HTTP GET request with the webpage's  
28 URI and Defendant's origin server or an upstream cache server responded by sending an HTTP 200

1 (OK) response message containing the webpage base file. On information and belief, a browser then  
2 sent individual HTTP GET requests, each with an asset file's URI that was referenced in the webpage  
3 base file, and the asset files' origin servers or intermediate cache servers responded by sending  
4 individual HTTP 200 responses containing the requested asset files, along with, if available, their  
5 respective associated ETags. On information and belief, upon receipt of the HTTP 200 responses, the  
6 intermediate cache server or browser cached the webpage base file and asset files with their associated  
7 URI and associated ETag values and the browser used them in rendering the requested web page of  
8 the Defendant. On information and belief, the origin servers, intermediate cache servers, and browser  
9 caches were caused to maintain databases/tables which mapped the URIs of webpage base files and  
10 asset files to their respective responses and, if applicable, associated cache-control headers and ETags.

11 39. On information and belief, by responding to an HTTP GET request for a given webpage  
12 by transmitting content of a asset file with an associated ETag, Defendant instructed the browser cache  
13 and all intermediate cache servers, to use an HTTP conditional GET request the next time that asset  
14 file is requested. More specifically, on information and belief, the browser or intermediate cache is  
15 instructed to include the ETag in the HTTP conditional GET request with an "If-None-Match" header  
16 to re-verify that they are still authorized to serve or use that content or determine that they are no  
17 longer authorized to use that content and therefore must use new content.

18 40. On information and belief, Defendant did this, for example, by causing cache-control  
19 headers to be included in HTTP responses containing its asset files. On information and belief,  
20 Defendant benefits from using the ETags to control the distribution of its webpage content by  
21 communicating to a downstream cache and to a browser which of Defendant's cached webpage base  
22 files it is reauthorized to serve/use and what newly authorized files it must first obtain in  
23 serving/rendering Defendant's webpages.

24 41. More particularly, on information and belief, when a browser again requested the  
25 Defendant's webpage, the browser either used a cached copy, if allowed by the cache-control headers,  
26 or retrieved a new copy of the webpage base file for Defendant's webpage. Similarly, on information  
27 and belief, for asset files referenced in the new or cached webpage base file, the browser either used a  
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1 cached copy or retrieved a new copy, if allowed by the cache-control headers, of the asset files for  
2 Defendant's webpage.

3 42. On information and belief, for an asset file stored in the browser's cache with an ETag,  
4 and based on the cache-control headers received in the original response, the browser sent a conditional  
5 GET request with an If-None-Match header using the associated ETag value and the URI for the asset  
6 file so as to be notified whether the browser still had Defendant's authority to render the webpage with  
7 its locally cached asset file. In other words, whether the cached content was still valid for use in  
8 rendering Defendant's webpage.

9 43. On information and belief, under most circumstances, a responding intermediate cache  
10 server having content cached for the URI in the conditional GET request and having an ETag for that  
11 URI responded to the request by determining whether it had the same associated ETag value for that  
12 URI. If it had no ETag value for that URI, on information and belief, the request was passed up to an  
13 upstream intermediate cache server capable of responding or, if none, to the URI's origin server, which  
14 responded to the request. On information and belief, if the intermediate cache server did not have  
15 content cached for the URI in the conditional GET request, the request was similarly passed up to an  
16 upstream intermediate cache server capable of responding or, if none, to the URI's origin server.

17 44. On information and belief, if the responding server had the webpage content for that  
18 URI and there was a match between the ETag it received in the request with the ETag it currently had  
19 associated for that URI, it sent back an HTTP 304 (Not Modified) response message; this message  
20 notifying the browser that the same webpage content was present at the responding server and that the  
21 browser was still authorized to use that previously cached asset file to render the webpage. On  
22 information and belief, upon receipt of the HTTP 304 response, the browser accessed the locally  
23 cached asset file in rendering the webpage.

24 45. On information and belief, if the asset file's associated ETag sent by the browser in the  
25 conditional GET If-None-Match request did not match the associated ETag maintained at the  
26 responding server (or other intermediate cache servers further upstream or the origin server) for that  
27 URI, the responding server sent back an HTTP 200 response along with the new asset file and its new  
28 ETag value. The HTTP 200 response indicated to the browser that it was not authorized to use (or

1 serve, in the case of an intermediate cache server receiving the HTTP 200 response) the previously  
2 cached asset file. In response to receiving the HTTP 200 response, the browser (or intermediate cache  
3 server) was instructed to update its respective cache with the new asset file and associated ETag. The  
4 browser subsequently used the new asset file to render the webpage.

5 46. Exhibit 1 to the complaint lists specific examples of files that were, on information and  
6 belief, served by or on behalf of Defendant during the relevant time period. The examples in Exhibit  
7 1 include: an asset file with a content-based ETag for that asset file.

8 47. On information and belief, in this manner, Defendant used ETag values based on the  
9 asset files' content to control the behavior of downstream intermediate cache servers and browser  
10 caches to assure that they only accessed and used Defendant's latest authorized webpage content to  
11 serve or to render its webpages.

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13 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

14 **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,928,442**

15 48. PersonalWeb repeats and realleges paragraphs 1–47, as if the same were fully stated  
16 herein.

17 49. On August 9, 2005, United States Patent No. 6,928,442 (the "'442 patent") was duly  
18 and legally issued for an invention entitled "Enforcement and Policing of Licensed Content Using  
19 Content-Based Identifiers." PersonalWeb has an ownership interest in the '442 patent by assignment,  
20 including the exclusive right to enforce the '442 patent within the PersonalWeb Patent Field, and  
21 continues to hold that ownership interest in the '442 patent. A true and correct copy of the '442 patent  
22 is attached as Exhibit 2.

23 50. Defendant has infringed at least claims 10 and 11 of the '442 patent by its manufacture,  
24 use, sale, importation, and/or offer for sale of products or services, and/or controlling the distribution  
25 of its webpage content in the manner described herein. Defendant's infringement is literal and/or  
26 under the doctrine of equivalents and Defendant is liable for its infringement of the '442 patent  
27 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.  
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1           51. For example, claim 10 covers “a method, in a system in which a plurality of files are  
2 distributed across a plurality of computers.” On information and belief, Defendant has used a system  
3 of notifications and authorizations to distribute a plurality of files, *e.g.*, Defendant’s files containing  
4 content necessary to render its webpages, across a plurality of computers such as production servers,  
5 origin servers, intermediate cache servers and endpoint caches used by browsers rendering  
6 Defendant’s webpages.

7           52. Claim 10 then recites the act of “obtaining a name for a data file, the name being based  
8 at least in part on a given function of the data, wherein the data used by the function comprises the  
9 contents of the particular file.” As set forth above, on information and belief, Defendant generated or  
10 otherwise obtained ETags for its asset files used to render its webpages using a hash function, wherein  
11 the ETags were based on the contents of the particular files. Moreover, Defendant caused the  
12 intermediate caches servers and endpoint caches to obtain the ETags in HTTP 200 responses sent from  
13 Defendant’s origin servers. On information and belief, Defendant caused intermediate cache servers  
14 and its origin servers to obtain ETags in conditional GET messages from endpoint and intermediate  
15 caches, as described *supra*.

16           53. Claim 10 then recites the act of “determining, using at least the name, whether a copy  
17 of the data file is present on at least one of said computers.” On information and belief, as set forth  
18 above, Defendant has caused its origin servers and the intermediate cache servers between an endpoint  
19 cache and one of its origin servers to, in response to receiving a conditional GET request with an If-  
20 None-Match header, determine whether it has a file present that matches the URI in the conditional  
21 GET and to compare the ETag in the conditional GET to the ETag for that URI and determine whether  
22 a copy of the content having that ETag is present.

23           54. Claim 10 then recites the act of “determining whether a copy of the data file that is  
24 present on a at least one of said computers is an unauthorized copy or an unlicensed copy of the data  
25 file.” On information and belief, as set forth above, if there was a match, the origin or intermediate  
26 cache server determined that the copy of the file present at the downstream intermediate cache server  
27 and/or the endpoint cache was an authorized or licensed copy of the data file. Conversely, if there was  
28 no match, it determined that the copy of the file present at the downstream intermediate cache server

1 and/or the endpoint cache was an unauthorized copy of the data file. Likewise, if the browser  
2 determined that it had a file with a matching URI, the browser determined that it was still authorized  
3 to use that file.

4 55. Defendant's acts of infringement caused damage to PersonalWeb and PersonalWeb is  
5 entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by PersonalWeb as a result of Defendant's  
6 wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial.

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8 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

9 **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,802,310**

10 56. PersonalWeb repeats and realleges paragraphs 1–47, as if the same were fully stated  
11 herein.

12 57. On September 21, 2010, United States Patent No. 7,802,310 (the “’310 patent”) was  
13 duly and legally issued for an invention entitled “Controlling Access to Data in a Data Processing  
14 System.” PersonalWeb has an ownership interest in the ’310 patent by assignment, including the  
15 exclusive right to enforce the ’310 patent within the PersonalWeb Patent Field, and continues to hold  
16 that ownership interest in the ’310 patent. A true and correct copy of the ’310 patent is attached as  
17 Exhibit 3.

18 58. Defendant has infringed at least claim 20 of the ’310 patent by its manufacture, use,  
19 sale, importation, and/or offer for sale of products or services, and/or controlling the distribution of its  
20 webpage content in the manner described herein. Defendant's infringement is literal and/or under the  
21 doctrine of equivalents and Defendant is liable for its infringement of the ’310 patent pursuant to  
22 35 U.S.C. § 271.

23 59. For example, claim 20 covers a “computer-implemented method operable in a system  
24 which includes a plurality of computers.” On information and belief, Defendant used the claimed  
25 computer implemented method by using a system of notifications and authorizations to control the  
26 distribution of data items, such as various asset files, necessary to render its webpages, across a  
27 plurality of computers such as production servers, origin servers, intermediate cache servers, and  
28 endpoint caches.

1           60. Claim 20 then recites “controlling distribution of content from a first computer to at  
2 least one other computer, in response to a request obtained by a first device in the system from a second  
3 device in the system, the first device comprising hardware including at least one processor, the request  
4 including at least a content-dependent name of a particular data item, the content-dependent name  
5 being based at least in part on a function of at least some of the data comprising the particular data  
6 item, wherein the function comprises a message digest function or a hash function, and wherein two  
7 identical data items will have the same content-dependent name.” On information and belief, as set  
8 forth above, Defendant has caused downstream intermediate cache servers and endpoint caches to  
9 send conditional GET requests with If-None-Match headers containing ETags that are fielded by  
10 upstream cache or origin servers. On information and belief, the ETags were content-dependent names  
11 for a data item based on hashing the data item’s contents; and when the file’s content changed a new  
12 content-dependent name was determined. On information and belief, in Defendant’s method, a first  
13 computer, such as the intermediate cache server or origin server, received such conditional GET  
14 requests from a second computer, such as a user browser or other intermediate cache server, regarding  
15 data items, such as webpage or asset files, the requests including ETags associated with the respective  
16 data items.

17           61. Claim 20 then recites “based at least in part on said content-dependent name of said  
18 particular data item, the first device (A) permitting the content to be provided to or accessed by the at  
19 least one other computer if it is not determined that the content is unauthorized or unlicensed,  
20 otherwise, (B) if it is determined that the content is unauthorized or unlicensed, not permitting the  
21 content to be provided to or accessed by the at least one other computer.” On information and belief,  
22 the first computer, such as an upstream intermediate cache server or origin server, maintained a  
23 plurality of ETags associated with Defendant’s asset and webpage base files. On information and  
24 belief, the ETag in a request and the ETag maintained by the first computer for the particular data item  
25 sought by the request were compared to determine whether the associated content present at the  
26 downstream computer was still authorized to be used/served or whether new authorized content must  
27 be provided thereto. If it was determined that the data item corresponding to the received ETag was  
28 still authorized to be used, the first computer sent back an HTTP 304 response authorizing the

1 downstream cache server or end-user cache to access the file content already present in order to serve  
2 it or to use it to render the webpage. On information and belief, if it had been determined that the data  
3 item corresponding to received E-tag was no longer authorized, the first computer sent back an HTTP  
4 200 response which indicated to the downstream cache server or end-user cache that was not  
5 authorized to access the old content and must access the new authorized file content contained in the  
6 HTTP 200 response to serve it or to use it to render the webpage.

7 62. Defendant's acts of infringement have caused damage to PersonalWeb and  
8 PersonalWeb is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by PersonalWeb as a result  
9 of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial.

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11 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

12 **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,099,420**

13 63. PersonalWeb repeats and realleges paragraphs 1–47, as if the same were fully stated  
14 herein.

15 64. On January 17, 2012, United States Patent No. 8,099,420 (the "'420 patent") was duly  
16 and legally issued for an invention entitled "Accessing Data in a Data Processing System."  
17 PersonalWeb has an ownership interest in the '420 patent by assignment, including the exclusive right  
18 to enforce the '420 patent within the PersonalWeb Patent Field, and continues to hold that ownership  
19 interest in the '420 patent. A true and correct copy of the '420 patent is attached as Exhibit 4.

20 65. Defendant has infringed claims 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34–36, and 166 of the '420 patent  
21 by its manufacture, use, sale, importation, and/or offer for sale of products or services, and/or  
22 controlling the distribution of its webpage content in the manner recited herein. Defendant's  
23 infringement is literal and/or under the doctrine of equivalents and Defendant is liable for its  
24 infringement of the '420 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

25 66. For example, claim 166 covers a "system comprising hardware, including at least a  
26 processor, and software, in combination with said hardware." On information and belief, Defendant  
27 has controlled the distribution of its website content across a system that included hardware including  
28 a processor, such as its production servers as well as origin servers, intermediate cache servers, and



1 endpoint caches; and software, in combination with such hardware, such as a web development  
2 framework, software utilized in implementing the HTTP web protocol, and the software used on host  
3 servers that Defendant used to serve its webpages.

4 67. Claim 166 then recites “(A) for a particular data item in a set of data items, said  
5 particular data item comprising a corresponding particular sequence of bits.” On information and  
6 belief, Defendant’s system has controlled the distribution of asset files necessary to render its  
7 webpages which represent particular data items, and each of these files comprise a corresponding  
8 sequence of bits.

9 68. Claim 166 then recites that for the particular data item to “(a1) determine one or more  
10 content-dependent digital identifiers for said particular data item, each said content-dependent digital  
11 identifier being based at least in part on a given function of at least some of the bits in the particular  
12 sequence of bits of the particular data item, wherein two identical data items will have the same digital  
13 identifiers as determined using said given function.” On information and belief, Defendant’s system  
14 has applied hash functions to each of various Defendant’s webpage base files to all of the bits of the  
15 file’s content to determine an ETag, for the file’s content; whereby two identical data items have the  
16 same ETag values. On information and belief, ETag values were associated with files’ URIs.

17 69. Claim 166 then recites that for the particular data item “(a2) selectively permits the  
18 particular data item to be made available for access and to be provided to or accessed by or from at  
19 least some of the computers in a network of computers, wherein the data item is not to be made  
20 available for access or provided without authorization, as resolved based, at least in part, on whether  
21 or not at least one of said one or more content-dependent digital identifiers for said particular data item  
22 corresponds to an entry in one or more databases, each of said one or more databases comprising a  
23 plurality of identifiers, each of said identifiers in each said database corresponding to at least one data  
24 item of a plurality of data items, and each of said identifiers in each said database being based, at least  
25 in part, on at least some of the data in a corresponding data item.”

26 70. On information and belief, Defendant’s system has included one or more web servers  
27 with databases containing ETag values associated with the URIs for various of the asset files necessary  
28 to render its webpages; moreover, Defendant’s system has used a system of conditional GET requests

1 with If-None-Match headers and HTTP 304 and HTTP 200 responses containing the ETags, as  
2 described more particularly *supra*, to ensure that downstream caches only access authorized file  
3 content to either serve that file content further downstream or to use it to render Defendant's webpages.  
4 On information and belief, in particular, as more fully described *supra*, the system compared the ETag  
5 received in a given conditional GET request with the ETags contained in the database to selectively  
6 determine whether the requesting computer could access the file content it already had or must access  
7 newly received authorized content.

8 71. Defendant's acts of infringement have caused damage to PersonalWeb and  
9 PersonalWeb is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by PersonalWeb as a result  
10 of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial.

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12 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff PersonalWeb requests entry of judgment in its favor and against  
14 Defendant as follows:

15 a) Declaration that Defendant has infringed U.S. Patent Nos. 6,928,442, 7,802,310, and  
16 8,099,420 as described in this action;

17 b) Awarding the damages arising out of Defendant's infringement of U.S. Patent Nos.  
18 6,928,442, 7,802,310, and 8,099,420, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, in an  
19 amount according to proof;

20 c) An award of attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285 or as otherwise permitted by  
21 law; and

22 d) For costs incurred and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and  
23 proper.

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b) and Local Rule 3–6, Plaintiff PersonalWeb Technologies, LLC hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues triable in this action.

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