IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NE ISOC, LLC,	,	
Plaintiff,)	
)	C.A. No. 1:18-CV-10262-RA
v.)	(LEAD CONSOLIDATED CASE)
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CHEGG, INC.)	
Defendant.)	
NETSOC, LLC,)	
Plaintiff,)	C
)	Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-12267
v.)	(CONSOLIDATED CASE)
)	
YAHOO! INC.)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendant.)	

PLAINTIFF'S SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

NetSoc, LLC ("NetSoc") files this Second Amended Complaint and demand for jury trial seeking relief from patent infringement of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,218,591 by Oath Inc.¹, alleging as follows:

I. THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff NetSoc is a Texas Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business located in Harris County, Texas.
- 2. On information and belief, Oath Inc. ("Oath") is a foreign corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, with a principal place of business located at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003-9562. Counsel for Oath Inc., Kevin P. Anderson, Duane Morris, LLP

¹ The business units of Yahoo, Inc. that are the subject of this Compaint were sold to Verizon and now known as Oath Inc.

505 9th Street, N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-2166 accepted service. On information and belief, Oath sells and offers to sell products and services throughout New York, including in this judicial district, and introduces products and services that perform infringing methods or processes into the stream of commerce knowing that they would be sold in New York and this judicial district.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This Court has original subject-matter jurisdiction over the entire action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) because Plaintiff's claim arises under an Act of Congress relating to patents, namely, 35 U.S.C. § 271.
- 4. This Court also has original subject-matter jurisdiction over the entire action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1) because Plaintiff is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Texas and Defendant is a Delaware Corporation with a principal, physical place of business at 229 West 43rd Street, New York, New York 10036. The matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because: (i) Defendant is present within or has minimum contacts within the State of Texas and this judicial district; (ii) Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of New York and in this judicial district; and (iii) Plaintiff's cause of action arises directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of New York and in this judicial district.
- 6. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1400(b). Defendant has committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business in this District. Further, venue is proper because Defendant conducts substantial business in this forum, directly or through intermediaries, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and

(ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in New York and this District.

III. INFRINGEMENT ('591 Patent)

- 7. On December 22, 2015, U.S. Patent No. 9,218,591 ("the '591 patent", attached as Exhibit A) entitled "Method and System for Establishing and Using a Social Network to Facilitate People in Life Issues" was duly and legally issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. NetSoc, LLC owns the '591 patent by assignment.
- 8. The '591 patent relates generally to a method and system for establishing and using a social network to facilitate people in life issues.
- 9. Oath maintains, operates, and administers a website at www.oath.com that infringes one or more claims of the '591 patent, including at least claims 1-8, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant put the inventions claimed by the '591 Patent into service (i.e., used them); but for Defendant's actions, the claimed-inventions embodiments involving Defendant's products and services would never have been put into service. Defendant's acts complained of herein caused those claimed-invention embodiments as a whole to perform, and Defendant's procurement of monetary and commercial benefit from it.
- 10. Support for the allegations of infringement may be found in the following preliminary table:

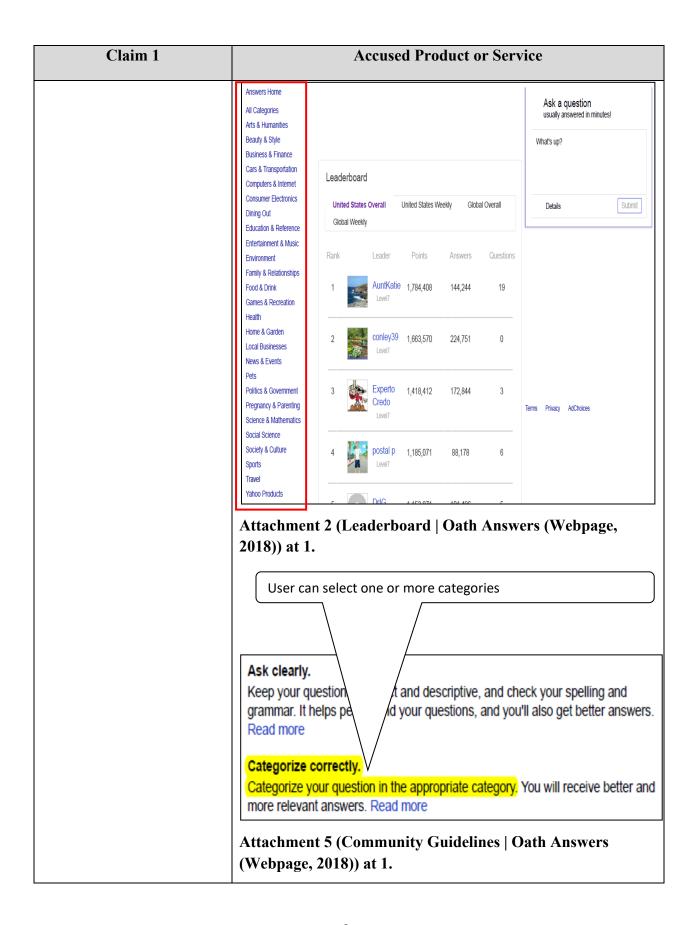
Claim 1		Accused Product or Service
1. A method for estable a social network, the method comprising:	lishing	Plaintiff contends that Oath Answers Service offers a method of social network.

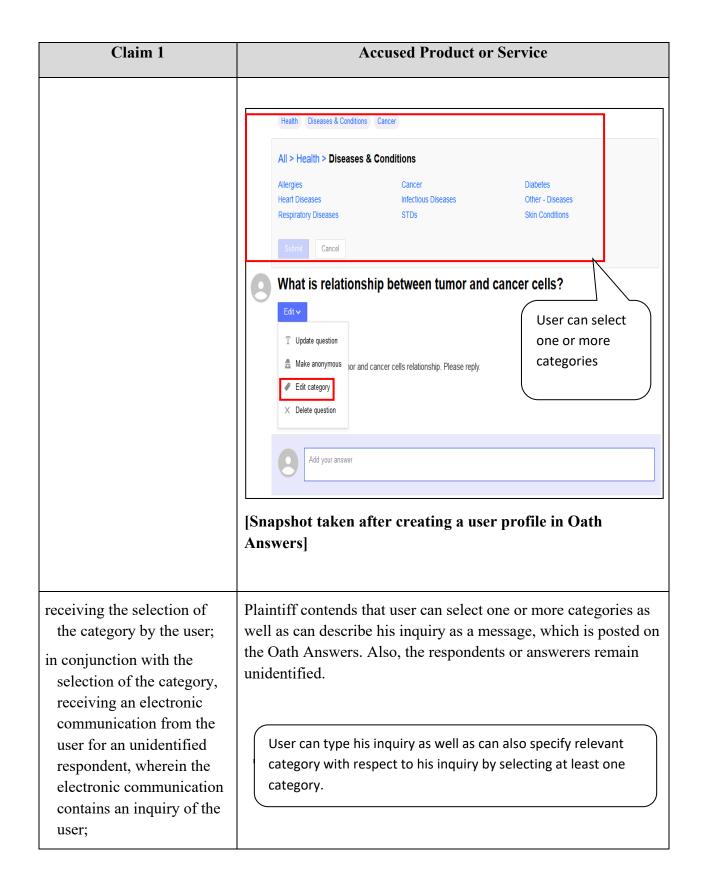
Claim 1	Accused Product or Service
	Knowledge Sharing in the Online Social Network of Yahoo! Answers and Its Implications Haiying Shen*, Senior Member, IEEE, Ze Li, Jinwei Liu, Joseph Edward Grant
	Abstract—Question and Answer (Q&A) websites such as Yahoo! Answers provide a platform where users can post questions and receive answers. These systems take advantage of the collective intelligence of users to find information. In this paper, we analyze the online social network (OSN) in Yahoo! Answers Based on a large amount of our collected data, we studied the Attachment 1 (Knowledge Sharing in the Online Social Network of Oath Answers and Its Implications (2014)) at 1.
maintaining a list comprising a plurality of participants, wherein each participant in the plurality	Plaintiff contends that with the help of data-centers or servers, Oath maintains data of plurality of participants or individuals along with their information.
of participants corresponds to one or more individuals, wherein the list also includes information associated with at least one of each participant or the one or more individuals that correspond to each participant;	Yahoo! kicks off US\$500m data center consolidation Yahoo! (URL=http://www.yahoo.com) is revamping its entire data center infrastructure. The company is investing more than \$500m in new data center construction on three continents, its VP of operations Scott Noteboom announced at the DatacenterDynamics New York 2011 conference (URL=http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/conferences/2011/new-york) on Thursday, 10 March. Many of the new data centers will be built to the next generation of Yahoo!'s data center design called Flex Tier Data Center. The multi-tier design promises to reduce construction
	time to five months per phase, lower cost to \$3m-\$5m per 1MW and provide higher uptime for critical applications. Attachment 3 (Oath kicks off US\$500m data center consolidation News DatacenterDynamics (Webpage, 2011)) at 1 and 2. Yahoo stores and maintains a list of its participants or customers along with their associated information.

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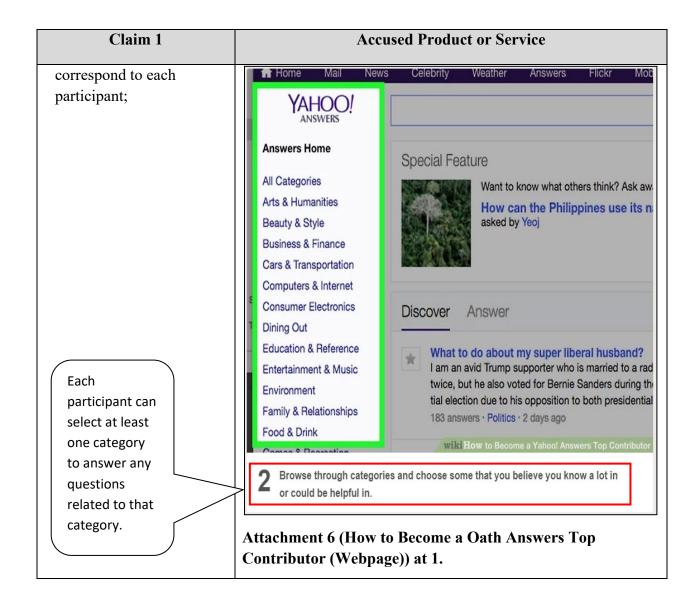
Claim 1	Accused Product or Service Information associated with each participant or individual is stored or maintained.		
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	806,384 28% 143,576 14 Points Best Answers Answers Questions		
	About Naguru: I am 70 (in 2012) retired from Indian Central Government Service. We have a family background in Vedic knowledge, philosophy, mental health, social service, psychology, religion, yoga, music, Bhajan, etc. Such things are running in our blood and nerves. Following my family tradition, I also keep updating myself and trying to make use of my knowledge, time, influence, energy and resources for higher pursuits. I want to invest in lot of good-will. And my motto is 'Be Good and Do Good'. I am General Secretary of our Colony Senior Citizens Daycare & Welfare Association. Mind and its peculiarities are my favorite subjects. My oft repeated quote is "Bring maximum happiness to maximum number of people for maximum time". show less		
	Questions Answers More Can knowledge be transferred or transmitted - OR - Knowledge comes out of learning and practice alone?		
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	Attachment 4 (Questions Oath Answers (Webpage, 2018)) at 1.		
presenting a user with a plurality of categories from which the user may make a selection of a category from the plurality	Plaintiff contends that user (or asker) is presented with plurality of categories from which the user can select one or more categories.		
of categories;			

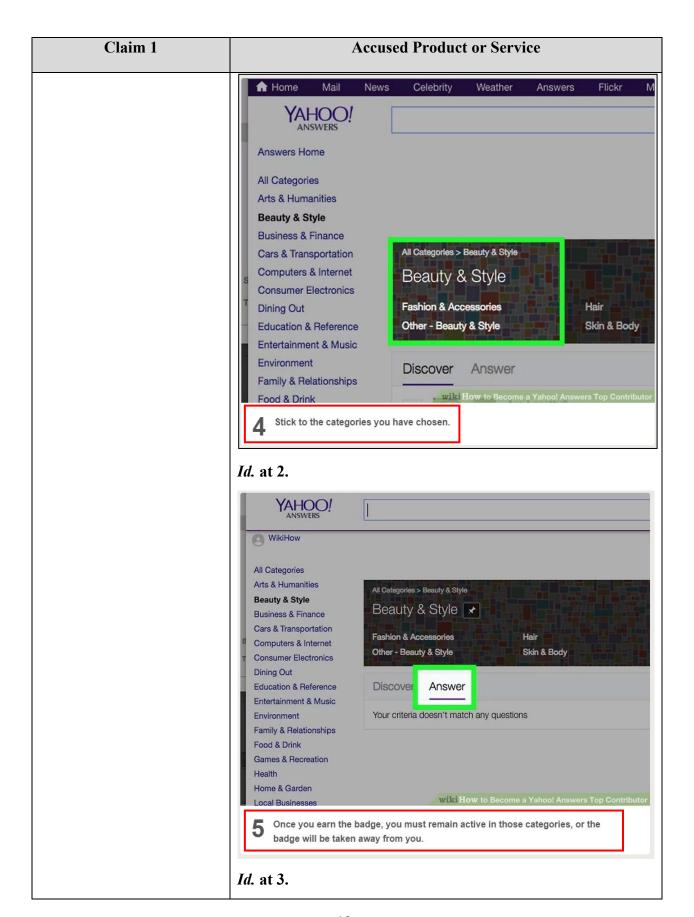


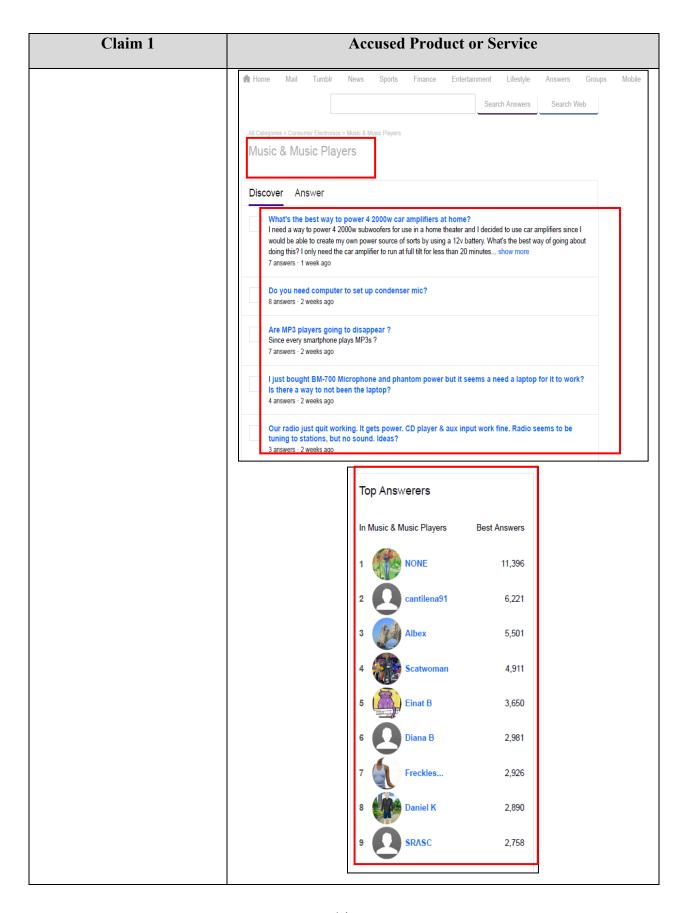






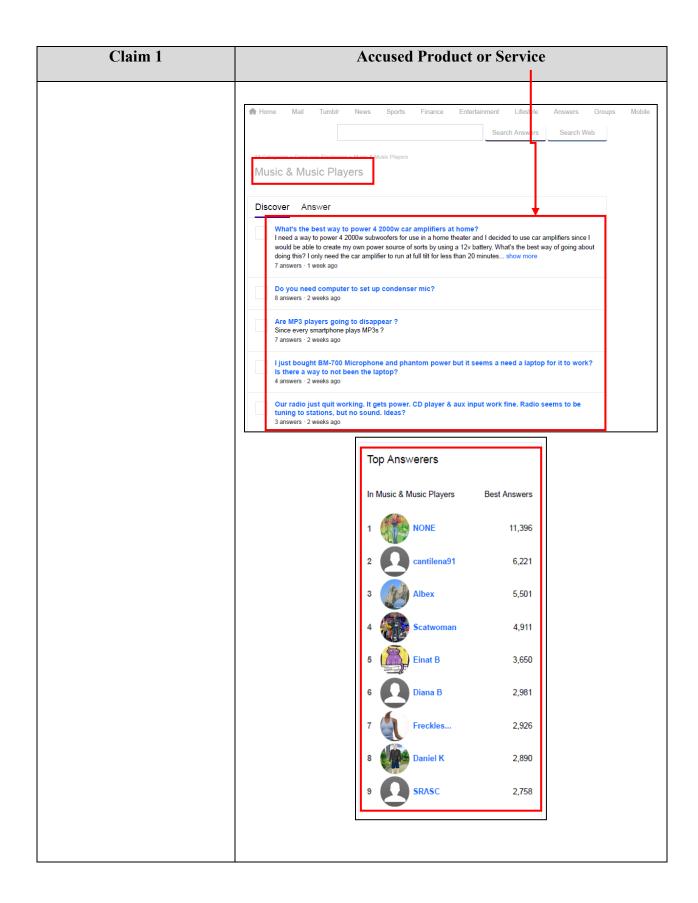




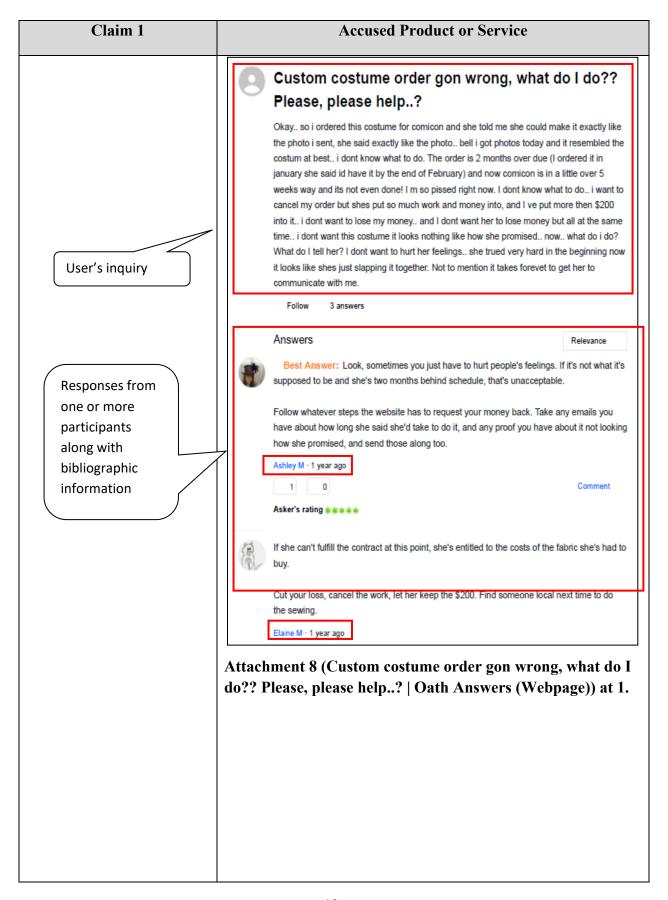


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	Attachment 7 (Music & Music Players Oath Answers (Webpage, 2018)) at 1 and 2.
	Based on the selection of category or participant information (that is, category interests), one or more participants are shortlisted so that they can view user's inquiry or question.
sending the inquiry to the selected one or more participants;	Plaintiff contends that in case of Oath Answers, user's inquiry is shared with one or more participants.

Claim 1	Accused Product or Service
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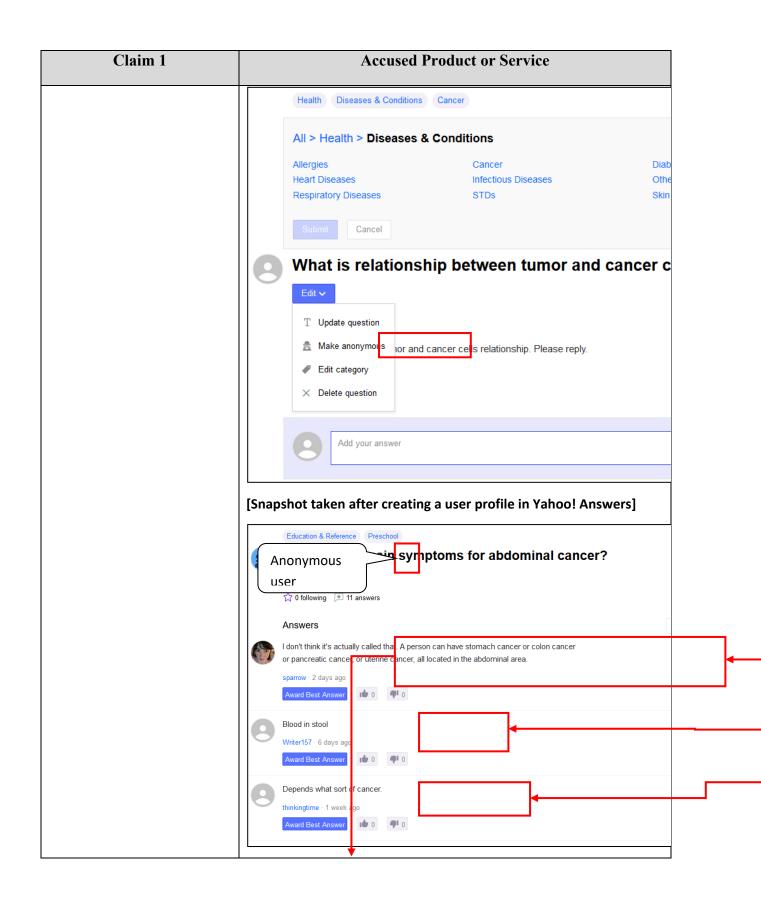


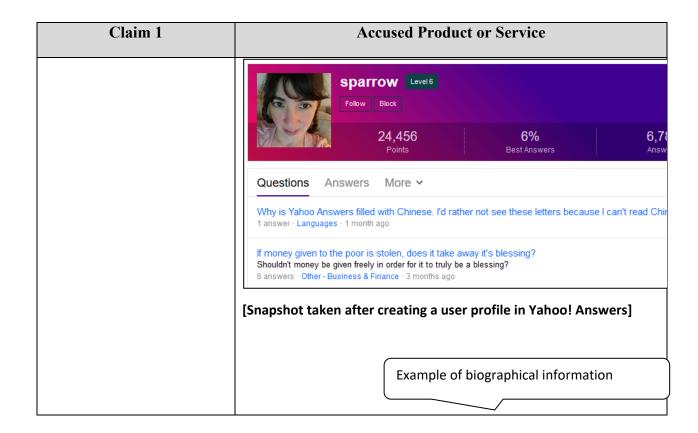
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receiving a response to the inquiry from the selected one or more participants, the response from each of the one or more participants including biographical information about that participant;	Plaintiff contends that one or more participants can responds to the user's inquiry. Each participant's biographical information is also shared along with the response. 1
	Attachment 6 (How to Become a Oath Answers Top Contributor (Webpage)) at 2.



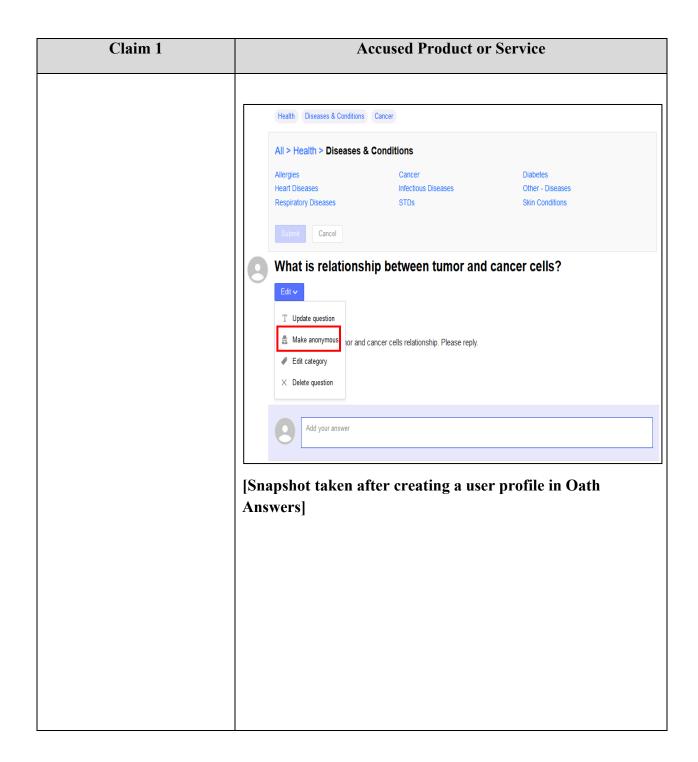
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	Participant's bibliographic information
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	I'd like to learn the basics of programming and coding, please help? I'm aware that learning programming and coding is a lengthy process, and there's LOTS of different languages to learn. I know there are kits out there designed to teach kids the basics, and they wind up building an actual little program or something in the process. So what I'm wondering, is there something like that for adults who are show more 4 answers · Programming & Design · 2 years ago Attachment 9 (Questions Oath Answers (Webpage)) at 1.

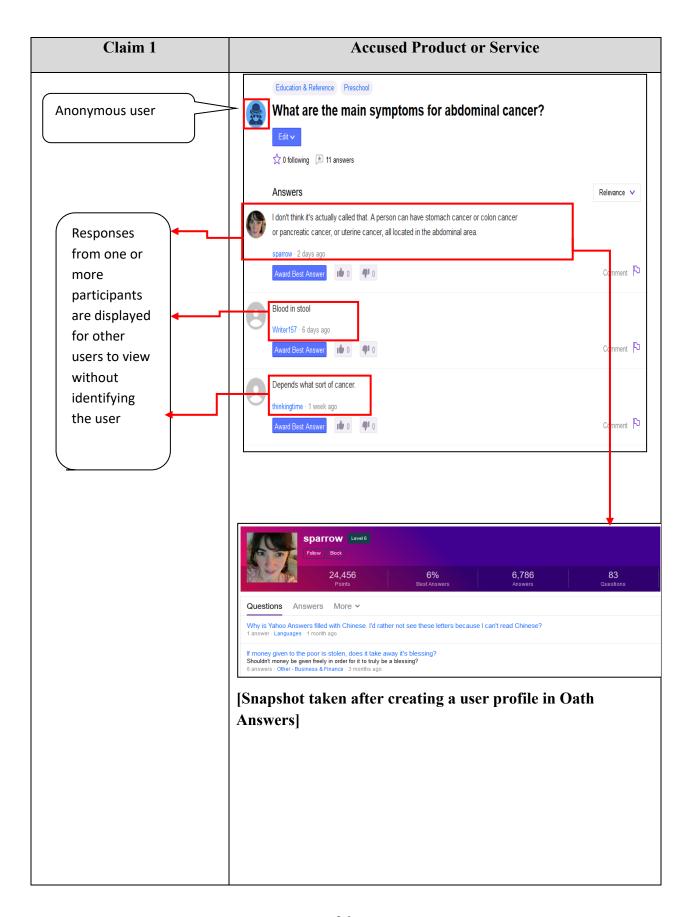
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publishing at least a portion of the response from each	Plaintiff contends that a portion of response from each participant is published for other users to view. In Oath
of the selected one or more participants for other users to view, wherein	Answers, user can anonymously post his inquiry in which case user's identity remains hidden. However, the biographical information of one or more participants who provided the
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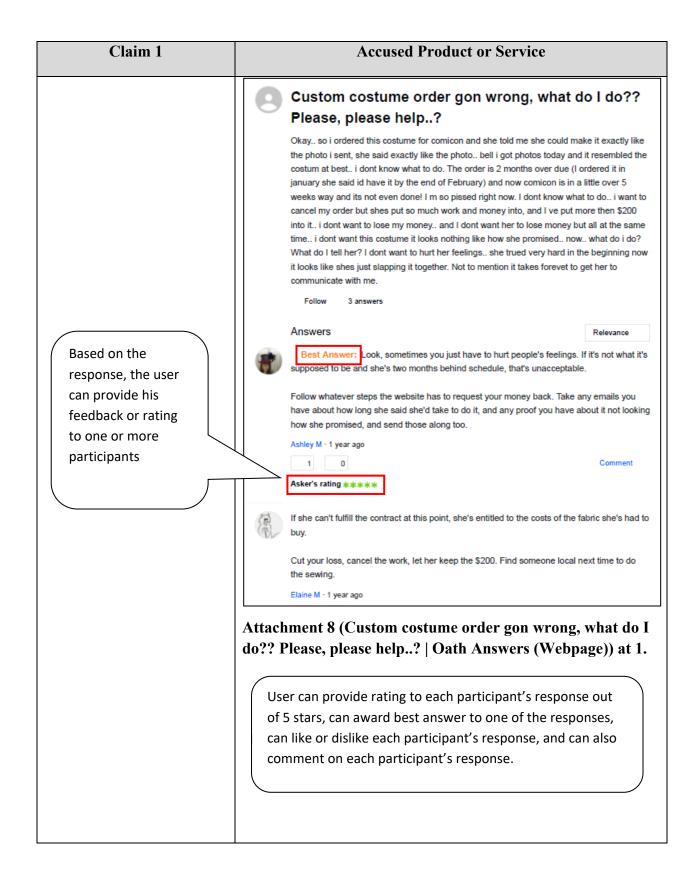


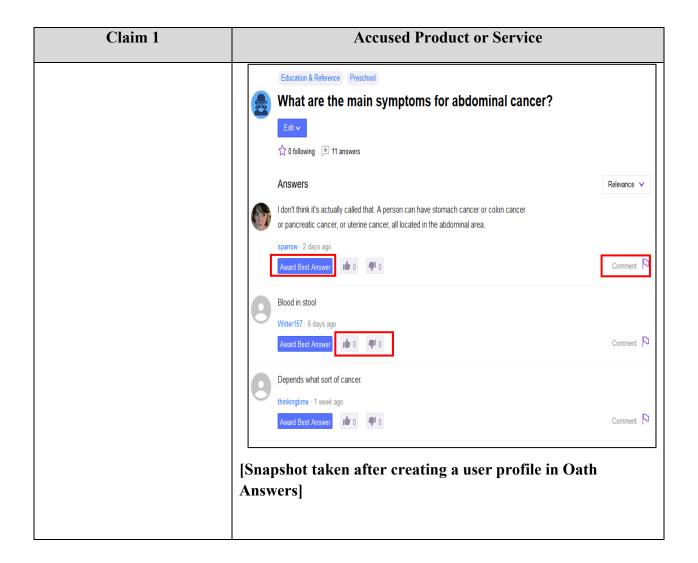
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	User can anonymously share his inquiry in which case user's identity remains hidden





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tracking feedback for each of the selected one or more participants based at least in part on the published portion of the response, including determining a rating from the user for at least one of the selected one or more participants.	Attachment 9 (Questions Oath Answers (Webpage)) at 1. Plaintiff contends that feedback for each participant is tracked based on the provided response. That is, user can provide rating to at least one of the selected one or more participants. In case of Oath Answers, user can provide ratings out of 5 stars to one or more participants based on their responses and can award "Best Answer" to one of the responses. Besides, the user also has options to "Like" or "Dislike" the response of each
	participant or can provide his comment on each participant's response.





- These allegations of infringement are preliminary and are therefore subject to change.
- 11. Oath has and continues to induce infringement. Oath has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., question and answer services on the Internet] and related services that provide question and answer services across the Internet such as to cause infringement of claims 1–8 of the '591 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, Oath has known of the '591 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the date of issuance of the patent.

- 12. Oath has and continues to contributorily infringe. Oath has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., question and answer services on the Internet] and related services that provide question and answer services across the Internet such as to cause infringement of claims 1–8 of the '591 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, Oath has known of the '591 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the date of issuance of the patent.
- 13. Oath has caused and will continue to cause NETSOC damage by direct and indirect infringement of (including inducing infringement of) the claims of the '591 patent.

IV. JURY DEMAND

NETSOC hereby requests a trial by jury on issues so triable by right.

V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, NETSOC prays for relief as follows:

- a. enter judgment that Defendant has infringed the claims of the '591 patent through OATH.COM;
- b. award NETSOC damages in an amount sufficient to compensate it for Defendant's infringement of the '591 patent, in an amount no less than a reasonable royalty or lost profits, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- c. award NETSOC an accounting for acts of infringement not presented at trial and an award by the Court of additional damage for any such acts of infringement;
- d. declare this case to be "exceptional" under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and award NETSOC its attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this action;

e. declare Defendant's infringement to be willful and treble the damages, including attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this action and an increase in the damage award pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

f. a decree addressing future infringement that either (i) awards a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its agents, servants, employees, affiliates, divisions, and subsidiaries, and those in association with Defendant from infringing the claims of the Patents-in-Suit, or (ii) awards damages for future infringement in lieu of an injunction in an amount consistent with the fact that for future infringement the Defendant will be an adjudicated infringer of a valid patent, and trebles that amount in view of the fact that the future infringement will be willful as a matter of law; and

g. award NETSOC such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule CV-5, I hereby certify that all counsel of record in this case is served via email on this day of July 10, 2019 or ECF in this matter.

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