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22 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 23 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
 24 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

25 BOT M8 LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability  
 26 Company,

27 Plaintiff,

28 v.

SONY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, a New  
 York Corporation; SONY CORPORATION, a  
 Japanese Corporation; and SONY  
 INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT LLC, a  
 California Limited Liability Company,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:19-cv-07027-WHA

**PLAINTIFF BOT M8 LLC'S AMENDED  
 COMPLAINT FOR PATENT  
 INFRINGEMENT**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

1 Plaintiff Bot M8 LLC (“Bot M8”) files this Amended Complaint for Patent Infringement and  
2 Demand for Jury Trial against Sony Interactive Entertainment, Sony Interactive Entertainment LLC,  
3 Sony Corporation of America, and Sony Corporation (collectively, “Sony”), and alleges as follows:

4 **THE PARTIES**

5 1. Plaintiff Bot M8 is a Delaware Limited Liability Company.

6 2. Defendant Sony Corporation of America (“SCA”) is a corporation organized and  
7 existing under the laws of the State of New York, having a principal place of business at 25 Madison  
8 Avenue, New York, New York 10010. SCA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japanese conglomerate  
9 Sony Corporation and is the United States headquarters of Sony Corporation. Upon information and  
10 belief, Defendant Sony Corporation of America has authority to negotiate and enter into patent licenses  
11 on behalf of Sony Corporation.

12 3. Defendant Sony Corporation is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of  
13 Japan, with a principal place of business at 1-7-1 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0075, Japan. Sony  
14 Corporation is a Japanese multinational conglomerate, with businesses including gaming, consumer  
15 and professional electronics, entertainment and financial services.

16 4. Sony Interactive Entertainment is a multinational video game and digital entertainment  
17 company that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japanese conglomerate Sony Corporation. Defendant  
18 Sony Interactive Entertainment LLC (“SIE”) is the global and Americas regional headquarters of Sony  
19 Interactive Entertainment, located at 2207 Bridgepointe Parkway, San Mateo, California.

20 5. Sony designs, manufactures, uses, advertises, imports, distributes, offers for sale and  
21 sells PlayStation 4 consoles, PlayStation Network services and PlayStation 4 videogames, including  
22 single player games and multiplayer games. The PlayStation 4 console is an eighth-generation home  
23 video game console developed by Sony, and launched on November 15, 2013 in North America.

24 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

25 6. This action arises under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.* This Court has original  
26 jurisdiction over this controversy pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

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

1 8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because the Defendants moved to  
2 transfer this case from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and  
3 consented to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court. Additionally, Defendants have committed acts of  
4 infringement in this District and SIE's principle place of business is within the District.

5 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Sony Corporation because it has  
6 committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business within this District  
7 through its subsidiary SIE and its regular contacts with and conduct of business within this District. As  
8 a foreign corporation, Sony Corporation is subject to venue within this District.

9 10. Additionally, this Court can further exercise personal jurisdiction over the Defendants  
10 in this action because they have committed acts of infringement and inducement of infringement in this  
11 District, including through designing, manufacturing, advertising, using, distributing, offering for sale  
12 and selling infringing products and services in this District and because Plaintiff's claims arise out of  
13 and relate to Defendants' acts of infringement and inducement of infringement in this District, and  
14 because the exercise of jurisdiction by this Court over Defendants would be reasonable. Defendants  
15 have more than minimal contacts with this District, such that the maintenance of this action within this  
16 District would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

17 **BOT M8'S ASSERTED PATENTS**

18 11. On March 4, 2008, the USPTO issued U.S. Patent No. 7,338,363 ("the '363 Patent"),  
19 titled "Gaming Machine, Server, and Program" to Kazuo Okada. All rights, title, and interests in the  
20 '363 Patent have been assigned to Bot M8 who is the sole owner of the '363 Patent. A true and correct  
21 copy of the '363 Patent is attached to this Complaint as **Exhibit 1** and is incorporated by reference  
22 herein.

23 12. The '363 Patent generally relates to a gaming machine, a server and a program. More  
24 particularly, the specification values of a game machine can be changed by each game player to meet  
25 each player's unique preference. One of the ways this is accomplished is by renewing specification  
26 values of a game machine on the basis of the total of the number of medals paid out by a game player  
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1 to the gaming machine. Furthermore, a game can be jointly played on two gaming machines, and the  
2 total results of the jointly played game can be used to update specification values.

3 13. On December 13, 2011, the USPTO issued U.S. Patent No. 8,078,540 (“the ‘540  
4 Patent”), titled “Gaming Machine, Gaming Information Authentication and Acquisition Device, and  
5 Gaming Information Acquisition Device” to Tatsuhiko Tanimura. All rights, title, and interests in the  
6 ‘540 Patent have been assigned to Bot M8 who is the sole owner of the ‘540 Patent. A true and correct  
7 copy of the ‘540 Patent is attached to this Complaint as **Exhibit 2** and is incorporated by reference  
8 herein.

9 14. The ‘540 Patent generally relates to a gaming machine, a gaming information  
10 authenticating and loading device, and a loading device for loading gaming information, whereby  
11 gaming information recorded on a portable storage medium can be authenticated. Double  
12 authentication is used to authenticate gaming information and increase authentication reliability.  
13 Namely, before a motherboard loads an authentication program to authenticate actual gaming  
14 information, a preliminary authentication is carried out to confirm that the authentication program is a  
15 legitimate program which has not been manipulated.

16 15. On January 10, 2012, the USPTO issued U.S. Patent No. 8,095,990 (“the ‘990 Patent”),  
17 titled “Gaming Machine, Gaming Information Authentication Loading Device and Gaming  
18 Information Loading Device” to Tatsuhiko Tanimura. All rights, title, and interests in the ‘990 Patent  
19 have been assigned to Bot M8 who is the sole owner of the ‘990 Patent. A true and correct copy of the  
20 ‘990 Patent is attached to this Complaint as **Exhibit 3** and is incorporated by reference herein.

21 16. The ‘990 Patent generally relates to a gaming machine, a gaming information  
22 authentication loading device, and a gaming information loading device. Mutual authentication is used  
23 to increase authentication reliability. Namely, before a mutual authentication unit executes an  
24 authentication program to authenticate actual gaming information, the mutual authentication unit  
25 checks that the authentication program is a legitimate program.

26 17. On February 16, 2010, the USPTO issued U.S. Patent No. 7,664,988 (“the ‘988  
27 Patent”), titled “Gaming Apparatus Having Memory Fault Detection” to Jun Haishima. All rights, title,  
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1 and interests in the '988 Patent have been assigned to Bot M8 who is the sole owner of the '988 Patent.  
2 A true and correct copy of the '998 Patent is attached to this Complaint as **Exhibit 4** and is  
3 incorporated by reference herein.

4 18. The '988 Patent generally relates to an information process device in which a fault in  
5 hardware or software is inspected. Faults include, for example, damage, changes or falsification. The  
6 memory device in which a fault inspection program and a boot program are stored is different from  
7 another memory device where a game application program is stored. Both memory devices are  
8 connected to the same motherboard. If the memory device where the game application program is  
9 stored is damaged, the fault inspection program would not be affected. Therefore, fault detection  
10 reliability is increased.

11 19. On February 7, 2012, the USPTO issued U.S. Patent No. 8,112,670 ("the '670 Patent"),  
12 titled "Gaming Apparatus Having Memory Fault Detection" to Jun Haishima. All rights, title, and  
13 interest in the '670 Patent have been assigned to Bot M8 who is the sole owner of the '670 Patent. A  
14 true and correct copy of the '670 Patent is attached to this Complaint as **Exhibit 5** and is incorporated  
15 by reference herein.

16 20. The '670 Patent relates to an information process device in which a fault in hardware or  
17 software is inspected. The fault inspection program is stored in a memory device that is different from  
18 the memory device storing the boot program. Both memory devices are connected to the same  
19 motherboard. If the memory device where the game application program is stored is damaged, the  
20 fault inspection program would not be affected. Therefore, fault detection reliability is increased.

21 21. On March 3, 2009, the USPTO issued U.S. Patent No. 7,497,777 ("the '777 Patent"),  
22 titled "Gaming Machine and Computer-Readable Program Product" to Matsuzo Machida. All rights,  
23 title, and interest in the '777 Patent have been assigned to Bot M8 who is the sole owner of the '777  
24 Patent. A true and correct copy of the '777 Patent is attached to this Complaint as **Exhibit 6** and is  
25 incorporated by reference herein.

26 22. The '777 Patent generally relates to a gaming program and a gaming machine. An  
27 object of the invention is to augment interests in a game. One of the ways this is accomplished is by  
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1 the gaming machine displaying a plurality of characters on a display screen and the gaming program  
2 calculating an execution order of actions of the plurality of characters in the battle, where execution of  
3 actions of different characters can be independent from each other as long as the different characters  
4 take combination action.

5 23. The Asserted Patents are directed towards specific novel systems, apparatus, and  
6 methods for augmenting gaming experience, authentication reliability, and fault inspection reliability.  
7 The inventions of the Asserted Patents provide real-world benefits by solving real-world problems and  
8 providing real-world improvements within the realm of gaming. For example, the Asserted Patents  
9 disclose and specifically claim inventive concepts that represent significant improvements over  
10 conventional systems by teaching persons skilled in the art improve videogame matchmaking through  
11 the use of specification values, improve videogame authentication reliability through mutual  
12 authentication and storage of the fault detection and game application programs on different memory  
13 devices, and improve player interest in video games through the use of multiple characters that can  
14 operate independently but execute combination actions. Thus, the Asserted Patents disclose more than  
15 just a simple combination of generic components to perform conventional activities.

### 16 **SONY'S INFRINGING PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES**

17 24. Since November 2013, Sony has been making, using, designing, advertising, selling,  
18 offering for sale, and importing into the United States and this District video game consoles, network  
19 services, video games which infringe Bot M8's patents set forth above.

20 25. The infringing products and services include (1) the PlayStation 4, PlayStation 4 Slim,  
21 and PlayStation 4 Pro consoles (collectively referred to as the "PlayStation 4"); (2) the Sony  
22 PlayStation Network; and (3) various Sony-developed video games that include balanced multiplayer  
23 matchmaking, control over ally non-player characters or mutual authentication functionality  
24 (collectively, the "Accused Products").

25 26. Sony has sold over 100 million PlayStation 4 consoles. Sony makes, uses, designs,  
26 advertises, sells, offers for sale, and imports into the United States and this District PlayStation 4  
27 consoles. Through the PlayStation Store, Sony enables users to download video games as well as other  
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1 digital content to be used on the PlayStation 4 console. Through various retailers, Sony enables users  
2 to purchase video games stored on digital optical disks to be used on the PlayStation 4 consoles. The  
3 PlayStation 4 console can read and execute game information stored on a digital optical disk when  
4 such digital optical disk is connected to the PlayStation 4 console. The PlayStation 4 console is a  
5 hardware platform, and it typically contains a 1TB hard drive.



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15 27. The PlayStation Network is an online service which includes various offerings. The  
16 PlayStation Store is a digital media shop that offers a range of downloadable content both for purchase  
17 and free of charge. The content includes full games, free-to-play games, add-ons, demos, music,  
18 movies and background themes. PlayStation Plus is a PlayStation Network subscription service that  
19 provides users with access to premium features. These extras include early access to upcoming games,  
20 beta trials, regular store discounts, and the ability to have system software updates and game patches  
21 download automatically to the console. The PlayStation App which can be integrated in a smart  
22 device, allows users to control a PlayStation 4, redeem voucher codes, manage game downloads  
23 remotely, message gamer friends, invite friends to join a game, and take control and try out game from  
24 the user's own PlayStation 4.



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10 28. Sony operates the PlayStation Network on PlayStation game servers, powerful  
11 computers used to store files including user account information, social network information, gaming  
12 programs, and gaming results. Sony's PlayStation game servers are located throughout the United  
13 States.

14 29. Sony makes, uses, designs, advertises, sells, offers for sale, and imports into the United  
15 States and this District various video games for use with the PlayStation 4. Sony distributes these  
16 PlayStation 4 video games on digital optical disks through retail channels or through digital download  
17 from the PlayStation Network to PlayStation 4 consoles. PlayStation 4 games are installed to the  
18 console's storage (internal or external). These games are executable by PlayStation 4 consoles.  
19 Uncharted 4 is a representative example of a multiplayer game developed and sold by Sony for use  
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**SONY’S INFRINGEMENT OF BOT M8 PATENTS**

30. Sony has infringed and continues to infringe the Asserted Patents in this District and elsewhere in the United States by making, using, advertising, importing, selling, and offering for sale the Accused Products.

31. In addition to directly infringing the Asserted Patents under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), either literally, under the doctrine of equivalents, or both, Sony indirectly infringes the Asserted Patents by instructing, directing, and requiring others, including its customers, purchasers, users, and developers, to combine or make all or some of the components of the apparatus/system claims, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

**COUNT I**

**(Direct Infringement of the ‘363 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a))**

32. Bot M8 repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, the allegations of the preceding paragraphs, as set forth above.

33. Sony infringes Claims 1, 8 and 11 of the ‘363 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

34. Sony’s infringement is based upon literal infringement or, in the alternative, infringement under the doctrine of equivalents.

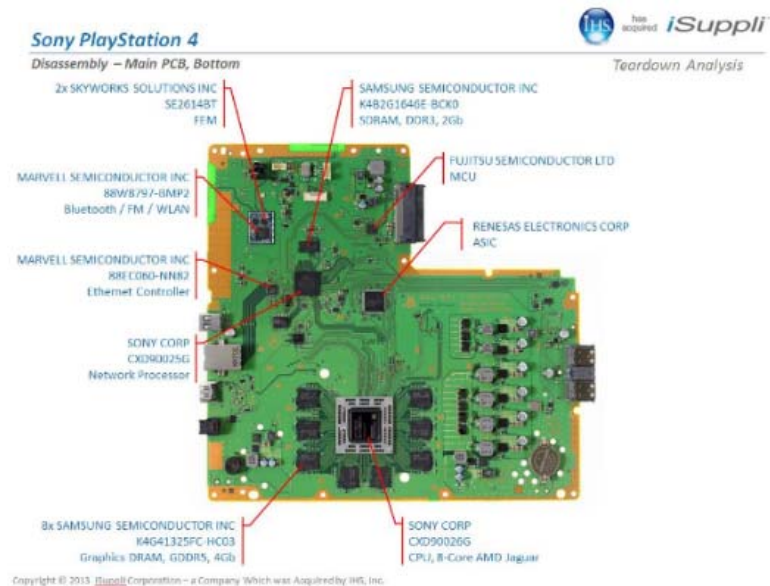
35. Sony’s infringement includes, making, using, advertising, importing, selling, and offering for sale PlayStation 4 consoles, PlayStation Network services and multiplayer games developed by Sony and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “’363 Accused Products”). Sony’s acts of

1 making, using, marketing, importing, selling, and offering for sale the ‘363 Accused Products were and  
 2 are without the permission, consent, authorization, or license of Bot M8.

3 36. The ‘363 Accused Products practice the patented invention of the ‘363 Patent and  
 4 infringed the ‘363 Patent because they integrate mechanisms of facilitating gaming experiences by  
 5 renewing and replacing specification value settings after each multiplayer match, and mechanisms of  
 6 determining a second gaming machine operated by a co-player. The specification values can include  
 7 total result data, offensive score, support score, who won, who lost, etc. The PlayStation Network and  
 8 PlayStation 4 operating system running games provide one or more players to competitively play the  
 9 game, in which a player can be matched with a plurality of available game players.

10 37. The PlayStation Network and PlayStation 4 operating system serve as a gaming  
 11 machine determining device, because they provides one or more players to competitively play the  
 12 game, and a player can be matched with a plurality of available game players.

13 38. The PlayStation 4 console transmits and receives data from the PlayStation Network  
 14 servers for multiplayer gaming purposes, using a network processor, an Ethernet controller and a  
 15 wireless communication module. These data include specification data.



24 <http://gamingbolt.com/inside-the-playstation-4-motherboard-components-explained>

39. The PlayStation Network interface is the total result data receiving device which receives total game results from the PlayStation game server. These data are retrieved from the server by the PlayStation 4 operating system using the network interface. The PlayStation 4 and PlayStation Network display several specification values, including the total result data, offensive score, support score, who won, and who lost. This information is sent from the PlayStation game server and matchmaking service to end-users' consoles.

Heroes	Score	Offense Score	Support Score
Futuramaforlife	1375	1250	125
CooperFyfe	1275	1100	175
Molajar	1250	1150	100
Lion_Squid	1150	1000	150
morg106	825	750	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>5875</b>	<b>5250</b>	<b>625</b>
Villains	Score	Offense Score	Support Score
xcvbgf43	2125	1950	175
Butterlies	1750	1600	150
RomanClaret	1500	1200	300
MADDESTER	1425	1200	225
Dolken_swe	525	350	175
<b>Total</b>	<b>7325</b>	<b>6300</b>	<b>1025</b>

<http://www.playstationtrophies.org/forum/the-arena/290780-uncharted-4-game-night-birthday-special-june-25th-2016-a-28.html>

40. The PlayStation Network and PlayStation 4 operating system serve as a specification value determining device for determining a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device. The PlayStation Network and PlayStation 4 operating system utilize a specification value in their software code base.

41. The PlayStation 4 provides a specification value setting in software modules and gaming programs, the specification value can be a character level, points, currency, a title, a rank, or a reward. The specification value can have an effect on matchmaking for the next multiplayer match. The PlayStation 4 operating system, loaded on a PlayStation 4 console, manages computer hardware and software resources and provides services for software modules to set at least one specification

1 value as a control condition for game control purposes. Game results are written into a memory of the  
2 PlayStation 4 console and are calculated by the CPU of the PlayStation 4 console.

3 42. “Uncharted 4” is a multiplayer, multi-character game made by Naughty Dog, Inc., a  
4 subsidiary of Sony Interactive Entertainment. Uncharted 4 can be downloaded to PlayStation 4  
5 console from the PlayStation Network or can be bought in physical form through various retailers,  
6 such as Amazon.com. The PlayStation 4 operating system runs the Uncharted 4 video game.  
7 Uncharted 4 is a representative example of the use of speciation values in the Accused Products for  
8 matchmaking purposes.

9 43. Uncharted 4 includes a multiplayer matchmaking system. The matchmaking system  
10 takes into consideration the specification value settings. Uncharted 4 has multiple multiplayer modes  
11 including Team Deathmatch, Command, Plunder, Ranked Team Deathmatch, Bounty Hunter, Classic  
12 Mode and Survival. These game modes utilize different specification value settings to facilitate  
13 matchmaking. For example, in Ranked Team Deathmatch, an initial Rank is determined with 3  
14 placement matches. The placement matches are based on the internal “Skill Rating.” This is a metric  
15 used to judge performance. Skill Rating takes into account one’s scoreboard position along with other  
16 factors. This Skill Rating can also be a specification value.

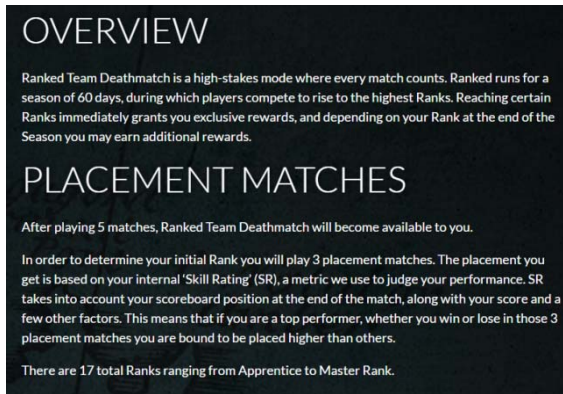
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18 **Game modes**

19 Seven game modes are available:

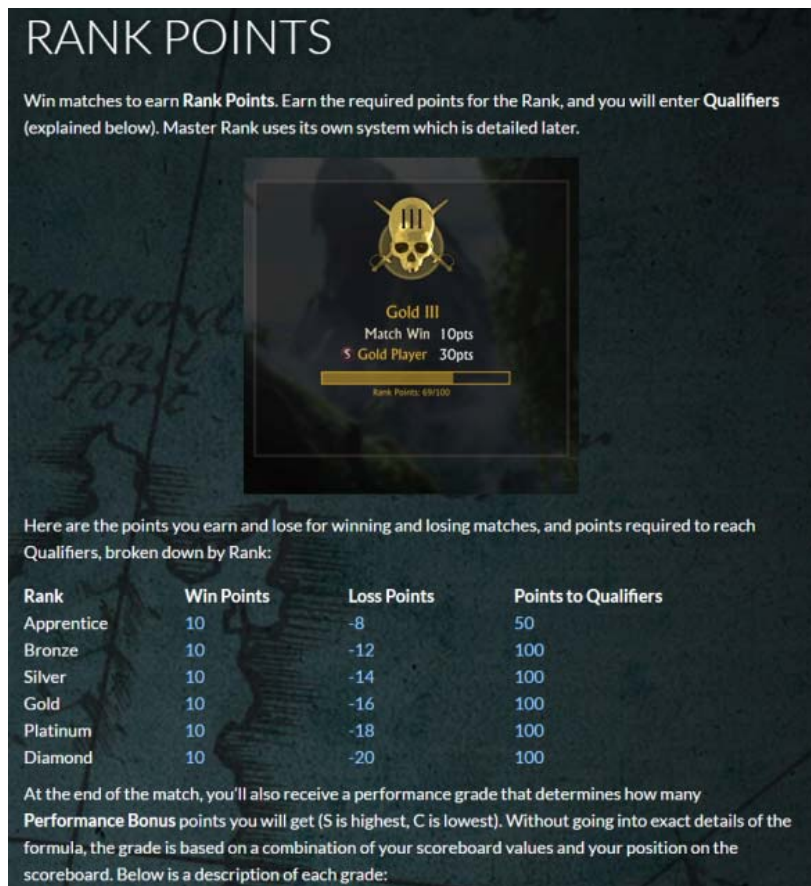
- 20 ▪ **Team Deathmatch:** Two teams of five compete to be the first to gain 40 enemy KOs.
- 21 ▪ **Command:** Two teams of five fight for control over three command zones. Teams gain points per second for each command zone and win by being the first to reach 700 points.
- 22 ▪ **Plunder:** Two teams of four attempt to secure the idol in their respective chests. First team to 3 points wins.
- 23 ▪ **Ranked Team Deathmatch:** Two teams of five compete to be the first to gain 40 enemy KOs. Players are ranked and matched based on their performance. Rewards are given at the end of the season depending on what ranked you are
- 24 ▪ **Bounty Hunter:** A new gamemode introduced in the **Bounty Hunter** DLC. Two teams compete to reach the score limit by collecting Bounties from KO'd players. When you KO a player, they drop a Bounty worth 10 points, which you or your teammates must retrieve before an enemy can swoop in and deny it.
- 25 ▪ **Classic Mode:** A back-to-basics mode based on team deathmatch from uncharted 2 multiplayer. There's no in-match Store, Radar and more. Also Heavy Weapons will now spawn around the map.
- 26 ▪ **Survival:** A co-op gamemode where you have to survive waves of enemy

27 [http://uncharted.wikia.com/wiki/Uncharted\\_4:\\_A\\_Thief's\\_End\\_multiplayer](http://uncharted.wikia.com/wiki/Uncharted_4:_A_Thief's_End_multiplayer)



<http://www.unchartedthegame.com/rank-system/the-system>

44. Uncharted 4 includes Rank Points which can be a specification value.



<http://www.unchartedthegame.com/rank-system>

45. As shown below, the player obtained an “idol” and in game currency both of which may be specification values, impacting matching.



<http://www.unchartedthegame.com/en-us/multiplayer>

46. Specification values are renewed and replaced after each multiplayer match for matching purposes. For example, in Ranked Team Deathmatch an initial Rank is determined with 3 placement matches. The placement matches are based on the internal “Skill Rating” which is a metric used to judge performance. Skill Rating takes into account one’s scoreboard position along with other factors. This Skill Rating is renewed after each match.

**OVERVIEW**

Ranked Team Deathmatch is a high-stakes mode where every match counts. Ranked runs for a season of 60 days, during which players compete to rise to the highest Ranks. Reaching certain Ranks immediately grants you exclusive rewards, and depending on your Rank at the end of the Season you may earn additional rewards.

**PLACEMENT MATCHES**

After playing 5 matches, Ranked Team Deathmatch will become available to you.

In order to determine your initial Rank you will play 3 placement matches. The placement you get is based on your internal 'Skill Rating' (SR), a metric we use to judge your performance. SR takes into account your scoreboard position at the end of the match, along with your score and a few other factors. This means that if you are a top performer, whether you win or lose in those 3 placement matches you are bound to be placed higher than others.

There are 17 total Ranks ranging from Apprentice to Master Rank.

<http://www.unchartedthegame.com/rank-system/the-system>

1 47. When new specification data are calculated, the PlayStation 4 renews the specification  
 2 value, set by the specification value setting device, with the specification value determined by the  
 3 specification value determining device.

4 48. The following is an element-by-element analysis of Sony’s infringement of Claim 1 of  
 5 the ‘363 Patent based on the Uncharted 4.


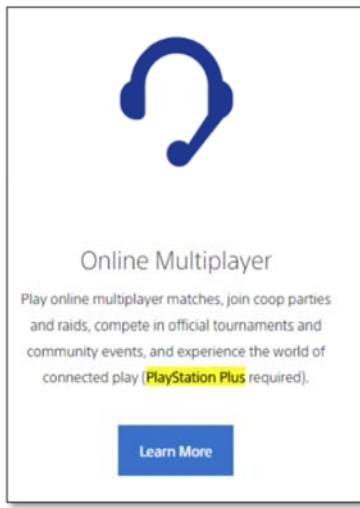
6 a.

Claim 1	PlayStation and Uncharted 4: A Thief’s End
<p>7 <b>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</b></p> <p>8 a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>9 a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>10 a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>11 a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>12 a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>13 a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	<p>14 Sony’s PlayStation 4 is a gaming machine. There are three versions of the PlayStation 4 referred to as “PlayStation 4,” “PlayStation 4 Slim,” and “PlayStation 4 Pro” (collectively referred to as “PlayStation 4). Each of these versions infringe the asserted claims of the ‘363 Patent in the same way, so a single chart will provided for these three PlayStation 4 versions.</p> <p>15 A PlayStation 4 console along with a PlayStation Network server, for playing streaming or multiplayer networked games, also constitute a gaming machine.</p> <div data-bbox="560 928 1010 1247" data-label="Image"> <p>16 The image shows the PlayStation Network logo, which consists of a blue sphere with a white PlayStation symbol inside, next to the text "PlayStation Network" in white on a blue background.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1084 972 1446 1306" data-label="Image"> <p>17 The image shows a black PlayStation 4 console standing vertically next to a DualShock 4 controller.</p> </div>

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<b>Claim 1</b>			
<p><b>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</b></p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	<p><b>The PlayStation 4 gaming console (PS4) is a gaming machine which transmits and receives data to and from PlayStation Network servers, e.g., for online multiplayer gaming purposes.</b></p>  <p>NOTE: The PS4 is discussed in detail, but the same analysis is applicable to the PS4 Slim and PS4 Pro consoles.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <table> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px;">Networking</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">                     Ethernet (10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T) ×1                      IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac                      Bluetooth®v4.0                 </td> </tr> </table> </div> <p><b>The Technical Specification of the PS4 indicates data transmission and receiving networking capabilities that include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethernet (10 BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T)×1</li> <li>• IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac</li> <li>• Bluetooth®v4.0 Ethernet</li> </ul> 	Networking	Ethernet (10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T) ×1 IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac Bluetooth®v4.0
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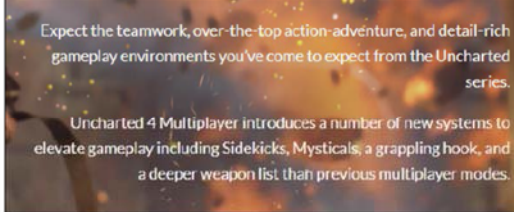
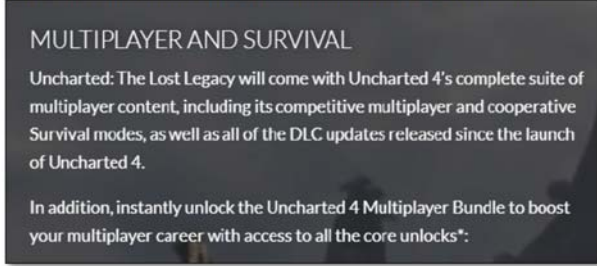
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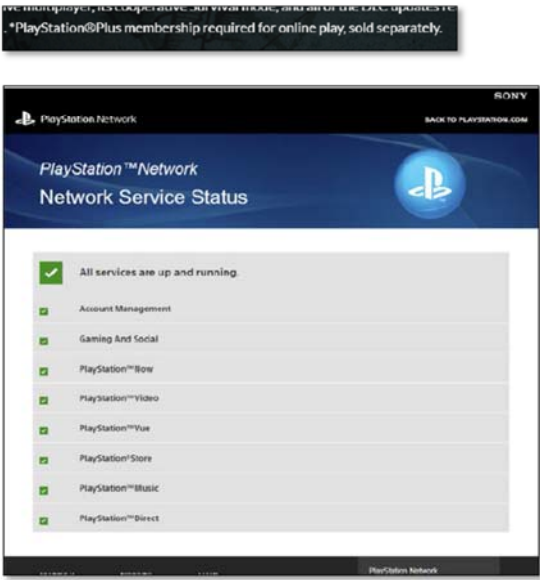
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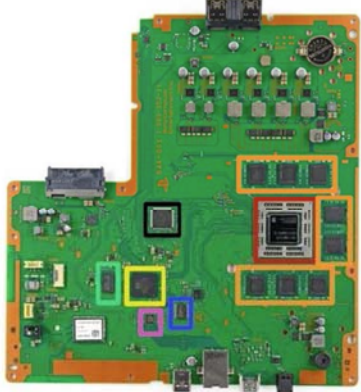
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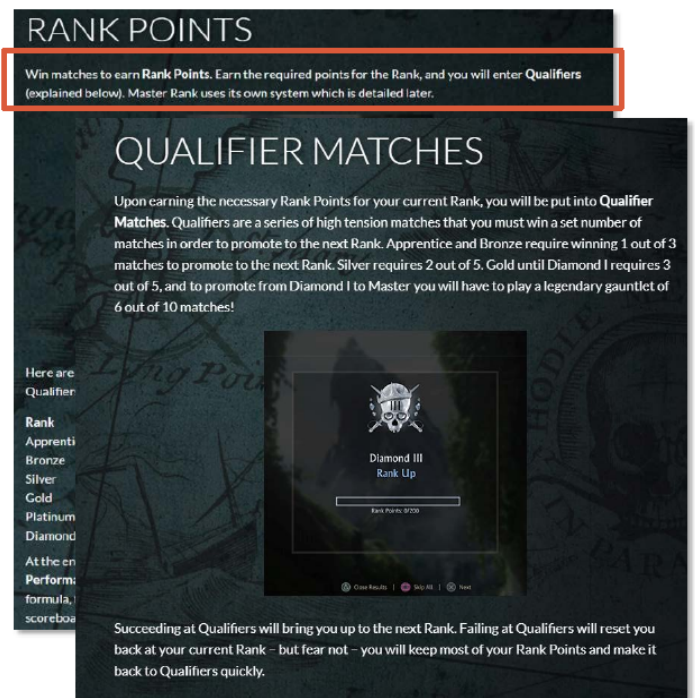
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<p><b>Claim 1</b></p>	<p>The PS4 executing Uncharted sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control. In particular, the PS4 executing Uncharted sets a specification value as a control condition for match-making in online multiplayer modes.</p> <p>Uncharted has several different multiplayer modes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Deathmatch</li> <li>• Command</li> <li>• Plunder</li> <li>• Ranked Team Deathmatch</li> <li>• Bounty Hunter</li> <li>• Classic Mode</li> <li>• Survival.</li> </ul> <p>These game modes utilize different specification value settings.</p> <div data-bbox="987 321 1477 865" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Game modes</b></p> <p>Seven game modes are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Team Deathmatch:</b> Two teams of five compete to be the first to gain 40 enemy KOs.</li> <li>• <b>Command:</b> Two teams of five fight for control over three command zones. Teams gain points per second for each command zone and win by being the first to reach 700 points.</li> <li>• <b>Plunder:</b> Two teams of four attempt to secure the idol in their respective chests. First team to 3 points wins.</li> <li>• <b>Ranked Team Deathmatch:</b> Two teams of five compete to be the first to gain 40 enemy KOs. Players are ranked and matched based on their performance. Rewards are given at the end of the season depending on what ranked you are.</li> <li>• <b>Bounty Hunter:</b> A new gamemode introduced in the Bounty Hunter DLC. Two teams compete to reach the score limit by collecting Bounties from KO'd players. When you KO a player, they drop a Bounty worth 10 points, which you or your teammates must retrieve before an enemy can swoop in and deny it.</li> <li>• <b>Classic Mode:</b> A back-to-basics mode based on team deathmatch from uncharted 2 multiplayer. There's no in-match Store, Radar and more. Also Heavy Weapons will now spawn around the map.</li> <li>• <b>Survival:</b> A co-op gamemode where you have to survive waves of enemy</li> </ul> </div>
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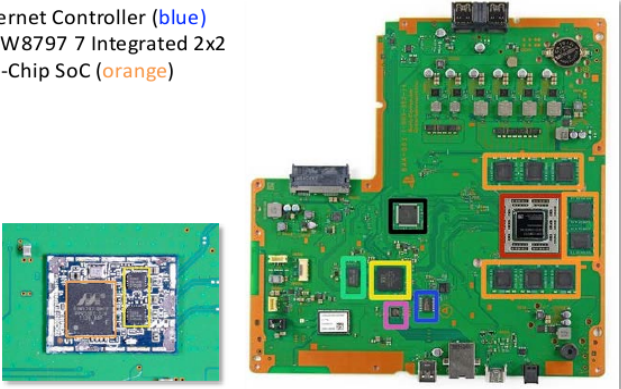
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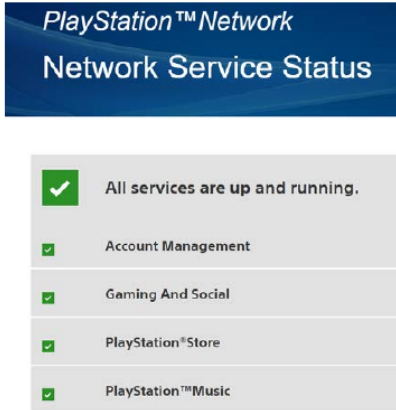
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49. The following is an element-by-element analysis of Sony’s infringement of Claim 8 of the ‘363 Patent based on the Uncharted 4.



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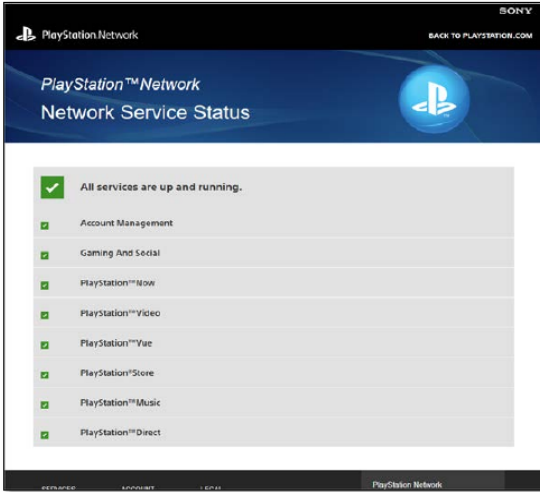
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<p><b>Claim 8</b></p> <p>8. A server for transmitting and receiving data to and from a first gaming machine operated by a game player and a second gaming machine operated by a co-player, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control with the first gaming machine;</p> <p>a game result data receiving device that receives data of a game result transmitted from the first gaming machine and data of a game result transmitted from the second gaming machine;</p>	<p>As shown below, Uncharted 4: A Thief’s End has an online multiplayer component, with data transmitted to and from player’s PlayStation 4 gaming machines by the PlayStation Network servers.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%; text-align: center;"> <p style="font-size: 12px;">Expect the teamwork, over-the-top action adventure, and detail-rich gameplay environments you’ve come to expect from the Uncharted series.</p> <p style="font-size: 12px;">Uncharted 4 Multiplayer introduces a number of new systems to elevate gameplay including Sidelicks, Mysticals, a grappling hook, and a deeper weapon list than previous multiplayer modes.</p> </div> <p>“Uncharted 4: The Lost Legacy” is a related stand-alone video game that shares a multiplayer component and content with Uncharted 4: A Thief’s End.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%; text-align: center;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">MULTIPLAYER AND SURVIVAL</p> <p style="font-size: 10px;">Uncharted: The Lost Legacy will come with Uncharted 4’s complete suite of multiplayer content, including its competitive multiplayer and cooperative Survival modes, as well as all of the DLC updates released since the launch of Uncharted 4.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px;">In addition, instantly unlock the Uncharted 4 Multiplayer Bundle to boost your multiplayer career with access to all the core unlocks*:</p> </div>
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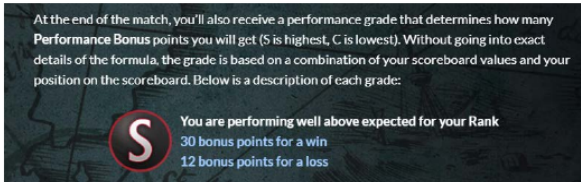
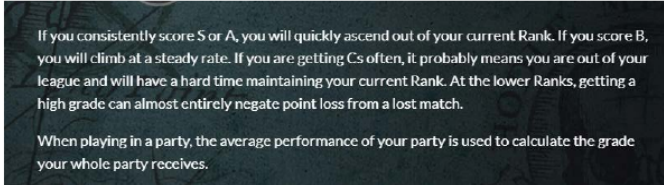
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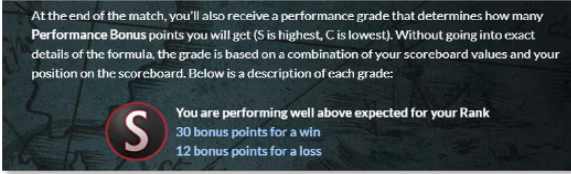
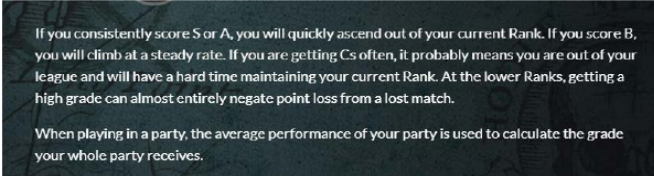
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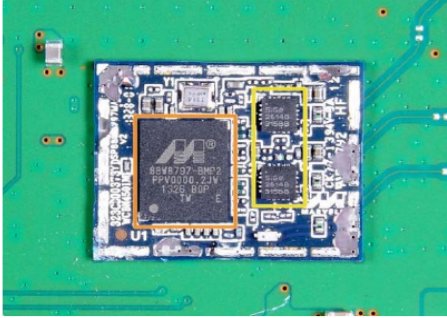
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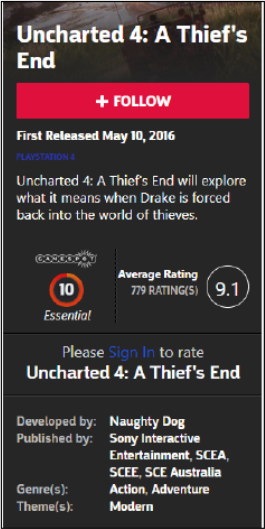
<p><b>Claim 8</b></p> <p>a determined specification value transmitting device that transmits the specification value determined by the specification value determining device to the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine.</p>	<p>The PSN Server has a determined specification value transmitting device (communications hardware of PSN server) that transmits the specification value determined by the specification value determining device to the first gaming machine (PS4) and the second gaming machine (PS4 console).</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p>● Marvell Wireless Avastar 88W8797 7 Integrated 2x2 WLAN/Bluetooth/FM Single-Chip SoC</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethernet (10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T) ×1</li> <li>IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac</li> <li>Bluetooth®v4.0</li> </ul> </div> <p>The Technical Specification of the PS4 indicates data transmission and receiving networking capabilities that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethernet (10 BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T)×1</li> <li>• IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac</li> <li>• Bluetooth®v4.0 Ethernet</li> </ul>
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50. The following is an element-by-element analysis of Sony’s infringement of Claim 11 of the ‘363 Patent based on the Uncharted 4.

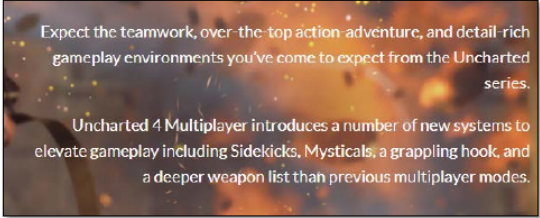
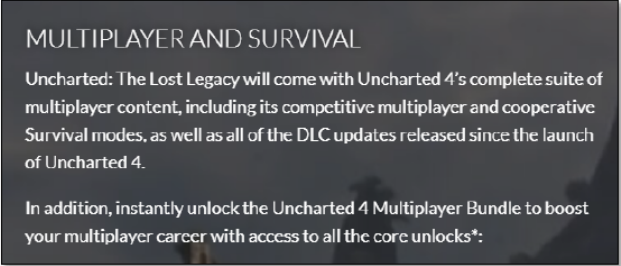
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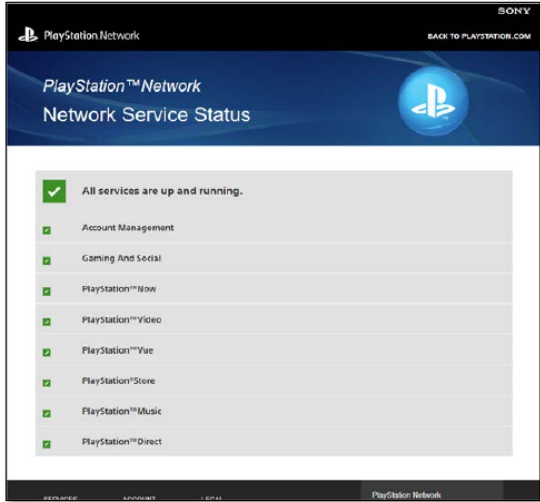
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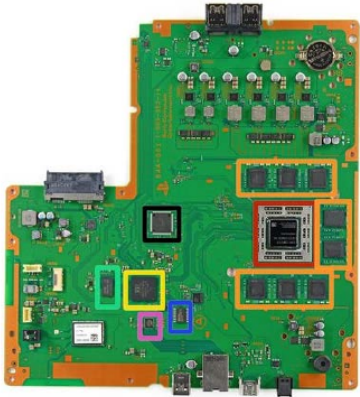
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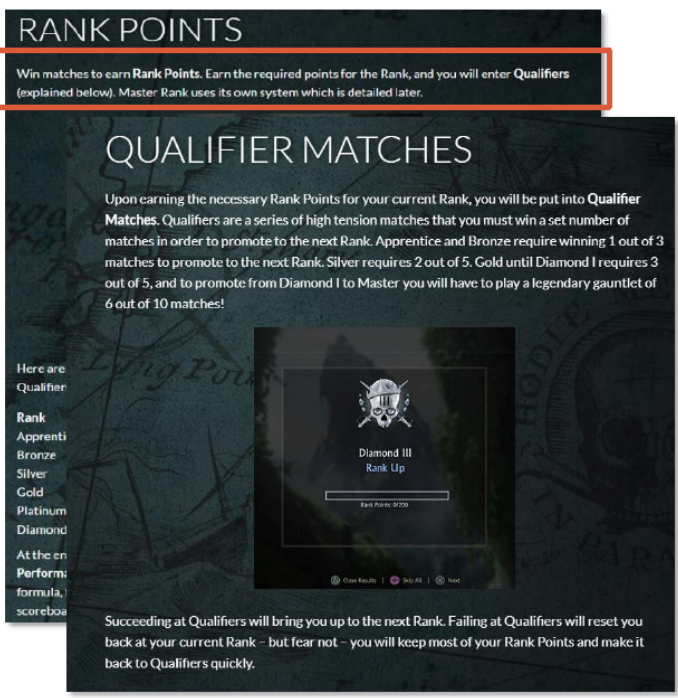
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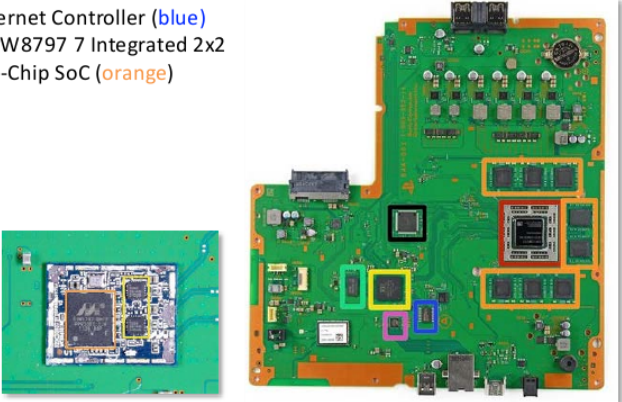
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 transmitting and receiving data, including of a game  
 result to the server.

“In computing, a server is a computer program or a  
 device that provides functionality for other programs  
 or devices, called “clients”.  
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16 **Claim 11**

17 11. A program stored on media for  
 18 directing a computer of a first gaming  
 19 machine capable of transmitting and  
 20 receiving data to and from a server to  
 21 perform:  
 22 setting at least one specification value  
 23 as a control condition for game control  
 24 with the first gaming machine;  
 25 **transmitting data of a game result to**  
 26 **the server;**  
 27 determining a second gaming machine  
 28 operated by a co-player;

The PS4/ PSN server’s transmitting device **transmits data of a game result** (player death,  
 match win, match loss) to the server (PlayStation Network servers). See below example of  
 player death (“Downed by fyb8”).



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**Claim 11**

11. A program stored on media for directing a computer of a first gaming machine capable of transmitting and receiving data to and from a server to perform:

setting at least one specification value as a control condition for game control with the first gaming machine;

transmitting data of a game result to the server;

determining a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;

The PS4/PSN server's transmitting device transmits data of a game result (player death, match win, match loss) to the server (PlayStation Network servers). See below example of updated Player Scores and Team Scores (6:3).



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11. A program stored on media for directing a computer of a first gaming machine capable of transmitting and receiving data to and from a server to perform:

setting at least one specification value as a control condition for game control with the first gaming machine;


transmitting data of a game result to the server;

determining a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;


The PS4/PSN server's transmitting device transmits data of a game result (intermediary game results such as player's kills, "\$50 KO") to the server (PlayStation Network servers).



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<p><b>Claim 11</b></p> <p>11. A program stored on media for directing a computer of a first gaming machine capable of transmitting and receiving data to and from a server to perform:</p> <p>setting at least one specification value as a control condition for game control with the first gaming machine;</p> <p>transmitting data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>determining a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p>	<p>The PS4/PSN server's transmitting device <b>transmits data of a game result</b> ("You Won! 40:31") to the server (PlayStation Network servers).</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a 'You Won!' message with a score of 40:31. Below this, there are two scoreboards. The 'Heroes' scoreboard lists: Strictnasty (5155), PedroPalaqJunior (1600), BarksWizrd (1340), Numozincho8 (850), and Rupecclaudia (900). The 'Total' score for Heroes is 9745. The 'Villains' scoreboard lists: Beastbreast5 (2195), MilitaryFlynn24 (1770), Syb8 (1385), K-i-N-G-P-i-N (1385), and DecimBar (900). The 'Total' score for Villains is 7635.</p>
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<p><b>Claim 11</b></p> <p>11. A program stored on media for directing a computer of a first gaming machine capable of transmitting and receiving data to and from a server to perform:</p> <p>setting at least one specification value as a control condition for game control with the first gaming machine;</p> <p>transmitting data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>determining a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p>	<p>The PS4 includes a gaming machine determining device (processor of PS4) that determines <b>a second gaming machine operated by a co-player</b> (a PS4 operated by a co-player, represented by an avatar character highlighted below).</p> <p>The PSN Server is a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player (a PS4 operated by a co-player, represented by an avatar character highlighted below).</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a first-person view of a game. A co-player's avatar, wearing a white shirt and dark pants, is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The game interface includes a goal counter (Goal: 40), a score (\$1075), and various player names like 'DarkWizrd', 'BarksWizrd', 'Rupecclaudia', and 'Hostler19'.</p>
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<p><b>Claim 11</b></p>	
<p>receiving from the server data of a total result totalizing the game result achieved by the first gaming machine and a game result achieved by the second gaming machine;</p> <p>determining a specification value based on the data of the total result; and</p> <p>renewing to replace the set specification value with the determined specification value.</p>	<p>The PS4/PSN server includes a total result data receiving device (communication devices of PS4) that receives from the server data of a <b>total game result</b> (Performance Bonus, performance grade) <b>achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine</b> based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device (“average performance of your party is used to calculate the grade your whole party receives”).</p> <p>See prior discussion of communications hardware with respect to Claim element “a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server.”</p> <div data-bbox="634 579 1211 756"> <p>At the end of the match, you'll also receive a performance grade that determines how many Performance Bonus points you will get (S is highest, C is lowest). Without going into exact details of the formula, the grade is based on a combination of your scoreboard values and your position on the scoreboard. Below is a description of each grade:</p> <p><b>S</b> You are performing well above expected for your Rank 30 bonus points for a win 12 bonus points for a loss</p> </div> <div data-bbox="634 795 1292 976"> <p>If you consistently score S or A, you will quickly ascend out of your current Rank. If you score B, you will climb at a steady rate. If you are getting Cs often, it probably means you are out of your league and will have a hard time maintaining your current Rank. At the lower Ranks, getting a high grade can almost entirely negate point loss from a lost match.</p> <p>When playing in a party, the average performance of your party is used to calculate the grade your whole party receives.</p> </div>

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<p><b>Claim 11</b></p>	
<p>receiving from the server data of a total result totalizing the game result achieved by the first gaming machine and a game result achieved by the second gaming machine;</p> <p>determining a specification value based on the data of the total result; and</p> <p>renewing to replace the set specification value with the determined specification value.</p>	<p>The PS4/PSN server includes a specification value determining device (processor of PS4) that determines a specification value (20-Game Average Match Rating) based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device (“Master Rank will still judge performance using score at the end of the match”).</p> <div data-bbox="774 1312 1479 1864"> <p><b>MASTER RANK:</b></p> <p>Master Rank players will be competing among each other for top spots on the Global Leaderboards with their 20-Game Average Match Rating. When reaching Master Rank, players will start with a 200 Match Rating. Master Rank will still judge performance using score at the end of the match. However, Instead of a letter grade result, players will get a Match Rating. Match Rating ranges from -1000 to 1000. By earning Match Ratings higher than a player's own 20-Game Average, they will be able to raise their Average. Be warned, should a player's average drop below 0, they will be ejected from Master Rank. Master Rank is unaffected by win or loss, only player performance is evaluated.</p> <p>In order to keep Master Players actively competing to keep themselves on top, players will lose points for being away for too long. After 6 days without playing a match of Ranked King of the Hill, Master Rank players will start to decay their 20-Game Average. Quitting or forfeiting a match will result in an automatic -1000 Match Rating.</p> </div>

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<p>receiving from the server data of a total result totalizing the game result achieved by the first gaming machine and a game result achieved by the second gaming machine;</p> <p>determining a specification value based on the data of the total result; and</p> <p>renewing to replace the set specification value with the determined specification value.</p>	<p>A PSN Server executing a server-side backend for Uncharted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- is a specification value determining device (as part of a system of PS4 + PSN Server) or</li> <li>- includes a specification value determining device (processor of PSN server)</li> </ul> <p>that determines a specification value (20-Game Average Match Rating) based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device ("Master Rank will still judge performance using score at the end of the match").</p> <div data-bbox="859 520 1455 968" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #333; color: white;"> <p><b>MASTER RANK:</b></p> <p>Master Rank players will be competing among each other for top spots on the Global Leaderboards with their 20-Game Average Match Rating. When reaching Master Rank, players will start with a 200 Match Rating. Master Rank will still judge performance using score at the end of the match. However, Instead of a letter grade result, players will get a Match Rating. Match Rating ranges from -1000 to 1000. By earning Match Ratings higher than a player's own 20-Game Average, they will be able to raise their Average. Be warned, should a player's average drop below 0, they will be ejected from Master Rank. Master Rank is unaffected by win or loss, only player performance is evaluated.</p> <p>In order to keep Master Players actively competing to keep themselves on top, players will lose points for being away for too long. After 6 days without playing a match of Ranked King of the Hill, Master Rank players will start to decay their 20-Game Average. Quitting or forfeiting a match will result in an automatic -1000 Match Rating.</p> </div>

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<p>receiving from the server data of a total result totalizing the game result achieved by the first gaming machine and a game result achieved by the second gaming machine;</p> <p>determining a specification value based on the data of the total result; and</p> <p>renewing to replace the set specification value with the determined specification value.</p>	<p>The PS4/PSN server includes a specification value renewing device (processor) that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device ("players will get a Match Rating") with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device ("By earning Match Ratings higher than a player's own 20-Game Average, they will be able to raise their Average.")</p> <div data-bbox="789 1325 1459 1852" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #333; color: white;"> <p><b>MASTER RANK:</b></p> <p>Master Rank players will be competing among each other for top spots on the Global Leaderboards with their 20-Game Average Match Rating. When reaching Master Rank, players will start with a 200 Match Rating. Master Rank will still judge performance using score at the end of the match. However, Instead of a letter grade result, players will get a Match Rating. Match Rating ranges from -1000 to 1000. By earning Match Ratings higher than a player's own 20-Game Average, they will be able to raise their Average. Be warned, should a player's average drop below 0, they will be ejected from Master Rank. Master Rank is unaffected by win or loss, only player performance is evaluated.</p> <p>In order to keep Master Players actively competing to keep themselves on top, players will lose points for being away for too long. After 6 days without playing a match of Ranked King of the Hill, Master Rank players will start to decay their 20-Game Average. Quitting or forfeiting a match will result in an automatic -1000 Match Rating.</p> </div>

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<p>receiving from the server data of a total result totalizing the game result achieved by the first gaming machine and a game result achieved by the second gaming machine;</p> <p>determining a specification value based on the data of the total result; and</p> <p>renewing to replace the set specification value with the determined specification value.</p>	<p>The PS4/PSN server includes a specification value renewing device (processor of PS4) that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device (“Relic Boosters will give a 300% increase to the relics earned from completing a Multiplayer match, plus a stacking shared bonus, which all players in the match receive”) with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p> <div data-bbox="841 499 1446 909" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VIP Bonus                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Purchasing any Uncharted Points pack now awards VIP status, which gives you a permanent 20% bonus to all Relics earned from challenges within Uncharted 4</li> <li>○ Anyone who previously purchased an Uncharted Points pack will also have VIP status</li> <li>○ Any Uncharted Points pack over 300UP now comes with a set of one-use Relic Boosters.                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Relic Boosters give you a 300% increase to the Relics earned from completing a Multiplayer match, plus a stacking shared bonus, which all players in the match receive</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• The more players activate a booster in a match, the bigger the reward for everyone!</li> </ul> </div>



51. The following is an element-by-element analysis of Sony’s infringement of Claim 1 of the ‘363 Patent based on MLB The Show.

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Claim 1	PlayStation and MLB The Show 19
<p>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	<p>Sony’s PlayStation 4 is a gaming machine. There are three versions of the PlayStation 4 referred to as “PlayStation 4,” “PlayStation 4 Slim,” and “PlayStation 4 Pro” (collectively referred to as “PlayStation 4). Each of these versions infringe the asserted claims of the ‘363 Patent in the same way, so a single chart will provided for these three PlayStation 4 versions.</p> <p>A PlayStation 4 console along with a PlayStation Network server, for playing streaming or multiplayer networked games, also constitute a gaming machine.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>




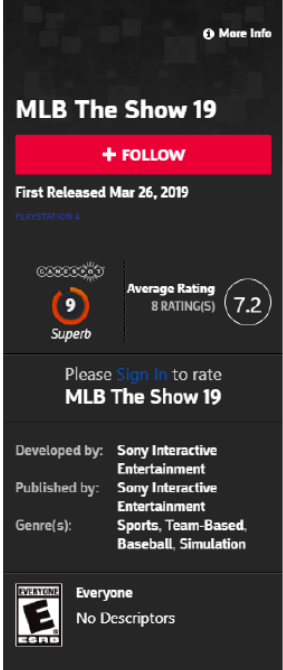
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<b>Claim 1</b>			
<p>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	<p>The PlayStation 4 gaming console (PS4) is a gaming machine which transmits and receives data to and from PlayStation Network servers, e.g., for online multiplayer gaming purposes.</p>  <p>NOTE: The PS4 is discussed in detail, but the same analysis is applicable to the PS4 Slim and PS4 Pro consoles.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <table> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px;">Networking</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">                     Ethernet (10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T) ×1                      IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac                      Bluetooth®v4.0                 </td> </tr> </table> </div> <p>The Technical Specification of the PS4 indicates data transmission and receiving networking capabilities that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethernet (10 BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T)×1</li> <li>• IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac</li> <li>• Bluetooth®v4.0 Ethernet</li> </ul> 	Networking	Ethernet (10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T) ×1 IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac Bluetooth®v4.0
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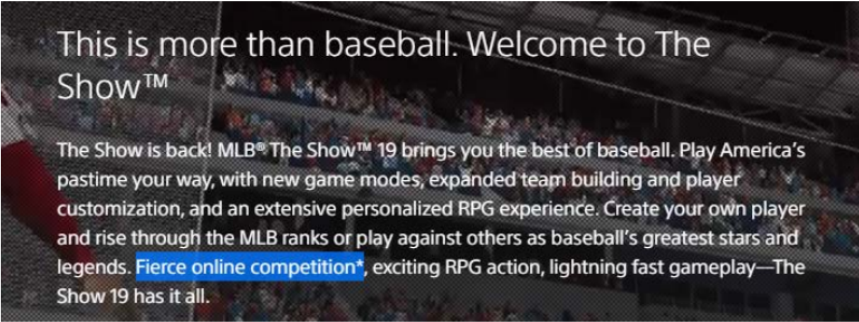
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<b>Claim 1</b>	
<p>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	 <p>PlayStation Plus is a paid-for PlayStation Network subscription service that provides users with access to “online multiplayer” portions of PS4 games.</p> <p>PS4 utilizes PlayStation Network servers for gaming, including multiplayer gaming.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;">  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Online Multiplayer</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Play online multiplayer matches, join coop parties and raids, compete in official tournaments and community events, and experience the world of connected play (PlayStation Plus required).</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Learn More</p> </div>

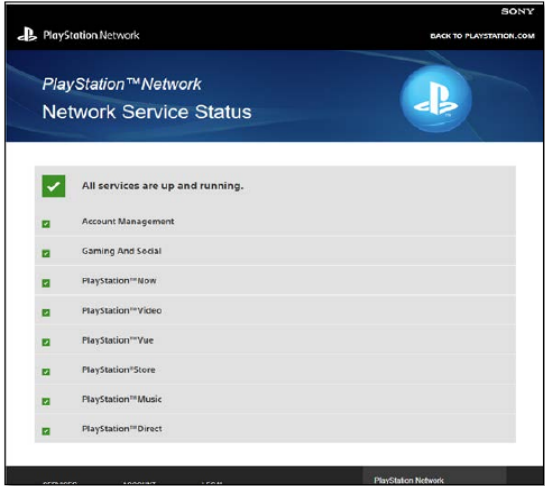
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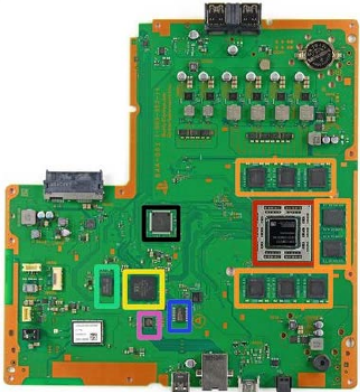
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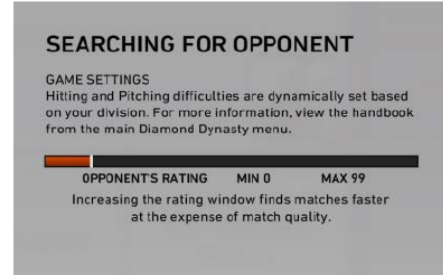
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<p>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	<p>A <b>PlayStation Network Server</b> (PSN Server) is a gaming machine which transmits and receives data to and from PlayStation 4 consoles and other PlayStation Network servers.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">*Online multiplayer requires an active PS Plus membership.</div> <p>A PSN Server may execute a server-side backend or instance for managing online matches of MLB The Show 19 (“Online multiplayer requires an active PS Plus membership”)</p> 

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<b>Claim 1</b>			
<p>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	<p>The PS4 executing MLB The Show 19 has a <b>specification value setting device</b> (processor running game software) that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control.</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 10px 0;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Main processor</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Single-chip custom processor CPU : x86-64 AMD "Jaguar", 8 cores GPU : 1.84 TFLOPS, AMD Radeon™ based graphics engine</td> </tr> </table> <p>PS4's specification value setting device includes a custom processor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCEI (Sony Computer Entertainment, Inc.) CXD90026G SoC, includes AMD "Jaguar" Cores and AMD Radeon GPU (Red)</li> </ul> 	Main processor	Single-chip custom processor CPU : x86-64 AMD "Jaguar", 8 cores GPU : 1.84 TFLOPS, AMD Radeon™ based graphics engine
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<b>Claim 1</b>	
<p>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	<p>The PS4 executing MLB The Show 19 sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control. In particular, the PS4 executing MLB The Show 19 sets a specification value as a control condition for <b>match-making in online multiplayer modes</b>. Matchmaking is shown at right (“Searching for Opponent”) based an Opponent’s Rating.</p> <p>MLB The Show 19 has different multiplayer modes including Diamond Dynasty, Ranked Seasons, and Battle Royale.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>Ranked Seasons and Battle Royale Rewards</b></p> <p>Diamond Dynasty is our most competitive game mode, and so we have something special for our most competitive elite players. Choice Packs are now a part of Ranked Seasons and Battle Royale rewards at the highest levels of Diamond Dynasty. Fierce competition yields the biggest rewards, so bring your best game to win more Choice Packs.</p> </div>



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<b>Claim 1</b>	
<p>1. A first gaming machine for transmitting and receiving data to and from a server, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control;</p> <p>a transmitting device that transmits data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>a total result data receiving device that receives from the server data of a total game result achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the data of the total game result received by the total result data receiving device; and</p> <p>a specification value renewing device that renews to replace the specification value set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device.</p>	<p>The PS4 executing MLB The Show 19 sets at least one specification value (Rating) as a control condition for game control (“Each game in Ranked Seasons is matchmade based on your rating”).</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>RANKED SEASONS</b></p> <p><b>What is Ranked Seasons?</b> Ranked Seasons is the primary destination to play against other players online, in a no-holds-barred competition to see who has built the best team in Diamond Dynasty. Each game in Ranked Seasons is matchmade based on your rating (which is gained by winning/losing games) and by your team’s overall rating. Each season lasts for multiple weeks and rewards are distributed immediately as soon as you advance to a higher division.</p> <p><b>What’s rating and placement?</b> We use rating to matchmake players in Ranked Seasons. As you win or lose games, you’ll have a rating point assigned to your team. As you matchmake, the system will attempt to find games against other players with similar rating. In addition to matchmaking, your rating also dictates where you’re currently placed in the season. We have 8 divisions that you can be placed in, plus 3 bonus tiers in which you will acquire extra rewards upon reaching. The divisions use the following rating thresholds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Training (ST) :0-199 Rating</li> <li>Regular Season (RS): 200-399 Rating</li> <li>All-Star (AS): 400-499 Rating</li> <li>Pennant Race (PR): 500-599 Rating</li> <li>Wild Card (WC): 600-699 Rating</li> <li>Division Series (DS): 700-799 Rating</li> <li>Championship Series (CS): 800-899 Rating</li> <li>World Series (WS): 900-999 Rating</li> </ul> </div>

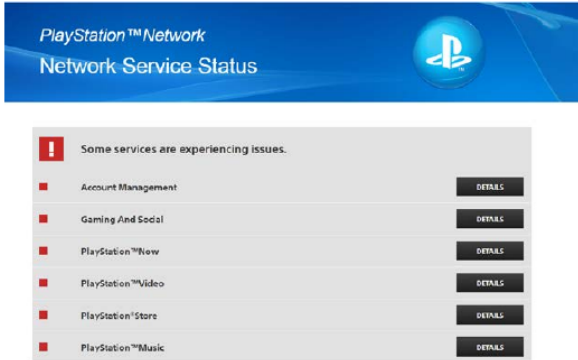
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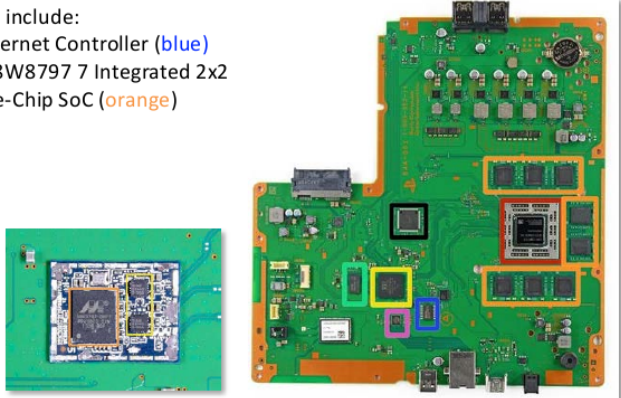
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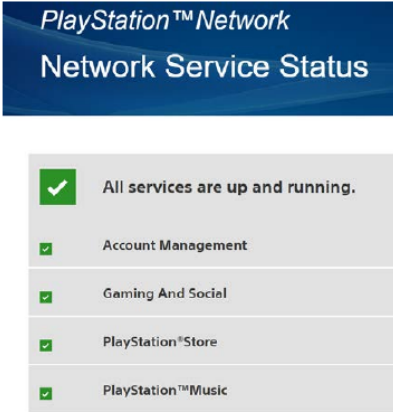
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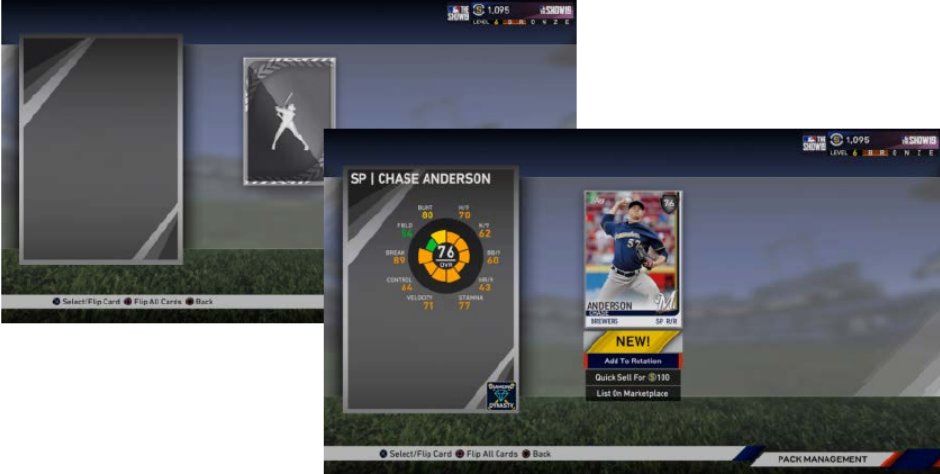
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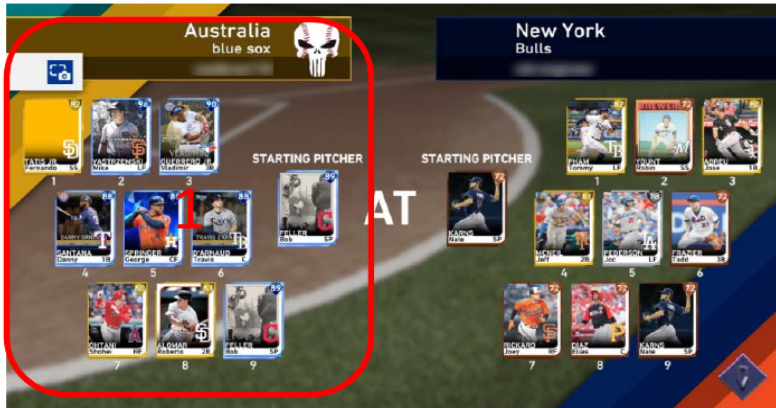
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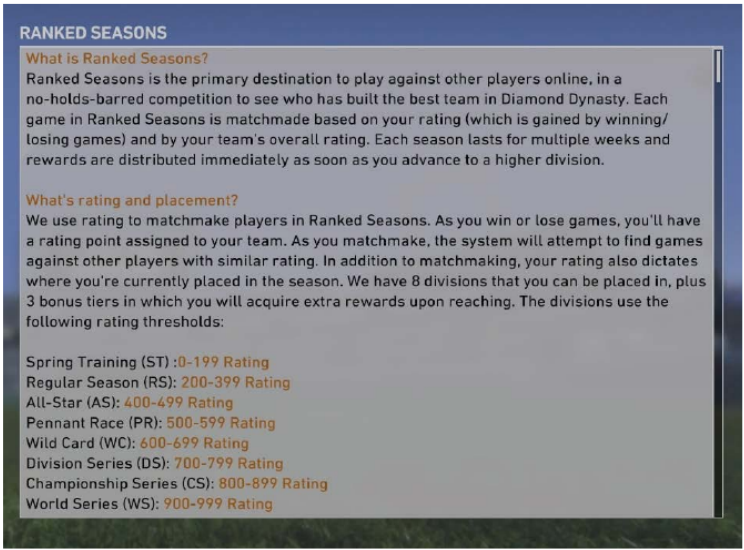
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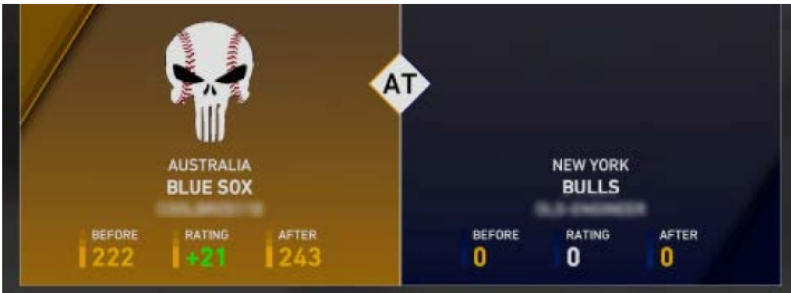
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52. The following is an element-by-element analysis of Sony’s infringement of Claim 8 of the ‘363 Patent based on MLB The Show.



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Claim 8	
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Claim 8	PlayStation and MLB The Show 19
<p>8. A server for transmitting and receiving data to and from a first gaming machine operated by a game player and a second gaming machine operated by a co-player, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control with the first gaming machine;</p> <p>a game result data receiving device that receives data of a game result transmitted from the first gaming machine and data of a game result transmitted from the second gaming machine;</p> <p>a game result totalizing device that totalizes the game result of the first gaming machine and the game result of the second gaming machine on the basis of the data of the game result transmitted from the first gaming machine and the data of the game result transmitted from the second gaming machine so as to calculate a total result wherein the data of the game results are received by the game result data receiving device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the total result calculated by the game result totalizing device; and</p> <p>a determined specification value transmitting device that transmits the specification value determined by the specification value determining device to the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine.</p>	<p>Sony's PlayStation 4 is a gaming machine. A PlayStation 4 console along with a PlayStation Network server, for playing streaming or multiplayer networked games, also constitute a gaming machine.</p>  



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<p>8. A server for transmitting and receiving data to and from a first gaming machine operated by a game player and a second gaming machine operated by a co-player, comprising:</p> <p>a specification value setting device that sets at least one specification value as a control condition for game control with the first gaming machine;</p> <p>a game result data receiving device that receives data of a game result transmitted from the first gaming machine and data of a game result transmitted from the second gaming machine;</p> <p>a game result totalizing device that totalizes the game result of the first gaming machine and the game result of the second gaming machine on the basis of the data of the game result transmitted from the first gaming machine and the data of the game result transmitted from the second gaming machine so as to calculate a total result wherein the data of the game results are received by the game result data receiving device;</p> <p>a specification value determining device that determines a specification value based on the total result calculated by the game result totalizing device; and</p> <p>a determined specification value transmitting device that transmits the specification value determined by the specification value determining device to the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine.</p>	<p>The PlayStation 4 gaming console (PS4) is a gaming machine which transmits and receives data to and from PlayStation Network servers, e.g., for online multiplayer gaming purposes.</p>  <p>NOTE: The PS4 is discussed in detail, but the same analysis is applicable to the PS4 Slim and PS4 Pro consoles.</p> <p>The Technical Specification of the PS4 indicates data transmission and receiving networking capabilities that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethernet (10 BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T)×1</li> <li>• IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac</li> <li>• Bluetooth®v4.0 Ethernet</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="885 1493 1466 1629"> <tr> <td data-bbox="885 1493 1136 1629">Networking</td> <td data-bbox="1136 1493 1466 1629">                     Ethernet (10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T) ×1                      IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac                      Bluetooth®v4.0                 </td> </tr> </table> 	Networking	Ethernet (10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T) ×1 IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac Bluetooth®v4.0
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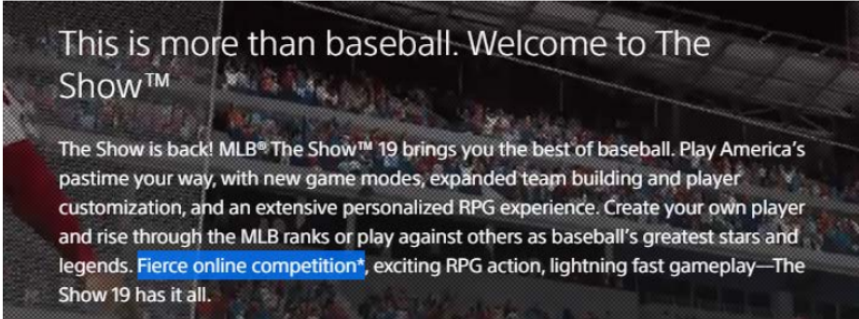
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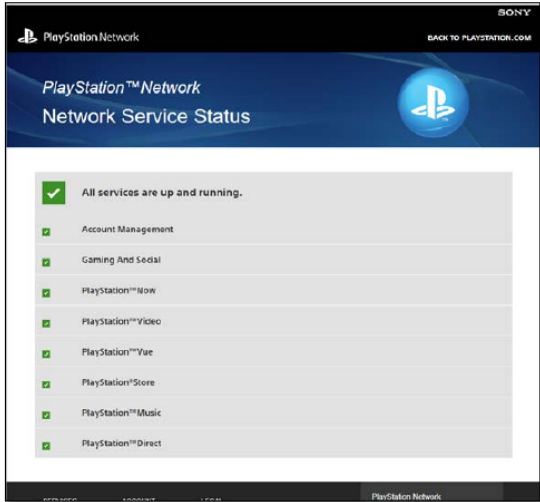
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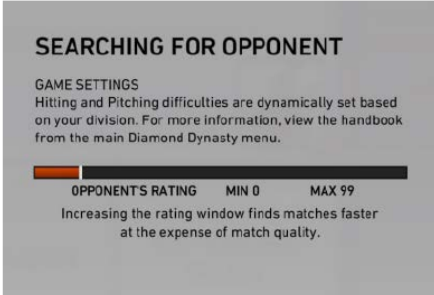
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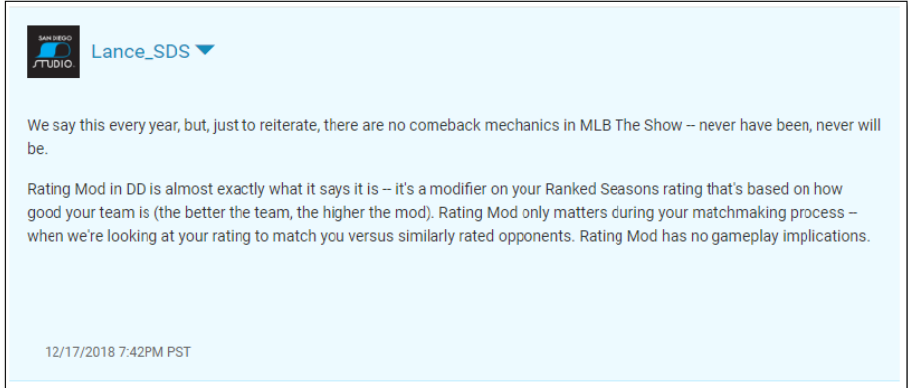
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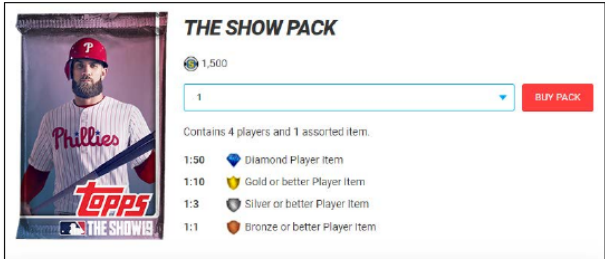
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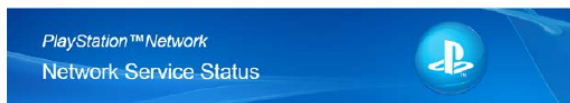
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a determined specification value transmitting device that transmits the specification value determined by the specification value determining device to the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine.

A PSN Server executing a server-side backend for MLB The Show 19 comprises a specification value setting device that sets a specification value (player ranking, pack odds) as a control condition for game control (Ranked Seasons, winning Diamond Player items).



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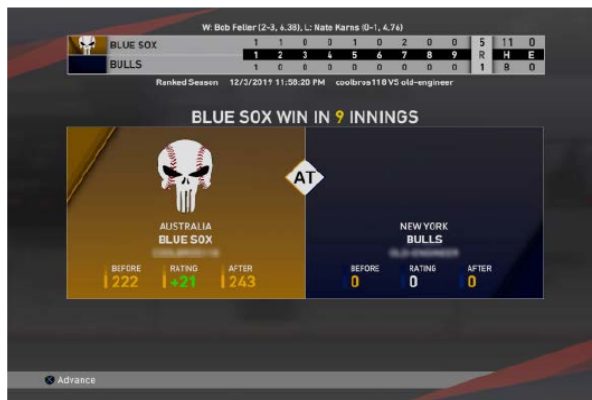
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The PS4/PSN server includes a total result data receiving device (communication devices of PS4) that receives from the server data of a total game result (Team Wins) achieved by the first gaming machine and the second gaming machine based on the data of the game result transmitted by the transmitting device. An individual at-bat can also be a total game result (Strike) achieved by the first gaming machine (data corresponding to a pitcher) and the second gaming machine (data corresponding to the hitter).



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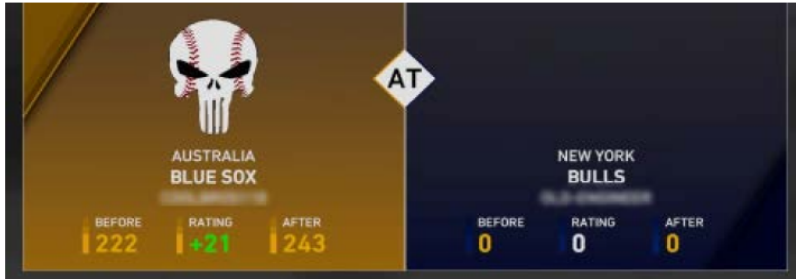
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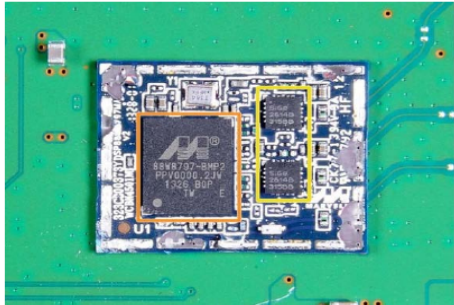
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53. The following is an element-by-element analysis of Sony’s infringement of Claim 11 of the ‘363 Patent based on MLB The Show.

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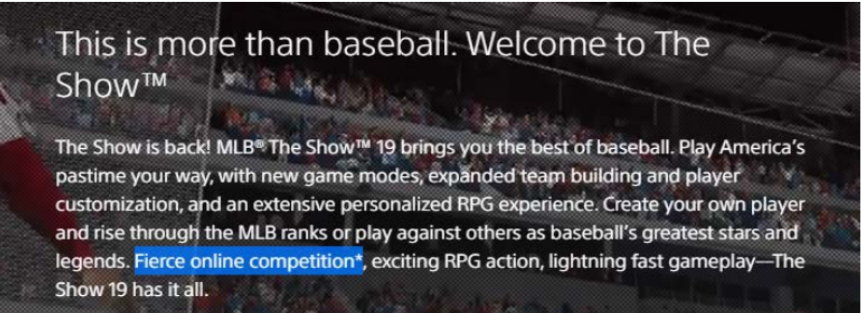
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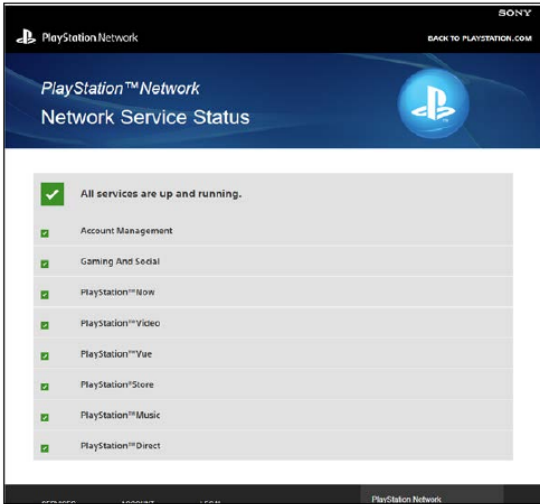
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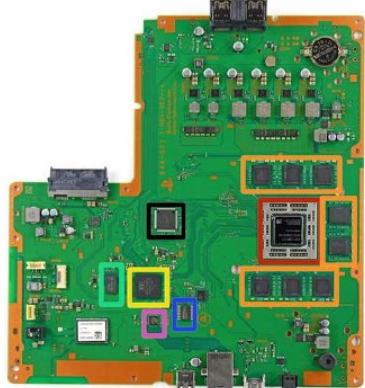
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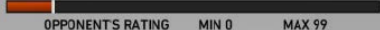
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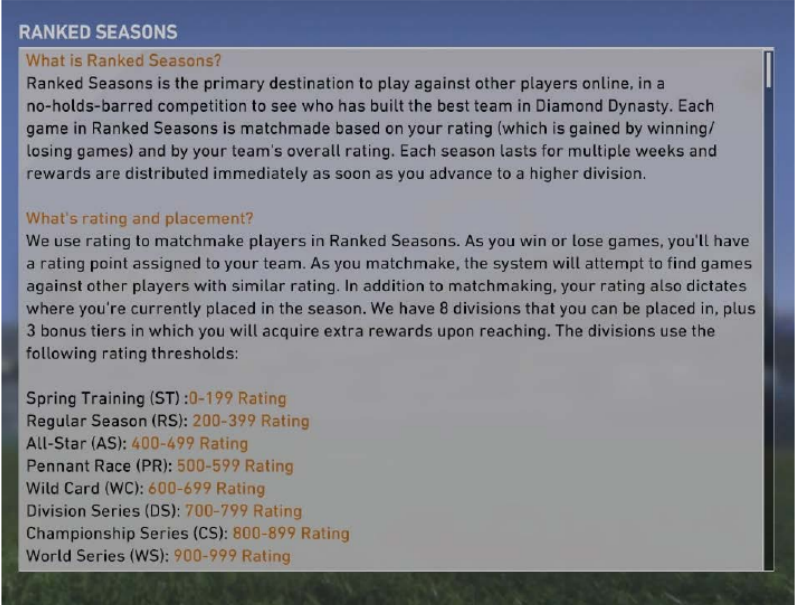
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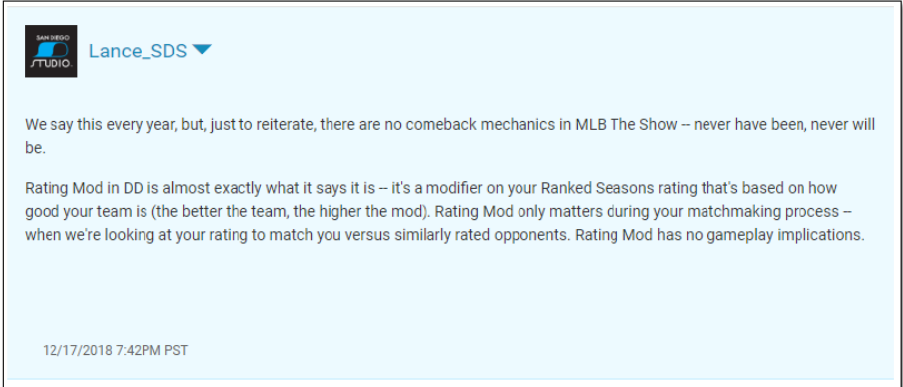
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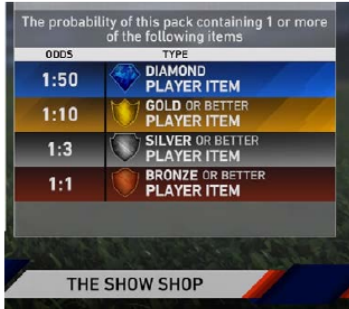
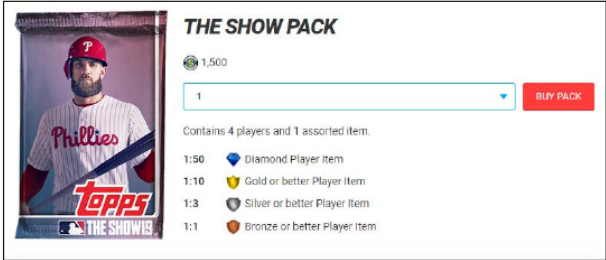
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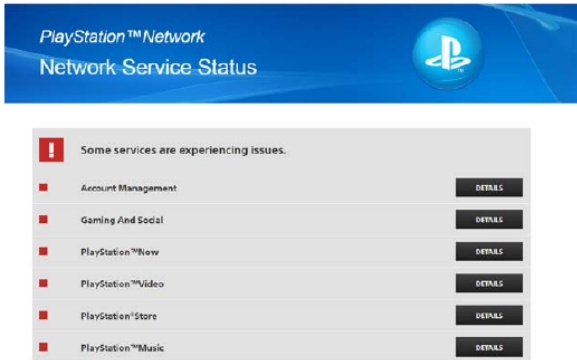
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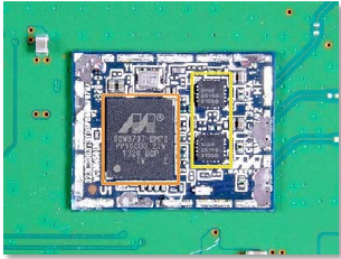
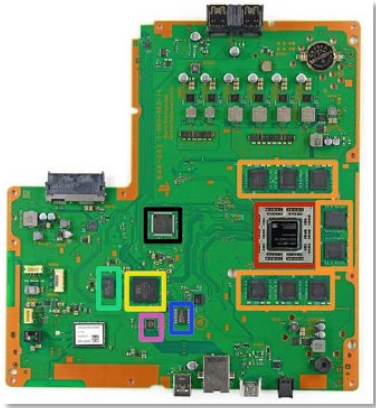
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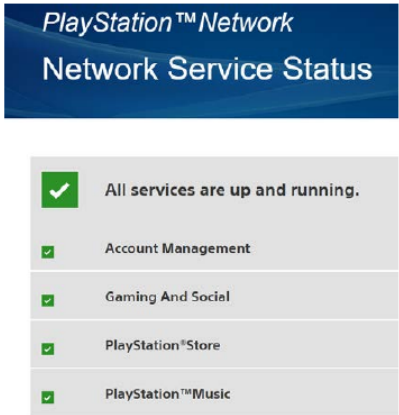
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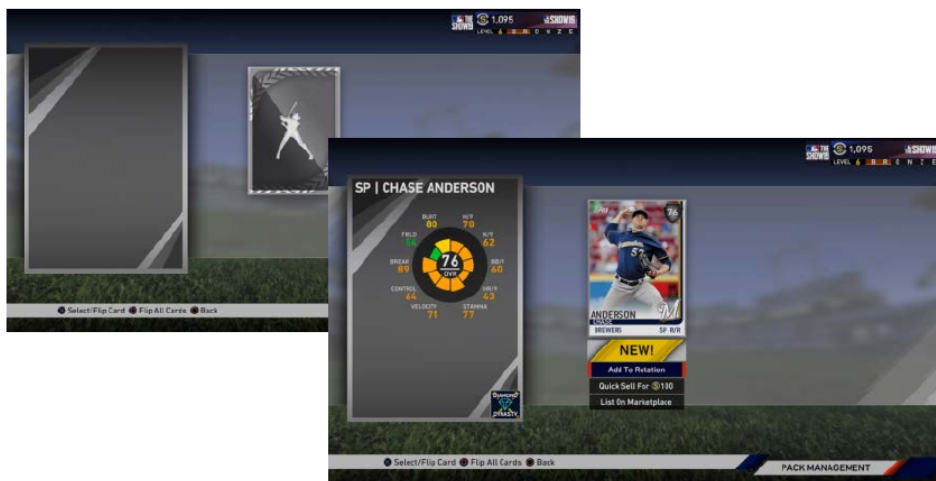
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The PS4/PSN server's transmitting device transmits data of a game result (pack opening results) to the server (PlayStation Network servers). See below example item won by opening a pack.



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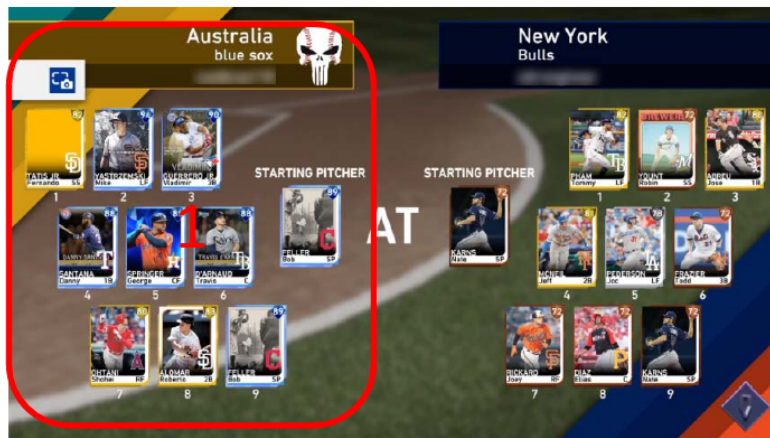
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The PS4 includes a gaming machine determining device (processor of PS4) that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player (a PS4 operated by a co-player, represented by [1]).

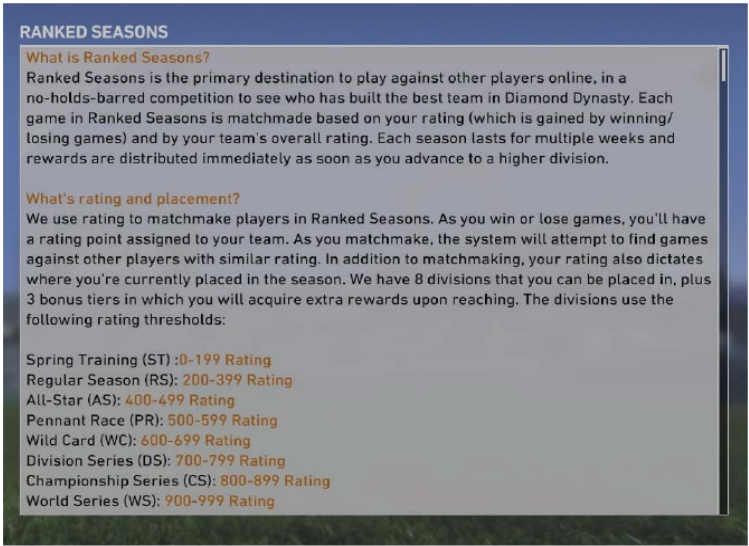
The PSN Server is a gaming machine determining device that determines a second gaming machine operated by a co-player (a PS4 operated by a co-player, represented by an opposing baseball team [1]).



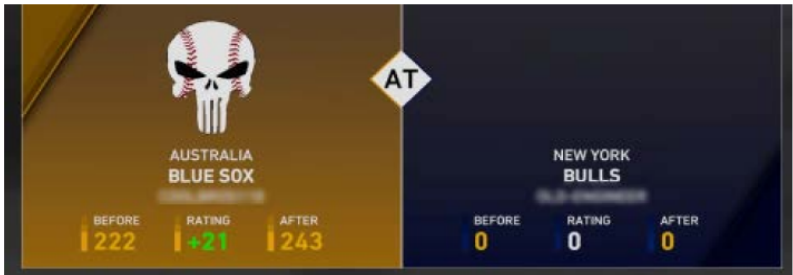
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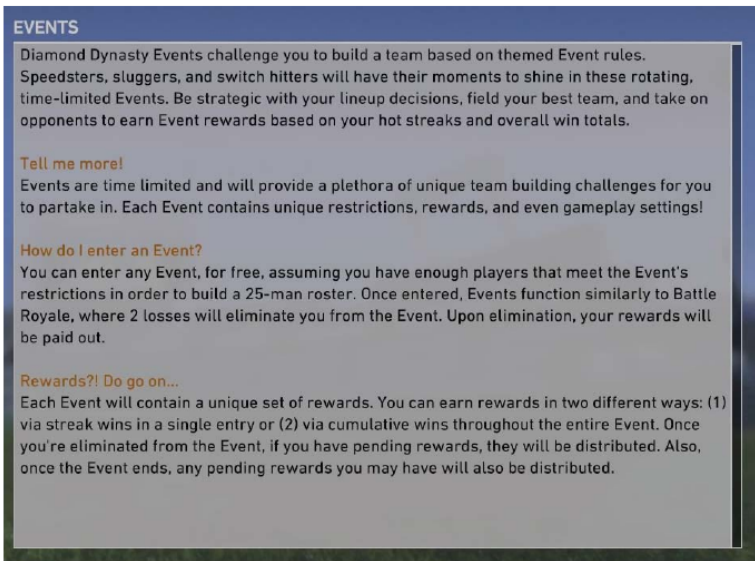
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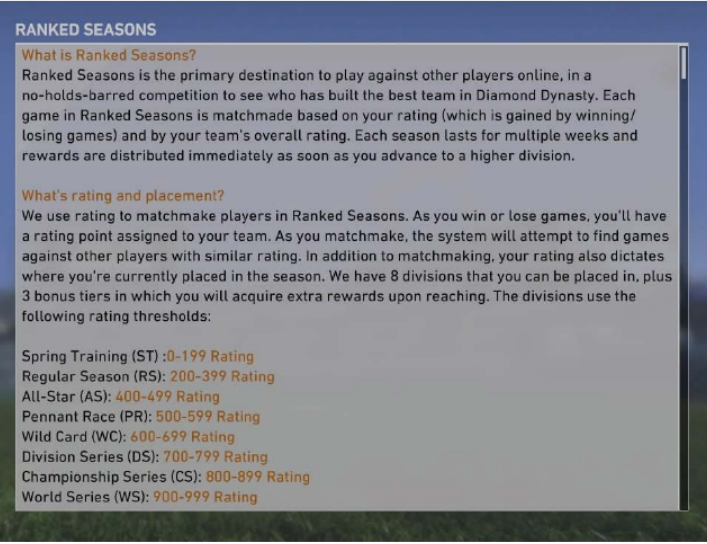
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Claim 11	
<p>11. A program stored on media for directing a computer of a first gaming machine capable of transmitting and receiving data to and from a server to perform:</p> <p>setting at least one specification value as a control condition for game control with the first gaming machine;</p> <p>transmitting data of a game result to the server;</p> <p>determining a second gaming machine operated by a co-player;</p> <p>receiving from the server data of a total result totalizing the game result achieved by the first gaming machine and a game result achieved by the second gaming machine;</p> <p>determining a specification value based on the data of the total result; and</p> <p>renewing to replace the set specification value with the determined specification value.</p>	<p>The PS4/PSN server includes a specification value renewing device (processor) that renews to replace the specification value (Your rating also dictates where you're currently placed in the season) set by the specification value setting device with the specification value determined by the specification value determining device (The division use the following rating thresholds)</p>  <p><b>RANKED SEASONS</b></p> <p><b>What is Ranked Seasons?</b> Ranked Seasons is the primary destination to play against other players online, in a no-holds-barred competition to see who has built the best team in Diamond Dynasty. Each game in Ranked Seasons is matchmade based on your rating (which is gained by winning/losing games) and by your team's overall rating. Each season lasts for multiple weeks and rewards are distributed immediately as soon as you advance to a higher division.</p> <p><b>What's rating and placement?</b> We use rating to matchmake players in Ranked Seasons. As you win or lose games, you'll have a rating point assigned to your team. As you matchmake, the system will attempt to find games against other players with similar rating. In addition to matchmaking, your rating also dictates where you're currently placed in the season. We have 8 divisions that you can be placed in, plus 3 bonus tiers in which you will acquire extra rewards upon reaching. The divisions use the following rating thresholds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Training (ST): 0-199 Rating</li> <li>Regular Season (RS): 200-399 Rating</li> <li>All-Star (AS): 400-499 Rating</li> <li>Pennant Race (PR): 500-599 Rating</li> <li>Wild Card (WC): 600-699 Rating</li> <li>Division Series (DS): 700-799 Rating</li> <li>Championship Series (CS): 800-899 Rating</li> <li>World Series (WS): 900-999 Rating</li> </ul>

54. To the extent the '363 Accused Products include hardware or software owned by third parties, the '363 Accused Products still infringe the '363 Patent because Sony is vicariously liable for making, selling, offering for sale, and/or using the patented technology by controlling the design and operation of the Accused Products that are made, used and sold. For example, pursuant to contractual license agreements, Sony directs and controls its customers' use of the Accused Products. Further, Sony derives a benefit from the manufacture and use of every component of the entire system.

55. Sony's infringement of the '363 Patent injured and is injuring Bot M8 in an amount to be proven at trial, but not less than a reasonable royalty.

**COUNT II**  
**(Indirect Infringement of the '363 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(b))**

56. Bot M8 repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, the allegations of the preceding paragraphs, as set forth above.

1           57.     In addition to directly infringing the '363 Patent, Sony induces infringement under 35  
2 U.S.C. § 271(b) by directing and controlling its customers to use the '363 Accused Products in an  
3 infringing manner.

4           58.     Customers may not use PlayStation 4 consoles, the PlayStation Network, or various  
5 Sony developed video games without agreeing to various Sony contracts. These contracts provide that  
6 Sony owns all intellectual property in the Accused Products, that Sony owns the software operating the  
7 Accused Products, that customers may only use the Accused Products as provided for and directed by  
8 Sony, and that customers may not modify the Accused Products or use them other than as intended by  
9 Sony.

10          59.     The following is an excerpt from the PlayStation 4 license. It confirms that Sony owns  
11 the PlayStation and the customer is only licensing the ability to use Sony's system. It also provides  
12 that the customer may not modify the PlayStation, and that Sony may modify the PlayStation's  
13 software without the consent of the user:

14                   All rights to use System Software are granted by license only, and you  
15 are not granted any ownership rights or interests in System Software. SIE  
16 Inc and its licensors retain all intellectual property rights in System  
17 Software. All use of or access to System Software is subject to this  
18 Agreement's terms and applicable intellectual property laws. Except as  
19 this Agreement expressly grants, SIE Inc and its licensors reserve all  
20 rights in System Software.

## 2. RESTRICTIONS

21                   You may not lease, rent, sublicense, publish, modify, patch, adapt or  
22 translate System Software. You may not reverse engineer, decompile or  
23 disassemble System Software, create System Software derivative works,  
24 or attempt to create System Software source code from its object code.  
25 You may not (i) use any unauthorized, illegal, counterfeit or modified  
26 hardware or software with System Software; (ii) use tools to bypass,  
27 disable or circumvent any PS4 system encryption, security or  
28 authentication mechanism; (iii) reinstall earlier versions of the System  
Software ("downgrading"); (iv) violate any laws, regulations or statutes  
or rights of SIE Inc or third parties in connection with your access to or  
use of System Software; (v) use any hardware or software to cause  
System Software to accept or use unauthorized, illegal or pirated  
software or hardware; (vi) obtain System Software in any manner other  
than through SIE Inc's authorized distribution methods; or (vii) exploit

1 System Software in any manner other than to use it with your PS4  
2 system according to the accompanying documentation and with  
3 authorized software or hardware, including use of System Software to  
4 design, develop, update or distribute unauthorized software or hardware  
5 for use in connection with your PS4 system.

6 These restrictions will be construed to apply to the greatest extent  
7 permitted by the law in your jurisdiction.

### 8 **3. SERVICES AND UPDATES; THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS 9 AND CONTENT**

10 SIE Inc may provide you with certain System Software updates,  
11 upgrades or services. Some updates, upgrades or services may be  
12 provided automatically without notice to you when you sign in to  
13 PlayStation™Network and others may be available to you through SIE  
14 Inc's website or authorized channels. You consent to SIE Inc providing  
15 you these automatic updates, upgrades and services. Services may  
16 include the latest update or download of a new release of System  
17 Software containing security patches, new technology or revised settings  
18 and features that may prevent access to unauthorized or pirated content  
19 or prevent use of unauthorized hardware or software in connection with  
20 your PS4 system. These updates, upgrades and services may have effects  
21 on the functionality of your PS4 system, and SIE Inc is not responsible to  
22 you for any such effects or any harm caused by the installation process.

23 You must install or have installed the most current version of System  
24 Software as soon as you reasonably can. Some updates, upgrades or  
25 services may change your current settings, cause a loss of data or content  
26 or cause functionality or feature loss. SIE Inc recommends that you  
27 regularly back up all data that you can.

28 [https://doc.dl.playstation.net/doc/ps4-eula/ps4\\_eula\\_en.html](https://doc.dl.playstation.net/doc/ps4-eula/ps4_eula_en.html).

60. The following is an excerpt from the PlayStation Network license:

Except as stated in this agreement, all content and software provided  
through PSN Services are licensed non-exclusively and revocably to you  
for your personal, private, non-transferable, non-commercial, limited use  
on a limited number of devices in the country in which your Account is  
registered. All intellectual property rights subsisting in PSN Services,  
including all software, data, and content subsisting in or used in  
connection with PSN Services, the Online ID and access to content and  
hardware used in connection with PSN Services (collectively defined as  
“Property”), belong to SIE LLC, its affiliates and its licensors. This  
license and all use or access to Property is expressly conditioned on your  
compliance with this agreement's terms, applicable Usage Terms, other

1 applicable agreements, if any, and all applicable copyright and  
2 intellectual property rights laws.

3 <https://www.playstation.com/en-us/network/legal/terms-of-service/>.

4 61. Sony knowingly and actively aided and abetted the direct infringement of the ‘363  
5 Patent by instructing and encouraging its customers and developers to use the ‘363 Accused Products.  
6 Such instructions and encouragement included advising third parties to use the ‘363 Accused Products  
7 in an infringing manner, providing a mechanism through which third parties may infringe the ‘363  
8 Patent, advertising and promoting the use of the ‘363 Accused Products in an infringing manner, and  
9 distributing guidelines and instructions to third parties on how to use the ‘363 Accused Products in an  
10 infringing manner.

### 11 **COUNT III**

#### 12 **(Direct Infringement of the ‘540 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a))**

13 62. Bot M8 repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, the  
14 allegations of the preceding paragraphs, as set forth above.

15 63. Sony infringes Claim 1 of the ‘540 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

16 64. Sony’s infringement is based upon literal infringement or, in the alternative,  
17 infringement under the doctrine of equivalents.

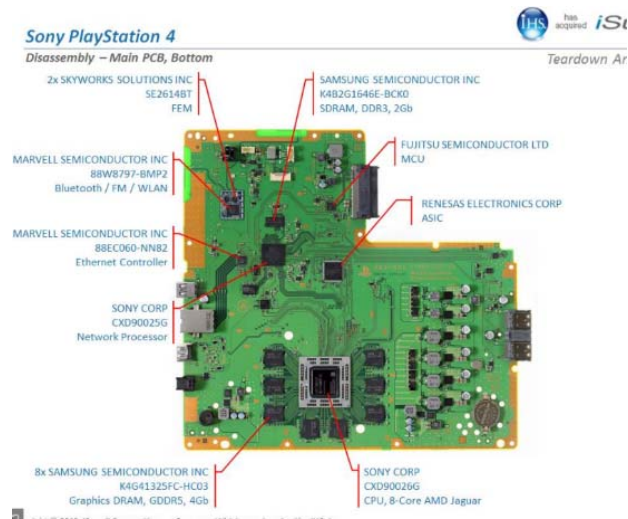
18 65. Sony’s infringement includes making, using, advertising, importing, selling, and  
19 offering for sale PlayStation 4 consoles, PlayStation Network services, and video games developed by  
20 Sony or its subsidiaries (collectively, the “‘540 Accused Products”). Sony’s acts of making, using,  
21 advertising, importing, selling, and offering for sale infringing products and services were and are  
22 without the permission, consent, authorization, or license of Bot M8.

23 66. The ‘540 Accused Products practice the patented invention of the ‘540 Patent and  
24 infringed the ‘540 Patent because they use double authentication to authenticate gaming information  
25 and increase authentication reliability. Namely, before the PlayStation 4 motherboard loads an  
26 authentication program to authenticate actual gaming information, a preliminary authentication is  
27 carried out to confirm that the authentication program is a legitimate program which has not been  
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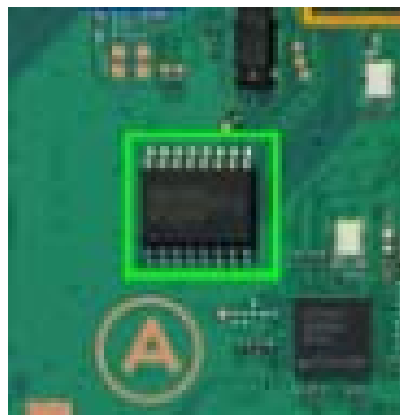
1 manipulated. The PlayStation reads an authentication program from the memory of the motherboard,  
 2 and then, stores the read out authentication program in another memory of the motherboard.

3 67. The PlayStation 4 platform is built to execute game programs which are stored on an  
 4 internal hard drive or a digital optical disk while utilizing temporary memory such as RAM or Flash  
 5 memory. The PlayStation 4 includes a motherboard with an 8 core x86-based CPU and 8GB of  
 6 GDDR5 RAM. It also features Samsung’s K4B2G1646E-BCK0 DDR3 SDRAM secondary chip.  
 7 Authentication programs associated with the games are stored on the memory.



10 <http://gamingbolt.com/inside-the-playstation-4-motherboard-components-explained>

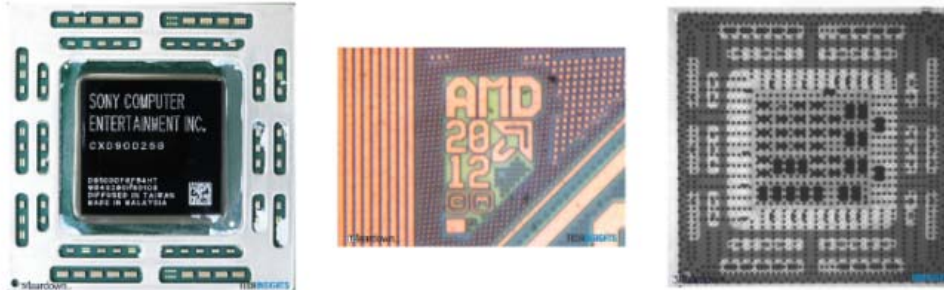
11 68. The PlayStation 4 motherboard contains flash memory. The CMOS Serial Flash  
 12 Memory (shown in green below) is a Macronix MX25L25635FMI 256Mb Serial Flash Memory chip.  
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17 <https://www.ifixit.com/Teardown/PlayStation+4+Teardown/19493>

69. A PlayStation 4 includes a CPU for executing game programs. This CPU combines a traditional CPU with a GPU as well as the PlayStation's memory controller and video decoder. PlayStation 4 software manages physical memory allocation. System software and hardware are synchronized so that CPU, GPU and other processors can share memory.

The PlayStation 4's processor was co-developed by Sony and AMD. It combines a CPU (central processing unit) and GPU (graphics processing unit), as well as the PS4's memory controller and video decoder.



As shown, the CPU contains two "quad-core Jaguar modules" that total 8 x86-64 cores. The GPU has 18 compute units that Sony's claims will produce a peak performance of 1.84 TFLOPs.

<http://techinsights.com/teardown.com/sony-playstation-4/>

70. PlayStation 4 includes a mechanical hard drive, typically a 5400 RPM, 500 GB or 1 TB, SATA II. This hard drive is user-replaceable, with a standard 2.5" SATA drive. The removable hard drive serves as system storage for the PlayStation 4. Gaming information including an authentication program can be stored in the removable hard drive. A USB storage device such as an external HDD can be used as extended storage for gaming information. Games and add-ons from the PlayStation Store can be downloaded directly to such extended storages. Games stored on PlayStation system storage can be moved to such extended storage.



<https://www.tech-recipes.com/rx/45938/ps4-how-to-upgrade-the-playstation-4-hard-drive/>

71. PlayStation 4 gaming information can also be stored on a digital optical disk. The digital optical disk must be inserted into the PlayStation 4 console in order for the gaming programs to be executed.

72. The PlayStation 4 contains a connection unit configured to connect to the hard drive. It includes a Serial Advanced Technology Attachment as an interface that connects the host bus adapter to mass storage devices such as the one used in the PlayStation 4.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1z5foyc1jqs&index=4&list=PLkT5rNIYPHOML2oiNuCsokl4Ftlvj-CN4>

73. The PlayStation 4 writes the game program in the memory of the motherboard. The flash memory pulls the game program from the internal hard drive. The internal hard drive is removable and can be upgraded.

74. The authentication program for the PlayStation 4 hard drive, Operating System, and games is stored on PlayStation 4 MX25L25635FMI 256Mb Serial Flash Memory which handles the boot up process / firmware / BIOS / CMOS.



<http://wkego.com/original-nor-ic-chip-mx25l25635fmi-10g-for-ps4-motherboard-repairv>

75. As shown below, upon boot up the PlayStation 4 includes a program that checks for errors and authenticates. The screen capture shows an error in authentication.

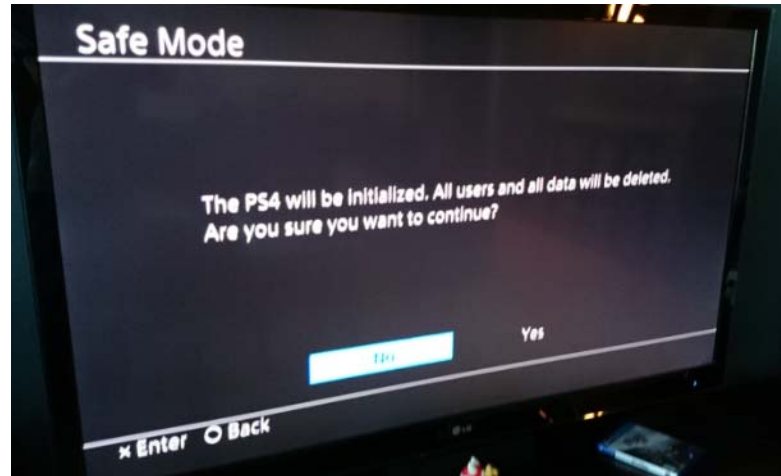
## CE-36329-3 PS4 Error Code

An error has occurred with system software

- 01 Follow the on-screen instructions and select [Report Problem].
- 02 Make sure that you have the latest version of the System Software installed by selecting [Settings] > [System Software Update]. The system should then be restarted.
- 03 If you have upgraded the Hard Disk Drive (HDD) in your system, please re-install the original HDD.
- 04 If the error occurs again, back up your saved data, and then go to [Settings] > [Initialization] and choose [Initialize PS4].
- 05 If the error continues and occurs with every application, or as soon as the application starts, please contact PlayStation Support.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/get-help/help-library/error-codes/ce-36329-3/>

76. After installation of a new hard drive, the PlayStation 4 will have to go through the initial procedure. This is because the PlayStation authenticates as a new device based on new information contained on the new hard drive.



<http://www.tech-recipes.com/rx/45938/ps4-how-to-upgrade-the-playstation-4-hard-drive/>

77. When a user purchases a PlayStation 4 game disk from a retailer, even though game information is installed to the internal hard drive after the first time the user connects the digital optical disk to the PlayStation 4 console, the digital optical disk must be inserted into the PlayStation 4 console to play the game. This is necessary for authentication purposes and to prevent several users from playing the game without purchasing multiple copies.

78. In order to play games offline, a PlayStation 4 must be configured as the “primary.” Otherwise the downloaded games cannot be played because the hard drive includes an authentication program for verifying that the PlayStation 4 is allowed to play the game.

79. This shows that PlayStation 4 will utilize the information obtained from the internal hard drive to determine whether the game can be authenticated and therefore is allowed to be played.

Since there is a thread on the front page with a lot of confusion and people not being able to access their games during the PSN Maintenance, with others chiming in about being able to play them fine (including myself), some people not knowing how to register their PS4 as Primary, and some people not realizing there was maintenance scheduled at all, I think it's probably time for a subreddit PSA.

You get asked to activate your PS4 when you first setup your system, but I think some people might skip it in the initial hurry to set everything up, not realizing what it does.

Here's how to activate your PS4 as Primary, and be able to play all your digital games offline whenever you want.

**NOTE: You will not be able to do this immediately since online services are unavailable during Maintenance.**

When Maintenance is over and PSN service are available again, log into your PS4 with your *primary* PSN account, and then go to:

- [Settings]
- > PSN
- > Activate as Your Primary PS4
- Select [Activate]




If you've sent in your PS4 for repair and gotten it replaced, or gotten a new system in any way, *you must deactivate your old system and activate the new one.*

More information is available here:  
[https://support.us.playstation.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/5059/%7E/activate-%2F-deactivate-primary-ps4](https://support.us.playstation.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/5059/%7E/activate-%2F-deactivate-primary-ps4)  
 or you can reply in comments if you have any questions. You can test if it works after you do this and then disconnect from the internet. If *that* doesn't work, comment here and we can try to troubleshoot it and figure out if there's a larger issue.


[https://www.reddit.com/r/PS4/comments/2euucu/psa\\_you\\_must\\_activate\\_your\\_ps4\\_as\\_primary\\_to\\_play/](https://www.reddit.com/r/PS4/comments/2euucu/psa_you_must_activate_your_ps4_as_primary_to_play/)

80. The following is an element-by-element analysis of Sony's infringement of Claim 1 of the '540 Patent:

a.

Claim 1	
<p><b>1. A gaming machine, comprising:</b></p> <p>(i) a board including a memory in which a game program for executing a game and an authentication program for authenticating the game program are stored;</p> <p>(ii) a motherboard which is different from the board and connects to the board, the motherboard including another memory which is different from the memory, said another memory configured to read out and store the game program stored in the memory; and</p> <p>(iii) a CPU which is provided on the motherboard, for executing the game based upon the game program stored in said another memory,</p>	<p>Sony's PlayStation 4 is a gaming machine. There are three versions of the PlayStation 4 referred to as "PlayStation 4," "PlayStation 4 Slim," and "PlayStation 4 Pro" (collectively referred to as "PlayStation 4). Each of these versions infringe the asserted claims of the '540 Patent in the same way, so a single chart will provided for these three PlayStation 4 versions. A PlayStation 4 console along with a PlayStation Network server, for playing streaming or multiplayer networked games, also constitute a gaming machine.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>THE BEST PLACE TO PLAY</b></p> <p>The PlayStation®4 system now starting at \$299.99 MSRP</p> </div>


b.

Claim 1	
<p>1. A gaming machine, comprising:</p> <p>(i) a board including a memory in which a game program for executing a game and an authentication program for authenticating the game program are stored;</p> <p>(ii) a motherboard which is different from the board and connects to the board, the motherboard including another memory which is different from the memory, said another memory configured to read out and store the game program stored in the memory; and</p> <p>(iii) a CPU which is provided on the motherboard, for executing the game based upon the game program stored in said another memory,</p>	<p>The PlayStation 4 console has a board which is an internal hard drive.</p> <p>As shown below, the board is the PlayStation 4 hard drive which is configured to store the game programs as well as authentication programs associated with the games and PlayStation Operating System.</p>  <p>The PlayStation 4 console includes a 2.5" 500 GB, 1TB or 2TB hard drive, which can be upgraded by the user.  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PlayStation_4_technical_specifications#Hard_drive">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PlayStation_4_technical_specifications#Hard_drive</a></p> <p>Users can download game to PlayStation 4 hard drive.                  See generally, <a href="https://www.howtogeek.com/328674/how-to-download-games-to-your-playstation-4-from-your-phone-or-pc/">https://www.howtogeek.com/328674/how-to-download-games-to-your-playstation-4-from-your-phone-or-pc/</a></p>

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Claim 1	
<p>1. A gaming machine, comprising:</p> <p>(i) a board including a memory in which a game program for executing a game and an authentication program for authenticating the game program are stored;</p> <p>(ii) a motherboard which is different from the board and connects to the board, the motherboard including another memory which is different from the memory, said another memory configured to read out and store the game program stored in the memory; and</p> <p>(iii) a CPU which is provided on the motherboard, for executing the game based upon the game program stored in said another memory,</p>	<p>PlayStation 4 requires one to set a PlayStation 4 console as the primary PlayStation 4 if downloaded games on the hard drive are desired to be played offline, otherwise the downloaded games cannot be played because the hard drive includes an authentication program for verifying that the PS4 is allowed to play the game.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p>Since there is a thread on the front page with a lot of confusion and people not being able to access their games during the PSN Maintenance, with others chiming in about being able to play them fine (including myself), some people not knowing how to register their PS4 as Primary, and some people not realizing there was maintenance scheduled at all, I think it's probably time for a subreddit PSA.</p> <p>You get asked to activate your PS4 when you first setup your system, but I think some people might skip it in the initial hurry to set everything up, not realizing what it does.</p> <p>Here's how to activate your PS4 as Primary, and be able to play all your digital games offline whenever you want.</p> <p><b>NOTE: You will not be able to do this immediately since online services are unavailable during Maintenance.</b></p> <p>When Maintenance is over and PSN service are available again, log into your PS4 with your <i>primary</i> PSN account, and then go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Settings]</li> <li>• &gt; PSN</li> <li>• &gt; Activate as Your Primary PS4</li> <li>• Select [Activate]</li> </ul> <p>If you've sent in your PS4 for repair and gotten it replaced, or gotten a new system in any way, you must deactivate your old system and activate the new one.</p> <p>More information is available here:  <a href="https://support.us.playstation.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/5059/%7E/activate-%2Fdeactivate-primary-ps4">https://support.us.playstation.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/5059/%7E/activate-%2Fdeactivate-primary-ps4</a>                      or you can reply in comments if you have any questions. You can test if it works after you do this and then disconnect from the internet. If <i>that</i> doesn't work, comment here and we can try to troubleshoot it and figure out if there's a larger issue.</p> </div> <p><a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/PS4/comments/2euucu/psa_you_must_activate_your_ps4_as_primary_to_play/">https://www.reddit.com/r/PS4/comments/2euucu/psa_you_must_activate_your_ps4_as_primary_to_play/</a></p>

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Claim 1	
<p>1. A gaming machine, comprising:</p> <p>(i) a board including a memory in which a game program for executing a game and an authentication program for authenticating the game program are stored;</p> <p>(ii) a motherboard which is different from the board and connects to the board, the motherboard including another memory which is different from the memory, said another memory configured to read out and store the game program stored in the memory; and</p> <p>(iii) a CPU which is provided on the motherboard, for executing the game based upon the game program stored in said another memory,</p>	<p>PlayStation 4 requires one to set a PlayStation 4 console as the primary PlayStation 4 if downloaded games on the hard drive are desired to be played offline, otherwise the downloaded games cannot be played because the hard drive includes an authentication program for verifying that the PS4 is allowed to play the game.</p> <p><b>Activate as Your Primary PS4</b></p> <p>Activate your PS4™ system as your primary system, using your Sony Entertainment Network account. Activating your system enables these features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone who uses your primary PS4™ system can use applications you purchase from PlayStation®Store.</li> <li>• Anyone who uses your primary PS4™ system can enjoy the benefits of your PlayStation®Plus subscription.</li> <li>• Your PS4™ system can automatically download content you pre-ordered, or content you've purchased on  (PlayStation®App).</li> <li>• You can connect to your PS4™ system via the Internet using Remote Play on another device.</li> <li>• Anyone who uses your primary PS4™ system can use the themes that you purchase from PlayStation®Store.</li> </ul> <p style="background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can activate only one PS4™ system per account.</li> <li>• When you activate a system, other users of the system can use applications and enjoy some of the PlayStation®Plus benefits of your account, even when that user is not logged in.</li> <li>• To enjoy certain PlayStation®Plus benefits, you must subscribe to the service. For details, visit the <a href="#">SIE website</a> for your country or region.</li> </ul> </p> <p><a href="http://manuals.playstation.net/document/en/ps4/settings/activation.html">http://manuals.playstation.net/document/en/ps4/settings/activation.html</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>

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Claim 1	
<p>1. A gaming machine, comprising:</p> <p>(i) a board including a memory in which a game program for executing a game and an authentication program for authenticating the game program are stored;</p> <p>(ii) a motherboard which is different from the board and connects to the board, the motherboard including another memory which is different from the memory, said another memory configured to read out and store the game program stored in the memory; and</p> <p>(iii) a CPU which is provided on the motherboard, for executing the game based upon the game program stored in said another memory,</p>	<p>A PlayStation 4 Blu-ray disc containing game software that is inserted into a PlayStation 4 console is also a board comprising memory for a game program for executing a game on the using the PlayStation 4.</p> <p>“The games come on proprietary CD-ROM/XA discs that are read by laser, just like regular CDs.” <a href="https://electronics.howstuffworks.com/playstation2.htm">https://electronics.howstuffworks.com/playstation2.htm</a></p> <p>Consumers can buy various PlayStation 4 game discs from retail store such as Best Buy. <a href="https://www.bestbuy.com/site/playstation-4-ps4/playstation-4-ps4-video-games/pcmcat296300050018.c?id=pcmcat296300050018">https://www.bestbuy.com/site/playstation-4-ps4/playstation-4-ps4-video-games/pcmcat296300050018.c?id=pcmcat296300050018</a></p> <p>The PlayStation 4 includes an authentication program to authenticate the game program on the Blu-ray discs.</p> <p>“The ... PlayStation 4 use[s] Blu-ray <b>BD-ROM</b> discs. In addition to any protection provided by the consoles themselves, the BD-ROM format's specification allows for a <b>ROM-Mark</b> which cannot be duplicated by consumer-level recorders. While the BD-ROM format does provide considerable capacity (up to 100 gigabytes per disc with potential revision to provide more), increased consumer bandwidth availability combined with the increased size of games distributed through online channels (approaching 100 gigabytes for some titles) is rendering this point moot. To prevent the consoles themselves being hacked and used as a means to defeat these protections (as happened with the Wii and partially with the PlayStation 3), contemporary consoles employ trusted hardware paths that authenticate the internal hardware and software prior to operation.” <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copy_protection">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copy_protection</a></p> <p>In <b>computing</b>, <b>ROM Mark</b> or <b>BD-ROM Mark</b> is a serialization technology designed to guard against mass production piracy or the mass duplication and sale of unauthorized copies of pre-recorded <b>Blu-ray Discs</b>. Only licensed BD-ROM manufacturers have access to the equipment that can make these unique ROM Marks, thus allowing authentic BD-ROM media like movies and music to be identified. The ROM Mark contains the Volume ID required to decrypt content encrypted using <b>AACS</b>.” <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ROM_Mark">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ROM_Mark</a></p> <p>“Volume IDs are unique identifiers or serial numbers that are stored on pre-recorded discs with special hardware. They cannot be duplicated on consumers' recordable media. The point of this is to prevent simple bit-by-bit copies, since the Volume ID is required (though not sufficient) for decoding content. On Blu-ray discs, the Volume ID is stored in the <b>BD-ROM Mark</b>. To read the Volume ID, a cryptographic <b>certificate</b> (the <i>Private Host Key</i>) signed by the AACS LA is required. However, this has been circumvented by modifying the firmware of some HD DVD and Blu-ray drives.” <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Access_Content_System">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Access_Content_System</a>.</p>