

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

PROVEN NETWORKS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

VMWARE, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 6:21-cv-00275

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT
AGAINST VMWARE, INC.**

This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. §1 *et seq.*, in which Plaintiff Proven Networks, LLC (“Plaintiff” or “Proven Networks”) makes the following allegations against Defendant VMWare, Inc. (“Defendant”):

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Proven Networks, LLC is a company organized under the laws of the State of California. Proven Networks is the sole owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest in the Asserted Patents.

2. On information and belief, Defendant VMWare, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 3401 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94304. VMWare, Inc. has regular and established places of business in this District, including, e.g., 3900 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 5th Floor, Austin, TX 78746. VMWare, Inc. offers its products and/or services, including those accused herein of infringement, to customers and potential customers located in Texas and in this District.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1338(a).

4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant in this action because Defendant has committed acts within this District giving rise to this action, and has established minimum contacts with this forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Defendant, directly and through subsidiaries or intermediaries, has committed and continue to commit acts of infringement in this District by, among other things, making, using, importing, offering to sell, and selling products that infringe the Asserted Patents.

5. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). Defendant is registered to do business in Texas, and upon information and belief, Defendant has transacted business in this District and has committed acts of direct and indirect infringement in this District by, among other things, importing, offering to sell, and selling products that infringe the asserted patents. Defendant has a regular and established place of business in the District, including corporate offices at 3900 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 5th Floor, Austin, TX 78746.¹

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,266,530 (the “’530 Patent”)

6. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

7. Plaintiff owns by assignment all rights, title, and interest in U.S. Patent No. 8,266,530, titled “Multiple Displays of Large Dynamic Alarm Windows.” The ’530 Patent was

¹ See, e.g., https://www.vmware.com/company/office_locations/office_texas.html.

duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 11, 2012. A true and correct copy of the '530 Patent is attached as Exhibit 1.

8. On information and belief, Defendant makes, uses, offers for sale, sells, and/or imports certain products ("Accused Products"), including VMware vRealize Operations Manager directly infringes, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, claims 1–20 of the '530 Patent.

9. Defendant also knowingly and intentionally induces infringement of claims 1–20 of the '530 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). At least through the filing and service of this Complaint, Defendant has knowledge of the '530 Patent and the infringing nature of the Accused Products. Despite this knowledge of the '530 Patent, Defendant continues to actively encourage and instruct its customers and end users (for example, through user manuals and online instruction materials on its website) to use the Accused Products in ways that directly infringe the '530 Patent. Defendant does so knowing and intending that its customers and end users will commit these infringing acts. Defendant also continues to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import the Accused Products, despite its knowledge of the '530 Patent, thereby specifically intending for and inducing its customers to infringe the '530 Patent through the customers' normal and customary use of the Accused Products.

10. The Accused Products satisfy all claim limitations of claims 1–20 of the '530 Patent. A claim chart comparing independent claim 1 of the '530 Patent to the representative Accused Product, VMware vRealize Operations Manager, is attached as Exhibit 2.

11. By making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing into the United States the Accused Products, Defendant has injured Plaintiff and is liable for infringement of the '530 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

12. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '530 Patent, Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendant, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

13. Defendant's infringing activities have injured and will continue to injure Plaintiff unless and until this Court enters an injunction prohibiting further infringement of the '530 Patent, and, specifically, enjoining further manufacture, use, sale, importation, and/or offers for sale that come within the scope of the patent claims.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter:

- a. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendant has infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents the '530 Patent;
- b. A permanent injunction prohibiting Defendant from further acts of infringement of the '530 Patent;
- c. A judgment and order requiring Defendant to pay Plaintiff its damages, costs, expenses, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest for Defendant's infringement of the '530 Patent; and
- d. A judgment and order requiring Defendant to provide an accounting and to pay supplemental damages to Plaintiff, including without limitation, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
- e. A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §285 and awarding to Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys' fees against Defendant; and
- f. Any and all other relief as the Court may deem appropriate and just under the

circumstances.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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Respectfully submitted,

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