

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

PACSEC3, LLC,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00396
v.)	
)	
MIMECAST NORTH AMERICA, INC.,)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendant.)	

PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

PacSec3, LLC (“PacSec”) files this Original Complaint and demand for jury trial seeking relief from patent infringement of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,523,497 (“the ‘497 patent”) (referred to as the “Patent-in-Suit”) by Mimecast North America, Inc. (“Mimecast”).

I. THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff PacSec3, LLC is a Texas Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business located in Harris County, Texas.

2. On information and belief, Mimecast is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with an office at 222 W Las Colinas Blvd. Suite 1607, Irving, TX 75039. On information and belief, MIMECAST sells and offers to sell products and services throughout Texas, including in this judicial district, and introduces products and services that perform infringing methods or processes into the stream of commerce knowing that they would be sold in Texas and this judicial district. MIMECAST can be served with process through their registered agent, CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryant St. Ste. 900, Dallas, TX 75201 or wherever they may be found.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has original subject-matter jurisdiction over the entire action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) because Plaintiff's claim arises under an Act of Congress relating to patents, namely, 35 U.S.C. § 271.

4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because: (i) Defendant is present within or has minimum contacts within the State of Texas and this judicial district; (ii) Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of Texas and in this judicial district; and (iii) Plaintiff's cause of action arises directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of Texas and in this judicial district.

5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1400(b). Defendant has committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business in this District. Further, venue is proper because Defendant conducts substantial business in this forum, directly or through intermediaries, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Texas and this District.

III. INFRINGEMENT - Infringement of the '497 Patent

6. On April 21, 2009, U.S. Patent No. 7,523,497 ("the '497 patent", attached as Exhibit C) entitled "PACKET FLOODING DEFENSE SYSTEM," was duly and legally issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. PacSec3, LLC owns the '497 patent by assignment.


7. The '497 patent relates to a novel and improved manner and system of defense to a data packet flood attack.

8. MIMECAST offers for sale, sells and manufactures one or more firewall systems that infringes one or more claims of the '497 patent, including one or more of claims 1-18, literally or

under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant put the inventions claimed by the '497 Patent into service (i.e., used them); but for Defendant's actions, the claimed-inventions embodiments

9. involving Defendant's products and services would never have been put into service. Defendant's acts complained of herein caused those claimed-invention embodiments as a whole to perform, and Defendant's procurement of monetary and commercial benefit from it.

10. Support for the allegations of infringement may be found in the following preliminary table:

US7523497 B2 Claim 7	Mimecast Services
7. A method of providing packet flooding defense for a network comprising a plurality of host computers, routers, communication lines and transmitted data packets, said method comprising the steps of:	 <p>The screenshot shows the Mimecast website's 'Web Security' page. At the top left is the 'mimecast' logo. To the right is a hamburger menu icon. Below the logo is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / Products / Web Security'. The main heading 'Web Security' is prominently displayed in white text on a dark blue background. At the bottom, a dark blue footer contains the text '© 2003 - 2022 Mimecast Services Limited.'</p>

	<p><https://www.mimecast.com/products/web-security/> Mimecast Services has a method of providing packet flooding defense for a network comprising a plurality of host computers, routers, communication lines and transmitted data packets. The reference includes subject matter disclosed by the claims of the patent after the priority date. The venue of the company is: 222 W Las Colinas Blvd. Suite 1607 Irving, TX 75039 United States</p>
<p>US7523497 B2 Claim 7</p>	<p>Mimecast Services</p>
<p>determining a path by which data packets arrive at a host computer via packet marks provided by routers leading to said host computer; said path comprising all routers in said network via which said packets are routed to said computer;</p>	<div data-bbox="381 661 1518 1228" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get quick and simple visualization of key metrics such as <u>top accessed domains, site categories, blocked domains and requests leading to malicious sites</u> • Aid investigations with robust audit logging • Comply with regional regulations by selecting what log data is retained (for example, no personally identifiable information) </div> <p><https://www.mimecast.com/products/web-security/> The reference describes determining a path by which data packets arrive at a host computer via packet marks provided by routers leading to said host computer; said path comprising all routers in said network via which said packets are routed to said computer.</p>
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<p>classifying data packets received at said host computer into wanted data packets and unwanted data packets by path;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Block websites that deliver malware or are part of phishing attacks• <u>Inspect content and file downloads from suspicious sites using a dynamic proxy that applies anti-virus, SSL inspection, URL categorization and static file analysis</u>• Constrain compromised devices from communicating with hackers• Rapidly identify threats using the latest intelligence from multiple sources <p><https://www.mimecast.com/products/web-security/> The reference describes classifying data packets received at said host computer into wanted data packets and unwanted data packets by path.</p>
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<p>allocating a processing rate less than or equal to said maximum acceptable processing rate for unwanted data packets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">' The Mimecast API applies rate limiting on a per user basis, across all active authentication keys.' When a user sends a request to the API, they are allocated a call quota that is used to monitor future requests from that user.' Users can make requests to the API until the call quota has been exceeded. At which point the user's requests will fail due to rate limiting, <u>until the user's call quota drops below the maximum allowed count.</u>' To allow continued access to the API, Mimecast additionally applies a reset mechanism that adds allowed requests back into the call quota at defined intervals. At least 1 allowed request is added to the call quota at each rate limit reset interval. <hr/> <p>https://www.mimecast.com/developer/documentation/rate-limiting/ The reference describes allocating a processing rate less than or equal to said maximum acceptable processing rate for unwanted data packets.</p>
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These allegations of infringement are preliminary and are therefore subject to change.

15. MIMECAST has and continues to induce infringement. MIMECAST has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., DDOS protection systems) and related services that provide question and answer services across the Internet such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1–18 of the '497 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, Defendant has known of the '497 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the filing date of the lawsuit.¹ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

¹ Plaintiff reserves the right to amend if discovery reveals an earlier date of knowledge.

16. MIMECAST has and continues to contributorily infringe. MIMECAST has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., DDOS protection systems) and related services that provide question and answer services across the Internet such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1–18 of the ‘497 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Further, there are no substantial noninfringing uses for Defendant’s products and services. Moreover, Defendant has known of the ‘497 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the filing date of the lawsuit.² For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

17. MIMECAST has caused and will continue to cause PacSec3 damage by direct and indirect infringement of (including inducing infringement of) the claims of the ‘497 patent.

IV. JURY DEMAND

PacSec3 hereby requests a trial by jury on issues so triable by right.

V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PacSec3 prays for relief as follows:

- a. enter judgment that Defendant has infringed the claims of the ‘497 patent through selling, offering for sale, manufacturing, and inducing others to infringe by using and instructing to use DDOS protection systems;
- b. award PacSec3 damages in an amount sufficient to compensate it for Defendant’s infringement of the Patents-in-Suit in an amount no less than a reasonable royalty or lost profits, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

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- c. award PacSec3 an accounting for acts of infringement not presented at trial and an award by the Court of additional damage for any such acts of infringement;
- d. declare this case to be “exceptional” under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and award PacSec3 its attorneys’ fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this action;
- e. declare Defendant’s infringement to be willful and treble the damages, including attorneys’ fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this action and an increase in the damage award pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- f. a decree addressing future infringement that either (i) awards a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its agents, servants, employees, affiliates, divisions, and subsidiaries, and those in association with Defendant from infringing the claims of the Patents-in-Suit, or (ii) awards damages for future infringement in lieu of an injunction in an amount consistent with the fact that for future infringement the Defendant will be an adjudicated infringer of a valid patent, and trebles that amount in view of the fact that the future infringement will be willful as a matter of law; and
- g. award PacSec3 such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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