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12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 SAN JOSE DIVISION

14 IN RE: PERSONAL WEB TECHNOLOGIES,
15 LLC ET AL., PATENT LITIGATION

16 AMAZON.COM, INC., and AMAZON WEB
SERVICES, INC.,

17 Plaintiffs.

18 v.

19 PERSONALWEB TECHNOLOGIES, LLC and
20 LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,

21 Defendants.

22 PERSONALWEB TECHNOLOGIES, LLC and
23 LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,

24 Counterclaimants,

25 v.

26 AMAZON.COM, INC., and AMAZON WEB
SERVICES, INC.,

27 Counterdefendants.
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Case No.: 5:18-md-02834-BLF

Case No. 5:18-cv-00767-BLF

**REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF
AMAZON.COM, INC. AND AMAZON
WEB SERVICES, INC. FOR SUM-
MARY JUDGMENT OF NON-IN-
FRINGEMENT**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Amazon does not infringe the asserted patents. PersonalWeb has no evidence to the con-
3 trary; it did not serve an expert report alleging infringement. Indeed, PersonalWeb concedes that
4 Amazon does not infringe the patents as construed by the Court. But, Amazon does not infringe
5 for three other reasons that do not depend on the Court's constructions. As the Court already re-
6 jected PersonalWeb's invitation to enter an order addressing only the consequences of the Court's
7 claim constructions on its infringement theory (Dkt. 559), the Court should include each independ-
8 ent basis for Amazon's non-infringement in its order granting summary judgment.

9 **II. AMAZON'S TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT INFRINGE FOR SEVERAL REASONS**
10 **INCLUDING THOSE THAT DO NOT DEPEND ON THE COURT'S CLAIM**
11 **CONSTRUCTION ORDER.**

12 In its opposition, PersonalWeb agrees to the entry of summary judgment of non-infringe-
13 ment because the accused Amazon technology does not meet the limitations of the asserted claims
14 as construed by the Court. (Dkt. 550 ("Opp.") at 1.) And while that is enough for the Court to
15 grant Amazon's motion, Amazon technology cannot infringe the asserted patents for reasons unre-
16 lated to the Court's constructions. The Court should enter judgment of non-infringement for those
17 reasons as well.

18 **A. Amazon's Technology Does Not "Allow," "Permit," or "Not Permit" Access**
19 **to Content Cached at Web Browsers.**

20 The asserted claims require "allowing" or "permitting" access, or "not permitting" access
21 to content. ('310 patent claim 20; '442 patent claim 11; '420 patent claims 25, 166.) These terms
22 require no constructions and Amazon is not proposing or relying on any in its motion. "Permitting"
23 (or "allowing") access and "not permitting" access means exactly that: permitting it or not permit-
24 ting it. The verbs "preventing" or "prohibiting" are mere synonyms of "not permitting" and are
25 used in the Amazon motion to avoid grammatically-prohibited double negatives such as "Amazon's
26 technology does not 'not permit' access to content cached at web browsers."

27 PersonalWeb argues that by providing a new version of an object, an HTTP server denies
28 the browser permission to access the previously received cached object. (Opp. at 4.) This is akin
to arguing that by delivering today's paper, the Wall Street Journal rescinds permission to read the

1 paper delivered yesterday. This is illogical. Nor is there any support for PersonalWeb’s argument
2 in the HTTP specification itself. There is no mechanism in the HTTP protocol, and PersonalWeb
3 points to none, for a server to “revoke” a browser’s ability to access a cached object that the same
4 server has already provided to it. The HTTP specification in fact says just the opposite, that brows-
5 ers should be able to access cached content whether or not it is current. (Dkt. 543 (Shamilov Decl.)
6 Ex. 3 (RFC 2616, HTTP 1.1 standard) at § 13.1.1 (cache that cannot communicate with origin
7 server should forward stale content to a browser for display with an optional warning indication of
8 staleness); § 13.1.4 (at a user’s direction, browsers may override basic mechanisms to validate stale
9 entities in cache); § 13.13 (history mechanisms can redisplay entities showing “exactly what the
10 user saw at the time when the resource was retrieved” and should display an entity in storage “even
11 if the entity has expired”); Shamilov Decl. Ex. 2 (Weissman Rep.) at ¶¶ 54, 97, 152, 179, 189.)
12 PersonalWeb acknowledges that this is the case. (Opp. at 5.) PersonalWeb argues, however, that
13 the ability of browsers to freely access cached content whether current or not is “irrelevant” because
14 it requires “no request . . . to the server” and is not one of “the primary purposes of a browser.”
15 (*Id.*) But the claims require the act of “not permitting access.” If access is always permitted, the
16 required act of “not permitting” is not performed by Amazon or anyone else.

17 Indeed, the HTTP protocol, the basis of PersonalWeb’s infringement theories, does not per-
18 mit or not permit access to content using ETags. (Weissman Rep. at ¶¶ 53-56.) The accused con-
19 ditional GET requests specified in the HTTP protocol merely determine whether a version of the
20 file on the browser is the same version as the file on the server; that is it. (Weissman Rep. at ¶¶ 45-
21 46.) It is a version control mechanism. The response to the conditional GET request does not
22 prevent the browser from continuing to use the version it already has. This is common sense, even
23 according to PersonalWeb itself. During an *inter partes* review of the ’310 patent, PersonalWeb
24 told the Patent Office that “there is no logical reason to have modified [the prior art] to implement
25 a system for checking whether that same local computer 20 is authorized to access a previous ver-
26 sion of the same file” and “the local computer 20 is permitted to access a prior version of a file if
27 that computer already has the current version of that file.” (Declaration of J. David Hadden (“Had-
28 den Decl.”) Ex. 6 (Patent Owner’s Response to IPR2013-00596, Paper 15) (“’596 POR”) at 19–20;

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