

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

INVINCIBLE IP LLC,

Plaintiff

v.

SAS INSTITUTE INC.

Defendant

Case No. 22-cv-04490

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Invincible IP, LLC (“Invincible” or “Plaintiff”) files this Complaint for patent infringement against SAS Institute Inc. (“Defendant”), and alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*

PARTIES

2. Invincible is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas with its principal place of business in Plano, Texas.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of State of North Carolina with a principal place of business at 100 SAS Campus Drive, Cary, North Carolina 27513. Upon information and belief, Defendant may be served through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, at 80 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. On information and belief, Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction of this Court based upon it having regularly conducted business, including the acts complained of herein, within the State of New York and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in the State of New York and in this District.

6. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because Defendant has committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business in this judicial district.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE ACCUSED INSTRUMENTALITY

7. Defendant provides for its customers use SAS Institute (“the Accused Instrumentality”).

COUNT I (Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,954,993)

8. Invincible incorporates the above paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

9. Plaintiff is the owner, by assignment, of U.S. Patent No. 8,954,993 (“the ’993 Patent”), entitled LOCAL MESSAGE QUEUE PROCESSING FOR CO-LOCATED WORKERS, which issued on February 10, 2015. A copy of the ’993 Patent is attached as Exhibit 1.

10. The ’993 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

11. Defendant has been and is now infringing one or more claims of the '993 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271 by making, using, selling, and offering to sell the Accused Instrumentality in the United States without authority.

12. Claim 1 of the '993 Patent recites:

1. A method to locally process queue requests from co-located workers in a datacenter, the method comprising:

detecting a producer worker at a first server sending a first message to a datacenter queue at least partially stored at a second server;

storing the first message in a queue cache at the first server, wherein the queue cache includes one of a copy and a partial copy of the datacenter queue;

detecting a consumer worker at the first server sending a message request to the datacenter queue;

providing the stored first message to the consumer worker in response to the message request;

receiving a signal from a command channel associated with the datacenter queue; and

modifying the stored first message in response to receiving the signal.

13. More particularly, Defendant infringes at least claim 1 of the '993 Patent.

14. On information and belief, Defendant makes, uses, sells, and offers to sell the Accused Instrumentality, which practices a method to locally process queue requests from co-located workers in a datacenter.



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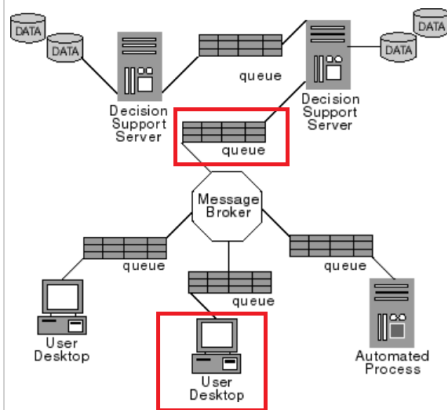
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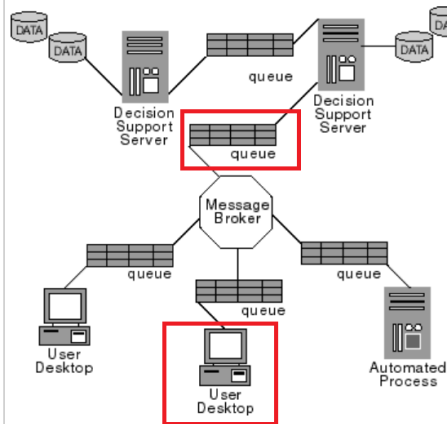
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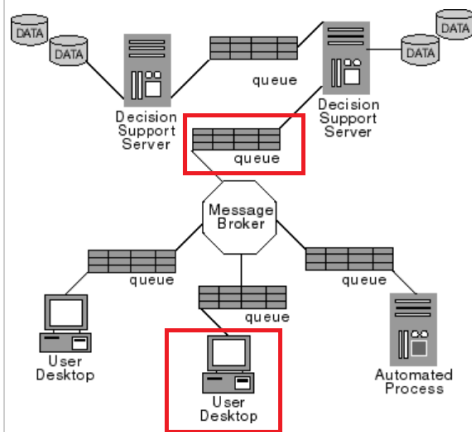
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19. On information and belief, the Accused Instrumentality practices receiving a signal (e.g. Delete request) from a command channel associated with the datacenter queue (SAS message queue).

To modify the metadata definitions of queues and queue managers, use the New Server Wizard in SAS Management Console to delete the existing definitions and create new definitions.

Before you delete metadata, you might want to run impact analysis and reverse impact analysis to see the jobs that include the queues. To run impact analysis or reverse impact analysis, follow these steps:

1. In SAS Data Integration Technologies, click the **Inventory** tab and expand **Message Queues**.
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To delete metadata for queues and queue managers, right-click the object in the Server Manager of SAS Management Console and select **Delete**. Use the third-party software to delete the physical queue objects.

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Specifies a delete attribute. The following attributes are valid:

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Specifies that the queue is to be deleted after it successfully closes, but only if there are no messages on the queue. This attribute is supported with MQSeries only. It is not supported with MSMQ because there is no way to programmatically determine the depth of the queue. It is not supported with Rendezvous because Rendezvous handles this function internally.

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Causes the queue to be deleted, even if the queue depth is greater than zero. This attribute is supported with MQSeries, MQSeries C, MSMQ, and Rendezvous-CM. It is not supported with Rendezvous because Rendezvous handles this function internally. If you are using Rendezvous Certified Message Delivery, when you close a listener queue the default setting is for the sender to save messages for persistent messaging. If you do not want messages to be saved by the sender or do not want persistent messaging, specify the DELETE_PURGE attribute when you close the queue. Setting the DELETE_PURGE attribute is the same as setting the cancelAgreements argument on TIBRVCM_CANCEL(TRUE).

20. On information and belief, the Accused Instrumentality practices modifying the stored first message (e.g., deleting the queue containing the first message) in response to receiving the signal (e.g. Delete request).

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21. Plaintiff has been damaged by Defendant's infringing activities.

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24. The '472 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

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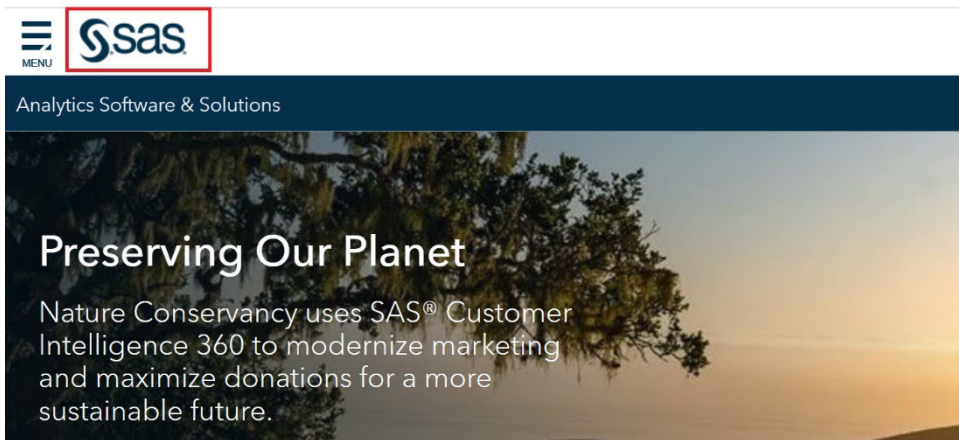
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27. More particularly, Defendant infringes at least claim 1 of the '472 Patent.

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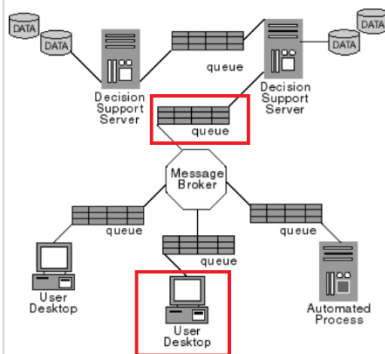
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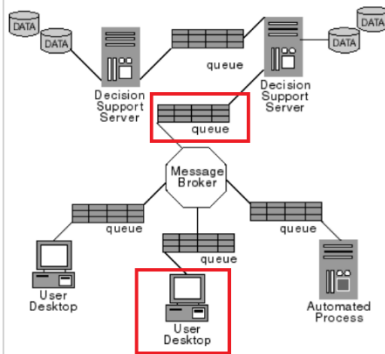
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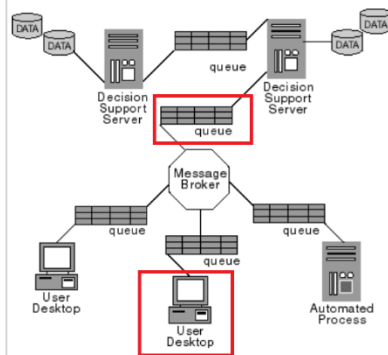
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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court enter judgment against Defendant:

1. declaring that Defendant has infringed the '993 Patent;
2. awarding Plaintiff its damages suffered as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '993 Patent;
3. declaring that Defendant has infringed the '472 Patent;
4. awarding Plaintiff its damages suffered as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '472 Patent;
5. awarding Plaintiff its costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, and interest; and
6. granting Plaintiff such further relief as the Court finds appropriate.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands trial by jury, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 38, on all issues so triable.

Dated: May 31, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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