

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**Portus Singapore Pte Ltd., and
Portus Pty Ltd.,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

Foscam, Inc.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:22-cv-01977

Jury Trial Demanded

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. and Portus Pty Ltd. (“Plaintiffs”) file this complaint for patent infringement against Defendant Foscam, Inc. (“Defendant”) and in support alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a civil action arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 271, *et seq.*

THE PARTIES

2. Plaintiff Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. is a company organized under the laws of the Republic of Singapore.

3. Plaintiff Portus Pty Ltd. is a subsidiary of Portus Singapore Pte Ltd., and a company organized under the laws of Australia.

4. On information and belief, Foscam is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Texas with a place of business at 1880 S Dairy Ashford, Suite 51, Houston, Texas 77077.

Defendant has a registered agent with Jerry Zhang 9999 Bellaire Boulevard, Suite 920, Houston, Texas 77036.

5. Foscam makes, imports, offers to sell, sells, and uses the accused devices in the United States, including in the State of Texas generally and this judicial district in particular.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action asserted herein under the Patent Laws of the United States, United States Code, Title 35. This is an action for patent infringement that arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 271, *et seq.*

7. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant. Defendant has sustained and systematic activities in this District and is committing infringing acts in Texas and this District. Defendant regularly conducts business in the State of Texas and within this District, including the sales of the accused products that are the subject of this patent infringement lawsuit. Upon information and belief, Defendant has employees in this District who are responsible for the accused products. Defendant engages in other persistent courses of conduct and derives substantial revenue from products and/or services provided in this District and in Texas, and has purposefully established substantial, systematic, and continuous contacts within this District and should reasonably expect to be sued in a court in this District.

9. Defendant maintains an established place of business and warehouse facility at 1880 S Dairy Ashford, Suite 51, Houston, Texas 77077. Defendant publicizes this facility its headquarters on LinkedIn, as shown below:

The screenshot displays the LinkedIn profile for Foscam, Inc. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LinkedIn logo, a search bar, and icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, and Messages. The main header features the Foscam logo in red and several security cameras. Below the header, the company name "Foscam, Inc." is followed by the description "Appliances, Electrical, and Electronics Manufacturing · Houston, TX · 159 followers" and a link to "See all 16 employees on LinkedIn". Action buttons for "+ Follow", "Visit website", and "More" are present. A secondary navigation bar includes "Home", "About" (which is selected), "Posts", "Jobs", and "People". The "About" section lists the following details: Website (<https://www.foscam.com/us/>), Industry (Appliances, Electrical, and Electronics Manufacturing), Company size (11-50 employees, 16 on LinkedIn), Headquarters (Houston, TX), and Founded (2015). A "Locations (1)" section lists the primary location as 1880 Dairy Ashford, Ste. 510, Houston, TX 77077, US, with a "Get directions" link.

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/foscam-inc./about/>

10. Venue is proper in this district as to Foscam pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b).

11. Infringement is occurring within the State of Texas and this District through Defendant's distribution and sales of "smart" devices under, for example, outdoor, indoor, and security cameras (the "Accused Products," which are further defined below).

12. Venue is further proper because Defendant has placed the Accused Products into the stream of commerce knowing or understanding that such products would be used in the United States, including in the Southern District of Texas. Defendant has manufactured, distributed, sold, and/or offered to sell the Accused Products to customers for use throughout this District.

13. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants at least because Defendant has made, used, offered to sell and sold the accused products within the District thus committing acts of infringement within the District, and placed infringing products into the stream of commerce knowing or understanding that such products would be used in the United States, including in the Southern District of Texas.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Portus

14. Portus is the original creator of the smart home. Portus pioneered the technology for viewing your home when you are away, as well as understanding and managing household energy use, so its users could live in more enjoyable, affordable homes.

15. With Portus' patented technology, users have the freedom to monitor and control their home from anywhere.

16. With Portus' patented technology, Portus enables a home to be safer and more efficient through a connected environment.

17. As well as helping households, Portus facilitated utilities by providing insight into their customers' energy use. The understanding of consumers' energy demands the technology gives is invaluable to a household's or company's planning capacity and carbon constraints.

18. Further, Portus' technology facilitates utilities' demand management by providing insight into their customers' energy use. The understanding of consumers' energy demands the technology gives is invaluable to companies' planning capacity and carbon constraints.

19. Initially founded in Australia, Portus moved to Singapore after winning equity funding through an investment arm of the Singapore government.

20. Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. is the owner by assignment from the inventors, Charles Cameron Lindquist and Timothy John Lindquist, of all right, title, and interest in and to Portus is the owner, by assignment, of the two patents-in-suit: U.S. Patent Nos. 8,914,526 (the '526 Patent) attached as Exhibit A; and 9,961,097 (the '097 Patent) attached as Exhibit B.

21. Portus Pty Ltd. is the exclusive licensee of the '526 and '097 Patents.

22. Tim Lindquist, one of the Portus founders, is one of the inventors of the asserted patents and is recognized as an inventor of the Connected Home. Tim was proclaimed as a pioneer of the Smart Grid by Smart Grid Today.

The '526 Patent

23. Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. is the owner by assignment from the inventors, Charles Cameron Lindquist and Timothy John Lindquist, of all right, title, and interest in and to United States Patent Number 8,914,526 (the "'526 Patent"), titled "Local and Remote Monitoring Using a Standard Web Browser" including the right to sue for all past infringement.

24. Portus Pty Ltd. is the exclusive licensee of the '526 Patent.

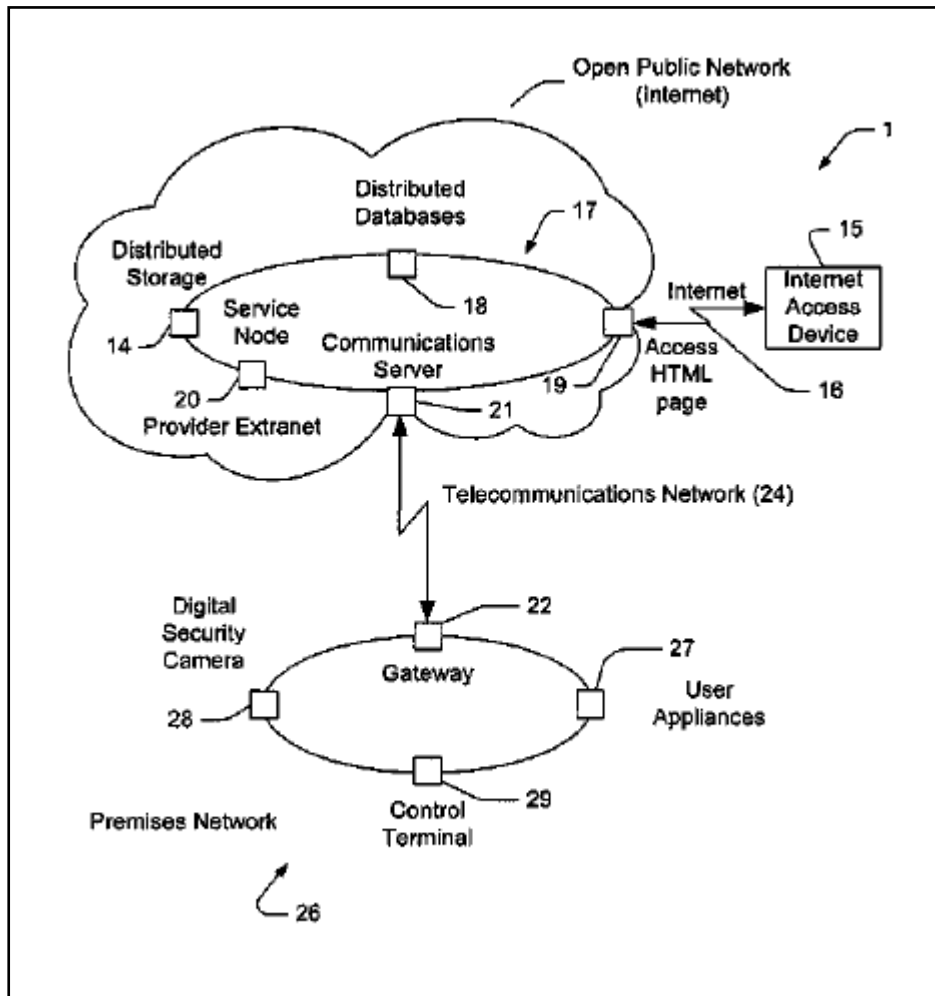
25. Attached to this Complaint as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the '526 Patent.

26. The '526 Patent issued from United States Patent and Trademark Office application no. 09/868,417, which was based on a PCT application no. 99/01128, which was filed on December 17, 1999. That PCT application was based on Australian patent application (PP 7764) filed on December 17, 1998.

27. The Patent Office issued the '526 Patent on December 16, 2014, after a full and fair examination.

28. The '526 Patent is valid and enforceable.

29. The '526 Patent abstract describes a home security and control system for monitoring and controlling an external environment such as a home environment comprising: an Internet browser connectable to an external network, or "Cloud" a Cloud located external to the home environment and accessible via the Internet browser; a communications server located in the Cloud and adapted to interconnect on demand with one of a series of connection gateways located in predetermined home environments; and a connection gateway located in the home environment adapted to control and/or monitor the operation of at least one security device in the home environment; wherein upon accessing a predetermined address by the Internet browser on the Cloud, the communications server connects to a predetermined one of the connection gateways to control and/or monitor the operation of the security device.



30. The inventors of the '526 Patent, recognized that home automation and security systems had become more advanced and that the “[u]sers often have a common need to control and monitor such systems both locally and remotely.” ’526 Patent at 1:35-36. However, despite the growing complexity of these systems, users “generally must resort to non-visual monitoring and control mechanisms for remote operation [such as] by telephone through codes entered via a telephone handset.” *Id.* at 1:38-41.

31. The '526 Patent provides several advantages over the prior art such as: a) allowing remote control of a home security system through operation of a website rather than through the cumbersome automated systems and choices provided via telephone; b) providing a geographically independent standard interface for remote connection to a home security system that is universally accessible and not platform or hardware dependent.

32. A person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized that the steps (and combination of steps) claimed in the '526 Patent were, at the time of invention, unconventional and describe remote monitoring of home security and automation systems in a way that, at the time of the invention, was not routine.

33. A person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have understood that, at the time of the invention, there was no conventional manner in which to use a web browser remotely to monitor and control home automation and security systems. A skilled artisan, at the time of the invention, would have recognized the problem that such remote monitoring at the time of the invention could only be accomplished via cumbersome telephone-based input and automation systems.

34. The '526 Patent provides technical solutions to this problem not solved in the prior art. The inventions disclosed in the '526 patent achieves that “when a customer connects to their home, their home effectively appears to them as a website, with all devices, security and otherwise, accessible for monitoring and control.” '526 Patent at 2:49-52.

35. A person skilled in the art at the time of the invention would have understood that the system of using an Internet browser; a Cloud external to the user premises and accessible via the Internet browser; a plurality of connection gateways that are part of the home network; and a communications server located in the Cloud and adapted to communicate on-demand with the connection gateways was not, at the time of the invention, conventional, well-understood, nor routine.

36. A person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have understood that the system described in claim 1 of the '526 Patent was not, at the time of the invention, conventional, well-understood, or routine.

37. A person skilled in the art at the time of the invention would have understood that the claims recite steps and structural limitations operating in an unconventional manner to achieve an improved operation of home security and automation.

38. These technological improvements provide greater cost savings and efficiencies in allowing remote monitoring of a home security and automation systems through a web browser.

39. The novel use and arrangement of the specific system recited in the '526 claims were not well-understood, routine, nor conventional to a person skilled in the relevant field at the time of the inventions.

The '097 Patent

40. Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. is the owner by assignment from the inventors, Charles Cameron Lindquist and Timothy John Lindquist, of all right, title, and interest in and to United States Patent Number 9,961,097 (the "'097 Patent"), titled "System for Remote Access of a User Premises" including the right to sue for all past infringement.

41. Portus Pty Ltd. is the exclusive licensee of the '097 Patent.

42. Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the '097 Patent.

43. The '097 Patent issued from application no. 14/536,784 filed on November 10, 2014.

44. The Patent Office issued the '097 Patent on May 1, 2018, after a full and fair examination.

45. The '097 Patent is valid and enforceable.

46. The '097 Patent provides several advantages over the prior art such as: a) allowing remote control of a home security system through operation of a website rather than through the cumbersome automated systems and choices provided via telephone; b) providing a geographically independent standard interface for remote connection to a home security system that is universally accessible and not platform or hardware dependent.

47. A person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized that the steps (and combination of steps) claimed in the '097 Patent were, at the time of invention, unconventional and describe remote monitoring of home security and automation systems in a way that, at the time of the invention, was not routine.

48. A person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have understood that, at the time of the invention, there was no conventional manner in which to use a web browser remotely to monitor and control home automation and security systems. A skilled artisan, at the time of the invention, would have recognized the problem that such remote monitoring at the time of the invention could only be accomplished via cumbersome telephone-based input and automation systems.

49. The '097 Patent provides technical solutions to this problem not solved in the prior art. By using a web browser so that “when a customer connects to their home, their home effectively appears to them as a website, with all devices, security and otherwise, accessible for monitoring and control.” '097 Patent at 2:64-67.

50. A person skilled in the art at the time of the invention would have understood that the system of using an Internet browser; a Cloud external to the user premises and accessible via the Internet browser; a plurality of connection gateways that are part of the home network; and a communications server located in the Cloud and adapted to communicate on-demand with the connection gateways was not, at the time of the invention, conventional, well-understood, nor routine.

51. A person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have understood that the system described in claim 1 of the '097 Patent was not, at the time of the invention, conventional, well-understood, or routine.

52. A person skilled in the art at the time of the invention would have understood that the claims recite steps and structural limitations operating in an unconventional manner to achieve an improved operation of home security and automation.

53. These technological improvements provide greater cost savings and efficiencies in allowing remote monitoring of a home security and automation systems through a web browser.

54. The novel use and arrangement of the specific system recited in the '097 claims were not well-understood, routine, nor conventional to a person skilled in the relevant field at the time of the inventions.

Defendant's Infringing Products

55. Foscam provides smart home solutions through the Foscam brand with products such as outdoor cameras, indoor cameras, and security camera systems that are viewable through the Foscam App or computer—or the “Accused Products.”

56. The Accused Products include outdoor cameras (such as the Foscam Security Cameras; WiFi PTZ IP Cameras; Outdoor PTZ Security Cameras; Outdoor Floodlight Security Cameras; WIFI Surveillance Home Cameras); indoor cameras (such as the WiFi Home Security Cameras, WIFI Baby Monitors; WIFI Pet Cameras), and security camera systems (such as the Network Video Recorders; Wifi Security Systems; PoE Security Systems), etc. The Accused Products also include functionality whereby the Defendant is able to access and process the personal data of its users—users are required to agree to provide this information for the benefit of the Defendant in order to use the Accused Products.



User Manual

Indoor FHD IP Camera



Model: R2/R4/R2C/R2E

https://www.foscam.com/Uploads/usermanual/2019-07-09/User%20Manual%20for%20R2%20R4%20%20R2E_V2.6_English.pdf



User Manual

FHD Wireless IP Camera



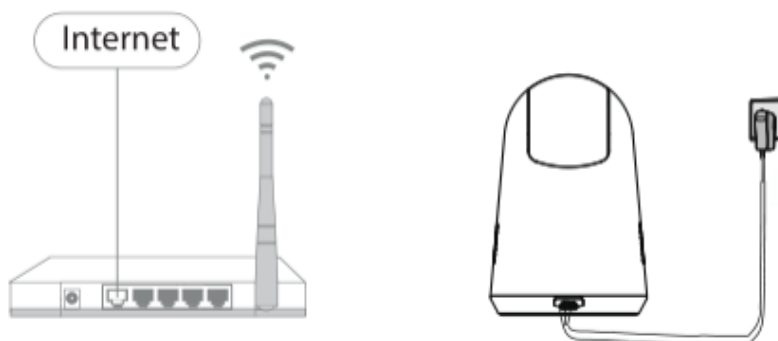
Model: X2

2 Access the IP Camera

2.1 Wireless Connection via Foscam App



Download and open the Foscam App from the App Store or Google Play Store. Once open, please register for a Foscam account, or sign in if you have one already.



1. Please Connect the power adapter to the camera, and wait for a few moments until the camera alerts you that the "Ready for WiFi configuration."



2. Make sure that your smartphone is connected to your wireless router (It has to be on the 2.4GHz channel if you have a dual-band router).

https://www.foscam.com/Uploads/usermanual/2019-10-18/User%20Manual%20for%20X2%20V1.0_English.pdf

FOSCAM
home security

How to add camera to Foscam app?

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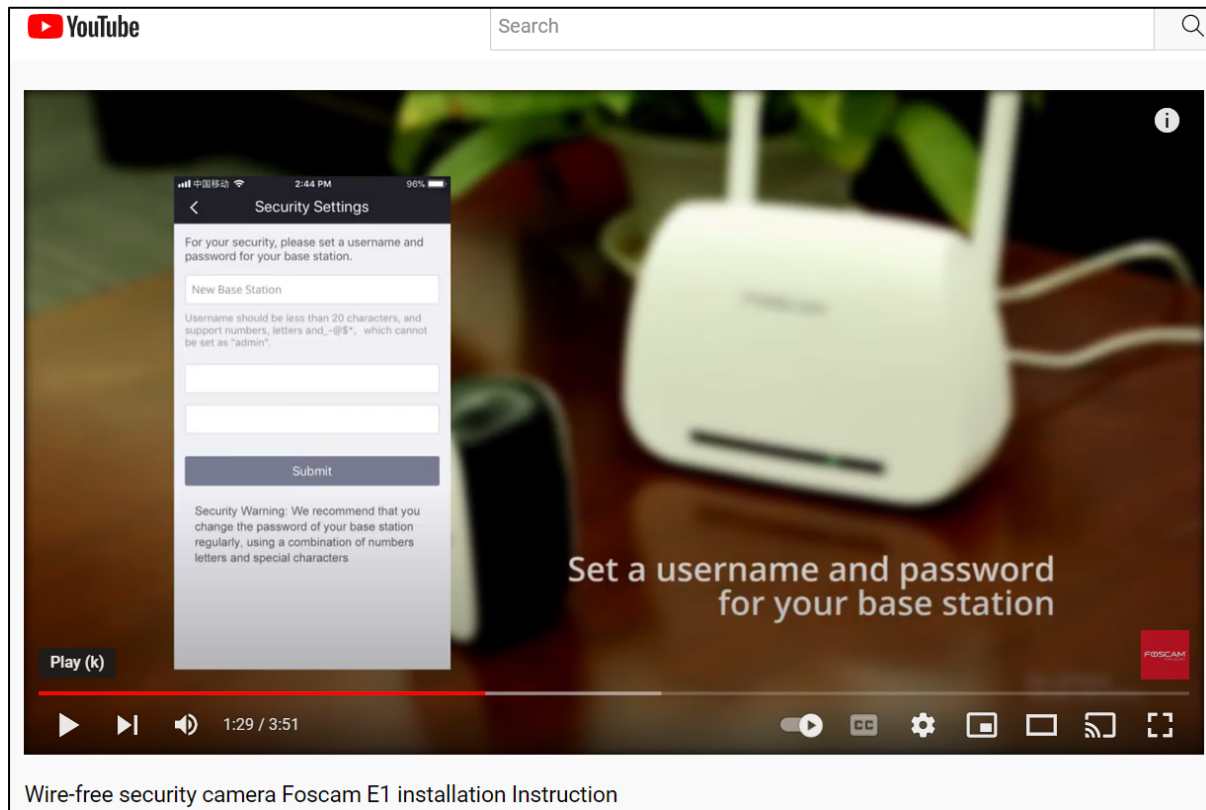
How to add camera to Foscam app

The image shows three Foscam security cameras. On the left are two bullet-style cameras with black lenses and silver bodies. On the right is a white pan-tilt-zoom camera with a black lens and a silver antenna. A small red Foscam logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the camera group.

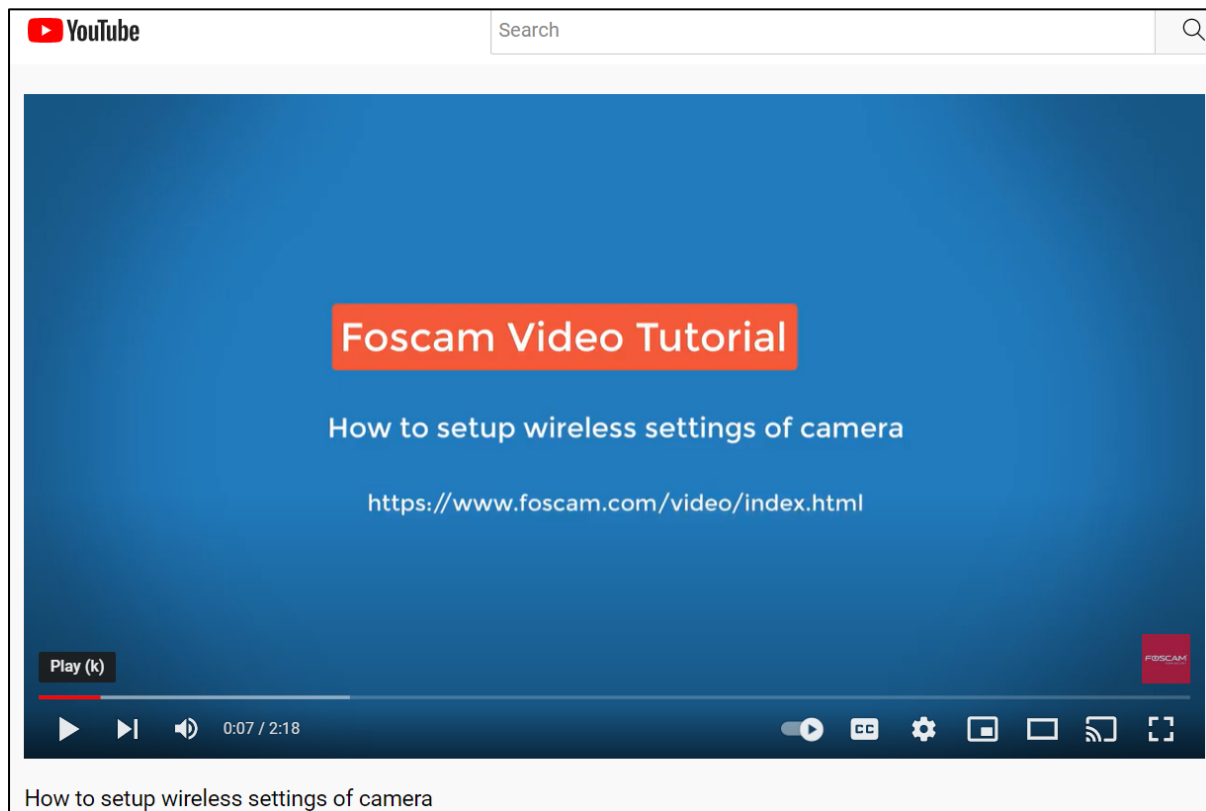
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57. Foscam provided promotional and instructional videos promoting the Accused Products online on websites such as youtube.com.

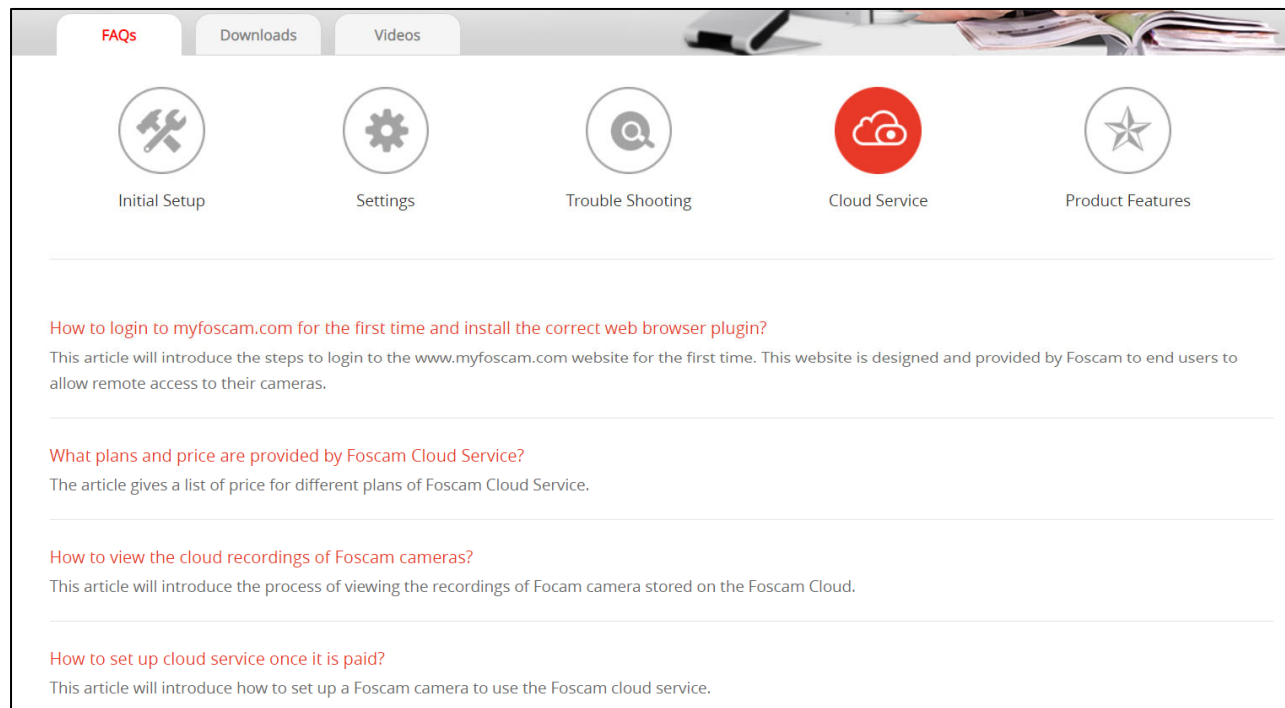


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58. The Foscam System provides smartphone applications, and internet web portals, for monitoring home security and camera systems (collectively, the “Foscam System Apps”).



<https://www.foscam.com/faqs/list.html?cateid=8&cid=0>

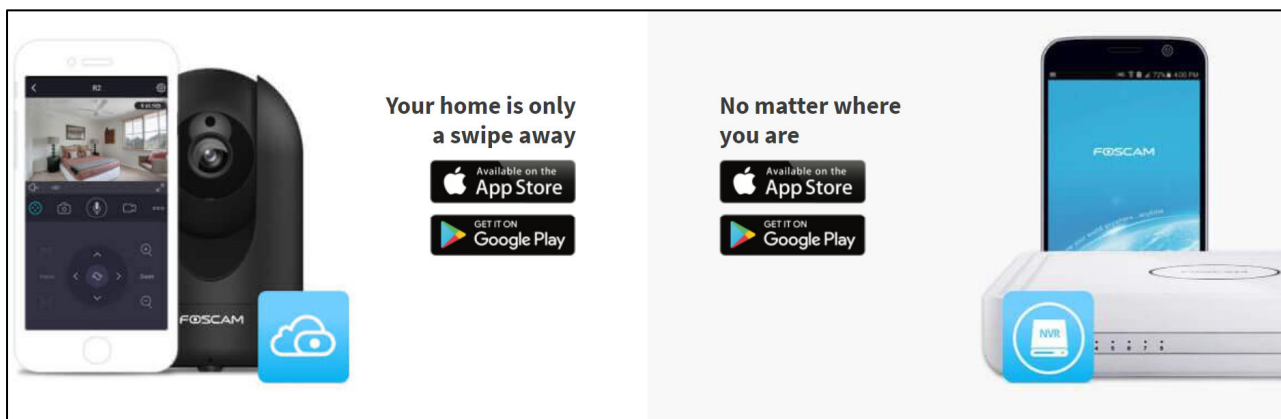
What's Foscam App?

Foscam App allows you to manage your Foscam cameras anywhere in the world. With Foscam App you can view your camera live, talk and listen through your camera, receive instant alerts to your smartphone, record live video with multiple storage options, and more.

-  Management
-  Live View
-  Recording
-  Pushing Alerts
-  Cloud Service



<https://foscam.com/foscamapp.html>

The advertisement is split into two panels. The left panel features a smartphone displaying the app interface next to a black Foscam camera. Below the camera is a blue cloud icon. The text reads 'Your home is only a swipe away' and includes 'Available on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' logos. The right panel features a smartphone displaying the Foscam logo next to a white Foscam NVR (Network Video Recorder) device. Below the NVR is a blue square icon with 'NVR' written on it. The text reads 'No matter where you are' and also includes 'Available on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' logos.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20190403103018/https://www.foscam.com/us/cloudservices>

59. The Foscam System includes Foscam servers that form a network (first network) (referred to as “Foscam Cloud”) located external to a user’s premises (business or home) and is accessible via a smartphone app or Internet browser. The Foscam Cloud includes a plurality of communications servers with hardware processing circuitry (second hardware processing circuitry) (referred to interchangeably as “Foscam Communication Servers” or “Foscam Servers”).

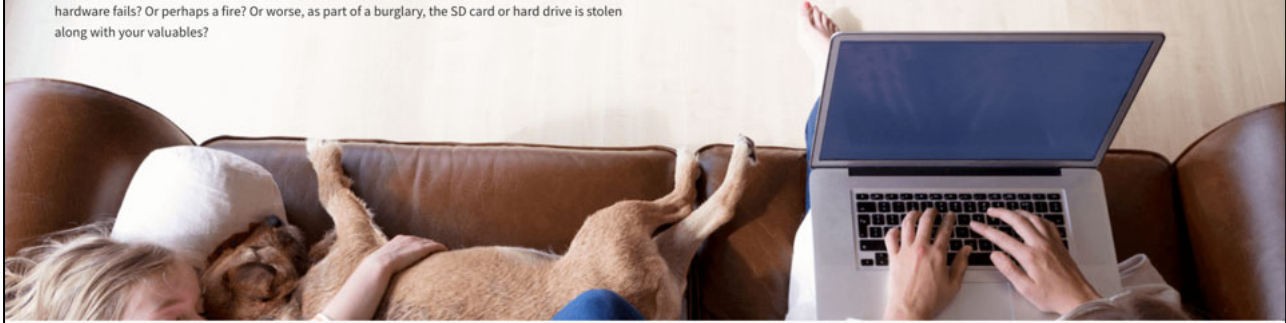
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Complete protection

Unlimited Live Streaming

People typically record video from an IP camera to local SD card, PC or NVR.. But what if the hardware fails? Or perhaps a fire? Or worse, as part of a burglary, the SD card or hard drive is stolen along with your valuables?



What will you get with Foscam Cloud Service?



- ✔ Let you know the real-time alert event immediately
- ✔ Let you check on past suspicious behavior
- ✔ Let you preserve any security incident
- ✔ Let you enjoy fun memories caught on your camera

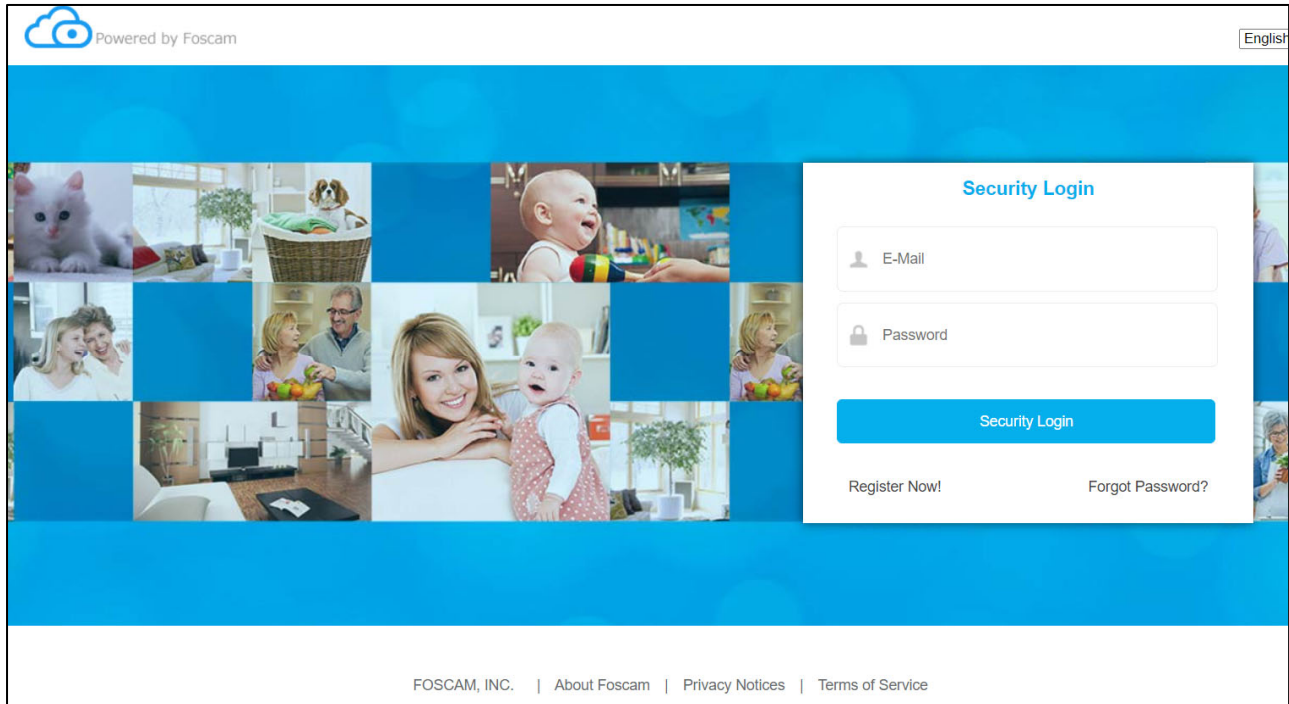
Actually, You can't always watch your video in front of your computer or phone. But Foscam Cloud Service can look for abnormal motion and sounds all the time. If something's up, it'll send a phone alert push and save the video recordings immediately from the event.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20190403103018/https://www.foscam.com/us/cloudservices>

60. The Foscam System includes a plurality of devices, such as camera devices, which serve as “Connection Gateways”. At least a subset (a plurality) of the Foscam Connection Gateways are located in a user (home/office) premises and are part of a local (home/office) network in such premises (referred to as “Foscam Home Network”). The Foscam Servers are configured to connect to the Foscam Connection Gateways.

61. The Foscam Communications Servers are adapted to interconnect on-demand with the Foscam Connection Gateways. The Foscam Connection Gateways are accessible by the Foscam Communications Servers. The Foscam Communications Servers are accessible via the Foscam System Apps.

62. When a Foscam System App is used to access the Foscam Cloud to monitor or control devices in the Foscam Home Network, authorization data is provided by the Foscam System App.



<https://www.myfoscam.com/>

COUNT I – DIRECT PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF THE '526 Patent

63. Portus re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

64. Defendant's infringing Accused Products and other remote security and automation control systems with the same or similar features and functionality that satisfy each element of one or more asserted claims.

65. Defendant has directly infringed the '526 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by one or more of the following: (1) making the Accused Products which embody the patented inventions of at least claim 57 of the '526 Patent, by combining all elements of the Accused Products as described above, in a manner that meets each limitation of at least claim 57 of the '526 Patent; and (2) putting into service and operating the Accused Products when all elements of such system are combined as described above, thus meeting each limitation of at least claim 57 of the '526 Patent.

66. The Accused Products satisfy various elements of the claims of the '526 Patent, including certain devices that are Connection Gateways or networked components of the respective home network, or both.

67. For example, through the Foscam Accused Products, Defendants infringe claim 57 of the '526 Patent. The Foscam Accused Products form a system for remote access of user premises networks in respective user premises, the system comprising:

- a. a first network (a) located external to said user premises (e.g., *the Foscam Cloud, which is located external to the user premises*), (b) including a first arrangement of processing circuitry comprising at least one hardware processor programmed to control network access (e.g., *the Foscam servers have processors programmed to control network access through a username and password*), and (c) including a hardware user access browser device that comprises a processor running an access browser (e.g., *Foscam servers and Cloud are accessible by a user through the Foscam System Apps*); and
- b. a plurality of second arrangements of processing circuitry each comprising at least one hardware processor programmed to control network access, each of at least a subset of which is located in a respective one of the user premises and part of the respective user premises network of the respective user premises (e.g., *the Foscam System includes a plurality of connection gateways, such as outdoor cameras; indoor cameras; and security camera systems*);
- c. wherein:
- d. said first circuitry arrangement is adapted by its programming to initiate an establishment of network connections to said second circuitry arrangements (e.g., *the Foscam Servers are configured to connect to the Foscam Connection Gateways*);
- e. the user access browser located on the first network is usable, by input of Uniform Resource Locators (URL), for locating and examining information on said first network and said user premises networks (e.g., *the Foscam System is configured to be responsive to the input of a URL, when the Foscam Cloud and Foscam Communications Servers are accessed as a result of the input of the URL at the Foscam System Apps, the Foscam Communications Server provides Foscam System Apps information like images or videos*);
- f. each of the at least the subset of second circuitry arrangements is accessible by the first circuitry arrangement (e.g., *the Foscam Communications Servers are configured to connect to the Foscam Connection Gateways*);
- g. responsive to user-input of a URL in accordance with which said user access browser accesses a predetermined location on said first network to which address the URL corresponds, said first circuitry arrangement subsequently, by execution of its programming (e.g., *the Foscam System is configured to be responsive to the input of a URL, at the Foscam System Apps, to*

access an address on the Foscam Cloud, such that the Foscam System Apps provide authorization data):

- h. determines which one of said user premises networks in which one of said second circuitry arrangements is located authorization data indicates authority to at least one of monitor and control (e.g., *when a Foscam System App is used to access the Foscam Cloud to monitor or control devices in the Foscam Home Network, authorization data is provided by the Foscam System App*): and
- i. initiates an establishment of a network connection to said one of said second circuitry arrangements to create a new communications session for a temporary interconnection between said first network and said determined one of said user premises networks to at least one of control and monitor operation of at least one of the one or more devices of said user premises network, by which communications session the first network (e.g., *the Foscam Communications Server creates a new communications session between itself and the Foscam Connection Gateway in a user's home network that was determined to be indicated by the authorization data. In normal operation of the Foscam System, the new communications session is used to at least monitor or control at least one service or networked component in user's home network*):
- j. obtains information contained within the user premises network from the second circuitry arrangement of the determined user premises network (e.g., *after the new communications session is created, the Foscam Cloud obtains/receives information contained within the determined a user's home network from the Foscam Connection Gateway (for example, from one of the networked components)*); and
- k. using a web server, serves to the user access browser the information from the second circuitry arrangement of the determined user premises network (e.g., *the system provides such information to the Foscam System Apps*);
- l. the communications session provides a seamless access to information stored on said determined one of said user premises networks from said user access browser (e.g., *the system saves such information in the Foscam System Apps for subsequent review by a user without requiring the user to provide the authentication data*); and
- m. the at least one of control and monitoring of the at least one device using the first circuitry arrangement is possible only by interaction with information served by said one of said second circuitry arrangements (e.g., *the Foscam devices may only be remotely controlled and monitored by providing information from the device to the Foscam Cloud*).

68. Defendants various Accused Products infringed based on similar functionality as described above.

69. Defendant conditions use of the remote access features of the Accused Products and its customers' receipt of a benefit upon performance of the limitations of the asserted claims in the Asserted Patents, and Defendant establishes the manner or timing of that performance. Defendant

requires that a user agree to terms and conditions that allow Defendant to track content, use, and performance information of user and the Accused Products. For example, users must agree that “FOSCAM has right to analyze and use entire user database (including but not limited to, analyze and publish the user number, access time, user preferences and other user data).” These Terms of Service are available at <https://www.myfoscam.com/html/terms-of-service.html>. The Terms of Service further define the information that Foscam collects through Privacy Notices, in which the user must agree that Foscam can obtain and use the following personal information, gathered “in a number of ways”: “Account information, such as online password, country and other log-in E-mails used to access Foscam products and services when you register a Foscam account; And your friends accounts and nickname if you choose to add them into your Foscam Family; Contact information, such as name, gender, birthday, phone number, and postal address, all this information are optional for customers; Payment information, such as name, billing address and payment card details, including card number, expiration date and security code when you choose to use Foscam cloud service, which is collected and stored by our third-party payment processor on our behalf; Foscam service only the last four digits of your payment card and the expiration date; Product setup information, such as the name and description of your Foscam product (for example, “Foscam R2 – Front Door”), and adjustments you make to the product setup; Technical information about your Foscam product, such as your Foscam product’s model, serial number, mac address, UID, DDNS and software version, all this information is used for you to access Foscam products; Regarding your biometric information, when you use the analysis or comparison function based on the user benchmark information (including face/human shape recognition, face comparison), you need to enter benchmark information such as face photos in advance; If you refuse to provide, you will not be able to use the related functions; Social media handles, content and other data posted on our official social media pages; Information we obtain from third-party social media services (e.g.,

Facebook) or payment services (e.g., PayPal) if you choose to link to, create or log into your Foscam account through these services (including when you share Foscam captures or content via your social media account); Information we obtain from third-party business partners if you choose to use our Foscam Cloud Service, such as your account ID, account name and email address; Other personal information contained in content you submit to us, such as through our “Contact Us” feature or customer support tools on our websites or mobile apps.” The Foscam privacy notices are available at <https://www.myfoscam.com/html/privacy-notices-m.html>.

70. The Accused Products, when combined and used as described above, satisfy each and every element of each asserted claim of the '526 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

71. Defendant's infringing activities are and have been without authority or license under the '526 Patent.

72. The preceding discussion of claim 57 in the '526 Patent serves as an example only. The Accused Products infringe other claims in the '526 Patent upon same or similar grounds. Portus reserves its right to identify additional claims and additional infringing products as supported by discovery in the case.

73. As a result of Defendant's unlawful infringement of the '526 Patent, Portus has suffered and will continue to suffer damage. Portus is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages suffered by Portus as a result of Defendant's unlawful acts of infringement.

74. On information and belief and at a minimum, Defendant has been aware that the claims in the application that became the '526 Patent were allowed before the filing of this complaint.

75. On information and belief, given Defendant's prior knowledge of the '526 Patent and their own infringement of the same, Defendant has induced their users' and contributed to their users' direct infringement of one or more claims of the '526 Patent through the Defendant's advertisements,

instructions, advice, and guidance as provided by user manuals and instructions, the Defendant's websites, and Defendant's support and help services.

76. Moreover, on information and belief, its infringement has been willful and egregious. Because of Defendant's willful and egregious infringement, Portus is entitled to enhanced damages, in the form of treble damages, under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

77. To the extent Defendant did not learn of the '526 Patent and its infringement before the filing of this complaint by virtue of its monitoring of prior art and published patents and communications from Portus and its agents, Defendant was willfully blind to its infringement of the '526 Patent.

78. Furthermore, because Defendant's infringement of the '526 Patent is willful, this action is "exceptional" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, entitling Portus to its attorneys' fees and expenses.

COUNT II – DIRECT PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF THE '097 PATENT

79. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above, as if set forth verbatim herein.

80. Defendant's infringing Accused Products and other remote security and camera systems with the same or similar features and functionality that satisfy each element of one or more asserted claims.

81. Defendant has directly infringed the '097 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by one or more of the following: (1) making the Accused Products which embody the patented inventions of at least claim 1 of the '097 Patent, by combining all elements of the Accused Products as described above, in a manner that meets each limitation of at least claim 1 of the '097 Patent; and (2) putting into service and by operating the Accused Products when all elements of such system are combined as described above, thus meeting each limitation of at least claim 1 of the '097 Patent.

82. For example, through the Foscam Accused Products, Defendants infringe claim 1 of the '097 Patent. The Foscam Accused Products form a system for remote access of a user premises comprising:

- a. a first hardware processing circuitry running an access browser module (e.g., *the Accused Products utilizes an access browser hardware device including a processor to access the internet through the Foscam System Apps*);
- b. a second hardware processing circuitry located in a first network (e.g., *the Accused Products include a second processor in the Foscam Cloud that is located external to the user premises*); and
- c. a connection gateway that is located in, and is part of a local network of, the user premises (*the Accused Products include a plurality of connection gateways, e.g., Foscam connection gateways, such as the Foscam cameras*) each comprising at least one hardware processor and each of at least a subset of which is located in a respective one of the user premises and is part of the respective home network of the respective user (e.g., *connected to the home network via Ethernet*));
- d. wherein:
- e. the second hardware processing circuitry is external to the user premises, is accessible via the access browser module, and is configured to communicate on-demand with the connection gateway (e.g., *the Accused Product includes a communications server (e.g., Foscam Communications or Cloud servers) comprising at least one hardware processor and located in said Foscam Cloud and adapted to interconnect on-demand with said connection gateways (e.g., users are able to access their devices through the Foscam System Apps)*);
- f. the connection gateway is integrated with or communicatively coupled to one or more networked components of the local network of the user premises (e.g., *the connection gateways are accessible by the Foscam Cloud and are integrated with networked components (e.g., a user's Foscam devices) of the respective home network*); and
- g. the system is configured such that user-input of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), in accordance with which the first hardware processing circuitry, using the access browser module, accesses an address on the first network, begins a sequence in which the second hardware processing circuitry responsively serves to the first hardware processing circuitry, via the access browser module, information regarding at least one of the one or more networked components of the local network, which information the second hardware processing circuitry obtains from the connection gateway without a direct communicative coupling between the second hardware processing circuitry and the at least one networked component of the local network (e.g., *the Defendants' web application is responsive to user-input of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) (e.g., when accessing Foscam System Apps) in accordance with which said app accesses a predetermined address on said Foscam Cloud to which the URL corresponds, in which accessing said app provides information (e.g., videos) contained within the home network from the connection gateway of the determined home network and Foscam's Cloud servers are not directly communicatively coupleable to a user's*

Foscam devices (e.g., certain Foscam devices only communicate through connection gateways); in which accessing said app provides authorization data to the Foscam Cloud (e.g., a login and password));

- h. wherein the sequence includes the first hardware processing circuitry transmitting to the second hardware processing circuitry authentication data indicating authority to access the at least one networked component of the local network, the transmission of the authentication data being required for the serving of the information to the first hardware processing circuitry (*e.g., the connection gateways for the Accused Products require that the user first provide authentication data in which accessing said app provides authorization data to the Foscam Cloud to access the networked components*), and wherein:
 - i. the user premises is one of a plurality of user premises (*e.g., Defendants' Accused Products serve multiple users and multiple premises*);
 - j. the connection gateway is one of a plurality of connection gateways, each of which is located in, and is part of a respective local network of, a respective one of the plurality of user premises, and to each of which the second hardware processing circuitry is configured to connect (*e.g., Defendants' Accused Products serve multiple users and multiple premises, which each include at least one connection gateway located in and connects to a respective local network of the premises*); and
 - k. the sequence further including the second hardware processing circuitry determining which one of the local networks the authentication data indicates authority to access (*e.g., Defendants' server is configured to use the user's login credentials to determine which home network is the user's home network and is further configured to provide authorization data to allow the user to access devices in the user's home network*);
 - l. the sequence further including the second hardware processing circuitry establishing a new communication session between the first hardware processing circuitry and the connection gateway of the respective local network that the authentication data indicates authority to access upon verification of the authentication data (*e.g., Defendants' servers create a new communications session between the Foscam Cloud and one of the Foscam Connection Gateways to monitor operation of the Foscam devices contained within the home network, which is determined based on the authentication*); and
 - m. wherein the second hardware processing circuitry receives, via the connection gateway, selected information from at least one of the networked components of the local network of the user premises, and stores the selected information in the first network for subsequent review by a user associated with the user premises, without requiring the user to provide the authentication data (*e.g., in the Accused Products, information from the Foscam devices, such as a user's login information, is stored in the first network, via for example in a user's mobile application, which may then be reviewed by a user associated with the user premises without requiring the user to provide the authentication data (e.g., a user in the first network may be automatically logged in to the Accused Products without having to subsequently enter their login information)*); and
 - n. wherein the authority to access the at least one networked component of the local network by transmitting the authentication data also provides authority to access and review the

previously stored selected information in the first network via the access browser module (e.g., the Foscam user app and Foscam Cloud servers communicate such that authority is provided to access a Foscam device in a local network and review the previously stored selected information via authentication data).

83. Defendant's other Accused Products infringe based on similar functionality as the Foscam Accused Products.

84. Defendant conditions use of the remote access features of the Accused Products and its customers' receipt of a benefit upon performance of the limitations of the asserted claims in the Asserted Patents, and Defendant establishes the manner or timing of that performance. Defendant requires that a user agree to terms and conditions that allow Defendant to track content, use, and performance information of user and the Accused Products. For example, users must agree that "FOSCAM has right to analyze and use entire user database (including but not limited to, analyze and publish the user number, access time, user preferences and other user data)." These Terms of Service are available at <https://www.myfoscam.com/html/terms-of-service.html>. The Terms of Service further define the information that Foscam collects through Privacy Notices, in which the user must agree that Foscam can obtain and use the following personal information, gathered "in a number of ways": "Account information, such as online password, country and other log-in E-mails used to access Foscam products and services when you register a Foscam account; And your friends accounts and nickname if you choose to add them into your Foscam Family; Contact information, such as name, gender, birthday, phone number, and postal address, all this information are optional for customers; Payment information, such as name, billing address and payment card details, including card number, expiration date and security code when you choose to use Foscam cloud service, which is collected and stored by our third-party payment processor on our behalf; Foscam service only the last four digits of your payment card and the expiration date; Product setup information, such as the name and description of your Foscam product (for example, "Foscam R2 – Front Door"), and adjustments you make to the product setup; Technical information about your

Foscam product, such as your Foscam product's model, serial number, mac address, UID, DDNS and software version, all this information is used for you to access Foscam products; Regarding your biometric information, when you use the analysis or comparison function based on the user benchmark information (including face/human shape recognition, face comparison), you need to enter benchmark information such as face photos in advance; If you refuse to provide, you will not be able to use the related functions; Social media handles, content and other data posted on our official social media pages; Information we obtain from third-party social media services (e.g., Facebook) or payment services (e.g., PayPal) if you choose to link to, create or log into your Foscam account through these services (including when you share Foscam captures or content via your social media account); Information we obtain from third-party business partners if you choose to use our Foscam Cloud Service, such as your account ID, account name and email address; Other personal information contained in content you submit to us, such as through our "Contact Us" feature or customer support tools on our websites or mobile apps." The Foscam privacy notices are available at <https://www.myfoscam.com/html/privacy-notices-m.html>.

85. The Accused Products satisfy each and every element of each asserted claim of the '097 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

86. Defendant's infringing activities are and have been without authority or license under the '097 Patent.

87. The preceding discussion of claim 1 in the '097 Patent serves as an example only. The Accused Products infringe other claims in the '097 Patent upon same or similar grounds. Portus reserves its right to identify additional claims and additional infringing products as supported by discovery in the case.

88. As a result of Defendant's unlawful infringement of the '097 Patent, Portus has suffered and will continue to suffer damage. Portus is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages suffered by Portus as a result of Defendant's unlawful acts of infringement.

89. On information and belief and at a minimum, Defendant has been aware that the claims in the application that became the '097 Patent were allowed before the filing of this complaint.

90. On information and belief, given Defendant's prior knowledge of the '097 Patent and their own infringement of the same, Defendant has induced their users' and contributed to their users' direct infringement of one or more claims of the '097 Patent through the Defendant's advertisements, instructions, advice, and guidance as provided by user manuals and instructions, the Defendant's websites, and Defendant's support and help services.

91. Moreover, on information and belief, Defendants' infringement has been willful and egregious. Because of Defendants' willful and egregious infringement, Portus is entitled to enhanced damages, in the form of treble damages, under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

92. To the extent Defendant did not learn of the '097 Patent and its infringement before the filing of this complaint by virtue of its monitoring of prior art and published patents and communications from Portus and its agents, Defendant was willfully blind to its infringement of the '097 Patent.

93. Furthermore, because Defendant's infringement of the '097 Patent is willful, this action is "exceptional" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, entitling Portus to its attorneys' fees and expenses.

JURY DEMAND

94. Portus hereby demands a trial by jury.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Portus prays for judgment in its favor and against Defendants as follows:

- a. A judgment that Defendant has infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the Asserted Patents;
- b. An award of damages adequate to compensate for the infringements, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty made for use of the inventions of the Asserted Patents, together with interest and costs as determined by the Court;
- c. An award of enhanced damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284, in the form of treble damages;
- d. An award of on-going royalties for any continuing or future infringement of the claims of the Asserted Patents;
- e. An award of Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285 or as otherwise permitted by law;
- f. Such other and further relief at law or in equity as the Court determines is just and proper.

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