CASE No. 2:23-cv-2246

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

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Plaintiff Web 2.0 Technologies, LLC ("Web 2.0 Technologies" or "Plaintiff") files this Complaint against Freedcamp, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Freedcamp"), seeking damages and other relief for patent infringement, and alleges with knowledge to its own acts, and on information and belief as to other matters, as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq*.

THE PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff Web 2.0 Technologies LLC ("Web 2.0 Technologies") is a Texas limited liability corporation with its principal place of business at 5900 Balcones Dr., Ste 100, Austin, TX 78731-4298.
- 3. Plaintiff Web 2.0 Technologies is the owner by assignment of 100% interest in the Asserted Patents.
- 4. On information and belief, Freedcamp, Inc., ("Defendant" or "Freedcamp"), is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California, with its principal place of business at 3066 Foothill Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Freedcamp may be served with process through its California registered agent (Angel Grablev 3066 Foothill Rd Santa Barbara, CA 93105).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This action for patent infringement arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.
- 6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 7. Defendant Freedcamp is subject to this Court's general personal jurisdiction. Defendant Freedcamp, Inc. is a California Corporation. *See Daimler AG v. Bauman*, 571 U.S. 117, 137, 134 S. Ct. 746, 760 (2014) ([T]he place

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of incorporation and principal place of business are 'paradig[m] . . . bases for general jurisdiction") (internal citations omitted).

- 8. Defendant Freedcamp is subject to this Court's general and specific personal jurisdiction because Freedcamp has sufficient minimum contacts within the State of California and this District, pursuant to due process and/or the California Long Arm Statute, Cal. Code Civ. Proc § 410.10. On information and belief, Defendant Freedcamp contracted with one or more Califorian residents in this District and one or both parties performed the contract at least in part in the State of California and this District; Freedcamp committed the tort of patent infringement in the State of California and this District; Freedcamp purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of California and in this District; Freedcamp regularly conducts and solicits business within the State of California and within this District; Plaintiff's causes of action arise directly from Freedcamp's business contacts and other activities in the State of California and this District; and Freedcamp distributes, makes available, imports, sells and offers to sell products and services throughout the United States, including in this judicial District, and introduces infringing products and services that into the stream of commerce knowing that they would be used and sold in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States.
- 9. On information and belief, Defendant Freedcamp designs, develops, sells, offers to sell, and/or imports products, devices, systems, and/or components of systems through certain accused instrumentalities that either infringe or support the infringement of the patents asserted in this action.
- On information and belief, Freedcamp sells and offers to sell products 10. and services throughout the United States and in California, including in this District, through the accused instrumentalities, through its website accessible in the United States, and in concert and partnership with third parties.

- 11. Furthermore, personal jurisdiction over Freedcamp in this action comports with due process. Freedcamp has conducted and regularly conducts business within the United States and this District. Freedcamp has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the United States, and more specifically in the State of California and this District. Freedcamp has sought protection and benefit from the laws of the State of California by making available products and services that infringe the Asserted Patents with the awareness and/or intent that they will be used (or visited) by consumers in this District. Having purposefully availed itself of the privilege of conducting business within this District, Freedcamp should reasonably and fairly anticipate being brought into court here.
- 12. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). On information and belief, Freedcamp's acts of infringement have taken place within this District.
- 13. Additionally, Freedcamp—directly or through intermediaries (including distributors, retailers, and others), subsidiaries, alter egos, and/or agents—ships, distributes, offers for sale, and/or sells its products and services in the United States and this District. Freedcamp has purposefully and voluntarily placed one or more of its products into the stream of commerce through the accused instrumentalities that infringe the patents asserted in this action with the awareness and/or intent that they will be purchased by consumers in this District. Freedcamp knowingly and purposefully delivers infringing products into, and within, this District. These infringing products have been, and continue to be, purchased by consumers and businesses in this District.

THE ASSERTED PATENTS

14. On March 13, 2007, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No. 6.845,448 B1 ("the '448

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Patent"), entitled "Online Repository for Personal Information." A copy of the '448 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

- Plaintiff owns all substantial right, title, and interest in the '448 15. Patent, and holds the right to sue and recover damages for infringement thereof, including past infringement.
- On February 14, 2012, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent 16. No. 8,117,644 ("the '644 Patent"), entitled "Method and System for Online Document Collaboration." A copy of the '644 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit
- 17. Plaintiff owns all substantial right, title, and interest in the '644 Patent, and holds the right to sue and recover damages for infringement thereof, including past infringement.

COUNT I - INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,845,448

- Plaintiff incorporates and realleges the preceding paragraphs as if 18. fully set forth herein.
- The '448 Patent is directed to a method and system for gathering, 19. storing personal information on a server computer and releasing such information to authorized requesters, as described and claimed in the '448 Patent.
- 20. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '448 Patent and that its activities constitute infringement of the same at least since on or about June 15, 2021—the date on which Defendant received notice from Plaintiffs that such activities infringed the '448 Patent.
- 21. Defendant has and continues to directly and jointly infringe at least Claim 1 of the '448 Patent, in this judicial District and elsewhere in the United States, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by, among other things, by making, using, selling, offering to sell, and/or importing in or into the United States, without authority, software

23. The '448 Accused Instrumentalities assign an identifier to every user participating in Freedcamp projects—including the first party—as shown below:

user_id The user id of the session user

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"projects": [
        "project_id": "914936",
        "role_name": "User"
         "role_type": "0",
         "project_name": "sdcscsdcscsdc",
         "project_description": "sdcsdcsdcsdcsdc",
         "project_color": "A86D54",
         f_active": true,
         'project_unique_name": "by_api_60I",
        "f_favorite": false,
         "f_can_delete": false,
         f_can_manage": false,
         "f_can_leave": true,
        "notifications_count": 0,
         'users": [
          132942.
          309953,
          340312.
          377037,
          377039
          377040
         "applications": [
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      "groups": [....],
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See, *e.g.*, https://freedcamp.com/help_/tutorials/wiki/wiki_public/view/DFaab (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023).

24. The '448 Accused Instrumentalities allow the entering of the first party's information including a plurality of information objects—including the first party's personal information such as name, email address, skills, role, and job title.

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User Profile & Settings				
Avatar		Update	Delete	
Email	m_campbell@peakyblinders.com	Update		
Name	Campbell M	Update		
Password	*********	Update		
Timezone	UTC+10:00 Sydney, Melbourne	Update		
Default Home Page	Calendar Board	Update		
	This will be displayed on your profile.			
What I do				
Phone				
Location				
Skype		Save	Cancel	
Twitter				
LinkedIn				
	Delete Account			

See, https://blog.freedcamp.com/2017/04/11/new-public-profile/ (last visited Feb. 17, 2023).

25. In the '448 Accused Instrumentalities, the Freedcamp platform sets access permissions, user permissions and permissions within each app.

Management Tools And Permissions For Administrators

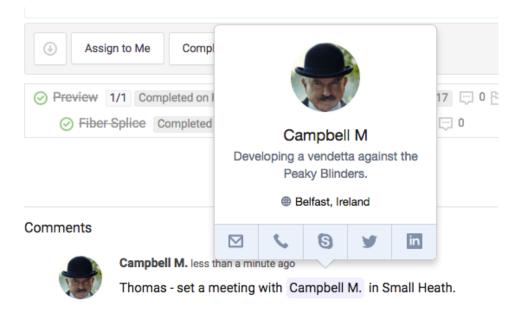
Permissions and management tools are available to users, regardless of the plan you're using to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

On a permissions level, you have complete control over who can do or see what within Freedcamp. On a high level, each app within Freedcamp can be managed in an incredibly detailed way that limits what individual users can do.

See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/about/permissions (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023). Freedcamp enables users with the appropriate permissions to access selected portions of the first party's personal information, for example through use of the

"avatars" feature throughout Freedcamp.

It works with the @mention feature we released earlier but we do plan to add it to avatars everywhere in Freedcamp:



See, e.g., https://blog.freedcamp.com/2017/04/11/new-public-profile/ (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023). Users with the appropriate permissions may also access "private" communications and "private" Wiki entries.

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Flexible permissions

Make your Wikis public or private, depending on the project. Our permissions are so flexible that you can share Wikis, without giving outside people access to your whole system. They only see what you want them to see.

See, e.g., https://blog.freedcamp.com/2017/04/11/new-public-profile (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023).

26. The '448 Accused Instrumentalities store in Freedcamp's database the first party identifier (user ID), and the associated permissions (security level), as shown below:

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/users/user_id - returns "users" array containing only specified user data, if the current user has permissions to see him. Empty "users" array otherwise

See, e.g.,

 $\underline{https://freedcamp.com/help_/tutorials/wiki/wiki_public/view/DFaab\#examples_fcu}$

2 (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023).

users: array with requested users data. Structure example:

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"user_id": "132942",
        "first_name": "f",
        "last_name": ""
        "avatar_url": "https:\\/\/freedcamp-avatars-
test.s3.amazonaws.com\\/4b322be59237277135526b97d1e86de2.jpg",
        "full_name": "f",
        "email": "bear@test.com"
        "timezone": "America/New_York"
        "user_id": "132944",
        "first_name": "fsdc",
        "last_name": "sdcd",
        "avatar_url": "https:\\/\/freedcamp-avatars-
test.s3.amazonaws.com\\/4b33322be59237277135526b97d1e86de2.jpg",
        "full_name": "f s.",
        "email": null.
        "timezone": "America/New_York"
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See, e.g.,

https://freedcamp.com/help_/tutorials/wiki/wiki_public/view/DFaab#examples_fcu

2 (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023).

Note: "email" field is **null** if requesting user does not have permissions to see it.

See, e.g.,

 $\underline{https://freedcamp.com/help_/tutorials/wiki/wiki_public/view/DFaab\#examples_fcu}$

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27. The '448 Accused Instrumentalities receive a request, said request comprising at least the first party identifier. For example, the '448 Accused Instrumentalities receive a request to view a specific user based on the first party identifier.

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users: array with requested users data. Structure example:

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"users": {
        "user_id": "132942".
        "first_name": "f",
        "last_name": ""
        "avatar_url": "https:\\\\/freedcamp-avatars-
test.s3.amazonaws.com\\/4b322be59237277135526b97d1e86de2.jpg",
        "full_name": "f".
        "email": "bear@test.com"
        "timezone": "America/New_York"
        "user_id": "132944"
        "first_name": "fsdc"
        "last_name": "sdcd".
        "avatar_url": "https:\\/\/freedcamp-avatars-
test.s3.amazonaws.com\\/4b33322be59237277135526b97d1e86de2.jpg",
        "full_name": "f s.",
        "email": null,
        "timezone": "America/New_York"
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See, e.g.,

https://freedcamp.com/help_/tutorials/wiki/wiki_public/view/DFaab#examples_fcu_2 (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023).

- 28. In response to the request to the view a specific user, the '448 Accused Instrumentalities selects, the first party's personal information objects that could be transmitted to the second party. *See supra*.
- 29. In response to the request to view a specific user, the '448 Accused Instrumentalities selects, transmits, and displays the first party's personal information objects to the second party. *See supra*.
- 30. The '448 Accused Instrumentalities encrypt all traffic in transit and rest.

Data Encryption In Transit and At Rest

The Freedcamp services support the latest recommended secure cipher suites and protocols to encrypt all traffic in transit and rest. We monitor the changing cryptographic landscape closely and work promptly to upgrade the service to respond to new cryptographic weaknesses as they are discovered and implement best practices as they evolve.

- See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/help_/tutorials/wiki/wiki_public/view/SOcab (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023).
- 31. To enable user permissions, the '448 Accused Instrumentalities obtain the second party identifier to determine whether the user has access to particular sets of data, such as the ability to access the user profile of another.

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U.S.C. § 271. 37. Plaintiff has suffered, and continue to suffer, damages as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '448 Patent. 38.

thus liable for direct and joint infringement of the '448 Patent pursuant to 35

Defendant has directly and jointly infringed the '448 Patent and is

Plaintiff reserves the right to modify its infringement theories as discovery progresses in this case. Plaintiff shall not be estopped for purposes of its infringement contentions or its claim constructions by the foregoing discussions on how the '448 Accused Instrumentalities infringe the '448 Patent. Plaintiff intends only that the foregoing discussions satisfy the notice requirements of Rule 8(a)(2) of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, and that they should not be construed as Plaintiff's preliminary or final infringement contentions or preliminary or final claim construction positions.

COUNT II - INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,117,644

- Plaintiff incorporates and realleges the preceding paragraphs as if 39. fully set forth herein.
- 40. The '644 Patent is directed to method and system for online document collaboration, as described and claimed in the '644 Patent.
- 41. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '644 Patent and that its activities constitute infringement of the same at least since on or about June 15, 2021—the date on which Defendant received notice from Plaintiffs that such activities infringed the '644 Patent.
- 42. Defendant has and continues to directly and jointly infringe at least Claim 1 of the '644 Patent, in this judicial District and elsewhere in the United States, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by, among other things, making, using, selling, offering to sell, and/or importing in or into the United States, without authority, software applications that

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There can be a lot of people involved in any given project. From team members, to clients, there are lots of stakeholders that need to be considered. Sometimes, you want them to monitor progress or comment on something, but you don't want to give them to see other projects for other clients (or have editing rights to their projects).

A BETTER WAY TO MANAGE

We make that possible.

See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/about/permissions (last visited Feb. 17, 2023).

44. The '644 Accused Instrumentalities allows for a ("first user") to create and store multiple documents, for example the "FileEdit" and "Wiki" elements of the Freedcamp platform store on the Freedcamp servers a document created by the first user.

FILE EDIT WILL HELP YOU TO

Edit Faster

Making edits to docs, especially light ones, shouldn't require a lot of effort. FileEdit eliminates the manual steps, by automating the whole process.

When you launch FileEdit, the file automatically downloads and accesses the program you need to make your edits (like Word or Figma). You make the changes you need. And FileEdit uploads it for you when you're done.

See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/about/file_edit (last visited Feb. 17, 2023).

A BETTER WAY TO MANAG

The Single Source Of Information Your Team Needs

You and your team are going to have questions about a project, even if it's something you've done before. It's only natural. People forget things, notes get misplaced, or it's been a while since you've worked with a particular client. We get it. We don't like the endless meetings either, especially when it involves covering information we've already talked about.

That's why we built our Wiki tool.

- See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/about/wiki (last visited Feb. 17, 2023).
- 45. The '644 Accused Instrumentalities associates a set of access restrictions with the document, including an ability to access the document by

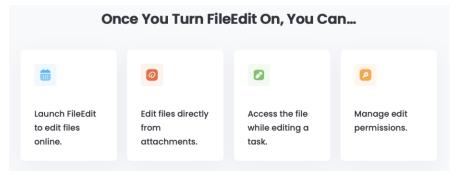
modification by one of a first group of users. For example, the Freedcamp platform sets access permissions enabling the first party to control who has access to the project and whether—once granted access—what they can do to any particular information object.

Management Tools And Permissions For Administrators Permissions and management tools are available to

users, regardless of the plan you're using to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

On a permissions level, you have complete control over who can do or see what within Freedcamp. On a high level, each app within Freedcamp can be managed in an incredibly detailed way that limits what individual users can do.

See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/about/permissions (last visited Feb. 17, 2023).



See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/about/file_edit (last visited Feb. 17, 2023).

46. The '644 Accused Instrumentalities allows a second user to request to modify the document. For example, once a Freedcamp user has been granted access to a project, they may request to modify its constituent elements by passing their user id along with the request to modify by accessing the Freedcamp's "FileEdit."

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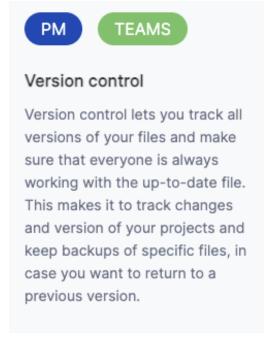
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49. The '644 Accused Instrumentalities has highly customizable permissions whereby the platform permits the second user to modify the document based upon their individual access rights.

> Permissions Users with limited access - User, Guest and Read-Only users Read-Only users will not see a button for FileEdit in a project Users with User or Guest access will see the option to use FileEdit only for files they uploaded to your project. They can not edit files they personally not uploaded to a project and an option to use FileEdit will be hidden for them for such files

See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/help_/tutorials/wiki/wiki_public/view/4xbab (last visited Feb. 17, 2023).

The '644 Accused Instrumentalities permits receiving "approval or 50. disapproval" for modifications. Freedcamp implements version control for files stored on the Freedcamp servers, permitting approving or disapproving modifications from one or more users.



See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/about/files (last visited, Feb. 17, 2022).

The '644 Accused Instrumentalities, stores the identifying information 51. of one or more users who approved or disapproved of modifications to the

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52. document. On information and belief, Freedcamp logs the identifying information of users who edited or revised the document, including approving or disapproving of any such modifications.

Logging

Freedcamp maintains an extensive, centralized logging environment in its production environment which contains information pertaining to security, monitoring, availability, access, and other metrics about the Freedcamp services.

- See, e.g., https://freedcamp.com/help/tutorials/wiki/wiki/public/view/SOcab (last visited, Feb. 17, 2023).
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 4, and incorporated by reference herein, is a claim chart detailing how the '644 Accused Instrumentalities satisfy each element of at least independent claim 1 of the '644 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.
- 54. Discovery is expected to uncover the full extent of Defendant's infringement of the '644 Patent beyond the '644 Accused Instrumentalities already identified through public information.
- Defendant has directly and jointly infringed the '644 Patent and is 55. thus liable for direct and joint infringement of the '644 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.
- Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer, damages as a result of 56. Defendant's infringement of the '644 Patent.
- 57. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify its infringement theories as discovery progresses in this case. Plaintiff shall not be estopped for purposes of its infringement contentions or its claim constructions by the foregoing discussions on how the '644 Accused Instrumentalities infringe the '644 Patent. Plaintiffs intend only that the foregoing discussions satisfy the notice requirements of Rule 8(a)(2)of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, and that they should not be construed as Plaintiff's preliminary or final infringement contentions or preliminary or final claim construction positions.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF 1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment for itself and against Defendant 2 3 as follows: A judgment that Defendant has directly and jointly infringed one or Α. 4 more claims of each of the Asserted Patents; 5 A judgment awarding Plaintiff all damages adequate to compensate В. 6 for Defendant's infringement, and in no event less than a reasonable royalty for 7 Defendant's acts of infringement, including all pre-judgment and post-judgment 8 interest at the maximum rate allowed by law; 9 A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within C. 10 the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys' 11 12 fees. A judgment awarding Plaintiff such other relief as the Court may D. 13 14 deem just and equitable. **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 15 Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff 16 demands a trial by jury of this action. 17 18 DEVLIN LAW FIRM LLC Dated: March 27, 2023 19 /s/ Alex Chan Alex Chan 20 achan@devlinlawfirm.com 1526 Gilpin Ave. 21 Wilmington, Delaware 19806 Telephone: (302) 449-9010 22 Facsimile: (302) 353-4251 23 Attorneys for Plaintiff, Web 2.0 Technologies, LLC 24 25 26 27