

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION

Petitioner

v.

DIGITAL DOORS, INC.

Patent Owner

IPR2023-00971

U.S. Patent No. 7,721,344

**PETITION FOR *INTER PARTES* REVIEW
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 312 AND 37 C.F.R. § 42.104**

**EXPERT DECLARATION OF
DR. WILLIAM C. EASTTOM II (CHUCK EASTTOM) PH.D., D.SC.**

II. INTRODUCTION

1. I have been retained by counsel for DigitalDoors, Inc. (“DigitalDoors” or “Patent Owner”) and asked to provide my opinion on the validity of claims 1-5, 8, 16, 39-41, 43, 52-53, 55, 79, 80, 82, 106-107, and 113 of U.S. Patent No. 7,721,344 in view of two references, U.S. Patent No. 7,010,701 (“Bossemeyer,” EX1005), and U.S. Publication No. 2004/0148290 (“Merenda,” EX1006).

2. To conduct my analysis, I reviewed the ’344 Patent, Bossemeyer, and Merenda. I also reviewed the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review and the accompanying Declaration of Dr. Erez Zadok (EX1003). A full list of the materials that I reviewed is attached as Appendix A.

III. BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS

3. My name is William C. Easttom II (Chuck Easttom). I have 30 years of experience in the computer science industry including extensive experience in cybersecurity. I have authored 41 computer science books, including textbooks used at over 60 universities around the world.

4. I hold a Doctor of Science degree in Cyber Security from Capitol Technology University (Dissertation topic “A Comparative Study of Lattice Based Algorithms for Post Quantum Computing”). I also hold a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Technology (Dissertation topic “The Effects of Complexity on Carbon Nanotube Failures”) from Capitol Technology University, and a Doctor of

Philosophy (Ph.D.) in computer science from the University of Portsmouth (Dissertation topic “A Systematic Framework for Network Forensics Using Graph Theory). I also hold three master’s degrees (one in Applied Computer Science, one in Education, and one in Systems Engineering). I am an inventor with 25 computer science patents.

5. I also hold over 70 industry certifications, including several related to computer security. I am also experienced in database management and data mining.

6. I am a Distinguished Speaker for the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) and a Senior Member of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE) and a Senior Member of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM). The IEEE is the world’s largest and most preeminent engineering organization. Among other activities, the IEEE creates industry standards including hardware, software, and other engineering and computer science standards. I am also a Distinguished Visitor of the IEEE. I have been a member of the IEEE Software & Systems Engineering Standards Committee for several years. I worked on the DevOps 2675 standards group from 2017 to 2019. I am also currently the Vice Chair of the IEEE p23026 Standards Group “Systems and Software Engineering -- Engineering and Management of Websites for Systems, Software, and Services Information.” I am also a Member of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Standards Committee, Standard for a Unified Terminology

for Brain-Computer Interfaces P2731, from 2020 to present. I chair one of the subgroups.

7. I am an adjunct lecturer at Georgetown University, teaching graduate courses in *Requirements Engineering* and *Cryptography*. I am also an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt University teaching graduate computer science courses, including a course in *quantum computing* and a graduate course in *digital forensics*.

8. During the time period of 1996 to 2000, I worked for Boeing Aerospace on software for the NATO AWACS program, Alegis Systems Group as a Sr. Software Engineer, and as Director of Academic computing for Southeastern Oklahoma State University. While working at NATO AWACS, data security was a key concern. When I was working at Alegis Systems Group, I was developing software for banks. This provided me with an understanding of financial software and transactions. Due to personally identifiable information, financial information, and other sensitive information being processed, security was a substantial concern. While working as Director of Academic computing for SOSU, I was responsible for all cybersecurity for the university including authentication and authorization methods.

9. From 2007 to 2009 I worked extensively with medical software including Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and medical billing. Furthermore, my

second master's degree included a semester research project in electronic medical software.

10. In addition to the summary, I have provided here, I describe my qualifications, issued patents, publications, and experience as an expert witness in greater detail in my curriculum vitae ("CV") attached as Exhibit 2005.

IV. MATERIAL CONSIDERED

11. In forming my opinions, I have considered the following:

- U.S. Patent 7,721,344, EX1001
- The petition for IPR2023-00971
- All exhibits to that petition.
- The expert declaration of Dr. Erez Zadok, EX1003
- All exhibits to that declaration
- Any references cited in this declaration.

V. SUMMARY OF OPINIONS

12. All claims of the '344 Patent require an "extraction" step and a "reconstruction" step. Neither step, however, is present in either the Bossemeyer or Merenda references, as detailed below.

13. Both the Bossemeyer and Merenda references are from fields dramatically divergent, both from the technology of the challenged patent, as well as from each other. Bossemeyer is in the field of smart card applications. EX1005,

1:6-10. Merenda concerns Internet eCommerce and targeted email marketing. EX1006, ¶4. The '344 Patent concerns data security for systems with large amounts of data, like email systems, databases, video and telecommunications programs. EX1001, 1:12-25; 7:27-32; 11:36-44; 14:37-41. Persons of skill in the art of the '344 Patent would not have looked to either of these references for combinations, nor would one working with Bossemeyer have looked to Merenda's field of art for combinations with Bossemeyer, as the petition and Dr. Zadok contend. Moreover, because these two references come from such different fields, combining them would not have made sense for a variety of practical reasons.

VI. REFERENCES AT ISSUE

14. As noted above, the field of the '344 Patent concerns data security for systems with large amounts of data, like email systems, databases, and telecommunications programs. EX1001, 1:12-25, 7:27-32. More specifically, it concerns the processing, distribution, and secure storage of files/documents/data objects across telecommunications networks. EX1001, 1:12-25; 6:9-12. Its prime focus is "securing data in a computer system." EX1001, 6:40. The '344 Patent specification describes securing data on a single computer, or a plurality of computers linked over a LAN or WAN in a manner that is flexible and programmable by the user. EX1001, 6:13-16, 21-23. For these reasons, the lead PTO's lead Class for it is 726, "Information Security." Within that class, the USPTO

subclass is 27 for “Access Control” for such information security systems. The USPTO describes that subclass as “subject matter comprising means to control data tampering by limiting access to authorized entities or processes.”¹ The challenged ’344 Patent claims are all either method claims or computer readable medium claims for practicing a method. The challenged claims generally accomplish that method in part by “extracting said security sensitive content” from the original data and later reconstructing the original “data” in the presence of appropriate security clearance.

15. The petition’s primary/lead reference is Bossemeyer. Bossemeyer describes its technical field as “Smart card applications and, more particularly, to a network arrangement to provide access to an architecture that supports a variety of advanced smart card applications.” EX1005, 1:7-11. “Smart cards” are “substitute, replacement, or consolidation cards” for credit/debit/ATM cards as well as car rental, hotel, and airline membership cards. EX1005, 1:17-20, 27-31. They hold “much more information” than conventional magnetic stripe cards and “often include some ‘intelligence’ such as a microprocessor.” EX1005, 1:34-38. The USPTO’s lead Class for Bossemeyer is 713, “Electrical Computers and Digital Processing Systems: Support.” Its subclass within that Class of support for electrical

¹<https://web.archive.org/web/20091125070840/http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspc726/defs726.htm>, EX2009.

computers and digital processing systems is 201, “for computer network security in general or in combination with nominal cryptography.”² Bossemeyer teaches a network connecting a smart card reader terminal through a phone network or the internet to a central storage server. EX1005, Figs. 1, 2.

16. The petition’s secondary reference is Merenda, which the petition points to for elements to the extent they are not present in Bossemeyer. Merenda is a division of an application titled “Sending Advertisements to Customers Identified by a Non-Viewable Database.” EX1006, ¶1. It seeks to provide a solution to a problem still with us today: “As the Internet evolves into the dominant commercial medium, merchants seeking to leverage data about Internet user’s [sic] to better focus their marketing efforts must do so in a manner that respects the privacy interests of their intended customer.” EX1006, ¶4. Merenda’s USPTO primary Class is 707, “Data Processing: Database and File Management or Data Structures.” Its subclass is 10, “distributed or remote access.”³ Its solution is a “program product for allowing the viewer of a public data set to access related records in a private data

²<https://web.archive.org/web/20050422055224/http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspc713/defs713.htm>, EX2010.

³<https://web.archive.org/web/20041108063552/http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspc707/defs707.htm>, EX2011.

set based upon a link which may be selectively provided to the viewer to authorize such access” or to simply “read entries in the private data set.” EX1006, ¶2

17. A POSITA would immediately note that the '344 Patent, Bossemeyer, and Merenda are all three in separate fields with no overlap. This is clear in the patents' own descriptions as well as in the USPTO classifications. As I discuss in more detail below, a POSITA working in the '344 Patent's field would not have looked to the fields of Bossemeyer. Nor would someone working in the field of Bossemeyer have looked to the field of Merenda for solutions. It is also most probable that a POSITA in the '344 Patent's field would not have been a POSITA in the field of Bossemeyer/Carmichael. This is described in more detail later in this declaration.

VII. POSITA

18. The petitioner has asserted that “A Person of Ordinary Skill In The Art (“POSITA”) would have had a bachelor's degree in computer science, computer engineering, electrical engineering, or equivalent, and approximately two years of experience working in the field of data storage systems and data security as of November 13, 2000. Less professional experience can be substituted by additional education, and vice versa.” Pet., 6.

19. For the purposes of this declaration, I will use that definition of a POSITA without conceding that it is necessarily correct.

VIII. ANALYSIS

A. Extraction and Reconstruction in the Challenged Claims

20. I understand that the Petitioner has challenged the validity of Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 16, 39, 40, 41, 43, 52, 53, 55, 79, 80, 82, 106, 107, and 113 of the '344 Patent. Claims 1, 39, 52, 79, and 106 are independent claims. I present Claim 1 below as an example of the steps these claims generally cover:

1. A method of securing data having security sensitive content represented by one or more security sensitive words, characters, images or data objects therein, said security sensitive content having a plurality of security levels, each security level having an associated security clearance, the method of securing data deployed in a client-server computer system with at least one server computer and a plurality of extract data stores for respective ones of said plurality of security levels, said server operatively coupled to at least one client computer and said extract data stores over a communications network comprising:

accepting data input which includes security sensitive content via said client computer;

extracting said security sensitive content to obtain extracted data for each corresponding security level and remainder data;

storing said extracted data for each corresponding security level in the respective extract store and storing said remainder data in at least one of said client computer and server computer; and,

permitting full or partial reconstruction of said data with corresponding extracted data and remainder data after accessing said respective extract stores for corresponding security levels with said associated security clearances.

21. Like Claim 1 above, each independent claim includes an “extracting” step with similar claim language:

Claim 1	extracting said security sensitive content to obtain extracted data for each corresponding security level and remainder data;
Claim 39	from input data, extracting said security sensitive content to obtain extracted data for each corresponding security level and remainder data;
Claim 52	extracting security sensitive content from a data input via said server computer to obtain extracted data for each corresponding security level and remainder data;
Claim 79	facilitating the extraction of security sensitive content from a data input to obtain extracted data for each corresponding security level and remainder data;
Claim 106	extracting said security sensitive content to obtain extracted data for each corresponding security level and remainder data;

22. Also, like Claim 1 above, each independent claim also includes a “reconstruction” step with identical claim language:

Claim 1	permitting full or partial reconstruction of said data with corresponding extracted data and remainder data ...
Claim 39	permitting full or partial reconstruction of said data with corresponding extracted data and remainder data ...

Claim 52	permitting full or partial reconstruction of said data with corresponding extracted data and remainder data ...
Claim 79	permitting full or partial reconstruction of said data with corresponding extracted data and remainder data ...
Claim 106	permitting full or partial reconstruction of said data with corresponding extracted data and remainder data ...

23. At least these two critical elements are absent from both Bossemeyer and Merenda.

B. Absence of Extraction and Reconstruction in Bossemeyer

24. As explained briefly above, Bossemeyer concerns “smart card applications using a smart card in combination with a smart card terminal.” EX1005, Abstract. One example of the state of smart-card technology at the time of Bossemeyer is an academic paper written by Major McClannan, in which he discusses his perspective that the U.S. Airforce Reserve should consider implementing smart cards.⁴ What is noteworthy is that in 2001 this was still technology that even the U.S. Air Force reserve had not implemented. Knowledge of this technology was quite specific and was not widely known or used at the time.

⁴ “Implementing Smart Cards Into the Air Force Reserve” at

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/pdfs/ADA406328.pdf>, EX2012

25. In Bossemeyer's smart-card setup, a smart card reader/terminal would connect through a network central office of a standard public-switched telephone network to a central database server accessible to different merchants, as shown in Bossemeyer's Figure 1:

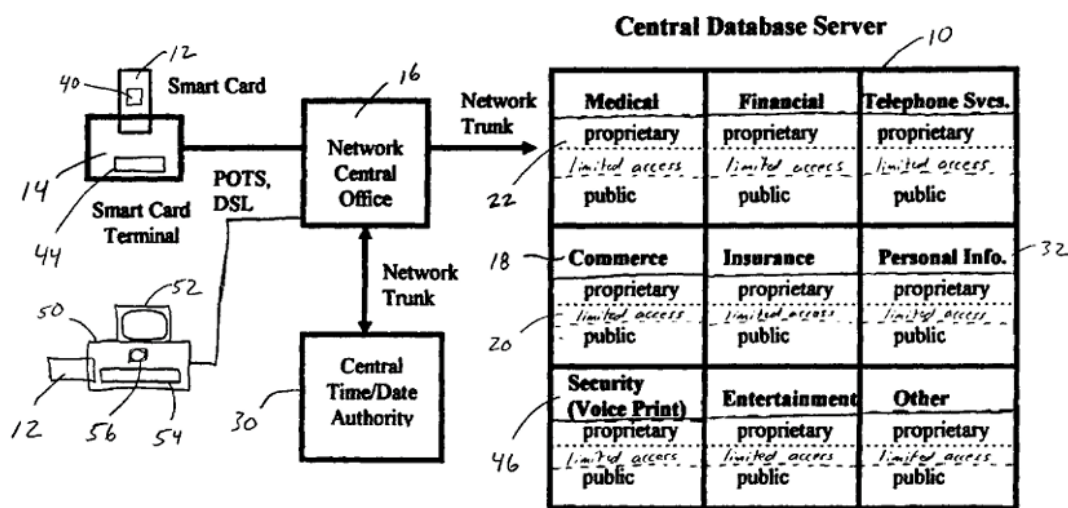


Figure 1

See also EX1005, 2:4-12.

26. That central database server's memory was partitioned, with different types of information stored separately in different areas of the memory. EX1005, Fig. 1, 2:13-36. Some of the information, such as personal medical information, would be considered private or proprietary. EX1005, 2:27-36. Bossemeyer's Figure 3 shows varied levels of privacy related to different types of data:

USER DATA 200 ↗

	FINANCIAL	MEDICAL	ETC.
RESTRICTED ACCESS DATA	CREDIT HISTORY 218	MEDICAL HISTORY 216	
LIMITED ACCESS DATA	CHARGE ACCOUNTS BANK ACCOUNTS 220	INSURANCE DOCTORS PRESCRIPTIONS 214	
UNRESTRICTED DATA	DIGITAL WALLET 210	MEDICAL ALERTS 212	

FIG. 3

27. Bossemeyer's setup worked like this. A user's smart card stored pointers to different areas of the central server's memory. EX1005, 2:58-60. When a user put the card in the merchant's reader device, the reader would read those pointers. If the card had pointers to the private/proprietary portions of the server memory, that data from that portion of the memory would then be sent back to the location of the merchant's smart-card reader/terminal. EX1005, 4:3-6. Effectively, the pointers on the smart card provided the key to access that private data. EX1005, 3:18, 63-66. A customer in a store would pick up an item to purchase, go to checkout, and present his or her smart card. The smart card terminal or reader reads information stored on the smart card. EX1005, 3:39-41. The smart card terminal then communicates with a remote server to obtain information to complete the

transaction, and the customer can then leave with the item. EX1005, 3:43-51. Other examples of the type of transactions that Bossemeyer's smart card system facilitates are payments at gas stations, grocery stores, department stores, and hotels. EX1005, 1:19-21, 5:16. For in-person transactions like these, speed and ease of the transaction are important.

28. The petition and Dr. Zadok point to two different parts of Bossemeyer to argue that it teaches extraction of some data from a larger whole. First is the discussion at column 2, lines 17-33 and 40-47 of Bossemeyer, which discuss the partitioned memory and what kind of information the central database stores. Second are Figures 1 and 3, which further discuss that notion of partitioned memory and merely illustrate the kinds of information stored in the central database server.

29. The problem is that neither of these Bossemeyer citations relates to extracting some data from a larger whole. The '344 Patent's claim element in question here is the method-type step of extracting some data from an original "data." Yet Bossemeyer is entirely silent as to where the information stored in the central server comes from, the form it takes before it gets to the central database server, or how the different pieces of information end up in the different partitioned areas of memory. The petition and Dr. Zadok seem to assume that the pieces of information come from some pre-existing collection of "data" from which individual pieces of information are removed for storage, but Bossemeyer never talks about

such a collection or suggests that the pieces of information were removed from a larger collection before they were stored in the individual partitioned areas of memory. In other words, Bossemeyer is entirely silent about the steps that the challenged '344 Patent claims detail, what is happening to the data from processing (the extraction step) through storage. In Bossemeyer, pieces of information are already in storage.

30. The petition and Dr. Zadok try to find extraction in Bossemeyer's description of "partitioned" memory, but a partitioned memory does not imply or suggest extraction. A partitioned memory was and is well known in the art. It merely refers to memory with different areas reserved for different types of information. Dr. Zadok's own evidence supports this conclusion. He points to the definition of "parse" on a page from a Microsoft technical dictionary. EX. 1003, ¶167. But he doesn't mention the definition of "partition," the word he's relying on from Bossemeyer, found on that same page. EX. 1003, ¶167. It defines "partition" as a "logically distinct portion of memory or a storage device that functions as though it were a physically separate unit." EX. 1016, 19. That same dictionary that Dr. Zadok attaches also separately defines "disk partition" in a similar manner, as "[a] logical compartment on a physical disk drive. A single disk might have two or more logical disk partitions, each of which would be referenced with a different disk drive name."

EX 1016, 7. That definition is consistent with multiple contemporary sources.^{5, 6} A “partition” and “partitioning” in the art, therefore, refer to the logical separation of different areas of memory.

31. Bossemeyer’s Figures 1 and 3 show partitioned memory with different locations for different kinds of information. Its repeated references to “partitions” in the server memory are consistent with that understanding. (*See, for example*, EX1005, 2:40 “partitions in the database”; 2:59-60 “partitions of the central database server”; 3:58-60 “The desired application is then selected which relates to a memory partition of the central database server”; 3:65-66 “access to the relevant partitioned memory portions of the central database server”; 4:17-18 “pointers to relevant data within the partitioned central database server”; 4:43-44 “FIG. 3 shows a schematic diagram of the partitioned server database”).

⁵ Posey, B. (2000). All about partitions: The right FAT can save your waste. Retrieved from <https://www.techrepublic.com/article/all-about-partitions-the-right-fat-can-save-your-waste>, EX2013.

⁶ Walker, M. (2000). Splitting Your PC Data Across Multiple Drives & Partitions. Retrieved from <https://www.soundonsound.com/techniques/splitting-your-pc-data-across-multiple-drives-partitions>, EX2014.

32. The petition and Dr. Zadok don't discuss any of these definitions or any of these instances of "partition" in the patent. Instead, they point to a single use of the term in a verb form, "partitioning," "a centralized partitioned database server which partitions information." EX1005, 2:17-18. They infer from that statement that partitioning means taking a large data set and extracting portions of that data set. But that isn't what "partitioning" means in this context, as is clear from the way that term was used by those in the art at the time, and from the way it is used everywhere else in Bossemeyer. "Partitioning" is merely referring to the act by the memory partitions of keeping different pieces of information separate from each other, not removing some pieces of data from a larger whole. Another technical dictionary from this time frame that defines "partition" as a verb (the earlier-cited dictionaries don't) as this one Bossemeyer snippet does is consistent, making clear that "partitioning" merely means sectioning up the memory, not extracting one piece of data from a larger whole: "Partition: Before a hard disk can be used for the first time, it must be partitioned and then formatted. Partitioning is a software function that involves dividing the storage space into usable sections, with each section assigned a letter as though it were a separate drive."⁷

⁷ Prentice Hall's Illustrated Dictionary of Computing 3rd Edition (1998), EX2006.

33. That snippet that the petitioner and Dr. Zadok point to at Bossemeyer 2:17-18 about “partition[ing] information” cannot be understood to mean that some set of data is arriving at the central database server, which then intelligently breaks that data set up and puts different pieces in different reserved areas. Bossemeyer provides no description or suggestion of such an extraction process, in contrast to the extensive discussion of that kind of process in the ’344 Patent. For example, the ’344 Patent explains that its invention relates to “the extraction and controlled release of data, on a granular basis, utilizing security protocols.” EX1001, 1:12-15. It describes “establishing a group of security sensitive words, characters or icons, filtering the data input from a data input device and extracting the security sensitive data. The extracted data is separated from the remainder data and is separately stored.” EX1001, 6:40-45. It provides a variety of other examples, like “[t]he innovation can maintain, upgrade and downgrade the levels of security through implementation of a leveled granular extraction process and a controlled-release mechanism.” EX1001, 7:37-40.

34. A POSITA would have understood that the extraction process of the ’344 Patent is vastly different than the act of “partitioning,” either as used in Bossemeyer or as used in the art at the time as the variety of technical dictionaries cited above demonstrate.

35. In fact, everywhere that Bossemeyer uses “partitioned” as a verb in relation to information, it makes clear that it’s referring to that piece of information merely being stored in a different, partitioned area of memory, thereby kept separate from other pieces of information:

- “[A] merchant may require access to a user’s credit information to determine whether to accept the user’s credit for a particular dollar amount. This information *may be partitioned* in the limited access region 20 of commercial transaction applications 18.” EX1005, 2:23-27 (emphasis added).
- “Private or proprietary information *is partitioned* such that the owner of the information has control over how the information is transferred and used.” EX1005, 2:28-30 (emphasis added).

36. For at least these reasons, Bossemeyer’s reference to partitioned memory cannot be understood to mean extracting parts of data from a larger whole as claimed in the ’344 Patent.

37. The petition separately contends that “a POSITA would have understood that Bossemeyer’s method parses received information into private and non-private elements.” Pet., 41. There are numerous problems with this contention.

38. First, it’s notable that the petition switches to the word “parse,” even though Bossemeyer never uses that term. As noted above, Dr. Zadok’s declaration at ¶167 cites to the Microsoft definition of “parse,” a term which is absent in

Bossemeyer, while ignoring the definition of “partition,” which is in Bossemeyer and appears on the very same dictionary page and contradicts his argument. EX1016, 19.

39. While the petition and Dr. Zadok discuss “parsing” as if it were found in Bossemeyer, their citation for support is to Merenda. In the midst of the discussion of Bossemeyer, at page 41, the petition introduces the concept of “parsing” with a citation, but that citation is to EX1006, Merenda, not Bossemeyer.

40. It is, therefore, unclear how the petitioner can argue that a POSITA would have understood Bossemeyer to imply extraction with the word “parse” when Bossemeyer never uses “parse” (or “extracting,” for that matter).

41. I also understand that to argue that something is inherent, the petitioner must make clear that the missing element is necessarily present in the thing described in the reference, and that it would be so recognized by persons of ordinary skill. “Extraction” is not inherent merely because there is partitioned memory. In my experience, data often is loaded to partitioned memory without a prior extraction step. For example, when one downloads a file from the Internet, that individual file (be it image, Adobe PDF, etc.) is downloaded to the user’s hard disk without any extraction process. As another example, when one is typing a Microsoft Word document and saves the document, that document is saved to the user’s partitioned hard disk without any extraction process. Indeed, Dr. Zadok’s reference to the

definition of a “disk partition” (discussed above, ¶30) illustrates that such partitioning needs to occur before the disk can be used for storage. But if the petitioner’s inherency argument were right, that would mean that every time one stored data on a disk, it would first need to undergo an “extraction” process (because the memories of all disks are partitioned before use). That obviously is not the case.

42. The Petition concludes this section on page 41 discussing a fictitious “user’s medical data file,” suggesting that such a file would have multiple pieces of information that would need to be extracted. But Bossemeyer never describes a file like this or refers to any kind of file with multiple pieces of information, and I don’t find any evidence of either in the petition or Dr. Zadok’s report. And when they present a modified version of Bossemeyer’s Figure 3 on page 42 of the Petition and ¶168 of Dr. Zadok’s declaration, it still doesn’t suggest “extraction” of some pieces of information from a larger file or set of data. Even this modified figure, and the specification text they quote, merely states that these different pieces of information are stored in separate partitioned areas of the memory. But none of this evidence from Bossemeyer suggests that, prior to being stored in the partitioned areas of memory, these different pieces of information were part of a large “file.”

43. I turn now to reconstruction, a separate claim element that is absent from Bossemeyer. I first note that without an extraction step, by definition in the

context of the claim, there can be no reconstruction step. If something is never pulled apart, it cannot be reconstructed.

44. Pages 51-55 of the petition and ¶¶194-211 of Dr. Zadok's declaration seek to find reconstruction in Bossemeyer. Both point to the same four quotes from Bossemeyer and Bossemeyer's Figure 3. But none of those sources suggests, implies, or teaches reconstruction. Dr. Zadok adds a fifth quote (EX1005, 3:3-18) in paragraph 199 of his declaration, but that quote is about where particular information might be stored or "reside" and says nothing about "reconstruction."

45. The four quotes they use all essentially say the same thing. When the smart card, with its stored data pointers, is inserted in the reader, those data pointers then point to the requested information in the central database server. That server then makes that information available by allowing access/sending it back to the smart card terminal. That is all these quotes state (emphasis shown comes from the petition and Zadok's declaration):

The structure of the central database server is similar to a UNIX-based file system. ***Different user identification codes***, or data pointers, provided by smart cards 12 ***allow access to partitions in the database***. The information contained within the central database server... can be classified as public information available to all the world; limited access information available to persons or selected groups with a user authentication code; or proprietary information accessible only by the

owner of the information or a group with privileges to that directory information. EX1005, 2:38-47.

Once the user's authorization has been verified, data pointers on the smart card 12 provide access to the relevant partitioned memory portions of the central database server 10. Routing circuitry controlled by the microprocessor within the central database server 10 routes the data pointer to appropriate memory locations or database of the information keeper relating to the application at issue such as medical, financial, etc. ***Data from these various locations is supplied back to the smart card terminal 14, and if appropriate, the data stored on the smart card 12 is updated.*** EX1005, 3:63-4:6.

Preferably, the smart card provides a one-time encrypted ***user authentication code based on the user's digital signature or certificate.*** This code, in turn, is transmitted over the communication network 100, 102 along with the merchant identification code to the server 10, 110. Thus, the digital signature of the card does not change, but an ***authorization code*** generated by an encryption scheme known to the server provides a unique ***access code*** each time the card is involved in a transaction with the network. EX1005, 4:50-59.

The network server 10, 110 *validates the user identification* by decrypting the authorization code. This information is then cross-referenced with the merchant code to identify the information available to the merchant. ***The merchant can then view the information stored within the server 10, 110,*** upload/download information, and perform

transactions which are recorded at the server 10, 110. EX1005, 4:59-65.

FIG. 3 provides one example of the type of information accessible within or through the server 200. As mentioned above, information is stored in three levels of security: unrestricted, limited access, and restricted. In the pharmacy example, once the user's authentication code and merchant code have been verified by the system, the pharmacist may have access to the user's digital wallet 210, *medical alerts* 212, and *insurance and prescription information* 214. Without further authorization, however, the pharmacy would not have access to the user's *medical history* 216. EX1005, 5:6-15.

46. It appears that the petitioner is asserting that any retrieval of a subset of data is 'reconstruction,' and that is inaccurate. Providing access to data, or allowing someone to view it, is not reconstruction. Nothing in Bossemeyer suggests that the piece of data targeted by the pointer and then provided to the merchant is in any way reconstructed or combined with any other data, let alone a body of data that it was originally a part of.

47. Dr. Zadok's declaration actually concedes that Bossemeyer does not explicitly disclose reconstruction: "Although Bossemeyer does not explicitly state that the information, once reaching the terminal, is merged/reconstructed..." EX1003 ¶208. Instead, he contends that when multiple pieces of information get returned, "logical merging would have been obvious to take place for the (secure)

transaction to succeed: otherwise, why retrieve disparate information from different stores, send it to a single terminal location, only to not use it in unison, thus resulting in a failed transaction.” EX1003 ¶207.

48. Dr. Zadok makes several unstated assumptions in his statement, and it is not clear that any of them are true, nor does Dr. Zadok cite any source, reference, or basis for these assumptions. First, he contends that merging would be necessary “for the (secure) transaction to succeed.” EX 1003, ¶208. Dr. Zadok provides no explanation and cites no evidence as to why that would be the case. Dr. Zadok points to financial transactions. However, whether or not merging would occur is dependent on the specifics of the electronic financial transactions. I do not see anything in Dr. Zadok’s CV that qualifies him as an expert in financial transactions. Nowhere does his CV mention financial, banking, or any related experience, education, or training. EX1004. Conversely, in the late 1990s I worked as a senior software engineer developing financial applications for banks. It is quite clear to me that it is equally possible that each piece of data could be returned and used separately for a separate part of the transaction process without them ever being merged. There are numerous examples specifically from financial transactions. For example, if a user is withdrawing money at an ATM, all information would come from a single source (customers bank account record) with only a single piece of information needed to allow the transaction (balance available). As another example,

for a merchant charging a credit card for a purchase, the only information the merchant would need to retrieve is whether or not the balance is equal to or greater than the available funds/credit.

49. In fact, there are reasons not to merge the data. For example, Bossemeyer explicitly discusses financial data in figure 3 including restricted data such as credit history (218) and charge accounts (220). For a merchant processing a payment transaction, the only relevant issue is whether or not the charge account has a sufficient amount open to process the charge. Since this is an existing charge account, the customers credit history is not relevant to this transaction. In the case of figure 3 in Bossemeyer, merging is strongly contraindicated. Merging bank accounts, credit history, and a digital wallet put data that Bossemeyer identifies as *restricted*, *limited*, or *unrestricted*, into the same dataset. Neither Dr. Zadok nor the petition articulate any benefit or rational for doing this. Including unnecessary “restricted access” data like credit history is problematic for security reasons. It unnecessarily leaves that data susceptible to exposure, complicates the transaction, and combines data that Bossemeyer endeavors to keep separate.

50. Furthermore, with the data described in figure 3 of Bossemeyer, the data would be difficult if not impossible to merge. Consider the Bank Account data 220 and the Digital Wallet 210. For Bank Accounts (220 in figure 3 of Bossemeyer)

banks will often use BAI2 files in transmitting information.^{8, 9} This file type has a specific format.¹⁰ Banks may also use file types such as Swift MT,¹¹ ISO 20022,¹² NACHA¹³ (National Automated Clearinghouse Association), or others. Each of these is not compatible with the others, and substantial file translation is required. The digital wallet (210 in figure 3 of Bossemeyer) will have different file formats depending on the vendor. Today, for example, Apple uses a propriety format¹⁴ called PASS.¹⁵ This is also not compatible with the bank file formats, and substantial file

⁸<https://www.moderntreasury.com/learn/bai2>, EX2015.

⁹<https://www.sepaforcorporates.com/swift-for-corporates/bai2-format-specification/>, EX2016.

¹⁰<https://blogs.sap.com/2015/10/20/ebs-how-to-interpret-a-bai2-file/>, EX2017.

¹¹<https://www2.swift.com/knowledgecentre/products/Standards%20MT/publications>, EX2018.

¹²<https://www.iso20022.org/iso-20022-message-definitions>, EX2019.

¹³<https://achdevguide.nacha.org/ach-file-overview>, EX2020.

¹⁴https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/UserExperience/Conceptual/PassKit_PG/Creating.html, EX2021.

¹⁵https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/UserExperience/Reference/PassKit_Bundle/Chapters/Introduction.html, EX2022.

translation is required. In 2000 the situation was even more complicated. This was before Apple iPhone and Google Android became the dominant smart phone operating systems, there were even more diverse formats for digital wallets.^{16, 17, 18,}
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51. Not only does Bossemeyer not disclose merging of this data, but it would also take undue experimentation to do so, with no guarantee of success and no benefit from attempting to do so. A similar issue exists with medical data (212, 214, 216 in Bossemeyer's Fig. 3). Medical data will be in different formats depending on the nature of the data. As a few examples: HL7 (Health Level Seven)²⁰ is used for clinical and administrative data, SDA (Summary Document

¹⁶https://www.usenix.org/legacy/event/ec98/full_papers/daswani/daswani.pdf,
EX2023.

¹⁷https://www.gpayments.com/documents/GPayments_eWallet_Whitepaper.pdf,
EX2024.

¹⁸ <https://www.maithean.com/products/wallet.html>, EX2025.

¹⁹<https://www.nytimes.com/1998/08/10/business/cybercash-s-lesson-in-web-survival.html>, EX2026.

²⁰ <https://digitalhealth.folio3.com/blog/hl7-messages-examples/>, EX2027.

Architecture)²¹ is an InterSystems format used to represent patient data, EDI 837²² is used for claim data. These disparate file types would also take undue experimentation to merge, with no guarantee of success and no benefit from attempting to do so. And neither the petition nor Dr. Zadok articulate any reason one would attempt to do so. It should be noted that HL7 was first introduced in 1987.²³ The EDI format originated in the 1990s.

52. Dr. Zadok also assumes that the only way to “use” the different pieces of information would have been to merge them. Based on my extensive experience and training with data, specifically with both the medical and financial data that is referenced in Bossemeyer, I strongly disagree with Dr. Zadok on this point. Data operations often make use of disparate pieces of information from different sources without merging or combining them. While merging can provide benefits in specific

²¹https://docs.intersystems.com/healthconnectlatest/csp/docbook/DocBook.UI.Page.cls?KEY=HXSDA_ch_about, EX2028.

²² <https://kasa-solutions.com/guide-to-the-837-file-format/>, EX2029.

²³<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/biochemistry-genetics-and-molecular-biology/health-level-7>, EX2030.

situations, it can also cause problems including duplicate data, inconsistent data, and inaccurate data.²⁴ Problems with merging data are well known in the art.^{25, 26, 27, 28}

53. Dr. Zadok's last assumption is that merger of the different pieces of information, if it occurred, would constitute "reconstruction." But that could only be the case if those pieces of data were part of the same whole in the first place and were extracted to then later be merged. And, as I demonstrated above, Bossemeyer is entirely silent on the nature of the data before it is found in the portioned database server. Bossemeyer does not teach that these disparate pieces of information are ever part of a larger whole. Therefore, even if they were merged, there is no evidence that

²⁴ <https://dataladder.com/merging-data-multiple-sources/>, EX2031.

²⁵ https://www.tc.columbia.edu/media/centers-amp-labs/gsjp/gsjp-volume-pdfs/MergingMultipleandorDivergentDatasetsusingSPSS_AMethodReviewandTutorial.pdf, EX2032.

²⁶ <https://libguides.princeton.edu/stata-merge-append>, EX2033.

²⁷ Kadane, J. B. (2001). Some statistical problems in merging data files. Journal of Official Statistics, 17(3), 423
(<https://www.scb.se/contentassets/ca21efb41fee47d293bbee5bf7be7fb3/some-statistical-problems-in-merging-data-files.pdf>), EX 2034.

²⁸ <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/read/24893/chapter/4>, EX2035.

the result of that merger would constitute a “reconstruction.” Rather, at most, one might consider such a merger to be the initial construction of a new dataset with multiple pieces of information.

54. Both Dr. Zadok and the petitioner rely on Bossemeyer’s Figure 3 for the point that the central database server stores related information (e.g., medical information, financial information, etc.) in different areas of the partitioned memory, and that accessing these different areas may require different levels of security. Pet., 54-55, EX1003, ¶210. Again, all that Figure 3 indicates is that the merchant may access different types of information. It says nothing about what the merchant does with those different pieces of information when it obtains them. Bossemeyer provides neither a statement nor a suggestion that they are merged together, let alone that they are reconstructed into a combined form that they were previously in. And neither Dr. Zadok nor the petition provide any evidence that this is the case.

55. To agree with Dr. Zadok’s opinion on “reconstruction,” one would have to imagine that transactions couldn’t occur without merging data, imagine that Bossemeyer has a merging step that it does not disclose, ignore the inherent difficulties in merging the various data types, ignore the possibility of data errors when merging, and then assume that such merger would be the equivalent of the reconstruction of the ’344, even though Bossemeyer does not disclose any extraction of the data for the data to be reconstructed from.

56. For at least these reasons, I disagree with the petition and Dr. Zadok. Bossemeyer does not satisfy the required extraction or reconstruction elements of the different challenged claims, either explicitly, inherently, or via obviousness.

C. Absence of Extraction and Reconstruction in Merenda

57. As also briefly explained above, Merenda concerns supporting direct email marketing and eCommerce. It has nothing to do with in-person transactions or smart cards, Bossemeyer's focus. The concept of Merenda was for users to provide different types of information to a service and then dictate what entities could access that information. Those entities could then use that information in email marketing to customers. IBM never pursued it to a full patent, and it relates to an area simultaneously far afield from both the '344 Patent and Bossemeyer.

58. In Merenda, the system presents the user with a web page with different fields for different types of information, such as name, address, and credit card number. EX1006, ¶¶23-24.

59. Web forms for obtaining data from the user are found in the two embodiments that Figures 2 and 3 illustrate, which illustrate Merenda's two main embodiments, and the only ones that Dr. Zadok and the petition discuss.

60. The specification discussion of those two embodiments specifies that data enters the system through the web form. *See* Merenda EX1006 ¶26 (the Fig. 2 embodiment), ¶31 (the Fig. 3 embodiment).

61. In these two embodiments (Figures 2 and 3), either as the user enters each piece of information in a different field on the web form, or after the user has entered information in all the fields (Merenda doesn't specify), each individual piece of information is sent to a different location where it becomes part of a "data set."

62. The specification's description of the Figure 2 embodiment describes the data from each of the "public" fields being sent to be recorded as the "public data set", while data from each of the "private" fields is sent to be recorded as the "private data set." EX1006, ¶26.

63. The specification's description of the Figure 3 embodiment describes the same approach, with a slight variation that multiple public and private data sets are created: "Turning to FIG. 3 it is seen that a web form may generate a number of data sets 301 a-d...." EX1006, ¶31. That paragraph goes on to explain that "[e]ach time a new customer enters web form data, a record is created in the respective DB2 tables 302 a-d associated with the segmented data 301 a-d." The *only* records Merenda describes being created with respect to the Figure 3 embodiment are those separate ones in 302a-d; there's no original omnibus record with all the information.

64. In fact, nowhere, either generally with respect to Figure 1, or with respect to the Figures 2 or 3 embodiments, does Merenda disclose the full collection of information entered in the data fields being stored as, or constituting, a discrete "data set." As shown above, the individual pieces never go to a single repository for

storage and processing. Instead, the different pieces of information initially go in different directions upon entry to be subsequently collected in separate data sets, or records. Paragraph 26 details this process: “Other items of information, such as the name, location, phone, e-mail, revenue, number of employees, may for our purposes, be designated as a single record 214 of private data elements 207 and as such will be stored separately in a private data set....” Only at that point are these “items of information” stored as actual records. Before that, they are independent “items of information.” Merenda works in a manner analogous to standard versus pre-check security at the airport. Before the security lines form, the official is trained to recognize that boarding passes with the green “pre-check” icon may enter the pre-check security line, and that those with boarding passes missing that icon should go to the regular security line. This step is analogous to what Merenda describes as its “parsed” step, meaning parsing in advance what kinds of information/boarding passes will qualify for different treatment. As people (like individual items of information) arrive, depending on what’s on their boarding pass, they go directly to either the pre-check security line (like the private data set) or the standard security line (like the public data set).

65. The absence in Merenda of any discussion of storage of the full collection of information the user enters in the web form, such as in a table or in a particular database or software construct, is in marked contrast with Merenda’s

description of the way those individual items of information are later separately stored once they have been sent to the appropriate “data set.” The Figure 2 embodiment, for example, shows the actual table structures of both the public data set (205) and the private data set (208), and these images are consistent with the specification’s specification of DB2 databases. EX1006, Figs. 2, 3, ¶24. Similarly, Figure 3 illustrating the second embodiment shows storage in what are expressly “DB2 Tables” at 302a-d. *See also* EX1006 ¶31. And Merenda later describes the data structure providing the aggregated public and private data to the merchant via an IBM Net. Data software product. EX1006, ¶32. IBM Net data is a scripting language for working with data sources such as DB2. DB2 is an IBM database. This dichotomy demonstrates that the initial items of information the user enters are never stored as a collective data set. In fact, the populated data tables do not yet exist when the customer enters data via the web form.

66. In one sentence in ¶24, Merenda does suggest that data could enter the system in some other manner than via a web form, such as via “surveys, transactional data, etc.” EX1006. However, nowhere else does Merenda explain what those surveys/transactional data might include or look like or detail how ingestion of this data might occur. And nothing in the petition or Dr. Zadok’s report seeks to fill in this absence with evidence or even supposition.

67. Once the information is entered and stored as different data sets, Merenda describes different “items of information”/“data elements” being “available” to different merchants for “view[ing]”, based on the user’s approval of which merchants could view which data sets. EX1006, ¶¶7, 9, 26, 29. That is its first embodiment. Merenda also describes a second embodiment, where different records could be “collected and assembled into an output Web page” accessible through a URL. EX1006, ¶¶10, 30, 36.

68. Both the petition and Dr. Zadok contend that Merenda teaches “extracting” in the ’344 Patent. Both begin their argument with the quote, “a set of data may be parsed into private and non-private elements.” EX1006, ¶23. They interpret that statement to mean that Merenda is starting with a single data set and then extracting certain parts of that data set by “parsing.”

69. But that is not what Merenda is describing when discussing “parsing,” and one need only look later in that paragraph to understand this fact. “Parsing” in Merenda merely means making a determination of whether certain types of information are public or private, not the act of splitting one piece of the data from a larger whole. We know this based on the very next sentence in Merenda, explaining what it means by “pars[ing] into private and non-private elements”: “At the most simplistic level *this* [referring back to “parsing” in the immediately preceding sentence] might entail, for example, identifying input fields on a Web page as

requiring sensitive data input such as an address, credit card or social security number, versus non-sensitive information such as the name of the item being purchased, the date, time etc.” EX1006, ¶23. In this sentence, the “parsed” is designating the fields themselves, not the data, and occurs before the user ever inputs data into the different fields. So, “parsing” in Merenda does not entail pulling some data from a larger whole. It is the act of designating whether some types of data will be public and others private.

70. The sentence that follows in Merenda further emphasizes this point. It provides another, more detailed example of what Merenda meant by “parsed”: “At a more sophisticated level this notion [parsing] might entail the combination of otherwise non-sensitive data elements into a combined sensitive data construct. For example, information such as the state and town in which a person resides may be itself be [*sic*] deemed not sensitive but when combined with the person’s occupation and alma mater, it may become a simple task to narrow the field down to a single person, and as such the combination of that data may be deemed sensitive.” EX1006, ¶23. This statement also is referring to designating certain fields, even before the data is entered, as sensitive. And rather than “extracting” certain fields, it is actually combining them. So, in that sense, it is combining pieces of information, which is the opposite of “extraction.”

71. Merenda concludes paragraph 23 by equating this type of “parsing” with “separation”: “For purposes of the present invention the mechanics by which the various data elements are parsed into sensitive and public data sets is not critical, however the notion that such separation, at various levels of sophistication and granularity can, and does occur, is essential to the practice of the invention.” EX1006, ¶23. In other words, designating certain data fields, or “data elements,” as either public or private constitutes “separation” of those types of information, according to Merenda.

72. That association between “parsing,” as properly understood, is the context necessary for evaluating what the petition and Dr. Zadok next turn to, a quote from a portion of ¶24 about parsing/separation: “As previously noted, such separation of data elements may be accomplished using known techniques to any desired level of granularity, resulting potentially in multiple public and private data sets and in the combination of individual.” “Such separation” is referring back to the prior reference in paragraph 23, which, as shown immediately above, simply entails Merenda’s “parsing,” designating different fields as either public or non-public before information is ever entered. It is as a result of that designating different fields that data input in those different fields goes to become part of either public or private data sets. In other words, Merenda uses both “parsing” and “separation” to mean the same thing: differentiating between categories of information. That is very

different than taking data that is part of an original whole and extracting pieces from it.

73. The petition and Dr. Zadok then turn to a quote from paragraph 31, but that quote doesn't establish "extraction," just that different types of data are stored in different data sets: "Turning to FIG. 3 it is seen that a web form may generate a number of data sets.... Any of these data sets may be designated as including private data, and the remaining data sets include public data." EX1006, ¶31.

74. These three quotations are all the evidence the petition and Dr. Zadok rely upon to establish "extraction." As discussed above, however, none of them, nor the rest of Merenda, disclose extraction.

75. The petition and Dr. Zadok then look for "reconstruction" in Merenda. Again, I'd note that if there's no unified whole to begin with from which pieces of data are "extracted," there can be no "reconstruction" of the original "data."

76. Both the petition and Dr. Zadok start by quoting from Merenda's ¶7 (describing its first embodiment), but all that paragraph states is that merchants may "access" stored information. Merenda goes on to describe what that might look like, "provid[ing] [the merchant] with the ability to view the particular consumers [*sic*] private data record." EX1006, ¶¶8-9, quoted by Dr. Zadok at ¶318. Getting access for viewing items of information is not "reconstruction." The same is true of the petition's citation to Merenda's ¶25 in this section: access to view data is not

“reconstruction.” That’s particularly true when what one is viewing data in a DB2 database populated with information that did not exist at the time that the user entered data on a web form, which is *not* structured as a DB2 database. DB2 databases are recorded and stored in a specific structure, which Merenda never describes doing with the full collection of information the user enters on the web form.

77. Both the petition and Dr. Zadok also quote from Merenda’s ¶29, which is very similar to ¶¶7 and 9, and which also concerns Merenda’s first embodiment. That paragraph states that “access to the data elements in the private data set may be made on an element-by-element basis, that is to say, that the merchant may be provided with access to certain select pieces of private data within the single [private] data record 214 [in Fig. 2]....” This statement suggests that anything approaching reconstruction is *not* taking place; it describes merely providing access to single items of information, one at a time, not anything that is even analogous to reconstruction.

78. Both the petition and Dr. Zadok point to evidence about Merenda’s second embodiment, particularly ¶¶10 and 30. In addition, Dr. Zadok’s report additionally quotes from ¶36 and reproduces Figure 4, both also relating to the second embodiment. All of these parts of Merenda describe an embodiment where private and public data get aggregated in some fashion and made available for the

merchant's viewing "by way of a customized Web page using a uniform resource locator (URL)." EX1006, ¶30; *see also* ¶¶10, 36, Fig. 4.

79. What both the petition and Dr. Zadok leave out of their discussion of the second embodiment, however, is Merenda's description of the nature and form of that "customized Web page" being presented to the merchant, or any discussion that that customized Web page constitutes a "reconstruction" according to the '344 Patent. That description from Merenda definitively establishes that there is no "reconstruction."

80. Under the petitioner's and Dr. Zadok's view, the user's filled-out Web form constitutes the original "data." I disagree, as I explain above, because those individual pieces of information are never recorded or stored as a cohesive whole. They instantly go to different places for storage as part of larger "data sets."

81. Even if one accepts the petition and Dr. Zadok's view of what constitutes the data, however, there can be no reconstruction according to the language of the claims of the '344 Patent.

82. All of the challenged independent claims of the '344 Patent require "permitting full or partial reconstruction of *said data*." EX1001, cls. 1, 39, 52, 79, and 106 (emphasis added). "Said data" refers back to "data" in the claim, meaning the state the data started in before extraction. In other words, what's being

“reconstructed” must be, in whole or in part, the data as it originally existed before the extraction step.

83. This claim language is consistent with the ’344 Patent specification’s description of reconstruction, which makes clear that the reconstruction involves putting the data elements together in the form/structure in which they originally existed. *See, for example*, EX1001, Abstract, 7:5-13, 19:51-56.

84. Therefore, for the petition and Dr. Zadok to be right that there is “permitting full or partial reconstruction of *said data*,” then this output, the “customized Web page” presented to the merchant must be, at least in part, identical to the web form initially submitted by the customer.

85. But Merenda’s ¶32 description of that “customized Web page” with public and private data aggregated for the merchant is different from the customer’s original data-entry web form. It is an entirely new construct, with an entirely different data structure: “Via the key-coded URL the merchant may access the query page 306 including the combined related records for John Doe joined by the logical relationship of the key value 123456789876. In a preferred embodiment the Web access to this combined table data may be accomplished by use of the IBM Net.Data software product.” EX1006, ¶32. Thus, according to Merenda, this customized Web page presents data based on (i) a key-value relationship that did not exist at the time of data entry on the customer web form (ii) in a table form that it was not in at the

time of data entry on the customer web form (iii) using (in the preferred embodiment) a software tool that was not employed at the time of data entry on the customer web form. Thus, while some of the items of information may have been the same as those provided on the original customer web form, the entire data structure is different. This customized Web page is something entirely new, not a reconstruction.

86. For at least these reasons, Merenda does not teach “reconstruction of some or all of *the data*.”

D. Lack of Motivation to Combine Bossemeyer with Merenda

87. A person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Bossemeyer and Merenda. I begin with affirmative reasons against such a combination and then turn to the five purported reasons asserted by the petition and Dr. Zadok.

i. A POSITA would not have sought to combine Bossemeyer and Merenda to reach the '344 claims because they are all in different technical fields.

88. The '344 Patent, Bossemeyer, and Merenda are from dramatically different technical fields, and a POSITA working with Bossemeyer as a foundation would not have been motivated to look for art in the far different field of Merenda for solutions to problems with Bossemeyer, as the petition and Dr. Zadok contend. Similarly, a POSITA working in the field of the '344 Patent would not have looked

to Bossemeyer or Merenda for solutions to the problems addressed by the '344 claims.

89. As explained above, the field of the '344 Patent is data security for systems with large amounts of data, like email systems, databases, and telecommunications programs. EX1001, 1:12-25, 7:27-32. More specifically, it concerns the processing, distribution, and secure storage of files/documents/data objects across telecommunications networks. EX1001, 1:12-25; 6:9-12. Its prime focus is “securing data in a computer system.” EX1001, 6:40. The PTO’s lead Class for it is 726, “Information Security.” Within that class, the USPTO subclass is 27 for “Access Control” for such information security systems. The USPTO describes that subclass as “subject matter comprising means to control data tampering by limiting access to authorized entities or processes.”²⁹ I’d also note that the Petitioner’s characterization of the field as “securing sensitive information” is so broad, encompassing such a wide array of technologies, as to be almost meaningless. For example, it would include encryption, dual-factor authentication, malware tools, firewall systems, tokenization (tap to pay) of financial information, blockchain, face

²⁹<https://web.archive.org/web/20091125070840/http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspc726/defs726.htm> , EX2009

ID, captcha, fingerprint scanners on computers, computer database technologies, cloud technologies, anti-surveillance technologies.

90. Bossemeyer's technical field is "smart card applications and, more particularly, to a network arrangement to provide access to an architecture that Supports a variety of advanced Smart card applications." EX1005, 1:7-11. That field involves technology for storing certain types of information on the card itself, technology for authenticating/authorizing reading the data on the card, reader technology for reading data on the card, and technology enabling the reader to communicate with remote networks and sending and obtaining information from those networks. EX1005, Fig. 1, 2:4-12, 3:53-58. The problems Bossemeyer seeks to address are specific to those types of technologies. Bossemeyer, for example, addresses ways of remotely storing information that could not be stored on the card and then limiting the types of remote information returned to the reader depending on authorization. EX1005, 2:58-66. The USPTO's lead Class for Bossemeyer is 713, "Electrical Computers and Digital Processing Systems: Support." Its subclass within that Class is 201, "for computer network security in general or in combination with nominal cryptography."³⁰ Bossemeyer teaches a network connecting a smart

³⁰<https://web.archive.org/web/20050422055224/http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspc713/defs713.htm>, EX2010.

card reader terminal through a phone network or the internet to a central storage server. EX1005, Figs. 1 and 2. It never considers hacking attacks, for example, and a successful hacker who gained access to Bossemeyer's central database server would have access to everything it stored.

91. Merenda's concerns World Wide Web eCommerce and targeted email marketing. Merenda seeks to provide a solution to the problem that "As the Internet evolves into the dominant commercial medium, merchants seeking to leverage data about Internet user's [sic] to better focus their marketing efforts must do so in a manner that respects the privacy interests of their intended customer." EX1006, ¶4. Merenda's USPTO primary Class is 707, "Data Processing: Database and File Management or Data Structures." Its subclass is 10, "distributed or remote access."³¹ Its solution is a "program product for allowing the viewer of a public data set to access related records in a private data set based upon a link which may be selectively provided to the viewer to authorize such access." EX1006, ¶2.

92. The patents' own descriptions as well as in the USPTO classifications make clear that they are in different fields. They support different applications (the '344 Patent's email systems, databases, and telecommunications programs.

³¹<https://web.archive.org/web/20041108063552/http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspc707/defs707.htm>, EX2011.

EX1001, 1:12-25; 6:9-12) versus smart card applications (Bossemeyer) and eCommerce direct marketing (Merenda). Moreover, the only technical feature that Bossemeyer and Merenda have in common is that they store information in server memory.

93. It is also probable that, according to Petitioner's own definition of a POSITA for purposes of this proceeding, a POSITA working in the field of the '344 Patent would not have the requisite skills or technical experience to make changes to Bossemeyer's smart card system. Smart cards are a specialized field of technology (specialized storage on the card, specialized readers, etc.). Petitioner argues that a POSITA "would have had a bachelor's degree in computer science, computer engineering, electrical engineering, or equivalent, and approximately two years of experience working in the field of data storage systems and data security as of November 13, 2000." Pet., 6. It is quite possible for someone to complete a degree in computer science and not have any knowledge of smart cards. Again, as I noted above, smart cards were and remain a very specialized field that was not widely implemented or used during the relevant time frame.

94. It is not clear that a POSITA as identified by the petitioner would have the requisite knowledge about smart card technology to add Merenda to Bossemeyer to reach the claims of the '344 Patent, and the petition doesn't appear to try to establish that a POSITA would have. In the petitioner's description of a POSITA

there is no mention of any knowledge of smart cards. And reviewing the curriculum at Stony Brook University, where Dr. Zadok teaches, it is quite clear that one can get a degree in computer science, computer engineering, or electrical engineering, with absolutely no training related to smart cards.³² There is a passing mention of smart cards in the lecture notes for “System Security,”³³ however it is just a passing mention. I further note that the course “System Security” is a graduate course and not one someone with a bachelor’s degree in computer science would have taken.³⁴ A POSITA from the university that Dr. Zadok teaches at would not have the skills to make any modifications to any smart card.

ii. Petition’s asserted motivations to combine.

95. The petition and Dr. Zadok assert five reasons for combining Bossemeyer and Merenda, but none withstands scrutiny.

³²<https://www.cs.stonybrook.edu/students/Undergraduate-Studies/csecourses>, EX2036.

³³https://www3.cs.stonybrook.edu/~amione/CSE509_Course/materials/resources/author_notes.pdf, EX2037.

³⁴https://www3.cs.stonybrook.edu/~amione/CSE509_Course/materials/lectures/L7_auth.pdf, EX2038.

96. The petition first asserts at page 59 that “use of known techniques according to known methods in the same way to yield predictable results.” *See also* EX 1003, ¶323. That statement does not really suggest a motivation to combine two different references. The petition’s real argument appears a couple of sentences later: “The Bossemeyer and Merenda combination would merely involve using Merenda’s data parsing technique in Bossemeyer’s system according to the methods for separating private and non-private elements within user data.” Pet., 59. The petition then follows this statement with a long string cite to portions of Bossemeyer and Merenda without further explanation.

97. This first argument is effectively contending that it would have been easy to put these two references together and would merely have involved applying known methods to achieve a predictable result. While I am not an expert on the law, from a technical expert perspective, this supposition does not seem like a motivation to combine two different references at a conceptual level. It’s more a statement that if one thought of combining the two references, one might have a good chance of success (which I don’t agree with, as detailed above). But it’s not a reason to go and pick one piece of art out of a large field and put it with another.

98. A more specific problem with this contention is that it misunderstands what “parsing” in Merenda entails. I explained what Merenda’s use of parsing refers to above: designating different types of information as either public or private.

Supra, ¶¶60-74. Merenda’s parsing does not relate to actually pulling individual pieces of data from a larger whole. In Merenda, items of information, such as name, address, social security number, *etc.* do end up in different public and private “data sets” after the customer enters those pieces of information in the web form, but those items of information are never part of a cohesive whole, and Merenda is silent on how each of those pieces of information ends up in a stored public or private data set after customer entry on the form. So, a combination that the petition and Dr. Zadok envision would not involve applying Merenda’s “parsing” to Bossemeyer.

99. There’s a similar problem with respect to what it assumes about Bossemeyer. As I explain above (*supra.*, ¶¶29, 53), Bossemeyer is silent about the nature and form of the data before it is found in the Central Database Server. All we know from Bossemeyer is that different types of information are found in different partitioned areas of memory in that server. There’s no evidence whatsoever that Bossemeyer begins with a collection of all these different types of information that need to be pulled apart/extracted in order to get into the appropriate places in the Central Database Server. As I note in paragraph 41 above, there are many ways for data to end up in partitioned memory that do not involve extraction.

100. In other words, the petition and Dr. Zadok are pointing to things not found in either Bossemeyer (an *ex ante* unpartitioned collection of all the different kinds of information) or Merenda (taking pieces of data out of a cohesive whole),

and then contending that these things (that don't exist) could then be put together to achieve predictable results. But if neither exists in the first place, and they can't be put together, let alone with any predictability about results.

101. The petition's second purported motivation to combine (at p. 60) is that "Merenda identifies a known problem (e.g., controlling access to private information) and provides a solution to address the problem (e.g., parsing user data to extract the private elements and store private elements and non-private elements in separate memory stores)." This supposition also cannot qualify as a motivation to combine the two references.

102. As explained above with respect to the first purported motivation, this one is based on the same misunderstanding of what Merenda means by "parsing." Thus, it is flawed for that reason.

103. In addition, what the petition contends is the known problem, and its purported solution don't match up. In other words, the "solution" isn't a solution to the "problem" that the petition claims exists. The petition identifies the problem as "controlling access to private information" and the solution as "parsing user data to extract the private elements and store private elements and non-private elements in separate memory stores." Pet., 60. But even if Merenda's "parsing" did entail extraction, it wouldn't solve a need to "control access to private information." Merenda describes that control of access to the private data as an entirely separate

step. For Merenda, the control step takes place by limiting which merchants can see the private data, regardless of how it got to storage or where it was stored. That happens as a result of the customer identifying which merchants may view its private information, and then providing those merchants either (embodiment 1) with that customer's key code to look up information in the private data set, or (embodiment 2) providing those merchants the key-coded URL to access information in the private data set. EX1006, ¶¶28-29, 35-36. Control over access is Merenda's limiting who receives access, which, again, is separate from storing different pieces of information in different places.

104. The petition's third asserted motivation to combine is that "Merenda's parsing technique to identify private elements within user data ... would improve Bossemeyer's system for controlling access to sensitive/proprietary information." Pet., 61, EX 1003 ¶334. It contends that the addition would be controlling access "at *various levels of sophistication and granularity*." Pet., 61, quoting EX1006, ¶23 (emphasis in petition).

105. Merenda's method "for controlling access" that the petitioner is pointing to as being the source of this motivation to combine Merenda with Bossemeyer, however, wouldn't work with Bossemeyer. The reference to "various levels of sophistication and granularity" refers to what Merenda describes as either

limiting access on an item-by-item basis, or limiting access if one seeks access to a combination of non-private items simultaneously. EX1006, ¶23.

106. The problem for the petitioner's position is that limiting access to only combinations of pieces of "public data," but not to the individual pieces of "public data" themselves would not be possible with Bossemeyer's smart card technology.

107. As already detailed above, the smart cards store "pointers" to particular areas of the partitioned memory. As part of a transaction, when a pointer stored on that smart card is invoked, the information stored in that particular area of portioned memory gets returned to the merchant. EX1005, 3:63-4:5.

108. I am not aware of a way to program into a smart card pointers to particular areas of the partitioned memory authorizing a merchant to access those areas, but preventing the triggering of those pointers and access to those areas were the merchant to request access to a particular combination of those areas to which it would have access individually. Bossemeyer acknowledges that the programmability of these smart cards is limited. EX1005, 2:66-3:2. For these reasons, it is unlikely that a POSITA at the time would have been able to do so.

109. Therefore, this third argument for a motivation to combine fails.

110. The petition's fourth purported motivation to combine is only briefly stated: "a POSITA would have been motivated to combine Bossemeyer with Merenda, because the combination would involve applying a known technique (e.g.,

using Merenda’s parsing of user information) to a known device (e.g., Bossemeyer’s network arrangement with a central database server storing user information), which was ready for improvement to yield predictable results.” Pet., 62, EX1003, ¶339.

111. Again, this is not actually a motivation to combine. This is simply stating the opinion that one could combine them. My other points responding to the first purported motivation to combine would apply here as well. It is also based on a misunderstanding Merenda’s “parsing.” And Bossemeyer already details separate storage of public, limited access, and proprietary information and the conceptual reasons for keeping them separate, so there would be no need for someone starting with Bossemeyer to look to Merenda. Neither the petitioner nor Dr. Zadok explain what benefit either Bossemeyer or Merenda would get from such a combination. A good analogy to the Petitioner’s proposed combination of Bossemeyer and Merenda would be my attaching wheels to my coffee cup: I could do it, but it would provide no advantage and a POSITA would not be motivated to do so.

112. The petition’s fifth and final purported motivation to combine is one that it contends is “express” in Merenda. Pet., 62-63, EX1003, ¶342. According to the petition, Merenda relates to the World Wide Web and eCommerce, which at the time was (and today continue to be) growing. The benefit of this growth, however, is “counterbalanced to some extent by the inevitable loss of privacy” particularly as merchants “seek[] to leverage data about Internet user’s [sic] to better focus their

marketing efforts” (Pet., 63 quoting Merenda EX1006, ¶¶ 3, 4), in part with the assistance of data mining. Pet., 64. At the same time, Merenda saw “benefits ... for respecting the privacy interests of the public.” Pet., 63. In short, the petition is arguing that Merenda is about eCommerce, which can involve merchants getting direct access to some data for marketing purposes while still respecting some data privacy, and that these facts would motivate one to then combine Merenda with Bossemeyer. This is how the petition and Dr. Zadok frame the reason for the motivation to combine.

113. But it’s not clear how these facts could establish a motivation to add Merenda to Bossemeyer. Bossemeyer is not concerned with the World Wide Web or eCommerce. It never refers to the World Wide Web. It never discusses targeted marketing to customers of the World Wide Web. Considerations about eCommerce, direct marketing, and the World Wide Web are wholly foreign and unrelated to the concerns that Bossemeyer addresses—improving smart cards.

114. It is true that Bossemeyer refers to the Internet, but the Internet is not the same as the World Wide Web, and Bossemeyer merely lists the former as a means for connecting the card reader with the central database server. The Internet is essentially a set of communication protocols that facilitate distributed communication and began as a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

(DARPA) program in 1969.³⁵ The World Wide Web, on the other hand, is the invention of Tim Berners Lee working with CERN³⁶ and includes protocols such as Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) and Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP). The World Wide Web is the deployment of content including eCommerce. A good analogy would be to think of the Internet as the interstate highway system, and the World Wide Web is one type of vehicle that traverses that highway. Bossemeyer's only references to the Internet are to its use as a method of connecting merchants and their card readers to the central database server when the "Plain Old Telephone System" ("POTS") isn't used. EX1005, Fig. 2, 4:23-42.

115. Bossemeyer not only isn't concerned with facilitating data mining of customer information to allow for electronic direct marketing, but it also can't support it. In Bossemeyer, there's no way to reach the customer. The customer just has a smart card. He or she isn't using a computer to access the World Wide Web. So, he or she isn't getting emails or digital pop up ads on the screen.

116. What Bossemeyer is clear about, however, is the need to restrict information from getting to merchants unless it is necessary to conclude a transaction. EX1005, 5:6-15. In this sense, Bossemeyer is contrary to what the

³⁵ https://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=103050, EX2039.

³⁶ <https://www.slac.stanford.edu/history/earlyweb/history.shtml>, EX2040.

petition points to in Merenda. Bossemeyer wouldn't want merchants to get access to information for marketing purposes because Bossemeyer (i) out of concern for the privacy of certain kinds of data, only wants merchants to get the data pieces of information needed for the transaction, and (ii) can't support electronic marketing.

117. For these reasons, the fifth and final purported motivation to combine fails as well.

IX. CONCLUSIONS

118. Upon completing my analysis, I have reached the following conclusions. Both Bossemeyer and Merenda fail to disclose at least two claim elements found in every challenged claim, the "extraction" element and the "reconstruction" element. Even if Merenda discloses claim elements that are missing from Bossemeyer, Petitioner failed to establish a motivation to combine Merenda with Bossemeyer. A POSITA, as defined by the petitioner would likely not have looked to Merenda to combine with Bossemeyer or had the skills to combine Bossemeyer with Merenda. Nor would a person of skill in the art have had a reason to combine elements from Merenda with elements from Bossemeyer in the first place.

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APPENDIX A

MATERIALS REVIEWED

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The expert declaration of Dr. Erez Zadok, EX1003 and all exhibits to that declaration

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