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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA


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Plaintiff,) Case No.
v.) SACV 03-00685 CJC (Ex)
FINDWHAT.COM,)
Defendant.)

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THE WITNESS: Thank you.

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BY MR. ACKERMAN:

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Q. Now, you indicated that in addition to the

09:56:33 4

NCSA Web log entry, GoTo.com was also maintaining an

09:56:38 5

additional log entry.

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A. Yes.

09:56:41 7

Q. I'd just ask you, does Exhibit 158 -- do

09:56:46 8

you recognize that as a page from such a -- a log?

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A. Yes.

09:56:54 10

Q. And the first column of entries before

09:56:56 11

the -- the first two colons, that would be a -- a

09:56:59 12

time stamp?

09:57:01 13

A. Yes. That is a Unix time stamp.

09:57:03 14

Q. Okay. And that would be able to uniquely

09:57:06 15

tell you when a redirect occurred? In time.

09:57:11 16

A. Yes. It fixes the point in time of the

09:57:13 17

redirect.

09:57:13 18

Q. And following the first two colons, there's

09:57:15 19

a -- on the first entry there's a word, "Canada"?

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A. Yes.

09:57:19 21

Q. And what is that?

09:57:20 22

A. That is the user's search term.

09:57:23 23

Q. Okay. And there are two colons and

09:57:27 24

<http://CanadaOnline.miningcode.com/>

09:57:34 25

A. Hm-hm.

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Q. And what would that represent?

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A. The target URL.

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Q. That would be the URL of the advertiser who

09:57:41 4

had a search listing for the key word "Canada"?

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A. Yes.

09:57:45 6

Q. And presumably that search listing was

09:57:48 7

provided in a search results page and was clicked on

09:57:51 8

by somebody at the time indicated by that time.

09:57:54 9

stamp?

09:57:55 10

A. Yes.

09:57:57 11

Q. Okay. Following what you identified as

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URL, there's also two colons, and then there's 0.02.

09:58:02 13

And what does that represent?

09:58:04 14

A. That represents the bid.

09:58:06 15

Q. Okay. And then there's additional two

09:58:08 16

colons and then number 1.

09:58:11 17

And what does that number 1 represent?

09:58:13 18

A. The rank.

09:58:15 19

Q. Okay. So looking at this log entry, would

09:58:19 20

it be fair to say that an advertiser at -- at the

09:58:22 21

URL CanadaOnline.miningcode.com had a search listing

09:58:27 22

for the key word "Canada" and that search listing

09:58:31 23

was number 1 in their search results page?

09:58:33 24

A. Yes.

09:58:34 25

Q. And at the time, that advertiser had a bid

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09:58:37 1 amount of -- of \$0.02 for that listing?
2 A. Yes.
09:58:46 3 Q. Were they -- was the advertiser obligated
09:58:48 4 to pay that zero -- the 2 cents upon that log entry
09:58:54 5 being made?
09:58:55 6 A. Upon the log entry being made?
09:58:57 7 Q. Well, the -- after a -- an advertiser --
09:59:00 8 actually, I'm sorry.
09:59:00 9 After a searcher clicked on it, would that
09:59:02 10 2 cents represent the amount that they had agreed to
09:59:05 11 pay to GoTo for that search listing?
09:59:11 12 A. I believe they were told that, yes.
09:59:19 13 Q. Okay. Approximately a quarter to a third
09:59:23 14 up the page, there is an entry for Web -- in
09:59:31 15 parentheses, "Web&design."
09:59:35 16 A. Yes, I see it.
09:59:36 17 Q. Do you see that one?
09:59:37 18 A. Yes.
09:59:37 19 Q. Okay. Now, can you describe for me what
09:59:39 20 those two terms in parentheses refer to?
09:59:48 21 Does that represent two search terms that
09:59:50 22 were searched together, or, you know, what's --
23 A. Oh, I see.
09:59:52 24 Q. -- what's the formatting of that entry?
09:59:56 25 A. I see. Yes..

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10:02:16 1 A. Web log analysis was specifically referring
10:02:18 2 to the NCSA Apache Web logs.

10:02:21 3 Q. Okay. And Exhibit 158 is a different
10:02:22 4 animal?

10:02:25 5 A. Yes.

10:02:25 6 Q. Okay. So what type of analysis did you do
10:02:25 7 on the type of -- if I refer to these as paid
10:02:30 8 click-through logs, will you understand that I'm
10:02:32 9 referring to --

10:02:32 10 A. Yes.

10:02:32 11 Q. -- Exhibit 158?

10:02:34 12 What type of analysis did you do on the
10:02:38 13 paid click-through logs in March of '98?

10:02:48 14 A. I do what I call aggregations on the data
10:02:54 15 to -- to aggregate the number of clicks. I believe
10:03:06 16 I did aggregations on search terms to see -- to see
10:03:09 17 what terms people were clicking on. Those sorts of
10:03:18 18 analysis.

10:03:21 19 Q. Did your aggregations include number of
10:03:23 20 clicks by URL?

21 A. Yes.

10:03:32 22 Q. So, for example, in March of '98, part of
10:03:36 23 your aggregation analysis, you -- you could
10:03:38 24 determine how many clicks for the URL www.aswas.com
10:03:44 25 were performed by users?

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1 A. Yes.

10:03:50 2 Q. And in aggregating those clicks, you would

10:03:52 3 also keep track of the -- the bid amount.

10:03:54 4 Would you also be able to aggregate the --

10:03:58 5 the committed dollar amount based on those clicks?

10:04:00 6 MS. UNDERWOOD: Objection. Ambiguous.

10:04:05 7 THE WITNESS: I -- I was able to aggregate

10:04:05 8 the bid amount times the number of clicks.

10:04:08 9 BY MR. ACKERMAN:

10:04:09 10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Yes.

10:04:09 12 Q. So for a particular URL you could aggregate

10:04:12 13 number of clicks to the bid amount to come up with

10:04:16 14 a -- a total dollar amount or representing a

10:04:20 15 total -- total dollar amount.

10:04:22 16 A. Yes.

10:04:39 17 Q. The software that you were working on for

10:04:43 18 performing these aggregations, was that part of the

10:04:45 19 main GoTo.com cer- -- system?

10:04:49 20 MS. UNDERWOOD: Objection. Ambiguous.

10:04:51 21 THE WITNESS: By "system," do you call --

10:04:54 22 do you refer to the source tree?

23 BY MR. ACKERMAN:

10:04:55 24 Q. Yes.

10:04:55 25 A. No.

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Q. No? Okay.

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A. It was within the hierarchy, but it was

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not -- it was off to the side.

10:05:03 4

Q. Was it -- was this source code maintained

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in the GoTo.com CVS system?

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A. Initially, yes.

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Q. At some point, did it migrate out of the

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CVS system?

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A. At some point, I did migrate it into --

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within the CVS system but into a separate module.

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CVS is organized into modules. So I moved it out of

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the GoTo module into a stats module as it did not

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interact with the GoTo module and was only placed in

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there because of my limited understanding of CVS at

10:05:38 15

the time.

10:05:41 16

Q. Okay. And when did the migration from the

10:05:43 17

GoTo module to the stats module take place?

10:05:55 18

A. I believe it was complete towards the end

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of '98.

10:06:06 20

Q. In the March and April time frame of '98,

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was the software that you had written included

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within the CVS system -- into the GoTo module,

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rather?

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A. Yes.

10:06:20 25

Q. Did you write any software or applications

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10:06:24 1 for doing your aggregation analysis that was outside
10:06:27 2 of the GoTo module CVS -- in the CVS system?

10:06:34 3 A. I don't know.

10:06:42 4 Q. What software were you using to program the
10:06:45 5 various aggregation features in March of '98?

10:06:52 6 A. I was using -- you're referring to the
10:06:58 7 result click aggregations?

10:07:00 8 Q. Yeah. Right now, as we're talking about
10:07:01 9 the -- what I was calling the paid click-through log
10:07:04 10 analysis.

10:07:05 11 A. Okay. I -- I would have used Perl and
10:07:10 12 shell scripts.

10:07:29 13 Q. What was the purpose of the various
10:07:30 14 aggregations that you were performing?

10:07:36 15 A. I was performing the aggregations to
10:07:38 16 provide reports to -- well, initially to Bill Gross
10:07:45 17 and -- yeah.

10:07:56 18 Q. And can you describe the type of reports
10:07:58 19 that you were generating in April of '98?

10:08:02 20 A. I was generating a file of -- of
10:08:07 21 aggregations by -- I believe by URL and day. That
10:08:15 22 included the number of clicks, the bids at those --
10:08:20 23 for those clicks, and the product of those two
10:08:23 24 values, which I would then give to Bill Gross for
10:08:31 25 his analysis.

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10:08:37 1 Q. And where was this -- the file you were
10:08:39 2 generating stored?

10:08:45 3 A. It changed. Initially, I -- initially, I
10:08:50 4 prepared these reports on -- by request. And then I
10:08:57 5 believe in the March time frame, it was stored on a
10:08:59 6 server so that Bill could get them himself.

10:09:09 7 Q. Do you recall which server the reports were
10:09:13 8 served -- were stored on, rather?

10:09:13 9 A. I recall the host name.

10:09:15 10 Q. Okay.

10:09:15 11 A. Or excuse me. I recall the Web host name.

10:09:17 12 I don't re- -- necessarily recall the -- the machine
10:09:19 13 name.

10:09:20 14 Q. And what was the Web host name?

10:09:22 15 A. Stats.GoTo.com.

10:09:50 16 Q. In the March of '98 time frame, did you
10:09:55 17 associate the URL with the particular advertisers
10:09:58 18 who were hosting those URLs?

10:10:04 19 A. I attempted to associate the URLs with a
10:10:06 20 label for the advertisers so that -- so the
10:10:14 21 aggregations would be a little more meaningful to
10:10:17 22 Bill, yes.

10:10:17 23 Q. Okay. And how were you associating the
10:10:18 24 URLs with a label?

10:10:24 25 A. I had what I refer to as the advertiser

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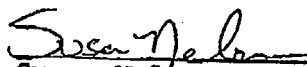
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