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 21 CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,  
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 22 limited company, and J.D. EDWARDS EUROPE  
 LIMITED, an Irish private limited company,

23 Plaintiffs,

24 v.

25 SAP AG, a German corporation, SAP  
 AMERICA, INC., a Delaware corporation,  
 26 TOMORROWNOW, INC., a Texas corporation,  
 and DOES 1-50, inclusive,

27 Defendants.  
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**ORACLE'S OPPOSITION TO  
 DEFENDANTS' FRCP 12(B)(1) AND  
 12(B)(6) MOTION TO DISMISS  
 PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS FOR  
 COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT,  
 INTERFERENCE WITH  
 PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC  
 ADVANTAGE, BREACH OF  
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 AND UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

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1     **I.       PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

2                 The SAP AG executive board of directors approved the purchase of a corrupt  
3 company, SAP TN.<sup>1</sup> The board and its advisors knew SAP TN competed with Oracle by  
4 breaking the law. Publicly, SAP said that Oracle could not hurt SAP. Privately, SAP launched a  
5 massive campaign to harm Oracle, damage its stock price, and generally undermine Oracle at  
6 every turn. Some of this campaign relied on illegal – even criminal – conduct. Some of that  
7 conduct forms the basis for the allegations in this case. So far, in response to Oracle’s lawsuit,  
8 SAP has admitted in its Answer it took “inappropriate” downloads from Oracle’s systems. It  
9 also has now taken the unusual step of shutting down SAP TN’s global operations after evidence  
10 uncovered a vast, years-long program of copyright infringement and other wrongdoing aimed at  
11 Oracle.

12                 SAP’s motion raises five basic arguments that nit and pick around the edges of  
13 Oracle’s claims. For each, SAP gets the law wrong, the facts wrong, or both.

14                 *Extraterritoriality Does Not Block JDEE As a Plaintiff.* In its first argument, SAP  
15 gets the law wrong three times. SAP contends the Court lacks jurisdiction over JDEE’s  
16 copyright claim based on the extraterritoriality limitation of the Copyright Act (the “Act”).  
17 However, a controlling United States Supreme Court case shows extraterritoriality is not a  
18 jurisdictional issue. SAP then argues, incorrectly, that the scope of JDEE’s license controls  
19 when, in fact, the law focuses on the location of the infringing conduct as the controlling test  
20 (which Oracle alleges happened in Texas). Finally, SAP omits from its analysis recent  
21 controlling amendments to the Act, which confirm that distribution from the United States (as  
22 Oracle alleges) to a foreign location is actionable.

23                 *OSC Has Standing.* SAP continues its errors in its attack on OSC’s standing. It  
24 misreads the relevant documents, which reveal that OIC received *copyrights* from OSC’s

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26 <sup>1</sup> The Oracle Plaintiffs are collectively referred to as “Oracle.” Oracle refers to Defendant  
27 TomorrowNow, Inc. as “SAP TN,” and collectively with Defendants SAP AG and SAP  
28 America, Inc. as “SAP” or “Defendants.”

1 predecessors-in-interest but not *pre-existing copyright claims*. OSC, on the other hand,  
2 succeeded to existing copyright claims but not the actual copyrights. The law is clear that OSC  
3 may proceed as the plaintiff on the claims to which it succeeded.

4 *The Act Does Not Preempt Non-copyright Claims.* SAP’s preemption arguments  
5 miss the point. SAP may wish this case was only about its admitted, years-long pattern of  
6 deliberate copyright infringement. But SAP also engaged in a wide array of civil and criminal  
7 law violations distinct from the rights granted Oracle pursuant to § 106 of the Act (“§ 106”).  
8 Oracle’s state law claims depend on conduct that is qualitatively different from its copyright  
9 claims. Oracle has a right to pursue these claims. SAP cannot escape liability for this conduct  
10 on the grounds that it *also* infringed Oracle’s copyrights.

11 *SAP Entered Contracts And Broke Them.* SAP broke the promises it made when  
12 it clicked through Oracle’s password-protected website in order to access Oracle’s customer  
13 support materials. The law holds it to account on those contracts.

14 *Unjust Enrichment/Restitution Is A Claim.* Although not every court agrees, the  
15 better rule, including the one followed by this Court, is that California law recognizes a claim  
16 titled “Unjust Enrichment” or “Restitution” (Oracle called its claim “Unjust  
17 enrichment/Restitution”). SAP’s motion makes no mention of these many cases.

## 18 **II. STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

19 1. Whether JDEE can maintain a copyright action based on SAP’s infringement in  
20 Texas and exploitation of that infringement into JDEE’s territory.

21 2. Whether OSC may sue on pre-existing copyright infringement claims it holds.

22 3. Whether the Copyright Act preempts state law claims, even though each claim  
23 has extra elements making it qualitatively different from Oracle’s copyright claim.

24 4. Whether SAP accepted certain clickthrough contracts in bad faith, making it liable  
25 for breach of those contracts.

26 5. Whether the Court should dismiss Oracle’s unjust enrichment claim even though  
27 Oracle properly pled it and numerous courts endorse it.

28 6. Whether – if the Court were to dismiss any claim – it should also grant leave to



1 amend, because the claim could be cured and courts freely grant leave to amend.

2 **III. STANDARD ON MOTION TO DISMISS AND FOR LEAVE TO**  
3 **AMEND**

4 A motion to dismiss under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 12(b)(6) tests the  
5 legal sufficiency of the claims alleged in the complaint. *Ileto v. Glock, Inc.*, 349 F.3d 1191,  
6 1199-1200 (9th Cir. 2003). Specific facts are unnecessary – the allegations need only give the  
7 defendant “fair notice of what . . . the claim is and the grounds upon which it rests.” *Erickson v.*  
8 *Pardus*, --- U.S. ----, ----, 127 S. Ct. 2197, 2200 (2007) (citing *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*,  
9 550 U.S. ----, ---- - ----, 127 S. Ct. 1955, 1964-65 (2007)). The Court takes all allegations of  
10 material fact in the complaint as true. *Erickson*, 127 S. Ct. at 2200. So long as the complaint  
11 states “enough facts to state a claim for relief that is plausible on its face,” the Court should deny  
12 a motion to dismiss. *Twombly*, 127 S. Ct. at 1966-67, 1974.

13 If a court dismisses a complaint for failure to state a claim, it should grant, “with  
14 extreme liberality,” leave to amend “unless it determines that the pleading could not possibly be  
15 cured by the allegation of other facts.” *Doe v. United States*, 58 F.3d 494, 497 (9th Cir. 1995);  
16 *Eminence Capital, LLC v. Aspeon, Inc.*, 316 F.3d 1048, 1051-1052 (9th Cir. 2003) (internal  
17 citations omitted).

18 **IV. JDEE IS A PROPER COPYRIGHT PLAINTIFF**

19 SAP moves to dismiss JDEE’s copyright claim on jurisdictional grounds by  
20 arguing it concerns “wholly extraterritorial” activity. *See* SAP’s Motion to Dismiss (“MTD”) at  
21 8-10. SAP moves under the wrong rule, misunderstands the applicable test, and misses recent  
22 relevant amendments to the Act.

23 **A. Extraterritoriality Is Not A Jurisdictional Issue**

24 JDEE has exclusively licensed certain United States copyrights at issue in this  
25 case. It alleges that SAP infringed its exclusive rights in these copyrights pursuant to 17 U.S.C.  
26 § 101, *et seq.* *See* Oracle’s Third Amended Complaint (“TAC”), D.I. 182, ¶¶ 147-62. This  
27 Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction over that claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a).

28 SAP moves to dismiss the claim under Rule 12(b)(1), contending the Court lacks

1 subject matter jurisdiction over it because the Act does not apply extraterritorially. *See* MTD at  
2 8 (citing *Subafilms, Ltd. v. MGM-Pathe Comms. Co.*, 24 F.3d 1088 (9th Cir. 1994)). In a  
3 footnote, the *Subafilms* court expressly left open the question of whether extraterritoriality is a  
4 limitation on subject matter jurisdiction, or simply a limitation on the scope of claims cognizable  
5 under the Act. *See Subafilms*, 24 F.3d at 1091 n.5.

6 The United States Supreme Court resolved this issue after the *Subafilms* decision.  
7 In *Arbaugh v. Y & H Corp.*, 546 U.S. 500 (2006), the Court adopted a “bright line” rule that  
8 courts should treat statutory limitations not expressly identified as jurisdictional by the  
9 Legislature as non-jurisdictional restrictions. *See id.* at 516. Since no provision of the Act states  
10 that its territorial limitations are jurisdictional (*see Subafilms*, 24 F.3d at 1095-98), under  
11 *Arbaugh* the Court must treat extraterritoriality as a claim limitation, not a jurisdictional  
12 question. Indeed, courts have done just that since *Arbaugh*. *E.g.*, *Litecubes LLC v. Northern*  
13 *Light Prods., Inc.*, 523 F.3d 1353, 1366-68 (Fed. Cir. 2008) (question of whether an action is  
14 “within the extraterritorial limitation” of the Act “should be treated as an element of the claim,  
15 not a predicate for subject matter jurisdiction”). Thus, while extraterritorial limitations might  
16 affect the scope of appropriate claims under the Act, they have no effect on this Court’s  
17 jurisdiction over JDEE’s well-pled claims. *See Litecubes*, 523 F.3d at 1368-69. SAP’s challenge  
18 lies not to the jurisdiction of the Court under Rule 12(b)(1), but to the sufficiency of JDEE’s  
19 allegations under Rule 12(b)(6).

#### 20 **B. JDEE’s Claim Succeeds Based On Domestic Conduct**

21 Oracle does not object to the Court considering the evidence submitted by SAP  
22 even if the Court treats SAP’s motion as a Rule 12(b)(6) motion. In the event the Court  
23 disagrees with Oracle’s analysis and proceeds under Rule 12(b)(1), Oracle has submitted  
24 additional evidence for the Court’s consideration, summarized in Section III.E., below.  
25 However, regardless of the rule under which it proceeds, SAP’s extraterritoriality challenge  
26 depends on the alleged “geographical” limitations in JDEE’s exclusive license. *See* MTD at 8-9.  
27 SAP reasons that because JDEE’s rights “are limited to territories outside of the United States . .  
28 . . any infringement of JDEE’s rights must necessarily be extraterritorial.” *Id.* at 9 (emphasis

1 omitted). SAP is wrong for at least three reasons.

2 First, when the regulated conduct takes place in the United States, the  
3 presumption against extraterritoriality “does not apply.” *Blazevska v. Raytheon Aircraft Co.*,  
4 522 F.3d 948, 954 (9th Cir. 2008). The conduct being regulated here is the unauthorized  
5 reproduction and public display of copyrighted works, preparation of derivative works, and  
6 distribution of infringing copies. See 17 U.S.C. § 106(1)-(3), (5). JDEE alleges that SAP  
7 committed these acts in Texas. See TAC ¶¶ 97-98, 156-59 (alleging unauthorized reproduction,  
8 preparation of derivative works, distribution, and public display by SAP’s Texas subsidiary).

9 While the Act does not apply where “infringing actions . . . take place entirely  
10 outside the United States,” *Subafilms*, 24 F.3d at 1091, 1095, it does apply where a defendant  
11 infringes in the United States and then exploits that infringement abroad. See *LA News Serv. v.*  
12 *Reuters Television Int’l, Ltd.*, 149 F.3d 987, 990-92 (9th Cir. 1998) (extraterritorial limitation  
13 does not preclude claim based on foreign exploitation of copies made in New York). Here,  
14 JDEE alleges SAP committed numerous acts of infringement in the U.S. and exploited them  
15 worldwide. Based on these allegations, JDEE is “entitled to recover damages flowing from the  
16 exploitation abroad of the domestic acts of infringement committed by defendants.” *LA News*  
17 *Serv.*, 149 F.3d at 992; see *Update Art, Inc. v. Modin Publ’g. Ltd.*, 843 F.2d 67 (2d Cir. 1988)  
18 (the Act applicable where “illegal reproduction of the poster occurred in the United States and  
19 then was exported to Israel”).

20 Second, SAP’s argument that the effects of SAP’s infringement will be felt  
21 beyond United States borders misses the point. “Even where the significant effects of the  
22 regulated conduct are felt outside U.S. borders, [a] statute . . . does not present a problem of  
23 extraterritoriality, so long as the conduct which Congress seeks to regulate occurs largely within  
24 the United States.” *Environmental Defense Fund, Inc. v. Massey*, 986 F.2d 528 at 531 (D.C. Cir.  
25 1992). SAP tries to avoid this rule by arguing that none of its many infringements were  
26 complete as to JDEE until the infringing material landed abroad. See MTD at 10. In support, it  
27 cites only to *Allarcom*, which establishes no such rule. See *Allarcom Pay Television, Ltd. v.*  
28 *General Instrument Corp.*, 69 F.3d 381, 383-85 (9th Cir. 1995). In that case, the defendant had a

1 license to broadcast the copyrighted content in the U.S. *Id.* For this reason, by definition, the  
2 defendant could not commit an act of infringement in the United States. It was not the plaintiff's  
3 status as only a foreign rights holder that defeated its copyright claim. Instead, the plaintiff could  
4 not pursue its claims because the defendant had a license to do what it did in the United States  
5 and could not commit a domestic act of infringement. *Id.* Here, SAP had no license. As a  
6 result, it committed many acts of infringement in the U.S., including the distribution of  
7 unauthorized reproductions and derivative works worldwide.

8           Finally, Congress has now erased any doubt that the unauthorized distribution of  
9 infringing works abroad constitutes an act of infringement in the United States. Congress  
10 recently amended the Act to specify that the act of exporting unauthorized copies from the  
11 United States, by itself, infringes the distribution right. *See* PRO IP Act of 2008, Pub. L. 110-  
12 403 § 105(b)(2), 122 Stat. 4256, 4259-60 (2008). (amending 17 U.S.C. § 602(a)(2) to read  
13 “exportation from the United States, without the authority of the owner of copyright under this  
14 title, of copies . . . is an infringement of the exclusive right to distribute copies . . . under section  
15 106”). To the extent SAP exported infringing material into what it asserts is JDEE's  
16 “geographical territory,” the TAC alleges that exportation occurred in Texas. Pursuant to § 602,  
17 the infringement of JDEE's distribution rights occurred there too. *See id.*

18           Because JDEE's copyright claim does not rely on “infringing actions that take  
19 place entirely outside the United States,” JDEE's copyright claim does not implicate, much less  
20 violate, the presumption against extraterritoriality.

21           **C. Additional Evidence Proves SAP Infringed In The U.S.**

22           The evidence produced in discovery to date (with seven months of discovery  
23 remaining) establishes that copyright infringement occurred in the U.S., including the creation of  
24 competitive, derivative support products to be distributed throughout the world.<sup>2</sup>

25           Prior to acquiring SAP TN, SAP AG identified SAP TN's “offsite production  
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27 <sup>2</sup> This evidence is submitted for purposes of the Rule 12(b)(1) motion only, in the event the  
28 Court disagrees with Oracle that the extraterritoriality issue should proceed under Rule 12(b)(6).

1 copies and the form of delivery of regulatory updates” – from its Texas location – as cause for  
2 “likely legal action” by Oracle. Decl. of Chad Russell in Supp. of Oracle’s Opp’n to MTD  
3 (“Russell Decl.”) ¶ 12 & Ex. K at SAP-OR 91831, 835. SAP considered it “very likely that  
4 TomorrowNow [was] using the software outside the contractual use rights granted to them . . . .”  
5 *Id.* ¶ 20 & Ex. S at SAP-OR 91724. Despite those findings, post-acquisition, SAP continued to  
6 assemble a massive library of more than 8 million downloaded files from Oracle’s servers, and  
7 an equally massive repository of thousands of copies of Oracle’s software applications. Decl. of  
8 Kevin Mandia in Supp. of Oracle’s Opp’n to MTD (“Mandia Decl.”) ¶¶ 2-6. All software  
9 environments used by SAP were “[redacted]” and there are no “[redacted]”  
10 “[redacted]” *Id.* ¶ 6 (and cited  
11 materials); Russell Decl. ¶ 8 & Ex. G at 120:22-121:4. SAP used these resources in Texas, for  
12 instance by “[redacted]” to create and deliver updates to  
13 multiple customers. Mandia Decl. ¶ 7 (and cited materials); Russell Decl. ¶ 10 & Ex. I at 20:14-  
14 21:10.

15 As a software company itself, SAP employs thousands of developers. It had to  
16 know that without more developers, SAP could not logistically provide support to its numerous  
17 customers if it stopped the improper practice of copying a fix from one customer environment  
18 and distributing it to its other customers to “[redacted]” Russell Decl. ¶ 20 &  
19 Ex. S at SAP-OR 91724.

20 Nevertheless, shortly after it acquired SAP TN, SAP AG created a revised  
21 business case to “[redacted]” including in Europe. *Id.* ¶ 13 & Ex. L  
22 at SAP-OR 157405. To accomplish this expansion, the SAP AG executive board approved [redacted]  
23 [redacted] in order to expand SAP TN’s operations globally,  
24 including in Europe to “[redacted]” and to “[redacted]”  
25 [redacted]” *Id.* at SAP-OR 157408, 414; *see*  
26 *also id.* ¶ 11 & Ex. J at 356:2-357:3; 361:15-364:11. According to SAP AG’s CEO, [redacted]  
27 [redacted]  
28 [redacted] *Id.* at 301:15-303:12; 358:19-360:6.

1 A year later, SAP created “[REDACTED]” [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED] “[REDACTED]” *Id.* ¶ 16 & Ex. O at SAP-OR 139923,  
3 928-929. On July 25, 2006, SAP’s Apollo group proposed to launch a “[REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]” and including existing  
5 Oracle JD Edwards customers in Europe. *Id.* ¶ 18 & Ex. Q at SAP-OR 18638, 657-659. By  
6 January 2007, in its “Management Summary – TomorrowNow,” SAP bragged that it had “[REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]” and that SAP TN “[REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]” ¶ 15 & Ex. N at SAP-OR 7497. It projected the  
9 “[REDACTED]” in 2007. *Id.* This could have no other meaning than the continued  
10 recruitment, in part, of JD Edwards customers in Europe to receive SAP’s support from its server  
11 bank and developer group in Texas. Indeed, SAP’s customer relationship (“SAS”) database  
12 indicates that by the time of the litigation SAP had at least [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]. *Id.* ¶ 21 & Ex. T.

14 These facts demonstrate that SAP’s infringing acts relating to JDEE customers in  
15 Europe originated and occurred in the U.S. SAP marketed to and contracted with these  
16 customers in Europe, but supported them with the same software copies, downloads, and  
17 derivative work assembly-line in Texas that it used for all of its other customers.

18 **V. OSC IS A PROPER COPYRIGHT PLAINTIFF**

19 SAP’s argument that OSC lacks standing relies on a misunderstanding of the  
20 relevant documents and of the case law regarding assignment of copyright claims. OSC has the  
21 right, through merger, to bring copyright infringement claims that existed before March 1, 2005,  
22 for certain copyrights at issue. *See* TAC ¶¶ 36, 150 & 152.

23 SAP correctly states that an owner or exclusive licensee of a copyright may  
24 “institute an action for any infringement of that particular right committed while he or she is the  
25 owner of it.” 17 U.S.C. § 501(b). However, existing claims for infringement do not  
26 automatically transfer with the copyrights that gave rise to those claims. A careful reading of the  
27 documents submitted by the parties reveals that OSC, as the surviving entity after several  
28 mergers, holds rights to sue that were not transferred to OIC.

1 Oracle alleges infringement beginning in 2002. TAC ¶ 18. From 2002 until  
2 March 1, 2005, J.D. Edwards World Source Co., J.D. Edwards YOUCentric Co. and PeopleSoft,  
3 Inc., (collectively, “OSC’s predecessors-in-interest”) held exclusive rights to certain registered  
4 works at issue. During that time, these entities had standing to bring infringement claims arising  
5 from SAP’s infringing activities. 17 U.S.C. § 501(b).

6 On March 1, 2005, OSC’s predecessors-in-interest assigned their copyrights to  
7 OIC. See Decl. of Tharan Gregory Lanier in Supp. of MTD (“Lanier Decl.”) ¶¶ 21-22 & Exs. 3-  
8 4 (“Lanier Decl.”). OSC’s predecessors-in-interest then merged into OSC. See Russell Decl. ¶¶  
9 2-4 & Exs. A-C. Thus, as of March 1, 2005, either OIC (as assignee of the copyrights) or OSC  
10 (as successor-in-interest to what remained) had the right to sue for infringement of the exclusive  
11 rights previously owned by OSC’s predecessors-in-interest that occurred between 2002 and  
12 March 1, 2005.

13 To assign existing copyright claims, a conveyance must contain explicit language  
14 to that effect. Otherwise, “the assignor retains the right to bring actions accruing during its  
15 ownership of the right, even if the actions are brought subsequent to . . . assignment [of the  
16 infringed copyright].” *ABKCO Music, Inc. v. Harrisongs Music, Ltd.*, 944 F.2d 971, 980 (2d Cir.  
17 1991). In *ABKCO*, the assignee was held to have standing to assert existing pre-assignment  
18 claims under a conveyance that included rights “*which may have heretofore arisen* or which  
19 may hereafter arise.” *Id.* (emphasis supplied); see also *Silvers v. Sony Pictures Entertainment,*  
20 *Inc.*, 402 F.3d 881, 890 & n.1 (9th Cir. 2005) (en banc) (quoting *ABKCO* and distinguishing  
21 between conveyance of a copyright and “convey[ance] [of] the right to recover . . . by instituting  
22 a copyright action”). This assignment transferred all existing claims. By contrast, assignment of  
23 “all right, title and interest in and to the copyrights” does not assign existing claims. See, e.g., 3  
24 *Nimmer on Copyright* §12.02[B], at 12-60 (“[A] grant of copyright – even if it purports to  
25 convey ‘all right, title and interest’ – is generally construed not to assign existing causes of  
26 action, unless expressly included.”).

27 OSC’s predecessors-in-interest assigned “all . . . right, title and interest in . . . all  
28 copyrights” to OIC. See Lanier Decl. ¶ 21 & Ex. 3 at ORCL 43703; *id.* ¶ 22 & Ex. 4 at ORCL

1 43709. This language did not transfer existing claims (if it had, OIC could assert them). The  
2 pre-existing claims therefore remained with OSC’s predecessors-in-interest. OSC acquired them  
3 through merger and has standing to assert them as the surviving entity.

#### 4 **VI. THE COPYRIGHT ACT DOES NOT PREEMPT ANY CLAIMS**

5 Next, SAP argues that the Act preempts five state law claims – intentional and  
6 negligent interference, breach of contract, unfair competition, and accounting. Curiously, SAP  
7 did not move to dismiss these same claims in response to the First Amended Complaint, which it  
8 answered. The Act preempts the state law claims only if (1) the work falls under the general  
9 subject matter of the Act; and (2) the rights the plaintiff asserts under state law are “equivalent”  
10 to those provided by the Act. *See* 17 U.S.C. § 301(a). Here, all of the challenged claims have  
11 “extra elements” that make them not “equivalent” to rights protected by the Act.<sup>3</sup>

12 To determine preemption, the Court should assess each claim to determine if it  
13 has an “extra element” beyond the rights provided by § 106. 17 U.S.C. § 301(a). Section 106  
14 protects the rights to control reproduction, preparation of derivative works, distribution, public  
15 display and public performance of copyrighted works.<sup>4</sup> 17 U.S.C. § 106. To determine whether  
16 a claim alleges an “extra element,” the Court should “engage in a fact-specific inquiry into the  
17 *actual* allegations underlying the claims at issue in the case . . . .” *Idema v. Dreamworks*, 162 F.  
18 Supp. 2d 1129, 1190 (C.D. Cal. 2001) (emphasis in original) (noting that the Ninth Circuit  
19 implicitly adopted this approach in *Kodadek v. MTV Networks*, 152 F.3d 1209, 1212 (9th Cir.  
20 1998)); *accord Salim v. Lee*, 202 F. Supp. 2d 1122, 1125 (C.D. Cal. 2002). In so doing, the  
21 Court assesses whether the state law claim is “qualitatively different” – even if just by one

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23 <sup>3</sup> SAP has also stated it intends to challenge the copyrightability of some works at issue in this  
24 case. *See* Defendants’ Answer to First Amended Complaint (D.I. 36), First Affirmative Defense;  
25 *see also* MTD at 8 n.2. If SAP’s challenge demonstrates that certain works are excluded from  
26 the subject matter of copyright, then state law claims concerning such works would not be  
preempted. *See* 17 U.S.C. § 301(a). Moreover, Oracle could still pursue state law claims based  
on the improper use of uncopyrightable material. *See G.S. Rasmussen & Assocs. v. Kalitta*  
*Flying Servs., Inc.*, 958 F.2d 896, 901-04 (9th Cir. 1992).

27 <sup>4</sup> Despite SAP’s assertion to the contrary, there are no § 106 rights to “profit from” or “market”  
28 copyrighted works. *See* MTD at 16, 18.



1 element – from the copyright claim. *Altera Corp. v. Clear Logic*, 424 F.3d 1079, 1089 (9th Cir.  
2 2005) (citing *Summit Mach. Tool Mfg. v. Victor CNC Sys.*, 7 F.3d 1434, 1439-40 (9th Cir.  
3 1993)).

4 Oracle’s claims contain several “extra elements” that make them qualitatively  
5 different from the rights protected by the Act:

- 6 • Fraud. Fraud and misrepresentation claims have “extra elements,” which  
7 prevent preemption. See *Valente-Kritzer Video v. Pinckney*, 881 F.2d 772,  
8 776 (9th Cir. 1989); *Beilstein-Institut Zur Förderung Der Chemischen*  
9 *Wissenschaften v. MDL Info. Sys., Inc.*, 2006 WL 3218719 at \*4 (N.D. Cal.  
10 Nov. 7, 2006) (“[E]ven if the copyright infringement allegation underlying the  
11 ‘unlawful’ prong of plaintiff’s § 17200 claim is preempted, plaintiffs may  
12 assert . . . an independent alternate theory. Plaintiffs have done so by alleging  
13 fraudulent business practices.”).
- 14 • Use. Section 106 of the Act generally does not provide protection against  
15 unauthorized “use” of copyrighted materials. *Altera*, 424 F.3d at 1090; see  
16 also *Rasmussen*, 958 F.2d at 904 (section 301 does not preempt state law  
17 claim based on unauthorized use of uncopyrightable certificate)..
- 18 • Contractual Relationships. Private, bargained-for contractual rights and  
19 relationships are also outside the scope of the limited rights provided by  
20 § 106, except perhaps to the extent those rights overlap with a § 106 right.  
21 *Altera*, 424 F.3d at 1089 (“Most courts have held that the [] Act does not  
22 preempt the enforcement of contractual rights.”); *Meridian Proj. Sys. v.*  
23 *Hardin Construction Co.*, 426 F. Supp. 2d 1101, 1108-09 (E.D. Cal. 2006)  
24 (holding that a breach of contract claim alleging violation of an end-user  
25 license agreement for software was not preempted); see also 1 *Nimmer on*  
26 *Copyright* § 1.01[B][1][a], at 1-22 (The “vast majority of contract claims will  
27 presumably survive scrutiny . . .”).

28 Each of the challenged state law claims alleges factual elements that make it  
qualitatively different from Oracle’s copyright claims. See, e.g., TAC ¶¶ 183, 188-89, 198-99  
(alleging extra element of unauthorized use); ¶¶ 183, 191-92, 201-02 (alleging extra element of  
harm to private contractual rights or expectations); ¶¶ 164-67, 172-75, 188-90, 198-00, 205, 207-  
08 & 223 (alleging extra element of fraud); and ¶¶ 30, 76, 87, 110, 137 (alleging extraterritorial  
misconduct). Moreover, Oracle alleges these extra elements separate from its copyright claims,  
which it expressly excludes from the challenged claims. See *id.* ¶¶ 180-212 & 222-25.  
Accordingly, and as the analysis below establishes, the Act does not preempt any of the  
challenged state law claims.

1           **A.       The Act Does Not Preempt The Interference Claims**

2           Oracle alleges that SAP has intentionally and negligently interfered with its  
3           expectation of revenue from existing and future customers. This revenue comes from software  
4           maintenance contract renewals, new customer maintenance contracts, and new license deals from  
5           existing and future maintenance customers. TAC ¶ 191, 201. SAP argues that the Act preempts  
6           these claims because they “do not seek redress for conduct not otherwise addressed by the []  
7           Act.” MTD at 18.

8           SAP’s motion to dismiss Oracle’s interference claims fails for three reasons.  
9           First, the interference claims rely on allegations of fraud and deception, elements not found in  
10          the Act. Second, the Act does not preempt interference claims that rest on inducements to  
11          breach, or actual breaches, of private contractual software use restrictions not equivalent to any  
12          § 106 right. Third, in addition to also recovering on its existing copyright claims, to the extent  
13          Oracle discovers that SAP committed any particular acts of infringement entirely overseas, and  
14          unconnected to its domestic infringement, Oracle also may recover for those acts on an  
15          interference theory.

16                   **1.       Interference Claims Based On Fraud May Proceed**

17          The Act does not preempt interference claims based on misrepresentation, fraud,  
18          or deceit. *Valente-Kritzer*, 881 F.2d at 776 (element of misrepresentation is an “extra element”  
19          that defeats preemption); *Dielsi v. Falk*, 916 F. Supp. 985, 991-992 (C.D. Cal. 1996) (holding  
20          that a fraudulent promise not to violate the rightsholder’s “authorship rights” was not preempted  
21          under *Valente-Kritzer*). Oracle has alleged multiple underlying fraudulent activities. See TAC ¶  
22          190 (listing violations including Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, wire fraud, and fraud in  
23          connection with an access device). Consistent with *Valente-Kritzer*, interference claims based  
24          on these activities are not preempted. As a separate and independent ground to deny SAP’s  
25          motion, the Act does not preempt the federal causes of action listed in TAC ¶ 190. See 17 U.S.C.  
26          § 301(d).

27          In addition to these specific statutory claims involving fraud, Oracle also alleges  
28          an overall pattern of fraudulent and deceptive conduct by SAP in furtherance of its interference.

1 See TAC ¶¶ 165, 172-75, 188. These allegations support claims different from the rights  
2 protected by § 106. But even if the interference claims reach conduct protected by § 106, the  
3 claims may proceed because they “add” additional elements to, and are “qualitatively different”  
4 from, the rights of distribution, reproduction, creation of derivative works, and public display.

5 **2. The Act Does Not Preempt Claims Based On Certain**  
6 **Private Contractual Use Restrictions**

7 Oracle also alleges interference based on violations of contractual rights. “Most  
8 courts have held that the [ ] Act does *not* preempt the enforcement of contractual rights.” *Altera*,  
9 424 F.3d at 1089 (emphasis in original) (reviewing cases on unauthorized use from the Seventh  
10 Circuit, Eighth Circuit and Federal Circuit); *see also ProCD v. Zeidenberg*, 86 F.3d 1447, 1454  
11 (7th Cir. 1996) (reviewing cases from the Fourth, Fifth, and Federal Circuits and affirming that  
12 “courts usually read preemption clauses to leave private contract rights unaffected.”); 1 *Nimmer*  
13 *on Copyright* § 1.01[B][1][a], at 1-22 (The “vast majority of contract claims will presumably  
14 survive scrutiny . . . .”). Software licenses typically restrict how a licensee can use the software.  
15 These software “use” restrictions are “qualitatively different” than the rights contemplated in  
16 § 106. *Altera*, 424 F.3d at 1089-90; *see also Nat’l Car Rental Sys. v. Computer Associates Intl.,*  
17 *Inc.*, 991 F.2d 426 (8th Cir. 1993) (followed by *Altera*). The interference claims here rest in part  
18 on the violation, direct or induced, of the same types of use restrictions.

19 **a. The Act does not preempt the inducement of**  
20 **breach claims**

21 Inducing a customer’s breach of contractual use restrictions on a competitor’s  
22 software gives rise to a valid interference claim. *Altera*, 424 F.3d at 1089-90. In *Altera*, the  
23 plaintiff’s license agreements with its customers stated that customers could only “use the  
24 Licensed Programs for the sole purpose of programming [devices manufactured by the  
25 Plaintiff].” *Id.* at 1082. The plaintiff alleged that defendant Clear Logic induced breach of this  
26 contract by using the “Licensed Programs” to generate information (“a bitstream”) to deliver to  
27 Clear Logic, who in turned used the information to manufacture competing devices. *Id.* Clear  
28 Logic moved to dismiss, arguing that the Act preempted the interference claim based on this  
alleged conduct. The Ninth Circuit affirmed Judge Ware’s finding of no preemption because this

1 type of “use of the software’s end-product is not within the rights protected by the [] Act.” *Id.* at  
2 1090.

3 Oracle has alleged that SAP interfered with its prospective economic advantage  
4 by inducing breach, including through improper and deceptive use of usernames and passwords,  
5 of several agreements governing access to Oracle’s password-protected customer support site  
6 Customer Connection. TAC ¶ 102, 188, 189. As in *Altera*, Oracle’s inducement of breach  
7 allegations involve private contractual rights outside the scope of the Act. Moreover, because  
8 the Act does not preempt the breach of website restrictions, it also does not preempt interference  
9 accomplished through inducing such a breach. *See Perfect 10, Inc. v. Amazon, Inc.*, 487 F.3d  
10 701, 717-19 & n.7 (9th Cir. 2007).

11 **b. The Act does not preempt certain claims based**  
12 **on software access and misuse**

13 Oracle alleges more than inducement. It also alleges that SAP directly violated  
14 many restrictions governing access and use in agreements related to Software and Support  
15 Materials and Customer Connection. These are essentially the same allegations that support  
16 Oracle’s breach of contract claim, and both claims may proceed for the same reasons. SAP  
17 violated access and use restrictions, and did so in the course of unlawfully interfering with  
18 Oracle’s expected revenues.<sup>5</sup> These restrictions provide the extra element that precludes  
19 preemption of the economic interference claims.<sup>6</sup>

20 The following access and use allegations, among others, qualitatively differ from  
21 § 106 rights:

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23 <sup>5</sup> As explained below in Section VII(A), SAP is directly liable for breaches where it entered into  
contracts on behalf of a principal without a good faith belief it could do so. *See* Cal. Civ. Code  
§ 2343(2).

24 <sup>6</sup> The fact-finder in this case *might* ultimately determine that some use restrictions overlap with a  
25 § 106 right. That is particularly so where SAP used software in violation of Oracle’s § 106  
26 rights, although even in that instance if SAP then used the software in ways separate from § 106  
rights, those uses may not fall within the scope of the Act. Regardless, for these reasons and  
27 because the inquiry can turn on specific facts, Oracle does allege certain uses as copyright  
violations too. *E.g.*, TAC ¶ 156. However, the Court cannot resolve these issues on a Rule  
28 12(b)(6) motion.

- Use of “any portion of the software not expressly licensed to and paid for by the licensee,” sublicensing or disclosure to third parties, any use of the software and documentation by third parties, and “any use [of licensed software] other than by the customer for production, backup, archival and in-house disaster recovery purposes.” TAC ¶¶ 52- 53.
- Access to unlicensed Software and Support Materials on Customer Connection (*see, e.g.*, TAC ¶¶ 15, 102, 183);
- Access to Customer Connection by using improper credentials (*see, e.g.*, TAC ¶¶ 16, 99, 102);
- Access to Customer Connection without a legitimate business purpose (*see, e.g.*, TAC ¶¶ 102, 183);
- Access to Customer Connection not in furtherance of a relationship with Oracle (*see, e.g.*, TAC ¶¶ 91, 102, 183); and
- Using and referencing downloaded Software in unauthorized ways (*see, e.g.*, TAC ¶¶ 18, 102, 117-18, 183, 188).

Use - The allegations relating to “use” restrictions may proceed for the reasons described above in Section VI.A.2. *See Altera*, 424 F.3d at 1090 (“[U]se of the software’s end-product is not within the rights protected by the [ ] Act.”); *Meridian Proj. Sys.*, 426 F. Supp. 2d at 1108-09 (holding that a breach of contract claim regarding usage of software in violation of an end-user license agreement was not preempted).

Access - Access is not copying. SAP *accessed* Oracle’s systems, and the content on Customer Connection, in some cases without ever making a *copy*. Thus, Oracle’s allegations of access involve an “extra element” and survive preemption. *See, e.g., Perfect 10*, 487 F.3d at 717-719 & n.7. SAP seems to agree. In the part of its motion directed to the contract claim, it references only four of Oracle’s five bullet-points in TAC ¶ 183, ignoring the one solely about “access,” and then says, “to the extent that Plaintiffs’ breach of contract claims are based on allegations that Defendants’ [sic] impermissibly *used* Plaintiffs’ copyrighted material, this Court should dismiss Plaintiffs’ breach of contract action.” MTD at 18-19 (emphasis supplied). SAP does not say the same about “access.”

### 3. The Interference Claims May Rest On Wholly Extraterritorial Activity And Are Not Preempted

Oracle alleges, and has discovered evidence that proves, direct copyright infringement in the U.S. SAP’s argument that these allegations involve “wholly extraterritorial”

1 infringement, are therefore not actionable under the Act, is wrong as explained above. *See* Sec.  
2 IV, above, and MTD at 8-10.

3           However, discovery may reveal direct copyright infringement that occurred  
4 entirely outside of the U.S., unconnected to any direct infringement in the U.S. (Certain of SAP  
5 TN’s servers and a substantial amount of SAP AG’s electronic files have not yet even been  
6 produced). In that event, in addition to its existing copyright claims, Oracle also may pursue  
7 interference claims based on SAP’s wholly extraterritorial direct infringement. *See Allarcom*, 69  
8 F.3d at 384.

#### 9           **4. SAP Relies On Inapposite Cases**

10           SAP cites to several distinguishable cases from other California district courts  
11 finding preemption of economic interference claims. For various reasons, none support SAP’s  
12 motion.

13           First, Oracle agrees that the Act preempts claims for economic interference  
14 alleging intent as the only extra element. *See Motown Record Corp. v. George A. Hormel & Co.*,  
15 657 F. Supp. 1236, 1240 (C.D. Cal. 1987); *Worth v. Universal Pictures, Inc.*, 5 F. Supp. 2d 816,  
16 822 (C.D. Cal. 1997). “Intent” to violate copyrights does not save a non-copyright claim.  
17 However, as discussed above, Oracle relies not on intent, but on either or both of contractual use  
18 restrictions not equivalent to § 106 rights, or fraud, as the extra element of its economic  
19 interference claims. Therefore, *Motown* and *Worth* do not apply.

20           Second, SAP contends the Act preempts interference claims alleging only lost  
21 sales opportunities of copyrighted materials to unspecified customers. *See, e.g., Aagard v.*  
22 *Palomar Builders, Inc.*, 344 F. Supp. 2d 1211, 1219 (E.D. Cal. 2004) (finding preempted by the  
23 distribution right an “intentional interference with prospective economic advantage counterclaim  
24 [that did] not involve a contractual relationship” but only alleged “loss of business” due to  
25 unauthorized sale of claimant’s copyrighted work); *Idema*, 162 F. Supp. 2d 1129, 1191 (C.D.  
26 Cal. 2001) (finding economic interference claims with respect to unspecified prospective  
27 customers to be preempted by the distribution and reproduction rights).

28           As discussed above, Oracle has interference claims that rely on activity separate

1 and apart from SAP’s illegal reproduction and distribution of software. SAP also obtained – and  
2 maintained – through fraudulent conduct and by violating use restrictions in private contracts,  
3 customer relationships that Oracle would have had. While the parties continue to develop an  
4 agreed-upon list of relevant customers, SAP does not argue that Oracle has failed to specify any  
5 customers whose payments it would have received but for SAP’s interference. Therefore,  
6 *Aagard* and *Idema* do not support preemption of the interference claims.

7 **B. The Act Does Not Preempt The Breach of Contract Claim**

8 Oracle’s breach of contract claims survive for the same reason that its economic  
9 interference claims based on breach and inducing breach survive. *See* Sec. VI, above. The  
10 breaches alleged by Oracle provide “extra element[s] that [make] the right[s] asserted  
11 qualitatively different from those protected under the [] Act.” *Altera*, 424 F.3d at 1089; *see also*  
12 *Nat’l Car Rental*, 991 F.2d at 431.

13 SAP’s other cases do not support its preemption argument. In *Firooyze v.*  
14 *Earthlink Network*, 153 F. Supp. 2d 1115 (N.D. Cal. 2001), the contract claim was in fact *not*  
15 *preempted*, because the plaintiff alleged a breach of the promise to pay for a copyrighted work –  
16 “A promise to pay for the work constitutes an extra element such that a breach of contract claim  
17 is not preempted by section 301.” *Firooyze*, 153 F. Supp. 2d at 1127.<sup>7</sup> Similarly, Oracle’s  
18 claims include “extra elements” of access and use.

19 *Selby v. New Line Cinema Corp.*, 96 F. Supp. 2d 1053 (C.D. Cal. 2000), cited by  
20 SAP, dealt with an alleged implied-in-fact contract, not a written website access agreement. The  
21 *Selby* court disclaimed any general rule preempting contract claims, and adopted *National Car*  
22 *Rental*’s “fact specific approach requiring an analysis of whether ‘the right in question is  
23 infringed by the mere act of reproduction, performance, distribution, or display.’” *Id.* at 1061-

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25 <sup>7</sup> What SAP claims as the “holding” in *Firooyze* is actually a superficial summary in dicta of  
26 *Wrench LLC v. Taco Bell Corp.*, 256 F.3d 446 (6th Cir. 2001), which also found a contract claim  
27 not preempted. Consistent with the Ninth Circuit, *Wrench* limited its theoretical preemption only  
28 to uses swallowed up by § 106. 256 F.3d at 457 (hypothesizing that “[if] the promise amounts  
only to a promise to refrain from reproducing, performing, distributing or displaying the work,  
then the contract claim is preempted.”).

1 62. The *Selby* court found preemption only because the implied contract plead by the plaintiff  
2 did not “prohibit any conduct beyond that prohibited by the [] Act.” *Id.* at 1061. Unlike in  
3 *Selby*, Oracle has pled express access restrictions that prohibit conduct other than copying,  
4 distribution, derivative works, or public display.

5 **C. The Act Does Not Preempt Oracle’s Unfair Competition Claim**

6 California’s Unfair Competition Law (“UCL”) “includes three prongs – unlawful,  
7 unfair and fraudulent – any one of which may independently operate as the theory for a cause of  
8 action under § 17200.” *Beilstein-Institut*, 2006 WL 3218719 at \*4. Each prong of Oracle’s  
9 unfair competition claim qualitatively differs from its copyright claim, precluding preemption.  
10 *See Jonathan Browning, Inc. v. Venetian Casino Resort, LLC*, 2007 WL 4532214, \*10 (N.D.  
11 Cal. Dec. 19, 2007) (denying motion to dismiss UCL claim based on interference claim).

12 SAP concedes that the UCL claim in Oracle’s TAC relies on allegations outside  
13 the Act (*e.g.*, computer fraud and trespass). MTD at 19; *see also* TAC ¶ 205. Because SAP does  
14 not challenge those predicate bases for the UCL claim in this motion, the claim survives for that  
15 reason alone. *See id.* However, the Court should not find preemption as to *any* predicate act,  
16 including the ones targeted by SAP, because Oracle specifically excluded all of its copyright-  
17 related allegations from this claim. *See* TAC ¶¶ 204-212.

18 In support of the unlawful prong of California’s UCL, Oracle alleges unlawful  
19 conduct (in addition to the computer fraud and trespass claims), distinct from the Act: (i) receipt  
20 of stolen property, Cal. Penal Code § 496; (ii) wire fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1343; (iii) violation of  
21 RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962; and (iv) violation of the Stored Communications Act, 18 U.S.C.  
22 §§ 2701-11. *See* TAC ¶¶ 207-08. The TAC also alleges unfair competition grounded in SAP’s  
23 intentional and negligent interference with prospective economic advantage, and unjust  
24 enrichment. *See id.*; *see also Browning*, 2007 WL 4532214 at \*10 (interference claim “provides  
25 the extra element that is not preempted by federal law.”). Those claims are distinct from  
26 Oracle’s copyright action. *See* Sec. VI(A), above, and Sec. VIII, below. So too is Oracle’s claim  
27 under the “fraudulent” prong of the UCL. *See, e.g.*, TAC ¶¶ 207 (“The acts of Defendants  
28 constitute fraudulent . . . competition as defined by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*”);



1 *see also Beilstein-Institut*, 2006 WL 3218719 at \*4-5 (claim under fraudulent business practices  
2 prong not preempted). The Act does not preempt them.

3           Rather than grapple with the actual allegations of Oracle’s UCL claim, SAP  
4 erroneously compares Oracle’s claims with those made in *Kodadek*, *Sybersound*, and *Penpower*.  
5 *See* MTD at 20. Application of those cases, however, demands a detailed factual analysis that  
6 SAP declines to perform, and which disproves its argument.

7           In *Kodadek*, in addition to incorporating the copyright claim in its UCL claim by  
8 reference, the plaintiff’s complaint alleged that “defendants ‘have been publishing and placing  
9 on the market for sale products bearing the images subject to the copyright ownership of the  
10 plaintiff and has thereby been engaging in unfair trade practices and unfair competition against  
11 plaintiffs . . . .’” *Kodadek v. MTV Networks, Inc.*, 152 F.3d 1209, 1212-13 (9th Cir. 1998).  
12 Accordingly, “Kodadek’s complaint expressly base[d] his unfair competition claim on rights  
13 granted by the [] Act.” *Id.* at 1213. Oracle did just the opposite – it *excluded* its copyright  
14 allegations from the UCL claim. *See* TAC ¶¶ 204-212.

15           In *Sybersound Records, Inc. v. UAV Corp.*, 517 F.3d 1137 (9th Cir.  
16 2008), the court concluded that to the extent the unfair competition claim relied on copyright  
17 infringement, it “was properly dismissed because it is preempted.” *Id.* at 1152. The court then  
18 engaged in a detailed analysis of the remaining non-preempted unfair competition allegations,  
19 which focused on contract breach and misrepresentation. *Id.* at 1152-53. In doing so, it found  
20 that the plaintiff had not properly pled these claims, and dismissed them on that basis. *Id.* Like  
21 the other half of the *Sybersound* plaintiff’s claim, Oracle’s unfair competition claim relies on  
22 unrelated state and federal violations – all outside the bounds of the Act. Unlike *Sybersound*,  
23 Oracle has properly pled those claims – an issue not raised by SAP here.

24           Finally, in *Penpower Tech., Ltd. v. S.P.C. Tech.*, 2008 WL 2468486 (N.D. Cal.  
25 June 17, 2008), the plaintiffs’ two unfair competition claims alleged they had suffered  
26 “substantial injury, loss and damage to its ownership rights,” “loss of customers, dilution of  
27 goodwill, confusion of potential customers, injury to their reputation, and diminution of their  
28 property rights.” *Penpower*, 2008 WL 2468486 at \*5. The court “discern[ed] no ‘qualitative’

1 difference between the [UCL] claims and the copyright infringement claim.” *Id.* at \*6. In  
2 contrast, there are numerous “qualitative” differences between Oracle’s UCL and copyright  
3 infringement claims. TAC ¶¶ 204-12. *Penpower*, like *Kodadek* and *Sybersound*, is inapposite.

4 **D. The Act Does Not Preempt Oracle’s Accounting Claim**

5 SAP concedes that Oracle’s Accounting claim is not preempted to the extent it  
6 does not “rely on allegations that Defendants’ [sic] committed copyright infringement.” MTD at  
7 22. That concession should end the discussion because Oracle explicitly *excluded* its copyright  
8 allegations from its Accounting cause of action. *See* TAC ¶¶ 222-25.

9 First, it excluded the copyright allegations from its incorporation paragraph. *See*  
10 TAC ¶ 222 (incorporating all paragraphs except for Oracle’s copyright-related allegations).  
11 Second, the “unlawful conduct” identified by Oracle in the Accounting cause of action excludes  
12 any reference to Oracle’s copyright allegations. TAC ¶ 223 (identifying SAP’s breach,  
13 interference, unfair business, fraudulent access, and trespass as basis for claim). SAP says  
14 nothing about, and does not move to dismiss, two of these bases (the fraudulent access and  
15 trespass claims). *See* MTD at 21. The Accounting claim survives on these bases alone.

16 The other claims that underlie the Accounting claim (breach of contract,  
17 interference, and unlawful business practices claims), are not pre-empted so the Accounting  
18 claim may rely on them as well. *See* TAC ¶ 223(a) & Sec. VI(B), above (breach of contract);  
19 TAC ¶ 223(b) and Sec. VI(A), above (interference); TAC ¶ 223(c) and Sec. VI(C), above  
20 (unlawful business practices).

21 SAP’s authority does not support a different result. First, SAP cites *Worth* as  
22 support for dismissal to the extent that the Accounting claim relates to SAP’s interference. MTD  
23 at 21 n.9. But the *Worth* court did not find preemption of the plaintiff’s accounting claim at all.  
24 *Worth*, 5 F. Supp. 2d at 823 (finding accounting not preempted and “necessary for Plaintiffs to  
25 determine the amount of damages they are seeking due to the alleged unauthorized use of their  
26 screenplay.”). Next, SAP cites the procedural background section of *Idema v. Dreamworks* – a  
27 case in which the plaintiff did not bring an accounting claim and which has no other apparent  
28 bearing on the issues here. *See* MTD at 21.

1 SAP’s third and fourth cases – *Motown* and *Falcon Enters. v. Nobel Devs. Inc.*,  
2 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 15809 (W.D. Wash. Mar. 5, 2007) – do not apply factually. Both courts  
3 found that the plaintiff’s accounting claim was grounded in its copyright claim, seeking rights  
4 and remedies equivalent to those provided for under the copyright statute. *See Motown*, 657 F.  
5 Supp. at 1241; *Falcon Enters.*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 15809 at \*9. Unlike *Motown* and *Falcon*,  
6 Oracle’s Accounting claim is expressly based on different state law rights and remedies. *See*  
7 TAC ¶¶ 222-25. The Act cannot preempt this claim either. *See Firoozye*, 153 F. Supp. 2d at  
8 1132 (denying motion to dismiss Accounting claim if based on non-preempted state claims).

9 **VII. ORACLE HAS A VALID BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM**

10 **A. SAP Is Liable Under The Contracts To The Extent It Entered**  
11 **Them In Bad Faith, As Oracle Has Alleged**

12 Oracle has alleged SAP breached the Customer Connection Terms of Use, the  
13 Special Terms of Use, the SAR Legal Restrictions, and the Legal Download Agreement (the  
14 “Customer Connection Agreements”). *See* TAC ¶¶ 180-184. These are “clickwrap” or  
15 “clickthrough” agreements, which means the online user encounters the agreements’ terms on  
16 the websites and must select “I agree” or “Yes” before continuing to access the password-  
17 protected portions of the websites. Courts recognize these as valid contracts. *See, e.g., Wall*  
18 *Data Inc. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dep’t*, 447 F.3d 769, 775 n.5 (9th Cir. 2006); *see also*  
19 *Mark A. Lemley, Terms of Use*, 91 MINN. L. REV. 459, 466 (2006) (“every court to consider the  
20 issue has held clickwrap licenses enforceable.”). SAP does not argue otherwise. *See generally*  
21 *MTD* at 22-24.

22 The TAC describes how SAP repeatedly entered into these agreements by  
23 selecting the “I agree” option, and then promptly breached them by accessing the websites in  
24 violation of the contractual terms or by lawfully accessing the sites and then violating the use  
25 restrictions by using the accessed materials to support other customers.. *See* TAC ¶¶ 15, 16, 17,  
26 54-60, 99, 102, 103, 104, 106, 180-184. SAP, in turn, has repeatedly argued that its agreements  
27 with its customers permitted its conduct. *See, e.g.,* Defendants’ Answer to First Amended  
28 Complaint (D.I. 36), ¶¶ 2, 3, 5, 8-10, 15, 68, 72, 76-81, 131, 132, 141, 142 and Affirmative

1 Defenses Two, Three, Nine.

2 Now, SAP improperly shades these admissions. It argues that the agreements it  
3 made (and even programmed its Titan software to automatically accept) can only bind Oracle’s  
4 actual customers, not SAP, and that “[t]he fact that TN was acting on behalf of Oracle customers  
5 in accessing Plaintiffs’ websites” is irrelevant. MTD at 22-24 & n.11.

6 SAP misses the point. SAP is liable for breach if it entered the contracts on  
7 behalf of its customers without a good faith belief that it had authority to do so. *See* Cal. Civ.  
8 Code § 2343(2); 10 Witkin, Vol. 3 (Agency), § 196; *see also Jeppi v. Brockman Holding Co.*, 34  
9 Cal. 2d 11, 18-19 (1949). Oracle has alleged just that: SAP knew it did not have authority from  
10 its customers to access the Customer Connection materials or use these materials it obtained in  
11 knowing breach of the use restrictions. *See* TAC ¶¶ 15, 16, 17, 54-60, 99, 102, 103, 104, 106,  
12 180-184. SAP is liable on these contracts as a principal *because* it claims it acted on behalf of  
13 customers.

14 SAP’s authorities are either distinguishable or irrelevant. For example, the point  
15 is not that only the particular person, or member of the class, to whom an offer is made can  
16 accept that offer. *See Plummer v. Ehlers*, 50 Cal. App. 2d 352, 355 (1942); *Ott v. Home Savings*  
17 *& Loan Ass’n*, 265 F.2d 643, 646 (9th Cir. 1958). SAP could accept the offers on behalf of its  
18 principals to further the goals of the agency. *See Ott*, 265 F.2d at 646; *see also* Cal. Civ. Code  
19 §§ 2315, 2319; Restatement (Third) of Agency, § 2.02 (2006) (“An agent has actual authority to  
20 take . . . acts necessary or incidental to achieving the principal’s objectives.”); *cf. Hofer v. Gap,*  
21 *Inc.*, 516 F. Supp. 2d 161, 175 (D. Mass. 2007) (plaintiff bound by agent’s acceptance of  
22 defendant’s click-through agreement on its website). However, Oracle has alleged SAP  
23 knowingly accepted the offers under false pretenses, with false information, and *without* the  
24 actual authority to access Customer Connection in the manner they then did. As a result, SAP  
25 exceeded the scope of its agency in bad faith and made *itself* liable for breach of the contract  
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1 terms.<sup>8</sup>

2 **B. SAP Is Liable Based On Its Own Acceptance Of The Terms**

3 SAP clicked through Oracle’s website and repeatedly agreed to the enforceable  
4 terms of use it encountered. Now, as a matter of law, it claims it cannot be bound by these  
5 agreements based on a complicated interpretation of how the contract terms apply or not to SAP.  
6 This analysis is simply not appropriate on a motion to dismiss.

7 SAP contends that its click agreements do not matter because Oracle extended the  
8 four contracts only to “customers with agreements with an Oracle entity.” MTD at 23. In effect,  
9 SAP apparently believes it can agree to use terms with impunity, safe in knowing that its  
10 customers (whose contracts with SAP are not even before the Court) are bound but SAP is not.  
11 That is wrong, as both a factual and legal matter.

12 On their face, the contracts do not define their audience, but instead contemplate  
13 that *any* person using the websites can contract to the terms of the Customer Connection  
14 Agreements. Since this scenario matches Oracle’s allegations exactly, Oracle has sufficiently  
15 made out a claim for breach of contract. *See, e.g.*, TAC ¶¶ 15-17, 54-60, 99, 102, 103, 104, 106,  
16 180-184. The contractual language supports this analysis: the agreements extend the offers to  
17 “you” or “Customer,” but neither term is defined. Instead, the agreements contemplate the  
18 offeree as a person accessing the site or server or using Oracle’s web-based technical support  
19 services. *See* Lanier Decl. ¶ 23 & Ex. 5 (Customer Connection Terms of Use contemplate  
20 “customer” as a person “using the Oracle Customer Connection Web-based technical support  
21 services); *id.* ¶ 24 & Ex. 6 (Special Terms of Use contemplate “you” as a person “access[ing]  
22 and us[ing] [] certain protected and secured areas” of Oracle’s website); *id.* ¶ 25 & Ex. 7 (SAR  
23 Legal Restrictions contemplate “you” as a person or entity accessing software from Oracle’s  
24 server); *id.* ¶ 26 & Ex. 8 (Legal Download Agreement contemplates “you” as a person

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26 <sup>8</sup> *Estate of Watts v. Dickerson*, 162 Cal. App. 3d 1160, 1164 (1984), cited by SAP, held that  
27 when a defendant in a personal injury suit makes a formal settlement offer to a plaintiff under  
28 Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 998, and the plaintiff then dies, the plaintiff’s estate cannot accept the  
offer. This case does not apply to Oracle’s claims.

1 “accessing this Server”). Oracle has further alleged that SAP indicated its acceptance of each of  
2 the Customer Connection Agreements’ terms when it clicked “Yes” or “I accept” on the  
3 websites. *See* TAC ¶¶ 54-60, 180-184. SAP does not dispute that this kind of assent can  
4 constitute valid acceptance of Oracle’s offers. As a result, SAP’s click acceptance of the  
5 enforceable website agreements binds it to those terms.

6 **VIII. CALIFORNIA LAW RECOGNIZES A CLAIM FOR UNJUST**  
7 **ENRICHMENT/RESTITUTION**

8 Citing just two cases, SAP contends “California law does not provide a cause of  
9 action for unjust enrichment.” MTD at 24. In fact, a slew of California state and federal courts –  
10 including several in this district – do permit this cause of action.

11 Under California law, “the elements for a claim of unjust enrichment [are]: receipt  
12 of a benefit and unjust retention of the benefit at the expense of another.” *Lectrodryer v.*  
13 *Seoulbank*, 77 Cal. App. 4th 723, 726 (2000); *see also In re Dynamic Random Access Memory*  
14 *Antitrust Litigation*, 536 F. Supp. 2d 1129, 1145-46 (N. D. Cal. 2008) (this Court found that the  
15 plaintiffs had properly alleged most elements of their unjust enrichment claim under California  
16 law). Other courts also recognize the claim.

17 Oracle meets its pleading burden here. In the TAC, supported by specific  
18 examples of unlawful conduct, Oracle alleges that SAP “unjustly received benefits at the expense  
19 of” Oracle and SAP “continue[s] to unjustly retain these benefits at the expense of” Oracle.  
20 TAC ¶¶ 219-221. Regardless of the title, Oracle’s allegations suffice to state a claim for unjust  
21 enrichment/restitution under California law.

22 SAP cites to one Ninth Circuit case, *Paracor*, and one California state case,  
23 *Melchior*, as its support. MTD at 24-25. *Paracor* supports Oracle’s position that this cause of  
24 action exists, holding that under California law “unjust enrichment is an action in quasi-  
25 contract...” *Paracor Fin. v. General Elec. Capital Corp.*, 96 F.3d 1151, 1167 (9th Cir. 1996).  
26 The *Melchior* court acknowledged that the plaintiff may have been “entitled to *restitution* under  
27 a quasi-contract theory” but did not plead it and “waived any such claim.” *Melchior v. New Line*  
28 *Prods., Inc.*, 106 Cal. App. 4th 779, 793 (2003) (emphasis supplied). Oracle pled its cause of

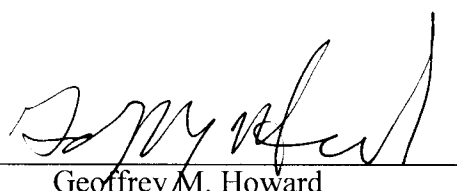
1 action as a claim for “Unjust Enrichment/Restitution,” seeking a constructive trust and “full  
2 restitution of all amounts in which Defendants have been unjustly enriched at [Oracle’s]  
3 expense.” TAC ¶ 221. Accordingly, Oracle’s Ninth Cause of Action even survives *Melchior*.

4 **IX. CONCLUSION**

5 For the foregoing reasons, SAP’s motion to dismiss this action should be denied.  
6 In the event that the Court is inclined to grant any portion of the motion, Oracle requests leave to  
7 amend the TAC.

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