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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, in Courtroom 3 of this Court, located at 280 South 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113 (5th Floor), Defendant Google Inc. ("Google") will, and hereby does, move for Summary Judgment of Invalidity.

Pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Google respectfully moves the Court for an Order granting Summary Judgment in Google's favor and a finding that claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,713,740 ("the '740 patent," Ex. A) is invalid. In the event that the Court elects not to entertain this motion, Google has concurrently moved this Court for a stay of all proceedings in view of the recent grant by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of Defendant's Request for Reexamination of the '740 patent based on a substantial new question of patentability raised by Defendant. (*See* Ex. B.)

I. INTRODUCTION

In the present action, Plaintiff Textscape LLC ("Textscape") has alleged that the "scrollbar indication" feature in Google's Chrome Web Browser embodies every element in claim 1 of the '740 patent. (See Ex. C, Plaintiff's Disclosure of Asserted Claims and Infringement Contentions.) However, the same feature is clearly illustrated in the prior art to the '740 patent, which anticipates claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), (e) and (g). Indisputable evidence establishes that Plaintiff's earliest alleged conception date for claim 1 of the '740 patent post-dates the U.S. filing dates of the anticipatory prior art. Claim 1 of the '740 patent is therefore invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), (e) and (g), as discussed below.

As a second basis for invalidity, claim 1, as asserted against Google, is invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1 for lack of written description. Textscape alleges that claim 1 should be read in such a manner as to be infringed by the Chrome Web Browser, but as this Court has recently recognized in *Textscape LLC v. Adobe Systems Inc.*, the '740 patent specification establishes that the alleged inventor was not in possession of a graphical user interface ("GUI") such as the

All references to "Ex. __." are Exhibits attached to the Declaration of Scott T. Weingaertner ("Decl."), submitted with this motion.

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With respect to the accused functionality, Textscape's claim chart states that

search terms to locate within a web page being viewed in the browser . . . [f]or each hit of the search term, the Chrome Web Browser displays a horizontal yellow bar in the scrollbar at the location of the hit within the web page." (*Id.* at 3.)

- (4) Textscape's infringement contentions assert that the '740 patent is entitled to a priority date of January 18, 1994. (*Id.* at 3.)
- (5) The inventor of the '740 patent has recently testified under oath that he conceived of the invention claimed in the '740 patent no earlier than November 1990. (*See* Ex. D, Excerpts of the April 7, 2010 *Deposition of R. David Middlebrook* in *Textscape LLC v. Adobe Systems Inc.*, 3:09-cv-4550-BZ (N.D. Cal.).)
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,339,391 ("the '391 patent," Ex. E) issued on August 16, 1994 and is entitled "Computer display unit with attributed enhanced scroll bar."
- (7) The '391 patent was filed on August 4, 1993 as a continuation of Application No. 07/523,117, which was filed on May 14, 1990. (*See* Ex. F, excerpts from the Prosecution History of the '391 patent.) The initial application filed on May 14, 1990 contains all of the subject matter from the '391 patent that is identified as anticipatory in this motion. (*See id.*)
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,510,808 ("the '808 patent," Ex. G) issued on April 23, 1996 and is entitled "Scrollbar having system of user supplied information."
- (9) The '808 patent was filed on January 31, 1995 as a continuation of Application No. 531,213, which was filed on May 31, 1990. (*See* Ex. H, excerpts from the Prosecution History of the '808 patent.) The initial application filed on May 31, 1990 contains all of the subject matter from the '808 patent identified as anticipatory in this motion. (*See id.*)
- (10) For purposes of this Motion only, without acceding to the propriety of Textscape's reading of the claims and reserving all rights to challenge that reading, Google relies on: (i) Textscape's attempt to read claim 1 of the '740 patent on the Chrome Web Browser; (ii) Textscape's assertion of a January 18, 1994 priority date for the '740 patent; and (iii) the inventor's previous testimony that he is entitled to a conception date in November 1990.
- (11) The '391 and '808 patents both have initial filing dates in May 1990 (Exs. F; H), well before the asserted '740 patent's priority date of January 18, 1994, and before the earliest

possible conception date of the '740 patent, as provided in the inventor's testimony. The disclosures in the '391 and '808 patents are therefore available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), (e), and (g).

(12) In the District Court's *Order Granting Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment* in *Textscape LLC v. Adobe Systems Inc.*, 3:09-cv-4550-BZ, Dkt. 57 (N.D. Cal. June 7, 2010) ("*Adobe* Order," Ex. I), the Court held that:

[Textscape's other patents] describe the use of Graphical User Interfaces ("GUI") as part of one such [claim] step. The '740 patent does not contain any such reference. Plaintiff claims that its disclosure in the '740 patent of the use of "existing computer graphics software and existing software programs to implement the invention" is sufficient. [] However, plaintiff concedes that it made an explicit disclosure of the use and implementation of GUIs in both the [other Textscape] patents, but did not do so in the '740 patent. Plaintiff's contention that the use of GUIs is "obvious" to one skilled in the arts runs contrary to the Federal Circuit's holding in Ariad. I find that the reference to existing software does not disclose to one skilled in the art that the inventor had possession of the means to accomplish the claims of the '740 patent using a GUI.

Id. at 5 (citing *Ariad Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Eli Lilly and Co.*, 598 F.3d 1336 (Fed. Cir. 2010) (*en banc*)) (emphasis added).

IV. LEGAL STANDARD

A. Summary Judgment

Summary judgment is appropriate where there is no genuine issue as to any material fact. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 56(c); *Lockwood v. American Airlines, Inc.*, 107 F.3d 1565, 1569 (Fed. Cir. 1997). To defeat a summary judgment motion, the opposing party must do "more than simply show that there is some metaphysical doubt as to the material facts." *Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp.*, 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986). In this regard, unsupported conclusions on the ultimate issue of invalidity are "insufficient to raise a genuine issue of material fact." *Dynacore Holdings Corp. v. U.S. Philips Corp.*, 363 F.3d 1263, 1278 (Fed. Cir. 2004). Instead, the opposing party must set forth "specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial." FED. R. CIV. P. 56(e); *Matsushita Elec.*, 475 U.S. at 587.

B. Invalidity under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a), (e) and (g)

Patent law provides that a person is not entitled to a patent if:

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or . . .
- (e) the invention was described in . . . (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent. . ., or

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(g) . . . (2) before such person's invention thereof, the invention was made in this country by another inventor who had not abandoned, suppressed, or concealed it. . . .

35 U.S.C. § 102(a), (e) and (g). "A prior art reference anticipates a patent if it discloses all the limitations of the claimed invention." *Amgen Inc. v. Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc.*, 457 F.3d 1293, 1304 (Fed. Cir. 2006) (citing *Oney v. Ratliff*, 182 F.3d 893, 895 (Fed. Cir. 1999)). The prior art may disclose the claimed limitations either explicitly or inherently to anticipate them. *Telemac Cellular Corp. v. Topp Telecom, Inc.*, 247 F.3d 1316 (Fed. Cir. 2001) (citing *In re Schreiber*, 128 F.3d 1473, 1477 (Fed. Cir. 1997)).

"Although anticipation is a question of fact, it still may be decided on summary judgment if the record reveals no genuine dispute of material fact." *Telemac*, 247 F.3d at 1327.

C. Invalidity under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1

The Patent Statute provides as follows:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same...

35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1. Sitting *en banc* this year, the Federal Circuit "read the statute to give effect to its language that . . . § 112, first paragraph, contains two separate description requirements: a 'written description [i] of the invention, and [ii] of the manner and process of making and using [the invention].'" *Ariad*, 598 F.3d at 1344. The Court described the test for written description as "whether the disclosure of the application relied upon reasonably conveys to those skilled in the art that the inventor had possession of the claimed subject matter as of the filing date." *Id.* at

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1531. In other words, "the specification itself that must demonstrate possession . . . a description that merely renders the invention obvious does not satisfy the requirement." *Id.* at 1532.

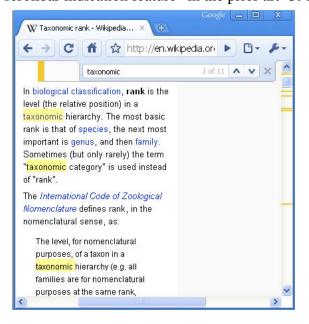
"Compliance with the written description requirement is a question of fact but is amenable to summary judgment in cases where no reasonable fact finder could return a verdict for the nonmoving party." *PowerOasis, Inc. v. T-Mobile USA, Inc.*, 522 F.3d 1299, 1307 (Fed. Cir. 2008) (citing *Invitrogen Corp. v. Clontech Labs., Inc.*, 429 F.3d 1052, 1072-73 (Fed. Cir. 2005)). "[A] patent can be held invalid for failure to meet the written description requirement, based solely on the language of the patent specification." *Univ. of Rochester v. G.D. Searle & Co., Inc.*, 358 F.3d 916, 927 (Fed. Cir. 2004) (citation omitted).

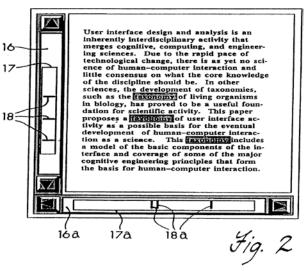
V. ARGUMENT

A. Textscape's Allegations

Textscape alleges that Google's Chrome Web Browser infringes claim 1 of the '740 patent because when a user searches for a particular word or phrase in a webpage, the browser generates a horizontal line in the scrollbar adjacent to each line of the webpage in which that term or phrase appears. (See Ex. C at 3 ("For each hit of the search term, the Chrome Web Browser displays a horizontal yellow bar in the scrollbar at the location of the hit within the web page").) However, as demonstrated below, the '391 and '808 patents both disclose and illustrate precisely the same functionality that Plaintiff accuses of infringement – identifying the line of text within a document where a search term appears by placing horizontal lines in the scrollbar adjacent to those terms. Each element of Textscape's infringement allegations against the Chrome Web Browser's "scrollbar indication feature" is therefore shown in its entirety by the '391 and '808 patents. Each of these prior art patents therefore renders claim 1 invalid under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated, because "it has been well established for over a century that the same test must be used for both infringement and anticipation. This general rule derives from the Supreme Court's proclamation 120 years ago in the context of utility patents: '[t]hat which infringes, if later, would anticipate, if earlier." Int'l Seaway Trading Corp. v. Walgreens Corp., 589 F.3d 1233, 1239 (Fed. Cir. 2009) (quoting Peters v. Active Mfg. Co., 129 U.S. 530, 537 (1889)).

The figure below on the left is a screenshot of the accused scrollbar indication feature in Google's Chrome Web Browser. (*See* Decl. at ¶ 11.) The figure on the right illustrates the same "scrollbar indication feature" in the prior art '391 patent. (*See* Ex. E at Fig. 2; Ex. F at Fig. 2.)





Accused Web Chrome Browser

Fig. 2 in the prior art '391 patent

As asserted by Textscape against Google's Chrome Web Browser, there is simply no difference between the elements in claim 1 of the asserted '740 patent and the corresponding disclosure in the prior art '391 patent, which fully describes the use of search result indicators in a scrollbar. As further demonstrated in Table 1 below, the '391 patent disclosure clearly anticipates claim 1, as asserted against Google, on an element-by-element basis in view of the claim as applied by Textscape's Patent L.R. 3-1(c) allegations. These prior art disclosures also appear in the original application for the '391 patent that was filed on May 14, 1990. (*See* Ex. F at 3, 7, 11.)

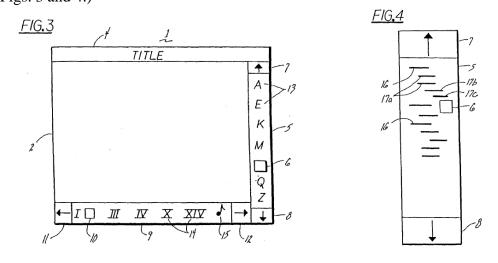
Table 1

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Textscape's Patent I	L.R. 3-1(c) Allegations (Ex. C)				
Asserted Claim 1	Google Chrome Web Browser	Prior Art '391 Patent			
1. A method of producing a representation of text to enable a person to obtain some comprehension of said text without reading all of said text, comprising the steps of:	"The Google Chrome Web Browser includes a Find in Page feature that allows a user to enter search terms to locate within a web page being viewed in the browser. The Chrome Web Browser uses the vertical scroll as a representation of the webpage and to show the location of hits for the search terms."	See, e.g., Col. 1:55-61: "With the attribute enhanced scroll bar of the present invention, a user can determine the distribution of significant attributes in the space defined by the stored data file, and can determine the existence of significant data attributes outside of the visible portion of the data file presently being displayed in the data display field of the screen"			
identifying at least one feature contained within at least a portion of said text;	"The Find in Page feature of the Chrome Web Browser allows a user to enter a search term. The Chrome Web Browser searches the text of the currently displayed web page to identify hits for the search term."	See, e.g., Col. 1:62-63 "Examples of significant data attributes includ words or phrases within a document" See, e.g., Col. 5:24-25: "the implementation could be used for many things, such as finding the hits in the textual search of a buffer"			
creating at least one representation of said portion of said text,	"The Chrome Web Browser uses the vertical scrollbar as a representation of the web page and to show the location of hits for the search terms."	See, e.g., Col. 2:4-6: "As a result, significant task-specific attributes the data file being displayed are visually indexed against a scroll bar"			
wherein said representation of said portion of said text does not include any readable words but does include a graphical indication that indicates the presence of said at least one feature at at least one location within said at least one representation.	"The vertical scrollbar in the Chrome Browser does not include any readable words or text from the web page. For each hit of the search term, the Chrome Web Browser displays a horizontal yellow bar in the scrollbar at the location of the hit within the web page."	See, e.g., Col. 2:4-6: "As a result, significant task-specific attributes of the data file being displayed are visually indexed against a scroll bar" See, e.g., Col. 4: 3-6: "FIG. 3 illustrates how a significant amount of information can be obtained about a data file by viewing the featural representation of the data file offered by the enhanced scroll bar alone."			

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C. Claim 1 is Invalid Under § 102 In View of the Prior Art '808 Patent

Claim 1 of the '740 patent is also anticipated by the prior art '808 patent. According to the '808 patent, "[i]t is a still further object of the invention to provide presentation space-related location information within a scrollbar, the location information having the form of, by example, characters, symbols, graphics, color and/or audio cues." (Ex. G at Col. 2:58-62; Ex. H at 5.) The '808 patent further provides that "[s]earch command results may also be indicated by scrollbar location information. That is, a command to find all occurrences of a specific character string results in location information being written to the vertical scrollbar, the location information indicating each occurrence of the search string within the document." (Ex. G at Col. 5:47-52; Ex. H at 12-13.) The '808 patent also provides corresponding figures, which illustrate the different types of indicators that can be used in a scrollbar. (See, e.g., Ex. G at Figs. 3 and 4; Ex. H at Figs. 3 and 4.)



Figures 3 and 4 in the prior art '808 patent

The '808 patent explains that in "FIG. 4 there is shown another embodiment of a vertical scrollbar 5 having location information in the form of linear graphical symbols 16 and 17." (Ex. G at Col. 4: 44-46; Ex. H at 10.) The '808 patent clearly describes every aspect of the feature in the Google Chrome Web Browser which Textscape has alleged to infringe each element of claim 1. As further demonstrated in Table 2 below, the '808 patent disclosure anticipates claim 1 on an element-by-element basis in view of Textscape's infringement contentions. These disclosures also appear in the original application filed on May 31, 1990. (See Ex. H at 10, 12-13, Abstract.)

Table 2

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Textscape's Patent L.l					
Asserted Claim 1	Google Chrome Web Browser	Prior Art '808 Patent			
1. A method of producing a representation of text to enable a person to obtain some comprehension of said text without reading all of said text, comprising the steps of:	"The Google Chrome Web Browser includes a Find in Page feature that allows a user to enter search terms to locate within a web page being viewed in the browser. The Chrome Web Browser uses the vertical scroll as a representation of the webpage and to show the location of hits for the search terms."	See, e.g., Abstract: "A third step displays within the scrollbar at least one indicia for indicating a relative location of a feature of interest within the presentation space. The indicia may take the form of alphanumeric characters, symbols, colors, graphical images, audio information and combinations thereof."			
identifying at least one feature contained within at least a portion of said text;	"The Find in Page feature of the Chrome Web Browser allows a user to enter a search term. The Chrome Web Browser searches the text of the currently displayed web page to identify hits for the search term."	See, e.g., Col. 5:47-52: "Searce command results may also be indicated by scrollbar location information. That is, a command to find all occurrences of a specific character string results in			
creating at least one representation of said portion of said text,	"The Chrome Web Browser uses the vertical scrollbar as a representation of the web page and to show the location of hits for the search terms."	location information being written to the vertical scrollbar the location information indicating each occurrence of the search string within the document." (discloses both elements)			
wherein said representation of said portion of said text does not include any readable words but does include a graphical indication that indicates the presence of said at least one feature at at least one location within said at least one representation.	"The vertical scrollbar in the Chrome Browser does not include any readable words or text from the web page. For each hit of the search term, the Chrome Web Browser displays a horizontal yellow bar in the scrollbar at the location of the hit within the web page."	See, e.g., Col. 4:44-56: "Referring to FIG. 4 there is shown another embodiment of a vertical scrollbar 5 having location information in the form of linear graphical symbols 16 and 17." See, e.g., Col. 5:47-52, above			

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D. Claim 1 is Invalid Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1 For Lack of Written Description

As explained by the District Court's Order in *Textscape LLC v. Adobe Systems Inc.*, the use of a Graphical User Interface ("GUI") is not described in the '740 patent. (*See Adobe* Order, Ex. H at 5:5-8.) The Court further noted that "plaintiff concedes that it made an explicit disclosure of the use and implementation of GUIs in both the [other Textscape] patents, but did not do so in the '740 patent." (*Id.* at 5:12-14.) Instead, the '740 patent vaguely explains:

Textmapping may also be practiced on text displayed on a computer screen. Existing computer graphics software, including pen technology for computers, may be used in much the same way as pencils, pens and colored markers are used to map a text displayed on paper. In addition, elements of existing software programs, such as the search functions employed in most word processing software packages, can be used to quickly locate selected features in a text.

(Ex. A, '740 patent at 10:55-62). This disclosure is exactly what the *Ariad* Court held was not sufficient to meet the written disclosure requirement. 598 F.3d at 1532 (finding that it is "the specification itself that must demonstrate possession . . . [but] a description that merely renders the invention obvious does not satisfy the requirement"). The District Court in the *Adobe* case recognized this patent's failure in holding that "Plaintiff's contention that the use of GUIs is 'obvious' to one skilled in the arts runs contrary to the Federal Circuit's holding in Ariad." (*Adobe* Order, Ex. I at 5:15-17.) The Court concluded that "the reference to existing software does not disclose to one skilled in the art that the inventor had possession of the means to accomplish the claims of the '740 patent using a GUI." (*Id.* at 5:17-20.) *See generally Pharmacia & Upjohn Co. v. Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 170 F.3d 1373, 1379-80 (Fed. Cir. 1999) (noting that a judgment of invalidity will have a collateral estoppel effect if the "patentee has had a full and fair opportunity to litigate the relevant issue or issues in a prior case").

In sum, while Textscape reads claim 1 against the GUI functionality in the Chrome Web Browser, it is invalid under § 112, ¶ 1 because the '740 patent lacks any written description demonstrating that the "inventor had possession of the claimed subject matter as of the filing date." *Ariad*, 598 F.3d at 1544; *Adobe* Order, Ex. I at 5.

E. This Motion is Ripe for Adjudication

This motion is ripe for adjudication because the present motion is based solely upon (i) Plaintiff's reading and application of asserted claim 1, eliminating any issue of claim construction, (ii) Plaintiff's assertions as to priority entitlement and (iii) the simple text and graphics of the prior art references.

The indisputable prior art discloses, on an element-by-element basis, precisely the same functionality identified in Textscape's infringement contentions, establishing that the prior art anticipates claim 1 of the '740 patent.

Likewise, Google has shown that – as previously decided by another Division of this Court – the '740 patent is also invalid because it lacks the written description that would be necessary to read and apply claim 1 to a graphical user interface such as the accused Chrome Web Browser.

Given that there are only a few material facts relevant to this Motion and they are either undisputed or indisputable, such as priority dates for the prior art patents, there is no basis to prolong this case or delay ruling on this Motion. Summary judgment should therefore be granted because there are no genuine issues of material fact and Google is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 56(c); *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 247-48 (1986).

VI. CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Google respectfully requests that the Court grant its Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of claim 1 of the '740 patent under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a), (e) and (g) and 112, ¶ 1, and enter judgment for Google in this action.

DATED: June 16, 2010 KING & SPALDING LLP

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