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15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
16 OAKLAND DIVISION

17 MATTHEW CAMPBELL and MICHAEL  
HURLEY,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 FACEBOOK, INC.,

21 Defendant.  
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Case No. C 13-05996 PJH (MEJ)

**PUTATIVE CLASS ACTION**

**DECLARATION OF DAN FECHETE IN  
SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT FACEBOOK,  
INC.'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS'  
MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION**

1 I, Dan Fechete, declare as follows:

2 1. I have been employed as a software engineer at Facebook since October 2011, and my  
3 current title is Engineering Manager. I am over the age of 18. Since I joined Facebook, I have  
4 worked on Facebook’s Developer Platform, and, until they were deprecated, my work encompassed  
5 Facebook’s “Recommendations” and “Activity Feed” plugins and certain Facebook services related  
6 to those plugins. The following facts reflecting functionality prior to October 2011 are based on my  
7 review of the cited documents and related source code. The following facts reflecting functionality  
8 after October 2011 are based on my review of the cited documents and related source code, as well as  
9 my personal knowledge. If called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently to  
10 these facts.

11 2. I provide this Declaration to explain certain facts regarding Facebook’s software code  
12 as it relates to Facebook’s “Recommendations” and “Activity Feed” plugins and certain Facebook  
13 services related to those plugins, particularly as they related to uniform resource locators (“URLs”) in  
14 messages sent and received through the Facebook platform.

15 3. I understand that on November 13, 2015, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Certification of  
16 the following proposed class:

17 All natural-person Facebook users located within the United States who have sent, or  
18 received from a Facebook user, private messages that included URLs in their content  
19 (and from which Facebook generated a URL attachment), from within two years before  
the filing of this action up through the date of the certification of the class.

20 I understand that Plaintiffs filed their action on December 30, 2013, and that therefore the relevant  
21 period for Plaintiffs’ new purported class is December 30, 2011 to present (the “Class Period”).

22 4. I understand that Plaintiffs have submitted an expert report from Dr. Jennifer Golbeck  
23 in support of their Motion for Certification, which purports to describe Facebook’s “interception and  
24 acquisition of the URL attachments in Private Messages,” as well as purported “uses” of that data—  
25 including use in “External Recommendations,” “Taste,” and “Activity Feed.” I also understand that  
26 her report (as well as her deposition testimony) included the statements cited herein.

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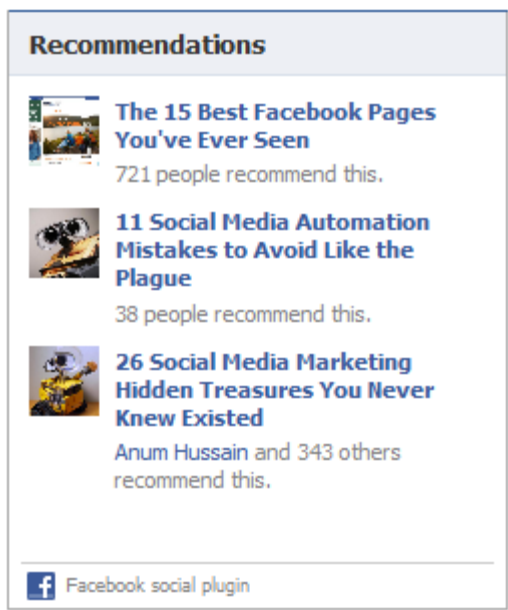
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1 **Overview of Recommendations Plugin and “Taste”**

2 8. Facebook’s Recommendations Feed<sup>1</sup> was a social plugin offered to developers that  
3 displayed a list of URLs representing the most recommended webpages on that developer’s site. If  
4 someone was logged into Facebook when he or she visited the developer’s website,  
5 Recommendations Feed prioritized information that was subject to certain actions by that person’s  
6 Facebook friends, including friends’ clicking on a “Like” button on a given webpage. For example, a  
7 site that publishes articles might display the most recommended articles and those articles  
8 recommended by a friend of the viewer, as illustrated by the example below:



19 9. The general purpose of the Recommendations Feed was to help people discover web  
20 information that they were likely to want to view, enjoy, and interact with. It was part of a set of  
21 social plugins announced at the same time (April 2010), all of which were designed to personalize  
22 non-Facebook webpages with information that a particular person would find valuable, in order to  
23 personalize the internet at large with social context in order to facilitate information discovery and  
24 encourage social interaction.

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27 <sup>1</sup> Dr. Golbeck refers to this as the “Recommendations widget.” (Golbeck Report ¶ 60.)



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30. From June 23, 2015, when the Recommendations Feed was discontinued, to present, the Recommendations Feed has not existed.

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1 **Activity Feed Plugin**

2 38. Facebook’s Activity Feed was a social plugin offered to developers that displayed a  
3 list of recent activity taken on that developer’s site. If someone was logged into Facebook when she  
4 visited the developer’s site, Activity Feed prioritized actions by that person’s Facebook friends,  
5 particularly friends’ clicking on a “Like” button on a given webpage. If the person was not logged in,  
6 or there was not enough activity to fill the Activity Feed, the Activity Feed would have reflected  
7 URLs from the Recommendations Feed. Developers also could have configured the plugin to show  
8 both the Activity Feed and Recommendations Feed.

9 39. The general purpose of the Activity Feed was similar to the Recommendations Feed,  
10 to help people discover web information that they were likely to want to view, enjoy, and interact  
11 with.

12 40. Facebook’s Activity Feed was announced to the public at Facebook’s F8 conference in  
13 April 2010. The Activity Feed was discontinued on June 23, 2015.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on January 15, 2016 in Menlo Park, California.

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/s/ Dan Fechete  
Dan Fechete



1 **ATTORNEY ATTESTATION**

2 I, Christopher Chorba, attest that concurrence in the filing of this Declaration of Dan Fechete  
3 has been obtained from the signatory. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United  
4 States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 15th day of January, 2016, in  
5 Los Angeles, California.

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7 Dated: January 15, 2016

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/s/ Christopher Chorba  
Christopher Chorba