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               IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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               DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION
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    THE SCO GROUP, INC., a Delaware )
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    corporation,
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             Plaintiff,
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   VS.
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                                  ) Case No. 2:04-CV-139TS
    NOVELL, INC., a Delaware
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    corporation,
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             Defendant.
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    AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS. )
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                BEFORE THE HONORABLE TED STEWART
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                         March 26, 2010
                           Jury Trial
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- 1 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH; FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010; 8:30 A.M.
- 2 PROCEEDINGS
- 3 THE COURT: Good morning.
- 4 Let me ask, first of all, whether or not you have
- 5 any disputes over closing argument demonstratives or slides,
- 6 or whatever else?
- 7 MR. BRENNAN: Your Honor, we had a chance to look
- 8 at one another's. I think with some modifications that were
- 9 just made, we should be in agreement, at least in terms of
- 10 presentation of the material.
- 11 THE COURT: I'm not sure that I understand what
- 12 you mean at least in regards to the presentation of
- 13 materials.
- MR. BRENNAN: We don't have an objection to the
- 15 use of the demonstratives.
- 16 THE COURT: Do you have an objection to any of Mr.
- 17 Brennan's?
- MR. SINGER: No, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: SCO today filed a motion regarding
- 20 three issues about closing, and I would agree with their
- 21 request. I am going to assume the first one is no longer
- 22 relevant because the parties have agreed as to the
- 23 demonstratives.
- 24 MR. SINGER: That's correct.
- 25 THE COURT: The second is SCO objects to any

- 1 attempt by Novell to argue to the jury that Novell's
- 2 assertion to ownership applied only to UNIX and not to
- 3 UnixWare copyrights. Do you wish to address that, Mr.
- 4 Jacobs?
- 5 MR. JACOBS: We do not quarrel with that in the
- 6 context of the closings, Your Honor, but we will be making
- 7 clear the delineation between the pre-APA UnixWare and
- 8 post-APA UnixWare.
- 9 THE COURT: I think the jury instruction now
- 10 reflects that better than it did before as well.
- 11 The third has to do with an attempt, frankly, by
- 12 either side to argue something contrary to law. My
- 13 assumption is that neither of you will have done that in any
- 14 event; is that correct?
- MR. JACOBS: That is correct. Just to avoid
- 16 confusion during the openings themselves, SCO's motion is
- drawn to section 204(a) of the Copyright Act, which was the
- 18 subject of the Tenth Circuit ruling. The Tenth Circuit
- 19 ruling was that there is no per say requirement under 204(a)
- 20 of the Copyright Act for something that represents
- 21 specifically or in substance a bill of sale. We're not
- 22 arguing that issue under the Copyright Act. We will be
- 23 arguing that the asset purchase agreement was a promise to a
- 24 assign, not an assignment, that Amendment No. 2 is dated
- 25 October 26th, I think, 1996, and that as a matter of

- 1 contract law, just as in the purchase and sale of a house,
- 2 there was no subsequent evidence of an actual transfer. So
- 3 we'll be arguing it as a matter of contract law, which the
- 4 Tenth Circuit did not address.
- 5 MR. SINGER: Your Honor, this is exactly the type
- 6 of argument that we filed this motion because we were
- 7 concerned they might make. The Tenth Circuit specifically
- 8 held they didn't see anything to this date issue. I think
- 9 it's expressly in one of the footnotes on this section when
- 10 this argument was made. There is no difference between
- 11 making this argument in the context of the Copyright Act or
- 12 making it in the contract section. The Court of Appeals
- 13 specifically ruled that Amendment 2 would be sufficient to
- 14 transfer title, that that was the intent of the parties.
- 15 So I think, with all due respect, Mr. Jacobs is in
- 16 the teeth of that decision.
- 17 THE COURT: Mr. Jacobs.
- 18 MR. JACOBS: Your Honor, footnote 2 is the
- 19 footnote I think Mr. Singer is referring to and it's a
- 20 footnote in the context of the discussion of section 204(a),
- 21 it is not a holding that the contract could not be
- 22 interpreted in the way that we're proposing to interpret it.
- 23 There was no such briefing or argument before the Tenth
- 24 Circuit. The footnote itself is not definitive at all on
- 25 the question that we propose to argue as a matter of

1 contract interpretation. I could hand it to Your Honor if

- 2 it would be convenient, you could look yourself.
- 3 THE COURT: I probably need to look at it.
- 4 MR. SINGER: We would also submit that this would
- 5 just be confusing to the jury because there's been no
- 6 evidence here that they would be drawing any conclusions
- 7 from that.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Singer, I think that is probably
- 9 your best argument, that this ought to be handled by you in
- 10 your reply. But I do want to look at the footnote.
- 11 MR. JACOBS: Sure. Just for the avoidance of
- 12 doubt, Ms. Amadia did say had she intended to transfer,
- 13 there would have been additional documents that would have
- 14 been required.
- May I, Your Honor?
- 16 THE COURT: Yes.
- 17 If you are not arguing a pure legal issue about
- 18 the bill of sale or something akin to it but rather the
- 19 intent of the parties, I believe that footnote would not
- 20 preclude you from doing so.
- 21 MR. JACOBS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Counsel, let me again remind you, it
- 23 would be my intent to dismiss juror 13 as the alternate.
- MR. SINGER: We understand, Your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: I am going to hold you to your one

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1 hour and 15 minutes. My intent will be to instruct the jury
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- 2 and then to have your initial presentation and closing.
- 3 Will that be by you, Mr. Singer, or Mr. Hatch, or
- 4 will you be splitting it?
- 5 MR. SINGER: We will be splitting it, but I plan
- 6 to reserve 15 minutes for rebuttal.
- 7 THE COURT: Who will go first.
- 8 MR. SINGER: I will be going first, Mr. Hatch will
- 9 be taking over at about the 45-minute mark.
- 10 THE COURT: All right.
- 11 Mr. Brennan, will you making the closing?
- MR. BRENNAN: Yes, I will, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Again, after your initial hour, then
- 14 we'll take a break and come back to Mr. Brennan, and then
- 15 your rebuttal.
- MR. SINGER: Would it be possible to have a few
- 17 minutes break after the reading of the instructions just to
- 18 set up?
- 19 THE COURT: Certainly.
- 20 MR. SINGER: One final question, given that the
- 21 Court has granted SCO's 50(a) motion and dismissed Novell's
- 22 counterclaim, and that's been raised in opening and
- 23 otherwise, will the Court make some mention of that?
- 24 THE COURT: There is a specific jury instruction
- 25 that will state, and I'll read it to you, if you've not seen

- 1 it, the claim of Novell that SCO slandered Novell's title is
- 2 no longer before you and will not be decided by you. Do not
- 3 concern yourselves with this development and do not
- 4 speculate about it.
- 5 MR. SINGER: Thank you.
- 6 THE COURT: Counsel, let me remind you that the
- 7 Court will expect proposed findings of facts and conclusions
- 8 of law as to those issues reserved for the Court on the 16th
- 9 of April, which is 20 days plus. Okay.
- 10 All right. Is there anything else before we bring
- 11 the jury in?
- MR. BRENNAN: Not from Novell, Your Honor.
- MR. SINGER: Not from SCO.
- 14 THE COURT: Ms. Malley.
- 15 (Jury present)
- 16 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.
- 17 Let me begin by reassuring you that a copy of the
- 18 instructions that I'm about to read to you will go with you
- 19 into the jury room, so I do not expect you to memorize this
- 20 as I go through it. All right.
- 21 Members of the jury, now that you have heard the
- 22 evidence, it becomes my duty to give you the instructions of
- 23 the Court as to the law applicable to this case.
- 24 It is your duty as jurors to follow the law as
- 25 stated in the instructions of the Court, and to apply the

1 rules of law to the facts as you find them from the evidence

- 2 in the case.
- 3 You are not to single out one instruction alone as
- 4 stating the law, but must consider the instructions as a
- 5 whole.
- 6 Neither are you to be concerned with the wisdom of
- 7 any rule of law stated by the Court. Regardless of any
- 8 opinion you may have as to what the law ought to be, it
- 9 would be a violation of your sworn duty to base a verdict
- 10 upon any other view of the law than that given in the
- 11 instructions of the Court; just as it would be a violation
- 12 of your sworn duty, as judges of the facts, to base a
- 13 verdict upon anything but the evidence of the case.
- 14 You are to disregard any evidence offered at trial
- 15 and rejected by the Court. You are not to consider
- 16 questions of counsel as evidence. You are not to consider
- 17 the opening statements and the arguments of counsel as
- 18 evidence. Their purpose is merely to assist you in
- 19 analyzing and considering the evidence presented at trial.
- 20 The Court did not by any words uttered during the
- 21 trial or in these instructions give or intimate, or wish to
- 22 be understood by you as giving or intimating, any opinions
- 23 as to what has or has not been proven in the case or as to
- 24 what are or are not the facts of the case.
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- 2 you. Do not concern yourselves with this development and do
- 3 not speculate about it.
- 4 SCO has the burden of proving its claim by a
- 5 preponderance of the evidence.
- 6 To prove by a preponderance of the evidence means
- 7 to prove something is more likely so than not so. It does
- 8 not mean the greater number of witnesses or exhibits. It
- 9 means the evidence that has the more convincing force when
- 10 taken on a whole compared to the evidence opposed to it. It
- 11 means the evidence that leads you the jury to find that the
- 12 existence of the disputed fact is more likely true than not
- 13 true.
- 14 Any finding of fact you make must be based on
- 15 probabilities, not possibilities. A finding of fact must
- 16 not be based on speculation or conjecture.
- 17 When I say in these instructions that the party
- 18 has the burden of proof on any proposition or use the
- 19 expression if you find or if you determine, I mean that you
- 20 must be persuaded, considering all the evidence in the case,
- 21 that the proposition is more probably true than not true.
- 22 In determining whether any disputed fact has been
- 23 proven by a preponderance of the evidence you may, unless
- 24 otherwise instructed, consider the testimony of all
- 25 witnesses, regardless of who may have called them, and all

- 1 exhibits.
- 2 If a party fails to meet this burden of proof, or
- 3 if the evidence weighs so evenly that you are unable to say
- 4 that there is a preponderance on either side, you must
- 5 resolve the question against the party who has the burden of
- 6 proof on that issue and in favor of the opposing party.
- 7 In this particular civil case, one of the elements
- 8 of the claim made by SCO, the showing of constitutional
- 9 malice, has a different burden of proof called clear and
- 10 convincing evidence. That means that SCO has a higher
- 11 burden than preponderance of the evidence, but it does not
- 12 require proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Clear and
- 13 convincing evidence is evidence that shows it is highly
- 14 probable that what is claimed is true. It is evidence that
- 15 produces in your mind a firm belief as to the fact at issue.
- 16 For such evidence to be clear and convincing, it must at
- 17 least have reached a point where there remains no
- 18 substantial doubt as to the truth or correctness of the
- 19 claim based upon the evidence.
- 20 You have been chosen and sworn as jurors in this
- 21 case to try the issues of fact presented by the allegations
- 22 of the complaint of SCO, and the answer thereto of Novell.
- 23 You are to perform this duty without bias or prejudice as to
- 24 any party. Our system of law does not permit jurors to be
- 25 governed by sympathy, prejudice, or public opinion. Both

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1 the parties and the public expect that you will carefully
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- 2 and impartially consider all the evidence in the case,
- 3 follow the law stated by the Court, and reach a just
- 4 verdict, regardless of the consequences.
- 5 During the trial I have permitted you to take
- 6 notes. Many courts do not permit note-taking by jurors.
- 7 And as instructed at the beginning of trial, a word of
- 8 caution is in order. There is always a tendency to attach
- 9 undue importance to matters which one has written down.
- 10 Some testimony which is considered unimportant at the time
- 11 presented, and thus not written down, takes on greater
- 12 importance later in the trial in light of all the evidence
- 13 presented. Therefore, you are instructed that your notes
- 14 are only a tool to aid your own individual memory and you
- 15 should not compare your notes with other jurors in
- 16 determining the content of any testimony or in evaluating
- 17 the importance of any evidence. Your notes are not
- 18 evidence, and are by no means a complete outline of the
- 19 proceeding or list of the highlights of the trial. Above
- 20 all, your memory should be your greatest asset when it comes
- 21 to deliberating and rendering a decision in this case.
- 22 Both SCO and Novell are corporations and, as such,
- 23 can act only through their officers and employees, and
- 24 others designated by them as their agents.
- 25 Any act or omission of any officer, employee or

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1 agent of a corporation, in the performance of the duties or
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- 2 within the scope of the authority of the officer, employee
- 3 or agent, is the act or omission of the corporation.
- 4 Unless you are otherwise instructed, the evidence
- 5 in this case consists of the sworn testimony of the
- 6 witnesses, regardless of who may have called them; and all
- 7 exhibits received in evidence, regardless of who may have
- 8 produced them; and all facts which may have been admitted or
- 9 stipulated; and all facts and events which may have been
- 10 judicially noticed.
- 11 Any evidence as to which an objection was
- 12 sustained by the Court, and any evidence ordered stricken by
- 13 the Court, must be entirely disregarded.
- 14 Unless you are otherwise instructed, anything you
- 15 may have seen or heard outside of the courtroom is not
- 16 evidence and must be entirely disregarded.
- 17 There are, generally speaking, two types of
- 18 evidence from which a jury may properly find the truth as to
- 19 the facts of a case. One is direct evidence, such as the
- 20 testimony of an eyewitness. The other is indirect or
- 21 circumstantial evidence, the proof of a chain of
- 22 circumstances pointing to the existence or nonexistence of
- 23 certain facts.
- As a general rule, the law makes no distinction
- 25 between direct and circumstantial evidence, but simply

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1 requires that the jury find the facts in accordance with the
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- 2 burden of proof in the case, both direct and circumstantial.
- 3 You, as jurors, are the sole judges of the
- 4 credibility of witnesses and the weight their testimony
- 5 deserves. You may be guided by the appearance and conduct
- 6 of the witnesses, or by the manner in which the witness
- 7 testifies, or by the character of the testimony given, or by
- 8 evidence to the contrary of the testimony given.
- 9 You should carefully scrutinize all the testimony
- 10 given, the circumstances under which each witness has
- 11 testified, and every matter in evidence which tends to show
- 12 whether a witness is worthy of belief. Consider each
- 13 witness's intelligence, motive and state of mind, and
- 14 demeanor and manner while on the stand. Consider the
- 15 witness's ability to observe matters as to which he or she
- 16 has testified, and whether he or she impresses you as having
- 17 an accurate recollection of these matters. Consider also
- 18 any relation each witness may bear to either side of the
- 19 case; the manner in which each witness might be affected by
- 20 the verdict; and the extent to which, if at all, each
- 21 witness is either supported or contradicted by other
- 22 evidence in the case.
- 23 Inconsistencies or discrepancies in the testimony
- 24 of a witness, or between the testimony of different
- 25 witnesses, may or may not cause you to discredit such

- 1 testimony. Two or more persons witnessing an incident or a
- 2 transaction may simply see or hear it differently and
- 3 innocent misrecollection, like failure of recollection, is
- 4 not an uncommon experience. In weighing the effect of a
- 5 discrepancy, always consider whether it pertains to a matter
- 6 of importance or an unimportant detail, and whether the
- 7 discrepancy results from innocent error or intentional
- 8 falsehood.
- 9 After making your own judgment, you will give the
- 10 testimony of each witness such weight, if any, as you may
- 11 think it deserves.
- 12 Witnesses who, by education, study and experience,
- 13 have become expert in some art, science, profession or
- 14 calling, may state opinions as to any such matter in which
- 15 that witness is qualified as an expert, so long as it is
- 16 material and relevant to the case. You should consider such
- 17 expert opinion and the reasons, if any, given for it. You
- 18 are not bound by such an opinion. Give it the weight you
- 19 think it deserves. If you should decide that the opinions
- 20 of an expert witness are not based upon sufficient education
- 21 and experience, or if you should conclude that the reasons
- 22 given in support of the opinions are not sound, or that such
- 23 opinions are outweighed by other evidence, you may disregard
- 24 the opinion entirely.
- 25 In resolving any conflict that may exist in the

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1 testimony of experts, you may compare and weigh the opinion
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- 2 of one against that of another. In doing this, you may
- 3 consider the qualifications and credibility of each, as well
- 4 as the reasons for each opinion and the facts on which the
- 5 opinions are based.
- 6 In determining the weight to be given to an
- 7 opinion expressed by any witness who did not testify as an
- 8 expert witness, you should consider his or her credibility,
- 9 the extent of his other her opportunity to perceive the
- 10 matters upon which his or her opinion is based and the
- 11 reasons, if any, given for it. You are not required to
- 12 accept such an opinion but should give it the weight to
- 13 which you find it entitled.
- 14 During the trial of this case, certain testimony
- 15 has been presented to you by way of a deposition, consisting
- of sworn recorded answers to questions asked of the witness
- 17 in advance of the trial by one or more of the attorneys for
- 18 the parties to the case. The testimony of a witness who,
- 19 for some reason, cannot be present to testify from the
- 20 witness stand may be presented in writing under oath or on a
- 21 videotape. Such testimony is entitled the same
- 22 consideration, and is to be judged as to credibility, and
- 23 weighed, and otherwise considered by the jury, insofar as
- 24 possible, in the same way as if the witness had been present
- 25 and had testified from the witness stand.

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1 Certain charts, graphs and illustrations have been
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- 2 shown to you. Those charts, graphs and illustrations are
- 3 used for convenience and to help explain the facts of the
- 4 case. They are not themselves evidence or proof of any
- 5 facts.
- 6 You have heard evidence that there were earlier
- 7 rulings by this Court concerning the ownership of the UNIX
- 8 and the UNIX copyrights existent as of the date of the asset
- 9 purchase agreement. In making these rulings, the Court did
- 10 not have the benefit of the evidence that you have now
- 11 heard. These prior rulings have been reversed in a
- 12 unanimous ruling by the Court of Appeals, which is why these
- 13 issues are being presented to you in this trial. You must
- 14 decide this case solely on the evidence presented to you in
- 15 this trial. The earlier rulings should have no bearing on
- 16 your determination of which party owns the copyrights at
- 17 issue in this case. However, the existence of these prior
- 18 rulings may be considered by you in your determination of
- 19 special damages and punitive damages, if any.
- 20 You heard reference to a SCO Group bankruptcy.
- 21 That is a reorganization proceeding which is pending in
- 22 another court. SCO continues to operate its business in
- 23 reorganization and the existence of that proceeding should
- 24 have no bearing on your consideration of this case.
- 25 You have also heard reference to a trial involving

1 SCO and Novell in 2008. That trial concerned other issues

- 2 that are not before you.
- 3 In this case, SCO has alleged that Novell has
- 4 slandered its title regarding ownership of copyrights over
- 5 the UNIX and UnixWare computer operating systems.
- 6 Slander of title requires you to find that:
- 7 First, there was a publication of a statement disparaging
- 8 SCO's title; second, the statement was false; third, the
- 9 statement was made with constitutional malice; and, fourth,
- 10 the statement caused special damages. I will now explain
- 11 these four elements in more detail.
- 12 The first element requires SCO to prove that
- 13 Novell published a statement that disparaged SCO's title or
- 14 ownership of the UNIX or UnixWare copyrights existent as of
- 15 the date of the asset purchase agreement. SCO alleges that
- Novell made several slanderous statements in 2003 and 2004.
- 17 The allegedly slanderous statements do not include
- 18 statements made in pleadings and filings made by Novell in
- 19 connection with this litigation, which began in January
- 20 2004. Novell may not be held liable for making such
- 21 statements made in pleadings and filings.
- 22 For the statement to have been published, it must
- 23 have been communicated to someone other than SCO.
- 24 A statement is not slanderous if the context makes
- 25 clear that the speaker is expressing a subjective view or an

- 1 interpretation or theory, rather than an objectively
- 2 verifiable fact. You may determine, however, that the
- 3 speaker intended to convey a statement of fact even if the
- 4 speaker has couched its statements in the form of an opinion
- 5 or belief.
- 6 In deciding whether a publication disparaged SCO's
- 7 title, you should not view individual words or sentences in
- 8 isolation. Rather, each statement must be considered in the
- 9 context in which it was made, giving the words their most
- 10 common and accepted meaning. You should also consider the
- 11 surrounding circumstances of the statement and how the
- 12 intended audience would have understood the statement in
- 13 view of those circumstances.
- 14 The second element of a claim for slander of title
- 15 is falsity of the statement that disparages title. False
- 16 means that the statement is either directly untrue or that
- 17 an untrue inference can be drawn from the statement. You
- 18 are to determine the truth or falsity of the statement
- 19 according to the facts as they existed at the time the
- 20 statement was made.
- 21 The statement, to be true, need not be absolutely,
- 22 totally, or literally true, but must be substantially true.
- 23 A statement is considered to be true if it is substantially
- 24 true or the gist of the statement is true.
- 25 In order to determine whether the statements at

- 1 issue were true or false, you must determine which party
- 2 owned the UNIX and UnixWare copyrights, existent as of the
- 3 date of the asset purchase agreement, at the time the
- 4 statements were made.
- 5 To determine which party owned the UNIX and
- 6 UnixWare copyrights, existent as of the date of the asset
- 7 purchase agreement, you should consider the asset purchase
- 8 agreement and the amendments thereto. I will now provide
- 9 you instructions on how you should interpret these
- 10 agreements.
- 11 Several contracts relating to the same matters,
- 12 between the same parties, and made as parts of substantially
- 13 one transaction, are to be taken together. The contracts
- 14 need not have been executed on the same day to be parts of
- 15 substantially one transaction.
- Where contracts are made at different times, but
- 17 where the later contract is not intended to entirely
- 18 supersede the first, but only modify it in certain
- 19 particulars, the two are to be construed as parts of one
- 20 contract, the later superseding the earlier one where it is
- 21 inconsistent with the earlier.
- Here, the amendments, including Amendment No. 2,
- 23 must be considered together with the asset purchase
- 24 agreement as a single document. The language of the
- 25 amendments, including Amendment No. 2, controls whenever its

- 1 language contradicts the asset purchase agreement.
- 2 In deciding what the terms of a contract mean, you
- 3 must decide what the parties intended at the time the
- 4 contract was created. You may consider the usual and
- 5 ordinary meaning of the language used in the contract as
- 6 well as the circumstances surrounding the making of the
- 7 contract.
- 8 With respect to your consideration of the
- 9 agreements at issue here, where contract terms are clear,
- 10 they should be given their plain and ordinary meanings.
- In deciding what the words of a contract meant to
- 12 the parties, you should consider the whole contract, not
- 13 just isolated parts. You should use each part to help you
- 14 interpret the others, so that all the parts makes sense when
- 15 taken together.
- 16 You should assume that the parties intended the
- words in their contract to have their usual and ordinary
- 18 meaning unless you decide that the parties intended the
- 19 words to have a special meaning.
- 20 With respect to who owns the copyrights at issue,
- 21 you may consider what is called the extrinsic evidence of
- 22 the intent of the parties to the amended asset purchase
- 23 agreement. Extrinsic evidence is the evidence of what
- 24 parties to a contract intended apart from the language they
- 25 used in the contract.

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1 One type of extrinsic evidence is testimony or
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- 2 documents showing what the people who were negotiating the
- 3 contract said or did or understood at the time of the
- 4 transaction.
- 5 Another type of extrinsic evidence is called the
- 6 parties course of performance. Course of performance is how
- 7 the parties interpreted and applied the terms of the
- 8 contract after the contract was created but before any
- 9 disagreement between the parties arose.
- 10 In determining which party owns the property at
- 11 issue, and your consideration of the amended asset purchase
- 12 agreement, you may consider the nature of a copyright.
- 13 Copyright is the exclusive right to copy. The
- 14 owner of a copyright has the exclusive right to do and to
- 15 authorize the following: One, to reproduce the copyrighted
- 16 work in copies; two, to prepare derivative works based upon
- 17 the copyrighted work; three, to distribute copies of the
- 18 copyrighted work to the public by sale or other transfer of
- 19 ownership, or by rental, lease or lending.
- 20 The term owner includes the author of the work, an
- 21 assignee, or an exclusive licensee. In general, copyright
- 22 law protects against production, adaptation, distribution,
- 23 performance, or display of substantially similar copies of
- 24 the owner's copyrighted work without the owner's permission.
- 25 A copyright owner may enforce these rights to

- 1 exclude others in an action for copyright infringement.
- 2 Even though one may acquire a copy of a copyrighted work,
- 3 the copyright owner retains rights and control of that copy,
- 4 including uses that may result in additional copies or
- 5 alterations of the work.
- 6 Possession of certificates of copyright
- 7 registrations is immaterial to ownership of the copyrights,
- 8 but may be considered for other purposes, such as the intent
- 9 of the parties.
- 10 A copyright owner may transfer, sell, or convey to
- 11 another person all or part of the copyright owner's property
- 12 interest in the copyright. A property interest in a
- 13 copyright includes the right to exclude others from
- 14 reproducing, preparing a derivative work, distributing,
- 15 performing, displaying, or using the copyrighted work.
- To be valid, the transfer, sell, or conveyance
- 17 must be in writing. The person to whom a right is
- 18 transferred is called the assignee. The assignee may
- 19 enforce this right to exclude others in an action for a
- 20 copyright infringement.
- 21 The copyright owner may also transfer, sell, or
- 22 convey to another person any of the exclusive rights
- 23 included in the copyright. To be valid, the transfer, sell,
- 24 or conveyance must be in writing. The person to whom this
- 25 right is transferred is called an exclusive licensee. An

- 1 exclusive licensee has the right to exclude others from
- 2 copying the work to the extent of the rights granted in the
- 3 license and may bring an action for damages for copyright
- 4 infringement.
- 5 Nonexclusive licenses, on the other hand, do not
- 6 transfer copyright ownership and can be granted orally or
- 7 implied from conduct. An implied license can only be
- 8 nonexclusive. A nonexclusive licensee cannot bring suit to
- 9 enforce a copyright.
- 10 An implied nonexclusive license may arise when,
- 11 one, a person, the licensee, requests the creation of the
- 12 work, two, the creator, the licensor, makes the particular
- 13 work and delivers it to the licensee who requested it, and,
- 14 three, the licensor intends that the licensee-requestor copy
- 15 or distribute his work.
- 16 The third element of slander of title requires SCO
- 17 to prove by clear and convincing evidence that Novell's
- 18 statement disparaging the ownership of the UNIX and UnixWare
- 19 copyrights, existent as of the date of the asset purchase
- 20 agreement, was made with constitutional malice. That is,
- 21 SCO must prove that the statement was published with: One,
- 22 knowledge that it was false; or, two, reckless disregard of
- 23 whether it was true or false, which means that Novell made
- 24 the statement with a high degree of awareness of the
- 25 probable falsity of the statement, or that, at the time the

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1 statement was transmitted Novell had serious doubts that the
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- 2 statement was true. Clear and convincing evidence leaves no
- 3 substantial doubt in your mind that the constitutional
- 4 malice is highly probable, as previously explained in
- 5 Instruction No. 13.
- 6 In determining whether Novell published the
- 7 statement knowing the statement to be false or with reckless
- 8 disregard for the truth, you should take into account all
- 9 the facts and circumstances. You should consider whether
- 10 the statement was fabricated or the product of the party's
- 11 imagination. You may also consider whether the party knew
- 12 about the source of the information and whether there were
- 13 reasons for the party to doubt the informant's veracity,
- 14 whether the information was inherently improbable, or if
- 15 there were other reasons for the party to doubt the accuracy
- 16 of the information.
- 17 In determining whether there was knowing falsehood
- 18 or reckless disregard for the truth, however, it is not
- 19 enough for you to find that the party acted negligently,
- 20 carelessly, sloppily or did not exercise good judgment in
- 21 researching, writing, editing, or publishing the statement.
- 22 An extreme departure from the standards of investigating and
- 23 reporting ordinarily adhered to by responsible publishers
- 24 does not, standing alone, constitute knowledge of falsity or
- 25 reckless disregard for the truth. The reliance on one

- 1 source standing alone does not constitute knowing falsehood
- 2 or reckless disregard for the truth, even if other sources
- 3 would be readily available, and even if, in applying
- 4 reasonable reporting of care, you believe those other
- 5 sources should have been contacted.
- 6 Spite, ill will, hatred, bad faith, evil purpose
- 7 or intent to harm does not alone support a finding of
- 8 constitutional malice.
- 9 The mere fact that a mistake may occur is not
- 10 evidence of knowing falsehood or reckless disregard for the
- 11 truth. Reckless disregard for the truth or falsity requires
- 12 a finding that the person making the statement had a high
- 13 degree of awareness that the statement was probably false,
- 14 but went ahead and published the statement anyway. The test
- 15 is not whether the person acted as a responsible publisher
- 16 under the circumstances. While exceptional caution and
- 17 skill are to be admired and encouraged, the law does not
- 18 demand them as a standard of conduct in this matter.
- 19 Unless you find by clear and convincing evidence,
- 20 under all the circumstances, that Novell acted knowing the
- 21 statement to be false or with a high degree of awareness of
- 22 its probable falsity, there can be no liability.
- 23 The final element of a claim for slander of title
- 24 requires a showing that the statement disparaging SCO's
- 25 ownership of the UNIX of UnixWare copyrights, existent as of

- 1 the date of the asset purchase agreement, caused special
- 2 damages to SCO.
- 3 This requires SCO to establish an economic loss
- 4 that has been realized or liquidated, as in the case of lost
- 5 sales. Special damages are ordinarily proved in a slander
- 6 of title action by evidence of a lost sale or the loss of
- 7 some other economic advantage. Absent a specific monetary
- 8 loss flowing from a slander affecting the salability or use
- 9 of the property, there is no damage. It is not sufficient
- 10 to show that the property's value has dropped on the market,
- 11 as this is not a realized or liquidated loss. The law does
- 12 not presume special damages.
- 13 Special damages in the form of lost sales may be
- 14 shown in two ways: A, proof of the conduct of specific
- 15 persons or, b, proof that the loss has resulted from the
- 16 conduct of a number of persons whom it is impossible to
- 17 identify. There is a separate test you must apply for each.
- 18 First, when the loss of a specific sale is relied
- 19 on to establish special damages, SCO must prove that the
- 20 publication of the disparaging statement was a substantial
- 21 factor influencing the specific, identified purchaser in his
- 22 decision not to buy.
- 23 In order for the disparaging statement to be a
- 24 substantial factor in determining the conduct of an
- 25 intending or potential purchaser, it is not necessary that

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1 the conduct should be determined exclusively or even
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- 2 predominantly by the publication of the statement. It is
- 3 enough that the disparagement is a factor in determining his
- 4 decision, even though he is influenced by other factors
- 5 without which he would not decide to act as he does. Thus
- 6 many considerations may combine to make an intending
- 7 purchaser decide to break a contract or to withdraw or
- 8 refrain from making an offer. If, however, the publication
- 9 of the disparaging matter is one of the considerations that
- 10 has substantial weight, the publication of the disparaging
- 11 matter is a substantial factor in preventing the sale and
- 12 thus bringing financial loss upon the owner of the thing in
- 13 question.
- 14 The extent of the loss caused by the prevention of
- 15 a sale is determined by the difference between the price
- 16 that would have been realized by it and the salable value of
- 17 the thing in question after there has been a sufficient time
- 18 following the frustration of the sale to permit its
- 19 marketing.
- 20 Second, in the case of a widely disseminated
- 21 disparaging statement, SCO need not identify a specific
- 22 purchaser and recovery is permitted for loss of the market.
- 23 This may be proved by circumstantial evidence showing that
- 24 the loss has in fact occurred and eliminating other causes.
- 25 A decline in stock price is not an appropriate

- 1 claim for special damages.
- 2 You are entitled to award punitive damages if you
- 3 deem them to be appropriate.
- 4 Before any award of punitive damages can be
- 5 considered, SCO must prove by clear and convincing evidence
- 6 that Novell published a false statement knowing it was false
- 7 or in reckless disregard whether it was true or false, and
- 8 that Novell acted with hatred or ill will towards SCO, or
- 9 with an intent to injure SCO, or acted willfully or
- 10 maliciously towards SCO.
- 11 If you find that SCO has presented such proof, you
- 12 may award, if you deem it proper to do so, such sum as in
- 13 your judgment would be reasonable and proper as a punishment
- 14 to Novell for such wrongs, and as a wholesome warning to
- 15 others not to offend in a like manner. If such punitive
- 16 damages are given, you should award them with caution and
- 17 you should keep in mind they are only for the purpose just
- 18 mentioned and are not the measure of actual damage.
- 19 The fact that I have instructed you on damages
- 20 does not mean that I am indicating that you should award
- 21 any. That is entirely for you, the jury, to decide.
- 22 Any damages you award must have a reasonable basis
- 23 in the evidence. They need not be mathematically exact, but
- 24 there must be enough evidence for you to make a reasonable
- 25 estimate of damages without speculation or guess work.

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1 The burden is upon the party seeking damages to
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- 2 prove the existence and amount of its damages and that its
- 3 damages were caused by the acts of the opposing party. You
- 4 are not permitted to award speculative damages.
- 5 You have heard evidence concerning specifics about
- 6 the parties' rights and obligations under section 4.16 of
- 7 the amended asset purchase agreement. You are instructed
- 8 that those issues of specific rights and obligations under
- 9 section 4.16 are for the Court to decide and you are not to
- 10 concern yourself with them. You may consider section 4.16,
- 11 as well as all other provisions, in interpreting the amended
- 12 asset purchase agreement.
- 13 It is the duty of the attorney on each side of the
- 14 case to object when the other side offers testimony or other
- 15 evidence which the attorney believes is not properly
- 16 admissible. You should not show prejudice against any
- 17 attorney or his or her client because the attorney has made
- 18 an objection.
- 19 Upon allowing testimony or other evidence to be
- 20 introduced over the objection of any attorney, the Court
- 21 does not, unless expressly stated, indicate any opinion as
- 22 to the weight or effect of any such evidence. As stated
- 23 before, the jurors are the sole judges of the credibility of
- 24 all witnesses and the weight and effect of all evidence.
- 25 When the Court has sustained an objection to a

- 1 question addressed to a witness, the jury must disregard the
- 2 question entirely, and may draw no inference from the
- 3 wording of it or speculate as to what the witness would have
- 4 said if he or she had been permitted to answer any question.
- 5 During the course of the trial, I may have
- 6 occasionally asked questions of a witness, in order to bring
- 7 out facts not then fully covered in the testimony. Do not
- 8 assume that I hold any opinion on the matters to which my
- 9 questions may have related.
- 10 A copy of these instructions will also accompany
- 11 you to the jury room. Do not write on the instructions.
- 12 You will notice during are deliberations that
- 13 there may be gaps in the numbering of the instructions. The
- 14 instruction numbers are for the convenience of the Court and
- 15 the parties, and you are not to be concerned by them.
- 16 Upon retiring to the jury room, you must select
- one of your members to act as your foreperson. The
- 18 foreperson will preside over your deliberations and will be
- 19 your spokesperson here in court.
- 20 The verdict must represent the collective judgment
- 21 of the jury. In order to return a verdict, it is necessary
- 22 that each juror agree to it. Your verdict must be
- 23 unanimous.
- It is your duty, as jurors, to consult with one
- 25 another and to deliberate with a view to reaching an

- 1 agreement if you can do so without violence to individual
- 2 judgment. Each of you must decide the case for yourself,
- 3 but do so only after an impartial consideration of the
- 4 evidence in the case with your fellow jurors. In the course
- 5 of your deliberations, do not hesitate to reexamine your own
- 6 views and change your opinion if convinced it is erroneous.
- 7 But do not surrender your honest conviction as to the weight
- 8 or effect of evidence solely because of the opinion of your
- 9 fellow jurors for the mere purpose of returning a unanimous
- 10 verdict.
- 11 Remember at all times, you are not partisans. You
- 12 are judges, judges of the facts. Your sole interest is to
- 13 seek the truth from the evidence in the case.
- 14 Your verdict must be based solely upon the
- 15 evidence received in the case. Nothing you have seen or
- 16 heard outside of court may be considered. Nothing that I
- 17 have said or done during the course of this trial is
- 18 intended in any way to somehow suggest to you what I think
- 19 your verdict should be. Nothing said in these instructions
- 20 and nothing in any form of verdict prepared for your
- 21 convenience is to suggest or convey to you in any way or
- 22 manner any intimation as to what verdict I think you should
- 23 return. What the verdict shall be is the exclusive duty and
- 24 responsibility of the jury. As I have told you many times,
- 25 you are the sole judges of the facts.

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1 The Court has prepared a verdict form for your
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- 2 convenience. You are instructed that your answers to the
- 3 interrogatories on the verdict form must be consistent with
- 4 the instructions I have given you and with each other.
- 5 When you have reached a unanimous agreement as to
- 6 your verdict, your foreperson will fill in, date and sign
- 7 the verdict form upon which you have unanimously agreed.
- 8 When you have reached unanimous agreement as to your
- 9 verdict, the foreperson shall inform the bailiff and you
- 10 shall return to the courtroom.
- 11 If it becomes necessary during your deliberations
- 12 to communicate with the Court, you may send a note by the
- 13 bailiff. But bear in mind that you are not to reveal to the
- 14 Court or to any person how the jury stands, numerically or
- 15 otherwise, on the question before you, until after you have
- 16 reached a unanimous verdict or agreement.
- 17 The attitude and conduct of jurors at the outset
- 18 of their deliberations are matters of considerable
- 19 importance. It is rarely productive or good for a juror,
- 20 upon entering the jury room, to make an emphatic expression
- 21 of his or her opinion on the case or to announce a
- 22 determination to stand for a certain verdict. When one does
- 23 that at the outset, his or her sense of pride may be
- 24 aroused, and he or she may hesitate to recede from an
- 25 announced position if shown that it is wrong.

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1 During your deliberations, you are able as a group
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- 2 to set your own schedule for deliberations. You may
- 3 deliberate as late as you wish or recess at an appropriate
- 4 time set by yourselves. You may set your own schedule for
- 5 lunch and dinner breaks.
- 6 However, I do ask that you notify the Court by a
- 7 note when you plan to recess for the evening.
- 8 You have now been instructed on the law, ladies
- 9 and gentlemen. Again, a copy of the instructions, what I
- 10 just read to you, will accompany you to the jury room.
- 11 It is now time for closing statements, and we'll
- 12 begin with SCO. And because SCO is the plaintiff in the
- 13 case and, as I just instructed you, has certain burdens to
- 14 carry by way of the weight of evidence and such, the
- 15 plaintiffs have the opportunity to go both first and last in
- 16 their closing statements, meaning that SCO will go ahead now
- 17 with part of its closing. We'll then hear from Novell, and
- 18 then SCO will be given the last word.
- 19 Mr. Singer, if you would like to proceed.
- 20 MR. SINGER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21 Ladies and gentlemen, it's been a long three weeks
- 22 and we appreciate your close attention to this case. I know
- 23 it's not been the most exciting case at times, but I assure
- 24 you it's a very important case. It's very important to SCO,
- 25 it very important to individuals like Bill Broderick, John

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1 Maciaszek, and Andy Nagle, men who have been with the
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- 2 company for 20 years, going all the way back to AT&T, and
- 3 they are still there at SCO turning out UnixWare, providing
- 4 products for companies all over the country and the world,
- 5 and trying in a difficult situation to have the company
- 6 proceed.
- 7 These individuals and the customers, and some of
- 8 these have been long time or current customers, McDonald's,
- 9 NASDAQ, BMW, that business depends on the copyrights,
- 10 depends on having ownership of intellectual property that is
- 11 at the heart of their business.
- 12 You are going to be asked in this case two basic
- 13 important questions. It will be your responsibility to
- 14 decide, first, to declare that the UNIX, UnixWare copyrights
- 15 that existed back at the time of this transaction went with
- 16 the rest of the business, except for this royalty stream,
- $17\,$   $\,$  and belonged to SCO. That is very important and critical on
- 18 its own. And, second, you will be asked to determine, if
- 19 you agree with us, that there's been a slander on SCO's
- 20 title, to determine that and award a reasonable amount of
- 21 damages to compensate SCO in connection with that slander.
- Now as the Court has instructed you, you are the
- 23 judges of the facts and, in doing so, you must determine
- 24 credibility. And credibility is, in part, a question of the
- 25 consistency of witnesses with one another. And I would like

- 1 to give you an example of one of the things you can look at.
- 2 You'll recall Mr. Stone when he was testifying
- 3 here about whether or not when they waived rights of SCO
- 4 that benefited IMB, whether that was done unilaterally or
- 5 whether it was done at IBM's request. Mr. Stone answered
- 6 no, it wasn't at IBM's request. We acted on our own. No
- 7 input from IBM at all.
- 8 Then a few days later you heard from Mr. LaSala,
- 9 the former general counsel of Novell who admitted on the
- 10 stand that, in fact, Mr. Marriot, a lawyer for IBM,
- 11 specifically asked Novell to assert those rights to waive
- 12 SCO's claims; in fact, said it was urgent. You also learned
- 13 that even internally, with Mr. LaSala's testimony, there was
- 14 an inconsistency because when he was first asked about that
- 15 in February 2007, he denied it. Only later in May, when we
- 16 pursued the issue, he admitted it. That's credibility.
- 17 That's an issue you can consider in determining who to
- 18 believe in this case.
- 19 Another example, Mr. Stone again, on a basic
- 20 point. This is not something people can be confused about.
- 21 Were you asked to leave the company. Yes, I was. I asked
- 22 Mr. Messman the same question, was Mr. Stone asked to leave
- 23 Novell. Answer, no. Someone is not telling the truth.
- Now the questions that you will need to answer in
- 25 this case will be set out in the verdict form that you will

- 1 receive along with a copy of the instructions and the
- 2 evidence, and the very first question will be did the
- 3 amended asset purchase agreement transfer to UNIX and
- 4 UnixWare copyrights from Novell to SCO. I would like to
- 5 address that question at the outset.
- 6 Amendment No. 2, we submit, is the key to
- 7 answering that question. Amendment No. 2 replaced the
- 8 language that was inconsistent with what was the intent of
- 9 the transaction, the intent of the parties who put this deal
- 10 together that those copyrights would be transferred with the
- 11 UNIX and the UnixWare business. Amendment 2 replaces the
- 12 old language, which is gone, and that is the operative
- 13 language.
- 14 Now Judge Stewart read you an important
- 15 instruction that makes that clear, which is the instruction
- 16 I have on the screen, and it makes clear that it is the
- 17 language of the amendments, including Amendment No. 2,
- 18 controls wherever its language contradicts the asset
- 19 purchase agreement.
- Of course you knew that from the face of it, that
- 21 it says it replaces the old language. It took out this
- 22 copyright exclusion and put in language that, we submit to
- 23 you, is consistent with what the parties intended, that the
- 24 copyrights required for the business were now part of what
- 25 were the included assets.

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1 Now you might remember about three weeks ago
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- 2 Novell's counsel telling you that it was important to listen
- 3 for the rest of the story. I think he invoked Paul Harvey.
- 4 I was thinking about that statement all during the first
- 5 week of this trial, and I was doing that because it seemed
- 6 that all during that week Novell was focused on this
- 7 language in the schedule of excluded assets, excluding
- 8 copyrights, when the rest of the story was that language
- 9 didn't exist anymore. That language was replaced by
- 10 Amendment No. 2. So the language that they have spent more
- 11 hours in this trial on than anything else is simply not in
- 12 the agreement and hasn't been in there since 1996. That's
- 13 really the rest of the story on this because under the plain
- 14 language of the asset purchase agreement with Amendment 2,
- 15 it is very clear that the assets, the copyrights
- 16 transferred.
- 17 You have a schedule of included assets, which
- 18 you've seen many times and you will be able to look at when
- 19 you deliberate, it says, all rights and ownership of UNIX
- 20 and UnixWare on all these products, including the UnixWare
- 21 products, and you haven't heard any evidence there are any
- 22 products on there that -- products missing from that list.
- 23 This includes what we're talking about, that all rights and
- 24 ownership of UNIX and UnixWare are transferred.
- 25 And then you had the old language that excluded

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1 copyrights and trademarks. Now you have the current
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- 2 language replaced by Amendment 2 which says that Novell gets
- 3 to keep copyrights, except for the copyrights and trademarks
- 4 owned by Novell as of the date of the agreement required for
- 5 SCO to exercise its rights with respect to the acquisition
- 6 of UNIX and UnixWare technologies. That really is the heart
- 7 of this case. With Amendment No. 2, it is clear that those
- 8 copyrights were transferred.
- 9 Now I would submit to you that Novell has admitted
- 10 the fact that SCO, in light of Amendment No. 2, owns those
- 11 copyrights, and they did that on two occasions. The first
- 12 occasion that that was admitted goes back to June 6th of
- 13 2003 when Novell issued the press release, when they -- of
- 14 course, you've heard about Amendment No. 2 when they said
- 15 they didn't have it and it turns out they did have it. They
- 16 didn't know it was signed. They claimed they had a signed
- 17 copy in the files. But the important point here on
- 18 copyright ownership is their recognition that it appears to
- 19 support SCO's claim that ownership for certain copyrights of
- 20 UNIX did transfer to SCO in 1996. So that's the first time.
- 21 The second time that that was admitted was in
- 22 front of you a few days ago on March 23rd, and that was when
- 23 Allison Amadia admitted -- and certainly she started out in
- 24 her testimony being adverse to SCO and in favor of Novell.
- 25 Then under Mr. Normand's cross-examination, listen to what

- 1 she said. She was asked, now you agree that under the plain
- 2 language of Amendment 2 Novell has included in the transfer
- 3 of assets the copyrights required for SCO to exercise its
- 4 rights in UNIX and UnixWare. Her answer was, the way I
- 5 wrote and intended Amendment No. 2 to be read is that this
- 6 language was saying that whatever copyright rights Santa
- 7 Cruz needed in order to exercise the rights it was given,
- 8 then they would have those rights.
- 9 Then a little bit later near the end of her
- 10 cross-examination she was asked, so if there are copyrights
- 11 that are required for SCO to exercise its rights, like the
- 12 UNIX and UnixWare trademarks, they were transferred,
- 13 correct. Her answer was yes.
- Now there is no real dispute, ladies and
- 15 gentlemen, that the copyrights are required for the UNIX and
- 16 UnixWare business. You have heard a lot of evidence on
- 17 that. It has included Bob Frankenberg, the Novell president
- 18 and CEO, who said it was ludicrous to think about selling
- 19 software without selling the copyrights.
- 20 Doug Michels, the SCO founder and vice president,
- 21 equated it to breathing oxygen, that it's so essential.
- 22 There is no way this deal would have happened without
- 23 getting the copyrights.
- Jim Wilt, who was the lead negotiator for Santa
- 25 Cruz, says that, you know, when you walk out the door, I

- 1 assume your head goes with you. That's how he equated it.
- 2 And, of course, the copyrights have to go with the company.
- 3 Steve Sabbath was asked, if you didn't own the
- 4 copyrights, how could you go after somebody that's pirating
- 5 your software, how could you enforce your rights to the
- 6 technology.
- 7 Bill Broderick said, if we couldn't protect our
- 8 software, we'd be out of business. This is how you protect
- 9 your software.
- Now with Amendment No. 2, the APA makes sense.
- 11 Without it, the agreement doesn't make sense. The software
- 12 business without the copyrights, well, I would suggest to
- 13 you that's like a car without an engine, or maybe a house
- 14 without a roof, or maybe even suggest that it's an ice cream
- 15 sundae where you only get the cherry and not the ice cream,
- 16 as Mr. Braham suggested a couple days ago. It doesn't make
- 17 any sense.
- Now with Amendment No. 2 all of the things fit
- 19 together and makes sense, beginning with the very recital at
- 20 the beginning of the document that says that this is the
- 21 sale of a business, the UNIX and UnixWare business, the
- 22 support of those products, all of that is what it being
- 23 sold. It is the intent that all of the business relating to
- 24 that be transferred. So it's consistent with the overall
- 25 intent of the deal.

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- 2 consideration received. I suggest to you that it makes
- 3 sense because of the amount of money which Novell received.
- 4 Back in the opening you might remember seeing this slide
- 5 from Novell, the first one on the left-hand side, where it
- 6 suggests the purchase price was just the stock. The stock
- 7 itself was worth a lot of money, 40, \$50 million. You
- 8 wouldn't even receive that if you weren't transferring the
- 9 copyrights. But if you look at the entirety of that section
- 10 of the asset purchase agreement, you see that there was
- 11 another part to the payments which included the royalty
- 12 stream that would occur in the future, both from the
- 13 existing UNIX products and the UnixWare products.
- 14 If you look at Mr. Bradford's memo to the board
- 15 right before Novell approved this transaction, he identified
- 16 those four royalty streams, which turn into a lot of money.
- 17 The stock is worth about 40, \$50 million, \$50 million a year
- 18 in the UNIX royalties, the estimated present value of
- 19 \$60 million or so in the UnixWare royalties. So this was a
- 20 sale of a business. This wasn't simply serving as an agent,
- 21 as Mr. Braham suggested, to collect for someone else.
- 22 For instance, you've got here all the title to the
- 23 UNIX licenses. If you have a real estate agent handle your
- 24 house, you don't give them title to sell it. I don't know
- 25 of any real estate agents who would pay me something like

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1 $100 million to handle a transaction. This agency was very
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- 2 limited to the collection of royalties that Novell was going
- 3 to keep, and the rest of this was the sale of a business.
- 4 Now Amendment 2 also is needed to make sense of
- 5 something you've heard me refer to and my colleagues refer
- 6 to throughout the trial, the license back provision, and
- 7 that's because -- and Novell has never been able to explain
- 8 this, it makes no sense for Novell to have kept the
- 9 copyrights and then the license back right to use them. If
- 10 they kept them, they wouldn't need the license back. That
- 11 is clear evidence that this was intended to be a sale of the
- 12 copyrights.
- 13 The license back of assets appears right in the
- 14 asset purchase agreement in section 1.6. Now Novell tries
- 15 to say, well, it only applied to the new products, so that's
- 16 why you had the license back. But the plain language of the
- 17 license back says, all of the technology included in the
- 18 assets, which means they are getting a license back to the
- 19 assets being sold. They wouldn't need a license to use that
- 20 if it wasn't for the fact they were selling the copyrights.
- 21 And, in fact, if you look at the technology
- 22 license agreement, it says specifically, as between Novell
- 23 and SCO, ownership of licensed technology shall reside in
- 24 SCO. We think that makes it very clear, and you have heard
- 25 a lot of witnesses say when I asked them or Mr. Normand

- 1 asked them that does it make any sense to have a license
- 2 back if you retained the copyrights, and everyone agreed
- 3 with that.
- 4 Now Amendment 2 -- with Amendment 2, the agreement
- 5 also makes sense in light of -- let's see, there we are.
- 6 With Amendment 2, the agreement also makes sense in light of
- 7 the testimony of the witnesses that you've heard. Now I
- 8 told you a few weeks ago in the opening, pointing to this
- 9 chart, that you would hear from ten witnesses drawn from
- 10 both the Santa Cruz and the Novell side of the transaction
- 11 who would agree that it was intended that the copyrights
- 12 were sold. All ten of those witnesses, either through video
- 13 deposition or through live testimony here, have so
- 14 testified.
- 15 I would like to start with the Santa Cruz side
- 16 because there's been a lot of attention here paid to what
- 17 Novell intended and what was going on at Novell's board
- 18 meeting. That's really not the issue before you. The issue
- 19 before you is what the two parties to a contract intended.
- 20 So you have to look at both parties' intent and how they
- 21 expressed that to each other. And there is no confusion at
- 22 all on the Santa Cruz side there. All of these executives
- 23 and negotiators testified consistently that this deal
- 24 required the transfer of the copyrights.
- 25 You remember Doug Michels. I think that was

- 1 pretty memorable videotaped testimony, wasn't it? He was
- 2 perplexed that anyone could even raise the issue.
- 3 Copyrights are like breathing oxygen. I'm going to read you
- 4 a little bit of his testimony. He says, I guarantee you, we
- 5 put copyright notices in every document we wrote. How could
- 6 we do that if we didn't own the copyrights? We put
- 7 copyright notices in every module of source code we wrote.
- 8 They all said we own the copyrights. We own the
- 9 intellectual property, and every action we took represents
- 10 that. I don't do a very good imitation of him.
- 11 THE COURT: Mr. Singer, remember, if you read too
- 12 fast, the court reporter will have difficulty.
- 13 MR. SINGER: I will try to read slower as well.
- 14 Michels also said, we took over the business. We
- 15 were in the business of selling intellectual property. We
- 16 were in the business of supporting the intellectual
- 17 property. We were in the business of providing marketing
- 18 materials. We couldn't do any of that without owning the
- 19 copyrights.
- 20 He was asked if any attorney from Santa Cruz ever
- 21 told him that Novell was asking for -- that he had to go to
- 22 Novell and ask them for the copyrights. He said, I think I
- 23 would have laughed them out my office.
- Now you recall that you also heard testimony from
- 25 Steve Sabbath who said, when we bought the UNIX business

- 1 from Novell, all copyrights came with the product and
- 2 Amendment No. 2 was meant to confirm that, and he testified
- 3 to that.
- 4 In addition, you had Kimberlee Madsen. Ms. Madsen
- 5 has no interest in this litigation. She works for Apple.
- 6 She came here and testified clearly to you that the
- 7 copyrights were going with the assets. She was asked, do
- 8 you have a view, as you sit here, as to whether the parties
- 9 intended that the copyrights would be retained by Novell.
- 10 Answer, no. The intent was clearly to be that the
- 11 copyrights for the UNIX and UnixWare were to be transferred
- 12 to The Santa Cruz Operation.
- 13 And you heard Mr. Mohan, Mr. Wilt also. So there
- 14 is no question on the Santa Cruz side of the equation that
- 15 everyone agrees that the copyrights were part of the deal.
- Now in a typical case you would expect to see the
- 17 Santa Cruz executives and attorneys saying one thing and the
- 18 Novell executives and lawyers saying something completely
- 19 different. The incredible thing about this case is that you
- 20 have numerous senior executives and lawyers who were with
- 21 Novell at the time who agree with Santa Cruz, who agree that
- the copyrights were intended to be sold.
- Now you have heard from Robert Frankenberg, the
- 24 chief executive officer at the time, on the first day and
- 25 again on the last day of testimony. I think he's probably

- 1 the most important witness in this trial. Ladies and
- 2 gentlemen, in the future, when I think of a stand-up guy,
- 3 I'm going to be thinking of Bob Frankenberg. He has no
- 4 financial or other interest in this. A lot of CEOs would
- 5 simply duck something like this and say they don't remember,
- 6 it's a long time ago. He didn't do that. He has given you
- 7 forthright testimony, both on the first day of trial and
- 8 yesterday, that this was a deal to sell the copyrights along
- 9 with the rest of the business.
- 10 He acknowledged that he missed that line item in
- 11 one part -- one word in a board resolution that he thought
- 12 was probably referring to the NetWare copyrights, but that
- 13 it was clear, because he was the guy at the top, that this
- 14 was a sale of the business, including the copyrights.
- 15 That's why the error had to be fixed a year later with
- 16 Amendment No. 2.
- 17 His testimony is consistent with the testimony of
- 18 Duff Thompson, of Ty Mattingly and Ed Chatlos, the people
- 19 most involved in the negotiation of the deal. They were the
- 20 people out there in California for months negotiating this.
- 21 These were the people who looked at Alok Mohan and the other
- 22 Santa Cruz people across the table and said, you are getting
- 23 the business lock, stock and barrel, except, of course, for
- 24 those royalties which were going to help pay for it. These
- 25 were the people who came here and testified that there had

1 never been any suggestion made in that process of Novell

- 2 holding back the copyrights.
- Now Novell suggests some of these witnesses, who,
- 4 remember, are their own executives, should be discredited
- 5 because some of them later went to the business and
- 6 therefore had a financial interest in SCO. What I would
- 7 submit to you, though, is their testimony is consistent with
- 8 individuals who have no such interest, Mr. Levine,
- 9 Mr. Frankenberg. I think they insulted Mr. Chatlos, their
- 10 senior director, by suggesting because his wife had a little
- 11 stock that somehow he isn't telling the truth when he said
- 12 this was the deal he negotiated. And Mr. Thompson, who you
- 13 can judge, was a forthright witness.
- 14 Basically, what Novell is telling you is that you
- 15 would have to believe that all ten of these witnesses, all
- 16 ten, half of whom are former senior executives, were either
- 17 mistaken or lying in order to agree with what Novell would
- 18 have you believe in this case.
- 19 Now how did this happen? How did the problem
- 20 happen that required Amendment 2? I think we have gotten a
- 21 little more insight into that over the last several days. I
- 22 think you see what happens when you have a set of lawyers
- 23 rushing to document a deal under a lot of time pressure.
- 24 This is Tor Braham's forced march. Mr. Braham ignored
- 25 months of negotiations between the parties that preceded the

- 1 last two weeks, which is when he got involved, as simply
- 2 discussions about a potential transaction that he didn't
- 3 really have to pay attention to.
- 4 He also ignored the term sheet which I asked him
- 5 about, a term sheet which, if you look at it when you look
- 6 at all the evidence, he had, which, before he got to work on
- 7 9-11-95, or within that period he got to work, said what the
- 8 business people had negotiated, and it says, UnixWare and
- 9 SVRX, the intent is to provide all rights to SCO including
- 10 rights to modify, rights to sublicense binary copies, rights
- 11 to distribute source code. And, ladies and gentlemen, if
- 12 you compare that to the instruction that Judge Stewart read
- 13 and you'll have with you, you'll see that lines up very
- 14 closely to what the rights are that an owner of a copyright
- 15 has.
- Now going back to Mr. Braham's forced march, what
- 17 are the other things that indicate how this problem
- 18 happened? The excluded assets schedule, which has
- 19 originally had this exclusion of copyrights, it wasn't even
- 20 provided until the week before the signing. The fact that
- 21 he testified to you that on a big issue like this there was
- 22 no push back from Santa Cruz shows that this wasn't
- 23 discussed, it was missed. Can you believe a situation where
- 24 Novell pops up a few days before the closing and says, we're
- 25 going to sell you the business, but we're going to hold the

- 1 copyrights, and Santa Cruz says, yeah, that's fine, it
- 2 doesn't push back? It doesn't make any sense. This was
- 3 just missed in a schedule.
- 4 Mr. Bradford's September 18th, 1995 board memo
- 5 didn't mention that either, which explains why
- 6 Mr. Frankenberg and other people on the board who aren't
- 7 looking at the minutia of the resolution but are looking
- 8 what their general counsel sent to them in advance of the
- 9 meeting, it didn't mention anything about retaining the
- 10 copyrights.
- 11 And then there was one more piece of evidence that
- 12 was interesting. When Mr. Braham testified, I asked him
- 13 about this copy he made notes on during the board conference
- 14 call and, interestingly enough, as you'll see, because
- 15 that's in evidence as Exhibit V-3, even that copy that their
- 16 lawyer was making notes on during the call, supposedly
- 17 supporting the exclusion of copyrights, had no copies of the
- 18 schedules at all attached to them. So if that's the same
- 19 copy people were looking at at the time, they wouldn't have
- 20 even had the schedule that had this erroneous copyright
- 21 exclusion on it.
- Now you do have someone who says I remember
- 23 exactly that at the board meeting they said the copyrights
- 24 were excluded. You will have to determine the credibility
- of that, because that was Jack Messman, the chef executive

- 1 officer who approved the slanderous statements.
- I put his testimony up here to draw attention to
- 3 the fact that while he remembers that clearly when I asked
- 4 him about that in his deposition, he didn't even know which
- 5 decade this meeting occurred in. He says I think in the
- 6 board presentation they made to us in, whenever it was, '81
- 7 or '83. But yet he has a distinct recollection of this one
- 8 point, which, by the way, isn't reflected in the board
- 9 minutes as having been discussed, and he recalls nothing
- 10 else, the same Mr. Messman who you could judge his
- 11 credibility for when he was here before you.
- 12 So I think this is how the error was made, and I
- 13 think you can see that in the rush of those last few days,
- 14 excluded asset schedule had a term that was inconsistent
- 15 with the intent of the deal, either by mistake or perhaps
- 16 even accepting you have some overzealous lawyers who acceded
- 17 that, and then it was fixed with Amendment No. 2. And not
- 18 only does that bring everything in the asset purchase
- 19 agreement together and make sense, it also makes the deal
- 20 sensible in light of what was told to the public.
- 21 Novell's version of the events can't be squared
- 22 with the official press release it issued jointly with Santa
- 23 Cruz. And while it says it's a SCO press release, Mr.
- 24 Frankenberg said and was quoted in there that this was the
- 25 approved joint release. They are the acquiring party. They

- 1 said, SCO will acquire the UnixWare business and UNIX
- 2 intellectual property. That's the core intellectual
- 3 property.
- 4 The Wall Street Journal, which said, the deal
- 5 includes the purchase by Santa Cruz Operation of most
- 6 trademarks and intellectual property associated with UNIX
- 7 software. A lot of people read The Wall Street Journal at
- 8 Novell. No one popped up, never heard anyone say The Wall
- 9 Street Journal has this wrong. That didn't happen either.
- Novell's version can't be squared with the report
- 11 to the United States government in Novell's
- 12 Hart-Scott-Rodino filing. True, they put the schedules in
- 13 the APA attached to the back of the document, but they were
- 14 summarizing the deal for the United States government in the
- 15 text. When they summarized it, they said, the assets to be
- 16 acquired by Santa Cruz were all rights and ownership of UNIX
- 17 and UnixWare. This is a big thing, the copyrights. If that
- 18 was excluded, don't you think they would have put in the
- 19 text we keep the copyrights, except the copyrights. Mr.
- 20 Braham had no explanation for that whatsoever.
- 21 Even IBM recognized that SCO had the copyrights,
- 22 an irony there. The documents that you've seen in the last
- 23 few days, including yesterday, are documents where IBM, in
- 24 certain positions it was taking in this dispute that came up
- 25 a year later, said, SCO is protected by copyrights. You can

- 1 show us the source code because you have copyright
- 2 protection. So none of what the outside world was looking
- 3 at would be consistent with what Novell would have you
- 4 believe.
- Now, ladies and gentlemen, you have also been
- 6 instructed by the Court that you should consider the course
- 7 of performance. How a party acts is sometimes more
- 8 important than anything else. It's an indication of their
- 9 intent. And the instructions said that the course of
- 10 performance is something that you can look at to determine
- 11 by their actions whether the copyrights were intended to
- 12 stay with Novell or to go Santa Cruz.
- And what have we heard about that? This has
- 14 virtually been undisputed testimony from three different
- 15 individuals, three individuals who have been with the UNIX
- 16 business all the way back to the 1990s. Bill Broderick,
- 17 Andy Nagle and John Maciaszek. You've heard Bill Broderick
- 18 say, we sent letters out to all these customers. This is an
- 19 example of the Prentice-Hall letter. Novell sent it out, a
- 20 lot of different people signed them, and it said, as you may
- 21 know, Novell transferred to SCO its existing ownership in
- 22 the UNIX System-based offerings, that included all releases
- 23 of UNIX and all the UnixWare releases at the time. It
- 24 doesn't make sense if it wasn't true you tell the customers
- 25 that.

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1 You heard Mr. Nagle talk about how during the
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- 2 transition period they actually changed the code on the
- 3 software, not just on the outside of the box but in the
- 4 software itself, the code that reflects who owns those
- 5 programs, and they did that for the UnixWare program that
- 6 was being built at the time at Novell. They didn't have any
- 7 new code after the sale in it. That only makes sense if you
- 8 are transferring the ownership of that old code as of the
- 9 time of the deal. There's no refutation of that.
- 10 Of course, you can also look for intent at what
- 11 happened with the copyright registrations. You'd think that
- 12 Novell would have kept them. That's sort of important.
- 13 They were with Santa Cruz. They have been sitting on that
- 14 desk during the trial. You saw them in the testimony
- 15 through Mr. Maciaszek.
- 16 Now all of this testimony shows that the answer to
- 17 question number one should be yes, that under the amended
- 18 asset purchase agreement, the transfer of the UNIX and
- 19 UnixWare copyrights from Novell to SCO occurred.
- 20 The next question you will need to answer -- and
- 21 let me, before I move onto the next question, say that first
- 22 question is very important because it will mean if you
- 23 answer that yes, that SCO can go about rebuilding its
- 24 business with the ownership of the copyrights it needs for
- 25 that business.

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1 The next question you'll need to answer is whether
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- 2 Novell slandered SCO's ownership of the UNIX and UnixWare
- 3 copyrights. Now if you agree that SCO owned the copyrights,
- 4 there is not much question here that a slander occurred. In
- 5 fact, you have multiple slanders. You have what could be
- 6 characterized as a campaign of slander.
- 7 It started on May 28th, 2003 with the statement
- 8 that SCO is not the owner. There is the one moment of truth
- 9 on June 6th, and then a resumption in letters in August of
- 10 obtaining copyright registrations by filing with the United
- 11 States Copyright Office they own the copyrights. Other
- 12 statements in December and January. Mr. Stone's statement
- 13 on March 16th publicly that we still own UNIX. There is no
- 14 question those statements are false. They are definitive
- 15 statements by Novell.
- So the question, then, is whether or not these
- 17 statements were made with what is called constitutional
- 18 malice. You've been instructed on that. We submit that you
- 19 will find that they were made with reckless disregard for
- 20 the truth and, after June 6th, with actual knowledge of
- 21 their falsity.
- Now we call this constitutional malice because
- 23 this is what takes into account the concerns of the First
- 24 Amendment. There is a right to engage in free speech. But
- 25 there is not a right to make statements that are false, that

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1 are made recklessly or with knowledge that they are false.
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- 2 That's the difference. That is the balance of the free
- 3 speech that we hold dear in our constitutional system with
- 4 the protection against slander, defamation and falsehoods.
- Now the instruction shows that we have to prove,
- 6 and we believe we have, that the statement was made with
- 7 knowledge that it was false or with reckless disregard of
- 8 whether it was true, which means that there was a high
- 9 degree of awareness of the probable falsity or that at the
- 10 time the statement was made Novell had serious doubts that
- 11 the statement was true.
- 12 And we think that fits to a T what happened with
- 13 the May 28th slander, because let's think about the
- 14 statement that went out in the press release. You heard
- 15 testimony that they knew there was an unsigned Amendment 2
- 16 in their possession, but in a rush to get this out on May
- 17 28th, they didn't do their checking to see whether or not
- 18 that Amendment No. 2 had, in fact, been signed. They went
- 19 ahead. They could have easily determined that it was
- 20 signed. Do you think they could have called Wilson Sonsini,
- 21 the lawyers who negotiated the deal, to determine if it was
- 22 signed? Do you think Mr. Messman could have called Bob
- 23 Frankenberg, his predecessor? There are a lot of ways they
- 24 could have determined that was signed. Could they have
- 25 checked their files a little more clearly? We submit that

1 that constitutes recklessness, making the statement on May

- 2 28th, 2003.
- 3 However, the statements after May 28th, 2003 were
- 4 not just reckless, and one more point about that. Mr.
- 5 LaSala said he turned the company upside down for a signed
- 6 version. I suggest that submits they knew this was a very
- 7 important document. This would determine the issue.
- 8 So they get the document from SCO on June 5th, and
- 9 all during this period they never ask SCO -- they're about
- 10 to put out a statement, they are talking to them for months,
- 11 did they ever say we have this unsigned copy of Amendment
- 12 No. 2, do you happen to have a signed version? No word of
- 13 it. They just go public on May 28th.
- June 5th they receive from SCO a copy of the
- 15 signed Amendment No. 2. Mr. McBride testified before you,
- 16 and I think you will find it credible when he says
- 17 Mr. Messman, when confronted with the signed version,
- 18 admitted that SCO owned the copyrights. It's credible, we
- 19 believe, because the very next day he said that publicly in
- 20 this press release where, on June 6th, the amendment appears
- 21 to support SCO's claim that ownership of the copyrights did
- 22 transfer in 1996.
- Now they want you to believe they didn't mean what
- 24 they said on June 6th. Ladies and gentlemen, the June 6th
- 25 statement was not just a casual statement. You heard it was

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1 reviewed by Joe LaSala, general counsel. It was written by
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- 2 him. This is not a complicated amendment. It's about one
- 3 paragraph long. They had the unsigned version for some
- 4 time. It didn't take Novell months to figure out what it
- 5 meant. It took Novell months to try to turn it around to
- 6 figure out a way to suggest that it doesn't mean anything so
- 7 they could go back to a campaign of slander, which was
- 8 launched later in 2003. And this is then done, because of
- 9 the June 6th, 2003 press release, with knowledge of falsity.
- 10 They were cautious at first with the internal
- 11 letters on June 26th and August 4th. And then later, for
- 12 reasons that you can conclude were coincidental or
- 13 otherwise, they went public again on December 22nd. And, in
- 14 fact, the claim that they made in March, we still own UNIX,
- 15 an outrageous claim, not even limited to the copyrights, but
- 16 we still own UNIX, was echoed by Mr. Messman on that witness
- 17 stand. We still own UNIX, when the company had been sold,
- 18 the business had been sold eight years earlier. So these
- 19 statements were false, knowingly false, and we submit to you
- 20 were made with constitutional malice.
- 21 Indeed, the falsity of the claim, which includes
- 22 the copyrights that they registered with the United States
- 23 Copyright Office saying they owned them and which includes
- 24 Mr. Stone's statement on March 14th sarcastically saying,
- 25 sorry, Darl, we still own UNIX, all of these are knowingly

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1 false because we know what they thought. We know on June
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- 2 6th they recognized the ownership of these copyrights were
- 3 with SCO.
- 4 But the falsity of this is proven by another piece
- 5 of evidence that I think is very important. There are
- 6 Novell witnesses, people who work for Novell, who have
- 7 stated that it is so absurd to claim to own the copyrights
- 8 while having sold the business that it would be unethical to
- 9 take that position.
- 10 Ed Chatlos in his testimony when he was asked did
- 11 you ever get the lawyers' authority to hold back the
- 12 copyrights, absolutely not, no. And he said, the deal I
- 13 negotiated with SCO included the copyrights, so we modeled
- 14 it to include the copyrights. From a personal standpoint,
- 15 it would have been unethical to exclude them.
- Burt Levine, an in-house counsel involved in
- 17 drafting of the operative agreements, he said, well, I
- 18 believe that being an ethical company, you couldn't resort
- 19 to withholding something that the transferee in this case
- 20 would be entitled to. If it is that clear that it causes
- 21 internal Novell lawyers and negotiators to say it would be
- 22 unethical to suggest that you're holding back the copyrights
- 23 while selling the business, then these types of allegations
- 24 made by Novell have to be concluded to be knowingly false.
- Now if you find a false statement and you find

- 1 constitutional malice, we submit that you will have found,
- 2 then, that Novell is liable for slander of title and you
- 3 should then consider whether we have proven damages. And
- 4 there are two types of damages that you need to be concerned
- 5 with, special damages and punitive damages.
- 6 Special damages are the damages that are intended
- 7 to compensate SCO. Here, the damage done to SCO is damage
- 8 to SCO's SCOsource program. It was started by Darl McBride
- 9 after he was told by Linux supporters within his own company
- 10 that certain UNIX libraries were being used to run Linux and
- 11 that some companies had call him and wanted to see if they
- 12 could get a license to do that. As time progressed, SCO
- 13 found more of its intellectual property in Linux.
- 14 They decided, rather than trying to stop people
- 15 from using Linux, they would want to obtain a license, a fee
- 16 in the marketplace, that they had the right to do, for their
- 17 intellectual property. Now how much UNIX is in Linux will
- 18 be decided in the courts. That is not an issue that you
- 19 will need to decide in this case.
- 20 A lot of companies, as Professor Pisano told you,
- 21 have expressed that they wanted protection against
- 22 infringement, at least the risk of infringement. You'll
- 23 recall Mr. Tibbitts told you that when they were selling the
- 24 SCOsource program, that they had a code room that people
- 25 could come to and see the code. And after looking at that,

1 a number of those individuals and companies decided to take

- 2 a license.
- 3 We're not talking about unsophisticated companies
- 4 here. You had licenses entered into with Microsoft and Sun
- 5 and Computer Associates, actually demanded a license as part
- 6 of another deal. If there was nothing to those claims, they
- 7 wouldn't be out there doing that.
- 8 After looking at that proof -- and some of that
- 9 SCO presented to customers. An example of what SCO
- 10 presented to customers was shown early in the trial. These
- 11 were comments from industry analysts who had visited the
- 12 code room. One of them, Information Week, stated that, my
- 13 impression is that SCO's claim is credible, says Laura
- 14 DiDio, a Yankee Group analyst who was shown the evidence by
- 15 SCO Group earlier this week. It appears to be the same
- 16 code. According to EE Times in June 2003, if everything SCO
- 17 showed me today is true, then the Linux community should be
- 18 very concerned, said Bill Claybrook, research director for
- 19 Linux and open-source software at Aberdeen Group in Boston.
- 20 Computer Weekly, from what I've seen, I think people should
- 21 be taking the SCO accusations seriously.
- Now there is also evidence that Mr. Tibbitts
- 23 testified to that he obtained from IBM's Web site which
- 24 indicated that Linux was derived from UNIX, which is no
- 25 surprise and just sort of the start of the issue, and he

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1 sent letters in December of 2003 with examples of code. And
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- 2 some of that code you've heard, the Malloc code from Silicon
- 3 Graphics, essentially admitted had been infringed.
- 4 So the important point here is this isn't an issue
- 5 that's going to be decided in this trial. The marketplace
- 6 can decide that issue of whether or not individual companies
- 7 want to obtain a license from SCO or whether they want to
- 8 wait further and see how that issue is resolved, or simply
- 9 decide never to do that. You heard Mr. Pisano, based on the
- 10 surveys, indicate what percentage of people fell into which
- 11 buckets. That's the way a licensing program works.
- 12 Now you've also seen, however, that members of the
- 13 open source community have viciously attacked SCO for trying
- 14 to protect its intellectual property. I would submit to you
- 15 that Novell has brought some of those attacks into this very
- 16 court proceeding here. It remains that SCO has valuable
- 17 business relationships with business partners, big companies
- 18 like McDonald's, NASDAQ. It entered into, as I mentioned,
- 19 agreements in 2003 with Microsoft, Sun, Computer Associates.
- 20 And so while there are elements in the community that really
- 21 hated SCO for saying that Linux, which they thought was
- 22 free, incorporates intellectual property of UNIX, that would
- 23 not have prevented the SCOsource program from making sales.
- 24 Indeed, I would suggest to you, ladies and gentlemen, if
- 25 there wasn't any real competitive threat to Novell's Linux

1 activities, this campaign of slander would never have been

- 2 embarked upon.
- 3 There is a difference -- you heard Professor
- 4 Pisano testify about this, there is an important difference
- 5 between a slander that goes to ownership and simply
- 6 expressing views that there is or is not infringement or how
- 7 much infringement exists. One is opinion. The other is
- 8 fact. If someone says that I sold you this business and you
- 9 didn't get the copyrights, that is just as much a slander on
- 10 title if the person who sold you your house says you didn't
- 11 get title to the house when you bought it. That, when it
- 12 comes from such a credible source, the former owner of the
- 13 business, is deadly. That type of slander killed the
- 14 SCOsource business.
- 15 Now Mr. Hatch will talk to you in a few minutes
- 16 about the customers that were lost and the amount of damages
- 17 that were inflicted, but I would like to say a few words
- 18 first about punitive damages, because there's another type
- 19 of malice called personal malice that's important for
- 20 punitive damages, and that is the intent to injure. The
- 21 intent here to injure SCO. Unfortunately, there is no
- 22 shortage of evidence of that type of intent. Unfortunate
- 23 for SCO in the sense this is what they were dealing with
- 24 back in 2003.
- The defendants, we submit, issued two of these

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1 slanders on the same day as SCO's earnings reports. Now
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- 2 Novell and its witnesses suggest to you that this is a
- 3 coincidence. They are entitled to argue that. And you're
- 4 entitled to reject that and to say it is not a coincidence
- 5 when there are only four days during the entire year that
- 6 SCO announces its earnings and Novell makes two public
- 7 announcements of its assertion that it owns the UNIX and
- 8 UnixWare copyrights, and both of those public announcements
- 9 occur on two of the four days when SCO was announcing its
- 10 earnings. I would submit to you that that is not
- 11 coincidence, that that is an intent to injure. That is
- 12 malice.
- 13 That is before you even get to Maureen O'Gara's
- 14 testimony that Chris Stone admitted to her that the press
- 15 release was timed for May 28th to damage SCO's stock price.
- 16 Sure, the PR people at SCO, they had one journalist who was
- 17 willing to take on some of this community hate, said why
- 18 don't you take a jab at PJ and things like that, but there
- 19 is no reason to believe she invented this. It's
- 20 consistent -- it's consistent with what actually happened on
- 21 May 28th the same day as the earnings release, they issued
- 22 this slander, and they did it to, quote, confound SCO's
- 23 stock positions. And Chris Stone did it while he was
- 24 chortling, I think was the word. That's malice, ladies and
- 25 gentlemen.

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1 There's also Jack Messman's admission that they
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- 2 tried to publicize this press release in May as widely as
- 3 possible. That exhibited intent to harm SCO. It's not
- 4 enough to say, well, we wanted to make money, we wanted to
- 5 get our story out there. That's not a defense for spreading
- 6 a falsehood as widely as possible. There is evidence that
- 7 these acts were made to injure SCO because of SCO's taking
- 8 on of IBM.
- 9 Novell's attempted waivers of SCO's legal rights,
- 10 while they are an issue that the Court will deal with in
- 11 terms of whether those were proper, you can consider the
- 12 fact that they made those waivers as elements of intent,
- 13 that those were made in the same year, at the same time that
- 14 a \$50 million investment in Novell's Linux purchase was made
- 15 by IBM. You can consider the attempt by Mr. Stone and
- 16 Mr. LaSala to cover up the fact that these were done at
- 17 IBM's request by not telling the truth about it the first
- 18 time around. And that is also evidence of malice and effort
- 19 to hurt SCO in order to help a third party.
- 20 So thank you for your attention, ladies and
- 21 gentlemen. I'll have the opportunity to address you for a
- 22 little bit at the end of the closing arguments, but at this
- 23 time I would like to turn the podium over to Mr. Hatch.
- MR. HATCH: As Mr. Singer just talked about, the
- 25 SCOsource licensing program began to have sales. There was

- 1 testimony of sales to Sun, Microsoft and other companies.
- 2 These were real sales, tens of millions of dollars.
- 3 SCOsource was off to a strong start. Now I would like to
- 4 talk about what happened next.
- 5 Now you heard Mr. McBride testify about the
- 6 Hewlett Packard deal. You were shown the contract, which is
- 7 here on your screen, and this deal was near completion. Now
- 8 you were shown a red line here, markings, because Mr. Byers
- 9 of Hewlett Packard, he personally had typed in these
- 10 changes, and this was his offer on behalf of Hewlett Packard
- 11 to contract with SCO for \$30 million. You will notice here
- 12 it's six separate payments of \$5 million each.
- Now Novell showed you some e-mails that said that
- 14 Hewlett Packard was weighing the pros and cons of doing this
- 15 deal. They were looking at the risk factors that were out
- 16 in the community. But the bottom line, even with all those
- 17 risks, they were still considering this deal, and they made
- 18 a \$30 million offer. The negotiations continued, and then
- 19 all of a sudden that changed.
- 20 Mr. McBride told you that Novell had inserted
- 21 itself into this deal. Why? They told HP that they were
- 22 going to reassert copyrights ownership, and with that this
- 23 \$30 million contract was gone.
- Mr. McBride testified, we went deep into the
- 25 discussions here, and ultimately Mr. Byers came back and

- 1 informed me that it was difficult for Hewlett Packard to
- 2 complete the transaction as long as Novell was out there
- 3 saying they still owned the UNIX copyrights.
- 4 Likewise, SCO had begun negotiations with Google.
- 5 You heard that testimony. Google was the largest Linux user
- 6 in the world with over 500,000 servers. That would have
- 7 been a significant contract as well. Google pulled out of
- 8 that deal referencing that Novell's slander was a
- 9 substantial factor in not doing that deal.
- 10 Mr. McBride also testified that he personally met
- 11 with Michael Dell. Michael Dell is the CEO of Dell
- 12 Computers, another large company. After being excited about
- 13 that partnership, the deal died shortly after Novell's
- 14 December 22nd, 2003 reassertion of its ownership rights in
- 15 these copyrights. Now that was the primary reason that that
- 16 deal died.
- You also heard testimony from three of Novell's --
- 18 excuse me, SCO's salesforce, Mr. Later Gasparro, Mr. Phil
- 19 Langer, and Gregory Pettit. You may remember that was the
- 20 day that Mr. Normand got to play two of those individuals
- 21 for us. Mr. Gasparro, you will recall, he had testified
- 22 that he had actually made earlier SCOsource sales. He
- 23 actually had concrete sales of product. He talked about EBI
- 24 Web hosting and others. He testified that he had somewhere
- 25 between 50 and \$60 million of licensing opportunities in the

- 1 first six months of the program, Ford Motor, Google, Cisco.
- 2 But after Novell's claims of ownership, the salespeople
- 3 started getting negative feedback, as he described it, and
- 4 the results of the SCOsource program after Novell's claim of
- 5 ownership was dramatically affected in a negative way.
- 6 Mr. Gasparro told you that he visited with a large
- 7 number of corporate Linux users. He said that in calls,
- 8 letters and e-mails, he would be told that Novell's claim of
- 9 ownership was a major factor why customers didn't sign deals
- 10 with SCO.
- 11 Mr. Phil Langer, he is another SCO salesman, he
- 12 testified that he had over \$3 million in the sales pipeline.
- 13 After the Novell slander, there was a strong negative impact
- 14 on sales and sales dried up. He specifically talked about
- one deal with Regal Entertainment who wanted to do a deal
- between 300 and \$350,000, but then told SCO, we can't go
- 17 forward, we can't buy your intellectual property because
- 18 there is not clear title on it like we do when we buy movies
- 19 that we have clear copyright title to.
- 20 The third salesman was a man named Gregory Pettit.
- 21 He was a regional salesman. He said he had the exact same
- 22 problems as all the other salesmen. You may recall that he
- 23 was -- he said he was negotiating deals with other major
- 24 companies like Raytheon and Cisco. He specifically
- 25 testified as to Merrill Lynch, but that deal couldn't be

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done while SCO was being faced with Novell's claim of
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- 2 ownership.
- 3 Now the judge has instructed you that evidence --
- 4 that specific customers didn't do deals with SCO is one of
- 5 two ways that SCO can prove special damages in this case.
- 6 Consistent with the Judge's instructions, we have shown
- 7 through these three salesmen, Mr. McBride and others, that
- 8 Novell's conduct was a substantial factor in these
- 9 customers' decisions not to go forward with the deals.
- Now Novell's conduct doesn't have to be the only
- 11 reason, as the Judge has talked about. There can be other
- 12 reasons. There are always lots of reasons a customer
- 13 doesn't do things. Novell's conduct must simply be a
- 14 substantial factor for the customer's decision not to do a
- 15 deal with SCO. That was certainly true here.
- Now the second way the Judge instructed you that
- 17 you could find damages is by proving -- using the type of
- analysis that Dr. Pisano and Dr. Botosan used. I'm going to
- 19 discuss their calculations in just a minute. But just for a
- 20 moment, I want to talk to you about the things you heard
- 21 from Mr. Musika. He recited pretty much every nasty
- 22 remark -- Mr. Singer talked about that, almost every nasty
- 23 remark that people were out making about SCO in an effort to
- 24 say that sales were lost for some reason other than Novell.
- Now we've acknowledged from day one that people

- 1 dislike SCO. It was a small Utah company that was standing
- 2 up for itself with property rights. It was trying to
- 3 protect its business from larger, more powerful competitors.
- 4 That's it's right. But here's what you need to remember
- 5 about the bad things other people claimed about SCO.
- 6 Dr. Pisano and Dr. Botosan both took all of those
- 7 factors into consideration. They never said, ever, that
- 8 100 percent of the people who were potential customers would
- 9 buy SCOsource products. That would be unreasonable. That
- 10 wouldn't be conservative. You heard them testify that the
- 11 numbers were somewhat less than that, taking all of these
- 12 factors into consideration.
- 13 Now what Mr. Musika didn't want to admit, because
- 14 it didn't clearly fit his zero damages model, is that
- 15 despite some of these factors, some of the largest companies
- 16 in technology, Sun, Microsystems, Microsoft and others, had
- 17 actually done deals knowing all these things that Mr. Musika
- 18 talked about. Of course, these companies understood the
- 19 risks, that they took a license. That speaks volumes about
- 20 what other companies would have done if Novell hadn't
- 21 slandered the title.
- Now that's exactly what Dr. Pisano found. You
- 23 remember his chart. He's taking all things into
- 24 consideration. He said there would be between 19 and
- 25 45 percent of the total potential market of likely buyers of

- 1 SCOsource products. That was him taking into account, as
- 2 you can see here, not just one independent study, but three
- 3 of them. You will notice that all of them came in this 19
- 4 to 45 percent range.
- Now you heard Dr. Pisano's testimony. He was
- 6 here. He listed in his discussion in a pretty dramatic
- 7 fashion that he had taken into account every one of the risk
- 8 factors that Mr. Musika claimed, and he showed clearly
- 9 through hard scientific data that this 19 to 45 percent of
- 10 potential customers were there. His number wasn't zero.
- 11 Now as Mr. Singer pointed out, you will be given
- 12 this jury verdict form. In question number three you will
- 13 be asked what is the amount of special damages, if any, that
- 14 you award SCO as a result of Novell's slander of SCO's title
- 15 to the UNIX and UnixWare copyrights. You'll be asked to put
- 16 a number on that line. So what is the best and proper
- 17 measure of those damages?
- Dr. Botosan and Dr. Pisano came here to help you
- 19 with that, to help distill some complex business economic
- 20 concepts into real numbers. Now Dr. Pisano -- excuse me,
- 21 Dr. Botosan did her calculations in front of you. I told
- 22 you at the beginning I would have her come here and show you
- 23 exactly how she made her calculations. She did that for
- 24 you. She calculated two streams of revenue, vendor
- 25 licenses -- and you'll recall, those were the larger

- 1 licenses that even independent analysts said there were
- 2 probably a sale of at least 15 of those in the time period
- 3 we're talking about, at \$10 million each. That would have
- 4 been \$150 million, just that. But you recall that
- 5 Dr. Botosan said, I want to be conservative and I'm going
- 6 to -- consistent with the internal forecasts, I'm going to
- 7 estimate somewhat less than that. And you'll recall that
- 8 her number was just a little bit more than half of what the
- 9 independent analysts are saying.
- 10 For right to use licenses, she used several
- 11 internal, independent forecasts to reach her conclusions.
- 12 And then she showed you that she double-checked her work
- 13 with Dr. Pisano's numbers, remember, using one of the
- 14 independent forecasts, and then she went back and she used
- 15 Dr. Pisano's numbers of potential sales to double-check her
- 16 work. She did the calculations in front of you, and her
- 17 number was not zero, but her numbers were consistent when
- 18 she double-checked it.
- Now Dr. Botosan's estimates were conservative.
- 20 Growth, remember she chose a flat growth number. She used a
- 21 number of licenses that was much lower than even the
- 22 independent analyst was going to use. You'll recall that on
- 23 price, she could have used higher prices. We've heard
- 24 testimony that there were sales as high as \$1399 for some of
- 25 these, \$695. Deutsche Bank said going forward prices would

- 1 come down, they would be selling somewhere between 100 and
- 2 \$300. They said \$200 per unit would be the most likely
- 3 price. Dr. Botosan said I'm going to be very conservative.
- 4 I'm not here to give some giant number. She picked the
- 5 lower of those numbers.
- 6 So to the extent she cherry-picked, she
- 7 cherry-picked conservative. That's why she said I'm
- 8 building conservatism on top of conservatism. I'm starting
- 9 with a low base and I'm not letting it grow. So there are
- 10 two levels of conservatism buried in those numbers, and her
- 11 numbers reflect that.
- 12 Well, when Novell's turn came to talk about
- 13 damages, Mr. Musika did not do any calculations for you.
- 14 Even though his task was the same as Dr. Botosan, to show if
- 15 Novell had slandered what would the damages be to SCO, he
- 16 just highlighted the risk factors that Dr. Pisano had
- 17 already told you that he had taken fully into account.
- Now you heard Musika admit that Dr. Botosan used
- 19 the correct "but for" analysis. There was a lot of issue
- 20 about that. But when he finally came to her, he admitted
- 21 not only that it was correct, but he personally had used it
- 22 in other cases, used the "but for" analysis. But then in
- 23 this case he didn't use it. He didn't make a single
- 24 calculation. He refused to admit that even \$1 was lost.
- 25 You will have to decide whether that was really likely,

- 1 whether that's reasonable or whether that's fair.
- 2 He rejected Dr. Pisano's analysis of the market
- 3 completely and found zero lost licenses. Is that
- 4 reasonable? Is that fair?
- 5 Now Dr. Botosan put her numbers up, and this is
- 6 the same as on the board. She had a lower range, as you'll
- 7 recall, just short of \$114 million, and an upper range of
- 8 \$215 million.
- 9 If you will go to the next slide.
- 10 We ask you to award our client somewhere in that
- 11 range, that would be fair, and that would be the number you
- 12 would put here in number three on the verdict form.
- Now you are going to have one more task. Mr.
- 14 Singer, you heard him talk about malice, you heard him talk
- 15 about the bad acts of Novell, and consistent with what the
- 16 judge has instructed you, you are allowed to award punitive
- 17 damages.
- 18 Now punitive damages are an additional and special
- 19 type of damages that are intended to keep a party from doing
- 20 bad acts again, to teach them a lesson. So let Novell, in
- 21 this instance, know that it can't conduct business this way
- 22 in the future.
- 23 You are going to see -- and these are pages from
- 24 Novell's most recent filing with the United States
- 25 government, their 10-K, and this exhibit has been admitted

- 1 during trial, you will have access to that, you can see
- 2 Novell has a worth of about a billion dollars. And you are
- 3 allowed to consider that when you make a decision to make an
- 4 appropriate award.
- 5 Mr. Singer has discussed in detail the evidence
- 6 that Novell recklessly and knowingly asserted its ownership
- 7 on that May 28th day, the time that SCO was going to issue
- 8 its earnings statement, and they announced it in that way to
- 9 maximize the damages to SCO.
- 10 Now Novell later knew for a certainty, as Mr.
- 11 Singer pointed out, that it didn't own the copyrights, that
- 12 SCO did, and yet it reasserted to the world through a press
- 13 release, with malice, its false claim of ownership on
- 14 December 22nd, 2003. That was the second time. It was the
- 15 second time designed to maximize the hurt to SCO, on the day
- 16 of their annual earnings report.
- You are able to send a message through an award of
- 18 punitive damages, and the message and the amount are up to
- 19 you.
- 20 Could you go back to the verdict form.
- 21 Number four is where you do that, it says, what is
- $22\,$  the amount of punitive damages, if any, that you award SCO  $\,$
- 23 as a result of Novell's slander of SCO's title to the UNIX
- 24 and UnixWare copyrights. We leave you to take into account
- 25 Novell's worth. We leave that number to you.

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Thank you very much.
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              THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we'll now take
   our recess and we'll return and have Mr. Brennan.
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              Ms. Malley.
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              THE COURT: Mr. Singer, you'll have 12 minutes in
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     your rebuttal.
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              MR. SINGER: Thank you.
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              THE COURT: We'll take 15 minutes.
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