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EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
NORFOLK DIVISION

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I/P ENGINE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v. Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-512

GOOGLE INC., et al.,

Defendants.  
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Videotaped Deposition of DONALD M. KOSAK  
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1           Do you know what your early  
2 information filtering techniques were?

3           A.     I don't know what they're referring to  
4 there. I -- I had no part in creating this  
5 document and this is the first that I've seen  
6 this.

7           Q.     Well, you are listed as a consultant  
8 in Innovate/Protect; right?

9           A.     I don't know.

10          Q.     Take a look at the last page.

11          A.     Hmm. I see my name on the last page.

12          Q.     Well, did you adopt -- adapt any of  
13 your early information filtering techniques to  
14 apply to search systems?

15                MS. ALBERT: Objection. No  
16 foundation. Asked and answered.

17          A.     Certainly we acquired a large number  
18 of techniques that we developed in working with  
19 content and working with information filtering  
20 systems. And it's a true statement that we may  
21 have used some of those techniques and applied  
22 some of those techniques to the domain of search  
23 systems or information retrieval.

24          Q.     Can you think of any techniques that  
25 you did adapt and apply to search?

1 A. In -- in general or --

2 Q. Yeah.

3 A. At my time at Lycos. The question's  
4 very broad. I mean, it covers the scope of,  
5 what, 14 years? And you're asking me if I ever  
6 did something. I don't know if I can answer that  
7 in any other way than -- than, I don't know.

8 Q. All right. So let's cabinet it in  
9 time, then.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. Prior to December 1998, did you ever  
12 adapt any techniques from information filtering  
13 to search systems that you were creating?

14 A. We certainly used various techniques  
15 in some of those research projects that we built.

16 Q. And what techniques were those?

17 A. Various ways of parsing documents.  
18 Various ways of stemming -- stemming is a  
19 technical term. Different linguistic analysis.  
20 Just an entire litany of -- of techniques.

21 Q. Any techniques related to  
22 collaborative filtering?

23 A. Certainly some of the techniques had  
24 something to do with collaborative filtering.

25 Q. Do you remember which of the

1 techniques had to do with collaborative filtering  
2 that you used in search --

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. -- or adapted from the early  
5 information filtering techniques?

6 MS. ALBERT: Objection.

7 A. It's difficult for me to answer  
8 because we had a lot of different research  
9 projects, and many of them were on around ways of  
10 improving the search experience. And this was,  
11 you know, 1998 that we're talking about. I don't  
12 recall exactly which experiments had which pieces  
13 in it.

14 You know, these are not things that I  
15 spent hours every day on the experiments. They  
16 were things that I parceled off to people to run  
17 tests and get results back to me. So I've got  
18 possibly a few hours of experience on some of  
19 them and, you know, maybe a day of experience on  
20 another. They're not things that are going to be  
21 indelibly etched in my memory.

22 Q. See, now I'm confused because earlier  
23 today you said that you and Mr. Lang were the  
24 only ones that were working on the search part of  
25 the project?

1           A.       From management.  You asked me a  
2 question about managing, and I answered that Ken  
3 and I were the only ones that oversaw that  
4 information.

5           Q.       So who else worked --

6           A.       From the management standpoint.

7           Q.       Sorry.

8           A.       Sorry to interrupt.

9           Q.       Are you done?

10          A.       I am finished.

11          Q.       Who else worked on search, those  
12 search research projects that incorporated  
13 content-based- and collaborative filtering  
14 besides you and Mr. Lang?

15          A.       Well, there were two teams that did  
16 some of the experiments.  There was the research  
17 group.  I don't recall what -- what size  
18 precisely at that particular time period that  
19 research group was.  There was another group  
20 called the Lycos advanced product development  
21 group that basically built prototypes, not  
22 finished products.  So those two different teams  
23 would be the direct ones responsible.

24          Q.       Do you remember any individuals in the  
25 research group?

1 Q. All right. Then tell me what happens.  
2 I make a demand search. I put in a query.  
3 There's no wire. What happens?

4 A. We use the content-based side of the  
5 filter to generate a list of results.

6 Q. Okay. After the content-based filter  
7 generates a list of results, what happens next?

8 A. In this prototype that we're  
9 discussing, at that point the results were  
10 displayed to the user; in this case, a  
11 researcher. That person may or may not click on  
12 some of the results. If they clicked on some of  
13 the results, we tabulated that as a feedback into  
14 the system. You know, this result was clicked,  
15 that result was clicked. And modified or created  
16 the pool of information that we used on the  
17 collaborative side.

18 Q. Well, how did it modify or -- how did  
19 it modify the pool of information that you used  
20 on the collaborative side, if the person already  
21 received the results of that query?

22 A. That would be for the next person  
23 coming through asking for that query. So if the  
24 next person came through and typed in a query,  
25 the same query, for example, yeah.

1           Q.       So the first time a user made a demand  
2 search and there wasn't a wire for it, the  
3 collaborative part of the algorithm did not kick  
4 in?

5                   MS. ALBERT:  Objection.

6           A.       Well, there -- there were instances  
7 that we could use the information that we might  
8 have on one of the results that came up to make a  
9 determination as to whether, you know, the  
10 ranking of that result should be moved up or  
11 down.

12          Q.       So tell me how that worked.

13          A.       In our prototype system, when -- when  
14 you had multiple queries coming through, the  
15 queries didn't necessarily have to generate the  
16 exact same result set.  But there might be a  
17 document that's in common between those result  
18 sets.  The fact that somebody at this  
19 semi-related query (indicating) clicked on that  
20 document, might make that document rise up  
21 numerically its score higher.  So that pattern of  
22 behavior might influence other queries.

23          Q.       How did you know that a query was  
24 semi-related as opposed to -- if it wasn't  
25 identical, how did you know that it was



1 semi-related?

2 A. Well, in my example I'm talking about  
3 a case where the same result or the same document  
4 was shown in both queries. So I'm drawing the  
5 conclusion that there was a relationship between  
6 the queries because they returned an instance of  
7 the same document. And I'm kind of talking about  
8 a very finite example here.

9 Q. And then when you used -- when you  
10 used that information where somebody had clicked  
11 on the same document that showed up in the two  
12 queries, what happened next?

13 A. I don't know. I could speculate. I  
14 mean, this -- this prototype that we're talking  
15 about is a collection of different things and  
16 it's, what? 12 years ago. We could walk through  
17 hundreds of different corner cases. I know that  
18 it did something for those corner cases. I can't  
19 remember every single corner case a decade after  
20 it was done.

21 Q. Well, let's not go for every single  
22 one. Let's just talk about the ones you  
23 remember.

24 A. Well, okay. On those corner cases, I  
25 don't know.

1 Q. What do you mean by "corner cases"?

2 A. When you get down to the detail level  
3 of how some particular co-occurrence of different  
4 things by different users for different document  
5 sets for hypothetical queries, I'm not going to  
6 be able to answer questions like that 10 years  
7 after, you know, this was done.

8 Again, to remind you, I didn't build  
9 these prototypes. I helped collaborate with the  
10 design of these things with Ken Lang who directed  
11 the building of these prototypes. He would be  
12 much more familiar with the prototypes than  
13 myself.

14 Q. So when the prototypes were built, did  
15 the builders have any leeway on how they were  
16 implementing things or were they told exactly  
17 what to do?

18 A. I don't know how Ken directed them. I  
19 did not attend any of Ken's staff meetings or,  
20 you know, research group meetings. I was, you  
21 know, busy. The collaboration was between Ken  
22 and myself.

23 Q. The people that were busy building the  
24 system, what kind of backgrounds did they have?

25 A. Are you talking about the people who

1 reported to Ken Lang?

2 Q. Yeah. Who actually did the building  
3 of the system.

4 A. Well, I don't know who Ken had  
5 building the various things or carrying out his  
6 projects. Ken's staff had a bunch of people who  
7 were Ph.D.'s. He had a handful of people who  
8 were in the process of getting Ph.D.'s, and he  
9 had some really hard core software engineers.

10 Most of the time the research group  
11 had Ph.D. guys, and the really hard core  
12 engineers were in the prototyping advanced  
13 development group. And sometimes there was some  
14 overlap. And the reason Ken had both of them is  
15 he could mix them together how he wanted. So I  
16 don't know which combinations of staff he used.

17 Q. It sounds like the people had a pretty  
18 high level of educational background, though,  
19 that were working on implementing this; is that  
20 right?

21 A. I think that characterizes most of the  
22 employees then, yes.

23 Q. And would you say that was  
24 representative of the skill level of people  
25 working in this field at that time in 1998?