IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

UNILOC 2017 LLC,
A Delaware Corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

SLING TV L.L.C.,
A Colorado limited liability company,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:19- CV-00278

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff Uniloc 2017 LLC ("Uniloc"), by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby files this Complaint and makes the following allegations of patent infringement relating to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,519,005, 6,895,118, 9,721,273 and 8,407,609 against Sling TV L.L.C. ("Sling TV") and alleges as follows upon actual knowledge with respect to itself and its own acts and upon information and belief as to all other matters:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement. Uniloc alleges that Sling TV infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 6,519,005 (the "'005 patent"), 6,895,118 (the "'118 patent") 9,721,273 (the "'273 patent") and 8,407,609 (the "'609 patent") copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits A-D (collectively, "the Asserted Patents").

2. Uniloc alleges that Sling TV directly infringes the Asserted Patents by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing products and services, such as Sling TV that: (1) perform a method for motion coding an uncompressed digital video data stream; (2) perform a method of coding a digital image comprising macroblocks in a binary data stream (3) perform a method for providing content via a computer network and a computer system and (4) track digital media presentations. Uniloc seeks damages and other relief for Sling TV's infringement of the Asserted Patents.

THE PARTIES

3. Uniloc 2017 LLC is a Delaware corporation having places of business at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 and 620 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660.

4. Uniloc holds all substantial rights, title and interest in and to the Asserted Patents.

5. Upon information and belief, Defendant Sling TV, L.L.C., is Colorado corporation with an office at 9601 S. Meridian Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80112. Sling TV may be served through its registered agent for service: Timothy Allen Messner at 9601 S. Meridian Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80112

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This action for patent infringement arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 et. seq. This Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

7. This Court has both general and specific jurisdiction over Sling TV because Sling TV is a Colorado corporation and has committed acts within Colorado giving rise to this action and has established minimum contacts with this forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Sling TV would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Sling TV, directly and through subsidiaries, intermediaries (including distributors, retailers, franchisees and others), has committed and continues to commit acts of patent infringement in this District, by, among other things, making, using, testing, selling, licensing, importing and/or offering for sale/license products and services that infringe the Asserted Patents.

8. Venue is proper in this district and division under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(d) and 1400(b) because Sling TV has committed acts of infringement in Colorado.

COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,519,005

9. The allegations of paragraphs 1-8 of this Complaint are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

10. The ’005 patent, titled “Method of Concurrent Multiple-Mode Motion Estimation

For Digital Video," issued on February 11, 2003. A copy of the '005 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

11. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 282, the '005 patent is presumed valid.

12. Invented by Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., the inventions of the '005 patent were not well-understood, routine or conventional at the time of the invention. At the time of invention of the '005 patent, different compression algorithms had been developed for digitally encoding video and audio information (hereinafter referred to generically as "digital video data stream") in order to minimize the bandwidth required to transmit this digital video data stream for a given picture quality. '005 patent at 1:12-17. Several multimedia specification committees established and proposed standards for encoding/compressing and decoding/decompressing audio and video information. The most widely accepted international standards have been proposed by the Moving Pictures Expert Group (MPEG). *Id*. at 1:17-22 Video coding, such as MPEG coding, involves a number of steps. In general, in accordance with the MPEG standards, the audio and video data comprising a multimedia data stream (or "bit stream") are encoded/compressed in an intelligent manner using a compression technique generally known as "motion coding." *Id*. at 1:41-45. More particularly, rather than transmitting each video frame in its entirety, MPEG uses motion estimation for only those parts of sequential pictures that vary due to motion, where possible. *Id*. at 1:45-48. In general, the picture elements or "pixels" of a picture are specified relative to those of a previously transmitted reference or "anchor" picture using differential or "residual" video, as well as so-called "motion vectors" that specify the location of a 16-by-16 array of pixels or "macroblock" within the current picture relative to its original location within the anchor picture. *Id*. at 1:48-55. Computation of the motion vector(s) for a given macroblock involves an exhaustive search procedure that is very computationally intensive. *Id*. at 3:25-39. It was desirable at the time of the invention to improve this process. *Id*. at 3:40-67.

13. The inventive solution of the claimed inventions of the '005 patent provides a system and method for digital video compression, and, more particularly, to a motion estimation method and search engine for a digital video encoder that is simpler, faster, and less expensive

than prior art technology, and that permits concurrent motion estimation using multiple prediction modes. *Id*. at 1:6-11.

14. A person of ordinary skill in the art reading the ’005 patent and its claims would understand that the patent’s disclosure and claims are drawn to solving a specific, technical problem arising in the field of digital video compression. *Id*. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the claimed subject matter of the ’005 patent presents advancements in the field of digital video compression, and more particularly to a motion estimation method and search engine for a digital video encoder that is simpler, faster, and less expensive than prior art technology, and that permits concurrent motion estimation using multiple prediction modes. *Id.*

15. In light of the foregoing, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that claim 1 of the ’005 patent is directed to a method for motion coding an uncompressed digital video data stream, which provides concurrent motion estimation using multiple prediction modes. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that claim 1 of the ’005 patent contains that corresponding inventive concept.

16. Upon information and belief, Sling TV makes, uses, offers for sale, and/or sells in the United States and/or imports into the United States products and services such as its H.264 encoders that practice a method for motion coding an uncompressed digital video data stream (collectively the “Accused Infringing Devices”).

17. Upon information and belief, the Accused Infringing Devices infringe at least claim 1 in the exemplary manner described below.

18. The Accused Infringing Devices provide a method for motion coding an uncompressed (pixel level) digital video data stream. The Accused Infringing Devices receive input video streams which are then encoded and/or transcoded using at least the H.264 (AVC) standard. The H.264 standard is a widely used video compression format with decoder support on web browsers, TVs and other consumer devices. Moreover, H.264 uses motion compressor and estimator for motion coding video streams. The Accused Infringing Devices receive input video

streams which are then encoded and/or transcoded using at least the H.264 standard. H.264 uses motion compressor and estimator for motion coding video streams.

Sling TV Stream Details

First off, I found out that the streams were of differing quality depending on what channel you were watching. Sling has apparently tailored different encoding profiles to different types of content which is nice. They also are using x264 for video encoding, which I did not expect.

Sadly, my suspicions were confirmed, Sling (at least for the PC client) is **not** offering 1080p and surround sound. It seems to top off at 720p and is always only stereo.

Below I have listed the encoding profile that each channel is using. As you are probably aware, they are adaptive quality and jump between various qualities depending on how much bandwidth is available at any given time. For simplicity sake, I've only listed the highest quality available for each channel. If you're curious about the other qualities, ask in the comments. Each channel has about 10 different streams available to it, so there's certainly lots of wiggle room.

Source: https://www.cuttingcords.com/home/2015/2/9/sling-tv-technical-details

x264

x264 is a **free software library** and **application** for encoding video streams into the **H.264/MPEG-4 AVC** compression format, and is released under the terms of the GNU GPL.

Source: http://www.videolan.org/developers/x264.html

H.264 Uses Predictive Coding

For all remaining pictures of a sequence or between random access points, typically "Inter" coding is used. Inter coding employs prediction (motion compensation) from other previously decoded pictures. The encoding process for Inter prediction (motion estimation) consists of choosing motion data, comprising the reference picture, and a spatial displacement that is applied to all samples of the block. The motion data which are transmitted as side information are used by the encoder and decoder to simultaneously provide the Inter prediction signal.

Source: https://tech.ebu.ch/publications/trev_293-Schaefer, p3

0.6 Overview of the design characteristics

This subclause does not form an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard.

The coded representation specified in the syntax is designed to enable a high compression capability for a desired image quality. With the exception of the transform bypass mode of operation for lossless coding in the High 4:4:4 Intra, CAVLC 4:4:4 Intra, and High 4:4:4 Predictive profiles, and the I_PCM mode of operation in all profiles, the algorithm is typically not lossless, as the exact source sample values are typically not preserved through the encoding and decoding processes. A number of techniques may be used to achieve highly efficient compression. Encoding algorithms (not specified in this Recommendation | International Standard) may select between inter and intra coding for block-shaped regions of each picture. Inter coding uses motion vectors for block-based inter prediction to exploit temporal statistical dependencies between different pictures. Intra coding uses various spatial prediction modes to exploit spatial statistical dependencies in the source signal for a single picture. Motion vectors and intra prediction modes may be specified for a variety of block sizes in the picture. The prediction residual is then further compressed using a transform to remove spatial correlation inside the transform block before it is quantised, producing an irreversible process that typically discards less important visual information while forming a close approximation to the source samples. Finally, the motion vectors or intra prediction modes are combined with the quantised transform coefficient information and encoded using either variable length coding or arithmetic coding.

0.6.1 Predictive coding

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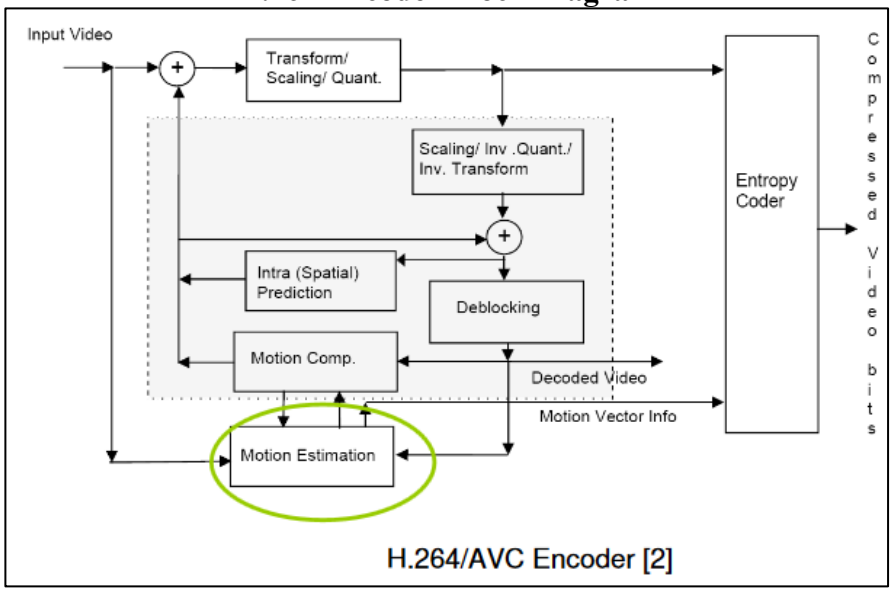
Because of the conflicting requirements of random access and highly efficient compression, two main coding types are specified. Intra coding is done without reference to other pictures. Intra coding may provide access points to the coded sequence where decoding can begin and continue correctly, but typically also shows only moderate compression efficiency. Inter coding (predictive or bi-predictive) is more efficient using inter prediction of each block of sample values from some previously decoded picture selected by the encoder. In contrast to some other video coding standards, pictures coded using bi-predictive inter prediction may also be used as references for inter coding of other pictures.

The application of the three coding types to pictures in a sequence is flexible, and the order of the decoding process is generally not the same as the order of the source picture capture process in the encoder or the output order from the decoder for display. The choice is left to the encoder and will depend on the requirements of the application. The

decoding order is specified such that the decoding of pictures that use inter-picture prediction follows later in decoding order than other pictures that are referenced in the decoding process.

Source: H.264 Standard (03-2010) at pp. 3-4

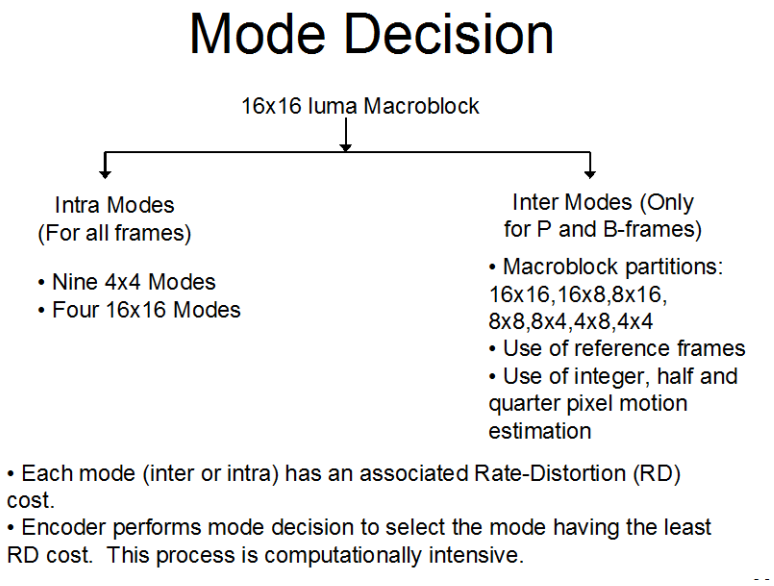
H.264 Encoder Block Diagram



Source: https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/csep590a/07au/lectures/rahullarge.pdf

19. The Accused Infringing Devices provide a method for comparing pixels of a first pixel array (e.g., a macroblock) in a picture currently being coded with pixels of a plurality of second pixel arrays in at least one reference picture and concurrently performing motion estimation for each of a plurality of different prediction modes in order to determine which of the prediction modes is an optimum prediction mode.

20. H.264 uses different motion estimation modes in inter-frame prediction. These modes are commonly referred to as inter-frame prediction modes, or inter modes. Each inter mode involves partitioning the current macroblock into a different combination of sub blocks, and selecting the optimum motion vector for the current macroblock based on the partition. The inter-frame prediction modes, or inter modes, can be further categorized by the number and position of the reference frames, as well as the choice of integer pixel, half pixel and quarter pixel values in motion estimation. The Sling TV H.264 encoders concurrently perform motion estimation of a macroblock for all inter-modes and select the most optimum prediction mode with least rate distortion cost.

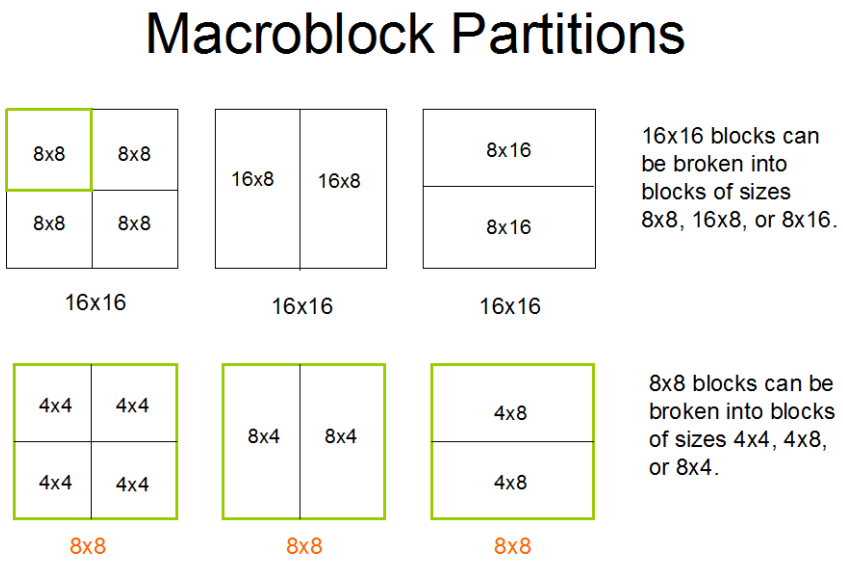


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21. H.264 provides a hierarchical way to partition a macroblock, with the available partitions shown in the following two figures. An exemplary inter-frame prediction mode, or inter

mode, can be for a macroblock to be partitioned to encompass a 16x8 sub block on the left, and two 8x8 sub blocks on the right.

Macroblock partitions for inter-frame prediction modes



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H.264 provides macroblock partitions for inter-frame prediction modes

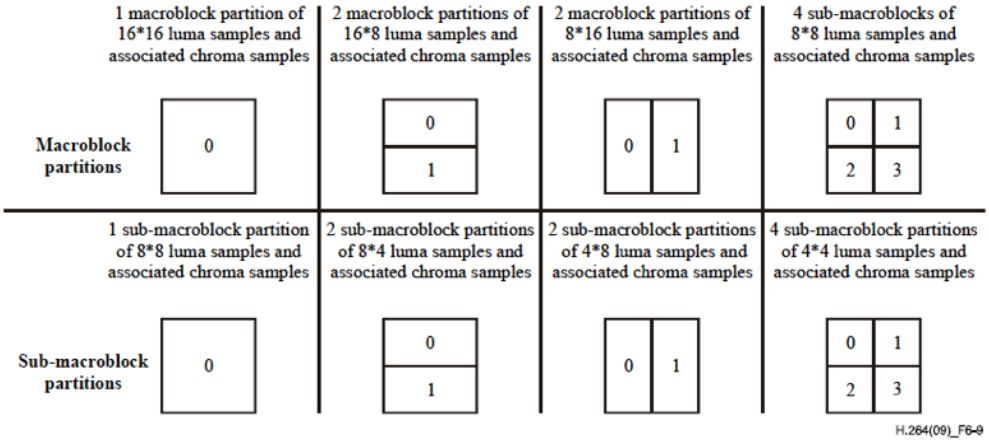


Figure 6-9 – Macroblock partitions, sub-macroblock partitions, macroblock partition scans, and sub-macroblock partition scans

Source: H.264 Standard (03-2010) at p. 26

22. The optimum prediction mode as chosen for the current macroblock is embedded in the compressed bit stream of H.264, as shown in the following two syntaxes.

Macroblock prediction syntax in H.264

7.3.5.1 Macroblock prediction syntax

mb_pred(mb_type) {	C	Descriptor
if(MbPartPredMode(mb_type, 0) == Intra_4x4 || MbPartPredMode(mb_type, 0) == Intra_16x16) {		
if(MbPartPredMode(mb_type, 0) == Intra_4x4)		
for(luma4x4BlkIdx=0; luma4x4BlkIdx<16; luma4x4BlkIdx++) {		
prev_intra4x4_pred_mode_flag[luma4x4BlkIdx **]**	2	u(1) | ae(v)
if(!prev_intra4x4_pred_mode_flag[luma4x4BlkIdx])		
rem_intra4x4_pred_mode[luma4x4BlkIdx **]**	2	u(3) | ae(v)
}		
intra_chroma_pred_mode	2	ue(v) | ae(v)
} else if(MbPartPredMode(mb_type, 0) != Direct) {		
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < NumMbPart(mb_type); mbPartIdx++)		
if((num_ref_idx_l0_active_minus1 > 0 || mb_field_decoding_flag) && MbPartPredMode(mb_type, mbPartIdx) != Pred_L1)		
ref_idx_l0[mbPartIdx **]**	2	te(v) | ae(v)
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < NumMbPart(mb_type); mbPartIdx++)		
if((num_ref_idx_l1_active_minus1 > 0 || mb_field_decoding_flag) && MbPartPredMode(mb_type, mbPartIdx) != Pred_L0)		
ref_idx_l1[mbPartIdx **]**	2	te(v) | ae(v)
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < NumMbPart(mb_type); mbPartIdx++)		
if(MbPartPredMode (mb_type, mbPartIdx) != Pred_L1)		
for(compIdx = 0; compIdx < 2; compIdx++)		
mvd_l0[mbPartIdx **][** 0 **][** compIdx **]**	2	se(v) | ae(v)
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < NumMbPart(mb_type); mbPartIdx++)		
if(MbPartPredMode(mb_type, mbPartIdx) != Pred_L0)		
for(compIdx = 0; compIdx < 2; compIdx++)		
mvd_l1[mbPartIdx **][** 0 **][** compIdx **]**	2	se(v) | ae(v)
}		
}		

Source: H.264 Standard (03-2010) at p. 57

Sub-macroblock prediction syntax in H.264

7.3.5.2 Sub-macroblock prediction syntax

sub_mb_pred(mb_type) {	C	Descriptor
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < 4; mbPartIdx++)		
sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx]	2	ue(v) | ae(v)
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < 4; mbPartIdx++)		
if((num_ref_idx_l0_active_minus1 > 0 || mb_field_decoding_flag) && mb_type != P_8x8ref0 && sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx] != B_Direct_8x8 && SubMbPredMode(sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx]) != Pred_L1)		
ref_idx_l0[mbPartIdx]	2	te(v) | ae(v)
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < 4; mbPartIdx++)		
if((num_ref_idx_l1_active_minus1 > 0 || mb_field_decoding_flag) && sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx] != B_Direct_8x8 && SubMbPredMode(sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx]) != Pred_L0)		
ref_idx_l1[mbPartIdx]	2	te(v) | ae(v)
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < 4; mbPartIdx++)		
if(sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx] != B_Direct_8x8 && SubMbPredMode(sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx]) != Pred_L1)		
for(subMbPartIdx = 0; subMbPartIdx < NumSubMbPart(sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx]); subMbPartIdx++)		
for(compIdx = 0; compIdx < 2; compIdx++)		
mvd_l0[mbPartIdx][subMbPartIdx][compIdx]	2	se(v) | ae(v)
for(mbPartIdx = 0; mbPartIdx < 4; mbPartIdx++)		
if(sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx] != B_Direct_8x8 && SubMbPredMode(sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx]) != Pred_L0)		
for(subMbPartIdx = 0; subMbPartIdx < NumSubMbPart(sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx]); subMbPartIdx++)		
for(compIdx = 0; compIdx < 2; compIdx++)		
mvd_l1[mbPartIdx][subMbPartIdx][compIdx]	2	se(v) | ae(v)
}		

Source: H.264 Standard (03-2010) at p. 58

23. The Accused Infringing Devices provide a method for determining which of the second pixel arrays (e.g., macroblock) constitutes a best match with respect to the first pixel array (e.g., macroblock) for the optimum prediction mode.

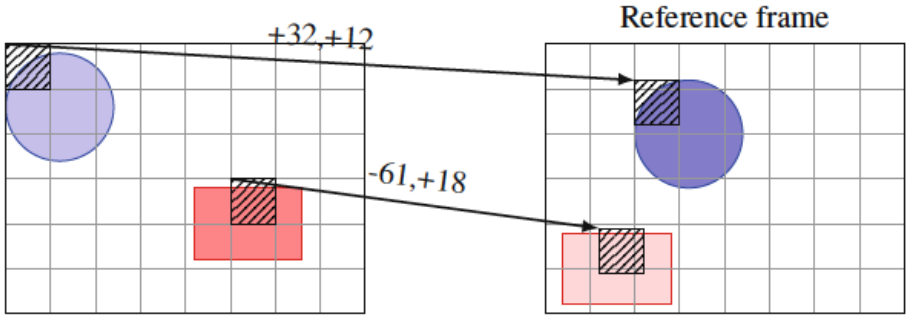


Fig. 2.4: Motion estimation. For each MB the best matching block in the reference frame is found. The encoder codes the differences (errors) between the MBs and their best matching blocks. Arrows indicate motion vectors and are labeled by the vector coordinates. In this example the shapes are identical but their colors are slightly larger/darker.

Source: B. Juurlink et al., Scalable Parallel Programming Applied to H.264, Chapter 2: Understanding the Application: An Overview of the H.264 Standard, p. 12

24. For example, the encoder performs mode decision to select the most optimum prediction mode with least rate distortion cost.

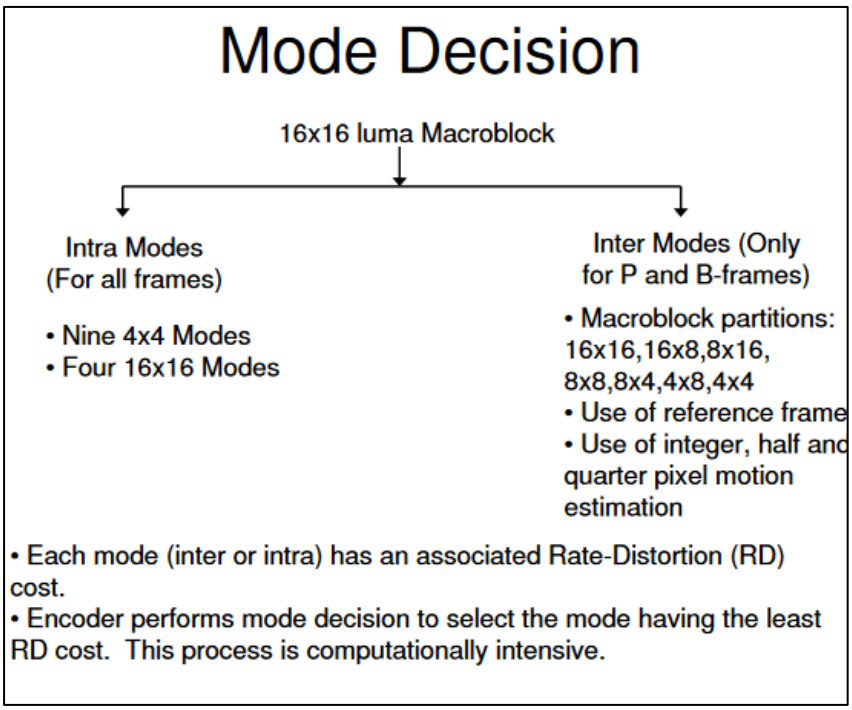
Macroblock layer semantics

The following semantics are assigned to the macroblock types in Table 7-13:

- P_L0_16x16: the samples of the macroblock are predicted with one luma macroblock partition of size 16x16 luma samples and associated chroma samples.
- P_L0_L0_MxN, with MxN being replaced by 16x8 or 8x16: the samples of the macroblock are predicted using two luma partitions of size MxN equal to 16x8, or two luma partitions of size MxN equal to 8x16, and associated chroma samples, respectively.
- P_8x8: for each sub-macroblock an additional syntax element (sub_mb_type[mbPartIdx] with mbPartIdx being the macroblock partition index for the corresponding sub-macroblock) is present in the bitstream that specifies the type of the corresponding sub-macroblock (see subclause 7.4.5.2).
- P_8x8ref0: has the same semantics as P_8x8 but no syntax element for the reference index (ref_idx_l0[mbPartIdx] with mbPartIdx = 0..3) is present in the bitstream and ref_idx_l0[mbPartIdx] shall be inferred to be equal to 0 for all sub-macroblocks of the macroblock (with indices mbPartIdx = 0..3).
- P_Skip: no further data is present for the macroblock in the bitstream.

Source: H.264 Standard (03-2010), p. 100

Mode Decision



Source: https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/csep590a/07au/lectures/rahullarge.pdf, p. 30

25. The Accused Infringing Devices provide a method for generating a motion vector for the first pixel array in response to the determining step. The encoder calculates the appropriate motion vectors and other data elements represented in the video data stream.

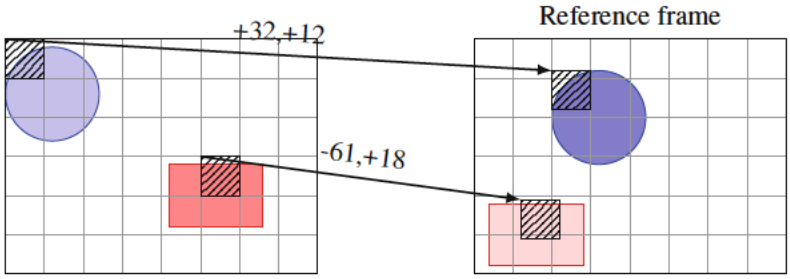


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Motion Vector Derivation is described below

1. The derivation process for motion vector components and reference indices as specified in subclause 8.4.1 is invoked.

   Inputs to this process are:

   – a macroblock partition mbPartIdx,

   – a sub-macroblock partition subMbPartIdx.

   Outputs of this process are:

   – luma motion vectors mvL0 and mvL1 and when ChromaArrayType is not equal to 0, the chroma motion vectors mvCL0 and mvCL1

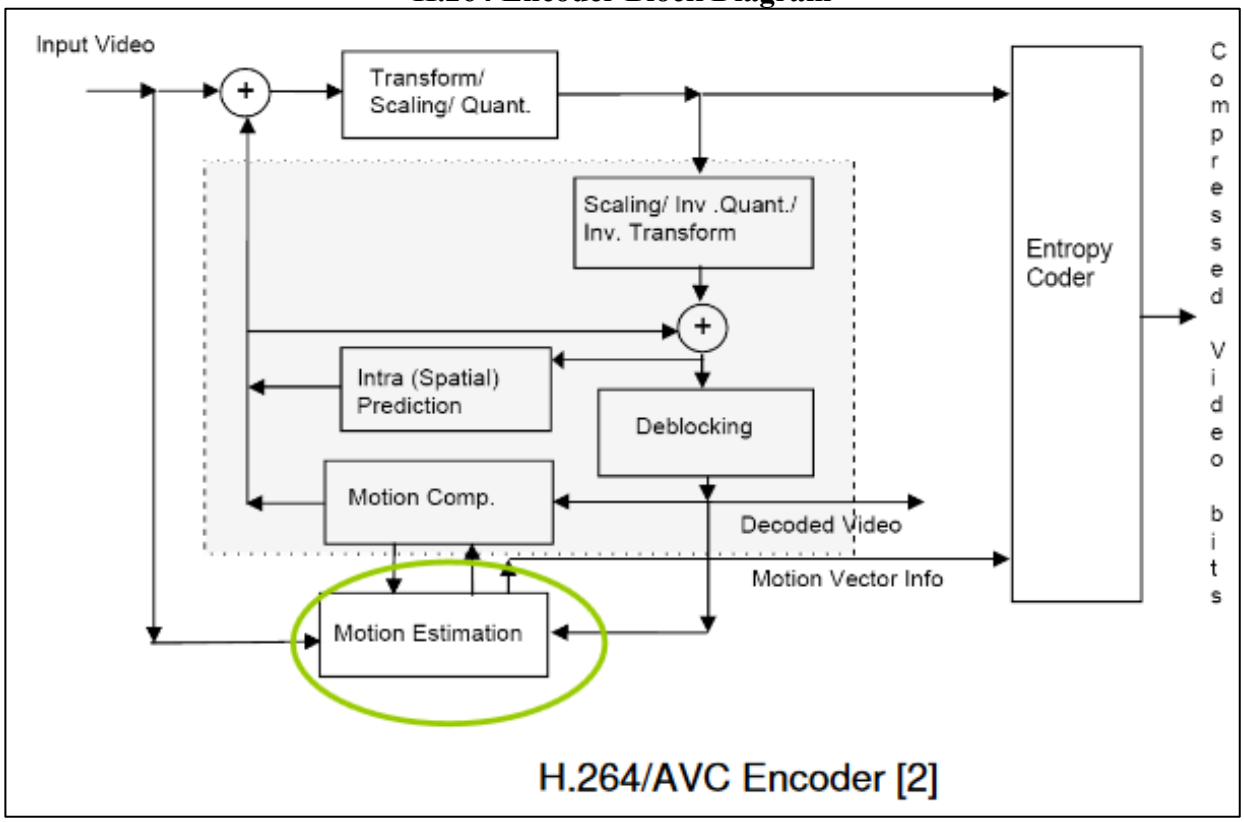
   – reference indices refIdxL0 and refIdxL1

   – prediction list utilization flags predFlagL0 and predFlagL1

   – the sub-macroblock partition motion vector count subMvCnt.

Source: H.264 Standard (03-2010), p. 151

H.264 Encoder Block Diagram



Source: https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/csep590a/07au/lectures/rahullarge.pdf, p. 2

26. Sling TV has infringed, and continues to infringe, at least claim 1 of the '005 patent in the United States, by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing the Accused Infringing Devices in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

27. Upon information and belief, Sling TV may have infringed and continues to infringe the ’005 patent through other software and devices utilizing the same or reasonably similar functionality, including other versions of the Accused Infringing Devices.

28. Sling TV’s acts of direct infringement have caused and continue to cause damage to Uniloc and Uniloc is entitled to recover damages sustained as a result of Sling TV’s wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial.

COUNT II– INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,895,118

29. The allegations of paragraphs 1-8 of this Complaint are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

30. The ’118 patent, titled “Method Of Coding Digital Image Based on Error Concealment,” issued on May 17, 2005. A copy of the ’118 patent is attached as Exhibit B.

31. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 282, the ’118 patent is presumed valid.

32. Invented by Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., the inventions of the ’118 patent were not well-understood, routine or conventional at the time of the invention. The specification discloses previous work done to reduce the amount data required to send a video stream by intentionally dropping certain image blocks, and then concealing the lost blocks through the use of spatial interpolation. ’118 patent at 1:14-32. The publication referenced in the specification describes how a JPEG coder can be modified to intentionally drop image blocks that can be reasonably reconstructed from neighboring transmitted blocks. The schemes described therein achieved data reduction by replacing dropped blocks with constant value blocks, or by modifying block addressing information to communicate the addresses of the dropped blocks. *Id.* at 1:21-32.

33. The inventors observed that block information could be dropped altogether, simulating lost data in the video stream, but for the synchronization issues such data dropping can cause at the decoder. MPEG-4, a more modern coding standard than JPEG or MPEG-1, contained a new mechanism to recover from lost data through periodically inserted resynchronization markers. *Id.*at 1:35-42. One aspect of the invention was to selectively combine block dropping with resynchronization markers to enable more efficient compression. The

inventors include a step in their invention to evaluate the potential data savings of dropping a block or blocks relative to the overhead of the resynchronization markers. *Id.* At 2:11-27. In addition to spatial reconstruction of dropped blocks, the inventors furthermore incorporated the additional mechanism of temporal interpolation to support reconstruction of dropped blocks, using motion vector information from neighboring blocks. *Id.* at 3:19-28.

34. A person of ordinary skill in the art reading the ’118 patent and its claims would understand that the patent’s disclosure and claims are drawn to solving a specific, technical problem arising in achieving more efficient video compression. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the claimed subject matter of the ’118 patent presents advancements in the field of digital image coding. And, as detailed by the specification, the prior tools for reducing compressed video data rates was such that a new and novel approach was required.

35. In light of the foregoing, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that claim 1 of the ’118 patent is directed to a method of coding a digital image comprising macroblocks in a binary data stream. *Id.* at 8:2-3. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that claim 1 of the ’118 patent contains the inventive concept of (1) an estimation step, for macroblocks, of a capacity to be reconstructed via an error concealment method, (2) a decision step for macroblocks to be excluded from the coding, a decision to exclude a macroblock from coding being made on the basis of the capacity of such macroblock to be reconstructed, and (3) a step of inserting a resynchronization marker into the binary data stream after the exclusion of one or more macroblocks. *Id.* at 8:4-12.

36. Upon information and belief, Sling TV makes, uses, offers for sale, and/or sells in the United States and/or imports into the United States products and services such as H.264 encoders that practice a method for coding a digital image comprising macroblocks in a binary data stream (collectively the “Accused Infringing Devices”).

37. Upon information and belief, the Accused Infringing Devices infringe at least claim 1 in the exemplary manner described below.

38. The Accused Infringing Devices use H.264 (AVC) streams for coding video data (digital images) including macroblocks embedded in a binary stream.

39. H.264 is a widely used video compression format with decoder support on web browsers, TVs and other consumer devices. Moreover, H.264 codes digital images comprising macroblocks streams.

40. The Accused Infringing Devices receive input video streams which are then encoded and/or transcoded using at least the H.264 standard. H.264 uses motion compressor and estimator for motion coding video streams.

Sling TV encodes video streams using x264 encoding

Sling TV Stream Details

First off, I found out that the streams were of differing quality depending on what channel you were watching. Sling has apparently tailored different encoding profiles to different types of content which is nice. They also are using x264 for video encoding, which I did not expect.

Sadly, my suspicions were confirmed, Sling (at least for the PC client) is **not** offering 1080p and surround sound. It seems to top off at 720p and is always only stereo.

Below I have listed the encoding profile that each channel is using. As you are probably aware, they are adaptive quality and jump between various qualities depending on how much bandwidth is available at any given time. For simplicity sake, I've only listed the highest quality available for each channel. If you're curious about the other qualities, ask in the comments. Each channel has about 10 different streams available to it, so there's certainly lots of wiggle room.

Source: https://www.cuttingcords.com/home/2015/2/9/sling-tv-technical-details

X264 is an H.264 codec

x264

x264 is a **free software library** and **application** for encoding video streams into the **H.264/MPEG-4 AVC** compression format, and is released under the terms of the GNU GPL.

Source: http://www.videolan.org/developers/x264.html

> This Recommendation | International Standard was developed in response to the growing need for higher compression of moving pictures for various applications such as videoconferencing, digital storage media, television broadcasting, internet streaming, and communication. It is also designed to enable the use of the coded video representation in a flexible manner for a wide variety of network environments. The use of this Recommendation | International Standard allows motion video to be manipulated as a form of computer data and to be stored on various storage media, transmitted and received over existing and future networks and distributed on existing and future broadcasting channels.

Source: https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-H.264-201704-I/en , p. i

> As in previous video coding Recommendations and International Standards, a macroblock, consisting of a 16x16 block of luma samples and two corresponding blocks of chroma samples, is used as the basic processing unit of the video decoding process.
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> A macroblock can be further partitioned for inter prediction. The selection of the size of inter prediction partitions is a result of a trade-off between the coding gain provided by using motion compensation with smaller blocks and the quantity

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> **Annex B**
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> **Byte stream format**
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> (This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard.)
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> This annex specifies syntax and semantics of a byte stream format specified for use by applications that deliver some or all of the NAL unit stream as an ordered stream of bytes or bits within which the locations of NAL unit boundaries need to be identifiable from patterns in the data, such as Rec. ITU-T H.222.0 | ISO/IEC 13818-1 systems or Rec. ITU-T H.320 systems. For bit-oriented delivery, the bit order for the byte stream format is specified to start with the MSB of the first byte, proceed to the LSB of the first byte, followed by the MSB of the second byte, etc.

Source: https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-H.264-201704-I/en, Annex B

41. The Accused Infringing Devices' H.264 coding supports skipped macroblocks. Before a macroblock is coded, an estimation is made of whether that macroblock can be reconstructed with an error concealment method by examining its motion characteristics, and checking to see that the resulting prediction contains no non-zero (i.e. all zero) quantized transform coefficients. This estimation provides an indication of the capacity for the macroblock to be reconstructed from properties of neighboring macroblocks, allowing the missing block to be concealed by inferring its properties.

> Skipped Mode:
> In addition to the macroblock modes described above, a P-slice macroblock can also be coded in the so-called skip mode. If a macroblock has motion characteristics that allow its motion to be effectively predicted from the motion of neighboring macroblocks, and it contains no non-zero quantized transform coefficients, then it is flagged as skipped. For this mode, neither a quantized prediction error signal nor a motion vector or reference index parameter are transmitted. The reconstructed signal is computed in a manner similar to the prediction of a macroblock with partition size 16 × 16 and fixed reference picture index equal to 0. In contrast to previous video coding standards, the motion vector used for reconstructing a skipped macroblock is inferred from motion properties of neighboring macroblocks rather than being inferred as zero (i.e., no motion).

Source: http://mrutyunjayahiremath.blogspot.com/2010/09/h264-inter-predn.html

42. The Accused Infringing Devices' H.264 encoders perform a decision step to determine if a macroblock should be excluded from coding (skipped), with the decision to exclude made on the basis of its capacity to be reconstructing by inferring its motion properties from neighboring macroblocks, and based on all zero quantized transform coefficients.

> Skipped Mode:
> In addition to the macroblock modes described above, a P-slice macroblock can also be coded in the so-called skip mode. If a macroblock has motion characteristics that allow its motion to be effectively predicted from the motion of neighboring macroblocks, and it contains no non-zero quantized transform coefficients, then it is flagged as skipped. For this mode, neither a quantized prediction error signal nor a motion vector or reference index parameter are transmitted. The reconstructed signal is computed in a manner similar to the prediction of a macroblock with partition size 16 × 16 and fixed reference picture index equal to 0. In contrast to previous video coding standards, the motion vector used for reconstructing a skipped macroblock is inferred from motion properties of neighboring macroblocks rather than being inferred as zero (i.e., no motion).

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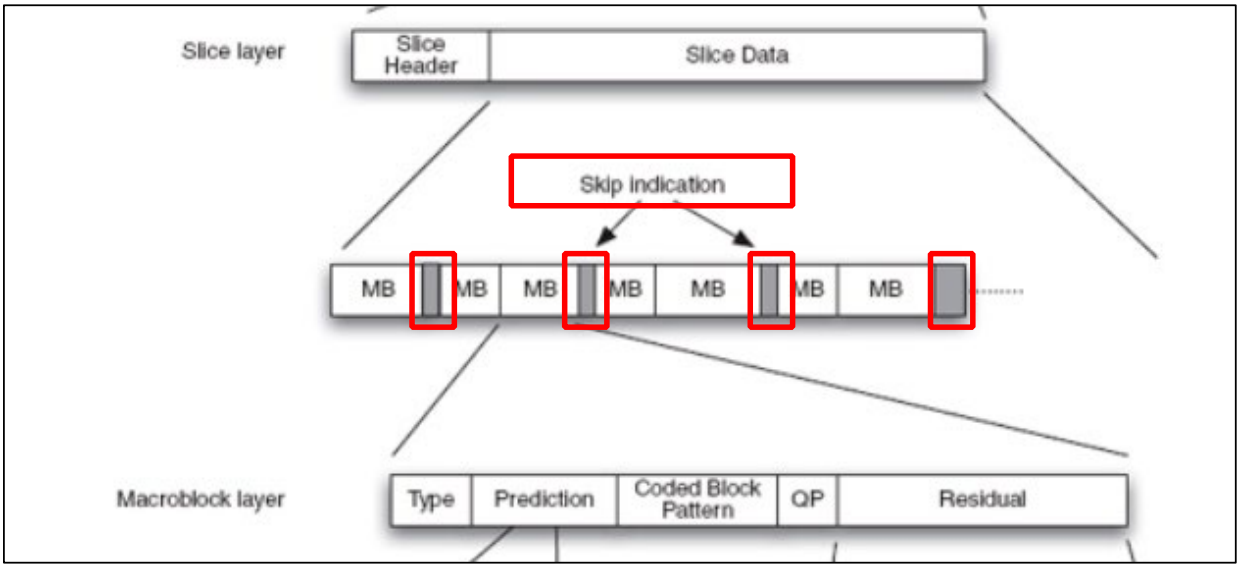
> **3.139** **skipped macroblock**: A *macroblock* for which no data is coded other than an indication that the *macroblock* is to be decoded as "skipped". This indication may be common to several *macroblocks*.

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43. Skipped macroblocks are communicated with an mb_skip_flag = 1 (resynchronization marker at the point where the macroblocks are not coded (skipped)) in the binary data stream.

> **3.139** **skipped macroblock**: A *macroblock* for which no data is coded other than an indication that the *macroblock* is to be decoded as "skipped". This indication may be common to several *macroblocks*.

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> **mb_skip_flag** equal to 1 specifies that for the current macroblock, when decoding a P or SP slice, mb_type shall be inferred to be P_Skip and the macroblock type is collectively referred to as P macroblock type, or for which, when decoding a B slice, mb_type shall be inferred to be B_Skip and the macroblock type is collectively referred to as B macroblock type. mb_skip_flag equal to 0 specifies that the current macroblock is not skipped.

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44. Sling TV has infringed, and continues to infringe, at least claim 1 of the '118 patent in the United States, by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing the Accused Infringing Devices in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

45. Upon information and belief, Sling TV may have infringed and continues to infringe the '118 patent through other software and devices utilizing the same or reasonably similar functionality, including other versions of the Accused Infringing Devices.

46. Sling TV's acts of direct infringement have caused and continue to cause damage to Uniloc and Uniloc is entitled to recover damages sustained as a result of Sling TV's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial.

COUNT III– INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,721,273

47. The allegations of paragraphs 1-8 of this Complaint are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

48. The ’273 patent, titled “System and Method For Aggregating And Providing Audio And Visual Presentations Via A Computer Network,” issued on August 1, 2017. A copy of the ’273 patent is attached as Exhibit C.

49. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 282, the ’273 patent is presumed valid.

50. Invented by LINQware, Inc., the inventions of the ’273 patent were not well-understood, routine or conventional at the time of the invention. At the time of invention of the ’273 patent, it was very difficult for a user of an Internet enabled computer to find content of a particular type and relating to a particular subject because the amount of content available via the Internet was virtually unlimited. ’273 patent at 1:51-55. A popular solution to finding desired content was to use a publicly available search engine. *Id.* at 1:56-57. Each search engine typically used its own methodology to create indices such that, ideally, only meaningful results are returned for each query. *Id.* at 1:63-65. This was not always true though due to the complex nature and nuances of human language and efforts by document authors or providers to fool or trick the indexer into ranking its documents above those of others. *Id.* at 1:65-2:2. Examples of conventional search engines include those made available via www.yahoo.com, www.google.com and www.search.com. *Id.* at 2:2-4.

51. The inventive solution of the claimed inventions of the ’273 patent provides a new and novel system and method of using the Internet. *Id.* at 2:6-8. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, the specification discloses a method for aggregating and providing content via a computer network and computing system which includes the steps of storing data associated with a first plurality of presentations and storing data indicative of the first plurality of presentations so as to be associated with the stored data associated with the first plurality of presentations using the computer system. *Id.* at 2:39-45. The method also includes the step of storing data associated with a plurality of feeds using the computer system, wherein each of the feeds provides a

corresponding second plurality of presentations being accessible via the computer network, and no data indicative of the second plurality of presentations is stored using the computing system. *Id.* at 2:45-50. The method also includes the step of automatically and periodically accessing each of the feeds to identify each of the provided second plurality of presentations and aggregating each of the first and identified second pluralities of presentations for delivery via the computer network using a common web page. *Id.* at 2:50-55.

52. A person of ordinary skill in the art reading the '273 patent and its claims would understand that the patent's disclosure and claims are drawn to solving a specific, technical problem arising in aggregating and providing audio and visual presentations via a computer network. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the claimed subject matter of the '273 patent presents advancements in the field of the provision of informational, entertainment, educational, business and other audio and/or audio/visual presentations via a computer network. And, as detailed by the specification, the prior search engines suffered drawbacks such that a new and novel communications system was required.

53. In light of the foregoing, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that claim 1 of the '273 patent is directed to creating a common web page from aggregating collections of presentations and feed data is collected and analyzed from multiple feeds in at least one of the collections of presentations in order to provide more relevant content to each user. *Id.* at 12:39-59. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that claim 1 of the '273 patent contains the inventive concept of creating a common web page from the aggregating of collections of presentations and collecting and analyzing feed data from multiple feeds in at least one of the collections of presentations in order to provide more relevant content to each user. *Id*. This is a specific improvement to the technology of delivering content to Internet users.

54. Upon information and belief, Sling TV makes, uses, offers for sale, and/or sells in the United States and/or imports into the United States products and services that practice a method for providing content via a computer network and a computer system (collectively the "Accused Infringing Devices").

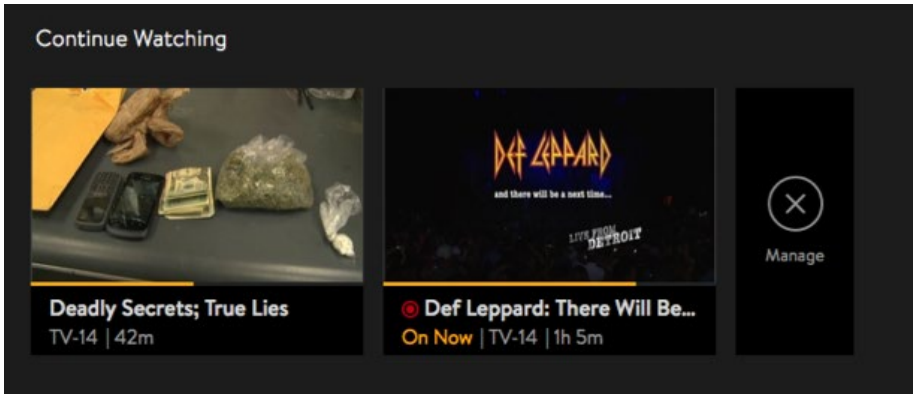
55. Upon information and belief, the Accused Infringing Devices infringe at least claim 1 in the exemplary manner described below.

56. The Accused Infringing Devices perform a method for providing content via a computer network and computer system. In particular, Sling TV operates a streaming service that delivers TV shows and movies to subscribers over the Internet.

> "Sling TV is the new way to watch live television. It's the first app-based TV service that lets you stream your favorite live TV channels over the internet. Watch live shows wherever you are, at home or on the go, on your TV, laptop, tablet or phone! With Sling TV, you get to customize your channels by subscribing to the best service to match your needs. It is all about your TV watching experience, making it simple once again."

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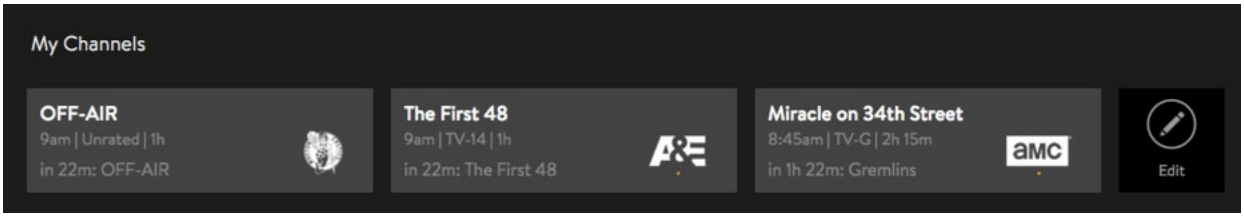
57. The Accused Infringing Devices store presentation data that represents content of a first collection of one or more presentations using the computer system. For example, Sling TV stores presentation data representing presentations that the user has started but not finished watching in a collection called "Continue Watching."



58. The Accused Infringing Devices store data indicative of the first collection of presentations so as to be associated with the presentation data. For example, Sling TV stores information about how much of each presentation the user has already watched, and associates that information with information about the presentation so as to display a progress bar under the listing for that presentation.

59. The Accused Infringing Devices store feed data that represents a collection of one

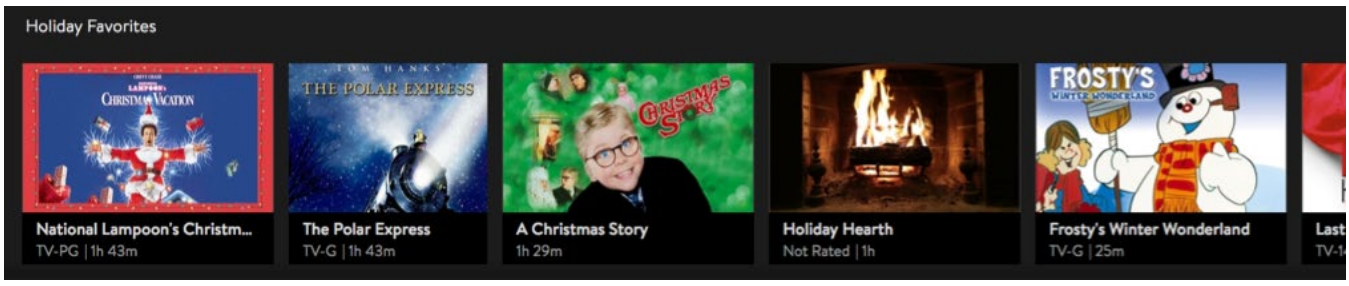
or more feeds using the computer system. For example, the feed data represents presentations that are currently being broadcast on channels the user has designated "My Channels."



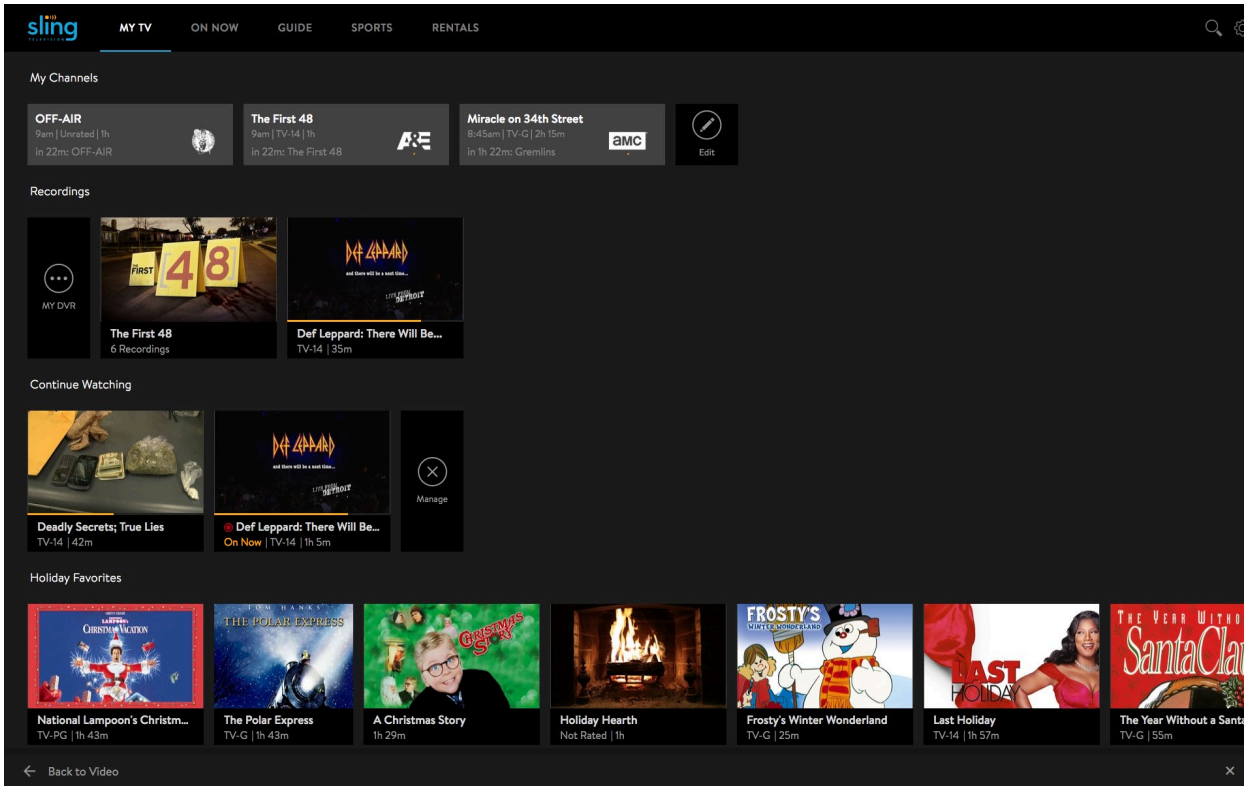
The feed identifies a corresponding second collection of one or more presentations being accessible via the computer network, and includes no data representing the content of the second collection of presentations. The feed items are represented by the channel id number. For example, A&E is associated with "3844c0aee4df43849a938774ee504b4a" and does not represent the content of the second collection of presentations.

60. The Accused Infringing Devices automatically and periodically access each of the feeds to identify each of the corresponding second collection of presentations using the computer system. Upon information and belief, the feed is automatically updated in real-time to indicate the second collection of presentations

61. The Accused Infringing Devices store data associated with a third collection of one or more presentations. For example, Sling Data stores data associated with a collection of presentations called "Holiday Favorites."



62. The Accused Infringing Devices aggregate the first, second and third collections of presentations for delivery via the computer network using a common web page. For example, the common webpage is available at https://watch.sling.com/browse/my-tv.



63. Sling TV has infringed, and continues to infringe, at least claim 1 of the ’273 patent in the United States, by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing the Accused Infringing Devices in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

64. Upon information and belief, Sling TV may have infringed and continues to infringe the ’273 patent through other software and devices utilizing the same or reasonably similar functionality, including other versions of the Accused Infringing Devices.

65. Sling TV’s acts of direct infringement have caused and continue to cause damage to Uniloc and Uniloc is entitled to recover damages sustained as a result of Sling TV’s wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial.

COUNT IV– INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,407,609

66. The allegations of paragraphs 1-8 of this Complaint are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

67. The ’609 patent, titled “System and Method For Providing And Tracking The Provision of Audio and Visual Presentations Via A Computer Network,” issued on March 26, 2013. A copy of the

'609 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

68. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 282, the '609 patent is presumed valid.

69. Invented by LINQware, Inc., the inventions of the '609 patent were not well-understood, routine or conventional at the time of the invention. At the time of invention of the '609 patent, it was very difficult for a user of an Internet enabled computer to find content of a particular type and relating to a particular subject because the amount of content available via the Internet was virtually unlimited. '609 patent at 1:50-54. A popular solution to finding desired content was to use a publicly available search engine. *Id.* at 1:55-56. Each search engine typically used its own methodology to create indices such that, ideally, only meaningful results are returned for each query. *Id.* at 1:62-64. This was not always true though due to the complex nature and nuances of human language and efforts by document authors or providers to fool or trick the indexer into ranking its documents above those of others. *Id.* at 1:64-2:1. Examples of conventional search engines include those made available via www.yahoo.com, www.google.com and www.search.com. *Id.* at 2:1-3.

70. The inventive solution of the claimed inventions of the '609 patent provides a method whereby digital media presentations are delivered and tracked from a first computer system to a user's computer via a network in a manner that departs from convention. *Id.* at 2:13-15. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, a web page, identifier data and an applet are provided to the user's computer for each digital media presentation to be delivered using the first computer system. *Id.* at 2:15-21. The applet is operative by the user's computer as a timer. *Id.* at 2:21-22. The first computer system receives at least a portion of the identifier data from the user's computer responsively to the timer applet each time a predetermined temporal period elapses and stores data indicative of the received at least portion of the identifier data. *Id.* at 2:22-27. Each provided webpage causes corresponding digital media presentation data to be streamed from a second computer system distinct from the first computer system directly to the user's computer independent of the first computer system. *Id.* at 2:27-31. The stored data is indicative of an amount of time the digital media presentation data is streamed from the second computer system to the user's computer. *Id.* at 2:31-34.

71. A person of ordinary skill in the art reading the '609 patent and its claims would

understand that the patent's disclosure and claims are drawn to solving a specific, technical problem arising in delivering and tracking digital media presentations via a network. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the claimed subject matter of the '609 patent presents advancements in the field of the provision of informational, entertainment, educational, business and other audio and/or audio/visual presentations via a computer network. And, as detailed by the specification, the prior search engines suffered drawbacks such that a new and novel communications system was required.

72. In light of the foregoing, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that claim 1 of the '609 patent is directed to a specific method for providing and tracking digital media presentations using a web page, identifier data and a timer applet originating at a first computer to track and responsively stream a digital media presentation from a second computer that can be viewed by a user at the user's computer. *Id.* at 14:17-45. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that claim 1 of the '609 patent contains the inventive concept of providing and tracking digital media presentations using a web page, identifier data and a timer applet originating at a first computer to track and responsively stream a digital media presentation from a second computer that can be viewed by a user at the user's computer. *Id*.

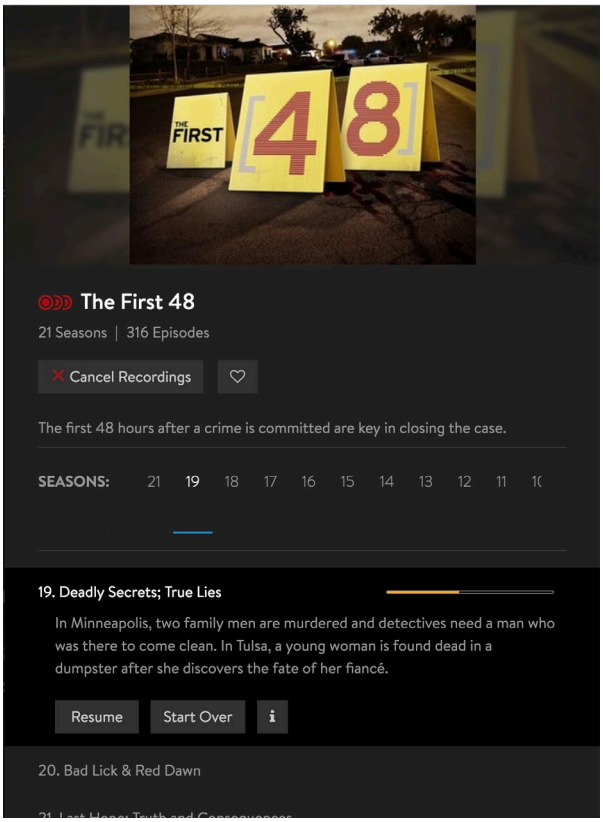
73. Upon information and belief, Sling TV makes, uses, offers for sale, sells in the United States, licenses in the United States and/or imports into the United States Sling TV which provides a method for tracking digital media presentations (collectively the "Accused Infringing Devices").

74. Upon information and belief, the Accused Infringing Devices infringe at least claim 1 in the exemplary manner described below.

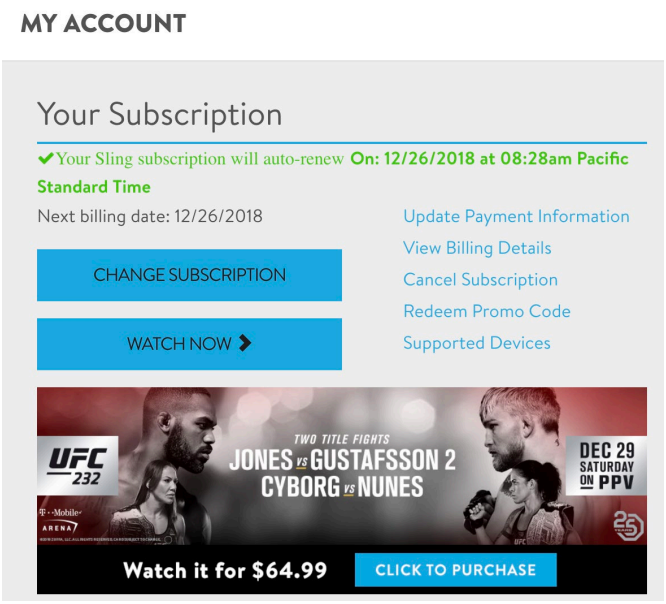
75. The Accused Infringing Devices track digital media presentations delivered from a first computer system to a user's computer via a network. Sling TV identifies the media content that the user is currently watching and tracks the user's viewing progress. The Sling TV website is hosted on a first computer system, and is delivered to a user's computer over the Internet.

76. The Accused Infringing Devices provide a corresponding web page to the user's computer for each digital media presentation to be delivered using the first computer system. In

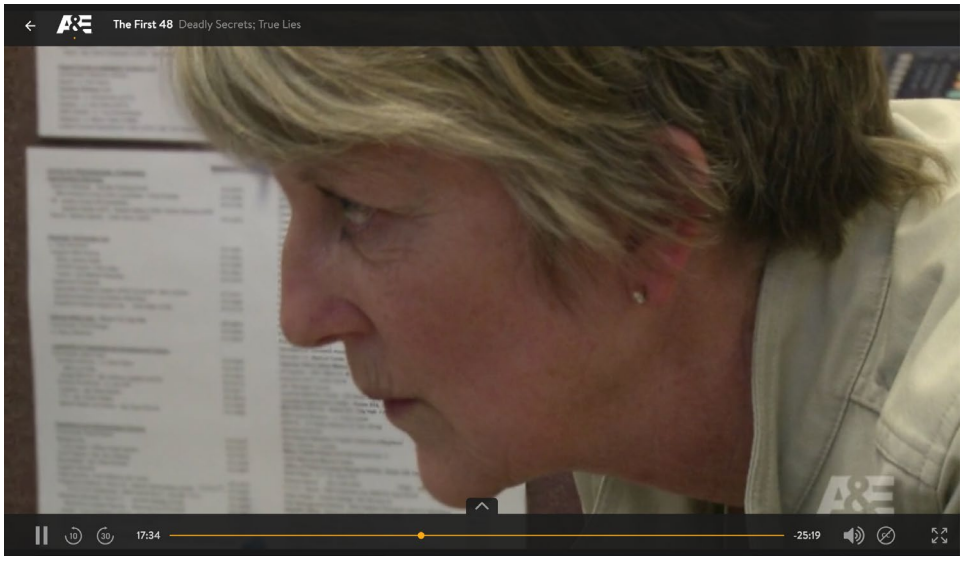
particular, the webpage located at https://watch.sling.com/browse/my-tv/details/series/f6bca9ab22a7417591db226ffacc9168 corresponds to "The First 48" TV show.



77. The Accused Infringing Devices provide identifier data to the user's computer using the first computer system. The Accused Infringing Devices require users to log in to access the service, including watching video-on-demand programs, which in turn, allows Sling to track the user's viewing history.



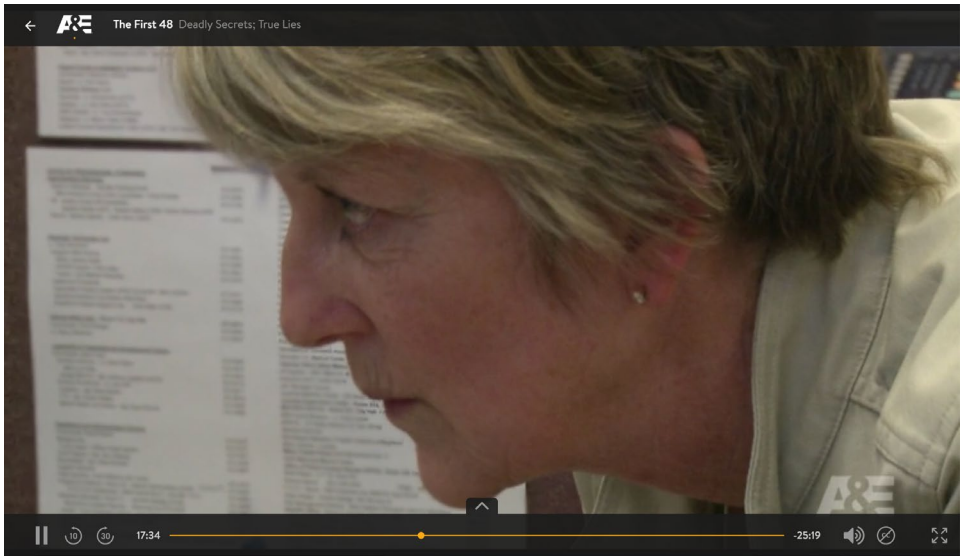
78. The Accused Infringing Devices provide an applet to the user's computer for each digital media presentation to be delivered using the first computer system. The Sling TV website provides a media player that keeps track of the user's progress using a timer.



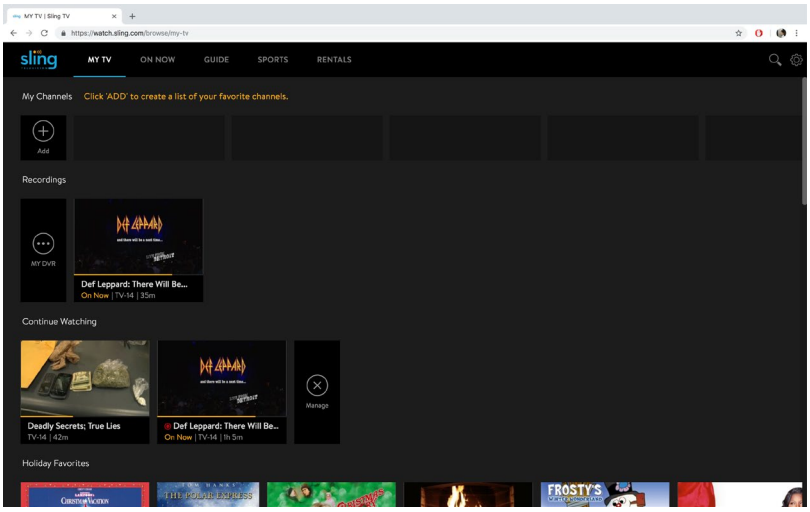
79. The Accused Infringing Devices receive at least a portion of the identifier data from the user's computer responsively to the timer applet each time a predetermined temporal period elapses using the first computer system. Sling TV maintains a viewing history for each user. The viewing history is updated continuously, even the absence of user input such as pressing a pause button or exit

button. For example, if the user closes and reopens the website, the program will resume just prior to the point where the user closed the webpage. It also displays a message that the program is resuming where the user left off. This indicates that the user's computer sends periodic updates at regular intervals to inform Sling TV of the user's current position, thus reflecting the use of a timer.

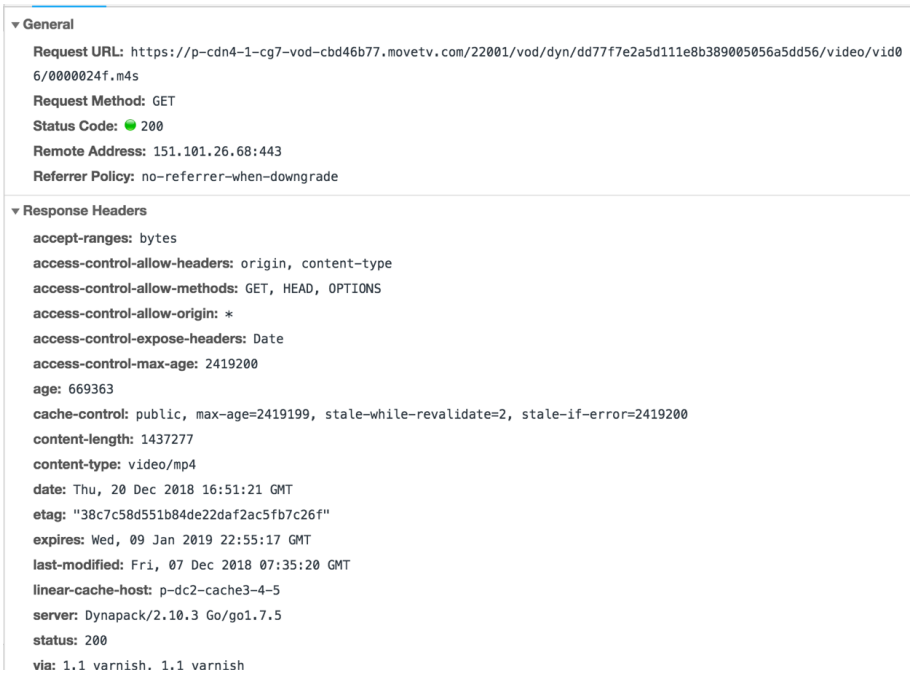




80. The Accused Infringing Devices store data indicative of the received at least portion of the identifier data using the first computer system. The user's viewing history, updated every time an updated position is sent, is stored by the Accused Infringing Devices. In particular, the "My TV" page displays a progress bar that is updated as the user watches more of the program.



81. Each provided webpage causes corresponding digital media presentation data to be streamed from a second computer system (e.g., the content delivery network, *e.g.*, MoveTV), distinct from the user's computer independent of the first computer system (*e.g.*, the Sling TV website). This screenshot from Chrome Developer tools shows the requests to and responses from a MoveTV server for a particular segment of the "First 48" episode.



82. The stored data is indicative of an amount of time the digital media presentation is streamed from the second computer system to the user's computer. The stored data indicates the

duration and position of the user's current position, which indicates the amount of time the presentation has been streamed to the user's computer by the CDN.

83. Each stored data is together indicative of a cumulative time the corresponding web page was displayed by the user's computer. The amount of time the user spends watching a movie is tracked by Sling TV and also reflects the amount of time the corresponding Sling TV webpage was displayed by the user's computer.

84. Sling TV has infringed, and continues to infringe, at least claim 1 of the '609 patent in the United States, by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing the Accused Infringing Devices in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

85. Upon information and belief, Sling TV may have infringed and continues to infringe the '609 patent through other software and devices utilizing the same or reasonably similar functionality, including other versions of the Accused Infringing Devices.

86. Sling TV's acts of direct infringement have caused and continue to cause damage to Uniloc and Uniloc is entitled to recover damages sustained as a result of Sling TV's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Uniloc 2017 LLC respectfully prays that the Court enter judgment in its favor and against Sling TV as follows:

a. A judgment that Sling TV has infringed one or more claims of the '005 Patent literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents;

b. A judgment that Sling TV has infringed one or more claims of the '118 Patent literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents;

c. A judgment that Sling TV has infringed one or more claims of the '273 Patent literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents;

d. A judgment that Sling TV has infringed one or more claims of the '609 Patent literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents;

e. That for each Asserted Patent this Court judges infringed by Sling TV this Court award Uniloc its damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 and any royalties determined to be appropriate;

f. That this be determined to be an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285;

g. That this Court award Uniloc prejudgment and post-judgment interest on its damages;

h. That Uniloc be granted its reasonable attorneys' fees in this action;

i. That this Court award Uniloc its costs; and

j. That this Court award Uniloc such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Uniloc hereby demands trial by jury on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38.

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