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May 14, 2026

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 9516048 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9516048 (the "9516048 Patent"). After preliminary review, we have substantial concerns about the validity, enforceability, and scope of the asserted claims, summarized below. We reserve all rights and defenses.

1. Subject Patent — Summary

Analysis of U.S. Patent 9,516,048

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2026

This report provides a concise summary of United States Patent 9,516,048, including its key bibliographic details and a plain-language overview of its independent claims.

Summary of Patent 9,516,048

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| Title | Contagion isolation and inoculation via quarantine |

| Inventors | Aaron Emigh, James Roskind |

| Assignee | K Mizra LLC (Current Assignee as of 2020-01-13). The original assignee was Radix Holdings LLC. |

| Filing Date | July 9, 2016 |

| Issue Date | December 6, 2016 |

| Abstract | The patent discloses methods for protecting a computer network. The system detects if a computer (host) attempting...

2. Validity Concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 102 — Prior Art

We have identified prior-art references that, in our preliminary view, anticipate one or more

asserted claims of the 9516048 Patent:

In my analysis of U.S. Patent 9,516,048, titled "Contagion isolation and inoculation via quarantine," I have identified the following prior art references cited within the patent's file wrapper. Below is a detailed breakdown of each reference, its publication or filing date, a summary of its technical disclosure, and an analysis of which claims of patent 9,516,048 it potentially anticipates under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Cited U.S. Patents

1. U.S. Patent 7,069,594: System and method for adaptive intrusion detection and prevention
 - Full Citation: US Patent 7,069,594 B2
 - Publication Date: June 27, 2006 (Filed: July 31, 2002)
 - Brief Description: This patent discloses a system for network intrusion detection that can dynamically adapt its monitoring and response based on observed network traffic and potential threats. It describes methods for creating and updating security policies in response to new attack signatures.
 - Potential Anticipation of Claims in 9,516,048: This reference is relevant to claims related to monitoring network traffic for suspicious activity. Specifically, it may...

3. Obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Independent of § 102, we believe the asserted claims are obvious in view of combinations of prior art that a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine:

As a senior US patent analyst, I will now analyze the obviousness of US patent 9516048 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Obviousness Analysis of US Patent 9516048

Standard for Obviousness (35 U.S.C. § 103)

A patent claim is obvious if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art (a "PHOSITA"). This analysis considers the scope and content of the prior art, the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue, and the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

Understanding the Claims of US 9,516,048

The core of US patent 9,516,048 revolves around a method for protecting a network by identifying and quarantining insecure hosts. The key steps recited in the abstract and detailed description include:

1. Detecting an insecure condition on a host attempting to connect to a network. This detection involves contacting a "trusted computing base" on the host.
2. Determining the host's state by checking for a "valid..."

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 9516048 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- K. Mizra LLC v. Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co. — 2:21-cv-00305 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas · filed 2021-08-09 · Status unknown
- K. Mizra LLC v. Fortinet, Inc. — 2:21-cv-00249 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of

Texas · filed 2021-07-08 · Status unknown

- K. Mizra LLC v. Forescout Technologies, Inc. — 2:21-cv-00248 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas · filed 2021-07-08 · Status unknown
- Network Security Technologies, LLC v. Pulse Secure, LLC — 1:17-cv-01490 · U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware · filed 2017-10-24 · Status unknown
- Network Security Technologies, LLC v. McAfee, Inc. — 1:17-cv-01489 · U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware · filed 2017-10-24 · Status unknown
- Network Security Technologies, LLC v. ForeScout Technologies, Inc. — 1:17-cv-01488 · U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware · filed 2017-10-24 · Status unknown
- Network Security Technologies, LLC v. Bradford Networks, Inc. — 1:17-cv-01487 · U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware · filed 2017-10-24 · Status unknown

5. Request

In light of the foregoing, we request that your client (i) provide a detailed claim chart identifying each accused product or service and mapping every limitation of each asserted claim, (ii) identify any prior art known to your client, including any references cited during prosecution or reexamination, and (iii) substantiate the basis for any damages or licensing demand. We are prepared to discuss the matter further once we have received and reviewed the foregoing.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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