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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 BUNGIE, INC., UBISOFT  
ENTERTAINMENT, and UBISOFT, INC.,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.  
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15 ANDREW THORPE a/k/a KRYPTO, an  
individual; JONATHAN AGUEDA a/k/a  
OVERPOWERED, an individual; WESAM  
16 MOHAMMED a/k/a GRIZZY, an individual;  
AHMAD MOHAMMED, an individual; and  
17 Does 1 through 50, inclusive,

18 Defendants.  
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CASE NO. 3:21-cv- 5677

**COMPLAINT FOR:**

- 13 **(1) TRAFFICKING IN CIRCUMVENTION DEVICES;**
- 14 **(2) COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT;**
- 15 **(3) TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT;**
- 16 **(4) FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a);**
- 17 **(5) INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS;**
- 18 **(6) UNFAIR COMPETITION**

**Demand For Jury Trial**

1 Bungle, Inc. (“Bungle”), Ubisoft Entertainment, and Ubisoft, Inc. (together, “Ubisoft”)  
2 (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) allege as follows:

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4 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

5 1. Bungle and Ubisoft are the owners, or owners of certain exclusive rights, and  
6 publishers of two of the most popular online multiplayer video games currently on the market:  
7 “Destiny 2” and “Tom Clancy’s Rainbow Six: Siege” (“R6S”) (collectively, the “Games”).  
8 Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit in order to put an immediate stop to the unlawful, for-profit sale and  
9 distribution of malicious software products designed to enable members of the public to gain  
10 unfair competitive advantages (*i.e.*, to cheat) in the Games. Such products impair and destroy  
11 not only the game experience, but also Plaintiffs’ overall businesses and their reputation among  
12 their respective player communities.

13 2. Defendants Andrew Thorpe, Jonathan Agueda, Wesam Mohammed, Ahmad  
14 Mohammed, and an as-yet unknown number of individuals acting under various aliases  
15 (together, “Defendants”) operate, oversee, or participate in an online business venture called  
16 “Ring-1.” Ring-1 is engaged in the development, sale, distribution, marketing, and exploitation  
17 of a portfolio of malicious cheats and hacks for popular multiplayer games, including the Games.  
18 Ring-1 largely operates via the website <http://ring-1.io> (the “Ring-1 Website”). Through the  
19 Ring-1 Website, hundreds of message board “forums,” and other related websites and social  
20 media accounts, Defendants and those working in concert with them sell a suite of software  
21 cheats, including cheats designed to be used with Destiny 2 (the “Destiny 2 Cheats”) and R6S  
22 (the “R6S Cheats”) (collectively, the “Cheating Software”). The Cheating Software enables  
23 players to manipulate the Games to their personal advantage, such as by automatically aiming  
24 weapons, revealing locations of opponents, and allowing players to see information that  
25 otherwise would be obscured.

26 3. Defendants’ conduct has caused, and is continuing to cause, massive and  
27 irreparable harm to Plaintiffs and their business interests. The success of Plaintiffs’ games  
28 depends on their being enjoyable and fair for all players. Cheaters ruin the experience of playing

1 the Games. Not only do cheaters impair the enjoyment of gameplay by non-cheaters with whom  
2 they interact in-game, but cheaters also illegitimately obtain and thereby devalue the in-game  
3 rewards that non-cheaters obtain legitimately. Defendants' sale and distribution of the Cheating  
4 Software therefore has caused Plaintiffs to suffer irreparable damage to their goodwill and  
5 reputation and to lose substantial revenue. Moreover, Defendants not only know that their  
6 conduct is unlawful, but they engage in that conduct with the deliberate intent to harm Plaintiffs,  
7 their businesses, and their player communities.

8 4. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs are entitled to monetary damages,  
9 injunctive and other equitable relief, and punitive damages.

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11 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

12 5. This is a civil action seeking damages, injunctive relief, and other equitable relief  
13 under the anti-circumvention provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), 17  
14 U.S.C. § 1201, the United States Copyright Act, the Lanham Trademark Act, and the laws of the  
15 State of California.

16 6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claims for violating the  
17 anti-circumvention provisions of the DMCA, copyright infringement, false designation of origin  
18 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a), and violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act  
19 (CFAA). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs'  
20 state law claims for intentional interference with contract and unfair competition, which are so  
21 related to Plaintiffs' federal claims as to be part of the same case or controversy.

22 7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because they have  
23 purposefully directed their activities at the United States, and at California in particular, have  
24 purposefully availed themselves of the benefits of doing business in California, and have  
25 established a continuing presence in California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that  
26 basis allege, that, without limitation:

27 (a) Defendants conduct extensive and ongoing business with users in the  
28 United States and the State of California;

1 (b) Defendants distribute the Cheating Software in the United States and the  
2 State of California, advertise and market the Cheating Software in the United States and the State  
3 of California, and communicate directly with users in the United States and the State of  
4 California, including for the purposes of soliciting purchases of the Cheating Software by such  
5 users and providing technical support for the Cheating Software;

6 (c) Defendants have entered into, and continue to enter into, contracts with  
7 individuals in the United States and the State of California, including contracts pursuant to which  
8 these individuals license from Defendants the right to install and use the Cheating Software. In  
9 return for such licenses, Defendants receive ongoing recurring daily, weekly, or monthly  
10 payments from individuals in the United States and the State of California; and

11 (d) Defendants contract with entities located in the United States and the State  
12 of California in connection with their businesses. This includes, for example, domain name  
13 registries and services such as Namesilo LLC and Cloudflare, hosting or content delivery  
14 services, and merchant banks and payment processors such as PayPal.

15 (e) Defendants engage in conduct that they know is likely to cause harm to  
16 Plaintiffs in the United States and the State of California, including in this District.

17 8. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because this is a  
18 judicial district in which a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred, and/or  
19 in which Plaintiffs' injuries were suffered.

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**THE PARTIES**

22 9. Bungie is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of  
23 Delaware, with its principal place of business in Bellevue, Washington. Bungie is the publisher  
24 of, and owner of exclusive rights in and to, Destiny 2.

25 10. Ubisoft Entertainment is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws  
26 of France. Ubisoft Entertainment is the owner of the United States copyright registration in R6S.

27 11. Ubisoft, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of  
28 California. Ubisoft, Inc. is the United States publisher of R6S, and as such is the owner of

1 certain exclusive U.S. rights in R6S, including the exclusive right to market and distribute R6S in  
2 the United States.

3 12. Together, Ubisoft, Inc. and Ubisoft Entertainment (collectively “Ubisoft”) are the  
4 owners of all of the exclusive rights under copyright in R6S in the United States.

5 13. Defendants are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Defendant  
6 Andrew Thorpe a/k/a “Krypto” is an individual residing in North Humberstone, United Kingdom.  
7 Defendants are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Thorpe is a Ring-1 staff  
8 member and moderator of the Ring-1 Website. In that role, Thorpe communicates with  
9 Plaintiffs’ customers in order to support and enable their use of the Cheating Software, and  
10 serves as liaison to developers of the Cheating Software (and/or acts as a developer himself).  
11 Among other activities, Thorpe assists customers in operating the Cheating Software, gives  
12 advice to customers as to how to avoid being caught or detected by Bungie and/or Ubisoft for  
13 using the Cheating Software, communicates to users about updates and improvements to the  
14 Cheating Software, and otherwise facilitates the distribution and use of the Cheating Software.

15 14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Defendant  
16 Jonathan Agueda a/k/a “Overpowered” is an individual residing in Windermere, Florida.  
17 Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Agueda is a Ring-1 staff  
18 member, moderator of the Ring-1 Website, and a reseller of the Cheating Software. In that role,  
19 Agueda communicates with Plaintiffs’ customers in order to support and enable their use of the  
20 Cheating Software, serves as liaison to developers of the Cheating Software (and/or acts as a  
21 developer himself), and directly distributes and sells the Cheating Software to Plaintiffs’  
22 customers. Among other activities, Agueda assists customers in operating the Cheating  
23 Software, gives advice to customers as to how to avoid being caught or detected by Bungie  
24 and/or Ubisoft for using the Cheating Software, communicates to users about updates and  
25 improvements to the Cheating Software, and otherwise facilitates the distribution and use of the  
26 Cheating Software.

27 15. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Defendant  
28 Wesam Mohammed a/k/a “Grizzly” (“Wesam”) is an individual residing in Munster, Indiana.

1 Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Wesam is a longtime member of  
2 Ring-1 and a prolific reseller of the Cheating Software. In that role, Wesam directly sells the  
3 Cheating Software to Plaintiffs’ customers, and otherwise facilitates the distribution of the  
4 Cheating Software. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that  
5 Wesam also does business as a reseller of the Cheating Software under the moniker “Gaming  
6 Mods.”

7 16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Defendant  
8 Ahmad Mohammed (“Ahmad”) is an individual residing in Munster, Indiana. Plaintiffs are  
9 informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Ahmad is a reseller of the Cheating Software.  
10 In that role, Ahmad directly sells the Cheating Software to Plaintiffs’ customers, and otherwise  
11 facilitates the distribution of the Cheating Software.

12 17. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that defendant Doe 1  
13 a/k/a “Berserker” is a Ring-1 staff member who operates in a customer support role and is  
14 responsible for much of the daily functioning of the Ring-1 Website. In that role, Berserker  
15 communicates with Plaintiffs’ customers in order to support and enable their use of the Cheating  
16 Software, serves as liaison to developers of the Cheating Software (and/or acts as a developer  
17 himself), and directly distributes and sells the Cheating Software to Plaintiffs’ customers.  
18 Among other activities, Berserker assists customers in operating the Cheating Software, gives  
19 advice to customers as to how to avoid being caught or detected by Bungie and/or Ubisoft for  
20 using the Cheating Software, communicates to users about updates and improvements to the  
21 Cheating Software, and otherwise facilitates the distribution and use of the Cheating Software.

22 18. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that defendant Doe 2  
23 a/k/a “Cypher” is a Ring-1 staff member who operates in a customer support role and is  
24 responsible for much of the daily functioning of the Ring-1 Website. In that role, Cypher  
25 communicates with Plaintiffs’ customers in order to support and enable their use of the Cheating  
26 Software, serves as liaison to developers of the Cheating Software (and/or acts as a developer  
27 himself), and directly distributes and sells the Cheating Software to Plaintiffs’ customers.  
28 Among other activities, Cypher assists customers in operating the Cheating Software, gives

1 advice to customers as to how to avoid being caught or detected by Bungie and/or Ubisoft for  
2 using the Cheating Software, communicates to users about updates and improvements to the  
3 Cheating Software, and otherwise facilitates the distribution and use of the Cheating Software.

4 19. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that defendant Doe 3  
5 a/k/a “Admin,” Doe 4 a/k/a “Calc,” Doe 5 a/k/a “Overseer,” Doe 6 a/k/a “Tralepo,” Doe 7 a/k/a  
6 “Frost,” Doe 8 a/k/a “Dove,” and Doe 9 a/k/a “Pingu” are individuals involved in the Ring-1  
7 operation in various respects, including but not limited to providing customer support for Ring-1  
8 customers (*i.e.*, users of the Cheating Software) via online chat and messaging platforms, acting  
9 as moderators and/or administrators of the Ring-1 website, reselling the Cheating Software (both  
10 through the Ring-1 Website and other means), and developing and maintaining the Cheating  
11 Software. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise,  
12 of Admin, Calc, Overseer, Tralepo, Frost, Dove, and Pingu are unknown to Plaintiffs, which  
13 have therefore sued said defendants by such aliases and fictitious names.

14 20. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or  
15 otherwise, of the remaining Doe defendants are unknown to Plaintiffs, which have therefore sued  
16 said defendants by such aliases and fictitious names. These defendants include individuals  
17 whose real identities are not yet known to Plaintiffs, but who are acting in concert with one  
18 another, often under the guise of Internet aliases, in committing the unlawful acts alleged herein.  
19 Among the Doe Defendants are developers, resellers, technical support staff, and other  
20 individuals who have participated in the development, sale, maintenance and distribution of the  
21 Cheating Software. Plaintiffs will seek leave to amend this complaint to state their true names  
22 and capacities once said defendants’ identities and capacities have been ascertained. Plaintiffs  
23 are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that all defendants sued herein are liable to  
24 Plaintiffs as a result of their participation in all or some of the acts set forth in this Complaint.  
25 (All of the aforementioned defendants, both the named defendants and the Doe defendants, are  
26 referred to herein collectively as “Defendants.”)

27 21. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that at all times  
28 mentioned in this complaint, each of the Defendants was the agent of each of the other

1 Defendants and, in doing the things alleged in this Complaint, was acting within the course and  
2 scope of such agency.

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4 **FACTS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS**

5 **Bungie and Destiny 2**

6 22. Bungie is the developer, owner, and distributor of the video game Destiny 2.  
7 Destiny 2 is an online multiplayer “first-person shooter” currently available on Windows-based  
8 personal computers, as well as home video game consoles and the Google Stadia cloud gaming  
9 service. Destiny 2 originally was released on September 6, 2017, for the Sony Playstation 4 and  
10 Microsoft Xbox One, and on October 24, 2017, for Windows computers. Since the game’s  
11 initial release, Bungie has released for sale multiple expansions or add-ons to the main game  
12 experience, including, most recently, the “Beyond Light” expansion released in November 2020.  
13 These expansions offer players new quests, weapons, game modes, and other additions or  
14 revisions to Destiny 2’s core gameplay.

15 23. Destiny 2 is an open, “shared-world” multiplayer, “first-person shooter” game in  
16 which players can see and interact with one another. The game offers two main types of  
17 activities: player-versus-environment (PvE), in which players cooperate to fight against  
18 computer-controlled opponents, and player-versus-player (PvP), in which players compete  
19 against one another. Players generally are free to complete activities in Destiny 2 on their own,  
20 or with a team of friends (or people randomly assigned to them via matchmaking). Some  
21 activities, however, require players to team up with others, specifically three-player “Strikes”  
22 and six-player “Raids,” and some competitive PvP modes in which players can obtain extremely  
23 rare items and other rewards.

24 24. Matches played in Destiny 2’s PvP modes are intense and highly competitive  
25 affairs. In Destiny 2, competition can be particularly intense due to the presence of rare loot  
26 which can affect player progression, in addition to the prestige of obtaining highly visible in-  
27 game “achievements” through competitive success in the endgame PvP modes. As a result, the  
28 demand for software that gives players an unfair advantage in Destiny 2’s PvP modes is



1 particularly high. Some endgame PvP modes include skill-based matchmaking in which the  
2 most competitive players can test themselves against others similarly situated. The high skill  
3 ceiling of endgame Destiny 2 PvP content is one of the selling points of Destiny 2, but also  
4 makes it much more frustrating when a player's experience is ruined by others using cheating  
5 software.

6 25. Destiny 2's PvE modes can also become intense affairs because players can  
7 obtain highly visible in-game achievements as well as special physical merchandise linked to  
8 certain achievements by completing very challenging content within specific timeframes. As  
9 such, many players take part in highly competitive "achievement hunting" in the hope of  
10 obtaining those awards. The idea that players could qualify for these difficult-to-obtain awards  
11 by using cheat software, or that they are progressing more rapidly in order to become  
12 competitive by using cheats, cheapens the experience for legitimate players.

### 13 14 **Ubisoft and Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Siege**

15 26. Ubisoft is the developer, owner and publisher of the popular video game R6S.  
16 Ubisoft is the owner of certain exclusive rights of valid and subsisting copyrights in R6S and all  
17 of its expansions and add-ons.

18 27. Initially released on December 1, 2015, R6S is a team-based, online multiplayer,  
19 military-themed "first-person shooter" game. In R6S, players assume the role of an elite special  
20 forces operative. Each player must work with other team members, and against a competing  
21 team, to complete objectives such as rescuing hostages, defusing bombs, or securing a biohazard  
22 container. To accomplish these objectives, players must cooperate and communicate with their  
23 team members, each of whom brings a particular skill set to the overall team. R6S players may  
24 play the game either "casually" or in competitive "ranked" matches where their success or failure  
25 affects their overall standing in the community.

26 28. The success of R6S rests, in part, on Ubisoft's ability to offer a consistently  
27 compelling player experience so that its customers remain invested in R6S and play it for a  
28 sustained period of time. R6S is a highly competitive, skill-based game with a fixed set of rules

1 that have been carefully designed to ensure that all players stand on equal footing and have a fair  
2 chance to defeat their opponents and progress in the game. Maintaining proper game balance  
3 therefore is absolutely critical to the game’s success. Ubisoft has spent thousands of hours to  
4 ensure that the game is fair and fun to play. If that balance is artificially upset, or if there is a  
5 perception that some players are cheating or have an unfair advantage, then players will grow  
6 frustrated with the game and stop playing. That, in turn, could disrupt the entire R6S community  
7 and cause the game to wither and die.

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9 **Plaintiffs’ Intellectual Property Rights in the Games**

10 **Bungie and Destiny 2**

11 29. Bungie is the owner of all rights, title, and interest in the copyright in Destiny 2,  
12 and all expansions, including without limitation, in its computer software and the audiovisual  
13 works and screen displays that software creates (collectively, the “Destiny Copyrights”). These  
14 copyrights are the subjects of U.S. Copyright Registrations TX 9-933-655, TX 8-933-658, PA 2-  
15 282-670, and PA 2-280-030.

16 30. Bungie also owns multiple trademarks associated with the Destiny franchise  
17 including but not limited to DESTINY, DESTINY (& design), DESTINY 2, DESTINY 2:  
18 LIGHTFALL, DESTINY 2: BEYOND LIGHT, and DESTINY 2: THE WITCH QUEEN  
19 (collectively, the “DESTINY Marks.”)

20 31. Bungie began using the DESTINY and DESTINY (& design) marks in commerce  
21 at least as early as February 1, 2013. Since their first use, Bungie has continually used those  
22 marks in connection with video game software.

23 32. Bungie has invested substantial resources in marketing, advertising, and  
24 distributing video games under the DESTINY Marks.

25 33. Bungie has developed substantial goodwill and strong recognition in the  
26 DESTINY Marks, and those marks have come to be associated with Bungie. Through its  
27 nationwide use and promotion of the DESTINY Marks, Bungie has established strong rights in  
28 those trademarks and they are entitled to protection.

1 34. Bungie also owns the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”)  
2 Registration No. 4,321,315 for the DESTINY (& design) mark:



9 Ubisoft and Tom Clancy’s Rainbow Six: Siege

10 35. Ubisoft is the owner of certain rights, title, and interest in the copyrights in Tom  
11 Clancy’s Rainbow Six: Siege and its expansions, including without limitation, in its computer  
12 software and the audiovisual works and screen displays that software creates (collectively, the  
13 “R6S Copyrights”). These copyrights are the subjects of U.S. Copyright Registrations TX 8-  
14 981-568 and PA 1-981-990.

15 36. Ubisoft also owns or has certain exclusive rights to multiple trademarks  
16 associated with R6S including but not limited to the phrases RAINBOW SIX and the distinctive  
17 Rainbow Six “6” design mark (the “6 Design Mark”) depicted below (collectively, the “R6S  
18 Marks”):



23 37. Ubisoft began using certain of the R6S Marks in commerce in connection with  
24 video games and computer software at least as early as 1998, and has used the “6 Design Mark”  
25 since at least 2015. Since their first use, Ubisoft has continually used those marks in connection  
26 with video game software.

27 38. Ubisoft has invested substantial resources in marketing, advertising, and  
28 distributing video games under the R6S Marks.



1 periodically creates and offers for sale Destiny 2 “expansions,” which offer new content and new  
2 game modes.

3 44. In order to play R6S, a player must purchase a copy of the game or a license from  
4 a digital retailer. Once players have purchased the game, however, they are able to obtain items  
5 in-game through multiple methods. For example, players can simply buy characters, uniforms,  
6 weapons skins and other items using R6S’s in-game currency, known as “R6 Credits,” which are  
7 purchased with real-world money. Players also can acquire in-game items using the game’s  
8 “Battle Pass” microtransaction system, which allows players to gain new cosmetics, Operators,  
9 and other items by playing multiplayer matches, obtaining “battle points,” and unlocking rewards  
10 upon reaching various benchmarks (referred to in the game as “tiers”).

11 45. Battle Passes are offered on two tracks – free and premium. The free track allows  
12 a player to play the game and periodically obtain new rewards at no additional cost. The  
13 premium track allows players to do the same thing and unlock not only the free track rewards,  
14 but also a different set of rewards as well. Players also can purchase a “Premium Bundle” that  
15 immediately unlocks access to 12 tiers and provides players with additional items.

16 46. The revenue from the sale of game content, virtual currency, digital enhancements  
17 or expansions, and Battle Passes is what enables each of Bungie and Ubisoft to maintain, update,  
18 service, and develop the Games and their online services. Accordingly, it is paramount to  
19 Plaintiffs’ business models that the Games retain the interest of their respective user bases for a  
20 sustained period of time, so that players will remain dedicated to the Games, recommend the  
21 Games to friends and family, and continue to purchase virtual items, expansions, and Battle  
22 Passes.

23 47. A vital part of the player experience is the fairness and integrity of the Games,  
24 and thus Bungie and Ubisoft invest an enormous amount of time and money to ensure that all  
25 players stand on equal footing and have a fair chance of progressing in the Games. If players  
26 perceive that others are cheating or have an unfair advantage, they may grow frustrated with the  
27 Games and stop playing them. That, in turn, could disrupt and/or destroy Destiny 2’s and R6S’s

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1 player communities and severely harm Plaintiffs’ ability to generate revenue and to maintain,  
2 improve, and expand the Games.

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4 **Plaintiffs’ Efforts To Protect Against Hackers And Cheaters**

5 48. Because the Games are so popular, unscrupulous actors such as Defendants seek  
6 to exploit them for their own personal gain and profit by selling cheats, hacks, and other  
7 malicious software, knowing that they are ruining the experience for other players and harming  
8 Plaintiffs.

9 49. To understand Defendants’ conduct, it is important to understand what  
10 multiplayer games are and how they operate. In broad terms, multiplayer games are comprised  
11 of two interrelated components.

12 (a) First, all players must install on their personal computers a game “software  
13 client,” which is a set of software files. These files include artwork, 3D models, “textures” (*i.e.*,  
14 artwork applied to surfaces), “skins” (*i.e.*, artwork applied to character models), and an  
15 underlying game “engine” that creates the virtual environment and enables player interaction  
16 with that environment and with computer-controlled and human-controlled characters or  
17 monsters.

18 (b) Second, the software client must connect to a remote server that is owned  
19 and operated by the game publisher or by third parties on the publisher’s behalf. The server runs  
20 software that connects players to each other, generates the dynamic virtual world, and transmits  
21 information from one player to another. The server rapidly receives and transmits a large body  
22 of data back-and-forth between and among players, and that data is used by the software client to  
23 effectuate changes on the player’s computer screen. The game server is an integral part of an  
24 online game, and the game cannot be played without both client and server. As such, the  
25 copyright in a multiplayer computer game extends not just to the specific art files or assets  
26 contained in the client files, but also to the dynamic virtual world created by the interaction  
27 between client and server.



1 specifically must be designed to prevent or avoid detection by Plaintiffs' anti-cheat software,  
2 such as by concealing or encrypting itself or by disabling the anti-cheat technology.

3 55. Additionally, when Plaintiffs identify or detect that a player is using cheating  
4 software, the player's account may be suspended or "banned," such that the player may no  
5 longer access the game and its remote server. Depending upon the player's conduct, Plaintiffs  
6 may also implement a "Hardware ID" ("HWID") ban against players engaged in hacking or  
7 cheating. To implement a HWID ban, Plaintiffs obtain configuration data from the offending  
8 player's PC, assign a unique code to the PC, and deny subsequent access to the game by players  
9 using that PC. This ensures that players who have lost access to the game cannot re-obtain such  
10 access merely by creating a new account or using a different email address.

11 56. Individuals or entities like Defendants spend a great deal of time and effort  
12 devising methods to avoid detection of their cheating software by Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs, in turn,  
13 must continually spend time, effort, and money improving and enhancing their anti-cheat  
14 technology. The result is an arms race, in which Bungie and Ubisoft must constantly stay one  
15 step ahead of cheat developers and sellers.

### 16 17 Contractual Protection

18 57. In order to access, download, or play the Games, users also must create and  
19 register accounts with Bungie or Ubisoft and agree to written license agreements and terms of  
20 use.

21 58. Upon downloading the Destiny 2 client and beginning installation, users must  
22 expressly manifest their assent to Bungie's Limited Software License Agreement ("SLA").  
23 Similarly, upon downloading R6S and beginning installation, players are required to expressly  
24 manifest their assent to the "Ubisoft Terms of Use" and End-User License Agreement  
25 (collectively, the "TOU"), and also to the "Rainbow Six: Siege Code of Conduct" (the "Code of  
26 Conduct").<sup>1</sup> The entire text of the SLA or the TOU and Code of Conduct is displayed to users at

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28 <sup>1</sup> Bungie's SLA is available at [bungie.net/7/en/Legal/SLA](https://bungie.net/7/en/Legal/SLA). Ubisoft's TOU is available at  
<https://legal.ubi.com/termsfuse/en-US>; the Code of Conduct is incorporated by reference in the



1 the time they first access their Bungie or Ubisoft accounts while installing Destiny 2 or R6S. If a  
 2 user refuses to consent to any of these agreements, installation halts and the programs  
 3 immediately close.<sup>2</sup>

4 59. Bungie’s SLA includes a limited license agreement between Bungie and its users.  
 5 Under the SLA, users are required to agree not to, among other things, “hack or modify [Destiny  
 6 2], or create, develop, modify, distribute, or use any unauthorized software programs to gain  
 7 advantage in any online or multiplayer game modes.” Users also are required to agree not to  
 8 “receive or provide ‘boosting services,’ to advance progress or achieve results that are not solely  
 9 based on the account holder’s gameplay.”

10 60. Destiny 2 is made available to the public exclusively through Bungie’s  
 11 proprietary servers and matchmaking systems. Access to these servers also requires assent to the  
 12 SLA. Thus, it is not possible for a user to lawfully obtain access to or play Destiny 2 without  
 13 expressly consenting to the SLA.

14 61. Ubisoft’s TOU also includes a conditional, limited license agreement between  
 15 Ubisoft and its users. Under the TOU, Ubisoft licenses the right to download, copy, install, and  
 16 play R6S (as well as other Ubisoft games), subject to certain terms, restrictions, and conditions.  
 17 Among other provisions, the Ubisoft End User License Agreement expressly states that, as a  
 18 condition to the limited license: “You undertake not to directly or indirectly...

- 19 • modify, distort, block, abnormally burden, disrupt, slow down and/or hinder the normal
- 20 functioning of all or part of the Services, or their accessibility to other Users, or the
- 21 functioning of the partner networks of the Services, or attempt to do any of the above...
- 22 • create, use and/or circulate “auto” or “macro” computer programs or other cheat
- 23 programs or software applications, and/or use the Services via a mirror site;

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 27 TOU and made available at <https://rainbow6.ubisoft.com/siege/en-us/news/152-326395-16/rainbow-six-siege-code-of-conduct>.

28 <sup>2</sup> The SLA, TOU and Code of Conduct are at times referred to collectively herein as the “License Agreements.”

- “bot”, “hack”, “mod”, “trainer”, or “crack”, or otherwise attempt to circumvent any access control, copyright protection or license-enforcement mechanisms associated with or related to the Services...”

62. The R6S Code of Conduct also expressly forbids “[a]ny conduct which interrupts the general flow of Gameplay in the Game client, forum, or any other Ubisoft medium,” “[a]ny attempt to edit, corrupt or change Game or server code,” and “use of third-party hacking, cheating or botting clients.”

63. R6S is made available to the public exclusively through dedicated servers maintained by Ubisoft or its partners. Access to these servers also requires assent to the TOU and Code of Conduct. It is not possible for a user to lawfully obtain access to or play R6S without expressly consenting to the TOU and Code of Conduct.

#### **Defendants’ Development, Marketing and Sale of the Cheating Software**

64. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Defendants collectively are engaged in developing, updating, marketing, distributing, selling, deploying, and supporting the Cheating Software. Some of the Defendants are software developers; others own, operate, and/or moderate the Ring-1 Website and its community forum; others provide customer support or technical assistance; and others are “resellers” who acquire and resell keys for Ring-1 software to members of the public. Some of the Defendants perform several of these functions. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint at such time as they determine the identities of the Doe Defendants and which of Defendants performed which functions.

65. As a result of Defendants’ conduct, the Cheating Software is offered for sale to the public on the Ring-1 Website. Access to the Destiny 2 Cheats is offered for sale on the Ring-1 Website for 30€a week and 60€a month, with access to the R6S Cheats offered for 25€a week and 50€a month.

66. Additionally, licenses for the Cheating Software may be made available for purchase from authorized “resellers,” including certain of Defendants. These resellers generally

1 are individuals who have been given access to digital product “keys” to sell to others in exchange  
2 for a portion of the purchase price.

3 67. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the Cheating  
4 Software has been downloaded and used by Destiny 2 and R6S players thousands of times,  
5 including by players residing in the United States and in California. Plaintiffs also are informed  
6 and believe that Defendants have made tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars from their  
7 distribution and sale of the Cheating Software.

8 68. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that in addition to  
9 marketing and distributing cheats (including but not limited to the Cheating Software),  
10 Defendants provide extensive and ongoing customer support and technical assistance for the  
11 Cheating Software. The Ring-1 Website specifically advertises its “Dedicated Support,” which  
12 Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, is provided via the extensive forums  
13 on the Ring-1 Website, as well as other communication platforms.

14 69. In developing, updating, marketing, distributing, selling, deploying, and  
15 supporting the Cheating Software, Defendants engaged in a number of unlawful acts, as  
16 enumerated below.

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18 Defendants Engaged In Unauthorized Reproduction and Adaptation of Plaintiffs’ Games To  
19 Create The Cheating Software

20 70. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that in order to  
21 create, improve, test, and maintain the Cheating Software, one or more of the Defendants or  
22 freelance hackers, acting at Defendants’ direction or in concert with them, fraudulently obtained  
23 access to Plaintiffs’ software clients for each of the Games. They did so by purporting to assent  
24 to the License Agreements, knowing that they did not intend to comply with the terms, but  
25 instead intending to engage in unauthorized copying, reverse engineering, disassembling,  
26 decompiling, and/or creating derivative works of the Games.

27 71. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that once in  
28 possession of Plaintiffs’ copyrighted software code, certain of Defendants or freelance hackers

1 working in concert with them engaged in multiple acts of unauthorized reproduction, adaptation,  
 2 and/or distribution of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works in order to reverse engineer, disassemble,  
 3 decompile, and decrypt those works in order to develop and test the Cheating Software. Such  
 4 testing included using the Cheating Software in connection with Plaintiffs' proprietary servers,  
 5 which they gained access to under false pretenses, such as by using "throwaway" accounts and  
 6 fake names.

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 8 Defendants Use Plaintiffs Artwork And Trademarks To Market And Sell The Cheating Software  
 9 Via The Ring-1 Website

10 72. The Ring-1 Website is a slick, professionally created website that features an  
 11 array of images and artwork from a number of video games, including Plaintiffs' Games. The  
 12 Ring-1 Website also prominently displays the well-known logos of various games, including  
 13 Plaintiffs' Games, as illustrated below:



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 25 73. The homepage of the Ring-1 Website also prominently advertises cheats for  
 26 certain games, including Destiny 2. The homepage advertisement for Destiny 2 touts a long list  
 27 of "features," next to a large "PURCHASE NOW" button that directs the user to the page where  
 28 the cheat can be purchased using various methods such as PayPal or BitCoin:

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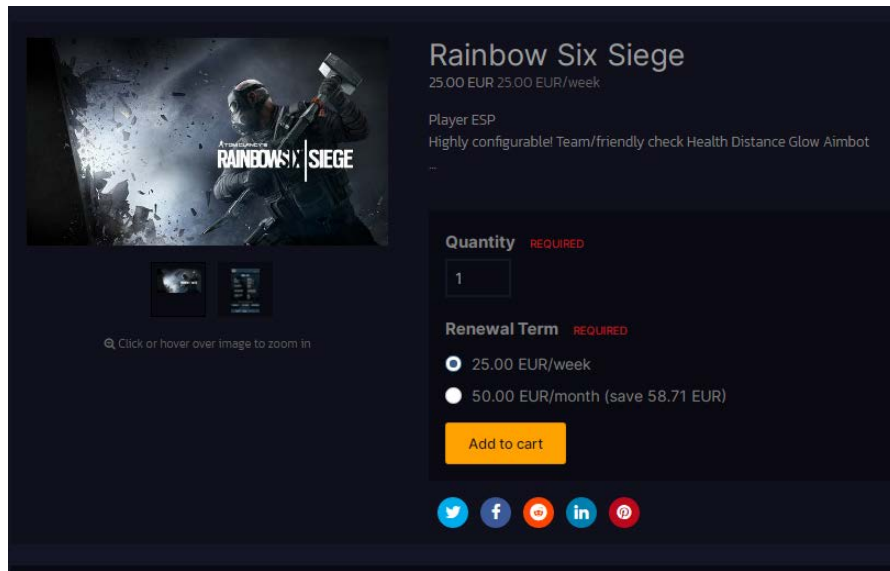
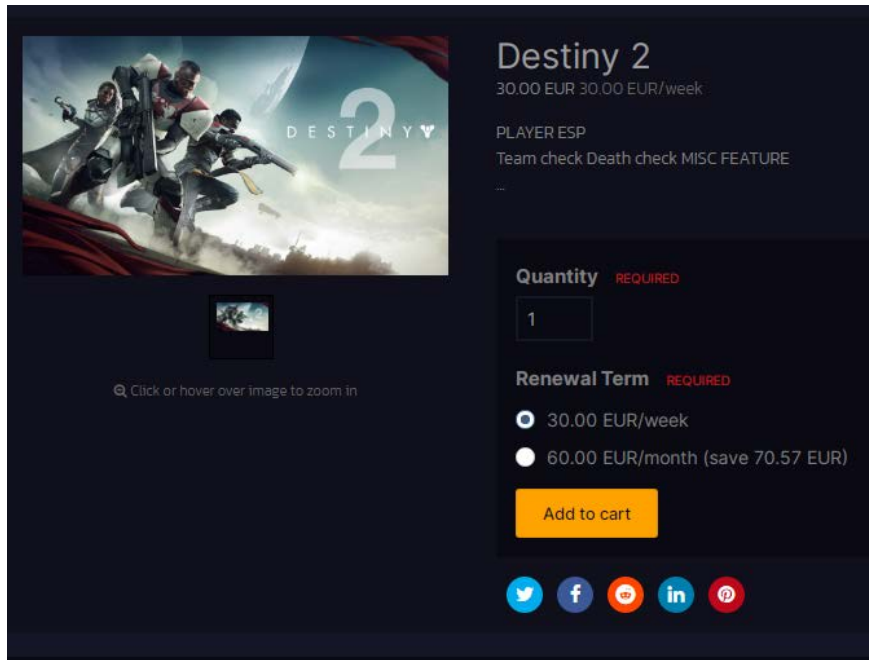
<p><b>MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <p>Unlimited ammo and instant respawn! Yes, they are really undetected with us.</p>	<p><b>ESP</b></p> <p>Highly configurable player ESP. With player death checks and team checks.</p>
<p><b>AIMBOT</b></p> <p>Highly configurable hardware emulated bone aimbot (100% undetectable!). You can set humanized smoothing or just straight up rage with it. Setup multiple aim key configurations so you can handle every situation!</p>	<p><b>HWID SPOOFER</b></p> <p>As with every cheat of ours. All your hardware components (disk, network, motherboard, RAM etc.) are fully spoofed, a real money saver!</p>
<p><b>STREAMPROOF</b></p> <p>Hidden in all recording software such as OBS.</p>	

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74. On the Ring-1 Website, Defendants offer a separate purchase page for each Cheating Software product. The purchase page for the Destiny 2 Cheats and R6S Cheats includes key art from Plaintiffs' games, along with links to share the customer's purchase of the cheat with others on social media websites such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.



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### The Cheating Software Modifies And Alters Plaintiffs' Games

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75. Once a player purchases a license for the Cheating Software, he or she may download the Cheating Software “loader” from a remote server maintained by Defendants. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the Cheating Software loader is not a stand-alone piece of software. Rather, to use the Cheating Software, the player must be connected to the Internet and possess a valid license key. Defendants’ remote server checks the customer’s license to verify that his or her subscription is active.

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76. Once the player has passed the verification check and starts the Cheating Software, the player may click a button to “inject” the malicious Cheating Software code into his or her computer. This code interacts with the Game client and with areas of the player’s computer that are used to play the Game. The Cheating Software also generates a user interface that allows the player to select which features of the Game he or she wishes to change, as illustrated below:

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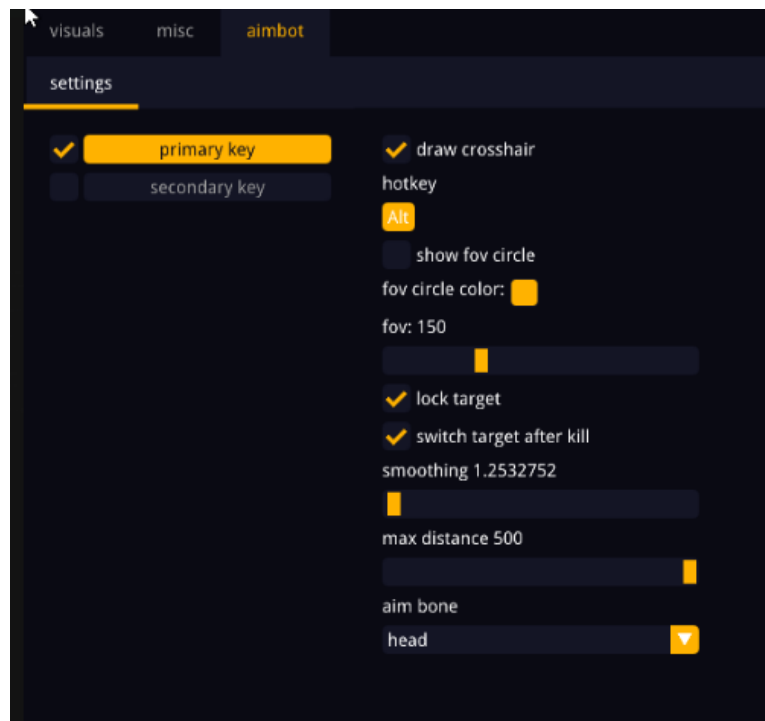
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77. Features offered by the Cheating Software include, without limitation:



- 1 a. Aimbots, which cause the player’s aim to “snap” to an opponent when
- 2 they appear onscreen, allowing for quick, precision shots.
- 3 b. HWID Spoofers, which allow players to hide information about the
- 4 systems they are running in order to avoid detection by anti-cheat software
- 5 or use hardware that has been “banned” by Plaintiffs (*i.e.*, it can no longer
- 6 be used to access the Game).
- 7 c. “ESP,” which allows players to see information that they normally would
- 8 not be able to during a Destiny 2 or R6S game (such as the locations of
- 9 other players within the game world).
- 10 d. Technologies that make the cheats “Streamproof” (*i.e.*, undetectable by
- 11 recording or streaming software).
- 12 e. Specific to R6S, a “Long Knife” cheat which allows a player to use the
- 13 knife weapon against another player from across the game map, resulting
- 14 in an instant kill.
- 15 f. Miscellaneous cheats such as unlimited ammo and instant respawning
- 16 upon death.

17 78. When a player is running the Cheating Software in connection with Plaintiffs’  
18 Games, the Cheating Software substantially alters the Game’s visual output and the way the  
19 Game performs for the cheating player. These alterations persist until the player exits the Game  
20 or reboots his or her computer.

21 79. As a result of the modifications made by the Cheating Software, the Games look  
22 significantly different from their original, intended appearance. For example, when a player is  
23 using the Cheating Software, additional text, numbers, or images may be displayed on the  
24 player’s screen; other player avatars may appear in unusual colors; “hit boxes” may appear  
25 around opposing players to illustrate where the weapon must be fired to hit; and opposing  
26 players may appear as silhouettes behind walls or obstacles.

27 80. The Cheating Software also will cause the Game to perform or play differently for  
28 the cheating player than it performs for all other players. For example, a player using an



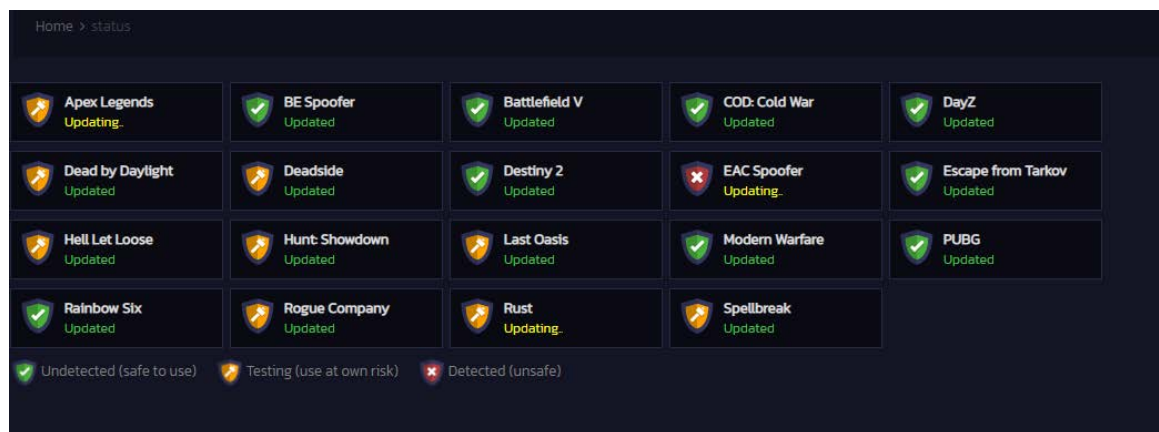
1 “aimbot” will not need to aim his or her weapon to hit another player, as the computer will  
 2 correct or assist the player’s aim. Similarly, when the Cheating Software is being used, the  
 3 player may not need to reload his or her weapon, or may immediately recover (or “respawn”)  
 4 from what otherwise would have been a fatal hit.

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 6 The Cheating Software Circumvents Plaintiffs’ Access Control and Anti-Cheat Technologies

7 81. Remaining “undetected” by Plaintiffs and their anti-cheat software is a critical  
 8 selling point for the Cheating Software. Thus, the Ring-1 Website claims that users are “100%  
 9 guaranteed to always play with an undetected cheat for the full extend [*sic*] of [their]  
 10 subscription.”

11 82. The Ring-1 Website also states that Ring-1 uses “Intel Virtualization to bring you  
 12 the best security possible, giving us an upper hand against the Anti-Cheat.” Additionally, the  
 13 Ring-1 Website boasts that the Cheating Software includes numerous features that will help  
 14 avoid detection, including the aforementioned HWID Spoofers and Streamproof software.  
 15 HWID Spoofers purport to enable players to bypass HWID bans. Streamproof software purports  
 16 to disguise cheating activity in online broadcasts of matches, thereby making such activity more  
 17 difficult to detect.

18 83. In fact, remaining undetected is so important to the success of the Cheating  
 19 Software that Defendants maintain a live “status” page that advises users as to whether any  
 20 particular cheat is “safe to use” or has been “detected” by the game publisher:



1           84.     Once a cheat has been detected by Plaintiffs’ anti-cheat technology (and therefore  
2 is deemed “unsafe” to use), Defendants promptly begin “updating” and “testing” the product  
3 until it once again has been deemed to be “safe.” A significant portion of the value of the  
4 Cheating Software comes from Defendants’ dedication to ensuring that the Cheating Software  
5 remains “100% undetected” by Plaintiffs.

6           85.     Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that in order for the  
7 Cheating Software to operate with the Games, the Cheating Software necessarily includes  
8 technology that primarily is designed to avoid, bypass, evade, or otherwise circumvent Plaintiffs’  
9 anti-cheat technologies – as is obvious from Defendants’ marketing. Accordingly, each time  
10 Defendants sell a license to the Cheating Software they are trafficking in technology that controls  
11 access to the Games.

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13                           Use of the Cheating Software Violates The License Agreements

14           86.     Each time a player uses the Destiny 2 Cheats, he or she also violates Bungie’s  
15 SLA, including those provisions that specifically prohibit players from “hack[ing] or modify[ing]  
16 [Destiny 2], or creat[ing], develop[ing], modify[ing], distribut[ing], or [using] any unauthorized  
17 software programs to gain advantage in any online or multiplayer game modes.” And, each time  
18 a player uses the R6S Cheats, he or she violates Ubisoft’s TOU and Code of Conduct, including  
19 those provisions set forth above. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that  
20 basis allege, that as a result of Defendants’ conduct, thousands or tens of thousands of breaches  
21 of these contracts have occurred.

22           87.     Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Defendants are  
23 fully aware that the use of the Cheating Software violates the License Agreements. For example,  
24 the Ring-1 Website repeatedly assures users that because the Cheating Software is undetected,  
25 users will not be at risk of being banned from the Games.

26           88.     The Cheating Software has no purpose or function other than to enable players to  
27 violate the License Agreements by using cheats and exploits. Thus, Defendants’ goal is to

1 ensure that their customers continue to receive the benefits of their contracts with Plaintiffs while  
2 they simultaneously engage in continuing breaches of their obligations under those contracts.

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4 The Cheating Software Causes Serious And Irreparable Harm To Plaintiffs

5 89. By their conduct, Defendants have caused and continue to cause serious harm to  
6 the Games and to Plaintiffs. Such harm is immediate, massive and irreparable, and includes (but  
7 is not limited to) the following:

8 (a) Defendants irreparably harm the ability of Plaintiffs' legitimate customers  
9 to enjoy and participate in the online experiences carefully created by Plaintiffs. That, in turn,  
10 causes users to grow dissatisfied with the Games, lose interest, stop playing, and stop investing  
11 in the Games.

12 (b) Defendants' conduct has forced Plaintiffs to spend enormous sums of  
13 money (and vast amounts of time) attempting to remediate the damage caused by the Cheating  
14 Software. This includes creating and releasing new versions of the Games that counteract the  
15 Cheating Software, responding to player complaints, employing personnel to police the Games to  
16 detect the use of the Cheating Software, and banning users who are using the Cheating Software.

17 (c) Defendants' conduct harms Plaintiffs' reputation and results in the loss of  
18 significant customer goodwill.

19 90. Defendants' conduct has resulted in damage to Plaintiffs in an amount to be  
20 proven at trial. By Plaintiffs' estimation, such damage may amount to millions of dollars.  
21 Unless and until Defendants are preliminarily or permanently enjoined, Plaintiffs will continue to  
22 suffer severe harm from the Cheating Software.

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24 COUNT I

25 Trafficking In Circumvention Devices

26 91. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1  
27 through 90, as if set forth fully herein.

1           92.     The Games, including but not limited to their source code, screen displays, and  
2 audiovisual game play environments, are copyrighted works.

3           93.     Plaintiffs have incorporated into the Games technological measures that  
4 effectively control access to each Game, including access to the dynamic audiovisual elements  
5 that comprise the Game and to otherwise inaccessible memory locations in which data generated  
6 by the Games is stored and maintained.

7           94.     The Cheating Software is comprised of or contains technologies, products,  
8 services, devices, components, or parts thereof that primarily are designed or produced for the  
9 purpose of circumventing technological measures that effectively control access to the Games.

10          95.     The Cheating Software (and the portions thereof that circumvent Plaintiffs' anti-  
11 cheat technologies) have no commercially significant purpose or use other than to circumvent a  
12 technological measure that effectively controls access to a copyrighted work and that protects the  
13 exclusive rights of a copyright owner.

14          96.     Defendants market the Cheating Software in the United States with knowledge of  
15 their use to circumvent Plaintiffs' technological access controls.

16          97.     As a result of the foregoing, Defendants are offering to the public, providing,  
17 importing, or otherwise trafficking in technology that violates 17 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(2).

18          98.     Defendants' acts constituting DMCA violations have been and continue to be  
19 performed without the permission, authorization, or consent of Plaintiffs.

20          99.     Defendants have violated Section 1201 of the DMCA willfully and for private  
21 commercial gain.

22          100.    Defendants' conduct has caused damage to Plaintiffs and has unjustly enriched  
23 Defendants, in an amount to be proven at trial.

24          101.    As a result of Defendants' acts and conduct, Plaintiffs have sustained and will  
25 continue to sustain substantial, immediate, and irreparable injury, for which there is no adequate  
26 remedy at law. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that, unless enjoined  
27 and restrained by this Court, Defendants will continue to violate Section 1201 of the DMCA.

1 Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief to restrain and enjoin Defendants' continuing unlawful  
2 conduct.

3 102. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §  
4 1203(c), Plaintiffs are entitled to Defendants' profits attributable to their violations of 17 U.S.C.  
5 § 1201.

6 103. Alternatively, Plaintiffs are entitled to the maximum statutory damages, pursuant  
7 to 17 U.S.C. § 1203(c)(A), in the amount of \$2,500 with respect to each violation by Defendants.

8 104. Plaintiffs further are entitled to their attorneys' fees and full costs pursuant to 17  
9 U.S.C. § 1203(b).

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## **COUNT II**

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### **Copyright Infringement**

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105. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1  
through 104, as if set forth fully herein.

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106. The Games, including their underlying source code, client files, screen displays,  
artwork, and other audiovisual elements, constitute original works of authorship and  
copyrightable subject matter under the laws of the United States. Plaintiffs own the copyrights  
or have exclusive rights under copyright in and to the Games.

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107. Defendants engaged in acts of unlawful reproduction, adaptation, public display,  
and public performance of the Games and their constituent elements, including but not limited to  
by (a) reproducing artwork and images from the Games on the Ring-1 Website; (b) adapting the  
Games or causing the Games to be adapted by modifying the Games' performance, appearance,  
and screen displays; and (c) reproducing Game client files without a license or outside the scope  
of the license in the process of reverse engineering, testing, and/or decompiling those files in  
connection with the development of the Cheating Software. Such conduct constitutes copyright  
infringement.

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108. In the alternative, to the extent that Defendants' users are engaged in acts of  
copyright infringement by using the Cheating Software to create unauthorized derivative works

1 by modifying the Games' performance, appearance, and screen displays, Defendants are liable  
2 for inducing and contributing to such acts of infringement.

3 109. Defendants' acts of infringement were willful, in disregard of, and with  
4 indifference to, the rights of Plaintiffs.

5 110. As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiffs are entitled to damages and to  
6 Defendants' profits in amounts to be proven at trial, which are not currently ascertainable.  
7 Alternatively, Plaintiffs are entitled to maximum statutory damages of \$150,000 for each  
8 copyrighted work infringed, or in such other amount as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).

9 111. Plaintiffs further are entitled to their attorneys' fees and full costs pursuant to  
10 17 U.S.C. § 505.

11 112. As a result of Defendants' acts and conduct, Plaintiffs have sustained and will  
12 continue to sustain substantial, immediate, and irreparable injury, for which there is no adequate  
13 remedy at law. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that unless enjoined  
14 and restrained by this Court, Defendants will continue to contribute to infringement of Plaintiffs'  
15 copyrights. Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief to restrain and enjoin Defendants'  
16 continuing unlawful conduct.

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18 **COUNT III**

19 **Trademark Infringement, 15 U.S.C. § 1114**

20 113. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1  
21 through 112, as if set forth fully herein.

22 114. By using the registered DESTINY Marks and the R6S Marks on the Ring-1  
23 Website and otherwise in connection with Defendants' Cheating Software, Defendants' actions  
24 are likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception as to the source, origin, sponsorship, or  
25 authenticity of Defendants' Cheating Software.

26 115. Plaintiffs are entitled to the relief provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), including, but  
27 not limited to, Defendants' profits, Plaintiffs' damages, and the costs of this action.

1 116. Defendants knew of Plaintiffs' rights, and their infringement has been knowing,  
2 willful, and deliberate, such that the Court should award Plaintiffs their attorneys' fees pursuant  
3 to 15 U.S.C. § 1117.

4 117. Defendants' activities have damaged, and threaten to continue damaging,  
5 Plaintiffs' reputation and goodwill.

6 118. Plaintiffs have been, and continue to be, damaged by such acts in a manner that  
7 cannot be fully measured or compensated in economic terms and therefore have no adequate  
8 remedy at law. Furthermore, upon showing a violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1114, Plaintiffs are  
9 entitled to a rebuttable presumption of irreparable harm from that violation, and seek permanent  
10 injunctive relief pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116.

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12 **COUNT IV**

13 **False Designation of Origin, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)**

14 119. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1  
15 through 118, as if set forth fully herein.

16 120. By virtue of Plaintiffs' continuous and extensive use in commerce of the  
17 DESTINY Marks and the R6S Marks, the DESTINY Marks and the R6S Marks have acquired  
18 secondary meaning in the marketplace in connection with Plaintiffs' goods and services.

19 121. By using the DESTINY Marks and the R6S Marks on the Ring-1 Website and  
20 otherwise in connection with Defendants' Cheating Software, Defendants' actions constitute the  
21 use in interstate commerce of a false designation of origin, false or misleading description of  
22 fact, or false or misleading representations of fact that are likely to cause confusion or mistake,  
23 or to deceive as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Defendants' products and services  
24 with Plaintiffs, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of the goods and services provided  
25 by Defendants in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

26 122. Plaintiffs are entitled to the relief provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), including, but  
27 not limited to, Defendants' profits, Plaintiffs' damages, and the costs of this action.

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1 123. Defendants knew of Plaintiffs' rights, and their infringement has been knowing,  
2 willful, and deliberate, such that the Court should award Plaintiffs their attorneys' fees pursuant  
3 to 15 U.S.C. § 1117.

4 124. Defendants' activities have damaged, and threaten to continue damaging,  
5 Plaintiffs' reputation and goodwill.

6 125. Plaintiffs have been, and continue to be, damaged by such acts in a manner that  
7 cannot be fully measured or compensated in economic terms and therefore have no adequate  
8 remedy at law. Furthermore, upon showing a violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a), Plaintiffs are  
9 entitled to a rebuttable presumption of irreparable harm from that violation, and seek permanent  
10 injunctive relief pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116.

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12 **COUNT V**

13 **Intentional Interference With Contractual Relations**

14 126. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1  
15 through 125, as if set forth fully herein.

16 127. As described herein, in order to install and play the Games, licensed users in the  
17 United States first must assent to the License Agreements.

18 128. Plaintiffs' contracts with their users are valid and enforceable.

19 129. Each time a purchaser of the Cheating Software uses the Cheating Software in  
20 connection with the Games, he or she breaches the License Agreements. Plaintiffs are informed  
21 and believe, and on that basis allege, that thousands of such breaches have taken place by  
22 Defendants' customers.

23 130. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that Defendants are  
24 aware of both the existence and specific relevant terms of contracts between Plaintiffs and their  
25 users in the United States, including the License Agreements. Specifically, Defendants are  
26 aware that the License Agreements prohibit players from using the Cheating Software and that  
27 players are at risk of being banned from the Games should they be caught using the Cheating  
28 Software. Nevertheless, Defendants intentionally encourage and induce users of the Games to



1 purchase and use the Cheating Software, knowing that the use of these products by their  
2 customers is a breach of these customers' contracts with Plaintiffs.

3 131. By inducing Plaintiffs' users to breach their contracts with Plaintiffs, Defendants  
4 have intentionally interfered, and continue to interfere, with the contracts between Plaintiffs and  
5 their users.

6 132. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs have suffered  
7 damage in an amount to be proven at trial, including but not limited to a loss of goodwill among  
8 users of Plaintiffs' games, diversion of Plaintiffs' resources to attempt to detect and prevent the  
9 use of the Cheating Software, decreased profits, and a loss of profits from users whose accounts  
10 Plaintiffs have terminated for violation of the License Agreements in the United States.

11 133. As a further result of Defendants' actions, Defendants have unjustly obtained  
12 specifically identifiable property, consisting of all of the proceeds attributable to the sale of the  
13 Cheating Software in the United States, and any other products or services that violate any of  
14 Plaintiffs' rights, and any additional property traceable to those proceeds. Those proceeds,  
15 which are directly attributable to Defendants' manipulation and misuse of the Games and  
16 intentional interference with Plaintiffs' contracts, rightfully and equitably belong to Plaintiffs.

17 134. Defendants' intentional interference with the contracts between Plaintiffs and  
18 their licensed users in the United States entitles Plaintiffs to injunctive relief and compensatory  
19 damages, the imposition of a constructive trust over Defendants' wrongfully obtained proceeds,  
20 and other available relief.

21 135. Defendants are guilty of oppression, fraud, or malice, and Plaintiffs, in addition to  
22 their actual damages, by reason thereof, are entitled to recover exemplary and punitive damages  
23 against Defendants.

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25 **COUNT VI**  
26 **Unfair Competition**  
27 136. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1  
28 through 135, as if set forth fully herein.



1 143. By developing, marketing, distributing and encouraging the use of the Cheating  
2 Software, including those portions of the Cheating Software that include HWID Spoofers,  
3 Defendants have knowingly aided and abetted, conspired with, or otherwise caused players of  
4 Plaintiffs' games to intentionally access the Game Servers without Plaintiffs' authorization.  
5 Specifically, Defendants have caused such HWID Spoofers to be used to obtain access to the  
6 Game Servers by players that have been specifically prohibited from accessing the Game  
7 Servers. Such conduct has caused damage and/or loss to the Game Servers.

8 144. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs have suffered damages in excess of  
9 the \$5,000 statutory minimum. Plaintiffs have been damaged by Defendants' actions, including  
10 in the form of decreased participation by players in the Games, investigative costs and legal fees,  
11 and the expenditure of resources to detect players who access the Game Servers without  
12 authorization.

13 145. Plaintiffs have also suffered irreparable and incalculable harm and injuries  
14 resulting from Defendants' conduct in the form of damages to their customers' goodwill and  
15 trust.

16 146. On information and belief, Defendants have continued to conspire to obtain  
17 unauthorized access to the Game Servers with the intent of harming Plaintiffs and will continue  
18 to do so unless enjoined.

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**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

21 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that this Court enter judgment in their favor on each and  
22 every claim for relief set forth above and award them relief, including but not limited to an order:

23 1. Preliminarily and permanently enjoining Defendants, their officers, employees,  
24 agents, subsidiaries, representatives, distributors, dealers, members, affiliates, and all persons  
25 acting in concert or participation with Defendants from: (i) trafficking in circumvention devices  
26 in the United States; (ii) infringing Plaintiffs' copyrighted works in the United States; (iii)  
27 infringing Plaintiffs' registered and common law trademarks in the United States, including  
28 through falsely representing or suggesting that Plaintiffs sponsored, endorsed, approved, or

1 otherwise are affiliated with Defendants and their products and services; (iv) intentionally  
2 interfering with Plaintiffs' contracts with players in the United States; (v) engaging in unfair  
3 competition in the United States; and (vi) conspiring with or otherwise assisting others to obtain  
4 unauthorized access to Plaintiffs' protected computer servers.

5 2. Requiring Defendants to shut down the Ring-1 Website, the Cheating Software  
6 and any colorable copies thereof, hosted at any domain, address, location, or ISP.

7 3. Requiring Defendants to deliver to Plaintiffs all copies of materials that infringe  
8 or violate any of Plaintiffs' rights, as described herein.

9 4. Requiring Defendants to provide Plaintiffs with an accounting of any and all sales  
10 of products or services in the United States that infringe or violate any of Plaintiffs' rights, as  
11 described herein.

12 5. Awarding Plaintiffs actual damages, or maximum statutory damages of \$150,000  
13 per copyrighted work infringed – *i.e.*, a total of \$300,000 – for copyright infringement pursuant  
14 to 17 U.S.C. § 504.

15 6. Awarding Plaintiffs actual damages, or maximum statutory damages of \$2,500  
16 per violation of Section 1201 – in an amount to be proven at trial – pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §  
17 1203(c)(3).

18 7. Awarding Plaintiffs compensatory damages for trademark infringement under the  
19 Lanham Act and for Defendants' violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

20 8. Awarding Plaintiffs their full costs and attorneys' fees in this action.

21 9. Awarding Plaintiffs exemplary and punitive damages against Defendants on  
22 Plaintiffs' cause of action for intentional interference with contractual relations.

23 10. Awarding Plaintiffs restitution of Defendants' unlawful proceeds, including an  
24 accounting of any and all sales of the Cheating Software in the United States, and/or any other  
25 products or services that violate any of Plaintiffs' rights described herein.

26 11. Imposing a constructive trust over the proceeds unjustly obtained by Defendants  
27 through the sale of the Cheating Software in the United States, and/or any other products or  
28 services that violate any of Plaintiffs' rights described herein.

1           12.     Awarding such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and  
2 appropriate.

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**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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