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Microsoft guilty of willfull patent infringement

Ordered to pay \$388 million to Uniloc

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Microsoft has been found guilty of wilfully infringing another company's patent.

In a lawsuit that dates back to 2003, a Rhode Island jury has ruled in favour of Uniloc and ordered Microsoft to pay \$388 million in damages.

The patent in question was for an anti-piracy solution from Uniloc, that makes software "that ensures licensing rights and security".

Microsoft apparently lost its argument that the patent was invalid - because it wasn't.

Microsoft plans to appeal, although they may want to rethink their defence before they do.

