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Apple guilty of wilful patent infringement

Ordered to pay out \$19 million

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Apple has been found guilty of patent infringement and ordered to pay \$19 million in compensation in a Texas court.

Opti Inc, a technology company based in Palo Alto, filed the lawsuit against Apple in January 2007.

A jury has now found that Apple had "wilfully infringed" on Opti's data transfer-related patent for "predictive snooping of cache memory for master-initiated accesses".

Apple's argument that the case be dismissed due to "prior art and obviousness" of the patent was not heeded and the jury has awarded Opti \$19,009,728 as a "reasonable royalty for infringement".

