

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

THE SCO GROUP, INC., : Case No. 2:04CV00139

Plaintiff, : Videotaped Deposition of:

vs. : TY MATTINGLY

NOVELL, INC.,

Defendant.

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- 1 Q. Uh-huh. I think you said you joined as senior
- 2 product manager. When did your title change? What did it
- 3 change to?
- 4 A. I think the first change in it was probably a year
- later when Ray Noorda basically hired me to work directly for
- 6 him, and Ray Noorda was the then chairman and CEO and founder
- 7 of Novell.
- 8 Q. In what capacity did he hire you to work for him?
  - A. Title was executive director, office of the
- 10 chairman.
- 11 Q. What were your responsibilities?
- 12 A. To be his right-hand man and gopher and body guard
- 13 and --

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- 14 Q. Okay. How long did you hold that title?
- 15 A. I probably worked for Ray for about two years.
- 16 Q. Okay. And what was your next title at Novell?
- 17 A. Basically kept the same title, and then when Ray
- 18 retired, I worked in that same capacity for Bob Frankenberg.
- 19 Q. Uh-huh.
- 20 A. Who was his successor.
- 21 Q. And until what time did you do that?
- 22 A. I probably worked for Bob for maybe 18 months.
- 23 Yeah, probably about 18 months.
- Q. So it started at some point in 1995, your
- 25 responsibilities for Mr. Frankenberg?

- 1 that was to go to a joint venture that Novell created with
- 2 Netscape called Novonyx, N-O-V-O-N-Y-X.
  - Q. How long did you work at Novonyx?
- 4 A. About a year.
  - Q. And then what?
  - A. Novell basically acquired all of the equity in
- 7 Novonyx, pulled that back into Novell, and that's when I had
- 8 my severance agreement and left Novonyx.
  - Q. Okay. What did you do at Novonyx?
- 10 A. Sales and marketing.
  - Q. And if you could take a minute to summarize the
- 12 kind of work you have done since you left Novonyx.
- 13 A. We started a consulting company. I knew that I did
- 14 not like hardware from my IBM days and did not like software
- 15 from my Novell days, and so thought I would get into the
- 16 consulting where we just talked about both of those things.
- 17 And we started a Internet consulting firm right when the
- 18 Internet was all of the rage in about '98. And basically
- 19 myself and a couple of others founded that company, and we
- 20 built it and sold it in 2004.
  - Q. What was the name of that company?
- 22 A. It was SBI Razorfish, R-A-Z-O-R-F-I-S-H.
  - Q. And what were your responsibilities with SBI
- 24 Razorfish?
  - A. Corporate development.

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- 1 A. It sounds about right.
- 2 Q. Let me ask it a different way. Can you recall with
- 3 any specificity either when you began working --
- 4 A. Exactly.
- 5 Q. -- in that capacity or when you stopped working?
- 6 A. The day he was hired --
- 7 Q. Oh, okay.
- A. -- is when I started work working for Bob
- 9 Frankenberg, so I don't know exactly what day that was. So I
- remained in that transition through the transition of the new
- 11 CEO and remained in that position until I left about a year
- 12 and a half later and started working for Duff Thompson.
- 13 Q. Uh-huh.
- 14 A. And in that position and title I was vice president 15 of corporate development and strategic relationships.
- 16 Q. And when did your responsibilities in connection
- with Mr. Thompson begin?
- 18 A. Well, probably about '96 time frame. Roughly, I
- 19 think it was about a year and a half with Bob Frankenberg.
- Q. And the responsibilities you had in connection with
- 21 your work with Mr. Frankenberg were similar to the work you
- 22 had done with Mr. Noorda?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. And when did you leave Novell?
- 25 A. Well, I actually left Novell probably in '97, but

- 1 Q. And those ended in 2004?
- 2 A. Yes.
  - Q. How about since 2004?
- 4 A. I have just been doing a consulting, personal
- 5 consulting gigs and personal investing.
- 6 Q. Okay. Were you involved with Novell's acquisition
- 7 of the Unix business?
- 8 A. I was not involved in the acquisition, but when
- 9 Novell bought Unix Systems Labs from AT&T, that was one of
- the key reasons why I decided to join Novell because of the
- 11 application environment and the business applications that
- 12 ran on Unix that I believed would now be merged into NetWare.
- 13 Q. Do you know why Novell acquired USL?
  - A. I believe it was for the same reason. Ray Noorda
  - had a vision of getting an application development
- 16 environment inside of NetWare that he knew we needed to have
- 17 in order to be competitive with Microsoft.
- 18 Q. Did there come a time during your tenure at Novell
- 19 when you learned that Novell was interested in selling some
- 20 or all of its Unix business?
  - A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And when was that time?
- A. Well, let me think about that. It was probably a
  - few months before we actually completed the divestiture to
  - 5 SCO, so I think that would have been about the '95 time

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- 1 A. You know, there were -- there were a number of 2 other people, but really I think -- I think we had a lot of 3 engineers. We brought in a lot of Unix marketing and 4 salespeople at various times, but most of my interaction in the entire deal process was really with Ed Chatlos through the negotiations and with the SCO team that they had 7 involved, as well as the executives inside of Novell.
  - Q. When the notion of selling the assets first arose, were there more than one company discussed as potential purchaser?
- 11 A. Yes. There were more than one company discussions 12 I think that the high level strategy was to try and find a 13 home that could take Unix on X-86 architecture, Intel's PC 14 architecture, and unify all of the different OEMs around a 15 common Unix on a common platform. Once again, if you 16 remember, the reason I joined Novell was business 17 applications running on Unix solving business problems.
  - Q. Uh-huh.

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- 19 A. So the opportunity and the reason why SCO was an 20 ideal candidate that we focused in on was because they were 21 the leader in Unix on the X-86 platform. So we wanted to take Unix, UnixWare, et al., and push that to SCO so that 23 those guys could try and rally all of the other hardware OEMs 24 around a common Unix.
  - Q. Uh-huh.

1 MR. BRAKEBILL: Objection, vague and ambiguous.

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- 3 Q. (By Mr. Normand) I mean, I could ask a more
- 4 specific foundational question is, if you recall when the
- initial discussions happened.
- 6 A. You know, while I view myself as the high level 7 strategy guy --
- 8 Q. Yeah.
  - A. -- there is a higher level strategy, you know, inside of Novell that kind of feeds down to my level.
    - Q. Uh-huh.
- 12 A. And so you know, those types of discussions likely 13 happened with Bob Frankenberg and Alok Mohan earlier on. So I don't know when that would have started, but you know, when 15 it surfaced and fed down to us, then that's when the team was 16 put together, and that's when we engaged there.
- 17 Q. Did you have occasion to attend meetings with 18 representatives of Santa Cruz or SCO?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And to the best of your recollection, when did 21 those meetings begin?
  - A. Well, they began not too long after the high level strategy was made to divest of that asset, so myself and Ed Chatlos and various other people as we needed them --
  - Q. Yeah.

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- 1 A. And not have all the fragmentation that existed in 2 the minicomputer RISC architecture world, R-I-S-C.
- 3 Q. Were there other, I guess, so-called Unix companies that were considered apart from SCO or --
- A. Yeah. We -- we talked about all of the candidates, 5 6 HP, Sun, Oracle.
- 7 Q. Were there any serious discussions with any of 8 those three companies that you just mentioned?
- 9 A. Well, HP was part of our process on the 10 divestiture.
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- 12 A. So we really polled them as an OEM to see how they 13 would view and support and basically kind of sustain SCO as this unifier of Unix. 14
  - Q. Uh-huh.
  - A. And the industry. So we wanted to have a potential OEM that had a really impressive next generation architecture 17 coming out that was also an Intel partner so that we could actually say, Hey, help us model this properly so that if you will license it, then IBM will, then Sun will, etc., etc.
- Q. When did Novell's initial interest in selling its 22 Unix business rise to the next level, so to speak? If you can recall the chronology of events, what was the next step after these initial discussions about whether we should sell it and after having identified potential purchasers?

- 1 A. -- met with the SCO team out in Los Gatos for, you know, one to two months.
  - Q. If I said the summer of '95, does that sound right?
  - A. Uh-huh. It was warm. It was nice time of the year.
- 6 Q. How many meetings can you recall attending in Los 7 Gatos with representatives of Santa Cruz?
- 8 A. You know, we lived there in Los Gatos on and off for probably a month and a half to two months, so between Los 10 Gatos and Palo Alto and San Jose.
- 11 Q. Who were the principal representatives of Santa 12 Cruz that you met with, if you can recall?
- 13 A. The principal people that were working the deal 14 structure were Jeff Seabrook and Jim Wilt, W-I-L-T.
- Q. You mentioned deal structure. Were there other 16 sort of categories of involvement that you would describe Santa Cruz as having been involved in?
  - A. Yeah. There was the negotiation of us divesting of an asset and them buying it and how much you pay for that, etc.
  - Q. Yeah.
- 22 A. And then once we do that, you know, how will you 23 sell it? How will you market it? How will you do all those 24 other things? So at various times we would pull in different people and put together little ad hoc tiger teams to talk

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- Q. And were you part of any of those teams?
- 3 A. You know, I may have sat in on the sales and
- 4 marketing team, but I think it's really important to
- 5 understand, you know, my involvement in all of this was high
- 6 level. How do we implement this strategy that came down from
- 7 a higher level and try and put a deal together that works for
- 8 them and works for us.
  - Q. And who were you that were out in Los Gatos, Palo
- 10 Alto, San Jose working on the deal structure for Novell?
  - A. Who what?
- 12 Q. Who were you? What was the group?
- MR. BRAKEBILL: Objection, vague and ambiguous.
- 14 A. Yeah. I mean, the Novell deal team, so some of 15 those people that I referenced --
  - Q. (By Mr. Normand) I guess I took --
- 17 A. -- would meet with some of the SCO deal team at
- 18 those hotels, at different hotels.
- Q. I guess I meant to ask, when you said that you had
- 20 moved out there.
- 21 A. Oh, sorry.
- Q. Was there a sort of core group of you who had moved
- 23 out there?
- A. Yeah. We didn't really move out there. I mean,
- 25 it's just that we were traveling out there and staying in

- meetings that we would have at times with Alok Mohan and Doug
- 2 Michaels.
- 3 Q. Uh-huh. I am going to ask you a series of more
- 4 specific questions about the negotiations, but let me ask you
- 5 up front if there's anything in particular that you can
- 6 recall focussing on in that summer of '95, meaning you
- 7 personally.

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- 8 A. Of what I focused on?
  - O. Yeah.
- 10 A. Yeah. You know, maybe I can help speed this up a
- 11 little bit by just giving you a little bit of dialogue versus
- 12 all of the questioning. But I think, I think it's important
- 13 to recognize from the high level what we were doing was
- 14 divesting of the Unix business at all, and we were going to
- 15 focus on NetWare and GroupWise and the other applications
- 16 that we were keeping inside of Novell.
- 17 So my job and responsibility in this negotiation
- 18 was to be a part of that team and make sure that as we
- 19 divested of the Unix business to SCO that all of our other
- 20 parties would be okay and would understand what we were doing
- 21 and why we were doing that, etc.
- 22 Q. When you say parties, you mean existing Novell
- 23 customers or contractual counterparties?
- 24 A. Yeah, all of the different OEM potential players, I
- 25 mean, IBM and Sun, etc.

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- hotels every week and doing all of the different various
- 2 meetings, and the meetings happened, you know, between Palo
- 3 Alto, as well as Los Gatos.
- Q. The members of that core group included yourself
- 5 and Ed Chatlos?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Who else was part of that group?
- A. You know, there were a number of other people that
- 9 were very important in that.
- 10 Q. Uh-huh.
- A. But more on the technology side, and I am
- 12 embarrassed to say I don't remember all of their names.
- Q. When you say the technology side, what do you mean?
- A. There were actually people there that were, you
- 15 know, hard-core Unix programmers and architects and people
- that had worked on the entire SuperNOS type of a strategy, as
- to that had worked on the entire Superito's type of a strategy, as
- 17 well as were career AT&T people. People in the Unix business
- 18 tend to be real enthusiasts, and so those folks had stayed
- 19 there through USL, through Novell, and I believe a lot of
- 20 them stayed even through the SCO transition.
- Q. How would you describe your role during the course of the summer of 1995 as part of these negotiations?
- A. Well, I was very heavily involved at the kind of
- 24 senior executive level, so interfacing between Bob
- 25 Frankenberg and the SCO team and participating in the

- Q. So in that role, I take it you had discussions with
- representatives of those companies in the summer of '95
- 3 explaining what the negotiations were about?
- A. You know, a lot with HP and with some of the
- 5 others. I did have a series of calls with different heads
- 6 from those various companies when the deal was complete and
- 7 we were updating our partners about the deal before we
- 8 announced it. So you know, I probably called out and had a
- 9 number of meetings with -- telephonic meetings with a number
- 10 of the executives from the different companies maybe the day
- 11 before we announced what was taking place.
- Q. Uh-huh. Can you recall -- now I'm testing your
- 13 recollection here. Can you recall with whom you spoke from
- 14 those companies at that time?
- 15 A. I can't recall all of them. The one I can recall
- 16 is an IBM guy because it was -- it was -- oh, what was the
- 17 name? Thompson, who is now the CEO of Symantec. So because
- 18 he had, you know, risen to such prominence post that era, I
- 19 thought, wow, that's pretty interesting to see what has
- 20 happened in his career.
- 21 Q. And he was one of the individuals you spoke with
- 22 after the deal was executed, I think you said?
- A. Yeah. I believe it was him, John Thompson fromIBM.
- 25 Q. And what did you tell him?

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- A. I just told him about the deal, that we were 2 divesting of the Unix business to SCO and gave him specifics 3 as to why.
  - Q. And do you recall what he said or how he reacted?
- 5 A. I don't. It was a very cordial call, and he's a 6 very nice guy, and that's basically it. That's the only one 7 I can really remember, but I'm sure we had calls with all of the other people because there were about, I think, 13 9 partners that we really tried to work with.
- 10 Q. Okay. I take it that the negotiations we have been 11 discussing resulted in an asset purchase agreement?
  - A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. I'm going to mark this as an exhibit just to get it 14 in.

(Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was marked.)

- Q. (By Mr. Normand) I am handing you, Mr. Mattingly the -- a document titled asset purchase agreement by and between the Santa Cruz Operation Inc. and Novell Inc.
  - A. Uh-huh,
- 20 Q. Dated as of September 19th, 1995. I take it you 21 have seen this document before?
- 22 A. Many moons ago.
- 23 Q. Okay. When was the last time you saw this
- 24 document?

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25 A. Probably -- this was dated on the 19th. It

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- probably would have been maybe a few days prior to the signature.
- 3 Q. Were your responsibilities in the weeks leading up to the negotiation -- let me rephrase that. Were your 5 responsibilities in the weeks leading up to the execution of 6 this agreement ---
  - A. Uh-huh.
- 8 Q. -- any different than your responsibilities had 9 been in the summer of '95?
- A. Well, they probably were just because I don't know 11 that I was -- well, actually, I probably had been in that job for a while. But I think I transitioned from working for Bob Frankenberg to working for Duff Thompson probably in '95.
- 14 Q. Okay. Did you have -- if you can recall, did you have occasion to attend a meeting of the Novell board of 16 directors in September '95 regarding the APA?
- A. You know, I am sure that I attended all of the 17 18 board of directors' meetings that would have dealt with the divestiture of Unix. 19

MR. NORMAND: Let's mark that.

21 MS. BORUCHOW: Can we just go off the record for a 22 one second?

23 VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The time is 24 9:59.

(Discussion off the record and recess.)

- VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on the record. The time 2 is 10:07.
- 3 Q. (By Mr. Normand) Mr. Mattingly, do you recall 4 considering during the APA negotiations the issue of the Unix 5 copyrights?

6 MR. BRAKEBILL: Objection, vague and ambiguous.

7 THE WITNESS: So what does that mean?

MR. BRAKEBILL: Oh, we should probably say this. During the course of the deposition I will make objections as to the question just to preserve the record, but you can go ahead and answer the question.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

13 MR. BRAKEBILL: Unless it's a privilege issue that 14 comes up due to your tenure at Novell.

THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

MR. BRAKEBILL: We can consider it, and if necessary either answer or not answer.

- A. Okay. You want to give me a little more specificity?
- 20 Q. (By Mr. Normand) Did you have an understanding 21 during the course of the APA negotiations as to whether 22 Novell owned copyrights in its Unix business?
- A. Yeah. Clearly Novell owned copyrights. We bought Unix Systems Labs from AT&T for some 300 plus million 25 dollars. So, yeah, we owned the Unix business, lock, stock

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and barrel, and it was the Unix business that we divested to SCO.

3 Q. And can you recall considering specifically the issue of Unix copyrights during the course of the APA 5 negotiations? When I say you, I mean you personally. 6

A. You know, I, personally do not recall sitting there saying, yes. The Unix copyrights are part of this lock-stock-and-barrel Unix business that we are selling. But once again, I think it's important to understand that at the 10 high level, that's where I was involved.

The detail level would be more Ed Chatlos, but at 12 the highest level, the intention was that we were exiting the Unix business and selling that business to SCO so that they could pick up, unify the industry around Unix on X-86.

- Q. Do you know whether in this case Novell is asserting that the copyrights were not transferred?
- 17 A. Well, I mean, I have read enough about the case 18 early on. I haven't stayed real current lately. But I mean, obviously we're here today because Novell is asserting that 20 the copyrights were not sold with the Unix business to SCO, 21 and obviously SCO would assert that they purchased the Unix 22 business from us lock, stock and barrel.
- 23 Q. And do you have a view as to the merits of Novell's 24 assertion, such as you understand it?
  - A. I do.

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- 1 Q. And what is your view?
- 2 A. Well, my firm belief is that we sold the Unix
- business to SCO, and that is why SCO paid us roughly 125
- million dollars at that point because they bought the Unix
- 5 business from us basically in its entirety.

6 The only things that did not go with that was a 7 kind of an agent relationship whereby SCO was collecting the

8 SVRX royalties from existing OEMs at the time we sold that

business and then giving the bulk of those moneys back to

10 Novell. So that piece of the business, if you will, Novell

maintained the royalty stream base of that going forward, and 11

12 SCO acted as Novell's agent there for a very good reason.

13 And that is that SCO wanted to create the

14 relationships with those OEMs and move them from those

existing licenses to their new UnixWare platform on X-86. 15

That was basically the strategy that we wanted, and that was 16

a rational approach for them to actually begin to create the

18 relationships, associations, ties with those OEMs that they

aspired to move. And we wanted them to move those OEM 19

20 relationships over to UnixWare.

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- Q. Why did you want them to do that?
- 22 A. Well, remember the strategy. The strategy was
- about, how do we set up an alternative application platform 23
- 24 out there in the industry that all of the -- what were
- existing minicomputer, microcomputer, mid-range computer RISC 25

1 MR. BRAKEBILL: Objection, mischaracterizes 2 testimony.

3 A. So I can still answer? Yeah. I mean, absolutely.

4 I believe that when they bought the business, when they paid

us 125 million dollars, that the negotiations that we were

6 involved with there was about selling them the entire

7 business, the software, which would have included the

8 copyrights.

- 9 Q. (By Mr. Normand) You mentioned in the course of 10 one of your answers the royalty stream. Do you recall 11 mentioning that?
  - A. Uh-huh, yes.
- 13 Q. Is that an issue that you can recall specifically 14 discussing either within Novell or with representatives of

15 SCO?

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- A. Yeah. I remember that, you know, at a fairly high
- 17 level.
  - Q. Uh-huh.
- 19 A. With some clarity.
- 20 Q. Okay. And who do you recall discussing that with
- 21 either within Novell or with representatives of SCO?
- 22 A. Well, I mean, we discussed that, you know, all the 23 way up to the board level inside of Novell.
- 24 Q. Okay.
  - A. And then certainly we talked about that amongst our

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architecture, that would move to this unified Unix that would

run on the new Intel X-86 architecture. So the idea is, if you can create a platform there

so that now as an ISV -- so strategically, Microsoft's big strength in the industry is, they have this ISV control. And

6 that means that these independent software vendors that write 7

business applications that solve business problems run on NT. And they secured more of those people on their platform by, I

9 don't know, a hundred X or more than what Novell did.

So the whole strategy here is, how do you take and create this alternative platform so that ISVs will say, gosh, if I write for UnixWare, now HP, Sun, IBM, et al., I'll be able to sell my applications into those environments, and it will run on every one of those vendors' platforms that run on

15 Intel architecture. 16 So the strategy there, I think, is really important 17 to understand because that's what drove all of our decisions.

And quite honestly that was my value-add in this negotiation 18

19 is, is everything we're doing consistent with that strategy. I am not the guy then or even today that is the detail guy

21 that gets down into all of the nuts and bolts and looks at

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all of the fine language inside of this nice, thick document. 23 Q. Would it be fair to say that the transfer of the

Unix copyrights to SCO was consistent with your view of this overall strategy?

deal team, the Novell deal team. We talked about it amongst

2 the SCO deal team, and we talked about it with our outside

3 advisors.

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4 Q. You mentioned, I think in the course of an earlier 5

answer, new UnixWare or new version of Unix. Do you recall sort of using that phrase?

A. Well, I don't know if I said new, but yeah,

UnixWare. I mean, basically UnixWare was the word play. I

mean, Novell had NetWare, UnixWare. We're calling everything

Ware, AppWare, and so Novell's version of Unix that we sold 10

11 there was basically, you know, the old AT&T Unix. We just

12 branded it UnixWare.

13 Q. And do you recall the phrase merged product? Is 14 that a phrase you recall being used in the course of these

15 APA negotiations?

A. I do recall that.

17 Q. And what do you recall about what the merged

18 product was?

19 A. Well, I think it's important to understand that 20 SCO, when I say that they were the leading Unix on Intel

provider, my memory might be a little off here, but the

22 leader was only selling 200,000 servers a year, you know,

23 every year, year -- every year in and year out.

You know, to contrast that, I mean Novell, we were 25 probably in the, you know, 4 million plus servers out there.

9 (Pages 30 to 33)