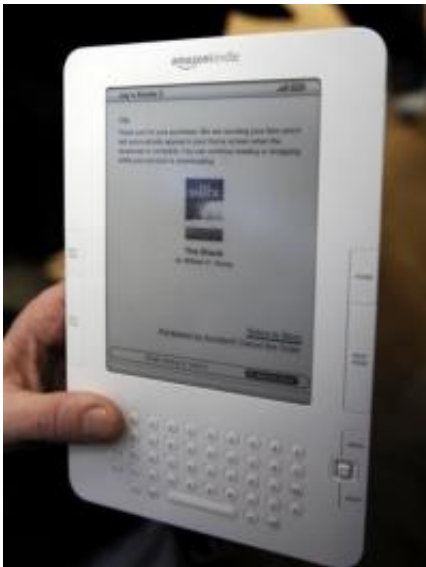


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The newspaper said the suit alleges infringement of patents covering search engine and recommendation technology by an e-commerce site run by Discovery, an operator of cable-television networks based in Silver Spring, Maryland.

It said the suit was filed last week in US District Court in Seattle.

Amazon's suit comes after Discovery filed a patent infringement lawsuit against the Seattle, Washington-based online retail company in March over its popular [electronic reader](#), the Kindle.

Discovery, in the suit filed in a US District Court in Delaware, claimed [Amazon](#) violated a patent it registered in November 2007, and said the Kindle infringes Discovery's [intellectual property rights](#).

Discovery said Kindle violates its development of a [digital rights management](#) scheme -- the way Amazon protects the books it sells for the handheld product.

The Journal also reported that Amazon had filed counterclaims in connection with Discovery's suit.

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