

- 14[8]. A process for metasearching on the Internet, wherein the steps of the process are performed by a metasearch engine executing on a hardware device, the process comprising the steps of:
- (a) receiving a Hypertext Transfer Protocol request from a client device for the metasearch engine to send at least one search query to a plurality of unique hosts that provide access to information to be searched, wherein the Hypertext Transfer Protocol request from the client device is associated with at least one travel related item that may be ordered from a plurality of travel related items that may be ordered;
 - (b) sending the at least one search query to the plurality of unique hosts in response to the Hypertext Transfer Protocol request received from the client device;
 - (c) sending at least one database query to a database in response to the Hypertext Transfer Protocol request received from the client device, wherein the database comprises at least one previously stored search result received in response to at least one previous search query sent by the metasearch engine;
 - (d[c]) receiving search results from the plurality of unique hosts in response to the at least one search query sent to the plurality of unique hosts;
 - (e) receiving at least one database result comprising at least a portion of the at least one previously stored search result from the database in response to the at least one database query sent to the database;
 - (f) combining the received search results with the at least one database result into combined search results;
 - (g[d]) incorporating the [received] combined search into a response;
 - (h[e]) causing at least one advertisement associated with the at least one item that may be ordered to be displayed in the response;
 - (i[f]) communicating the response from the metasearch engine to the client device;
 - (j[g]) receiving another Hypertext Transfer Protocol request from the client device for placing an order for the at least one item;
 - (k[h]) processing the order.