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09/164,777	10/01/1998	MIKI MULLOR	REINC4237.01	7068

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF RESTRICTING SOFTWARE OPERATION WITHIN A LICENSE LIMITATION

TOTAL CLAIMS	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Calvin L Hewitt II	2161	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- 1. This communication is responsive to 2-5-02.
- 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 13 and 16-23.
- 3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
- 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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- 5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
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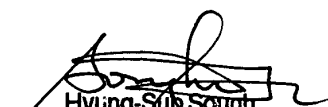
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- 9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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- 1 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 3 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 5 Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. 11.
- 7 Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 2 Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 4 Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. 14.
- 6 Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8 Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9 Other


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 Primary Examiner

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Status of Claims

1. Claims 1-10, 13, and 16-23 have been examined.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffri Kaminski on 19 February 2002.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 2, replace "(BIOS)" with BIOS.

In claim 1, line 3, replace "... computer, _ and" with "... computer, and"

In claim 20, "using an agent to perform the following steps" [has been]
inserted in line 6, as the second limitation after "loading the application..."
and before "extracting license information...", detailing that the steps of

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