


Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/744,033	Applicant(s) Hoyle	
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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 04/11/01
- 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 7, 9, and 11
- 3. The drawings filed on Apr 11, 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
- 4. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *Certified copies not received: _____
- 5. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 6. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

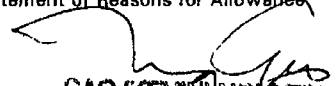
- 7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
- 8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- 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.

Attachment(s)

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


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. 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 James D. Stevens on 03/16/03.

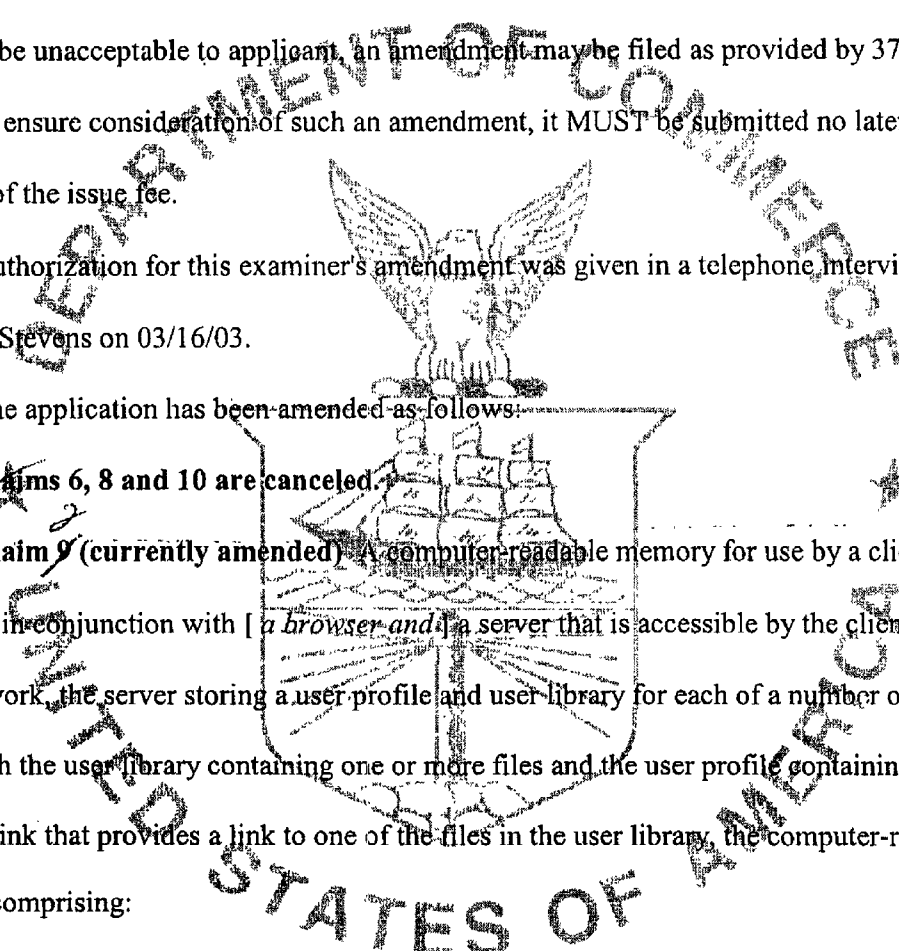
2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 6, 8 and 10 are canceled.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A computer-readable memory for use by a client

computer in conjunction with [~~a browser and~~ a server that is accessible by the client computer via a network, the server storing a user profile and user library for each of a number of different users, with the user library containing one or more files and the user profile containing at least one user link that provides a link to one of the files in the user library, the computer-readable memory comprising:

- a non-volatile data storage device;
- a program stored on said non-volatile data storage device in a computer-readable format;
- said program being operable upon execution to display a graphical user interface comprising an application window having a number of user-selectable items displayed therein, wherein each of said items has associated with it a link to an information resource accessible via



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the network and wherein said program is operable upon execution and in response to selection by a user of one of said items to access the associated information resource over the network;

[using the browser;]

said program being operable upon execution to receive from the server one of the user profiles and to display a user-selectable item for user links contained within the user profile, said program further being operable in response to selection by a user of one of the user links to access the file associated with the selected user link from the user library associated with the received user profile.

Claim 11 (New) A computer-readable memory as defined in claim 9, wherein said program is operable upon execution and in response to selection by a user of one of said items to access the associated information resource over the network using a browser.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 7, 9 and 11 are allowable over the prior of record.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art either singularly or in combination. They are a computer-readable memory for use by a client computer in conjunction with a server that is accessible by the client computer via a network, the server storing a user profile and user library for each of a number of different users, with the user library containing one or more files and the user profile containing at least

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one user link that provides a link to one of the files in the user library, the computer-readable memory comprising: a non-volatile data storage device; a program stored on said non-volatile data storage device in a computer-readable format, said program being operable upon execution to display a graphical user interface comprising an application window having a number of user-selectable items displayed therein, wherein each of said items has associated with it a link to an information resource accessible via the network and wherein said program is operable upon execution and in response to selection by a user of one of said items to access the associated information resource over the network; said program being operable upon execution to receive from the server one of the user profiles and to display a user-selectable item for user links contained within the user profile, said program further being operable in response to selection by a user of one of the user links to access the file associated with the selected user link from the user library associated with the received user profile. These features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

The present invention is directed to program being operable upon execution to display a graphical user interface comprising an application window having a number of user-selectable items displayed therein, wherein each of said items has associated with it a link to an information resource accessible via the network and wherein said program is operable upon execution and in response to selection by a user of one of said items to access the associated information resource over the network; said program being operable upon execution to receive from the server one of the user profiles and to display a user-selectable item for user links contained within the user

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profile, said program further being operable in response to selection by a user of one of the user links to access the file associated with the selected user link from the user library associated with the received user profile.. Each independent claim is identified "program is operable upon execution and in response to selection by a user of one of said items to access the associated information resource over the network; said program being operable upon execution to receive from the server one of the user profiles and to display a user-selectable item for user links contained within the user profile; said program further being operable in response to selection by a user of one of the user links to access the file associated with the selected user link from the user library associated with the received user profile." The closest prior arts Amro and Dolan disclose a conventional accessed information is represented in a hierarchical graph which provides an intuitive and convenient navigation tool for both the experienced and the novice user; either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underline limitation obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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