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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 -  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2773**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: \_\_\_\_\_ :  
Atle HEDLOY : EXAMINER: Dela Torre, C.  
SERIAL NO: 09/189,626 :  
FILED: November 10, 1998 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2773  
FOR: METHOD, SYSTEM AND COMPUTER  
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In response to the Official Action mailed September 18, 2000, and further to the discussion with Examine Dela Torre on October 17, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend independent Claim 8, as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) A computerized method for information handling within a document created using an application program, the document including first information provided therein, the method comprising:

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providing a record retrieval program;

providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates a

record retrieval from an information source using the record retrieval program;

upon a single entry of the execute command by means of the input device;[,] analyzing the document to determine if the first information is contained therein, and if the first information is contained in the document, searching, using the record retrieval program, the information source for second information associated with the first information; and

when the information source includes second information associated with the first information, performing at least one of,

- (a) displaying the second information,
- (b) inserting the second information in the document, and
- (c) completing the first information in the document based on the second

information.→

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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-86 are presently active in this case, with Claim 8 amended, by way of the present amendment, without the introduction of new matter (see, e.g. Fig. 1, steps 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 and the discussion in Applicants' disclosure thereof).

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 8-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the newly cited Tso (6,085,201) reference.

First, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Dela Torre for the courtesy of an interview granted to Applicant's attorney on October 17, 2000, in regard to the outstanding issues in the present application. During the discussion, it was noted that columns 4-5 of Tso teach a user selecting a text string to be processed by clicking on the text string using various

selection means. In this respect, the present invention does not require the user to select a text string to be processed since it functions automatically upon a single click of an input device, such as a button, menu item, etc. No agreement was reached, however, pending the Examiner's detailed reconsideration of the application upon formal submission of an amendment and subject to the Examiner updating her search.

In light of the discussion with the Examiner, Claim 8 has been amended to clarify that according to Applicants' invention, upon a single entry of an execute command by means of an input device, a document is analyzed to determine if first information is contained therein, and if the first information is contained in the document, an information source is searched for second information associated with the first information using a record retrieval program. These changes are not believed to add new matter (see, e.g, Fig. 1, steps 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 and the discussion in Applicants' disclosure thereof), and are believed to be patentably distinguishing over the applied prior art for the reasons discussed with the Examiner on October 17, 2000, as above noted.

The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, which after Final Rejection permits entry of amendments placing the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. As the present amendment is believed to overcome the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102, the present amendment places the application in better form for consideration on appeal. It is therefore respectfully requested that 37 C.F.R. §1.116 be liberally construed, and that the present amendment be entered.

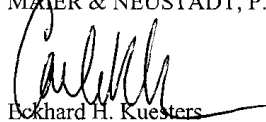
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for



formal Allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

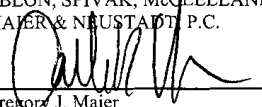
- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
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