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1.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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Claims 1, 3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nusbickel.

generates a printing plate-ready file from data provided remotely in real time using a communication network, the printing and publishing system comprising: an end user facility (109) coupled to a communication network 107, the end user facility providing page building operations (from Web Browser 111 according to col. 4, lines 16-46), the page building operations including the design and construction of pages from images, text, and data available via the communication network, see screen 200 in figure 2.

Nusbickel teaches a central service facility (101) coupled to said communication network 107, the central service facility providing storage, file processing, remote access (communication over the Internet), content management operations (WEB Browser applications); the file processing operations including generating a plate-ready file from pages designed at said end user facility (i.e., multimedia file) said plate-ready file having a file format capable of high resolution and ready for creation of a printing plate and a printing company facility (701 indirectly connected to said communication network), the printing company facility providing printing operations (fax operations), the printing operations including printing from the printing plate (file designated by the Browser) from said ready file (via format 713)

With respect to claim 3, Nusbickel teaches wherein said file processing operations further comprise generating a Postscript file (GIF) for operating over the communication network 107.

to the communication network, a server which performs content management operations, and storage devices which contain electronic files. See col. 5, lines 50-60 and col. 4, lines 7-15.

2.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 8 and 9 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nusbickel in view of the Well Known Prior Art 2144.03 (official notice).

Nusbickel teaches all of the subject matter upon which the claims depend except for the specific language that the communication network has to be a WAN, switched network or an ATM type network. Nusbickel clearly shows a network 107 which happens to be an Internet network. However, it is well known to one of ordinary skill

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