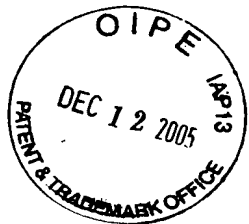


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2005 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111, applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1 12. (currently amended) A method for limiting the operational life of software
2 in a network environment, the method comprising:

3 transmitting a program applet with a password embedded
4 therewithin from a server computer to a client computer, via a network, the
5 password having a limited operational life, and the program applet including
6 executable code that runs on the client computer;

7 receiving by the server computer, from said program applet at
8 running on the client computer, via said network, (i) a request for information
9 stored in a restricted access storage area of the server computer, and (ii) said
10 embedded password;

11 authenticating said embedded password by the server computer,
12 whenever said receiving occurs;

13 thereafter transmitting said information from the server
14 computer, to said program applet ~~at~~running on the client computer, via said
15 network, while said embedded password is valid; and

16 invalidating said embedded password by the server computer,
17 coincident with an invalidation event.

1 13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein said
2 invalidating comprises invalidating said embedded password at a predetermined
3 time.

1 14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein said
2 invalidating comprises invalidating said embedded password after lapse of a
3 predetermined time from when said request was received.

1 15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein said
2 invalidating comprises invalidating said embedded password upon the detection
3 of a loss of communication with said client.

1 16. (canceled)

1 17. (canceled)

1 18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein said
2 transmitting a program applet comprises generating said embedded password.

1 27. (currently amended) A network-based software authentication system
2 comprising a server computer, the server computer comprising:

3 a password generator;

4 password validation apparatus;

5 a restricted-access storage area;

6 a program applet including executable code that runs on a client
7 computer; and

8 invalidation apparatus;

9 wherein said server computer is operative to:

10 a) cause said password generator to generate a password, the
11 password having a limited operational life;

12 b) embed said password within said program applet, and
13 transmit said program applet with said password embedded therewithin to ~~a~~the
14 client computer via a network;

15 c) receive from said program applet ~~at-running on~~ the client
16 computer, (i) a request for information, and (ii) said embedded password for
17 authentication;

18 d) authenticate said embedded password using said password
19 validation apparatus, whenever information requested is stored in the
20 restricted-access storage area;

21 e) transmit said information to said program applet ~~at-running on~~
22 the client computer, via said network, while said embedded password is valid; and

23 f) invalidate said embedded password using said invalidation
24 apparatus coincident with an invalidation event.

1 28. (original) A system according to claim 27 wherein said invalidation event
2 comprises the arrival of a predetermined time.

1 29. (previously presented) A system according to claim 27 wherein said
2 invalidation event comprises the lapsing of a predetermined time from when said
3 request was received.

1 **30. (original)** A system according to claim 27 wherein said invalidation event
2 comprises the detection of a loss of communication with said client.

1 **31. (canceled)**

1 **32. (canceled)**

1 **33. (canceled)**

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and is believed to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claims 12 and 27 to more properly claim the present invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 12 – 15, 18 and 27 - 30 are presented for examination.

In Paragraphs 1 - 7 of the Office Action, claims 12 – 15, 18 and 27 – 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dykes et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,872,915 (“Dykes”) in view of Scherpbier, U.S. Patent No. 6,263,365 (“Scherpbier”).

The rejections of claims 12 – 15, 18 and 27 – 30 in paragraphs 1 - 7 of the Office Action will now be dealt with specifically.

As to amended independent method claim 12, applicants respectfully submit that the limitation in claim 12 of:

“transmitting a program applet with a password embedded therewithin from a server computer to a client computer, via a network, the password having a limited operational life, the program applet including executable code that runs on the client computer”

is neither shown nor suggested in Dykes or Scherpbier, taken individually or in combination.

In Paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has cited Dykes as disclosing transmitting a program applet with a password embedded therein from a server computer to a client computer. Applicants respectfully submit that a program applet is an application that runs on a client computer, whereas Dykes describes an application that runs on a server computer. Specifically, the data flow in Dykes is illustrated in FIGS. 3, 5 and 6, and described at col. 7, line 29 – col. 8, line 27, and at col. 8, line 31 – col. 10 line 17, and at col. 14, line 54 – col. 15, line 15, respectively. Following the notation from FIG. 6 of Dykes, input to software application 342 (FIGS. 3 and 5) flows from

web browser --> web server --> gateway --> software application
CW-->WS-->GCS-->SACS ,

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