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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 15-20,22 and 24-37 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 15-20,22 and 24-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) 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:
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)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant argues that the prior art of record U.S. Patent No. 6,202,206 to Dean et al fails to teach the claim embodiment directed to "distribution of application programs from a network management computer to on-demand server". However, Dean et al teaches making all installations and settings on all the computer in the network via the primary server computer based upon the previously recorded stored profile with applications programs which have been previously loaded in the primary server computer for distribution (See col. 5, line 35-40). The examiner agrees that Dean et al does not explicitly teach "providing a file packet to target on-demand servers to initiate registration operations to make an application program available to a use at a client". Therefore a new prior art of record U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0110241 to Cheng, Jr. et al is introduced to teach the above limitation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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

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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.

3. Claims 15, 20, 22 and 32-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,202,206 to Dean et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,867,713 to Shrader et al in view of U.S. Patent Application 2003/0110241 to Cheng, Jr. et al.

a. As per claims 15, 20 and 22, Dean et al teaches a method for distribution of application programs to a target station on a network comprising the steps executed on a centralized network management server coupled to the network of: providing an application program to be distributed to the network management server (See col. 2, lines 50-67); preparing a file packet associated with the application program (See col. 5, lines 25-40); and distributing the file packet to the target station (see col. 2, lines 50-67). However, Dean et al fails to teach specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program and including a segment configured to initiate registration operations for the application program at the target station in the file packet.

Shrader et al teaches an installation plan object for installing applications in a network. Furthermore, Shrader et al teaches specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program (See col. 2, lines 59-67) col. 17 lines 45-61).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program as taught by Shrader et al in order to determine if the file directories and files objects are valid and accessible on the network (See col. 2, lines 61-62).

Cheng et al teaches and including a segment configured to initiate registration operations for the application program at the target stationing the file packet (See page 4, paragraph [0050]).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate and including a segment configured to initiate registration operations for the application program at the target station as taught by Cheng et al in the claimed invention of Dean et al in view of Shrader et al in order to ensure that only users who are authorized by the provider can obtain updates for software products (See page 4, paragraph [0051]).

b. As per claim 32, Dean et al in view of Shrader et al and further in view of Cheng et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Dean et al teaches wherein distributing the file packet is preceded by executing a pre-distribution program at the network management server (See col. 8, lines 40-60)

c. As per claim 33, Dean et al in view of Shrader et al and further in view of Cheng et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Dean et al teaches method wherein executing a pre-distribution program includes determining an environment for the application program that exists on the target on-demand server (See col. 8, lines 12-20).

d. As per claim 34, Dean et al in view of Shrader et al and further in view of Cheng et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dean et al in view of Shrader et al fails to teach wherein preparing a file packet includes including a selected version of an

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