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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and subject to the recommendation of the Examiner and the approval of the Commissioner, and without withdrawing the case from issue, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the Amendments section of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A method in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

receiving a first markup document and a second markup document, both the first markup document and the second markup document including numerical values and tags reflecting characteristics of the numerical values, wherein the characteristics indicate that the numerical values of the first markup document differ in format from the numerical values of the second markup document;

automatically transforming the numerical values of at least one of the first markup document and the second markup document, so that the numerical values of the first markup document and the second markup document have a common format;

combining the first markup document and the second markup document into a single data set; and

displaying the single data set.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

resolving conflicts between the characteristics of the first markup document and the second markup document.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the displaying step further comprises a step of:

manipulating the display of the single data set using the tags reflecting the characteristics of the numerical values.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the characteristics include at least one of a magnitude, scale, modifier, unit, and measure of the numerical values, and wherein the method further includes:

manipulating the display of the single data set using the tags, wherein the tags reflect at least one of the magnitude, scale, modifier, unit, and measure characteristics of the numerical values.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the characteristics include a magnitude of the numerical values, and wherein the method further includes:

manipulating the display of the single data set using one of the tags, the tag reflecting the magnitude of the numerical values.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the characteristics include a scale of the numerical values, and wherein the method further includes:

manipulating the display of the single data set using one of the tags, the tag reflecting the scale of the numerical values.

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