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VOICE-ACTIVATED INFORMATION ACCESS SYSTEM

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates generally to the field of providing information access. In particular, the invention relates to voice access to information and audio transmission of retrieved information.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Standard access to information over the Internet requires the use of a personal computer (PC). Standard Internet access is thus limited to situations where personal computers are accessible—for example at a desk or at times during travel when a portable PC can be used. Portable PCs allow for Internet access in a variety of situations, but if they are to be used away from wall connectors, they must be used with costly portable modems or constant mobile phone connections. Further, the user must generally have space to place a portable PC to obtain a reasonable means of access to the Internet.

Telephones and mobile phones, on the other hand, offer convenient and relatively inexpensive methods of communication. Mobile phones in particular can be used in virtually any situation or environment, and home, office, and pay telephones are almost always accessible and cost much less than mobile phones or mobile modems. Telephones and mobile phones on their own, however, do not currently allow a user voice access to information via the Internet because a useful connection generally requires some type of input device and display to give and receive information over the Internet. Thus, a need exists for an Internet information access method that makes the vast resources on the Internet available to telephone and mobile phone users without bulky and costly input devices and displays.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

One object of this invention is to allow quick, efficient, and inexpensive information retrieval from the Internet or other computer networks via standard telephones, mobile phones, or other voice-based communication devices.

Another object of this invention is to provide secure and reliable retrieval of information over the Internet or other computer network in any situation where a user has access to a standard telephone or mobile phone.

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