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DOCKET NO. 6:22-cv-00321	DATE FILED 3/25/2022	U.S. DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, WACO DIVISION
PLAINTIFF LS Cloud Storage Technologies, LLC		DEFENDANT Microsoft Corporation
PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK	HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK
1 US 6,549,988	4/15/2003	LS Cloud Storage Technologies, LLC
2 US 10,154,092	12/11/2018	LS Cloud Storage Technologies, LLC
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DECISION/JUDGEMENT 8/31/2022 Order granting motion to transfer to Austin Division (document #24).
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DOCKET NO. 6:22-cv-00845	DATE FILED 8/8/2022	U.S. DISTRICT COURT Western District of Texas, Waco Division
PLAINTIFF LS CLOUD STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC		DEFENDANT CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.
PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK	HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK
1 US 10,1554,092	12/11/2018	LS CLOUD STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC
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PLAINTIFF LS CLOUD STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC		DEFENDANT AMAZON.COM, INC, AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC., and AMAZON.COM SERVICES, INC.
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Table with 5 columns: APPLICATION NO., ISSUE DATE, PATENT NO., ATTORNEY DOCKET NO., CONFIRMATION NO.
Row 1: 14/997,327, 12/11/2018, 10154092, 4056-0001, 5295

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ISSUE NOTIFICATION

The projected patent number and issue date are specified above.

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment is 237 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the adjustment on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (http://pair.uspto.gov).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Application Assistance Unit (AAU) of the Office of Data Management (ODM) at (571)-272-4200.

APPLICANT(s) (Please see PAIR WEB site http://pair.uspto.gov for additional applicants):

Ilya Gertner, Long Beach, CA;
LS CLOUD STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, LONGVIEW, TX;

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
14/997,327	01/15/2016	Ilya Gertner	4056-0001	5295

TITLE OF INVENTION: DATA SHARING USING DISTRIBUTED CACHE IN A NETWORK OF HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTERS

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	MICRO	\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250	01/11/2019

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
TIV, BACKHEAN	2459	709-216000

<p>1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer Number is required.</p>	<p>2. For printing on the patent front page, list</p> <p>(1) The names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively,</p> <p>(2) The name of a single firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed.</p> <p>1 _____</p> <p>2 <u>Toler Law Group, PC</u></p> <p>3 _____</p>
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3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type)

PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document has been filed for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11. Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE LS CLOUD STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC (B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY) LONGVIEW, TEXAS

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent) : Individual Corporation or other private group entity Government

<p>4a. The following fee(s) are submitted:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Issue Fee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advance Order - # of Copies _____</p>	<p>4b. Payment of Fee(s): (Please first reapply any previously paid issue fee shown above)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), any deficiency, or credits any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>502469</u> (enclose an extra copy of this form).</p>
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5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

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Applicant asserting small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

Applicant changing to regular undiscounted fee status.

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NOTE: If the application was previously under micro entity status, checking this box will be taken to be a notification of loss of entitlement to micro entity status.

NOTE: Checking this box will be taken to be a notification of loss of entitlement to small or micro entity status, as applicable.

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Authorized Signature /Jeffrey G. Toler/ Date 2018-11-05

Typed or printed name Jeffrey G. Toler Registration No. 38,342

Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal

Application Number:	14997327			
Filing Date:	15-Jan-2016			
Title of Invention:	DATA SHARING USING DISTRIBUTED CACHE IN A NETWORK OF HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTERS			
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Ilya Gertner			
Filer:	Jeffrey G. Toler/Jason D. Smith			
Attorney Docket Number:	4056-0001			
Filed as Small Entity				
Filing Fees for Utility under 35 USC 111(a)				
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Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt

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Application Number:	14997327
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Confirmation Number:	5295
Title of Invention:	DATA SHARING USING DISTRIBUTED CACHE IN A NETWORK OF HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTERS
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Ilya Gertner
Customer Number:	60533
Filer:	Jeffrey G. Toler/Jason D. Smith
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Filing Date:	15-JAN-2016
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2	Fee Worksheet (SB06)	fee-info.pdf	30282	no	2
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14/997,327 01/15/2016 Ilya Gertner 4056-0001 5295

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TITLE OF INVENTION: DATA SHARING USING DISTRIBUTED CACHE IN A NETWORK OF HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTERS

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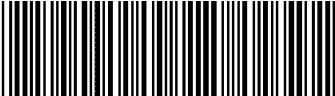
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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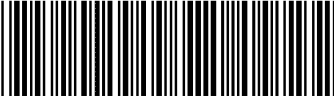
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	1	4400769		1983-08-23	KANEDA, et al.	
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	4	5913029		1999-06-15	SHOSTAK	
	5	6021469		2000-02-01	TREMBLAY, et al.	
	6	6091412		2000-07-18	SIMONOFF, et al.	
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	9	6256637	B1	2001-07-03	VENKATESH, et al.	
	10	6260077	B1	2001-07-10	RANGARAJAN, et al.	
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	1	20020065879	A1	2002-05-30	AMBROSE, et al.	
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See attached certification statement.

The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL		Complete if known	
		Application Number	14/997,327
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant certifies micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29. Form PTO/SB/15A or B or equivalent must either be enclosed or have been submitted previously.		First Named Inventor	Ilya Gertner
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		325.00	Practitioner Docket No. 4056-0001

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES (U = undiscounted fee; S = small entity fee; M = micro entity fee)

Application Type	FILING FEES			SEARCH FEES			EXAMINATION FEES			Fees Paid (\$)
	U (\$)	S (\$)	M (\$)	U (\$)	S (\$)	M (\$)	U (\$)	S (\$)	M (\$)	
Utility	300	150*	75	650	330	165	760	380	190	
Design	200	100	50	160	80	40	600	300	150	
Plant	200	100	50	420	210	105	620	310	155	
Reissue	300	150	75	660	330	165	2,200	1,100	550	
Provisional	280	140	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	

* The \$150 small entity status filing fee for a utility application is further reduced to \$75 for a small entity status applicant who files the application via EFS-Web.

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Undiscounted Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Micro Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	100	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	460	230	115
Multiple dependent claims	820	410	205

Total Claims -20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____ **Fee Paid (\$)**

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Signature	<i>David A. Lukach</i>	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	62,579	Telephone	512-327-5515
Name (Print/Type)	David A. Lukach	Date	2018-08-16		

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14/997,327 01/15/2016 Ilya Gertner 4056-0001 5295

TITLE OF INVENTION: DATA SHARING USING DISTRIBUTED CACHE IN A NETWORK OF HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTERS

Table with 7 columns: APPLN. TYPE, ENTITY STATUS, ISSUE FEE DUE, PUBLICATION FEE DUE, PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE, TOTAL FEE(S) DUE, DATE DUE

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art singly or in combination does not teach the totality of the independent claims when read in light of the specification.

The applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as a whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104 (e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks filed on 3/13/18 in combination with other claimed features point out the reason that claims are patentable over the prior art of record, see also Remarks filed 7/28/17 in application 15/440,277. Thus, the reason for allowance is in all probability evident from the record (see MPEP 1302.14).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2018 (the “Office Action”), please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a ~~first~~ host device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising a read command;

a second interface configured to receive first data via a network;

a cache memory configured to store second data;

a storage device configured to store third data; and

a processor coupled to the cache memory ~~and to the storage device~~, the processor coupled to the storage device via a communication path that is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel, the processor configured to access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor further configured to perform an access operation at the storage device based on the I/O traffic.

19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the dedicated I/O channel is associated with dedicated throughput that corresponds to the I/O traffic.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the first data.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the dedicated I/O channel comprises a small computer system interface (SCSI) channel.

23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the second interface comprises an Ethernet interface or an asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) interface.

24. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the I/O traffic further comprises a write command.

25. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the first data comprises a second read request, a write request, or a combination thereof.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the network comprises a plurality of interconnected computing devices.

27. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the storage device and the dedicated I/O channel are independently accessible, and wherein the processor is configured to read at least a portion of the second data from the cache memory based on the read command.

28. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to route the read command to the cache memory or to the storage device.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:
configuration manager circuitry configured to route an I/O request included in the I/O traffic to the cache memory, to route the I/O request to the storage device, or to deny the I/O request;
front-end circuitry configured to process the I/O request; and
back-end circuitry configured to perform a read operation or a write operation at the storage device based on the I/O request.

31. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a ~~first~~ host device via a dedicated I/O channel at
a first interface, the I/O traffic comprising a write command;
receiving first data via a network at a second interface;
storing second data at a cache memory;
storing third data at a storage device;
accessing the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic; and
performing one or more access operations at the storage device ~~via~~ based on the I/O
traffic, the one or more access operations utilizing a communication path between
a processor and the storage device, the communication path distinct from the
dedicated I/O channel.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the first data.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising performing a first access operation at the storage device independently of the dedicated I/O channel.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the second data is written at the cache memory in response to the write command.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
receiving a read request via the network; and
transmitting at least a portion of the second data from the cache memory via the network responsive to the read request being associated with a cache hit.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising storing fourth data at the cache memory, wherein the second data is indicated by the write command, and wherein the fourth data is indicated by a second write command received at the second interface.

37. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
means for receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a ~~first~~ host device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising a write command;
means for receiving data via a network;
means for short-term data storage;
means for long-term data storage; and
means for performing one or more access operations at the means for short-term data storage during processing of the I/O traffic and for performing one or more access operations at the means for long-term data storage based on the I/O traffic, the means for performing distinct from the dedicated I/O channel.

38. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a host computer via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising one or more read commands, one or more write commands, or a combination thereof;
a second interface configured to receive data via a network;
a cache memory;
a storage device; and
a processor coupled via a communication path to the storage device, the processor configured to access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor further configured to perform one or more access operations at the storage device based on the I/O traffic, wherein the communication path is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel.

39. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the dedicated I/O channel is associated with dedicated throughput that corresponds to the I/O traffic.

40. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the data.

41. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the data corresponds to one or more read requests, one or more write requests, or a combination thereof.

42. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the storage device and the dedicated I/O channel are independently accessible.

43. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the host device comprises a server.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 21 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-17 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 18, 31, and 37 have been amended. New claim 43 has been added. No new matter has been added. Support for the claim amendments and the new claim can be found in the Specification at least at FIG. 1 and at paragraphs [0027]-[0033] and [0047].

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the interview conducted on February 20, 2018. During the interview the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection and the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of claim 18 were discussed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for agreeing, during the interview, that claim 18, as amended herein, and claim 38, as pending, appear to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection, subject to further search and consideration. No agreement was reached regarding the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection.

Claim Interpretations - 35 U.S.C. § 112(f)

The Office indicated that claim 37 is being interpreted under 35 U.S.C. § 112(f). Applicant respectfully submits that support for claim 37 may be found in the Specification, at least at FIG. 1 and paragraphs [0027]-[0033].

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

The Office rejected claims 18-42, at pages 4-8 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Office asserts that “the claimed invention is directed to a judicial exception (i.e., a law of nature, a natural phenomenon, or an abstract idea) without significantly more.” Office Action, page 3. Claims 21 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully traverses the remaining rejections.

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) states that “[a]n indication that the claimed invention provides an improvement **can include a discussion in the specification that identifies a technical problem and explains the details of an unconventional technical**

solution expressed in the claim, or identifies technical improvements realized by the claim over the prior art.” MPEP § 2106.05(a) (emphasis added). As discussed during the interview:

- The Specification identifies a technical problem: “the needs exists to provide a cached data storage system that permits independent data accesses from I/O channel attached local hosts, network attached remote hosts, and network attached remote data storage systems.” Specification, para. [0012].
- The Specification further describes a technical improvement that addresses this problem - a computer system that “**supports arbitrary reads and writes arriving via I/O channels or network links.**” Specification, para. [0014] (emphasis added).

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are directed to patent-eligible subject matter if the claims go beyond what is well-understood, routine, and conventional. *See* MPEP § 2106.05(d), stating “[i]f the additional element (or combination of elements) is a **specific limitation other than what is well-understood, routine and conventional in the field**, for instance because it is an unconventional step that confines the claim to a particular useful application of the judicial exception, then this consideration favors eligibility.” (Emphasis added). Whether something is well-understood, routine, and conventional in the field is a **question of fact**. *See Aatrix Software Inc. v. Green Shades Software, Inc.*, No. 2017-1452 (Fed. Cir. 2018); *see also Berkheimer v. HP, Inc.*, No. 2017-1437 (Fed. Cir. 2018). Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed subject matter of the present application is not well-understood, routine, or conventional because the claims are not anticipated by or obvious over any known prior art. To illustrate, the Examiner agreed, during the interview, that claim 18 as amended herein overcomes the rejection based on the cited references of the Office Action. Accordingly, the claimed subject matter is not well-known, routine, or conventional, thus the claims are patent eligible.

Further, Applicant notes that section § 2106.07(2) of the MPEP states that:

If applicant responds to an examiner's assertion that something is well-known, routine, conventional activity with a specific argument or evidence that the additional elements in a claim are not well-understood, routine, conventional activities previously engaged in by those in the relevant art, the examiner should

reevaluate whether it is readily apparent that the additional elements are in actuality well-known, routine, conventional activities to those who work in the relevant field. It is especially, for the examiner, necessary to fully reevaluate their position when such additional elements are not discussed in the specification as being known generic functions/components/activities or are not treated by the courts as well-understood, routine, conventional activities. If the rejection is to be maintained, **the examiner should consider whether evidence should be provided to further support the rejection and clarify the record for appeal.**

(Emphasis added). For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are directed to subject matter that is not well-understood, routine, and conventional. To satisfy the burden required in the MPEP, *Berkheimer*, and *Aatrix*, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to either allow the application or provide evidence or take Official Notice that the claimed subject matter is well-understood, routine, and conventional. Thus, the Examiner's assertion that the claims are directed to well-understood, routine, and conventional subject matter is respectfully traversed.

For the reasons stated above, claims 18-20, 22-28, and 30-42 recite statutory subject matter and are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections.

Claims 18-20, 22-28, 30-34, and 36-42 are Allowable

The Office rejected claims 18-34 and 36-42, at pages 8-16 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0037406 (“Philbrick”) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,659,794 (“Caldarale”). Claims 21 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully traverses the remaining rejections.

Claims 18-20, 22-28, and 30

Applicant thanks the Examiner for agreeing, during the interview, that claim 18, as amended herein, overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of the Final Office Action. Hence, claim 18 is allowable. Claims 19, 20, 22-28, and 30 are allowable, at least by virtue of depending from an allowable claim.

Claims 31-34 and 36

Applicant thanks the Examiner for agreeing, during the interview, that claim 18, as amended herein, overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of the Final Office Action. Claim 31

has been amended based on claim 18. Hence, claim 31 is allowable. Claims 32-34 and 36 are allowable, at least by virtue of depending from an allowable claim.

Claim 37

Applicant thanks the Examiner for agreeing, during the interview, that claim 18, as amended herein, overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of the Final Office Action. Claim 37 has been amended based on claim 18. Hence, claim 37 is allowable.

Claims 38-42

Applicant thanks the Examiner for agreeing, during the interview, that claim 38 overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of the Final Office Action. Hence, claim 38 is allowable. Claims 39-42 are allowable, at least by virtue of depending from an allowable claim.

Claim 35 is Allowable

The Office rejected claim 35, at pages 17-18 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over Philbrick, in view of Caldarale, and in further view of U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 5,802,569 (“Genduso”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 35 depends from claim 31. Applicant thanks the Examiner for agreeing, during the interview, that claim 18, as amended herein, overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of the Final Office Action. Claim 31 has been amended based on claim 18. Hence, claim 31 is allowable. Claim 35 is allowable, at least by virtue of depending from an allowable claim.

New Claim 43 is Allowable

New claim 43 has been added and is supported by the Specification. No new matter has been added. Claim 43 depends from claim 18, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Hence, claim 43 is allowable, at least by virtue of its dependence from an allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

Any changes to the claims in this response, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the cited portions of the above-cited references, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 14/997,327	Applicant(s) GERTNER, ILYA	
	Examiner BACKHEAN TIV	Art Unit 2459	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 20 February 2018.

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No.
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Issues Discussed 101 112 102 103 Others
(For each of the checked box(es) above, please describe below the issue and detailed description of the discussion)

Claim(s) discussed: proposed claim 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: prior art of record.

Substance of Interview

(For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

Discussed the proposed amendment, in particular whether Philbrick, Fig.1, which shows element 35 which is considered to be the communication path that is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel(element 40 Fig.1) which is coupled to the processor and cache memory. Therefore the proposed amendment does not overcome the art of record, however if the applicant amended the claims from "first device" to "host", it would appear to overcome the art of record. Briefly discussed the Alice 101 rejection, the applicant points to para.12 and 14 as showing support that having a dedicated I/O channel is an improvement to the function of the computer system. Applicant is advised to submit all arguments and amendments formally.

Applicant recordation instructions: The formal written reply to the last Office action must include the substance of the interview. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, applicant is given a non-extendable period of the longer of one month or thirty days from this interview date, or the mailing date of this interview summary form, whichever is later, to file a statement of the substance of the interview

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Attachment

/BACKHEAN TIV/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2459

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

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The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

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- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

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Attached is an agenda for U.S. Application No. 14/997,327. I will call you at 1:00pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 to conduct the interview.

Thank you.



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Inventor: Ilya Gertner
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Dear Examiner Tiv:

In preparation for the Examiner Interview scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 1:00 pm Eastern Time, please find the attached interview agenda. The attached document is for Examiner consideration to facilitate discussion during the Examiner Interview, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach. The attached document includes proposed claims and remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Interview.

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PROPOSED CLAIM

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising a read command;
a second interface configured to receive first data via a network;
a cache memory configured to store second data;
a storage device configured to store third data; and
a processor coupled to the cache memory ~~and to the storage device~~, the processor coupled to the storage device via a communication path that is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel, the processor configured to access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor further configured to perform an access operation at the storage device based on the I/O traffic.

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REMARKS

Applicant's representative requests to discuss the allowability of the proposed claim in view of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection and the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection based on U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0037406 ("Philbrick") and U.S. Pat. No. 5,659,794 ("Caldarale"). The proposed amendment is supported at least by FIGS. 1 and 3, and paras. [0027], [0029], [0031], [0033], and [0034] of the Specification.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection

Applicant's representative requests to discuss the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claim 18. To facilitate the discussion, Applicant refers to a technical problem – "the need[s] exists to provide a cached data storage system that permits independent data accesses from I/O channel attached local hosts, network attached remote hosts, and network-attached remote data storage systems." *See* Specification, para. [0012].

Applicant respectfully submits that, like the claims of *Enfish*, claim 18 provides a technical improvement – a computing system that "supports arbitrary reads and writes arriving via I/O channels or network links." *See* Specification, para. [0014]. By supporting a read command that is received by a dedicated I/O channel (and not a communication path that is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel), claim 18 **improves the functioning of a computer system**, and is therefore patent-eligible subject matter. *See* Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 2106.05(a), stating "[i]n determining patent eligibility, examiners should consider whether the claim 'purport(s) to improve the functioning of the computer itself' or 'any other technology or technical field'" and "[a]n indication that the claimed invention provides an improvement can include a discussion in the specification that identifies a technical problem and explains the details of an unconventional technical solution expressed in the claim, or identifies technical improvements realized by the claim over the prior art."

Additionally, because a read command is received via a dedicated I/O channel that is different than a communication path by which a processor is coupled to a storage device, **the computing system of claim 18 is able to do something different (e.g., receive the read command via the dedicated I/O channel)** than other computing systems, similar to the claims

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at issue in *Finjan, Inc. v. Blue Coat Systems, Inc.*, No. 2016-2520 (Fed Cir. 2018), which were found by the Federal Circuit to be directed to “a new kind of file that enables a computer security system **to do things it could not do before** . . . The asserted claims are therefore directed to a **non-abstract improvement in computer functionality**, rather than the idea of computer security write large.” *Finjan* at 8 (emphasis added). Further, because claim 18 provides a technical improvement that was not known in the prior art (as further described herein), claim 18 is directed to something **other than what is well-understood, routine, and conventional activities**, and thus is patent-eligible under the Federal Circuit’s reasoning in *Berkheimer v. HP, Inc.*, No. 2017-1437 (Fed. Cir. 2018) and in *Aatrix Software, Inc. v. Green Shades Software, Inc.*, No. 2017-1452 (Fed Cir. 2018). Applicant’s representative appreciates any suggestions by the Examiner for overcoming the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection

The cited portions of Philbrick and Caldarale, individually or in combination, fail to disclose each and every element of claim 1. For example, the cited portions of Philbrick and Caldarale do not disclose a processor coupled to a cache memory, the processor coupled to a storage device via a communication path that is distinct from a dedicated I/O channel (from which a first interface is configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device), as in claim 18.

Philbrick describes a host device 20 that is coupled to an intelligent network interface card (INIC) 22. *See* Philbrick, FIG. 1 (reproduced below) and para. [0042].

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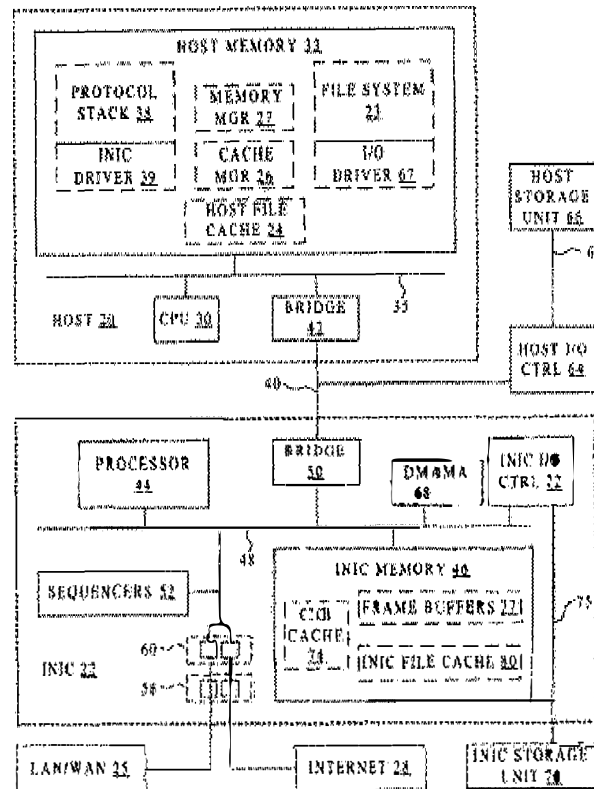


FIG. 1

The host device 20 is connected to the INIC 22 by an I/O bus 40, such as a PCI bus. *See* Philbrick, para. [0043]. A host storage unit 66 is coupled to the I/O bus 40 by a host I/O controller 64. *See* Philbrick, para. [0044] (emphasis added). Philbrick also describes a CPU 30 (e.g., a processor) that is coupled to the I/O bus 40. *See* Philbrick, para. [0042] (emphasis added). Thus, Philbrick describes a processor (e.g., the CPU 30) that is coupled to a storage device (e.g., the host storage unit 66) by the I/O bus 40. The cited portions of Philbrick do not disclose that the processor is coupled to the storage device by a communication path that is distinct from the I/O bus 40. The cited portions of Caldarale fail to cure this deficiency in Philbrick. Therefore, the cited portions of Philbrick and Caldarale do not disclose a processor coupled to a cache memory, the processor coupled to a storage device via a communication path that is distinct from a dedicated I/O channel (from which a first interface is configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device), as in claim 18.

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As another example, the cited portions of Philbrick and Caldarale do not disclose a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic including a read command, as in claim 18.

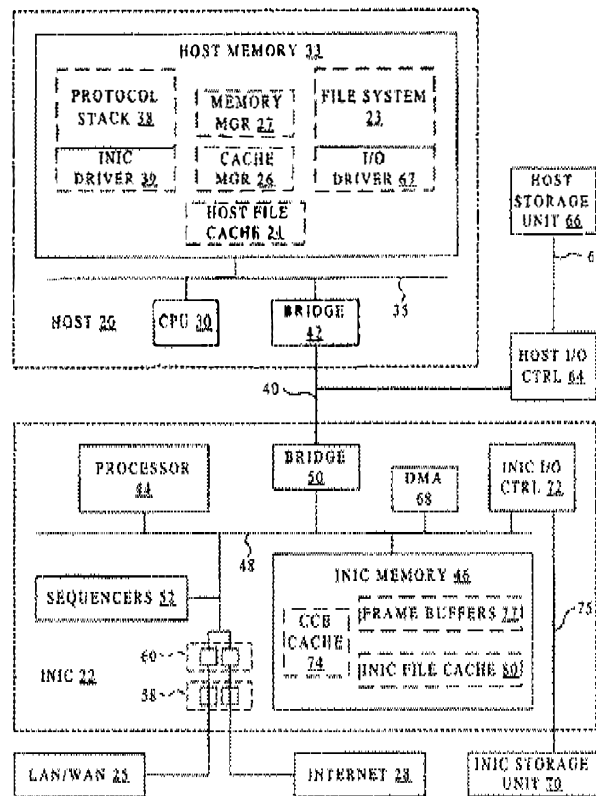


FIG. 1

Philbrick describes a host device 20 that is coupled to an intelligent network interface card (INIC) 22. See Philbrick, FIG. 1 and para. [0042]. The INIC 22 is connected to a network 25 (i.e., a local area network (LAN) or a wide area network (WAN)) and configured to receive packets from the network 25 as part of read requests or write requests that are directed to the host device 20. See Philbrick, FIG. 1 and paras. [0042] and [0048]. If information that is generated based on a header of the packet matches information stored at the communication control block (CCB) cache 74, the processor 44 accesses an INIC file cache 80 (or the INIC storage unit 70 in the event of a miss at the INIC file cache 80) as part of “fast-path” processing. See Philbrick, paras. [0048] and [0049]. If the information does not match any information stored at the CCB

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cache 74, the headers of the packet and control information are sent by the processor 44 to the host device 20 via an I/O bus 40 (and respective bridges) for "slow-path" processing. See Philbrick, FIG. 1 and paras. [0043] and [0048]-[0049]. FIG. 2 of Philbrick (reproduced below) illustrates the flow of data and control information between the INIC 22 and the host device 20.

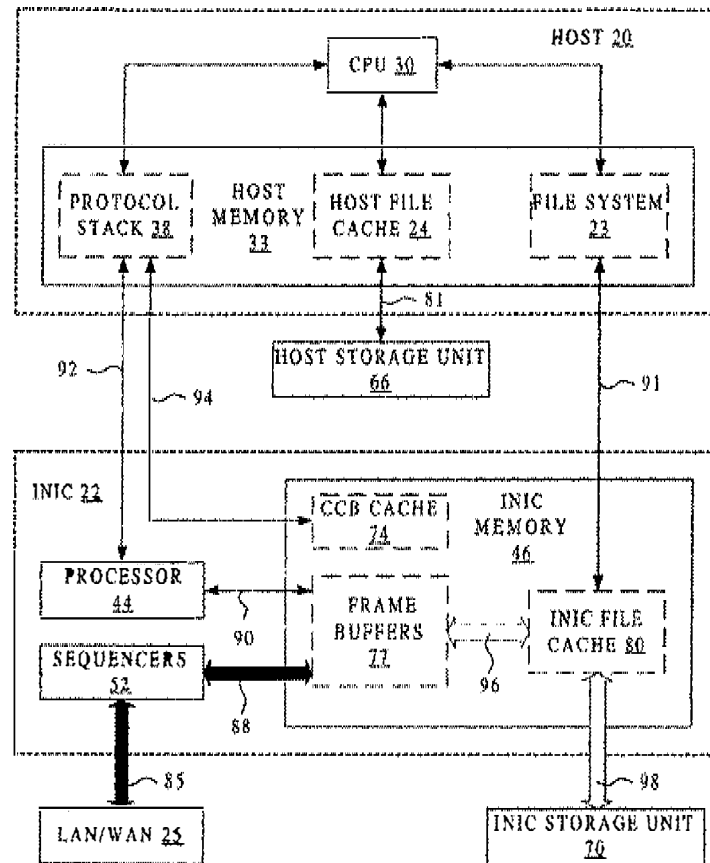


FIG. 2

Philbrick states that "FIG. 2 shows information flow paths consisting primarily of control information with thin arrows, information flow paths consisting primarily of data with thick white arrows, and information flow paths consisting of both control information and data with thick black arrows." Philbrick, para. [0054]. As illustrated in FIG. 2, "[i]nformation flow between a network such as LAN/WAN 25 and the INIC 22 may include control information and

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data, and so is shown with thick black arrow 85.” Philbrick, para. [0055]. Information received from the network includes “file reads or writes, which are sent as packets containing file data encapsulated in control information.” Philbrick, para. [0055] (emphasis added). Additionally, “control information such as network connection initialization packets and session layer headers are sent to the protocol stack 38, as shown by the thin arrow 92. When a connection has been set up by the host, control information regarding that connection, such as a CCB, may be passed between host protocol stack 38 and INIC memory 46, as shown by thin arrow 94.” Philbrick, para. [0055]. As illustrated above, “the data of network file reads or writes primarily pass through the INIC 22 and avoid the host 20, whereas control information is primarily passed between the host and INIC.” Philbrick, para. [0056] (emphasis added).

Thus, Philbrick describes receiving read requests from the network 25 (i.e., via a network interface) and sending control information to the host device 20 via the I/O bus 40. Philbrick does not disclose that read requests are received via the I/O bus 40 from the host device 20. The cited portions of Caldarale fail to cure this deficiency in Philbrick. Therefore, the cited portions of Philbrick or Caldarale do not disclose a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic including a read command, as in claim 18.



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The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

Detailed Action

Claims 18-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1-17 were cancelled. This is a response to the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/23/18.

Drawings

The Drawings filed on 1/15/16 are acceptable.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 4/4/17, 6/27/17, 10/25/17 has been considered.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 10/25/17 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Interpretation

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112(f):

(f) Element in Claim for a Combination. – An element in a claim for a combination may be expressed as a means or step for performing a specified function without the recital of structure, material, or acts in support thereof, and such claim shall be construed to cover the corresponding structure, material, or acts described in the specification and equivalents thereof.

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The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph:

An element in a claim for a combination may be expressed as a means or step for performing a specified function without the recital of structure, material, or acts in support thereof, and such claim shall be construed to cover the corresponding structure, material, or acts described in the specification and equivalents thereof.

Use of the word “means” (or “step for”) in a claim with functional language creates a rebuttable presumption that the claim element is to be treated in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 112(f) (pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph). The presumption that 35 U.S.C. 112(f) (pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph) is invoked is rebutted when the function is recited with sufficient structure, material, or acts within the claim itself to entirely perform the recited function.

Absence of the word “means” (or “step for”) in a claim creates a rebuttable presumption that the claim element **is not** to be treated in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 112(f) (pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph). The presumption that 35 U.S.C. 112(f) (pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph) is not invoked is rebutted when the claim element recites function but fails to recite sufficiently definite structure, material or acts to perform that function.

Claim elements in this application that use the word “means” (or “step for”) are presumed to invoke 35 U.S.C. 112(f) except as otherwise indicated in an Office action. Similarly, claim elements that do not use the word “means” (or “step for”) are presumed not to invoke 35 U.S.C. 112(f) except as otherwise indicated in an Office action.

Claim 37 uses the word "means for", therefore is being interpreted as invoking 112(f)/6th, the corresponding structures is supported by Fig.1, para.29-31, cache, storage device, processor.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 18-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to a judicial exception (i.e., a law of nature, a natural phenomenon, or an abstract idea) without significantly more.

Claims 18,31,37,38 is directed to receiving, storing, and accessing data, in particular the limitation of

18. receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising a read command;

receive network traffic from a second device first data via a network; a cache memory configured to store second data;

store second third data; and

access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor further configured to perform an access operation at the storage device based on the I/O traffic.

31. receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel at a first interface, the I/O traffic comprising a write command;

receiving first data;

storing second data;

storing second third data at a storage device;

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*accessing the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic; and
performing one or more access operations at the storage device via based on the
I/O traffic.*

*37. receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O
channel, the I/O traffic comprising a write command;*

receiving network traffic from a second device data;

*performing one or more access operations at the means for short-term data
storage during processing of the I/O traffic and for performing one or more access
operations at the means for long-term data storage based on the I/O traffic.*

*38. receive input/output (I/O), the I/O traffic comprising one or more read
commands, one or more write commands, or a combination thereof;*

receive data via a network;

*access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor
further configured to perform one or more access operations at the storage device
based on the I/O traffic.*

which is drawn to an idea itself such as data recognition and storage(Content
Extraction), collection, storage, and recognition of data(Smart Systems Innovations),
(Step 2A).

The claims does not include additional elements when considered both
individually and as a combination do not amount to significantly more than the abstract
idea. The claim recites the additional limitation of

An apparatus comprising:

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a first interface configured to
a network second interface configured to
a storage device configured to
a processor coupled to the cache memory and to the storage device, the
processor configured to
at a cache memory
via a network at a network second interface
means for short-term data storage;
means for long-term data storage; and
a first interface configured to
from a host computer via a dedicated I/O channel
a second interface configured to
a cache memory;
a storage device; and
a processor coupled via a communication path to the storage device,
the processor configured to
wherein the communication path is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel.

The claims do not include additional elements that are sufficient to amount to significantly more than the judicial exception because the additional elements are generic computer components claimed to perform their basic functions of *storing, processing and communicating*. The recitation of *processor, cache, network interface, storage device*, are limitations amounts to mere instructions to implement the abstract

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idea on a computer. Taking the elements both individually and as a combination, the computer components at each step of the process perform purely generic computer functions. The claim as a whole does not amount to significantly more than the abstract idea itself.

In further the *storing, processing, communicating, processor, cache, network interface, storage device* are recited at a high level of generality and are recited as performing generic computer functions routinely used in computer applications. Generic computer components recited as performing generic computer functions that are well-understood, routine and conventional activities amount to no more than implementing the abstract idea with a computerized system. *Ultramercial, 772 F.3d at 716-17; buySAFE, Inc. v. Google, Inc., 765 F.3d 1350, 1355 (Fed. Cir. 2014); Cyberfone Systems, LLC v. CNN Interactive Group, Inc., 558 Fed. Appx. 988, 993 (Fed. Cir. 2014). But see DDR Holdings, LLC v. Hotels.com, L.P., 773 F.3d 1245, 1258 (Fed. Cir. 2014). See also the JULY 2015 Update: Subject Matter Eligibility, page 7, para. that begins with "The 2014 IEG follows....".*

The limitation of *from a host computer via a dedicated I/O channel, via a communication path to the storage device, via a network* is an attempt to limit the use of the abstract idea to a particular technological environment for which to apply the underlying abstract concept, which does not add significantly more. The claimed invention provides no meaningful limitations on the abstract idea, nor improvement to the computer or another technology is realized. Therefore the claim does not amount to significantly more than the abstract idea itself (Step 2B).

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All dependent claims recites limitations such as such as read/write commands, routing, processing, storing, receiving, transmitting, which are generic computer components to perform basic functions and/or which is drawn to an idea itself such as data recognition and storage(Content Extraction), collection, storage, and recognition of data(Smart Systems Innovations), therefore the claims does not include additional elements when considered both individually and as a combination do not amount to significantly more than the abstract idea.

Note: Applicant may be interested in reviewing the 35 USC 101 training materials which provide worksheet examples with claims that have been deemed statutory and claims that have been deemed non-statutory using this analysis:

<http://www.uspto.gov/patent/laws-and-regulations/examination-policy/examination-guidance-and-training-materials>

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 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.

All pending claims except 35 rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2001/0037406 issued to Philbrick in view of US 5,659,794 issued to Caldarale et al.(Caldarale).

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As per claim 8, Philbrick teaches an apparatus comprising: a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O bus, the I/O traffic comprising a read command(Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47 The host connected to the INIC by a I/O bus the bus is used for communication of messages/requests between the host and INIC, file blocks are requested by the host); a network second interface configured to receive network traffic from a second device first data via a network(Fig.1, element 40,50, para.44 shows connection between the host storage unit 66 and the host and INIC through the host I/O controller 64; also INIC storage connected to INIC through element 75); a cache memory configured to store second data(Fig.1,2 element 24, 74, shows cache); a storage device configured to store second third data(Fig.1,2 element 66, para.44, host storage unit, INIC storage); and a processor coupled to the cache memory and to the storage device, the processor configured to access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor further configured to perform an access operation at the storage device based on the I/O traffic(para.46-49; file request, the respective caches are referenced and checked; if the file isn't found in the cache then request is sent to the appropriate storage unit).

Philbrick however does not explicitly teach I/O channel, instead teaches I/O bus, which is similar to that of channel(defined as a physical transmission medium such as a wire or logical connection to transmit data and information), while bus(communication system that transfers data between components inside a computer or between

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computers which includes hardware components(wire, optical fiber, etc) and software including communication protocol).

Caldarale explicitly teaches the use of a channel for input/output communication(col.7, lines 20-30, col.17, line 35).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Philbrick of I/O bus to substitute Caldrale's teaching of I/O channel in order to provide the predictable result of using I/O channel for communication.

One ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings in order to I/O processing for computer network systems(Caldrale, col.1, lines 14-19).

As per claim 19, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the dedicated I/O channel is associated with dedicated throughput that corresponds to the I/O traffic(Caldarale, col.7, lines 20-30, certain I/O channel used for specific type of traffic, ie. BMC, IPI, SCSI, USCON).

As per claim 20, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the network traffic first data(Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47 The host connected to the INIC by a I/O bus the bus is used for communication of messages/requests between the host and INIC, file blocks are requested by the host).

As per claim 21, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the first device comprises a host computer(Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47 The host connected to the INIC by a I/O bus the bus is used for communication of messages/requests between the host and INIC, file blocks are requested by the host).

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As per claim 22, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the dedicated I/O channel comprises a small computer system interface (SCSI) channel(Philbrick, para.65, Caldarale, col.7, lines 20-30, certain I/O channel used for specific type of traffic, ie. BMC, IPI, SCSI, USCON,).

As per claim 23, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the network second interface comprises an Ethernet interface or an asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) interface Caldarale col.6, lines 20, the use of ATM).

As per claim 24, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the I/O traffic further comprises a write command(Philbrick, para.47-49,51; read and write commands for cache or storage).

As per claim 25, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the network traffic first data comprises a second read request, a write request, or a combination thereof(Philbrick, para.47-49,51; read and write commands for cache or storage).

As per claim 26, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the network comprises a plurality of interconnected computing devices that includes the second device(Philbrick, Fig.3).

As per claim 27, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the storage device and the dedicated I/O channel are independently accessible, and wherein the processor is configured to read at least a portion of the second data from the cache memory based on the read command and to initiate transmission of the second data to the second device(Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47 The host connected to the INIC by a I/O bus the bus is

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used for communication of messages/requests between the host and INIC, file blocks are requested by the host).

As per claim 28, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to route the read command to the cache memory or to the storage device(Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47 The host connected to the INIC by a I/O bus the bus is used for communication of messages/requests between the host and INIC, file blocks are requested by the host).

As per claim 29, the apparatus of claim 18, wherein the processor is coupled to the storage device via a communication path that is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel(Philbrick, para.47-50; communication between the storage and host and the host and INIC are different, Caldarale, col.7, lines 20-30, certain I/O channel used for specific type of traffic, ie. BMC, IPI, SCSI, USCON,)..

As per claim 30, the apparatus of claim 18, further comprising: configuration manager circuitry configured to route an I/O request included in the I/O traffic to the cache memory, to route the I/O request to the storage device, or to deny the I/O request(Philbrick, para.46-47,91; route request to storage device); front-end circuitry configured to process the I/O request(Philbrick, para.46-47; host/INIC can process request); and back-end circuitry configured to perform a read operation or a write operation at the storage device based on the I/O request(Philbrick, para.46-47;host/INIC can read or write to storage).

As per claim 31,37 Philbrick teaches a method comprising: receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O bus at a first interface, the I/O traffic

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comprising a write command(Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47 The host connected to the INIC by a I/O bus the bus is used for communication of messages/requests between the host and INIC, file blocks are requested by the host); receiving network traffic from a second device first data via a network at a network second interface(Fig.1, element 40,50, para.44 shows connection between the host storage unit 66 and the host and INIC through the host I/O controller 64; also INIC storage connected to INIC through element 75); storing second data at a cache memory; storing second third data at a storage device; accessing the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic(Fig.1,2 element 24, 74, shows cache; element 66, para.44, host storage unit, INIC storage); and performing one or more access operations at the storage device via based on the I/O traffic(para.46-49; file request, the respective caches are referenced and checked; if the file isn't found in the cache then request is sent to the appropriate storage unit).

Philbrick however does not explicitly teach I/O channel, instead teaches I/O bus, which is similar to that of channel(defined as a physical transmission medium such as a wire or logical connection to transmit data and information), while bus(communication system that transfers data between components inside a computer or between computers which includes hardware components(wire, optical fiber, etc) and software including communication protocol).

Caldarale explicitly teaches the use of a channel for input/output communication(col.7, lines 20-30, col.17, line 35).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Philbrick of I/O bus to substitute Caldrale's

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teaching of I/O channel in order to provide the predictable result of using I/O channel for communication.

One ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings in order to I/O processing for computer network systems(Caldrale, col.1, lines 14-19).

As per claim 32, the method of claim 31, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the network traffic first data(Philbrick, Fig.1; the storage devices are accessible by host and INIC, Caldarale, Fig.1, col.7, lines 20-30; teaches different types I/O channel).

As per claim 33, the method of claim 31, further comprising performing a first access operation at the storage device independently of the dedicated I/O channel(Philbrick, Fig.1; the storage devices are accessible by host and INIC, Caldarale, Fig.1, col.7, lines 20-30; teaches different types I/O channel).

As per claim 34, the method of claim 31, wherein the second data is written at the cache memory in response to the write command(Philbrick, para.47-49,51; read and write commands for cache or storage).

As per claim 36, the method of claim 31, further comprising storing third fourth data at the cache memory, wherein the second data is indicated by the write command, and wherein the third fourth data is indicated by a second write command received at the network second interface-from the second device(Philbrick, para.47-49,51)

As per claim 38, Philbrick teaches an apparatus comprising: a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a host computer via a dedicated I/O bus, the I/O traffic comprising one or more read commands, one or more write commands, or a combination thereof(Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47 The host connected to the

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INIC by a I/O bus the bus is used for communication of messages/requests between the host and INIC, file blocks are requested by the host); a second interface configured to receive data via a network(Fig.1, element 40,50, para.44 shows connection between the host storage unit 66 and the host and INIC through the host I/O controller 64; also INIC storage connected to INIC through element 75); a cache memory; a storage device(Fig.1,2 element 24, 74, shows cache; element 66, para.44, host storage unit, INIC storage); and a processor coupled via a communication path to the storage device, the processor configured to access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor further configured to perform one or more access operations at the storage device based on the I/O traffic, wherein the communication path is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel(Fig.1,para.42-45 CPU 30, uses host bus 35, I/O bus 40, parallel data channel 62 to communicate with host storage 66, processor 44 uses INIC bus 48 and parallel data channel 75 to communicate with INIC storage unit 70; Note: the term distinct is given the broadest reasonable interpretation, and by definition means distinguished as not being the same; not identical; separate, therefore the communication path of using the host bus 35, I/O bus 40, parallel data channel 62 or INIC bus 48 and parallel data channel 75 is distinct/different from the I/O bus).

Philbrick however does not explicitly teach I/O channel, instead teaches I/O bus, which is similar to that of channel(defined as a physical transmission medium such as a wire or logical connection to transmit data and information), while bus(communication system that transfers data between components inside a computer or between

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One ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings in order to I/O processing for computer network systems(Caldrale, col.1, lines 14-19).

As per claim 39, the apparatus of claim 38, wherein the dedicated I/O channel is associated with dedicated throughput that corresponds to the I/O traffic(Philbrick, Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47).

As per claim 40, the apparatus of claim 38, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the data(Philbrick, Fig.3,4, para.42-43,47).

As per claim 41, the apparatus of claim 38, wherein the data corresponds to one or more read requests, one or more write requests, or a combination thereof(Philbrick, para.47-49,51).

As per claim 42, the apparatus of claim 38, wherein the storage device and the dedicated I/O channel are independently accessible(Philbrick, Fig.1; the storage devices are accessible by host and INIC, Caldarale, Fig.1, col.7, lines 20-30; teaches different types I/O channel).

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Claim 35 rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2001/0037406 issued to Philbrick et al.(Philbrick) in view of US 5,659,794 issued to Caldarale et al.(Caldarale) in view of US 5,802,569 issued to Genduso et al.(Genduso).

As per claim 35, Philbrick in view of Caldarale teaches the method of claim 31, and teach different 67-69, and further teaches reading from cache and transmitting from cache, Philbrick46,47 however does not explicitly teach receiving a read request via the network from a third device; and transmitting at least a portion of the data from the cache memory via the network to the third device responsive to the read request being associated with a cache hit devices such as first, second, third SCSI adapter with file cache Philbrick, Fig.7, 8,para.64,.

Genduso explicitly teaches a request is determined to be a cache hit, then examined to determine whether the request is a read or write request, if a read request the cache fetches data from the cache and provide to the CPU and if write request then the data is written to the cache(Fig.6, col.5, lines 19-46).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Philbrick in view of Caldrare's system of different devices such as first, second, third SCSI adapter with file cache and reading from cache and transmitting from cache, to apply the teaching of Genduso of using cache hit/miss to determine whether to read/write in order to provide the predictable result of system of different devices such as first, second, third SCSI adapter with file

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cache and reading from cache and transmitting from cache for data storage on the different devices through the use of cache hit/miss.

One ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings in order determine caching capability for computer system(Gendusio, col.1, lines 5-10).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

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S40		(access\$4 near4 cache) with process\$4 near4 traffic and (@ad or @rlad or @pd or @ptad or @prad)<= "19990122"	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/04/05
S41	249	("input/output" or "I/O") near3 channel	US-PGPUB;	OR	ON	2017/04/05

		and network near4 traffic and (@ad or @rlad or @pd or @ptad or @prad) <="19990122"	USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB			14:41
S42	57	("input/output" or "I/O") near3 channel and network near4 traffic and ATM and SCSI and Ethernet and (@ad or @rlad or @pd or @ptad or @prad) <="19990122"	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/04/05 14:42
S43	240	cache near3 hit with read near4 request and (@ad or @rlad or @pd or @ptad or @prad) <="19990122"	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/04/05 15:49
S44	216	cache near3 hit with read near4 request and (@ad or @rlad or @pd or @ptad or @prad) <="19990122"	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/04/05 15:49
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S49	17	S48 and invalidate	US-PGPUB; USPAT; DERWENT	OR	ON	2017/04/05 16:15
S50	123	cache near3 hit with write same invalidat\$4 near4 cache and (@ad or @rlad or @pd or @ptad or @prad)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/04/05 16:29

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the first action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

[[an]] a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising a read command;
a ~~network~~ second interface configured to receive ~~network traffic from a second device~~ first data via a network;
a cache memory configured to store second data;
a storage device configured to store ~~second~~ third data; and
a processor coupled to the cache memory and to the storage device, the processor configured to access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor further configured to perform an access operation at the storage device based on the I/O traffic.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the dedicated I/O channel is associated with dedicated throughput that corresponds to the I/O traffic.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the ~~network traffic~~ first data.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the first device comprises a host computer.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the dedicated I/O channel comprises a small computer system interface (SCSI) channel.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the ~~network~~ second interface comprises an Ethernet interface or an asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) interface.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the I/O traffic further comprises a write command.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the ~~network traffic~~ first data comprises a second read request, a write request, or a combination thereof.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the network comprises a plurality of interconnected computing devices ~~that includes the second device~~.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the storage device and the dedicated I/O channel are independently accessible, and wherein the processor is configured to read at least a portion of the second data from the cache memory based on the read command ~~and to initiate transmission of the second data to the second device~~.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to route the read command to the cache memory or to the storage device.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the processor is coupled to the storage device via a communication path that is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:
configuration manager circuitry configured to route an I/O request included in the I/O traffic to the cache memory, to route the I/O request to the storage device, or to deny the I/O request;
front-end circuitry configured to process the I/O request; and
back-end circuitry configured to perform a read operation or a write operation at the storage device based on the I/O request.

31. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel at
 [[an]] a first interface, the I/O traffic comprising a write command;
 receiving ~~network traffic from a second device~~ first data via a network at a ~~network~~
~~second~~ interface;
 storing second data at a cache memory;
 storing ~~second~~ third data at a storage device;
 accessing the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic; and
 performing one or more access operations at the storage device via based on the I/O
 traffic.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from
 the ~~network traffic~~ first data.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising performing a first
 access operation at the storage device independently of the dedicated I/O channel.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the second data is written at
 the cache memory in response to the write command.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
 receiving a read request via the ~~network from a third device~~; and
 transmitting at least a portion of the second data from the cache memory via the network
~~to the third device~~ responsive to the read request being associated with a cache
 hit.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising storing ~~third~~ fourth
 data at the cache memory, wherein the second data is indicated by the write command, and
 wherein the ~~third~~ fourth data is indicated by a second write command received at the ~~network~~
~~second~~ interface ~~from the second device~~.

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
means for receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising a write command;
means for receiving ~~network traffic from a second device~~ data via a network;
means for short-term data storage;
means for long-term data storage; and
means for performing one or more access operations at the means for short-term data storage during processing of the I/O traffic and for performing one or more access operations at the means for long-term data storage based on the I/O traffic.

38. (New) An apparatus comprising:
a first interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a host computer via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising one or more read commands, one or more write commands, or a combination thereof;
a second interface configured to receive data via a network;
a cache memory;
a storage device; and
a processor coupled via a communication path to the storage device, the processor configured to access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the processor further configured to perform one or more access operations at the storage device based on the I/O traffic, wherein the communication path is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the dedicated I/O channel is associated with dedicated throughput that corresponds to the I/O traffic.

40. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the data.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the data corresponds to one or more read requests, one or more write requests, or a combination thereof.

42. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the storage device and the dedicated I/O channel are independently accessible.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 18, 20, 23, 25-27, 31, 32, and 34-37 have been amended. New claims 38-42 have been added. The amendments and the new claims are supported by the Specification. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

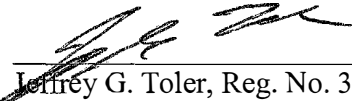
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an amended drawing is attached following page 7.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (New) An apparatus comprising:

an interface configured to receive input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising a read command;

a network interface configured to receive network traffic from a second device via a network;

a cache memory configured to store data;

a storage device configured to store second data; and

a processor coupled to the cache memory and to the storage device, the processor

configured to access the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic, the

processor further configured to perform an access operation at the storage device

based on the I/O traffic.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the dedicated I/O channel is associated with dedicated throughput that corresponds to the I/O traffic.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the network traffic.

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the first device comprises a host computer.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the dedicated I/O channel comprises a small computer system interface (SCSI) channel.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the network interface comprises an Ethernet interface or an asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) interface.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the I/O traffic further comprises a write command.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the network traffic comprises a second read request, a write request, or a combination thereof.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the network comprises a plurality of interconnected computing devices that includes the second device.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the storage device and the dedicated I/O channel are independently accessible, and wherein the processor is configured to read second data from the cache memory based on the read command and to initiate transmission of the second data to the second device.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to route the read command to the cache memory or to the storage device.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the processor is coupled to the storage device via a communication path that is distinct from the dedicated I/O channel.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:
configuration manager circuitry configured to route an I/O request included in the I/O traffic to the cache memory, to route the I/O request to the storage device, or to deny the I/O request;
front-end circuitry configured to process the I/O request; and
back-end circuitry configured to perform a read operation or a write operation at the storage device based on the I/O request.

31. (New) A method comprising:
receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel at an interface, the I/O traffic comprising a write command;
receiving network traffic from a second device via a network at a network interface;
storing data at a cache memory;
storing second data at a storage device;
accessing the cache memory during processing of the I/O traffic; and
performing one or more access operations at the storage device via based on the I/O traffic.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the I/O traffic is distinct from the network traffic.

33. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising performing a first access operation at the storage device independently of the dedicated I/O channel.

34. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the data is written at the cache memory in response to the write command.

35. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
receiving a read request via the network from a third device; and
transmitting at least a portion of the data from the cache memory via the network to the third device responsive to the read request being associated with a cache hit.

36. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising storing third data at the cache memory, wherein the data is indicated by the write command, and wherein the third data is indicated by a second write command received at the network interface from the second device.

37. (New) An apparatus comprising:
means for receiving input/output (I/O) traffic from a first device via a dedicated I/O channel, the I/O traffic comprising a write command;
means for receiving network traffic from a second device via a network;
means for short-term data storage;
means for long-term data storage; and
means for performing one or more access operations at the means for short-term data storage during processing of the I/O traffic and for performing one or more access operations at the means for long-term data storage based on the I/O traffic.

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 1 to add additional reference numbers. Support for the amendments may be found in the Specification, at least at paragraphs [0027]-[0029]. No new matter has been added. The attached sheet, which includes FIG. 1, replaces the original sheet including FIG. 1. The changes made in FIG. 1 are listed below:

- Reference number 111 has been added to identify the host “HOST 1” coupled to the PC data storage system 131;
- Reference number 112 has been added to identify the host “HOST 2” coupled to the PC data storage system 131;
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- Reference number 133 has been added to identify the data storage system coupled to the network link 153;
- Reference number 157 has been modified to identify the host “HOST 1” coupled to the storage system 132; and
- Reference number 158 has been modified to identify the host “HOST 2” coupled to the storage system 132.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 18-37 have been added and are supported by the Specification. No new matter has been added. Additionally, FIG. 1 has been amended to add reference numbers. Support for the amendments to FIG. 1 may be found in the Specification, at least at paragraphs [0027]-[0029]. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

All changes to the claims in this amendment should be considered to have been made to further clarify the claims or for another purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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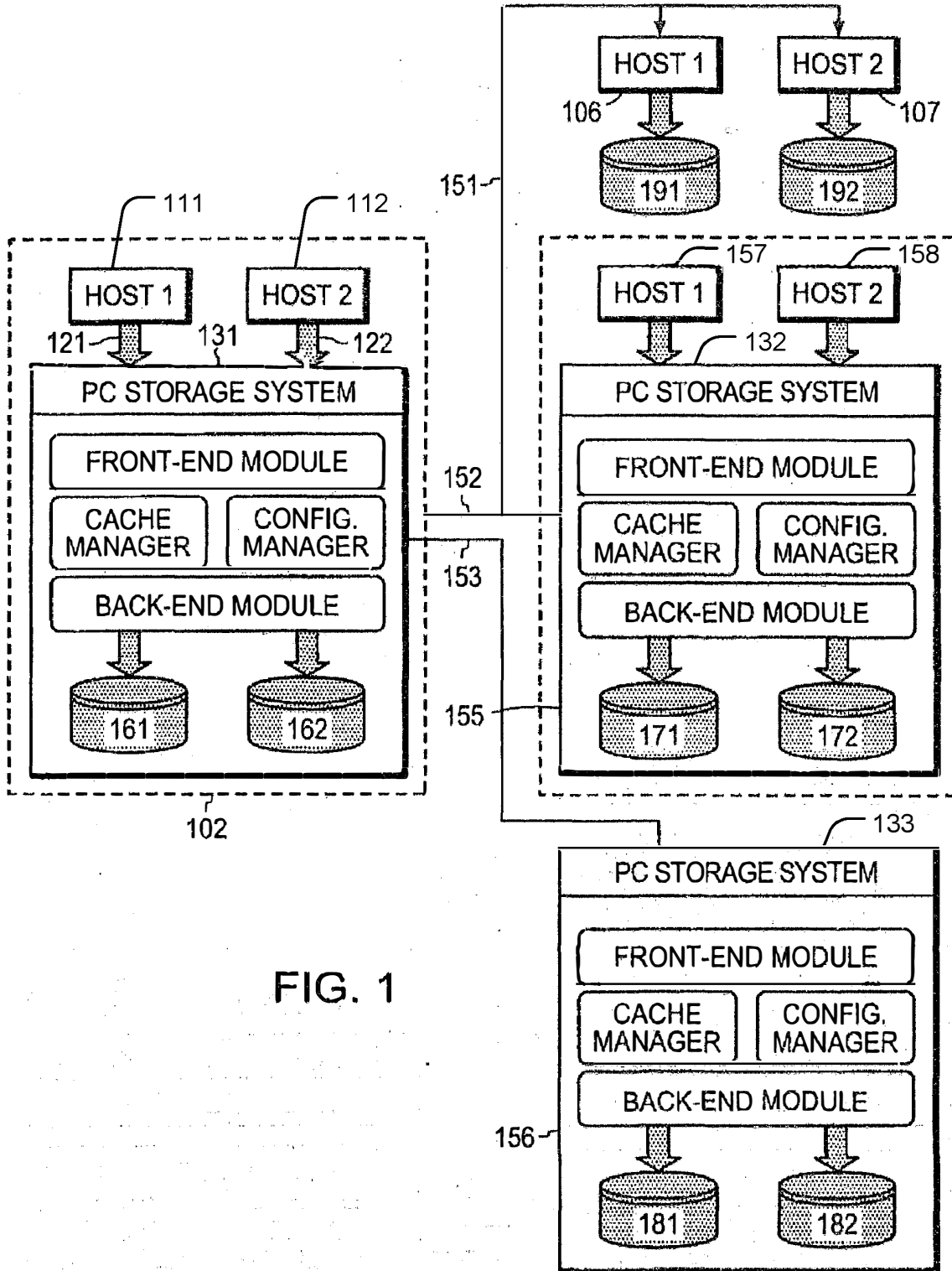


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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(c)Applicant/Patent Owner: LS CLOUD STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLCApplication No./Patent No.: 14/997,327 Filed/Issue Date: 2016-01-15Titled: DATA SHARING USING DISTRIBUTED CACHE IN A NETWORK OF HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTERS
LS CLOUD STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, a CORPORATION

(Name of Assignee)

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states that, for the patent application/patent identified above, it is (choose **one** of options 1, 2, 3 or 4 below):

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/Jeffrey G. Toler/

2017-02-20

Signature

Date

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SIGNATURE of Assignee of Record

The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Signature		Date	December 19, 2016
Name	BRANDON THOMAS	Telephone	213-595-6177
Title	MANAGER		

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		Application Number	14/997,327
Title of Invention	DATA SHARING USING DISTRIBUTED CACHE IN A NETWORK OF HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTERS		
The application data sheet is part of the provisional or nonprovisional application for which it is being submitted. The following form contains the bibliographic data arranged in a format specified by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as outlined in 37 CFR 1.76. This document may be completed electronically and submitted to the Office in electronic format using the Electronic Filing System (EFS) or the document may be printed and included in a paper filed application.			

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Application Type	Nonprovisional		
Subject Matter	Utility		
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Application Number	Continuity Type	Prior Application Number	Filing Date (YYYY-MM-DD)		
Newly Filed: 14/997,327	Continuation of	13527126	2012-06-09		
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The request for Power of Attorney filed 01/11/17 is acknowledged. However, the request cannot be granted at this time for the reason stated below.

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- The inventor(s) is without authority to appoint attorneys since the assignee has intervened as provided by 37 CFR 3.71.
- The signature(s) of Hazim Yassin a co-inventor in this application, has been omitted. The Power of Attorney will be entered upon receipt of confirmation signed by said co-inventor(s).
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- A request under 37 CFR 1.48 to add an inventor was granted in this application, however, no power of attorney consistent with the power of attorney granted by the originally named inventive entity has been received. Thus, the addition of the inventor has resulted in the loss of power of attorney in the application. See 37 CFR 1.32(e).




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The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Signature		Date	December 19, 2016
Name	BRANDON THOMAS	Telephone	213-595-6177
Title	MANAGER		

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Application No./Patent No.: 14/997,327 Filed/Issue Date: 2016-01-15

Titled: DATA SHARING USING DISTRIBUTED CACHE IN A NETWORK OF HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTERS

LS CLOUD STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, a CORPORATION

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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/Jeffrey G. Toler/2017-01-10

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Signature		Date	December 19, 2016
Name	BRANDON THOMAS	Telephone	213-595-6177
Title	MANAGER		

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Related Applications

~~This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/236,409, filed on January 22, 1999, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.~~

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 13/527,126, filed June 9, 2012, which is a further continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/382,016, filed on March 5, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 8,225,002, issued July 17, 2012, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/236,409, filed on January 22, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,549,988, issued April 15, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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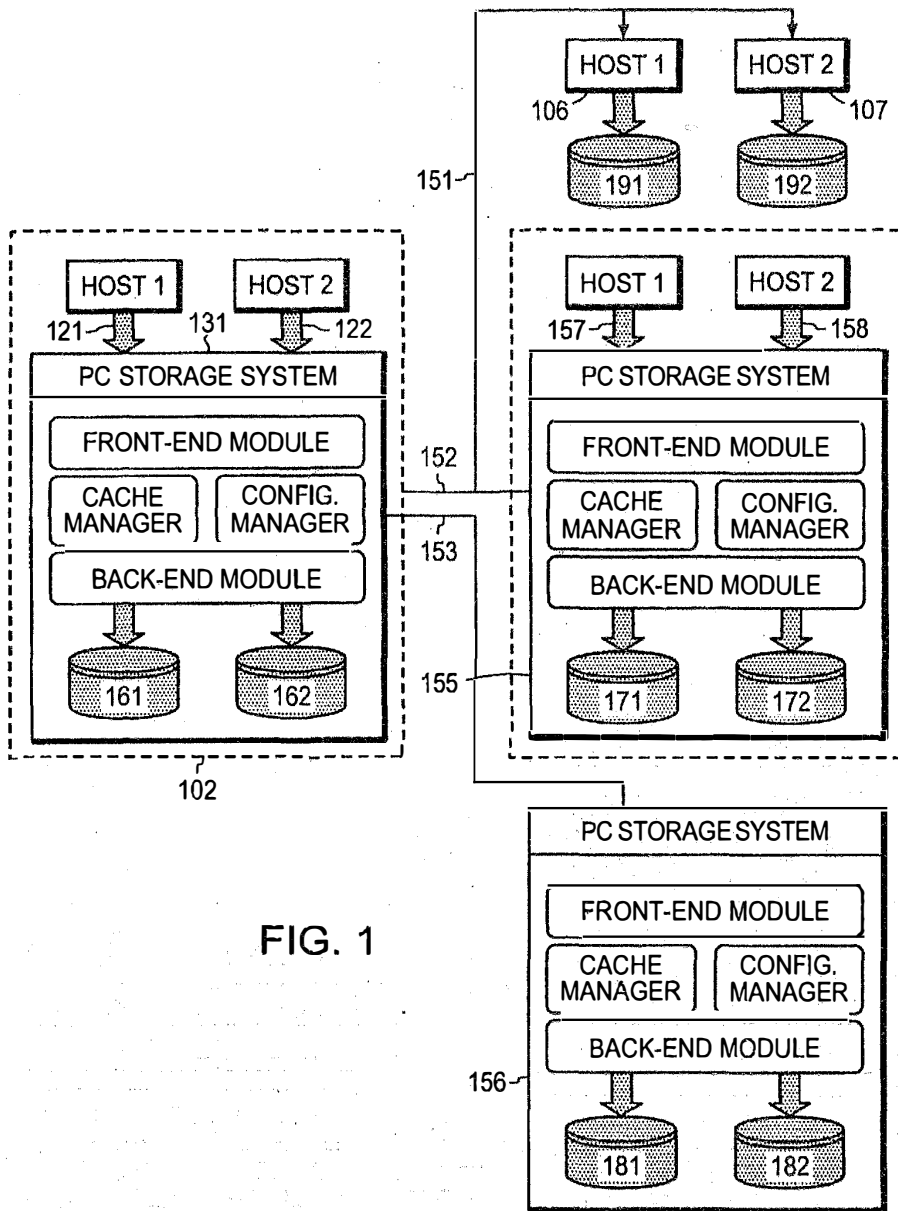


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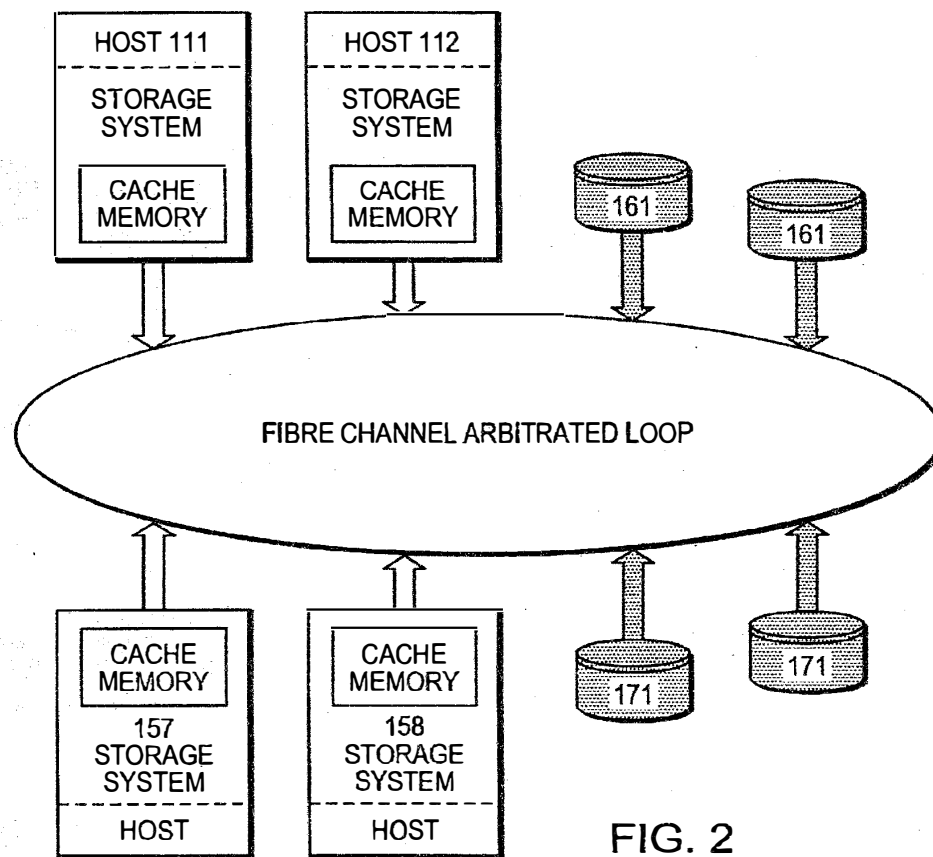


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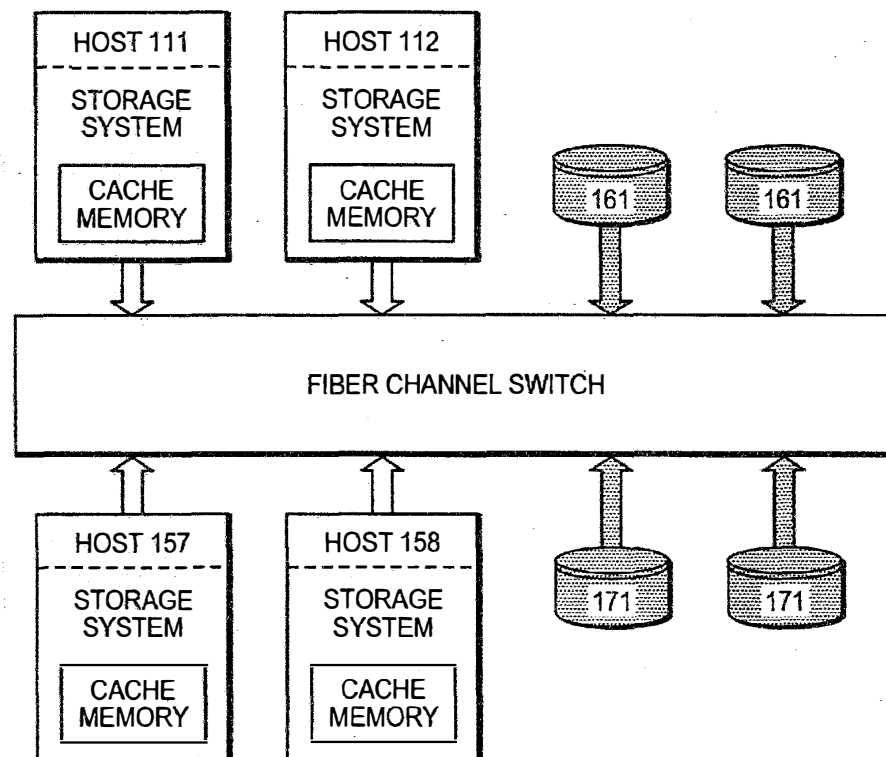


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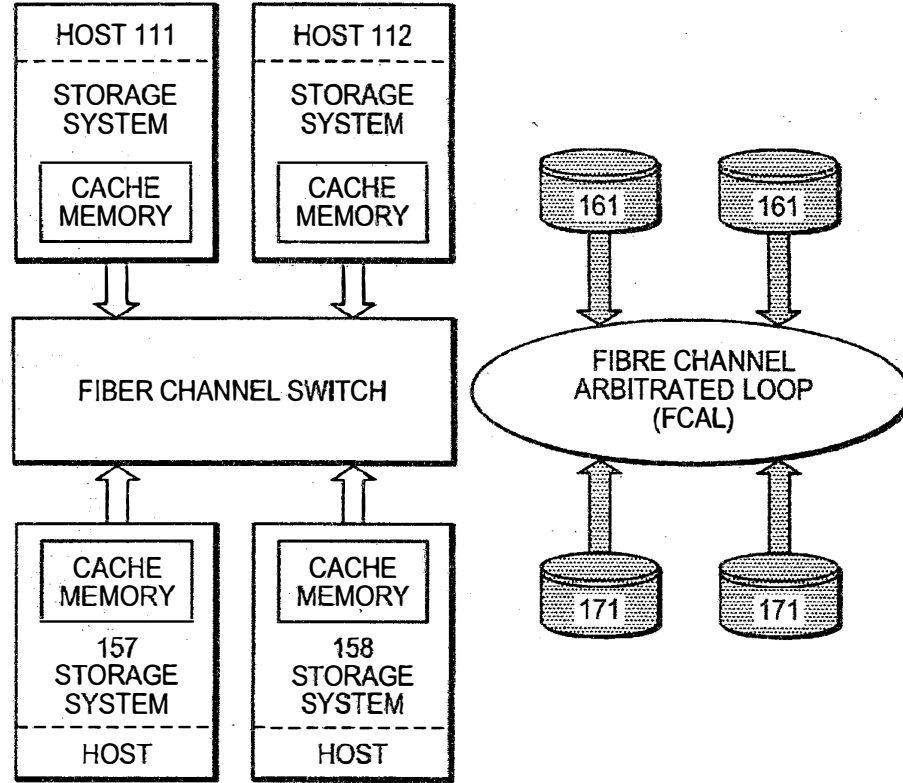


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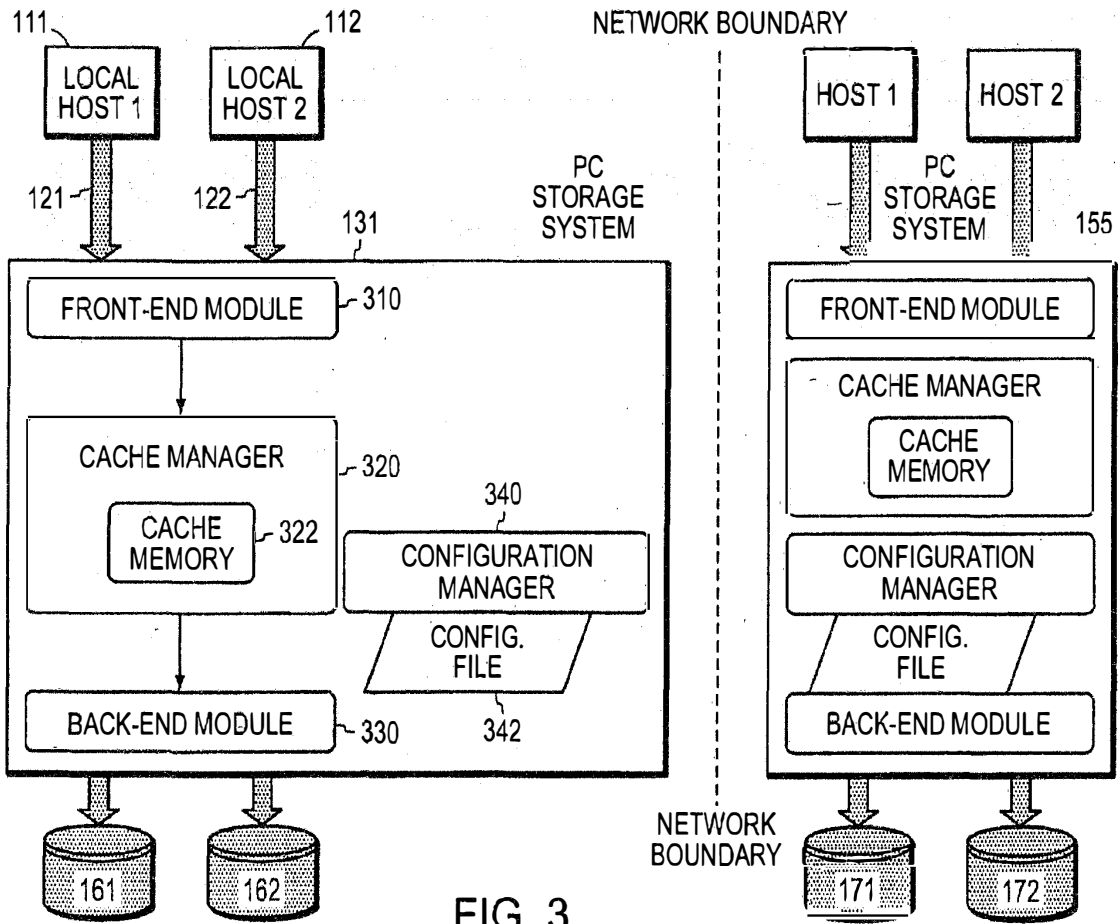
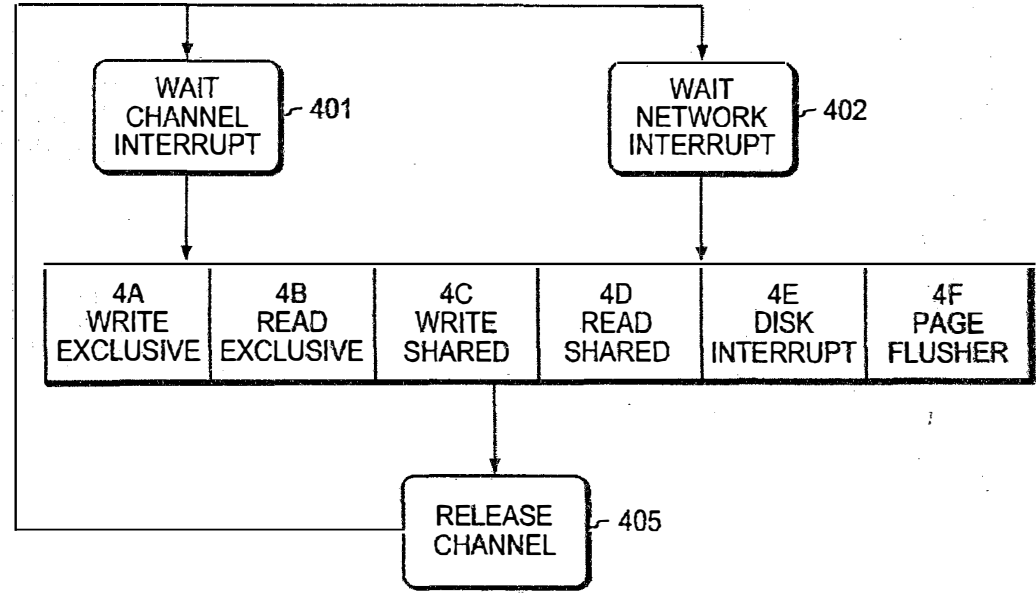


FIG. 3



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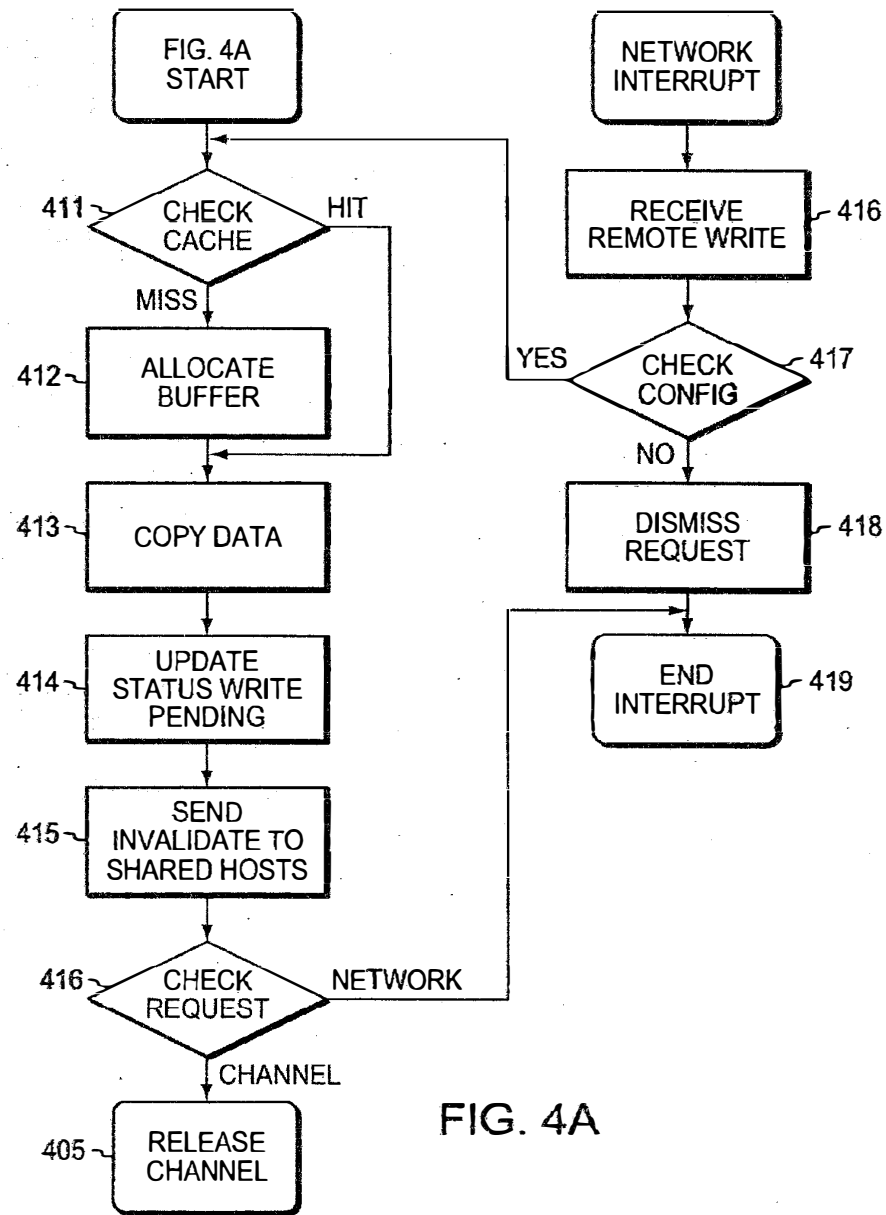


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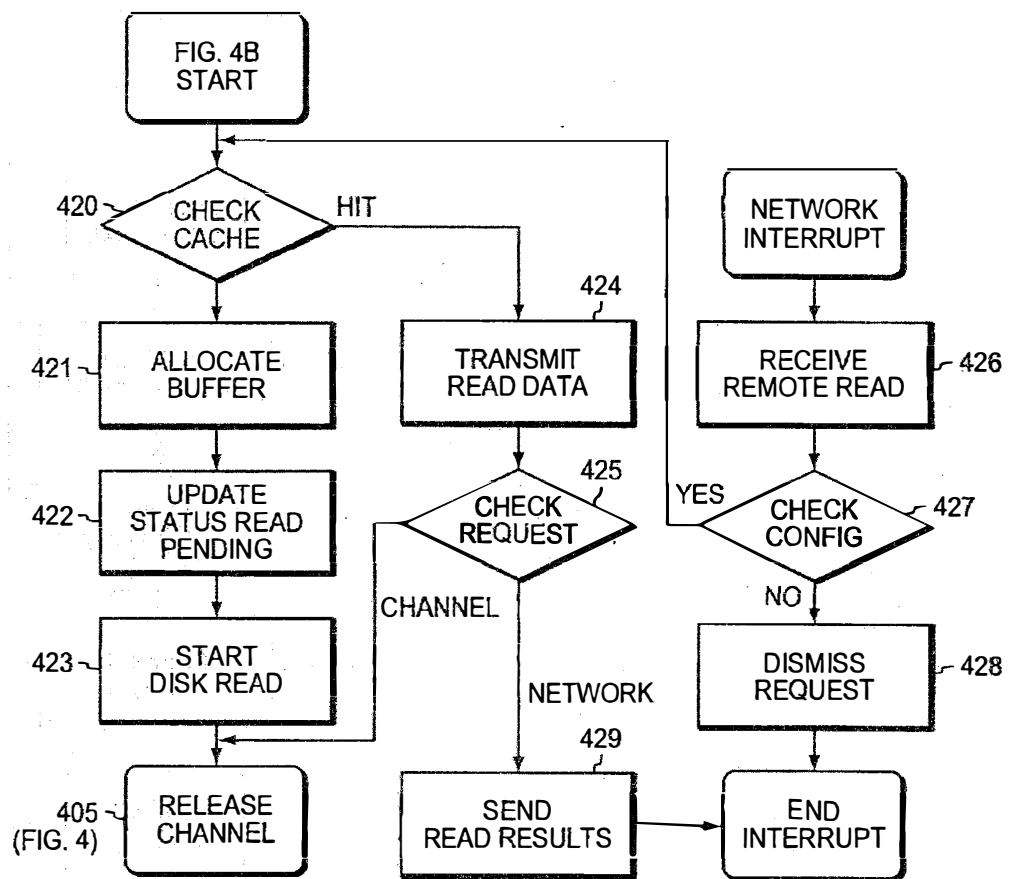


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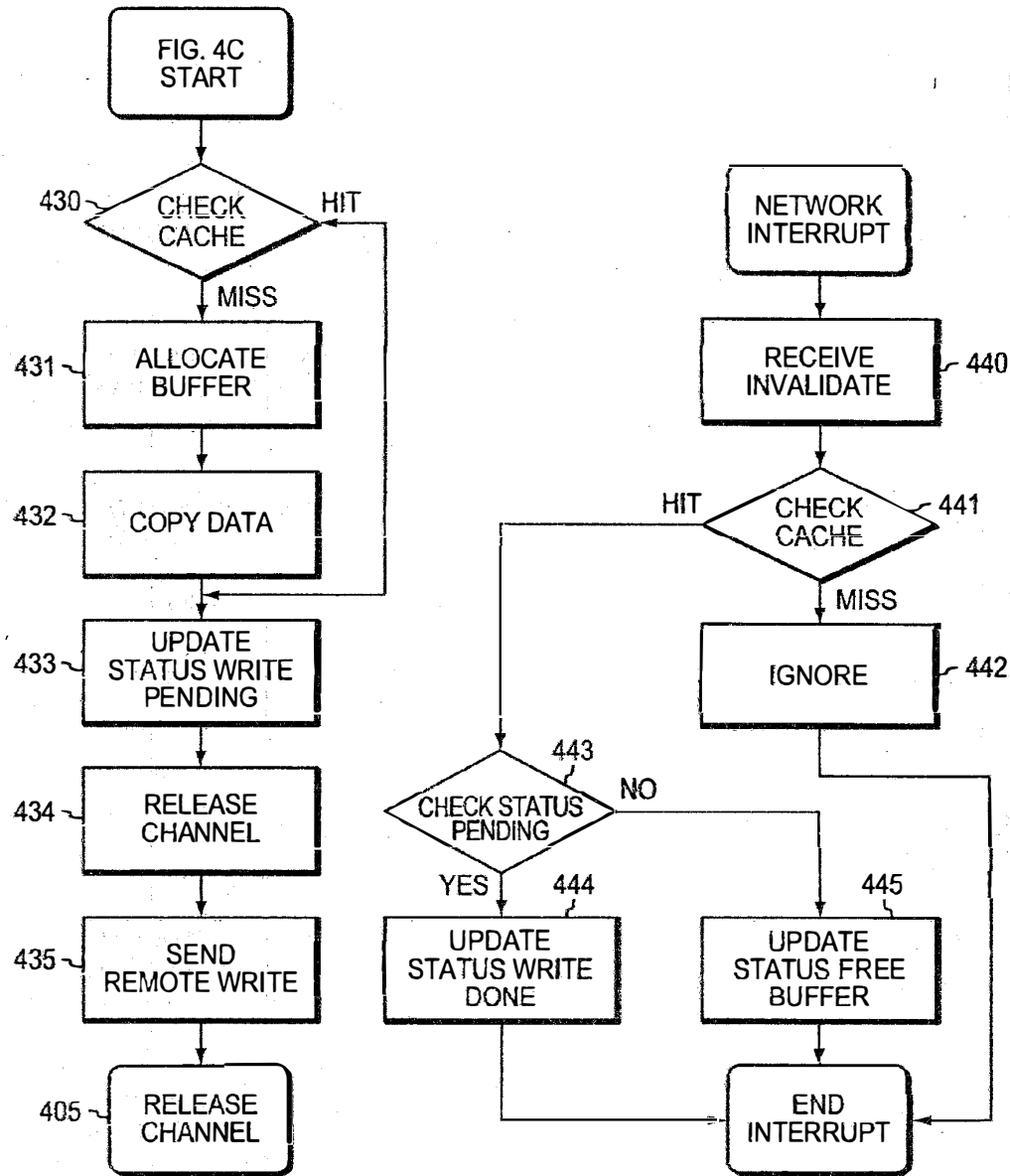


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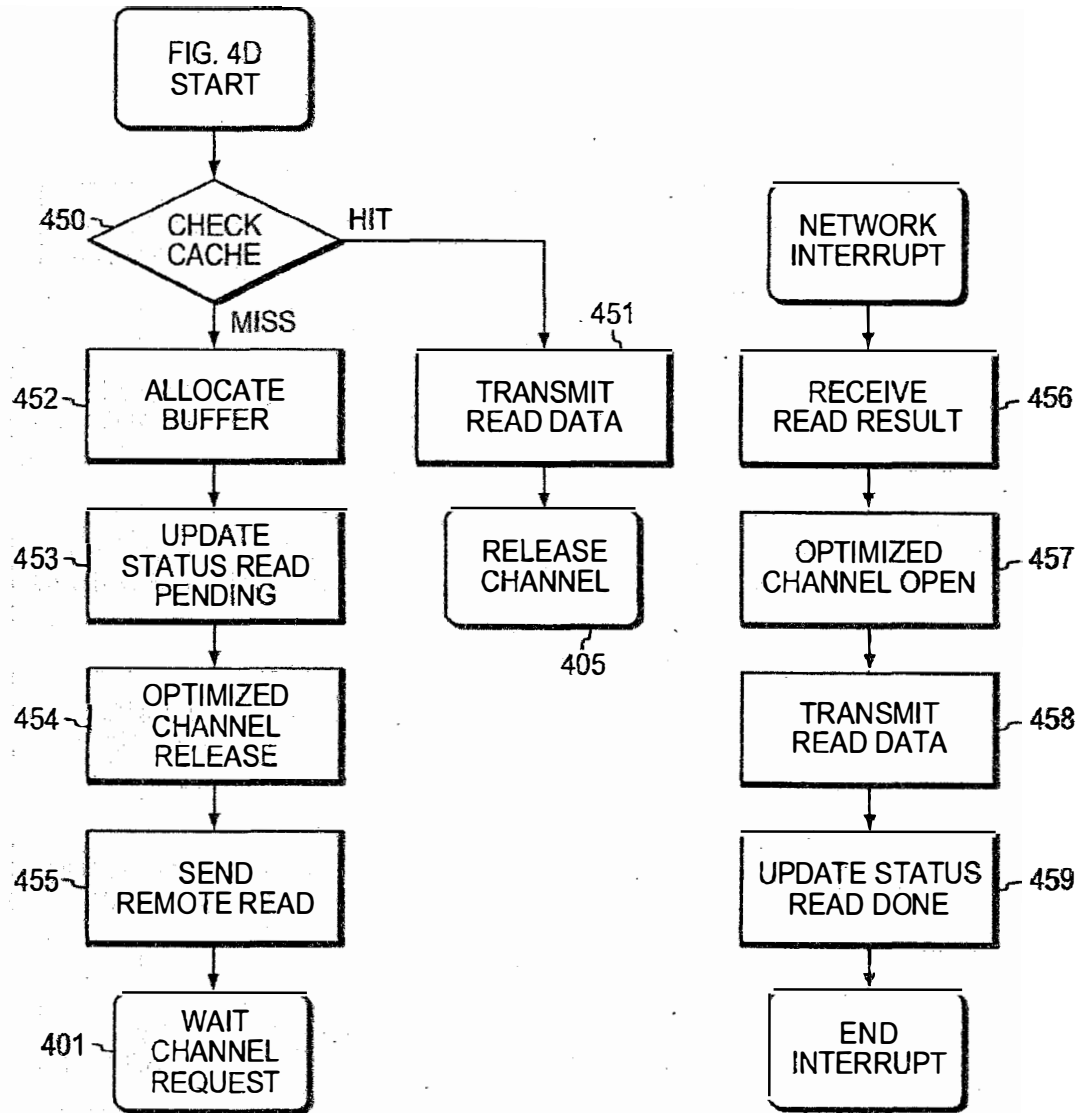


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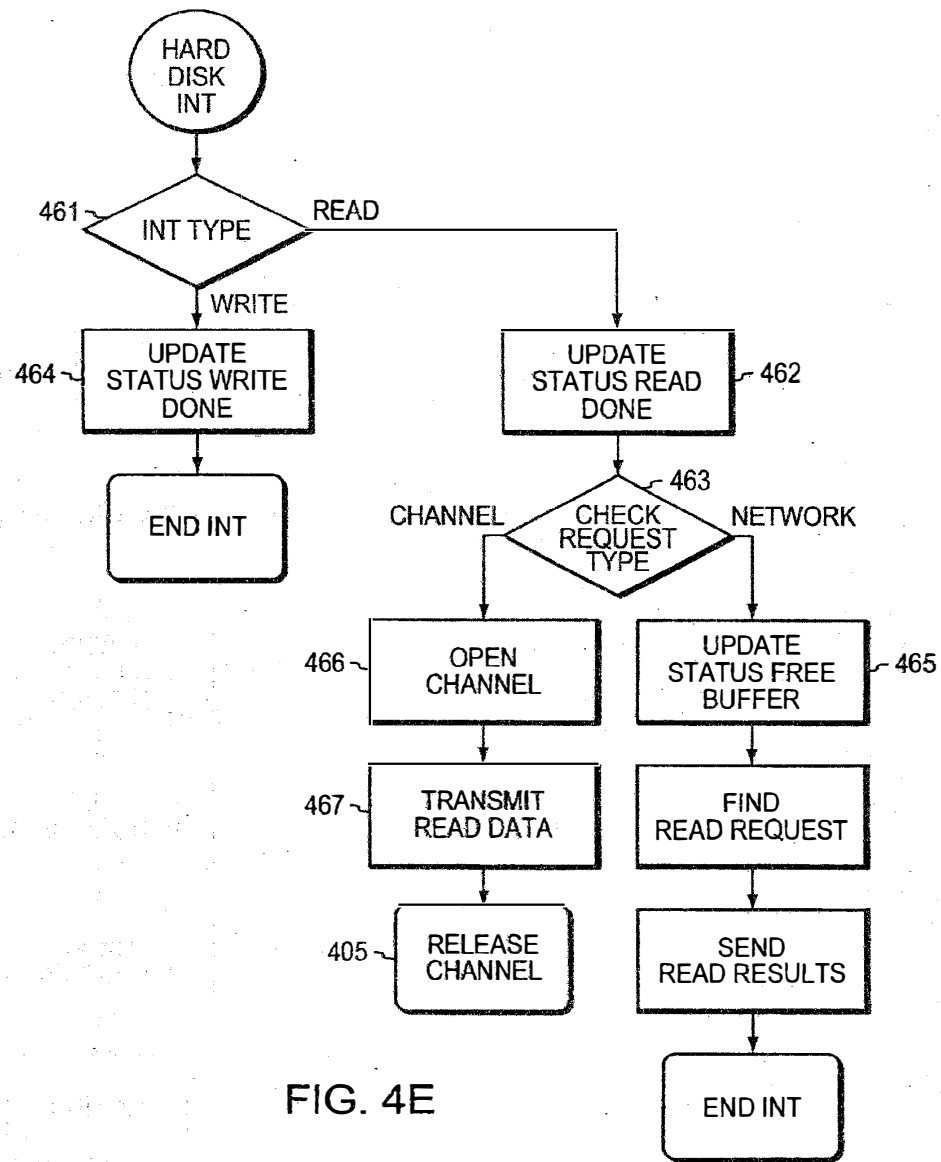


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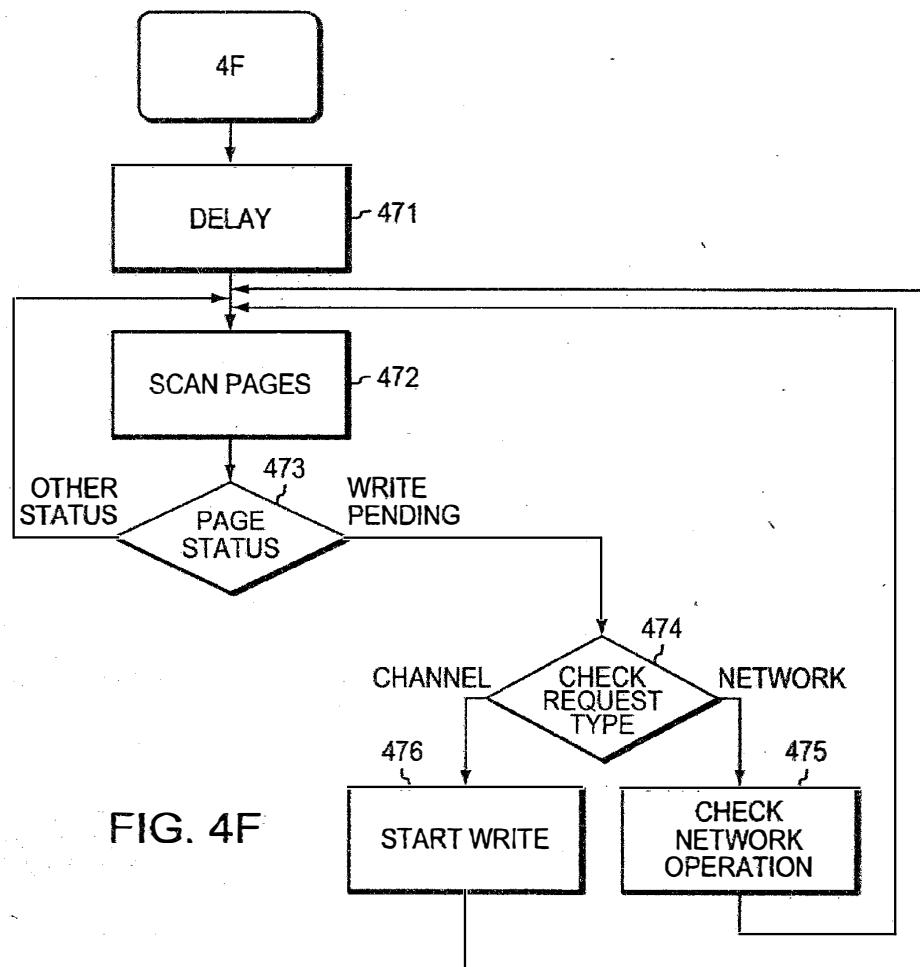


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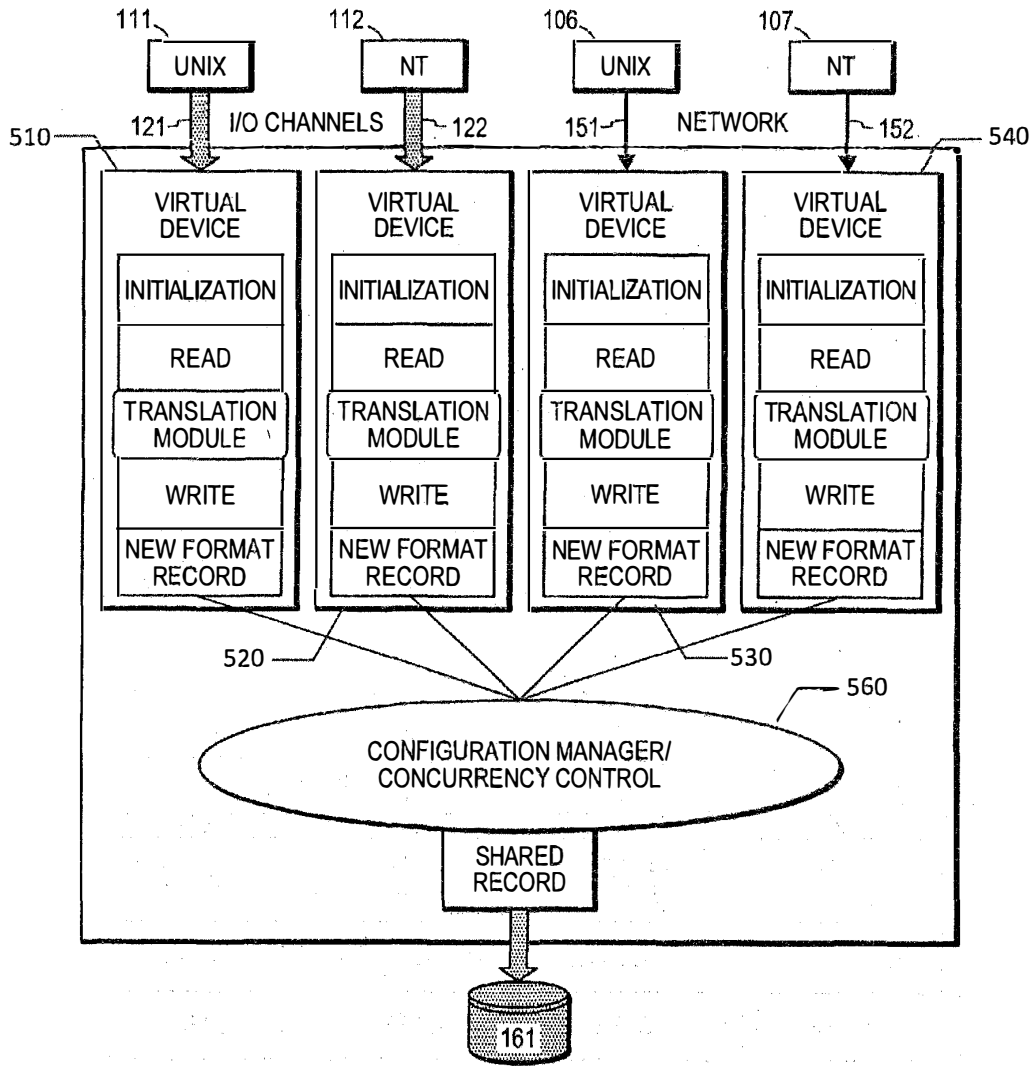


FIG. 5

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Data Storage and Data Sharing in a Network of Heterogeneous Computers

5 Related Applications

This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/236,409, filed on January 22, 1999, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

10 Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to the field of cached data storage systems and more particularly to a data storage system that permits independent access from local hosts connected via I/O channels and independent access from remote hosts and remote storage systems connected via network links. A network of PCs permits building a high-
15 performance, scalable, data storage system using off-the-shelf components at reduced cost. A configuration manager ensures consistency of data stored in the distributed cache.

Background of the Invention

20 A typical data processing system generally involves a cached data storage system that connects to local host computers via I/O channels or remote host computers via network links. The purpose of the data storage system is to improve the performance of applications running on the host computer by offloading I/O processing from the host to the data storage system. The purpose of the cache memory in a data storage system is to
25 further improve the performance of the applications by temporarily storing data buffers in the cache so that the references to those buffers can be resolved efficiently as “cache hits”. Reading data from a cache is an order of magnitude faster than reading data from a back end storage device such as a disk. Writing data to a cache is also an order of magnitude faster than writing to a disk. All writes are cache hits because data is simply
30 copied into cache buffers that are later flushed to disks.

Prior art data storage systems are implemented using proprietary hardware and very low-level software, frequently referred to as microcode, resulting in expensive and not portable systems. In contrast to the prior art systems, the preferred embodiment of the

present invention uses standard hardware and software components. A network of commercial PCs is used to implement a high-performance data storage system. A method using the network of PCs includes an algorithm for a configuration manager that manages access to the distributed cache memory stored in PCs interconnected by the network.

5 Numerous prior art systems and methods exist for managing cache memory in a data storage system. The prior art has suggested several methods for managing cache for channel attached hosts. U.S.Pat. No, 5,717,884, Gzym, et. al., Feb 2, 1996, Method and Apparatus for Cache Management, discloses data structures and algorithms that use a plurality of slots, each of which is used to store data files. U.S. Pat. No, 5,757,473,
10 Vishlitzky, et. al., Cache Management system using time stamping for replacement queue, Jul 28, 1998, discloses a method that uses time stamps to manage queues in a cached data storage system. U.S.Pat. No, 5,751,993, Ofek, et. al., May 12, 1998, Cache Management Systems, discloses yet another aspect in queue management algorithms. U.S. Pat. No, 5,600,817, Macon Jr., et. al., Feb. 4, 1997, Asynchronous read-ahead disk
15 caching using multiple disk I/O processes and dynamically variable prefetch length, discloses read-ahead methods in cached storage systems. U.S. Pat. No, 5,758,050, Brady, et. al., May 26, 1998, Reconfigurable data storage system, discloses a method for reconfiguring a data storage system.

However, the above systems use very specialized embedded operating systems
20 and custom programming in a very low-level programming language such as assembler. The obvious drawback of the above systems is high cost because assembler-level programming is very time consuming. Another drawback is inflexibility and lack of functionality. For example, some features such as reconfigurability in data storage are very limited in proprietary embedded systems when compared to general purpose
25 operating systems. Finally, networking support is very expensive and limited because it relies on dedicated communication links such as T1, T3 and ESCON.

One prior art system using networking of data storage systems is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No, 5,742,792, Yanai, et. al., April 21, 1998, Remote Data Mirroring. This patent discloses a primary data storage system providing storage services to a primary host and a
30 secondary data storage system providing services to a secondary host. The primary

storage system sends all writes to the secondary storage system via IBM ESCON, or optionally via T1 or T3 communications link. The secondary data storage system provides a backup copy of the primary storage system. Another prior art system is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,852,715, Raz, et al., December 22, 1998, System for currently updating
5 database by one host and reading the database by different host for the purpose of implementing decision support functions.

However, the above systems use dedicated communication links that are very expensive when compared to modern networking technology. Furthermore, the data management model is limited to the primary-node sending messages to the secondary
10 node scenario. This model does not support arbitrary read and write requests in a distributed data storage system.

There is a growing demand for distributed data storage systems. In response to this demand some prior art systems have evolved into complex assemblies of two systems, one proprietary a data storage system and the other an open networking server.
15 One such system is described in a white paper on a company web site on Internet. The industry white paper, EMC Data Manager: A high-performance, centralized open system backup/restore solution for LAN-based and Symmetrix resident data, describes two different systems, one for network attached hosts and second for channel attached hosts. The two systems are needed because of the lack of generic networking support. In related
20 products such as Celerra File Server, product data sheets suggest using data movers for copying data between LAN-based open system storage and channel attached storage system.

However, the above systems are built from two systems, one for handling I/O channels, and another for handling open networks. Two systems are very expensive even
25 in minimal configuration that must include two systems.

In another branch of storage industry, network attached storage systems use network links to attach to host computers. Various methods for managing cache memory and distributed applications for network attached hosts have been described in prior art. U.S. Pat. 5,819,292, Hitz, et. al., Method for maintaining consistent states of a file system
30 and for creating user-accessible read-only copies of a file system, Oct 6, 1998, U.S. Pat.

No, 5,644,751, and Burnett, et. al., July 1, 1997, Distributed file system (DFS) cache management system based on file access characteristics, discloses methods for implementing distributed file systems. U.S. Pat. No, 5,649,105, Aldred, et. al., July 15, 1997, Collaborative working in a network, discloses programming methods for distributed applications using file sharing. U.S. Pat. No, 5,701,516, Chen, et. al., Dec 23, 1997, High-performance non-volatile RAM protected write cache accelerator system employing DMA and data transferring scheme, discloses optimization methods for network attached hosts. However, those systems support only network file systems. Those systems do not support I/O channels.

10 In another application of storage systems, U.S. Pat. No, 5,790,795, Hough, August 4, 1998, Media server system which employs a SCSI bus and which utilizes SCSI logical units to differentiate between transfer modes, discloses a media server that supports different file systems on different SCSI channels. However the system above is limited to a video data and does not support network attached hosts. Furthermore, in storage industry papers, Data Sharing, by Neema, Storage Management Solutions, Vol. 3, No. 3, 15 May, 1998, and another industry paper, Storage management in UNIX environments: challenges and solutions, by Jerry Hoetger, Storage Management Solutions, Vol. 3, No. 4, survey a number of approaches in commercial storage systems and data sharing. However, existing storage systems are limited when applied to support multiple platform systems.

20 Therefore, a need exists to provide a high-performance data storage system that is assembled out of standard modules, using off-the-shelf hardware components and a standard general-purpose operating system that supports standard network software and protocols. In addition, the needs exists to provide a cached data storage system that permits independent data accesses from I/O channel attached local hosts, network 25 attached remote hosts, and network-attached remote data storage systems.

Summary of the Invention

The primary object of the invention is to provide a high performance, scalable, data storage system using off-the-shelf standard components. The preferred embodiment of the present invention comprises a network of PCs including an I/O channel adapter and network adapter and method for managing distributed cache memory stored in the
5 plurality of PCs interconnected by the network. The use of standard PCs reduces the cost of the data storage system. The use of the network of PCs permits building large, high-performance, data storage systems.

Another object of the invention is to provide a distributed cache that supports
10 arbitrary reads and writes arriving via I/O channels or network links, as well as a method for sharing data between two or more heterogeneous host computers using different data formats and connected to a data storage system. The method includes a translation module that inputs a record in a format compatible with the first host and stores the translated record in a data format compatible with the second host. Sharing of data in one
15 format and having a translation module permitting representations in different formats in cache memory provides a means for improving performance of I/O requests and saving disk storage space.

In accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention, a data storage system comprises a network of PCs each of which includes a cache memory, an I/O channel
20 adapter for transmitting data over the channel and a network adapter for transmitting data and control signals over the network. In one embodiment, a method for managing resources in a cache memory ensures consistency of data stored in the distributed cache. In another embodiment, a method for sharing data between two or more heterogeneous hosts includes the steps of: reading a record in a format compatible with one computer;
25 identifying a translation module associated with the second computer; translating the record into the format compatible with the second computer and writing said translated record into a cache memory.

The preferred embodiment of the present invention involves a method for building
30 a data storage system that provides superior functionality at lower cost when compared to prior art systems. The superior functionality is achieved by using an underlying general-

purpose operating system to provide utilities for managing storage devices, backing data, troubleshooting storage devices and performance monitoring. The lower cost is achieved by relying on standard components. Furthermore, the preferred embodiment of the present invention overcomes the limitations of prior art systems by providing concurrent access
5 for both I/O channel attached hosts and network link attached hosts.

The preferred embodiment of this invention uses SCSI channels to connect to local hosts and uses standard network links card such as Ethernet, or ATM to connect to remote hosts. The alternate embodiment of the present invention uses fiber channel link such as Fibre Channel as defined by the Fibre Channel Association, FCA, 2570 West El
10 Camino Real, Ste. 304, Mountain View, CA 94040-1313 or SSA as defined SSA Industry Association, DEPT H65/B-013 5600 Cottle Road, San Jose, CA 95193. Prior art systems such as U.S. Pat. No, 5,841,997, Bleiwess, et. al., November 24, 1998, Apparatus for effecting port switching of fibre channel loops, and U.S. Pat. No, 5,828,475, Bennett, et. al., October 27, 1998, Bypass switching and messaging mechanism for providing
15 intermix fiber optic switch using a bypass bus and buffer, disclosure methods that connects disks and controllers. However, the problems remain in software, solution of which require methods described in the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

The drawings constitute a part of this specification and include exemplary embodiments to the invention, which may be embodied in various forms.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

FIG. 1 shows data storage systems configurations;

FIG. 2 illustrates in block diagram form the alternate embodiment of the data storage system of the present invention;

25 FIG. 2A illustrates in block diagram form the alternate embodiment of the data storage system of the present invention;

FIG. 2B illustrates in block diagram form another variation of the alternate embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3 shows a PC data storage system;

FIG. 4 illustrates in data flow diagram form the operations of a data storage system including: FIG. 4A illustrating operations in write exclusive mode, FIG 4B in read exclusive mode, FIG 4C in write shared mode, FIG 4D in read shared mode, FIG 4E in disk interrupt, FIG 4F in page flusher; and

5 FIG. 5 illustrates in block diagram form data sharing operations.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Detailed descriptions of the preferred embodiment are provided herein. It is to be understood, however, that the present invention may be embodied in various forms.

10 Therefore, specific details disclosed herein are not to be interpreted as limiting.

FIG. 1 illustrates data storage system configurations of the preferred embodiment. The PC data storage system 131 services a plurality of channel attached host processors 111, 112 using channels 121, 122, and a plurality of network attached host processors 106, 107 using network link 151, and a plurality of network attached data storage systems 15
132, 133 using network links 152, 153. PC storage system 132 services channel attached hosts 157, 158.

Hosts 157 and 158 access a data storage system 131 indirectly via network attached data storage system 132, thereby offloading communications protocol overhead from remote hosts 157, 158. Hosts 106 and 107 directly access storage system 131 via
20 network link 151 thereby incurring communications protocol overhead on hosts 106, 107 and therefore decreasing performance of applications running on said hosts.

Host 111 accesses remote disk 181 via local data storage system 131, network link 153, and remote data storage system 133 without incurring protocol overhead on host 111. Host 157 accesses disk 161 via data storage system 133, network link 152, and data
25 storage system 131 without incurring protocol overhead on host 157. Host 106 directly accesses local disk 161 via network link 151 thereby incurring protocol overhead. The disks 191, 192 that are attached to hosts 106, 107 without a data storage system, cannot be accessed by outside hosts.

The preferred embodiment of the present inventions uses well-established
30 technologies such as SCSI channels for I/O traffic and Ethernet link for network traffic. In

FIG 2, the alternate embodiment of the present invention uses fiber channel technology for both I/O traffic and network traffic. The fiber channel connects computers and hard disks into one logical network. In one variation of the alternate embodiment in FIG. 2, the fiber optics link is organized as a Fiber Channel Arbitrated Loop (FCAL). In another variation shown in FIG. 2A, the fiber optics link is organized as a switching network. In yet another variation in FIG. 2B, the fiber channel is organized in two FCAL loops connected via switch.

FIG. 3 shows a software architecture and modules of a PC data storage system corresponding to the data storage system 131 in FIG 1. Data is received from the hosts 111, 112 via I/O channels 121, 122 in front-end software module 310 in FIG. 3. The front-end module 310 handles channel commands and places the results in cache memory 322 in the form of new data or modification to data already stored on the disk 161. The cache manager software module 320 calls routines in the configuration manager 340 to ensure consistency of the cache memory in other network attached data storage systems. At some later point in time, the back-end software module 342 invokes a page flusher module to write modified data to disks 161 and 162 and free up cache memory.

In FIG 3, front-end module 310 including I/O adapter driver has been modified to accept target SCSI I/O requests from hosts 111 and 112. Said front-end module handles I/O requests in such a manner that hosts 111 and 112 are not aware of a data storage system. Hosts 111 and 112 issue I/O requests as if the request is going to a standard disk.

The presence of fast access cache memory permits front end channels and network links to operate completely independent of the back-end physical disk devices. Because of this front-end/back-end separation, the data storage system 131 is liberated from the I/O channel and network timing dependencies. The data storage system is free to dedicate its processing resources to increase performance through more intelligent scheduling and data transfer network protocol.

FIG. 4 shows a flowchart of a data storage system in the process of reading or writing to data volumes stored on disk drives shown in FIG. 3. The flowchart uses a volume access table 450 (see also FIG. 5) and controlled by the configuration manager. Local operations begin in step 401 where the corresponding front-end module 310 of FIG.

3 allocates a channel and waits for I/O requests from the initiating hosts 111 or 112.

Remote operations begin in step 402. Depending upon the status of the value in a volume access table 450 the requests are routed either as shown in FIG. 4A for write exclusive mode, FIG. 4B for read exclusive, FIG. 4C for write shared or FIG. 4D for read shared.

5 Concurrently with the processing of I/O operations, the independent page flusher daemon shown in FIG. 4F scans cache memory and writes buffers to disks. Disk interrupt processing is shown in FIG 4E.

Volume access table 450 (see FIG 4) contains a mapping between hosts and volumes specifying an access mode value. If the access mode is set neither to shared nor
10 exclusive, the configuration manager forwards I/O requests directly to disk. In addition to the access mode, the volume access table may contain other values that help the configuration manager and improve performance of the data storage system.

In another embodiment of this application, shown in FIG 5, the volume access table includes a translation module for a given host to facilitate volume mapping. The
15 translation module is a dynamically loadable library that can be changed, compiled and linked at run-time.

A user of a data storage system can externally set the values and parameters in a volume access table. For each host and volume pair, a user can explicitly specify the access mode value. For some applications, where data on a remote volume is accessed
20 infrequently, the user may want to specify other than shared or exclusive in order to disable cache for the remote volume. By disabling caching, the user eliminates cache coherency traffic entirely for the volume. In a data storage system, a user or a system administrator actively monitors and changes the behavior of a cache manager by changing values in a volume access table in order to improve performance of the data storage
25 system.

FIG. 4A shows a flowchart of the cache manager 320 (see FIG. 3) as it processes a write request in an exclusive mode. In step 411 of FIG. 4A, the cache manager checks whether the requested buffer is in cache or not. For a cache miss, in step 412, the cache manager allocates a new buffer for storing data that will be written. For a cache hit, the
30 cache manager branches directly to step 413 where data is copied into the newly allocated

buffer. In step 414, the cache manager calls a configuration manager routine that sends an invalidate request to the list of shared hosts for this particular volume. In step 415, the cache manager checks the type of a request. For a channel type of a request, the cache manager returns to step 405 to release the channel. For a network type of a request, the cache manager proceeds to release network request in step 419 on the right side of FIG. 4A.

On the right side of FIG. 4A, in step 416, network interrupt identifies and receives a remote write request. In step 417, the cache manager calls configuration manager routine to determine the validity of the request. Bad requests are ignored in step 418. Correct requests proceed to step 410 for write exclusive processing. Step 415 returns the flow to step 419, which releases network resources.

FIG. 4B shows a flowchart of the cache manager as it processes a read request in an exclusive mode. In step 420, the cache manager checks whether the requested buffer is in cache or not. For a cache miss, in step 421, the cache manager allocates a buffer for storing data that will be read in. In step 422, the cache manager updates the buffer status with read pending. In step 423, the cache manager starts an operation to read from a hard disk driver and proceeds to release the channel in step 405. For a cache hit, in step 424, the cache manager transmits read data and proceeds to release the channel in step 405. For an identified network request, in step 425, the cache manager sends back read results in step 429.

On the right side of FIG. 4B, in step 426, network interrupt identifies and receives a remote read request. In step 427, the cache manager calls a configuration manager routine that checks the configuration file and ignores bad requests in step 428. Correct requests proceed to step 420 for read exclusive processing. Step 425 returns the flow to step 429 that sends read results.

FIG. 4C shows a flowchart of the cache manager as it processes a write request in a shared mode. In step 430, the cache manager checks whether the requested buffer is in cache or not. For a cache miss, in step 431, the cache manager allocates a new buffer for storing data that will be written. For a cache hit, the cache manager branches directly to step 432 where data is copied into the newly allocated buffer. In step 433, the cache

manager updates the buffer status with write pending and proceeds to step 434 to release the channel. In step 435, the cache manager calls a configuration manager routine that sends a remote write request to the host that holds this particular volume in an exclusive mode. In follow up to step 435, the cache manager returns to the beginning of FIG. 4.

5 On the right side of FIG. 4C, the cache manager updates the buffer status with write done in step 444. The flow begins with the network interrupt that calls configuration manager to validate the request in step 441. Bad requests are ignored in step 442. A correct request proceeds to step 443 that checks whether the status of this particular buffer is write pending. If the status is pending, in step 444, the cache manager
10 updates the buffer status to write done. For any other buffer status, in step 445, the cache manager updates the status to free. This buffer is released in accordance with the invalidate request that has come from a remote host that holds this volume in an exclusive mode as has been described in FIG. 4A.

FIG. 4D shows a flowchart of the cache manager as it processes a read request in
15 a shared mode. In step 450, the cache manager checks whether the requested buffer is in cache or not. For a cache miss, in step 452, the cache manager allocates a buffer for storing data that will be read into. For a cache hit, in step 451, the cache manager transmits read data and proceeds to step 405 to release the channel. In the case of the cache miss, the cache manager allocates a new buffer in step 452 and updates its status to
20 read pending in step 453. In step 454, the cache manager closes the channel with an optimizer that maintains a pool of open channels which are kept open only for the specified amount of time. In step 455, the cache manager calls configuration manager routine that sends a remote read request to the host that holds this particular volume in an exclusive mode. The operations of the host holding volume in read exclusive mode have
25 been shown in FIG. 4B.

On the right side of FIG. 4D, in step 456, a network interrupt identifies a remote read result. In step 457, the cache manager performs an optimized channel open. Depending upon the status of the optimizer that has been initiated in step 454, the cache manager may immediately get access to the still open channel or, if the optimizer fails,
30 the cache manager may need to reopen the channel. In step 458, the cache manager

transmits read data. In step 459, the cache manager updates the buffer status to read done and proceeds to step 459 where it releases the channel.

FIG. 4E shows a flowchart of the cache manager as it processes a hard disk interrupt request marking the completion of a read or write request. The read request has been started in step 423 in FIG 4B. The write request has been started in step 475 in FIG 4F. In step 460, the cache manager checks the type of the hardware interrupt. For a write interrupt in step 461, the cache manager updates the buffer status to write done and releases resources associated with the interrupt. For a read interrupt in step 462, the cache manager updates the buffer status to read done. In step 463, the cache manager checks request type of the read operation that has been started in FIG 4B. For a channel request, the cache manager proceeds to open a channel in step 466. In step 467, the cache manager transmits read data and proceeds to release the channel in step 405. For a network request in step 464, the cache manager finds the remote read requests that initiated the request. In step 466, the cache manager sends read results and ends interrupt processing.

FIG. 4F shows a flowchart of a cache memory page flusher. The flusher is a separate daemon running as part of the cache manager. In step 471, the flusher waits for the specified amount of time. After the delay in step 472, the flusher begins to scan pages in cached memory. In step 473, the flusher checks the page status. If the page list has been exhausted in branch no more pages, the flusher returns to step 471 where it waits. If the page status is other than the write pending, the flusher returns to step 472 to continue scanning for more pages. If the page status is write pending, the flusher proceeds to step 474. In step 474, the flusher checks the request type. For a channel type, the flusher starts a read operation in step 475 and returns to scan pages in step 472. For a network type, the flusher checks for the network operations in progress and returns to step 472 for more pages.

FIG. 5 shows a data sharing operation between a plurality of heterogeneous host computers. In one embodiment the plurality of hosts includes but is not limited to a Sun Solaris workstation 111, Windows NT server 112, HP UNIX 106, and Digital UNIX 107 each accessing a distinct virtual device respectively 510, 520, 530 and 540. Configuration

manager 560 provides concurrency control for accessing virtual devices that are mapped to the same physical device 161. The configuration manager uses a volume access table 450 that has been shown in FIG. 4.

5 A virtual device is a method that comprises three operations: initialization, read and write. The initialization operation registers a virtual device in an operating system on a heterogeneous host. Following the registration, the virtual device appears as if it is another physical device that can be brought on-line, offline or mounted on a file system. An application program running on the host cannot distinguish between a virtual device and a physical device.

10 For a virtual device, the read operation begins with a read from a physical device followed by a call to a translation module. The translation module inputs a shared record in a original format used on a physical disk and outputs the record in a new format that is specified for and is compatible with a host computer. The write operation begins with a call to a translation module that inputs a record in a new format and outputs a record in a
15 shared format. The translation module is a dynamically loadable library that can be changed, compiled and linked at run-time.

The virtual device method described above allows a plurality of heterogeneous host computers to share one copy of data stored on a physical disk. In a data storage system using said virtual device method, a plurality of virtual devices is maintained in
20 cache without requiring a copy of data on a physical disk.

While the invention has been described in connection with a preferred embodiment, it is not intended to limit the scope of the invention to the particular form set forth.

25 What is claimed is:

CLAIMS

1 1. A data storage system for use in a first computer connected to a network comprising a
2 plurality of other computers, each computer on the network storing data in a respective
3 data format, the storage system comprising:

4 (1) management software enabling any other computer connected to the network
5 to access data stored on the first computer; and

6 (2) translation software for translating the accessed data into a format compatible
7 with the other computer.

1 2. The system of claim 1 wherein:

2 (1) the management software further enables any other computer to store data on
3 the first computer; and

4 (2) the translation software further facilitates translating data from the other
5 computer into a format compatible with the first computer.

1 3. The system of claim 2 wherein the data on the first computer is stored in a cache
2 memory.

1 4. The system of claim 3 wherein the cache memory comprises a portion of a distributed
2 cache memory stored in the first computer and the other computers on the network.

1 5. The system of claim 1 wherein the computers comprise off-the-shelf hardware and
2 operating systems.

1 6. The system of claim 5 wherein the management software includes a configuration
2 manager that employs a file system from the off-the-shelf operating system.

1 7. The system of claim 6 wherein:

2 (1) at least some of the computers comprise at least one storage device; and

3 (2) the file system manages at least some of the storage devices on other
4 computers as virtual data storage devices.

1 8. The system of claim 6 wherein:

2 (1) each storage device comprises a mappable data volume; and

3 (2) the configuration manager includes a configuration file providing mapping
4 between data volumes referenced by computers on the network and data volumes of the
5 first computer.

1 9. A data sharing system for use in a first computer connected to a network comprising a
2 plurality of other computers, each computer on the network storing data in a respective
3 data format, the sharing system comprising a plurality of computers intercommunicating
4 on the computer network, each computer comprising a virtual device that itself comprises
5 a translation module for translating between a native data format and a data format of at
6 least one other computer connected to the network.

1 10. The system of claim 9 wherein each computer further comprises a configuration
2 manager program for providing concurrency control for accessing the virtual device.

1 11. The system of claim 10 further comprising a volume access table employed by the
2 configuration manager.

1 12. The system of claim 10 wherein each virtual device further comprises:

2 (1) an initialization means for registering the virtual device in at least one other
3 computer connected to the network;

4 (2) a read means for allowing the first computer to access data stored on at least
5 one other computer connected to the network using the translation module as an
6 intermediary; and

7 (3) a write means for allowing at least one other computer to store data on the first
8 computer in a shared data format using the translation module as an intermediary .

1 13. A method of storing and retrieving data in a first computer connected to a network
2 comprising a plurality of other computers, each computer on the network storing data in a
3 respective data format, the method comprising the steps of:

4 (1) receiving on the first computer a data request from a second computer over the
5 network;

6 (2) causing the first computer to respond to the request by translating the
7 requested data into a format compatible with the second computer; and

8 (3) causing the first computer to make the translated data available to the second
9 computer.

1 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the data on the first computer is stored in a cache
2 memory.

1 15. The method of claim 14 wherein the cache memory comprises a portion of a
2 distributed cache memory located in the first computer and the other computers on the
3 network.

1 16. The method of claim 13 wherein the computers comprise off-the-shelf hardware and
2 operating systems.

1 17. The method of claim 16 wherein the first computer comprises management software
2 including a configuration manager that employs a file system from the off-the-shelf
3 operating system.

ABSTRACT

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A network of PCs includes an I/O channel adapter and network adapter, and is configured for management of a distributed cache memory stored in the plurality of PCs interconnected by the network. The use of standard PCs reduces the cost of the data storage system. The use of the network of PCs permits building large, high-performance, data storage systems.