

Please type a sign(+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/05 (2/98)

Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
or use through 09/30/2000. OMB 0651-0032  
Invalid OMB control number.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no responses are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

09/28/99

16675 U.S. PTO

### UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	1719.0050002
First Inventor or Application Identifier	Jeffrey J. ROTHSCHILD
Title	Server-Group Messaging System for Interactive Applications
Express Mail Label No.	

16675 U.S. PTO  
09/28/99

#### APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

- 1.  \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- 2.  Specification [Total Pages 60 ]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
- 3.  Drawings (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 11 ]
- 4.  Oath or Declaration [Total Pages      ]
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed) [Note Box 5 below]
    - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- 5.  Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- 7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a.  Computer Readable Copy
  - b.  Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c.  Statement verifying identity of above copies

#### ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 8.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 9.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
- 10.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 11.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
- 12.  Preliminary Amendment
- 13.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
- 14.  \*Small Entity Statement(s) (PTO/SB/09-12)  Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired
- 15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
- 16.  Other: 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization
- Other:

\*NOTE FOR ITEMS 1 & 14: IN ORDER TO BE ENTITLED TO PAY SMALL ENTITY FEES, A SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT IS REQUIRED (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), EXCEPT IF ONE FILED IN A PRIOR APPLICATION IS RELIED UPON (37 C.F.R. § 1.28).

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

Continuation     Divisional     Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No: **08/896,797**

Prior application information: Examiner **Zarni Maung**    Group/Art Unit: **2758**

#### 18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Customer Number or Bar Code Label     Correspondence address below

(Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here)

NAME	STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C. Attorneys at Law				
ADDRESS	Suite 600, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W.				
CITY	Washington	STATE	DC	ZIP CODE	20005-3934
COUNTRY	USA	TELEPHONE	(202) 371-2600	FAX	(202) 371-2540

NAME (Print/Type)	Raymond Millien	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	43,806
SIGNATURE	<i>Raymond Millien</i>	Date	9/29/99

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1100 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 600  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005-3934

(202) 371-2600

FACSIMILE: (202) 371-2540; (202) 371-6566

ROBERT GREENE STERNE  
EDWARD J. KESSLER  
JORGE A. GOLDSTEIN  
SAMUEL L. FOX  
DAVID K.S. CORNWELL  
ROBERT W. ESMOND  
TRACY-GENE G. DURKIN  
MICHELE A. CIMBALA  
MICHAEL B. RAY  
ROBERT E. SOKOHL

ERIC K. STEFFE  
MICHAEL O. LEE  
STEVEN R. LUDWIG  
JOHN M. COVERT\*  
LINDA E. ALCORN  
RAZ E. FLESHNER  
ROBERT C. MILLONIG  
MICHAEL V. MESSINGER  
JUDITH U. KIM  
TIMOTHY J. SHEA, JR.

DONALD R. MCPHAIL  
PATRICK E. GARRETT  
STEPHEN G. WHITESIDE  
JEFFREY T. HELVEY\*  
HEIDI L. KRAUS  
JEFFREY R. KURIN  
RAYMOND MILLIEN  
PATRICK D. O'BRIEN  
LAWRENCE B. BUGAISKY  
CRYSTAL D. SAYLES\*

EDWARD W. YEE  
ALBERT L. FERRO\*  
DONALD R. BANOWIT\*  
PETER A. JACKMAN  
MOLLY A. MCCALL  
TERESA U. MEDLER  
JEFFREY S. WEAVER  
KRISTIN K. VIDOVICH  
ANDREW S. ROBERTS\*  
KENDRICK P. PATTERSON\*

DONALD J. FEATHERSTONE\*\*  
KAREN R. MARKOWICZ\*\*  
GRANT E. REED\*\*  
SUZANNE E. ZISKA\*\*  
BRIAN J. DEL BUONO\*\*  
VINCENT L. CAPUANO\*\*  
ANDREA J. KAMAGE\*\*  
NANCY J. DEGEN\*\*

ROBERT H. BENSON\*  
OF COUNSEL

\*BAR OTHER THAN D.C.  
\*\*REGISTERED PATENT AGENTS

09/28/99  
JC639 U.S. PTO

September 28, 1999

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:

(202) 789-5506

INTERNET ADDRESS:

RMILLIEN@SKGF.COM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Box Patent Application

Re: U.S. Continuation Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
(Based on Appl. No. 08/896,797; Filed: July 18, 1997)  
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: September 28, 1999  
For: **Server-Group Messaging System for Interactive Applications**  
Inventors: Jeffrey J. ROTHSCHILD, Daniel J. SAMUEL and  
Marc P. KWIATKOWSKI  
Our Ref: 1719.0050002

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Server-Group Messaging System for Interactive Applications**

and naming as inventors:

**Jeffrey J. ROTHSCHILD, Daniel J. SAMUEL and  
Marc P. KWIATKOWSKI**

the application consisting of:

The PTO did not receive the following listed item(s) of 2 Postcard

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
September 28, 1999  
Page 2

- a. A specification containing:
  - (i) 55 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - (ii) 4 pages of claims (16 claims);
  - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- b. Eleven (11) sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-11);
3. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
4. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time (in duplicate); and
5. Two (2) return postcards.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

**This application claims priority to U.S. Application No. 08/896,797, filed July 18, 1997, now allowed, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/595,323, filed, February 1, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,822,523.**

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

***This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.***

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Raymond Millien  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 43,806

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
ROTHSCHILD *et al.*  
Appl. No. To be assigned  
Filed: September 28, 1999  
For: **Server-Group Messaging System  
for Interactive Applications**

Art Unit: 2758  
Examiner: Z. Maung  
Atty. Docket: 1719.0050002



**Authorization To Treat A Reply As Incorporating An Extension Of  
Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge all required extension of time fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036, if such fees are not otherwise provided for in such reply. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Millien".

Raymond Millien  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 43,806

Date: 9/28/99  
1100 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Suite 600  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934  
(202) 371-2600

0050002.aut