#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

EMG TECHNOLOGY, LLC,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 6:14-CV-95

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

v.

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY,

Defendant.

#### **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff EMG Technology, LLC ("EMG") alleges as follows for its complaint against Defendant Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"):

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is an action for patent infringement in violation of the Patent Act of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq.

2. This Court has original and exclusive subject matter jurisdiction over the patent infringement claims for relief under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

3. The Court has personal jurisdiction over BB&T because BB&T has transacted and is transacting business in the Eastern District of Texas that includes, but is not limited to, the use, and promotion of the use of, products and systems that practice the subject matter claimed in the patents involved in this action.

4. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b-c) and 1400(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this District

where BB&T has done business and committed infringing acts and continues to do business and to commit infringing acts.

#### **PARTIES**

5. EMG is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business in Los Angeles, California.

6. EMG is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that BB&T is a corporation organized under the laws of the North Carolina, with its principal place of business at 200 W. 2nd Street, Winston Salem, NC 27101. EMG is further informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that BB&T is in the business of providing commercial and retail banking and financial services, and that a significant portion of its revenue derives from the promotion and/or sale of its products and services through its Internet web sites, including at least the following web sites reformatted for use on portable devices and cellular phones capable of browsing the Internet using a small screen, located at <u>http://www.bbt.com</u> and

http://m.bbt.com/mobile/dafault.page ("Accused Instrumentalities").

7. EMG is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that, at all times relevant hereto, BB&T has done and continues to do business in this judicial district.

#### PATENTS

8. United States Patent No. 7,441,196 (the "196 Patent") entitled "Apparatus and Method of Manipulating a Region on a Wireless Device Screen for Viewing, Zooming and Scrolling Internet Content" was duly and legally issued on October 21, 2008. The '196 Patent claims methods of navigating the Internet and machine readable medium to display and navigate the Internet. A true and correct copy of the '196 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference. By a series of assignments, EMG is now the assignee of

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the entire right, title and interest in and to the '196 Patent, including all rights to enforce the '196 Patent and to recover for infringement. The '196 Patent is valid and in force.

9. Following a reexamination of Patent No. 7,441,196, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an Inter Partes Reexamination Certificate, Number US 7,441,196 C1, on September 6, 2011. A true and correct copy of Inter Partes Reexamination Certificate, Number US 7,441,196 C1 is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference. (United States Patent No. 7,441,196, together with *Inter Partes* Reexamination Certificate, Number US 7,441,196 C1, shall hereinafter be referred to as the "196 Patent.").

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### **Infringement of the '196 Patent**

10. EMG refers to and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1-9.

11. BB&T, by the acts complained of herein, and by making, using, selling, offering for sale, and/or importing in the United States, including in the Eastern District of Texas, instrumentalities embodying the invention, has in the past, does now, and continues to infringe the '196 Patent directly, contributorily and/or by inducement, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

12. At least since the filing of this complaint, BB&T has had actual knowledge of the '196 patent.

13. On information and belief, BB&T has knowingly and actively induced the infringement of one or more of the '196 patent claims by, *inter alia*, marketing and promoting the Accused Instrumentalities, knowingly and intending that such websites be used by BB&T's customers to infringe the '196 patent. For example, BB&T intends to induce such infringement by, among other things, promoting users to display and navigate mobile websites at

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<u>http://www.bbt.com</u> and <u>http://m.bbt.com/mobile/dafault.page</u> knowing that the display and navigation of BB&T's mobile websites on a user's portable device or cell phone infringes one or more claims of the '196 Patent.

14. On information and belief, BB&T has contributed to the infringement of the '196 patent by, *inter alia*, marketing and promoting products. Defendant has used and promoted within the United States the Accused Instrumentalities, which are not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use, and are known by BB&T to be especially made or especially adapted to the infringe the '196 patent. As a result, BB&T's accused websites have been used by their customers and users to infringe the '196 patent. BB&T continues to engage in acts of contributory infringement of the '196 patent.

15. By reason of the acts of BB&T alleged herein, EMG has suffered damage in an amount to be proved at trial.

16. BB&T threatens to continue to engage in the acts complained of herein and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to do so, all to EMG's irreparable injury. It would be difficult to ascertain the amount of compensation that would afford EMG adequate relief for such future and continuing acts, and a multiplicity of judicial proceedings would be required. EMG does not have an adequate remedy at law to compensate it for the injuries threatened.

#### JURY DEMAND

17. EMG demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, EMG prays for relief as follows:

A. For an order finding that the '196 Patent is valid and enforceable;

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B. For an order finding that BB&T has infringed the '196 Patent directly, and/or by inducement, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271;

C. For an order temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoining BB&T, its officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, subsidiaries, divisions, branches, parents, attorneys, representatives, privies, and all others acting in concert or participation with any of them, from infringing the '196 Patent directly, contributorily and/or by inducement, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271;

D. For an order directing BB&T to file with the Court, and serve upon EMG's counsel, within thirty (30) days after entry of the order of injunction, a report setting forth the manner and form in which it has complied with the injunction;

E. For an order awarding EMG general and/or specific damages adequate to compensate EMG for the infringement by BB&T, including a reasonable royalty and/or lost profits, in amounts to be fixed by the Court in accordance with proof, including enhanced and/or exemplary damages, as appropriate, as well as all of the profits or gains of any kind made by BB&T from its acts of patent infringement;

F. For an order awarding EMG pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law;

G. For an order requiring an accounting of the damages to which EMG is found to be entitled;

H. For an order declaring this to be an exceptional case pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding EMG its attorneys' fees;

I. For an order awarding EMG its costs of court; and

J. For an order awarding EMG such other and further relief as the Court deems just

and proper.

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# EXHIBIT "A"

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## (12) United States Patent

#### Gottfurcht et al.

#### (54) APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MANIPULATING A REGION ON A WIRELESS DEVICE SCREEN FOR VIEWING, ZOOMING AND SCROLLING INTERNET CONTENT

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- (\*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.

This patent is subject to a terminal disclaimer.

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#### **Related U.S. Application Data**

- (63) Continuation of application No. 09/518,015, filed on Mar. 3, 2000, now Pat. No. 7,020,845, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/440,214, filed on Nov. 15, 1999, now Pat. No. 6,600,497.
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#### (57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus of simplified navigation. A web page is provided having a link to a sister site. The sister site facilitates simplified navigation. Pages from the sister site are served responsive to actuation of the sister site link. In one embodiment, the sister site includes matrix pages to permit matrix navigation.

#### 76 Claims, 28 Drawing Sheets



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FIG. 2A





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Departments Sto Apparel Elowers To Bath/Reauty Food/Drink Gi Computers Music Vi	ands of stores. Millions of products. pres Products products products products Digital cameras Pokemon mmoni Teddy Bear MP3 players acy's DYD players	In the News • Clinton urges Congress to back Congo force • Windows 2000 debut • NASA releases NEAR asteroid images
Arts & Humanities Literature: Photography Business & Economy	News & Media Full Coverage, Newspapers, TV Recreation & Sports	Marketplace • Loan Center - auto loans, morgages, credit reports
Companies, Finance, Jobs Computers & Internet Internet, WWW, Software, Games	Sports, Travel, Autos, Outdoors Reference Libraries, Dictionaries, Quotations	Yahoo! Bill Pay - free 3-month trial Yahoo! Autos - buy new and used cars more
<u>Education</u> College and University, K-12 Entertainment	Regional Countries, Regions, US States Science	Inside Yahool • <u>Yahool Outloud</u> - featuring Smash Mouth • <u>Y1 Mobile</u> - Yahool on your phone
Cool Links, Movies, Humor, Music Government Elections, Military, Law, Taxes	Animals, Astronomy, Engineering Social Science Archaeology, Economics, Languages	Play free Fantasy Auto Racing Y! Greetings - free greeting cards more
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FIG. 6





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#### **APPARATUS AND METHOD OF** MANIPULATING A REGION ON A WIRELESS **DEVICE SCREEN FOR VIEWING, ZOOMING** AND SCROLLING INTERNET CONTENT

#### CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application, is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/518,015, filed Mar. 3, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10 interface of one embodiment of the invention. 09/440,214, filed Nov. 15, 1999, issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,600,497, each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### BACKGROUND

(1) Field of the Invention

The invention relates to electronic information services and electronic commerce services. More specifically, the invention relates to providing easy navigation to facilitate 20 embodiment of the invention. access to such services and improved web access through a television display, internet appliance, and wireless devices.

(2) Background

The importance of the Internet as a tool of electronic commerce can not be overstated. The ability of consumers to buy 25 products, obtain information from the comfort of their own home is revolutionizing the way business is done. Increasingly, there is a push to provide access to the Internet on standard television monitors through the use of set top boxes. Over time, much like cable-ready televisions, it is expected 30 that Internet-ready televisions will proliferate. Unfortunately, even on large screen televisions the web surfing experience is poor, inasmuch as the web content is illegible and/or unnegotiable, unless you happen to be sitting very close to the television. Generally, this makes web surfing impractical in 35 more traditional television environments. As the television web access systems proliferate, improved navigation and content access on the television is likely to become a necessity.

#### BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A method and apparatus of simplified navigation is disclosed. A web page is provided having a link to a sister site. The sister site facilitates simplified navigation. Pages from <sup>45</sup> the sister site are served responsive to actuation of the sister site link. In one embodiment, the sister site includes matrix pages to permit matrix navigation.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a system employing one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 2*a* is an exemplary web page having a sister site link. 55 FIG. 2*b* is an exemplary first matrix page of a sister site for the web page of FIG. 2a.

FIG. 2c is a web page having irregular segmentation.

FIG. 3 is a flow diagram of conversion of standard HTML pages to a sister site format in one embodiment of the inven-60 tion.

FIG. 4 is a block diagram of a client hardware architecture of one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 5a is a flow diagram of server side segmentation in one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 5b is a flow diagram of client side manipulation of a segmented page in one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 5c is a diagram showing a system implementing the tab, scroll, and zoom features of one embodiment of the invention.

FIG.  $\mathbf{6}$  is a flow chart of operations of the navigation system 5 of one embodiment of the invention in a custom terminal custom browser node.

FIG. 7 is a flow diagram of operation of the sister site server of one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 8 is a diagram of the display of a graphical user

FIG. 9a-d are examples of sister site matrix pages.

FIGS. 10a-g are a series of matrix layers displayed during an exemplary navigation using one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 11 shows a history window overlying a navigation matrix layer.

FIGS. 12a and b are an example of a matrix layer of one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 13 is an e-mail composition matrix layer for one

FIG. 14 shows an alternative matrix page of one embodiment of the invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A simplified system for navigation of the Internet or other content source allows access to the content and services available thereon with greater ease, on, for example, a display more remote from a user than in the use of the "traditional" personal computer (PC) two foot paradigm.

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a system employing one embodiment of the invention. A wide-area network (WAN) 10, such as the Internet, couples together a plurality of communication nodes. Some nodes, such as node 12, may be a standard prior art PC executing any conventional web browser. Alternatively, node 12 might be a set top box and television, or an internet appliance, or a wireless device, such as a web-enabled cell phone. Additionally, there are server nodes connected to WAN 10, such as server node 16, which 40 may be any conventional web server. Also coupled to WAN 10 are browser nodes 22 running a custom browser that facilitate access to information and services provided to the custom browser node 22. The custom browser node 22 as well as any browser nodes 12 are collectively referred to as client nodes. Content partners, such as content partner node 14 provide content in a specified format that facilitates its use by the client nodes 12, 22. In one embodiment, when a user accesses a content partner home page, they have the option of linking to a sister site. As used herein, "sister site" is deemed to mean 50 a site that provides for navigation of the site using a simplified navigation system, such as matrix navigation described in more detail below. In one embodiment, the sister site is traditional HTML pages converted to a matrix format to permit matrix navigation. This conversion may be done using an XML transcoding or any other suitable language.

Content partners may maintain a database of sister site web pages corresponding to the pages in the general use site. Alternatively, content partners may provide a facility for converting web pages on the fly to the sister site format. Content partners may also provide for segmentation of the base HTML web pages and/or the matrix pages. A segmentation may be performed in a number of ways. The page may be divided up based on content or area. The net result, in any case, is that the web page is divided into regions which are not necessarily, but may be, of equal size. The individual regions may be brought into focus independently. By "brought into focus," the concept of focus in this context is analogous to the

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front window in a windowing system. The focus region is deemed active and subject to client manipulation. In the context of a matrix page, one suitable segmentation is by cell, e.g., each cell corresponds to a region that may be independently brought into focus. The borders of the regions may or 5 may not be visible on the web pages displayed. This segmentation facilitates tab, scroll, and zoom features described in more detail below. Alternatively, segmentation may be performed as part of a custom browser on custom browser nodes or may be instantiated as a hardware or firmware solution 10 within, for example, the set top box.

FIG. 2a is an exemplary web page having a sister site link. By actuating the link, the client begins receiving matrix pages as described in more detail below. FIG. 2b shows an example first matrix page reached by activating the sister site link in 15 FIG. 2a. FIG. 2c is a web page having irregular segmentation. Through segmentation, the page is divided into regions. Individual regions may then be brought into focus permitting simplified navigation, viewing, and manipulation of the data within that region. 20

FIG. 3 is a flow diagram of conversion of standard HTML pages to a sister site format in one embodiment of the invention. A hypertext markup language (HTML) page 40 is transcoded by a transcoder 30 to yield, for example, an XML page 42 to which a document type definition (DTD) 38 is 25 applied. The DTD 38 specifies the rules for the structure of the resulting XML document. The XML page is then reformatted using extensible style language (XSL) 34 to corresponding format data 32. XSL is not currently supported by all standard browsers. Thus, after formatting, the XML document is trans- 30 lated to an extensible hypertext markup language (XHTML) document for subsequent display by a client side browser on display 52. Alternatively, the XML page may have a cascading style sheet (CSS) applied to achieve the desired format. One advantage of the CSS is that it is supported by standard 35 browsers. After application of the CSS, the resulting formatted page can be displayed by the client browser on display 52.

The above-described conversion may be done by a content partner in advance of request for pages or may be done on the fly responsive to requests for pages. The determination of 40 which to do involves a trade off between latency in providing requested pages and storage space required to store the additional pages. Some on the fly conversion is desirable in the event that a user attempts to access a web site that has not previously been converted. It is also within the scope and 45 contemplation of providing for conversion on the client side.

FIG. 4 is a block diagram of a client hardware architecture of one embodiment of the invention. A processor 100 is coupled to various memory units and an I/O bus bridge 110 by a local bus 102. Among the expected memory units are ran-50 dom access memory (RAM) 106, which may be any standard RAM, including standard dynamic random access memory (DRAM), and may be symmetric or asymmetric. Also coupled to bus 102 is a read-only memory (ROM) unit 108. The ROM will typically include the boot code for the proces-55 sor 100. A non-volatile RAM (NVRAM) unit 104 is also coupled to the bus.

The I/O bus bridge **110** is coupled to the local bus **102** and bridges to the I/O bus **112**. A number of units may reside on the I/O bus, including a graphics module **114** that couples to 60 a display (not shown), a universal serial bus (USB) controller that may couple the system to any number of additional USB devices. Common USB devices include keyboards, mice, cameras, scanners, printers, and other peripheral components and input/output devices. Also coupled to the I/O bus may be 65 power management module **118**, which may be coupled to the power switch and may include conventional power conserva4

tion protocols, ensuring the processor **100** is permitted to orderly conclude its current operation before changing power states.

An infrared data association (IrDA) interface **120** permits the terminal to be coupled to hand-held devices, if desired. In some embodiments, a keyboard may be coupled by an Ir link. Storage unit **122**, which may, for example, be a flash memory unit, is used for long-term storage of data or files. A transceiver **124** is used to permit the processor to communicate with the hub, whether it be a point-to-point link or across a wide-area network. The transceiver **124** may be, but is not limited to, an ethernet transceiver, a modem, digital subscriber line (DSL) or cable modem. It is expected that the processor **100** will communicate through the transceiver **124** to the server using transmission control protocol/internet protocol (TCP/IP). Encryption and compression within the terminal may be handled by conventional hardware or software solutions.

Audio I/O interface 126 may include an internal microphone and speaker which permits audio input and output. This is particularly useful in the context of voice e-mail or voice over IP communications. Additionally, some embodiments of the invention will include speech to text (STT) capability 130 and speech recognition (SR) capability 136.
Various embodiments may implement these capabilities as hardware or software or a combination of both. In embodiments having SR capability, for simplicity of use, it is desirable to use one of the multiple user SR packages available today and expected to improve in the future, as these packages avoid the necessity of "training" the system. This permits recognition of content of speech and conversion to text.

For purposes of reduced cost, it may be desirable to use a particularly simple speech recognition package, recognizing only, for example, numbers and letters. A suitable speech recognition package will permit a user to navigate the WAN as subsequently described using voice commands and composed e-mails in a hands-free manner. Such an embodiment has the additional advantage that it enables Internet access to the physically challenged. In some embodiments, SR **136** is present, but STT **130** is not. This may permit the processor to respond to voice commands but would not permit composition of e-mail, for example.

In one embodiment of the invention, the terminal has a notebook form factor with an integrated LCD display. In an alternative embodiment, the form factor is a set-top box, which relies on an external display, such as a television or external monitor. In either case, a standard QWERTY keyboard could be used. In the set top box embodiment, a wireless keyboard or remote is desirable.

FIG. 5*a* is a flow diagram of server side segmentation in one embodiment of the invention. A request for a page is received at functional block 400. A determination is made at decision block 402 whether the requested page has been segmented. If the page has not been segmented, a determination is made at decision block 404 whether the requested page is a matrix page. If the requested page is a matrix page, at functional block 406, the cells of the matrix are each defined to be a region, thereby completing the segmentation. If the page is not a matrix page, the page is segmented either based on area or content. By "segmentation," it is meant that the page is divided into a plurality of regions. The regions may contain one or more links and/or some amount of content. This segmentation facilitates usability as discussed in more detail below. Once segmentation is complete, at functional block 408, a determination is made if the boundaries of the regions should be shown on the displayed page at decision block 410. If the boundaries are to be shown, the boundaries

are overlayed on the page at functional block **412** after the overlay, or if no boundaries are to be shown, the page is sent to the client node at functional block **414**.

FIG. 5b is a flow diagram of client side manipulation of a segmented page in one embodiment of the invention. At func- 5 tional block 450, a segmented page is received at a client node. A determination is made at decision block 452 if a tab input has been received. As used herein, a tab input is any input which brings about the functionality of moving the focus from one region to another adjacent region. If no tab 10 input has been received, a determination is made at decision block 454 if the regions have identifying symbols associated therewith. Particularly in the case of matrix pages, the different cells typically have associated therewith either an alphanumeric character or some symbol such as an asterisk or other 15 punctuation mark to identify the cell. If there are identifications associated with the regions, a determination is made at decision block 456 if such an identification has been received as an input on the client node. If the identification has been received, the corresponding region is brought into focus. The 20 focus region is active, and in some embodiments, the corresponding region is zoomed to increase its size relative to the inactive regions at functional block 460. If no identifications are associated with the region or no identification is received, the client waits for a tab input at decision block 452. 25

If a tab input is received, the next region is brought into focus. If no region is currently in focus, a first region, e.g., the uppermost leftmost region, will be brought into focus at functional block **458**. At functional block **462**, the regions are scaled so that the in focus region is enlarged relative to the 30 regions which are not in focus. This is particularly desirable for web browsing in a television context where distance from the set may make reading the unscaled page difficult or impossible. Thus, by scaling region by region, readability within the region can be enhanced to permit use and browsing 35 from a distance.

At functional block **464**, a first link in the focus region is highlighted. As used herein, "highlighted" means made active such that a subsequent input, such as a predefined key press activates the link. Highlighting in the link context is 40 analogous to focus in the region context. Highlighting may, but need not include, changing the link's appearance in any manner on the display such as, for example, changing size, color, shading, etc. A determination is made at decision block 466 if an enter signal has been received. However, if no enter 45 signal has been received, a determination is made at decision block **468** if a scroll signal has been input at the client node. If a scroll signal has been input, a next link is highlighted at functional block 472. If an enter signal is received at functional block 466, a then highlighted link is activated at func- 50 tional block 474 and a next segmented page is received, and the process begins again. Alternatively, if no scroll signal input is received at decision block 468, a determination is made at decision block 470 whether a tab or identification input has occurred. If it has, the system continues processing 55 at blocks 458 or 460, respectively.

FIG. 5*c* is a diagram showing a system implementing the tab, scroll, and zoom features of one embodiment of the invention. A set top box 500 is coupled to a television monitor 502 and is responsive to remote control 504. Remote control  $_{60}$  504 may be a custom remote control, a wireless keyboard, or even a standard universal remote control. Remote control 504 may be equipped with a microphone for accepting voice commands or may merely provide push button inputs. In frame one, television 502 is displaying a web page 510 that 65 has been segmented into eight equally dimensioned regions A-H. Remote control 504 includes a tab function 520, a scroll

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function 522, and an enter function 524. Responsive to actuation of the tab function, region A is brought into focus, as shown in the second frame. Link one is highlighted and A is enlarged, while the remaining regions are scaled so that A is much larger relative to the other regions, thereby accomplishing a zoom function and improving readability of the information contained in region A. This is shown as web page 512. If, when A is in focus, the user actuates scroll function 522, a second link in region A is highlighted as shown on page 514. In one embodiment, scrolling within the focus region does not effect the size or representation of the non-focus regions. In the event that, at web page 512 or web page 514, the enter function 524 is actuated,  $link_1$  or  $link_2$  would be traversed, respectively. If the segments are actually associated with their alphanumeric designator, and that remote control 504 has alphanumeric keys, for example, letter key F 526, web page 516 shows a web page that would be reached from web page 510, 512, or 514 responsive to actuation of the F key. In web page 516, the F region is in focus, and the remaining regions are scaled to be much smaller than the F region.

These are merely illustrative examples of the tab, scroll, and zoom features of one embodiment of the invention. While the shown embodiment tiles the regions, it is within the scope and contemplation of the invention to overlay the focus region on one or more of the other regions. It is also within the scope of the invention to permit a user to increase the zoom of the focus region to exceed the physical space. In such case, scrolling within the region may be required to view the entire contents of the region. Such scrolling need not effect the display of the non-focused regions.

FIG. 6 is a flow chart of operations of the navigation system of one embodiment of the invention in a custom terminal custom browser node. Upon power-up at functional block 602, a content partners home page is accessed. In some embodiments, it may be possible to bypass access of the home page and go directly to the sister site home page. At functional block 604, a node establishes communication with a sister site server (SSS). At functional block 605, a first matrix layer is received from the SSS. At decision block 606, the node waits for a keypress. If at decision block 606, a determination is made that a key has been pressed, a determination is made at decision block 607 whether the keypress corresponds to a composition cell. A composition cell is deemed to be a cell in the navigation matrix which permits a user to enter additional data. For example, a search cell or e.g., a purchase order form or an e-mail may have one or more composition cells. If the cell is a composition cell, the system enters composition mode at functional block 632. In composition mode, the digits of the keypad represent the digits themselves, rather than navigation options. The cursor will also appear in the composition field of the composition cell. At decision block 634, a determination is made if the enter key has been pressed. The enter key is defined in one embodiment of the invention to signify the end of a composition. Thus, if the enter key has not been pressed, the system remains in composition mode. However, if at decision block 634, the enter key has been pressed, the system returns to navigation mode at functional block 636. It is also within the scope and contemplation to define other keys to instigate return to the navigation mode.

If a keypress is received and not found to correspond to a composition cell at decision block **607**, a determination is made at decision block **608** whether the matrix layer corresponding to the keypress exists within the cache. In this connection, it is determined whether a representation of that matrix layer, even if in the cache, is stale and therefore needs to be freshly downloaded. If the data is stale or not present in the cache at all, the keypress event is sent to the SSS. In one

embodiment, the entire navigation path, including the keypress event, is sent with each keypress. When the navigation path is sent with each keypress event, the SSS is able to identify the requested matrix layer rapidly on the fly.

Subsequently, at functional block 612, the client node 5 receives the updated matrix layer corresponding to the keypress event. That matrix layer is loaded to the memory at functional block 614 and the cache is time-stamped at functional block 616. At functional block 618, new ads may be received from the SSS. Notably, the receipt of the ads is 10 asynchronous with the matrix layer receipt and may occur at any time without being prompted by a keypress event. At functional block 620, the incoming matrix layer is rendered to a temporary buffer by using a double-buffering technique. The actual rendering is transparent to the user. At functional 15 block 622, the status bar for the load is updated to indicate the percent complete of the matrix layer rendering. At functional block 624, a determination is made if the rendering is complete. If it is not, the buffer continues to render and the status bar continues to update. By regularly updating the status bar, 20 the user is not left wondering if the device is working. This is expected to limit the frustration experienced by many new users during the wait while matrix layers are rendered. If the rendering is complete, the temporary buffer is swapped with the frame buffer and the new matrix layer is displayed at 25 functional block 626. Then at functional block 628, the history of the navigation path is updated to reflect the new matrix layer. The system then returns to await a next keypress to indicate further navigation. By iteratively pressing appropriate keys, a user may navigate to any desired depth up to a 30 maximum depth along any navigation path and obtain content relevant to the path navigated. If instead, the matrix layer was validly in the cache at decision block 608, the matrix layer is rendered from the cache at functional block 630 and the system awaits the next keypress.

"Maximum depth" as used herein applies on a cell by cell basis for primary navigation options. A maximum depth is reached for a cell in a navigation path when pressing a corresponding key will not take a user to a deeper matrix layer in the matrix. While content, as distinguished from the matrix 40 layer and their cell headings, will be displayed once a maximum depth is reached, it is within the scope and contemplation of the invention to display some content in cells of an intermediate matrix layer, i.e. one that is not at the maximum depth. 45

"Primary navigation options" as used herein are those navigation options that necessarily change between successive matrix layers, changing from general to more specific with increases in depth in the matrix.

FIG. 7 is a flow diagram of operation of the sister site server 50 of one embodiment of the invention. A determination is made if the keypress event has been received at decision block **702**. If the keypress event has been received, a determination is made if the matrix has reached maximum depth at decision block **704**. If the matrix has not reached the maximum depth, 55 a matrix layer corresponding to the keypress is sent at functional block **706**. Such matrix layers may or may not include content in cells with navigation choices. If the matrix has reached maximum depth, a content layer corresponding to the keypress event is sent to the client 60 node at functional block **708**. A content layer may or may not include matrix cells in addition to the content. New ads are sent to the client node at functional block **710**. The system then awaits the next keypress event from a client node.

FIG. **8** is a diagram of the display of a graphical user 65 interface of one embodiment of the invention. The screen is divided into a plurality of cells. In this embodiment, there are

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fifteen cells that represent navigation options and one messaging cell for displaying messages from the server, the progress or status bar, and a title block. The cells can further be subdivided between the digit keys 1-9 keys which, in this embodiment, represent the primary set of navigation options and the keys designated by letters A-C which represent secondary navigation options and \*, 0, and # keys that may be additional navigation options or provide specialized functions. For example, the \* key may return the user to the server home site, thereby leaving matrix navigation. The ABC cells will typically hold advertising, and selecting one of those cells will generate a matrix layer with primary navigation cells directed to that advertiser or the product line being advertised. While the interface is designed to be fully accessible with minimal key strokes from a key pad, it is also within the scope and contemplation of the invention to permit selection with a mouse or other pointer device.

FIGS. 9a-d are example sister site matrix pages. In FIG. 9a, an advertising cell 900 is the focus region of the displayed image. Ten advertisements are displayed within the regions. The first advertisement 902 is highlighted. From this matrix page, the \* returns a user to the amazon.com home page. The # reveals the contents of a user's shopping cart. In FIG. 9b, the contents of the focus window have been enlarged (zoomed) such that only four advertisements are displayed in ad cell 900. The no links/advertisements are highlighted. In FIG. 9c, advertisement 902 is again highlighted. This may occur, for example, by a user pressing a scroll key from FIG. 9b. In FIG. 9d, a user has pressed a scroll key several times from FIG. 9c. Thus, advertisement 902 has scrolled out of view and advertisement 904 is highlighted. While in this example, ten advertisements were present, the number of links within such a cell may be arbitrarily large. In the shown embodiment, scrolling through the links in the focus cell and scaling the focus cell content does not effect the user's view of the remaining cells.

FIGS. **10***a*-*g* are a series of matrix layers displayed during an exemplary navigation using one embodiment of the invention. In this example, navigation begins at the Shopping and Products matrix layer and shown in FIG. **10***a*. A selection of 5 on the **10***a* matrix layer yields an Electronics matrix layer shown in FIG. **10***b*.

Selecting 1 on the keypad when the matrix layer of 10b is displayed yields the Audio matrix layer of FIG. 10c. By selecting an 8 on the keypad when 10c is displayed, the system displays a Receivers matrix layer of FIG. 10d, which breaks down receivers into price categories and also provides the option of navigating, in this embodiment, into Consumer Reports industry reports related to receivers. Notably, in FIG. 10d, the number of primary navigation options is reduced to 4. Thus, it is not necessary that all layers of the matrix have the same number of cells, nor is it required that all cells have the same size. A user can select Stereo Only by pressing 1 on the keypad, which yields a stereo only matrix layer shown in FIG. 10e.

In one embodiment of the invention, the products are ordered based on some ranking system, such as Consumer Reports. Thus, for example, in FIG. **10***e*, Technics received the highest ranking of receivers in the selected category from Consumer Reports. It is expected that for any particular product class, potential purchasers are likely to only be interested in the top several products within that class, not for example, the 15<sup>th</sup> best receiver in the \$150-\$290 range. However, it is within the scope and contemplation of the invention to permit a "more" option which allows a user to get a set of the next most highly ranked products and possibly unranked products as well. It is expected that supplying product options in a

user-friendly ranked order will encourage users to be more willing to conduct e-commerce.

By selecting a 1 on the keypad when matrix layer 10*e* is displayed, a user reaches the matrix layer of FIG. 10*f*, as well as reaching the maximum depth for that navigation path. <sup>5</sup> Thus, pressing 1 on the keypad in response to matrix layer 10*f* does not move the user deeper into the multi-dimensional matrix, and content is displayed in cell 1 indicating the model, price, picture, and possibly other information about the Technics product. Cell 1 is also larger than the other cells.

Other navigation options are provided in additional matrix cells surrounding cell 1 and its content. The additional cells represent navigation paths that have not reached their maximum depth. For example, by pressing a 3, one would get to a 15 features of the Technics product content layer. Such screen would display features of the Technics system. The various navigation paths typically have a maximum depth at which content is displayed. However, reaching the maximum depth of a particular navigation path does not indicate that another 20 navigation path may not have yet a deeper matrix layer. For example, while the maximum depth of the navigation path corresponded to cell 1 has been reach in FIG. 10f, selecting a 9 on the keypad will move a user to a Technics purchase matrix layer, shown in FIG. 10g. By selecting digits on the 25 keypad, a user can move between fields to fill out a purchase form which, as discussed above, is one example of a matrix layer including composition cells. In some embodiments, the form can be filled in using keyboard input. In other embodiments, the speech to text capabilities of the terminal will 30 permit the user to fill out the electronic purchase form orally.

FIG. **11** shows a history window overlying a navigation matrix. The history window would appear if the history button on the keypad were actuated. By using the up/down arrow key on the keypad, the user may then select a prior matrix to <sup>35</sup> jump to directly without moving backwards or forwards iteratively.

FIGS. **12***a* and *b* are an example matrix after a selection of 0 from the main menu screen, which allows one to conduct a search through cell **1**. On this figure, advertisements for Jaguar appear in the ABC cells. In one embodiment of the invention, the ABC designation appears initially (as shown in FIG. **12***a*) when the screen is first refreshed and then fades away to reveal solely the advertisement in each of those cells (as shown in FIG. **12***b*). In this example, pressing an A on the keypad would take the user to a matrix reflecting company information about Jaguar. Pressing B would take the user to a matrix for the virtual showroom, and C would take the user to a purchase screen for the advertised item.

In some cases, the advertising cells are merged as a single cell showing a single advertisement and permitting navigation to only a single matrix layer therefrom. In one embodiment, the background can be an advertisement. This is also shown in FIGS. **12***a* and *b*. Significantly, the advertisement 55 can be targeted by modifying the ad responsive to the apparent navigation path of the user. This leaves the potential of showing the user an advertisement for a product or service more likely to be of interest. For example, when a user selects Electronics in the example of FIGS. **10***a*-*g*, the next screen 60 may have as background an advertisement, e.g. for Circuit City.

FIG. 13 shows the e-mail creation screen for one embodiment of the invention. This would be reached by pressing 3 on the keypad when the matrix layer of FIG. 9d is displayed. 65 Again, all e-mail functions other than actually entering the text and the address can be performed using the simple inter-

face with numerical digits and the letters ABC corresponding to inbox, the outbox, and the sent features of standard e-mail, respectively.

FIG. **14** shows an alternative matrix page of one embodiment of the invention. In this embodiment, the matrix occupies only a portion of the screen real estate. The remaining real estate may be occupied by content, a zoom of the focus cell, or advertising.

In the foregoing specification, the invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments thereof. It will, however, be evident that various modifications and changes can be made thereto without departing from the broader spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims. The specification and drawings are, accordingly, to be regarded in an illustrative rather than a restrictive sense. Therefore, the scope of the invention should be limited only by the appended claims.

What is claimed:

- 1. A method of navigating the Internet, comprising:
- displaying on-line content accessed via the Internet, the on-line content reformatted from a webpage in a hypertext markup language (HTML) format into an extensible markup language (XML) format to generate a sister site, the sister site including a portion or a whole of content of the web page reformatted to be displayed and navigable through a simplified navigation interface on any one of a television, web appliance, console device, handheld device, wireless device or cellular phone, the simplified navigation interface displayed in a form of a two-dimensional layer of cells from a plurality of layers and a plurality of cells, the two-dimensional layer in a form of a navigation matrix, each cell is a division of a screen and exclusive to a separate single navigation option associated with a specific unique input, the on-line content formatted to be displayed in one or more of the plurality of cells and formatted to be selected for navigation by one or more of the unique inputs, navigation options to change between layers of the simplified navigation interface from general to more specific in each deeper layer;

receiving a user selection of one of the navigation options; forwarding the selected navigation option across the internet to a server providing the simplified navigation interface;

receiving a next deeper navigation layer of the simplified navigation interface corresponding to the selected navigation option; and

manipulating a region of the screen for viewing and zooming and/or scrolling of the displayed on-line content.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

displaying one or more advertisements on the screen; receiving a user selection of a displayed advertisement; and displaying second content accessed via the Internet,

- wherein the second content is associated with the selected advertisement, and
- wherein the second content accessed via the Internet is formatted for navigation with the unique inputs.

**3**. The method of claim **1**, wherein the on-line content is selected based, at least in part, on a navigation path of a user.

**4**. The method of claim **1**, wherein the user selection of one of the navigation options is received any one of a remote control, a pointer device, a keypad, and a keyboard.

**5**. The method of claim **1**, wherein a wireless Internet appliance comprises a voice recognition system, the method further comprising receiving one or more navigation input selections through the voice recognition system.

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6. The method of claim 1, wherein the screen includes individual regions adapted to be brought into focus and further adapted such that the on-line content can be manipulated within a selected one of the regions.

7. The method of claim  $\mathbf{6}$ , further comprising tabbing to 5 focus on different one of the regions.

**8**. The method of claim **6**, wherein the focused one of the regions is adapted to be zoomed and/or scrolled independently of other ones of the regions.

**9**. A method comprising:

- displaying a first advertisement, the displaying of the first advertisement being via an internet and through a simplified navigation interface, the simplified navigation interface presenting advertisements and content through a plurality of layers and a plurality of cells, the simplified 15 navigation interface displayed in a form of a two-dimensional layer of cells from the plurality of layers and the plurality of cells, the two-dimensional layer in a form of a navigation matrix, each cell in the navigation matrix associated with a specific unique input, each cell is a 20 division of a screen and exclusive to a separate single navigation option, the first advertisement formatted for display in one of the plurality of cells and formatted to be selected for navigation by one of the unique inputs, navigation options to change between layers of the sim- 25 plified navigation interface from general to more specific in each deeper layer;
- displaying a first content via the internet and through the simplified navigation interface, the first content displayed in one or more of the plurality of cells, the first content reformatted from a web page in a hypertext markup language (HTML) format into an extensible markup language (XML) format to generate a sister site to be displayed and navigable through the simplified navigation interface, the sister site including a portion or a whole of content of the web page reformatted to be navigable by unique inputs through the simplified navigation interface on any one of a television, web appliance, console device, handheld device, wireless device or cellular phone; 40
- receiving a first input, the first input received as the specific unique input that is uniquely coupled with an associated cell in the navigation matrix;
- forwarding the first input across the internet to a server providing the simplified navigation interface; <sup>45</sup>
- receiving a next deeper navigation layer of the simplified navigation interface in response to receiving the first input; and
- manipulating a selected region of the screen for viewing and zooming and/or scrolling of the displayed on-line content.
- 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
- customizing the display of the simplified navigation interface based on a navigation path of the user.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein the first input selects a primary navigation option.

- 12. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
- displaying the first content simultaneous with the first advertisement. 60

**13**. The method of claim **9**, wherein the first input is received from any one of a remote control, a pointer device, a keypad, and a keyboard.

14. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

displaying a second advertisement in the simplified navigation interface, the second advertisement not displayed in a cell or matrix. 12

**15**. The method of claim **14**, further comprising:

displaying the simplified navigation interface as an overlay over the second advertisement.

16. The method of claim 9,

- wherein the first content includes one or more of audio content and video content from the web page.
- 17. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
- receiving navigation input selections for the simplified navigation interface from a voice recognition system.
- 18. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
- maintaining a database of sister site web pages by a content partner.
- 19. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
- accepting an alphanumeric value as the first input to indicate selection of a corresponding first cell, the first cell including a display of the alphanumeric value.

**20**. The method of claim **9**, wherein the simplified navigation interface includes a search form.

**21**. The method of claim **9**, wherein the simplified navigation interface includes an email form.

- 22. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
- displaying a purchasing interface in response to receiving the first input.

**23**. The method of claim **9**, wherein the simplified navigation interface is not presented through a standard web browser.

24. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

displaying a third advertisement embedded within the online content, the third advertisement corresponding to a third navigation option.

**25**. A machine readable medium having instructions stored therein, which when executed cause a machine to perform a set of operations comprising:

- displaying a first advertisement, the displaying of the first advertisement being via an internet and through a simplified navigation interface, the simplified navigation interface presenting advertisements and content through a plurality of layers and a plurality of cells, the simplified navigation interface displayed in a form of a two-dimensional layer of cells from the plurality of layers and the plurality of cells, the two-dimensional layer in a form of a navigation matrix, each cell in the navigation matrix associated with a specific unique input, each cell is a division of a screen and exclusive to a separate single navigation option, the first advertisement formatted for display in one of the plurality of cells and formatted to be selected for navigation by one of the unique inputs, navigation options to change between layers of the simplified navigation interface from general to more specific in each deeper layer;
- displaying a first content via the internet and through the simplified navigation interface, the first content displayed in one or more of the plurality of cells, the first content reformatted from a web page in a hypertext markup language (HTML) format into an extensible markup language (XML) format to generate a sister site to be displayed and navigable through the simplified navigation interface, the sister site including a portion or a whole of content of the web page reformatted to be navigable by unique inputs through the simplified navigation interface on any one of a television, web appliance, console device, handheld device, wireless device or cellular phone;
- receiving a first input, the first input received as the specific unique input that is uniquely coupled with an associated cell in the navigation matrix;

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forwarding the first input across the internet to a server providing the simplified navigation interface;

- receiving a next deeper navigation layer of the simplified navigation interface in response to receiving the first input; and
- manipulating a selected region of the screen for viewing and zooming and/or scrolling of the displayed on-line content.

26. The machine readable medium of claim 25, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed 10 cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

customizing the display of the simplified navigation interface based on a navigation path of the user.

27. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein the first input selects a primary navigation option. 15

28. The machine readable medium of claim 25, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

displaying the first content simultaneous with the first advertisement.

29. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein the first input is received from any one of a remote control, a pointer device, a keypad, and a keyboard.

30. The machine readable medium of claim 25, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed 25 tion interface is not presented through a standard web cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

displaying a second advertisement in the simplified navigation interface, the second advertisement not displayed in a cell or matrix.

31. The machine readable medium of claim 30, having 30 further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

displaying the simplified navigation interface as an overlay over the second advertisement.

32. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein the 35 first content includes one or more of audio content and video content from the web page.

- 33. The machine readable medium of claim 25, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:  $_{40}$ receiving navigation input selections for the simplified
  - navigation interface from a voice recognition system.

34. The machine readable medium of claim 25, the machine readable medium further comprising:

accepting an alphanumeric value as the first input to indi- 45 cate selection of a corresponding first cell, the first cell including a display of the alphanumeric value.

35. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein the simplified navigation interface includes a search form.

simplified navigation interface includes an email form.

37. The machine readable medium of claim 25, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

the first input.

38. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein the simplified navigation interface is not presented through a standard web browser.

39. The machine readable medium of claim 25, having 60 further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

displaying a third advertisement embedded within the online content, the third advertisement corresponding to a third navigation option. 65

40. The method of claim 1, wherein at least some of the plurality of cells correspond to primary navigation options.

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41. The method of claim 1, further comprising using a pointer device to select one or more of the plurality of cells and/or to manipulate the screen.

42. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

maintaining a database of sister site webpages by a content partner.

**43**. The method of claim **1**, further comprising:

- displaying the on-line content concurrently with one or more advertisements.
- 44. The method of claim 43, further comprising:
- displaying the simplified navigation interface as an overlay over the one or more advertisements.

45. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

accepting an alphanumeric value as the user selection of the first navigation option, the first navigation option corresponding to a cell including a display of the alphanumeric value.

46. The method of claim 1, wherein the simplified navigation interface includes a search form.

47. The method of claim 1, wherein the simplified navigation interface includes an email form.

48. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

displaying a purchasing interface in response to receiving the first navigation option.

49. The method of claim 1, wherein the simplified navigabrowser.

50. The method of claim 9, wherein the screen includes individual regions adapted to be brought into focus and further adapted such that the on-line content can be manipulated within a selected one of the regions.

51. The method of claim 50, further comprising tabbing to focus on different one of the regions.

52. The method of claim 50, wherein the focused one of the regions is adapted to be zoomed and/or scrolled independently of other ones of the regions.

53. The method of claim 9, further comprising using a pointer device to select one or more of the plurality of cells and/or to manipulate the screen.

54. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein the screen includes individual regions adapted to be brought into focus and further adapted such that the on-line content can be manipulated within a selected one of the regions.

55. The machine readable medium of claim 54, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising: tabbing to focus on different one of the regions.

56. The machine readable medium of claim 54, wherein the focused one of the regions is adapted to be zoomed and/or scrolled independently of other ones of the regions.

57. The machine readable medium of claim 25, having 36. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein the 50 further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

using a pointer device to select one or more of the plurality of cells and/or to manipulate the screen.

58. A machine readable medium having instructions stored displaying a purchasing interface in response to receiving 55 therein, which when executed cause a machine to perform a set of operations comprising:

> displaying on-line content accessed via the Internet, the on-line content reformatted from a webpage in a hypertext markup language (HTML) format into an extensible markup language (XML) format to generate a sister site, the sister site including a portion or a whole of content of the web page reformatted to be displayed and navigable through a simplified navigation interface on any one of a television, web appliance, console device, handheld device, wireless device or cellular phone, the simplified navigation interface displayed in a form of a two-dimensional layer of cells from a plurality of layers and a plurality of cells, the two-dimensional layer in a form of

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a navigation matrix, each cell is a division of a screen and exclusive to a separate single navigation option associated with a specific unique input, the on-line content formatted to be displayed in one or more of the plurality of cells and formatted to be selected for navigation by one or more of the unique inputs, navigation options to change between layers of the simplified navigation interface from general to more specific in each deeper laver:

receiving a user selection of one of the navigation options;

- 10 forwarding the selected navigation option across the internet to a server providing the simplified navigation interface;
- receiving a next deeper navigation layer of the simplified navigation interface corresponding to the selected navigation option; and
- manipulating a region of the screen for viewing and zooming and/or scrolling of the displayed on-line content.

59. The machine readable medium of claim 58, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising: 20

displaying one or more advertisements on the screen; receiving a user selection of a displayed advertisement; and

displaying second content accessed via the Internet,

- wherein the second content is associated with the selected advertisement, and
- wherein the second content accessed via the Internet is formatted for navigation with the unique inputs.

60. The machine readable medium of claim 58, wherein the on-line content is selected based, at least in part, on a navigation path of a user.

61. The machine readable medium of claim 58, wherein the user selection of one of the navigation options is received from any one of a remote control, a pointer device, a keypad, and a keyboard.

62. The machine readable medium of claim 58, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed <sup>35</sup> cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

receiving one or more navigation input selections through a voice recognition system.

63. The machine readable medium of claim 58, wherein the screen includes individual regions adapted to be brought into 40 includes one or more of audio content and video content from focus and further adapted such that the on-line content can be manipulated within a selected one of the regions.

64. The machine readable medium of claim 63, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising: tabbing to focus on different one of the regions.

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65. The machine readable medium of claim 63, wherein the focused one of the regions is adapted to be zoomed and/or scrolled independently of other ones of the regions.

66. The machine readable medium of claim 58, wherein at least some of the plurality of cells correspond to primary navigation options.

67. The machine readable medium of claim 58, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

using a pointer device to select one or more of the plurality of cells and/or to manipulate the screen.

68. The machine readable medium of claim 58, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

displaying the on-line content concurrently with one or more advertisements.

69. The machine readable medium of claim 68, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising: displaying the simplified navigation interface as an overlay

over the one or more advertisements.

70. The machine readable medium of claim 58, the machine readable medium further comprising:

accepting an alphanumeric value to indicate selection of the first navigation option, the first navigation option corresponding to a cell including a display of the alphanumeric value.

71. The machine readable medium of claim 58, wherein the simplified navigation interface includes a search form.

72. The machine readable medium of claim 58, wherein the simplified navigation interface includes an email form.

73. The machine readable medium of claim 58, having further instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the machine to perform further operations, comprising:

displaying a purchasing interface in response to receiving the selection of the first navigation option.

74. The machine readable medium of claim 58, wherein the simplified navigation interface is not presented through a standard web browser.

75. The method of claim 1, wherein the on-line content the web page.

76. The machine readable medium of claim 58, wherein the on-line content includes one or more of audio content and video content from the web page.

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A method and apparatus of simplified navigation. A web page is provided having a link to a sister site. The sister site facilitates simplified navigation. Pages from the sister site are served responsive to actuation of the sister site link. In one embodiment, the sister site includes matrix pages to permit matrix navigation.



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## 1 **INTER PARTES REEXAMINATION CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 316**

## THE PATENT IS HEREBY AMENDED AS INDICATED BELOW.

Matter enclosed in heavy brackets [] appeared in the patent, but has been deleted and is no longer a part of the 10 patent; matter printed in italics indicates additions made to the patent.

#### AS A RESULT OF REEXAMINATION, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT: 15

Claims 1, 9, 25 and 58 are determined to be patentable as amended.

Claims 2-8, 10-24, 26-57 and 59-76, dependent on an 20 amended claim, are determined to be patentable.

1. A method of navigating the Internet, comprising:

- displaying on-line content accessed via the Internet, the on-line content reformatted from a webpage in a hyper- 25 text markup language (HTML) format into an extensible markup language (XML) format to generate a sister site, the sister site including a portion or a whole of content of the web page reformatted to be displayed and navigable through a simplified navigation interface 30 on any one of a television, web appliance, console device, handheld device, wireless device or cellular phone, the simplified navigation interface displayed in a form of a two-dimensional layer of cells from a plurality of layers and a plurality of cells, the two-35 dimensional layer in a form of a navigation matrix, each cell is a division of a screen and exclusive to a separate single navigation option associated with a specific unique input, the on-line content formatted to be displayed in one or more of the plurality of cells and 40 perform a set of operations comprising: formatted to be selected for navigation by one or more of the unique inputs, navigation options to change between layers of the simplified navigation interface from general to more specific in each deeper layer;
- displaying a hyperlink on the sister site to navigate to the <sup>45</sup> web page, or displaying a hyperlink on the web page to navigate to the sister site;

receiving a user selection of one of the navigation options;

forwarding the selected navigation option across the internet to a server providing the simplified navigation interface:

receiving a next deeper navigation layer of the simplified navigation interface corresponding to the selected navigation option; and

- 55 manipulating a region of the screen for viewing and zooming and/or scrolling of the displayed on-line content.
- 9. A method comprising:
- displaying a first advertisement, the displaying of the first 60 advertisement being via an internet and through a simplified navigation interface, the simplified navigation interface presenting advertisements and content through a plurality of layers and a plurality of cells, the simplified navigation interface displayed in a form of a 65 two-dimensional layer of cells from the plurality of layers and the plurality of cells, the two-dimensional layer

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in a form of a navigation matrix, each cell in the navigation matrix associated with a specific unique input, each cell is a division of a screen and exclusive to a separate single navigation option, the first advertisement formatted for display in one of the plurality of cells and formatted to be selected for navigation by one of the unique inputs, navigation options to change between layers of the simplified navigation interface from general to more specific in each deeper layer;

displaying a first content via the internet and through the simplified navigation interface, the first content displayed in one or more of the plurality of cells, the first content reformatted from a web page in a hypertext markup language (HTML) format into an extensible markup language (XML) format to generate a sister site to be displayed and navigable through the simplified navigation interface, the sister site including a portion or a whole of content of the web page reformatted to be navigable by unique inputs through the simplified navigation interface on any one of a television, web appliance, console device, handheld device, wireless device or cellular phone;

displaying a hyperlink on the sister site to navigate to the web page, or displaying a hyperlink on the web page to navigate to the sister site;

- receiving a first input, the first input received as the specific unique input that is uniquely coupled with an associated cell in the navigation matrix;
- forwarding the first input across the internet to a server providing the simplified navigation interface;
- receiving a next deeper navigation layer of the simplified navigation interface in response to receiving the first input; and
- manipulating a selected region of the screen for viewing and zooming and/or scrolling of the displayed on-line content.

25. A machine readable medium having instructions stored therein, which when executed cause a machine to

- displaying a first advertisement, the displaying of the first advertisement being via an internet and through a simplified navigation interface, the simplified navigation interface presenting advertisements and content through a plurality of layers and a plurality of cells, the simplified navigation interface displayed in a form of a two-dimensional layer of cells from the plurality of layers and the plurality of cells, the two-dimensional layer in a form of a navigation matrix, each cell in the navigation matrix associated with a specific unique input, each cell is a division of a screen and exclusive to a separate single navigation option, the first advertisement formatted for display in one of the plurality of cells and formatted to be selected for navigation by one of the unique inputs, navigation options to change between layers of the simplified navigation interface from general to more specific in each deeper layer;
- displaying a first content via the internet and through the simplified navigation interface, the first content displayed in one or more of the plurality of cells, the first content reformatted from a web page in a hypertext markup language (HTML) format into an extensible markup language (XML) format to generate a sister site to be displayed and navigable through the simplified navigation interface, the sister site including a portion or a whole of content of the web page reformatted to be navigable by unique inputs through the simplified navi-

gation interface on any one of a television, web appliance, console device, handheld device, wireless device or cellular phone;

- displaying a hyperlink on the sister site to navigate to the web page, or displaying a hyperlink on the web page to 5 navigate to the sister site;
- receiving a first input, the first input received as the specific unique input that is uniquely coupled with an associated cell in the navigation matrix;
- forwarding the first input across the internet to a server to providing the simplified navigation interface;
- receiving a next deeper navigation layer of the simplified navigation interface in response to receiving the first input; and
- manipulating a selected region of the screen for viewing <sup>15</sup> and zooming and/or scrolling of the displayed on-line content.

58. A machine readable medium having instructions stored therein, which when executed cause a machine to perform a set of operations comprising: 20

displaying on-line content accessed via the Internet, the on-line content reformatted from a webpage in a hypertext markup language (HTML) format into an extensible markup language (XML) format to generate a sister site, the sister site including a portion or a whole of content of the web page reformatted to be displayed and navigable through a simplified navigation interface on any one of a television, web appliance, console device, handheld device, wireless device or cellular 4

phone, the simplified navigation interface displayed in a form of a two-dimensional layer of cells from a plurality of layers and a plurality of cells, the twodimensional layer in a form of a navigation matrix, each cell is a division of a screen and exclusive to a separate single navigation option associated with a specific unique input, the on-line content formatted to be displayed in one or more of the plurality of cells and formatted to be selected for navigation by one or more of the unique inputs, navigation options to change between layers of the simplified navigation interface from general to more specific in each deeper layer;

displaying a hyperlink on the sister site to navigate to the web page, or displaying a hyperlink on the web page to navigate to the sister site;

receiving a user selection of one of the navigation options;

- forwarding the selected navigation option across the internet to a server providing the simplified navigation interface;
- receiving a next deeper navigation layer of the simplified navigation interface corresponding to the selected navigation option; and
- manipulating a region of the screen for viewing and zooming and/or scrolling of the displayed on-line content.

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## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. *(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)* I. (a) PLAINTIFFS DEFENDANTS

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Plaintiff EMG Technology, LLC hereby notifies the Court that the following are related cases to this matter. Judge Schneider is the presiding Judge on all cases.

- No. 6:12-cv-903 EMG Technology LLC v. Autozone
- No. 6:12-cv-905 EMG Technology LLC v. J.C. Penney
- No. 6:13-cv-29 EMG Technology LLC v. Coach

All of the above are consolidated in:

- No. 6:12-cv-543 EMG Technology LLC v. The Vanguard Group, Inc.
- No. 6:14-cv-94 EMT Technology LLC v. Amica Mutual Insurance Company Not Assigned