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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INCREMENTAL SEARCH WITH REDUCED TEXT ENTRY WHERE THE RELEVANCE OF RESULTS IS A DYNAMICALLY COMPUTED FUNCTION OF USER INPUT SEARCH STRING CHARACTER COUNT

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DETAILED ACTION

1. **Claims 34, 36-50, and 52-65** are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given **John V. Hobgood (Reg. No. 61,540)** on 26 September 2011.

- 3. The application has been amended as follows.
- 4. This listing of claims, <u>replace all</u> prior versions and listings of claims in the applications.

Claims 1-33 (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A method of processing a search request received from a user operating a hand-held text input device, the search request directed at identifying a desired item from a set of items, each of the items having one or more associated terms, the method comprising:

providing the set of items, the items having assigned popularity values to indicate a relative measure of a likelihood that the item is desired by the user;

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for each item, associating a set of terms to describe the item and assigning a relevance value for each term based on a relevance of the term in identifying the item, the terms associated with the items being organized into searchable subspace categories, each subspace category having a relevance bias value;

- receiving text on the hand-held text input device entered by the user, the text having one or more text characters of one or more prefixes for terms the user is using to identify a desired item;
- in response to receiving a text character, performing a first incremental find to compare the one or more user-entered prefixes with the terms associated with the items and to retrieve the relevance values for the one or more user-entered prefixes matching terms associated with the items;
- determining a first ranking order of items found in the first incremental find based at least in part on the retrieved relevance values and the assigned popularity values of the items found in the first incremental find;
- ordering and presenting one or more items to the user found in the first incremental find based on the first ranking order;
- in response to receiving at least one subsequent text character, performing a second incremental find to compare the one or more user-entered prefixes, including the at least one subsequent text character and any preceding text characters, with the terms associated with the items and to

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retrieve the relevance values for said one or more user-entered prefixes matching terms associated with the items;

determining a count of the number of characters of text received from the user; adjusting the relevance value assigned to at least one of the terms associated with one or more of the items retrieved in response to the one or more user-entered prefixes, wherein the adjusting of the relevance value is based on the count of the number of text characters received from the user;

determining a second ranking order of the items found in the second incremental find based at least in part on the adjusted relevance values and the assigned popularity values of the items found in the second incremental find; and

ordering and presenting one or more items to the user based on the second ranking order so that the relative order of the items found in both the first and second incremental finds is adjusted as characters are entered;

wherein at least one of determining the first ranking order and determining the

second ranking order is further based on the relevance bias values of the

subspace categories.

35. (Cancelled)

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- 36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[0]] <u>34</u>, wherein the relevance bias values are based on the count of the number of text characters received from the user.
- 37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[0]] <u>34</u>, wherein the subspace categories include a personalized history category containing terms associated with items identified from previous incremental finds conducted by the user.
- 38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[0]] <u>34</u>, wherein the ordering and presenting of one or more items is limited to items having associated terms of one or more selected subspace categories.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 0, wherein the one or more selected subspace categories are selected based on the count of the number of text characters received from the user.
- 40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[0]] <u>34</u>, wherein the ordered and presented one or more items are presented on a display device, the display device having display space allocated according to the subspace categories.
- 41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the hand-held text input

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device includes a set of overloaded keys generating an ambiguous text input.

- 42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 0, wherein the hand-held text input device is a phone, a mobile computing device, or a remote control device for a television.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the ordered and presented one or more items are presented on a display constrained device.
- 44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 0, wherein the display device is a phone, a mobile computing device, or a non-intrusive interface display area of a television.
- 45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the assigned popularity values of one or more items of the set of items is based on a relative measure of popular opinion of the item.
- 46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the assigned popularity values of one or more items of the set of items is based on a temporal relevance of the items or a location relevance of the items.

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- 47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein at least one of determining the first ranking order and determining the second ranking order is further based on the number of prefixes of the received text.
- 48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein a portion of the set of items resides on a computer remote from the user.
- 49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein a computer remote from the user performs at least one of the steps of receiving text entered by the user, performing the first incremental find, determining the first ranking order, performing the second incremental find, determining the count of the number of characters of text received, adjusting the relevance values of the terms associated with the items, and determining the second ranking order.
- 50. (Currently Amended) A system for processing a search request received from a user operating a hand-held text input device, the search request directed at identifying a desired item from a set of items, each of the items having one or more associated terms, the system comprising:
 - a first memory for storing at least a first portion of the set of items, the items having assigned popularity values to indicate a relative measure of a likelihood that the item is desired by the user, and each item being

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associated with a set of terms to describe the item, each term being assigned a relevance value based on a relevance of an informational content of the term in identifying the item, the terms associated with the items being organized into searchable subspace categories, each subspace category having a relevance bias value;

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a device input for receiving text entered by the user on a hand-held text input device, the text having two or more text characters of one or more prefixes for terms the user is using to identify a desired item, the two or more text characters including a first text portion and a second text portion, the second text portion being received subsequent to the first text portion; a processor for performing a first incremental find in response to receiving the first text portion and for ordering one or more items found in the first incremental find based on a first ranking order, the first incremental find comparing the one or more user-entered prefixes with the terms associated with the items and retrieving the relevance values for the one or more user-entered prefixes matching terms associated with the items, the first ranking order of the one or more items found in the first incremental find being based on the assigned popularity values of the items and being based on the retrieved relevance values for the one or more user-entered prefixes matching terms associated with the items, so that relatively more popular and more relevant items appear earlier in the order for user selection or activation, the processor also for performing a

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second incremental find in response to receiving the second text portion and for ordering one or more items found in the second incremental find based on a second ranking order, the second incremental find comparing the one or more user-entered prefixes with the terms associated with the items and retrieving the relevance values for the one or more user-entered prefixes matching terms associated with the items, the second ranking order of the one or more items found in the second incremental find being based on the assigned popularity values of the items and being based on adjusted relevance values for the one or more user-entered prefixes matching terms associated with the items, the relevance values of the terms associated with the items being adjusted in response to the count of the number of text characters received from the user, [[and]]the order of at least a portion of the one or more items being changed based on the adjusted relevance values of the terms, and at least one of the first ranking order and the second ranking order being further based on the relevance bias values of the subspace categories; and

a device output for presenting at least one of the first and the second ordered one or more items to the user.

51. (Cancelled)

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52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[0]] <u>50</u>, wherein the relevance bias values are based on the count of the number of text characters received from the user.

- 53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[0]] <u>50</u>, wherein the subspace categories include a personalized history category containing terms associated with items identified from previous incremental finds conducted by the user.
- 54. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[0]] <u>50</u>, wherein the incremental find is limited to items having associated descriptive terms of one or more selected subspace categories.
- 55. (Previously Presented) The system of claim **Error! Reference source not found.**, wherein the one or more selected subspace categories are selected based on the count of the number of text characters received from the user.
- 56. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[0]] <u>50</u>, further comprising a display device for presenting the at least one of the first and the second ordered one or more items, the display device having display space allocated according to the subspace categories.

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- 57. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, wherein the text entered by the user on the hand-held text input device includes a set of overloaded keys generating an ambiguous text input.
- 58. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, wherein the hand-held text input device is a phone, a mobile computing device, or a remote control device for a television.
- 59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, further comprising a display constrained device for presenting the at least one of the first and the second ordered one or more items.
- 60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, wherein the display device is a phone, a mobile computing device, or a non-intrusive interface display area of a television.
- 61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, wherein the assigned popularity value of one or more items of the set of items is based on a relative measure of popular opinion of the item.

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item or a location relevance of the item.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, wherein the assigned popularity value of one or more items of the set of items is based on a temporal relevance of the

- 63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, wherein at least one of the first ranking order and the second ranking order of the one or more items is further based on a count of the number of prefixes of the received text.
- 64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, further comprising a second memory on a computer remote from the user for storing at least a second portion of the set of items.
- 65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 0, wherein the processor is disposed in a computer remote from the user.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 5. **Claims 34, 36-50, and 52-65** are allowed.
- 6. The following is an examiner's statement for reasons for allowance:

The combination, as claimed in the independent claims, are not deemed taught, disclosed, or fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

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The scope of each independent claim is substantially similar and the independent claims are allowed for substantially the same reasons.

Also see Applicant's Remarks filed 06 July 2011.

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Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Huen Wong whose telephone number is (571) 270-3426. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:30 EST - 6:00 EST).

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