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14/930,894	11/03/2015	Derry Shribman	HOLA-003-US1	8984

TITLE OF INVENTION: System and Method for Improving Internet Communication by Using Intermediate Nodes

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The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, 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 in a telephone interview with attorney of record, Yehuda Binder, Reg# 73,612, on 4/6/17.

The Amendments are as followed:

1-39. (Canceled).

54. (Currently amended) A method for fetching a content over the Internet from a first server identified in the Internet by a second identifier via a group of multiple devices, each identified in the Internet by an associated group device identifier, the method comprising the step of partitioning the content into a plurality of content slices, each content slice containing at least part of the content, and identified using a content slice identifier, and for each of the content slices, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a device from the group;

(b) sending over the Internet a first request to the selected device using the group device identifier of the selected device, the first request including the content slice identifier and the second identifier;

(c) <u>in response to receiving the sent first request</u> by the selected device, receiving over the Internet the content slice from the selected device; and

wherein the method further comprising the step of (d) constructing the content from the received <u>plurality of</u> content slices,

and wherein each of the devices in the group is a client device.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest selecting a client device from a group of devices corresponding to a group device ID, sending a request to the selected device, wherein the request includes a content segment identifier and a second identifier identifying a server, in response to receiving the request that includes the content segment identifier and the server identifier, transmitting the requested portion to the requesting device and transmitting a plurality of content segments until the content is completely constructed, in the specific manner and combinations recited in claims 40-67.

The closest related prior art are cited to state the general state of the art and are not considered to teach the distinguishing features noted above. The prior art includes:

(i) US Pat Zuckerman et al (US 7,818,430), which teaches streaming segment reconstruction;

(ii) US PG Pub Bacher et al (US 2012/0254370), which discloses distributing a plurality of data segments in response to requests based on segment identifiers; and

(iii) NPL document "Slice Embedding Solutions for Distributed ServiceArchitectures" – Esposito et al, Boston University, Computer Science Dept., 10/2011.

After thorough review of related prior art, the application has been deemed allowable because of the limitations of selecting a client device from a group of devices corresponding to a group device ID, sending a request to the selected device, wherein the request includes a content segment identifier and a second identifier identifying a server, in response to receiving the

request that includes the content segment identifier and the server identifier, transmitting the requested portion to the requesting device and transmitting a plurality of content segments until the content is completely constructed, recited in the specific manner and combinations recited within the claims. Upon an extensive search and review, none of the cited prior art taught the specified limitation or provided language for the specified limitations.

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

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randy A. Scott whose telephone number is (571) 272-3797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-5:00 pm, second Fridays 7:30 am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2455

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RESPONSE / AMENDMENT:

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 7,

2017 ("Action"):

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The examiner's action dated March 7, 2017 (hereinafter "Action") has been received and its contents carefully noted. The claims are amended to overcome the claim objection and the 35 USC 112 rejections.

Improper Designation as Final

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner has indicated that this office action is final. Applicant respectfully submits that it was improper for the Examiner to make this action final for at least the following reasons.

First, according to page 5 of the Action: "Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action". It is submitted that claims 1, 3-11 scope was only somewhat limited, and that the original claims 12-39 that were cancelled after the withdrawal of the indicated allowance were reinstated as new claims 40-67. In contrast, the Action introduces a new category of rejection, namely 35 USC § 101 rejection, having no relation to the slight claims 1, 3-11 amendment.

MPEP § 706.07(a) states that second or any subsequent actions on the merits shall be final, except where the examiner introduces a new ground of rejection that is not necessitated by an Applicant's amendment of the claims. In this particular case, the Examiner has presented new category of rejection. Thus, it is clear that the Examiner has introduced new grounds of rejection that were not in any way necessitated since the applicant made no amendment of the claims. Accordingly, it was improper for the Examiner to make this action final, and in violation of MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant respectfully requests

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the Examiner to withdraw the finality of this action and enter the enclosed response as a matter of right.

The absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, does not signify agreement with that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims that have not been expressed.

Nothing in this reply should be understood as conceding any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claims does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability to the claim before its amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that all of the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that the claims be considered allowable.

If the above arguments should not now place the application in the condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the claims

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

1. (Previously presented) A method for fetching over the Internet a first content, identified by a first content identifier, by a first device, identified in the Internet by a first identifier, from a second server identified in the Internet by a third identifier via a second device identified in the Internet by a second identifier, for use with a third device identified in the Internet by a fourth identifier, using a first server, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving, by the first server over the Internet, the second identifier from the second device;

(b) in response to receiving the second identifier, storing, by the first server, the second identifier;

(c) receiving, by the first server over the Internet, a first request from the first device;

(d) in response to receiving a first request, sending, by the first server over the Internet, the second identifier to the first device;

(e) receiving, by the first server over the Internet, the fourth identifier from the third device;

(f) in response to receiving the fourth identifier, storing, by the first server over the Internet, the fourth identifier; and (g) in response to receiving the first request, sending, by the first server over the Internet, the fourth identifier to the first device,

wherein the second and third devices are client devices.

2. (Canceled)

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3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, for use with a group consisting of a plurality of devices, each device in the group is associated with a respective identifier for being identified in the Internet, for each of the group devices in the group the method further comprising the steps of:

(h) receiving the associated identifier from the group device;

(i) in response to receiving the associated identifier, storing the associated identifier; and

(j) in response to receiving the first request, sending the identifier of all group devices to the first device.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the second device is included in the group, the method further comprising the step of selecting the second device out of the devices in the group, and wherein in step (d) the sending the second identifier to the first device is in response to the selection.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is randomly selected out of the devices in the group.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is selected based on attributes or characteristics of the device.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is selected based on the physical geographical location.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is selected based on the second identifier.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is selected based on past activities.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the second device is selected based on the timing of an event.

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11. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein the event is the last communication between the second device.

12-39 (Canceled).

40. (Currently amended) A method for fetching a content over the Internet by a first device identified in the Internet by a first identifier, from a first server identified in the Internet by a second identifier, via a group of multiple devices, each identified in the Internet by an associated group device identifier, wherein the content is partitioned into a plurality of content slices, each content slice containing at least part of the content, and identified using a content slice identifier, and for each of the content slices, comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a second device from the group;
- (b) the first device sending over the Internet a first request to the selected <u>second</u> device using the selected <u>second</u> device identifier, the first request including the content slice identifier and the second identifier;
- (c) in response to receiving the first request, the selected <u>second</u> device sending over the Internet a second request to the first server using the second identifier, the second request including the content slice identifier;
- (d) in response to receiving the second request, the first server sending over the Internet the content slice to the selected second device; and
- (e) in response to receiving the content slice, the selected <u>second</u> device sending over the Internet the content slice to the first device,

wherein each of the multiple devices is a client device. 41. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the content is composed of bits, nibbles, bytes, characters, words, or strings, and the partitioning is based on bit, nibble, byte, multi-byte, number, character, word, or string level.

42. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the content is composed of files, or programs, and the partitioning is based on file or program level.

43. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the content is a website content comprising multiple webpages, and the partitioning is based webpages level.

44. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein all of the parts of the content are included in all of the content slices.

45. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein all of the content slices have the same size.

46. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein at least two content slices are the same.

47. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein part of the content is included in two or more content slices.

48. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the partitioning is sequential in the content.

49. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the partitioning is non-sequential in the content.

50. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the number of content slices is equal to the number of devices in the group.

51. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 50, wherein a distinct device is selected for each content slice. 52. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the number of content slices is higher than the number of devices in the group.

53. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the number of content slices is lower than the number of devices in the group.

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54. (Currently amended) A method for fetching a content over the Internet from a first server identified in the Internet by a second identifier via a group of multiple devices, each identified in the Internet by an associated group device identifier, the method comprising the step of partitioning the content into a plurality of content slices, each content slice containing at least part of the content, and identified using a content slice identifier, and for each of the content slices, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a device from the group;

(b) sending over the Internet a first request to the selected device using <u>the group device identifier of</u> the selected device identifier, the first request including the content slice identifier and the second identifier;

(c) receiving over the Internet the content slice from the selected device; and

(d) constructing the content from the received content slices,

wherein each of the devices in the group $\frac{1}{100}$ is a client device.

55. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the content is composed of bits, nibbles, bytes, characters, words, or strings, and the partitioning is based on bit, nibble, byte, multi-byte, number, character, word, or string level.

56. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the content is composed of files, or programs, and the partitioning is based on file or program level.

57. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 56, wherein the content is a website content comprising multiple webpages, and the partitioning is based webpages level.

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58. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein all of the parts of the content are included in all of the content slices.

59. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein all of the content slices have the same size.

60. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein at least two content slices are the same.

61. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein part of the content is included in two or more content slices.

62. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the partitioning is sequential in the content.

63. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the partitioning is non-sequential in the content.

64. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the number of content slices is equal to the number of devices in the group.

65. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 64, wherein a distinct device is selected for each content slice. 66. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the number of content slices is higher than the number of devices in the group.

67. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the number of content slices is lower than the number of devices in the group.

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Disposition of Claims* 5) ○ Claim(s) <u>1.3-11 and 40-67</u> is/are pending in the application. 5a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. 6) ○ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 7) ○ Claim(s) <u>1.3-11 and 40-67</u> is/are rejected. 8) ○ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 9) ○ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. * If any claims have been determined allowable, you may be eligible to benefit from the Patent Prosecution Highway program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov. Application Papers 10) □ The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 11) □ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) □ accepted or b) □ objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 12) □ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).						
Certified copies: a) All b) Some** c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). ** See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the communication filed 1/2/2017

Claim Status

2. Newly added claims 40-67 have been entered and claim 1 has currently been amended.

Response to Arguments

3. The applicant's arguments filed 1/2/17 have been considered, but are moot in view of new grounds of rejection.

A. In response to the applicant's arguments (disclosed on pg. 1-3 of the remarks segment) that Hotti does not teach that the second and third devices are client devices, sending the second identifier to the first device, and communication by the first server over the Internet:

The previous prior art rejections of claim 1 have been withdrawn.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 54 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Line 19 of the claim should recite --wherein each of the devices in the group **is** a client device--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112

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

(b) CONCLUSION.—The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor regards as the invention.

6. Claims 40-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(b), as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor. Regarding claim 40, the term "selecting a device from the group" is unclear in relation to the term "a first device identified in the Internet". The applicant's claim language does not specifically distinguish the first device identified from the device selected from the claimed group.

7. Claims 54-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(b), as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor. Regarding claim 54, the term "selected device identifier" is unclear in relation to the term "group device identifier". The applicant's claim language does not specifically distinguish the selected device identifier from the claimed group device identifier.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

8. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

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

9. Claims 1 and 3-11 are rejected under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims do not fall within at least one of the four categories of patent eligible subject matter because the claims are drawn to an abstract idea.

Claim 1 is directed to the basic abstract idea of transmitting several device and server identifiers to several devices via a server over the Internet, but does not implement any limitations that pertain to a useful process occurring within the method claim. The claim language does not disclose claim language relating to any limitation that includes a useful process and is drawn to transmitting several device identifiers with any accompanying patentable features, which corresponds to concepts identified as abstract ideas by the courts, such as the common sense distinctions in section 101 Alice analysis.

Therefore, the claim does not include additional elements that are sufficient to amount to significantly more than the judicial exception because the additional elements when considered both individually and as an ordered combination do not amount to significantly more than the abstract idea.

Viewed as a whole, the additional elements of dependent claims 19-20, do not provide meaningful limitations to transform the abstract idea into a patent eligible application of the abstract idea such that the claims amount to significantly more than the abstract idea itself. Therefore, the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Therefore, as a whole the instant claims are rejected under 35 USC 101 in view of *The Common Sense Distinctions in Section 101 Analysis. See Electric Power Group, LLC v. Alstom S.A. (Fed. Cir. August 1, 2016)* [EPGvsAlstom].

Conclusion

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 11/30/16 was filed after the mailing date of the previous office action. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randy A. Scott whose telephone number is (571) 272-3797. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-5:00 pm, second Fridays 7:30 am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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RESPONSE / AMENDMENT:

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendments 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2016

("Action"):

Amendments to the Claims appear in the Listing of

Claims that begins on page $\underline{2}$ of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Appln. No. 14/930,894 Reply to Office action of October 6, 2016

Amendments to the claims

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

1. (Currently amended) A method for fetching over the Internet a first content, identified by a first content identifier, by a first device, identified in the Internet by a first identifier, from a second server identified in the Internet by a third identifier via a second device identified in the Internet by a second identifier, for use with a third device identified in the Internet by a fourth identifier, using a first server, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving, by the first server over the Internet, the second identifier from the second device;

(b) in response to receiving the second identifier, storing, by the first server, the second identifier;

(c) receiving, by the first server over the Internet, a first request from the first device;

(d) in response to receiving a first request, sending, by the first server over the Internet, the second identifier to the first device;

(e) receiving, by the first server over the Internet, the fourth identifier from the third device;

(f) in response to receiving the fourth identifier, storing, by the first server over the Internet, the fourth identifier; and (g) in response to receiving the first request, sending, by the first server over the Internet, the fourth identifier to the first device.

wherein the second and third devices are client devices.

2. (Canceled)

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3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, for use with a group consisting of a plurality of devices, each device in the group is associated with a respective identifier for being identified in the Internet, for each of the group devices in the group the method further comprising the steps of:

(h) receiving the associated identifier from the group device;

(i) in response to receiving the associated identifier, storing the associated identifier; and

(j) in response to receiving the first request, sending the identifier of all group devices to the first device.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the second device is included in the group, the method further comprising the step of selecting the second device out of the devices in the group, and wherein in step (d) the sending the second identifier to the first device is in response to the selection.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is randomly selected out of the devices in the group.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is selected based on attributes or characteristics of the device.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is selected based on the physical geographical location.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is selected based on the second identifier.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second device is selected based on past activities.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the second device is selected based on the timing of an event.

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11. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein the event is the last communication between the second device.

12-39 (Canceled).
40. (New) A method for fetching a content over the Internet by a first device identified in the Internet by a first identifier, from a first server identified in the Internet by a second identifier, via a group of multiple devices, each identified in the Internet by an associated group device identifier, wherein the content is partitioned into a plurality of content slices, each content slice containing at least part of the content, and identified using a content slice identifier,

and for each of the content slices, comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a device from the group;
- (b) the first device sending over the Internet a first request to the selected device using the selected device identifier, the first request including the content slice identifier and the second identifier;
- (c) in response to receiving the first request, the selected device sending over the Internet a second request to the first server using the second identifier, the second request including the content slice identifier;
- (d) in response to receiving the second request, the first server sending over the Internet the content slice to the selected device; and
- (e) in response to receiving the content slice, the selected device sending over the Internet the content slice to the first device,

wherein each of the multiple devices is a client device. 41. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the content is composed of bits, nibbles, bytes, characters, words, or strings, and the partitioning is based on bit, nibble, byte, multi-byte, number, character, word, or string level.

42. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the content is composed of files, or programs, and the partitioning is based on file or program level.

43. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the content is a website content comprising multiple webpages, and the partitioning is based webpages level.

44. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein all of the parts of the content are included in all of the content slices. 45. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein all of the content slices have the same size.

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51. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein a distinct device is selected for each content slice.

52. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the number of content slices is higher than the number of devices in the group.

53. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the number of content slices is lower than the number of devices in the group.

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54. (New) A method for fetching a content over the Internet from a first server identified in the Internet by a second identifier via a group of multiple devices, each identified in the Internet by an associated group device identifier, the method comprising the step of partitioning the content into a plurality of content slices, each content slice containing at least part of the content, and identified using a content slice identifier, and for each of the content slices, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a device from the group;

(b) sending over the Internet a first request to the selected device using the selected device identifier, the first request including the content slice identifier and the second identifier;

(c) receiving over the Internet the content slice from the selected device; and

(d) constructing the content from the received content slices,

wherein each of the devices in the group in a client device.

55. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the content is composed of bits, nibbles, bytes, characters, words, or strings, and the partitioning is based on bit, nibble, byte, multi-byte, number, character, word, or string level.

56. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the content is composed of files, or programs, and the partitioning is based on file or program level.

57. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein the content is a website content comprising multiple webpages, and the partitioning is based webpages level.

58. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein all of the parts of the content are included in all of the content slices.

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59. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein all of the content slices have the same size.

60. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein at least two content slices are the same.

61. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein part of the content is included in two or more content slices.

62. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the partitioning is sequential in the content.

63. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the partitioning is non-sequential in the content.

64. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the number of content slices is equal to the number of devices in the group.

65. (New) The method according to claim 64, wherein a distinct device is selected for each content slice.

66. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the number of content slices is higher than the number of devices in the group.

67. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the number of content slices is lower than the number of devices in the group.

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The examiner's action dated October 6, 2016 (hereinafter "Action") has been received and its contents carefully noted.

In view of the withdrawn allowability of claim 2, the original claims 12-39 that were cancelled are currently reinstated as new claims 40-67.

In order to clarify the claims and to better distinguish over the Hotti reference, the claimed steps were better defined to be performed by the first server, and all the communication to be over the Internet. Further, claims 1, 40 (former claim 12), and 54 (former claim 26) were amended to state that the group of devices include client devices.

Office Action, section 6 pages 3-5

Claims 1, 3-4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hotti (US 2007/0226810 -"Hotti") in view of Agetsuma et al. (US 2007/0239655 -"Agetsuma"), further in view of Dorenbosch et al. (US 2008/0125123 - "Dorenbosch).

Regarding claim 1.

<u>Argument #1</u>: The Hotti reference does not teach that "the second and third devices are client devices."

As shown in Figure 2 cited in the Action, with the exception of communication with the terminal 207, the server 205 only communicates with management server 200/201. Actually, the Hotti invention is directed to locally updating data locally between a local storage server and a terminal device,

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and Hotti is silent regarding any communication with a terminal device other than the terminal 207/208.

<u>Argument #2</u>: The Hotti reference does not teach "sending the second identifier to the first device ...".

Claim 1 explicitly teaches that in response to receiving a first request from a <u>first device</u>, sending the <u>second identifier</u> (relating to a second device) to the first device. Hence, the first server replies to the first request from a first device by sending the identifier of a distinct second device. In contrast, the Hotti reference in general, and the cited Figure 11 and step 1101 in particular, disclose only the communication between the server 204/205 and the terminal device 207/208, are silent regarding any information that include any other device in general, and any identification of any other client deice in particular.

<u>Argument #3</u>: The Hotti reference does not teach any communication "... by the first server over the Internet ...".

Claim 1 explicitly teaches communication between the first server and the first device over the Internet. In contrast, the Hottu reference only discloses communication between the local storage device 205 storing a local content copy and the local terminal 207/208 both located in a house 203 and connected over a local area network 206. Hence, the Hottu reference is silent, and actually teaches away from any server / client communication over the Internet.

Combining Hotti and Agetsuma.

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Applicant submits that the Hotti and Agetsuma references are in different fields, directed towards respectively different purposes, and are based on respectively different structures and functions, and thus are not analogous to one another and cannot logically be combined.

<u>Argument #1</u>: The Hotti and Agetsuma references are in remote fields and are directed to distinct purposes.

The Hotti reference is in the field **digital content** delivery, in particular between a server and a terminal device in a building, while the Agetsuma reference is directed to load distributing between a plurality of servers in a Network Attached storage (NAS).

The above is supported by the facts that the Hotti reference is classified under U.S. Class 726/30 associated with 'INFORMATION SECURITY - PREVENTION OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF DATA INCLUDING PREVENTION OF PIRACY, PRIVACY VIOLATIONS, OR UNAUTHORIZED DATA MODIFICATION', while the Agetsuma reference is classified in Class/Subclass 707/1, associated with 'DATA PROCESSING: DATABASE, DATA MINING, AND FILE MANAGEMENT OR DATA STRUCTURES'. The fact that these two patents are classified in distinctly different classes is further evidence that they are in quite different field, as is noted in MPEP §808.02(A) that explicitly recites that different classes " ... shows that each invention has attained recognition in the art as a separate subject for inventive effort, and also a separate field of search." (Emphasis added).

<u>Argument #2</u>: The rationale for combining the Hotti and Agetsuma references is improper.

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The rationale for the combination is stated as: "... providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content identification for distribution when implementing the migration processing program for optimal content transmission.". First, it is not clear what content identification is meant, and is not clear why any such identification technically improves any content transmission, in particular as part of migration processing program. Second, migration processing is only discloses in the Agetsuma reference serving as a secondary reference, while no migration is disclosed in the Hotti reference serving as the primary reference. The absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, does not signify agreement with that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims that have not been expressed.

Nothing in this reply should be understood as conceding any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claims does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability to the claim before its amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that all of the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that the claims be considered allowable.

If the above arguments should not now place the application in the condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

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The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the communication filed 9/1/2016

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The indicated allowability of claim 2 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered references to Dorenbosch et al (US 2008/0125123). Rejections based on the newly cited reference follows.

Claim Status

3. Claims 2 and 12-39 have currently been canceled.

Terminal Disclaimer

4. The terminal disclaimer filed on 6/21/16 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office Action:

manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 3-4, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hotti (US 2007/0226810) in view of Agetsuma et al (US 2007/0239655), further in view of Dorenbosch et al (US 2008/0125123).

With respect to claim 1, Hotti discloses fetching over the Internet a first content, identified by a first content identifier (sec [0107], "identifying the content segment"), by a first device, identified in the Internet by a first identifier (sec [0105], "terminal ID"), using a first server (sec [0023]), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the second identifier from the second device (fig. 2); in response to receiving the second identifier, storing the second identifier (fig. 5a-6b); receiving a first request from the first device (fig. 11a, 1101, "delivery request"); and in response to receiving a first request, sending the second identifier to the first device (fig. 11a, 1101, "delivery request to server with terminal identification").

Hotti fails to teach a second server identified in the Internet by a third identifier via a second device identified in the Internet by a second identifier.

Agetsuma et al teach the specified deficiencies (claim 3-5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti with the concept illustrated by Agetsuma et al in order to successfully combine a content identification embodiment within a content delivery serving system with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content identification for distribution when

implementing the migration procession program (disclosed by Agetsuma et al) for optimal content transmission.

Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach a third device identified in the Internet by a fourth identifier, receiving the fourth identifier from the third device; in response to receiving the fourth identifier, storing the fourth identifier; and in response to receiving the first request, sending the fourth identifier to the first device.

Dorenbosch et al teach the specified deficiencies, including a third device identified in the Internet by a fourth identifier (sec [0067]), receiving the fourth identifier from the third device (sec [0067]); in response to receiving the fourth identifier, storing the fourth identifier (fig. 11); and in response to receiving the first request, sending the fourth identifier to the first device (sec [0068]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Dorenbosch et al in order to successfully combine a message communication network with content delivery facilitation systems with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon communication over the Internet when implementing secondary identification for several devices (disclosed by Dorenbosch et al) for assigning unique alternate identification to a requesting device.

With respect to claim 3, Hotti discloses receiving the associated identifier from the group device (sec [0105]); in response to receiving the associated identifier, storing the associated identifier (sec [0105], "device table"); and in response to receiving the first request, sending the

identifier of all group devices to the first device (sec [0031], "linking together the content data set and device group").

With respect to claim 4, Hotti discloses wherein the second device is included in the group (fig. 5a), the method further comprising the step of selecting the second device out of the devices in the group (fig. 6d), and wherein in step the sending the second identifier to the first device is in response to the selection (sec [0131]).

With respect to claim 6, Hotti discloses wherein the second device is selected based on attributes or characteristics of the device (sec [0011], "selection rules").

With respect to claim 8, Hotti discloses wherein the second device is selected based on the second identifier (sec [0012]).

7. Claims 5, 7, and 10-11 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hotti (US 2007/0226810) in view of Agetsuma et al (US 2007/0239655) in view of Dorenbosch et al (US 2008/0125123), further in view of Zuckerman et al (US 2010/0094970).

Regarding claim 5, Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al fail to teach wherein the second device is randomly selected out of the devices in the group.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (fig. 6 & sec [0077]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to

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successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content distribution when implementing the server selection method (disclosed by Zuckerman et al) in order to limit latency when requested content is transmitted to a receiving client.

Regarding claim 7, Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al fail to teach wherein the second device is selected based on the physical geographical location.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (fig. 23 & sec [0023]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Regarding claim 10, Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al fail to teach wherein the second device is selected based on the timing of an event.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0060]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content distribution when implementing the server selection method (disclosed by

Zuckerman et al) in order to limit latency when requested content is transmitted to a receiving client.

Regarding claim 11, Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al fail to teach wherein the event is the last communication between the second device.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0090], lines 13-16).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hotti (US 2007/0226810) in view of Agetsuma et al (US 2007/0239655) in view of Dorenbosch et al (US 2008/0125123), further in view of Labranche et al (US 2014/0301334).

Regarding claim 9, Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al fail to teach wherein the second device is selected based on past activities.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0022]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti, Agetsuma et al, and Dorenbosch et al with the concept illustrated by Labranche et al in order to successfully combine a terminal selection disclosure within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content distribution

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when implementing the terminal selection method (disclosed by Labranche et al) when selecting terminals for distribution based on device hierarchy.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randy A. Scott whose telephone number is (571) 272-3797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-5:00 pm, second Fridays 7:30 am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Krista Zele can be reached on (571) 272-7288. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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RESPONSE / AMENDMENT:

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendments 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 16, 2016

("Action"):

Amendments to the Claims appear in the Listing of

Claims that begins on page $\underline{2}$ of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims

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

1. (Currently Amended) A method for fetching over the Internet a first content, identified by a first content identifier, by a first device, identified in the Internet by a first identifier, from a second server identified in the Internet by a third identifier via a second device identified in the Internet by a second identifier, <u>for use with a third device identified in</u> <u>the Internet by a fourth identifier</u>, using a first server, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving the second identifier from the second device;

(b) in response to receiving the second identifier, storing the second identifier;

(c) receiving a first request from the first device; and

(d) in response to receiving a first request, sending the second identifier to the first device $\frac{1}{2}$

(e) receiving the fourth identifier from the third device; (f) in response to receiving the fourth identifier, storing the fourth identifier; and

(g) in response to receiving the first request, sending the fourth identifier to the first device.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 for use with a group consisting of a plurality of devices, each device in the group is associated with a respective identifier for being identified in the Internet, for each of the group devices in the group the method further comprising the steps of:

(h) receiving the associated identifier from the group device;

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(i) in response to receiving the associated identifier, storing the associated identifier; and

(j) in response to receiving the first request, sending the identifier of all group devices to the first device.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the second device is included in the group, the method further comprising the step of selecting the second device out of the devices in the group, and wherein in step (d) the sending the second identifier to the first device is in response to the selection.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the second device is randomly selected out of the devices in the group.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the second device is selected based on attributes or characteristics of the device.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the second device is selected based on the physical geographical location.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the second device is selected based on the second identifier.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the second device is selected based on past activities.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9wherein the second device is selected based on the timing of an event.

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11. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein the event is the last communication between the second device.

12-39 (Canceled).

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The examiner's action dated June 16, 2016 ("Action") has been received and its contents carefully noted.

- a. Claims 12-39 were canceled.
- b. Claim 2 was canceled and its content incorporated into claim 1.
- c. A Terminal Disclaimer was filed as required in section 4 of the Action.

The above amendments are believed to overcome the claims 1-11 rejections and objections.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the communication filed 11/3/2015

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 2 would be allowable if the terminal disclaimer was filed to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Claim Objections

Claims 16-17 and 30-31 are objected to because of the following informalities:
Claims 16 and 30 should be amended to --wherein all of the parts--.
Claims 17 and 31 should be amended to --slices have the same size--.
Appropriate correction is required.

Double Patenting

4. Claims 1-11 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6, 8, 11-12, 18, 22-23, 27, 30-34 of U.S. Patent No. 9,241,044, hereinafter, '044. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because:

Per claim 1 of the instant application, claim 1 of '044 also discloses fetching over the Internet a first content, identified by a first content identifier, by a first device, identified in the Internet by a first identifier, from a second server identified in the Internet by a third identifier via a second device identified in the Internet by a second identifier, using a first server, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the second identifier from the second device; in response to receiving the second identifier, storing the second identifier; receiving a first request from the first device; and in response to receiving a first request, sending the second identifier to the first device.

Per claim 2 of the instant application, claim 6 of '044 also discloses receiving the fourth identifier from the third device; in response to receiving the fourth identifier, storing the fourth identifier; and in response to receiving the first request, sending the fourth identifier to the first device.

Per claim 3 of the instant application, claim 8 of '044 also discloses receiving the associated identifier from the group device; in response to receiving the associated identifier, storing the associated identifier; and in response to receiving the first request, sending the identifier of all group devices to the first device.

Per claim 4 of the instant application, claims 11-12 of '044 also disclose wherein the second device is included in the group, the method further comprising the step of selecting the second device out of the devices in the group, and wherein in the sending the second identifier to the first device is in response to the selection.

Per claim 5 of the instant application, claim 18 of '044 also discloses wherein the second device is randomly selected out of the devices in the group.

Per claim 6 of the instant application, claim 22 of '044 also discloses wherein the second device is selected based on attributes or characteristics of the device.

Per claim 7 of the instant application, claim 23 of '044 also discloses wherein the second device is selected based on the physical geographical location.

Per claim 8 of the instant application, claim 27 of '044 also discloses wherein the second device is selected based on the second identifier.

Per claim 9 of the instant application, claim 30 of '044 also discloses wherein the second device is selected based on past activities.

Per claim 10 of the instant application, claim 31 of '044 also discloses wherein the second device is selected based on the timing of an event.

Per claim 11 of the instant application, claims 32-34 of '044 also disclose wherein the event is the last communication between the second device.

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory double patenting rejection is appropriate where

the claims at issue are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); In re Vogel, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the reference application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement. See MPEP § 717.02 for applications subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA as explained in MPEP § 2159. See MPEP §§ 706.02(1)(1) - 706.02(1)(3) for applications not subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA. A terminal disclaimer must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b).

The USPTO Internet website contains terminal disclaimer forms which may be used. Please visit www.uspto.gov/forms/. The filing date of the application in which the form is filed determines what form (e.g., PTO/SB/25, PTO/SB/26, PTO/AIA/25, or PTO/AIA/26) should be used. A web-based eTerminal Disclaimer may be filled out completely online using web-screens. An eTerminal Disclaimer that meets all requirements is auto-processed and approved

immediately upon submission. For more information about eTerminal Disclaimers, refer to

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/eTD-info-I.jsp.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office Action:

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8, 12-14, 16, 19-20, 22-28, 30, 33-34, and 36-39 are rejected under 35
USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hotti (US 2007/0226810) in view of Agetsuma et al (US 2007/0239655).

With respect to claim 1, Hotti discloses fetching over the Internet a first content,

identified by a first content identifier (sec [0107], "identifying the content segment"), by a first device, identified in the Internet by a first identifier (sec [0105], "terminal ID"), using a first server (sec [0023]), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the second identifier from the second device (fig. 2); in response to receiving the second identifier, storing the second identifier (fig. 5a-6b); receiving a first request from the first device (fig. 11a, 1101, "delivery request"); and in response to receiving a first request, sending the second identifier to the first device (fig. 11a, 1101, "delivery request to server with terminal identification").

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⁽a) A patent may not be obtained through the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Hotti fails to teach a second server identified in the Internet by a third identifier via a second device identified in the Internet by a second identifier.

Agetsuma et al teach the specified deficiencies (claim 3-5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti with the concept illustrated by Agetsuma et al in order to successfully combine a content identification embodiment within a content delivery serving system with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content identification for distribution when implementing the migration procession program (disclosed by Agetsuma et al) for optimal content transmission.

With respect to claim 3, Hotti discloses receiving the associated identifier from the group device (sec [0105]); in response to receiving the associated identifier, storing the associated identifier (sec [0105], "device table"); and in response to receiving the first request, sending the identifier of all group devices to the first device (sec [0031], "linking together the content data set and device group").

With respect to claim 4, Hotti discloses wherein the second device is included in the group (fig. 5a), the method further comprising the step of selecting the second device out of the devices in the group (fig. 6d), and wherein in step the sending the second identifier to the first device is in response to the selection (sec [0131]).

With respect to claim 6, Hotti discloses wherein the second device is selected based on attributes or characteristics of the device (sec [0011], "selection rules").

With respect to claim 8, Hotti discloses wherein the second device is selected based on the second identifier (sec [0012]).

With respect to claim 12, Hotti discloses fetching a content over the Internet (sec [0107], "identifying the content segment"), by a first device identified in the Internet by a first identifier (sec [0105], "terminal ID"), from a first server (sec [0023]), via a group of multiple devices (fig. 6b), each identified in the Internet by an associated group device identifier (fig. 6b, "Device_ID"), wherein the content is partitioned into a plurality of content slices (fig. 6a, "content segment ID"), each content slice containing at least part of the content (fig. 6a, "segment"), and identified using a content slice identifier (fig. 6b); and for each of the content slices, comprising the steps of:

selecting a device from the group (fig. 6d, "content assignment"); the first device sending a first request to the selected device using the selected device identifier (fig. 11a, 1101, "delivery request"), the first request including the content slice identifier and the second identifier (fig. 11a, 1101, "delivery request to server with terminal identification"); in response to receiving the first request, the selected device sending a second request to the first server using the second identifier (sec [0132], lines 12-15, "separate content package"), the second request including the content slice identifier (sec [0129], lines 18-20); in response to receiving the second request, the first server sending the content slice to the selected device (sec [0132], lines 19-22); and in response to receiving the content slice, the selected device sending the content slice to the first device (sec [0119]).

Hotti fails to teach a first server identified in the Internet by a second identifier.

Agetsuma et al teach the specified deficiencies (claim 3-5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti with the concept illustrated by Agetsuma et al in order to successfully combine a content identification embodiment within a content delivery serving system with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content identification for distribution when implementing the migration procession program (disclosed by Agetsuma et al) for optimal content transmission.

With respect to claims 13 and 27, Hotti discloses wherein the content is composed of bits, nibbles, bytes, characters, words, or strings, and the partitioning is based on bit, nibble, byte, multi-byte, number, character, word, or string level (sec [0074], lines 1-3).

With respect to claims 14 and 28, Hotti discloses wherein the content is composed of files (sec [0132], lines 28-30), or programs, and the partitioning is based on file or program level (sec [0133], lines 10-28).

With respect to claims 16 and 30, Hotti discloses wherein the all parts of the content are included in all of the content slices (fig. 4a, "Entire show").

With respect to claims 19 and 33, Hotti discloses wherein part of the content is included in two or more content slices (sec [0056], "multiple segments").

With respect to claims 20 and 34, Hotti discloses wherein the partitioning is sequential in the content (sec [0064]).

With respect to claims 22 and 36, Hotti discloses wherein the number of content slices is equal to the number of devices in the group (fig. 6a-6b).

With respect to claims 23 and 37, Hotti discloses wherein a distinct device is selected for each content slice (fig. 3, "content match").

With respect to claims 24 and 38, Hotti discloses wherein the number of content slices is higher than the number of devices in the group (fig. 4a).

With respect to claims 25 and 39, Hotti discloses wherein the number of content slices is lower than the number of devices in the group (fig. 6d).

With respect to claim 26, Hotti discloses fetching a content over the Internet (sec [0107], "identifying the content segment"), identified in the Internet by a second identifier (sec [0105], "terminal ID") via a group of multiple devices (fig. 6b), from a first server (sec [0023]), each identified in the Internet by an associated group device identifier (fig. 6b, "Device_ID"), partitioning the content into a plurality of content slices (fig. 6a, "content segment ID"), each content slice containing at least part of the content (fig. 6a, "segment"), and identified using a content slice identifier (fig. 6b); and for each of the content slices, comprising the steps of:

selecting a device from the group (fig. 6d, "content assignment"); the first device sending a first request to the selected device using the selected device identifier (fig. 11a, 1101, "delivery request"), the first request including the content slice identifier and the second identifier (fig.

11a, 1101, "delivery request to server with terminal identification"); in response to receiving the first request, the selected device sending a second request to the first server using the second identifier (sec [0132], lines 12-15, "separate content package"), the first request including the content slice identifier (sec [0107]) and the second identifier (sec [0105], "terminal ID"); receiving the content slice from the selected device (sec [0119]); and constructing the content from the received content slices (sec [0119], "join operation").

Hotti fails to teach a first server identified in the Internet by a second identifier.

Agetsuma et al teach the specified deficiencies (claim 3-5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti with the concept illustrated by Agetsuma et al in order to successfully combine a content identification embodiment within a content delivery serving system with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content identification for distribution when implementing the migration procession program (disclosed by Agetsuma et al) for optimal content transmission.

7. Claims 5, 7, 10-11, 15, 17-18, 21, 29, 31-32, and 35 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hotti (US 2007/0226810) in view of Agetsuma et al (US 2007/0239655), further in view of Zuckerman et al (US 2010/0094970).

Regarding claim 5, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein the second device is randomly selected out of the devices in the group.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (fig. 6 & sec [0077]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content distribution when implementing the server selection method (disclosed by Zuckerman et al) in order to limit latency when requested content is transmitted to a receiving client.

Regarding claim 7, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein the second device is selected based on the physical geographical location.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (fig. 23 & sec [0023]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Regarding claim 10, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein the second device is selected based on the timing of an event.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0060]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Regarding claim 11, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein the event is the last communication between the second device.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0090], lines 13-16).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Regarding claims 15 and 29, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein the content is a website content comprising multiple webpages, and the partitioning is based webpages level.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0158], "segments").

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Regarding claims 17 and 31, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein all of the content slices are having the same size.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0072]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine

a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Regarding claims 18 and 32, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein at least two content slices are the same.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0072]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Regarding claims 21 and 35, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein the partitioning is non-sequential in the content.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0083]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Zuckerman et al in order to successfully combine a server provisioning embodiment within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation previously addressed.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hotti (US 2007/0226810) in view of Agetsuma et al (US 2007/0239655), further in view of Labranche et al (US 2014/0301334).

Regarding claim 9, Hotti and Agetsuma et al fail to teach wherein the second device is selected based on past activities.

Zuckerman et al teach the specified deficiencies (sec [0022]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hotti and Agetsuma et al with the concept illustrated by Labranche et al in order to successfully combine a terminal selection disclosure within the disclosed content identifications systems with the motivation of providing the benefit of teaching an improvement upon content distribution when implementing the terminal selection method (disclosed by Labranche et al) when selecting terminals for distribution based on device hierarchy.

Conclusion

The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 2/26/16 were filed after the mailing date of the instant application. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randy A. Scott whose telephone number is (571) 272-3797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-5:00 pm, second Fridays 7:30 am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Krista Zele can be reached on (571) 272-7288. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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