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("introductions" AND "procurement"): 10 patents.

**United States Patent
Burich**

**7,024,391
April 4, 2006**

System, method and program product for sharing information

Abstract

A member accessible information system for managing member information, and selectively providing member information to individual members. The members, typically belong to a common industry, such as the food industry and connect through remotely connected networked computers, such as over the Internet. Members may be food industry members include suppliers, manufacturers and customers, each accessing information supplied by members and maintained by the system. Members may search through previously authorized member provided information. The system includes a central storage which may be located on a database server and which stores product information, e.g., food product information and specifications. Members access the system through a web server. A security policy server verifies what product information and which specifications are to be available to each member. Specifications may be stored centrally or, distributed to member locations. An app server stores and selectively executes applications used by members. User security profiles are stored on and managed by a policy server. Each member's security profile indicate the level of authorization of the corresponding member. A personalization server may be included to record user member characteristics, i.e., content viewed by the member, and personalizes content to subsequently automatically make similar content available to the member. An ad server may be included to schedule, serve and track advertising content provided to members. Orders may be generated and placed automatically. Member use may be tracked to generate member bills automatically and bill individual members.



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United States Patent **6,957,199**
Fisher **October 18, 2005**

Method, system and service for conducting authenticated business transactions

Abstract

The invention pertains to a method, online service, and system, for creating partnerships based on trust relationships over a public network, authenticating trade partners, infrastructure providers and collaborators to each other, and providing users with an environment suitable for conducting transactions requiring a high level of trust. A service according to the invention is a persistent authentication and mediation service (PAMS) which is provided as an on-line service. One embodiment is a method for conducting authenticated business transactions involving microprocessor equipped devices over the Internet comprising: A. providing an on-line authentication service available on the distributed network; B. authenticating a plurality of users to said on-line authentication service using a closed authentication system to produce a plurality of authenticated users; and C. connecting a group of at least two of said plurality of authenticated users under persistent mediation of said on-line authentication service, producing a connected group of authenticated users.

Inventors: **Fisher; Douglas** (Mountain View, CA)
 Appl. No.: **875088**
 Filed: **June 5, 2001**

Number 3:
 Method and system for facilitating information exchange



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Abstract

A method and system for facilitating information exchange between individuals and entities interacting on a shared project are provided, and more particularly to a method and system for horizontal, i.e., non-hierarchical, participation in and/or contribution to a spreadsheet-based project. The method and system is Web-based and utilizes conventional browser and spreadsheet technology to achieve collaborative exchanges of information on an enterprise-wide basis. The method and system also facilitate efficacious remote information access and exchange, e.g., over a computer network such as the Internet and/or the World Wide Web, through a caching function that combines individual queries initiated by a spreadsheet program before transmitting across a network to a server for consideration.

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United States Patent **6,694,309**
Cho , et al. **February 17, 2004**

Method and system for facilitating networked information exchange

Abstract

A method and system for facilitating information exchange between individuals and entities interacting on a shared project are provided, and more particularly to a method and system for horizontal, i.e., non-hierarchical, participation in and/or contribution to a spreadsheet-based project. The method and system is Web-based and utilizes conventional browser and spreadsheet technology to achieve collaborative exchanges of information on an enterprise-wide basis. The method and system also facilitate efficacious remote information access and exchange, e.g., over a computer network such as the Internet and/or the World Wide Web, through a caching function that combines individual queries initiated by a spreadsheet program before transmitting across a network to a server for consideration.



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Filed: **September 26, 2002**

Number 5:

United States Patent

6,539,403

Cho , et al.

March 25, 2003

Method and system for facilitating networked information exchange

Abstract

A method and system for facilitating information exchange between individuals and entities interacting on a shared project are provided, and more particularly to a method and system for horizontal, i.e., non-hierarchical, participation in and/or contribution to a spreadsheet-based project. The method and system is Web-based and utilizes conventional browser and spreadsheet technology to achieve collaborative exchanges of information on an enterprise-wide basis. The method and system also facilitate efficacious remote information access and exchange, e.g., over a computer network such as the Internet and/or the World Wide Web, through a caching function that combines individual queries initiated by a spreadsheet program before transmitting across a network to a server for consideration.

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Filed: **December 19, 2001**

Number 6

United States Patent

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Cho , et al.

January 22, 2002

Spreadsheet-based network information exchange with two-part cache

Abstract

A method and system for facilitating information exchange between individuals and entities interacting on a shared project are provided, and more particularly to a method and system for horizontal, i.e., non-



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hierarchical, participation in and/or contribution to a spreadsheet-based project. The method and system is Web-based and utilizes conventional browser and spreadsheet technology to achieve collaborative exchanges of information on an enterprise-wide basis. The method and system also facilitate efficacious remote information access and exchange, e.g., over a computer network such as the Internet and/or the World Wide Web, through a caching function that combines individual queries initiated by a spreadsheet program before transmitting across a network to a server for consideration.

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Filed: **May 30, 2000**

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United States Patent
Quesenberry

6,068,836
May 30, 2000

Number 9

United States Patent
Eder

5,615,109
March 25, 1997

Method of and system for generating feasible, profit maximizing requisition sets

Abstract

In a computer based inventory control method and system, feasible profit maximizing sets of requisitions are created. System processing starts with the creation of detailed, multi-dimensional forecasts of sales and cash receipts using stored algorithms and data preferentially extracted from a basic financial system and the adjustment of the forecasts to match the controlling forecast specified by the user. The adjustment of the forecasts is facilitated by the use of a calculated variable that defines the magnitude of the relative adjustment for each forecast element. All forecasts are adjusted to exactly match a controlling forecast which is either a multivalent combination of the previously generated forecasts or the user specified controlling forecast. The adjusted forecast of sales by item is then used in calculating a requisition set that satisfies expected demand while meeting user specified service level targets. A profit maximized requisition set is then created that utilizes vendor and unit of measure substitution under a variety of discount schedules to the extent possible within the user specified constraints. The processing completed by the system to determine the profit maximizing requisition set utilizes multi-objective, mixed-integer, linear programming techniques. A financial forecast is then calculated and displayed to determine if purchasing the profit maximizing requisition set will be feasible under the forecast financial conditions. Once the constraints and/or forecasts are adjusted as required to produce a feasible solution, processing



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advances to the profit enhancement stage where overall financial constraints are established and user specified constraints on commitment percentages, global unit of measure substitution and global vendor substitution are optionally relaxed and profit enhancing changes are calculated, stored and displayed. The user optionally accepts displayed enhancements and the financial forecast is recalculated to demonstrate the impact of the accepted changes before the requisitions are modified to reflect the accepted enhancements.

Inventors: **Eder; Jeff** (Bellevue, WA)
 Appl. No.: **448826**
 Filed: **May 24, 1995**

Number 10

United States Patent
Slade

4,863,384
September 5, 1989

Personalized feedback system utilizing pre-recorded media and method of making same

Abstract

A personalized feedback system is disclosed that employs survey questionnaires for enabling *procurement* of personalized data indicative of the needs of a user. Compilation components are included for providing computer-readable personal data signals indicative of a compilation of data procured with the survey questionnaires for an individual user. Feedback presentation memory components store a group of pre-recorded feedback display signals that are indicative of a group of vignettes illustrative of various results of the personal data, and recording components store data signals indicative of the compilation of data and the feedback display signals to provide a feedback presentation illustrating results for the user. Switching components responsive to the data signals are included for causing the recording components to store personal data signals for a certain user along with selected ones of the feedback display signals corresponding to the stored performance data signals in a certain sequence.

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 Assignee: **Keilty, Goldsmith & Boone** (La Jolla, CA)
 Appl. No.: **850239**
 Filed: **April 10, 1986**



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PAT. NO.	Title
1 6,616,094	T Lifting platform
2 6,606,603	T Method and apparatus for ordering items using electronic catalogs
3 6,587,832	T Market pay system
4 6,520,449	T Lifting platform with positive horizontal stability
5 6,464,459	T Lifting platform with energy recovery
6 6,689,650	T Community reinvestment act network

Number 2

United States Patent
Joseph , et al.

6,606,603
August 12, 2003

Method and apparatus for ordering items using electronic catalogs

Abstract

A system for electronically ordering items having at least one supplier computer system for storing at least one catalog containing the items offered by a supplier and a customer computer system with the improvement of a public computer system comprising an index to the items in the catalogs on the at least one supplier computer system, means for querying the index on the public computer system for a desired item in response to a request for the desired item from the customer computer system and means for generating a pointer for the customer computer system to catalog information about the desired item in the catalog on the at least one supplier system which has been identified by the query of the index.

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 Appl. No.: **276921**
 Filed: **March 26, 1999**

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United States Patent
Beck , et al.

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July 1, 2003



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Market pay system

Abstract

Method and system for obtaining and using observed market rates in estimating suitable market-based compensation for one or more jobs. Each observed market rate is assigned a job family and a combination of a job category and a job level of responsibility (C/L). Median market rates and average market rates are observed for different job families and are combined in a novel way to produce job family factors and C/L factors that, when multiplied together accurately reflect market rates for that job, even for a combination of job family and job C/L that is not represented in the data.

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Appl. No.: **527081**

Filed: **March 16, 2000**

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PAT. NO.	Title
1 6,606,603	T Method and apparatus for ordering items using electronic catalogs
2 6,587,832	T Market pay system
3 5,689,650	T Community reinvestment act network

Number 3

United States Patent

McClelland , et al.

5,689,650

November 18, 1997

Community reinvestment act network

Abstract

The CRA apparatus compiles investor needs for CRA qualified assets, creates portfolios of assets that would be recognized by regulatory agencies as meeting the requirements of the CRA and allocates CRA



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credits separately from the financial return of the portfolio of assets. The CRA apparatus can acquire CRA eligible loans from the secondary market, directly from private or governmental agencies, and/or directly from loan originators. The CRA apparatus determines whether an asset meets CRA qualifying parameters from demographic and statistical data regarding the borrower and/or the financial asset. The apparatus determines, by using CRA qualification factors as well as investor requirements, whether a loan should be acquired. In a parallel accounting process, the apparatus creates a pool of CRA eligible "credits" from the assets in each portfolio and then tracks and allocates specific CRA credits associated with specific assets to specific portfolio investors. This allocation of CRA credits creates specific "CRA interests" for each investor. These interests would be recognized by regulatory agencies as meeting the requirements of the CRA. The invention can provide a complete audit trail for the allocation of CRA interest and can generate the information necessary to comply with all regulatory reporting requirements. The CRA apparatus allows investors to obtain and report geographically specific CRA interests while participating in a diversified, risk managed portfolio.

Inventors: **McClelland; Glenn B.** (Old Greenwich, CT); **Levinson; Richard D.** (Cortlandt Manor, NY);
Sloan; Judith S. (New Rochelle, NY)
 Appl. No.: **393423**
 Filed: **February 23, 1995**

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"business" and "procurement" and "internet" and "gc"

PAT. NO.	Title
1 7,036,072	Method and apparatus for declarative updating of self-describing, structured documents
2 7,035,816	System and method for reduced cost purchasing
3 7,035,809	Accelerated process improvement framework
4 7,032,113	Network enabled application software system and method
5 7,031,941	Method and system for managing configuration of mechanical equipment
6 7,024,412	Systems and methods for database configuration migration
7 7,023,332	On-vehicle breakdown-warning report system
8 7,021,535	Advertising compliance monitoring system
9 7,020,697	Architectures for netcentric computing systems
10 7,020,627	Material procurement system and a material procurement method
11 7,020,532	Methods and apparatus for control using control devices that provide a virtual machine environment and that communicate via an IP network
12 7,013,290	Personalized interactive digital catalog profiling



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- 13 [7,010,768](#) **T** [Transmission line bounding models](#)
- 14 [7,010,580](#) **T** [Method and apparatus for exchanging data in a platform independent manner](#)
- 15 [7,010,530](#) **T** [Event management system](#)
- 16 [7,010,526](#) **T** [Knowledge-based data mining system](#)
- 17 [7,010,511](#) **T** [Method and system for conducting electronic auctions with net present value bidding](#)
- 18 [7,007,091](#) **T** [Method and apparatus for processing subject name included in personal certificate](#)
- 19 [7,003,486](#) **T** [Net-value creation and allocation in an electronic trading system](#)
- 20 [7,003,474](#) **T** [Supply chain architecture](#)
- 21 [7,003,437](#) **T** [System, method and program for evaluating environmental load](#)
- 22 [7,003,369](#) **T** [Real time design, development and delivery collaborative apparel solution digital platform](#)
- 23 [7,003,289](#) **T** [Communication interface device for managing wireless data transmission between a vehicle and the internet](#)
- 24 [7,000,179](#) **T** [Method and apparatus for programmatic learned routing in an electronic form system](#)
- 25 [6,999,941](#) **T** [Providing gift clustering functionality to assist a user in ordering multiple items for a recipient](#)
- 26 [6,996,538](#) **T** [Inventory control system and methods](#)
- 27 [6,996,210](#) **T** [System of operating a telecommunications contracting company](#)
- 28 [6,995,675](#) **T** [Method and system for agricultural data collection and management](#)
- 29 [6,994,104](#) **T** [Modular system for storing gas cylinders](#)
- 30 [6,993,534](#) **T** [Data store for knowledge-based data mining system](#)
- 31 [6,993,506](#) **T** [Method and device utilizing polymorphic data in e-commerce](#)
- 32 [6,990,649](#) **T** [Method to configure and quote component arrays](#)
- 33 [6,990,465](#) **T** [Establishment of preferred business partners using a vendor certification program](#)
- 34 [6,988,111](#) **T** [Mapping between part numbers that are based on different part numbering schemes](#)
- 35 [6,985,955](#) **T** [System and method for provisioning resources to users based on roles, organizational information, attributes and third-party information or authorizations](#)
- 36 [6,983,236](#) **T** [Method for system-constraint-based selection for design components](#)
- 37 [6,983,200](#) **T** [Supplemental diagnostic and service resource planning for mobile systems](#)
- 38 [6,981,222](#) **T** [End-to-end transaction processing and statusing system and method](#)
- 39 [6,981,041](#) **T** [Apparatus and accompanying methods for providing, through a centralized server site, an integrated virtual office environment, remotely accessible via a network-connected web browser, with remote network monitoring and management capabilities](#)
- 40 [6,980,999](#) **T** [Method and system for providing dietary information](#)
- 41 [6,980,966](#) **T** [Guided buying decision support in an electronic marketplace environment](#)
- 42 [6,980,959](#) **T** [Configuring mechanical equipment](#)



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- 43 [6,978,273](#) **T** [Rules based custom catalogs generated from a central catalog database for multiple entities](#)
- 44 [6,975,937](#) **T** [Technique for processing customer service transactions at customer site using mobile computing device](#)
- 45 [6,974,081](#) **T** [Smart book](#)
- 46 [6,972,669](#) **T** [On-vehicle breakdown-warning report system](#)
- 47 [6,971,107](#) **T** [System and method for frame storage of executable code](#)
- 48 [6,970,841](#) **T** [Large inventory-service optimization in configure-to-order systems](#)
- 49 [6,970,840](#) **T** [Method and system for providing virtual access to information distributed across heterogeneous catalog servers](#)
- 50 [6,965,938](#) **T** [System and method for clustering servers for performance and load balancing](#)

United States Patent **6,990,465**
Wandmacher , et al. **January 24, 2006**

Establishment of preferred *business* partners using a vendor certification program

Abstract

A curriculum, based in subject matter expertise possessed by an entity, is provided to vendors in the form of a vendor certification program via a communication network. In exchange for a fee, vendors partake of the curriculum and, upon completion of at least a portion of the curriculum, are conferred certified vendor status by the entity. Certified vendor status confers preferential consideration by the entity when the entity undertakes acquisition decisions. Variable levels of certified vendor status may be achieved in direct proportion to the number of personnel affiliated with a vendor that successfully complete at least a portion of the vendor certification program, or in direct proportion to a percentage of the program completed. In this manner, entities can generate previously unrealized revenue and vendors are motivated to participate due to the preferential consideration given by the entity in exchange for successful completion.

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 Filed: **January 25, 2002**

United States Patent **7,003,486**
Condamoor , et al. **February 21, 2006**



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Net-value creation and allocation in an electronic trading system

Abstract

An electronic exchange creates and distributes value among trading partners in a trade. Trading agents for the trading partners use a value manager to store true values for a trading element in the trade. The true values are the values perceived by the trading partner, but are not shown to other trading partners. These true values vary with attributes of the trading element. The attributes modify the trading element and are valued differently by different trading partners. A trade manager receives offers from trading agents. The offers are sent with the true values and the attribute values. The trade manager compares true values of buyers and sellers across a range of attribute values. Net values are computed as the difference of a buyers' sum and a sellers' sum. The buyers' sum is the sum of all true values from buyer trading agents, while the sellers' sum is the sum of the true values of all seller trading agents. The trade manager finds a set of attribute values that has a maximum net value. The trade is conducted for the trading element with the attributes that maximizes the net value. The net value is then allocated among the electronic exchange and the buyer and seller trading partners.

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Knowledge-based data mining system

Abstract

In a data mining system, data is gathered into a data store using, e.g., a Web crawler. The data is classified into entities. Data miners use rules to process the entities and append respective keys to the entities representing characteristics of the entities as derived from expert rules embodied in the miners. With these keys, characteristics of entities as defined by disparate expert authors of the data miners are identified for use in responding to complex data requests from customers.

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Bartkowiak, et al.

7,010,530
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Event management system

Abstract

A system is disclosed for the planning, management and execution of events that permits the event manager, client, convention personnel, and suppliers to coordinate activities and rapidly disseminate information. Preferably, the system includes a repository of information. All or portions of the information may be electronically accessed by the various parties, subject to the limitations imposed by the event manager. Real time information is provided to the parties, including the ability to observe the progress of the production of the exhibit in real time from remote locations.

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