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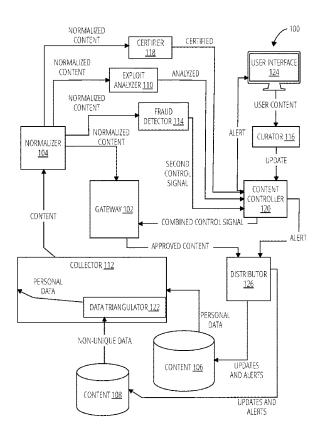
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ABSTRACT (57)

A method and system for managing personal data is provided as a means to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of personal data access, approval and curation across multiple content sources. The method and system accomplishes this by discovering, identifying, collecting normalizing personal information from content sources then alerting the user to any identifiable use of their personal information and allowing the user to directly dictate personal information use policies and manually control individual personal data attributes on multiple content platforms.

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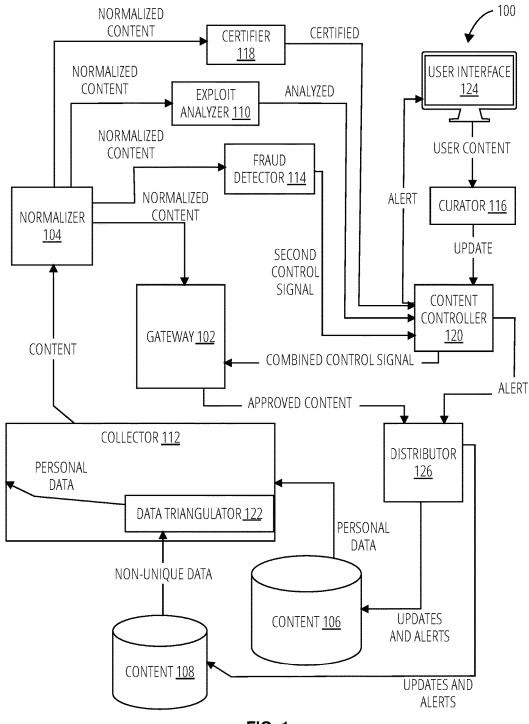
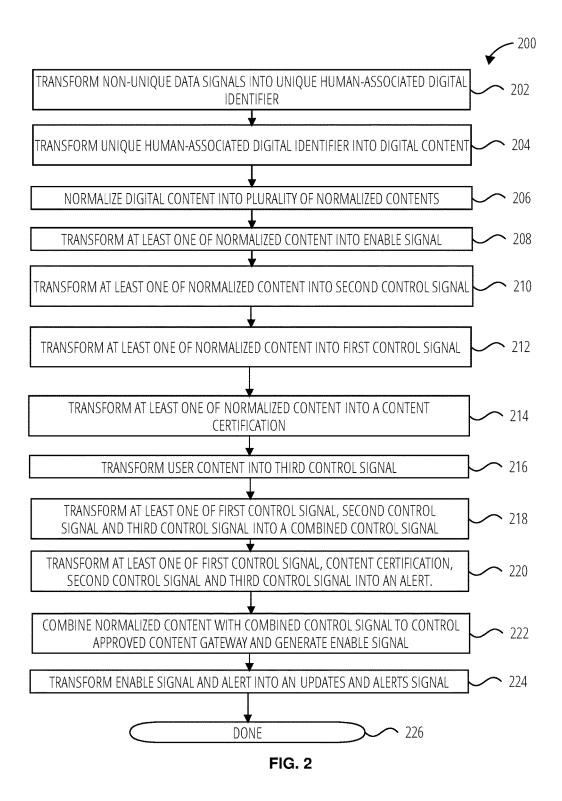
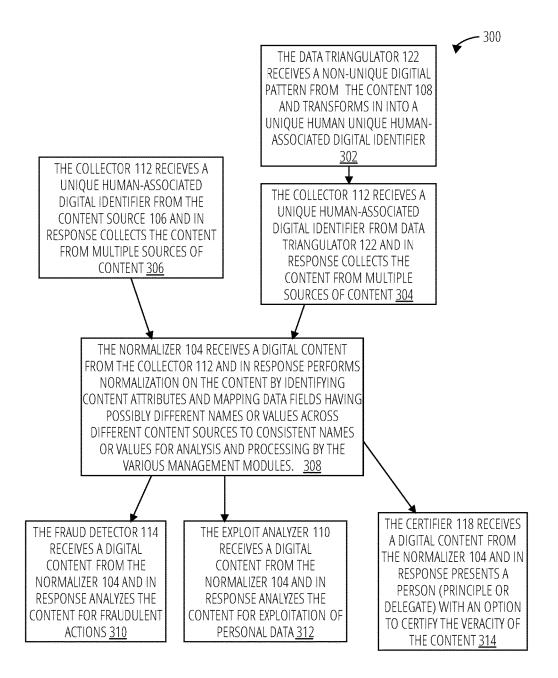


FIG. 1





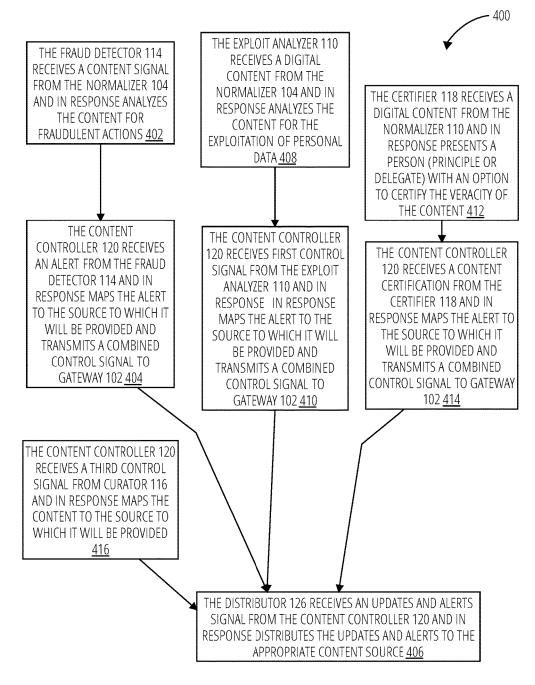
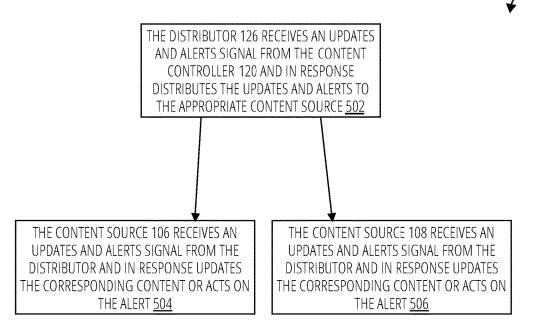
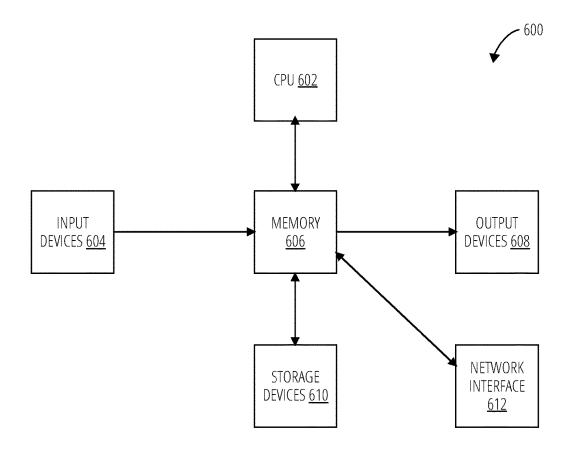
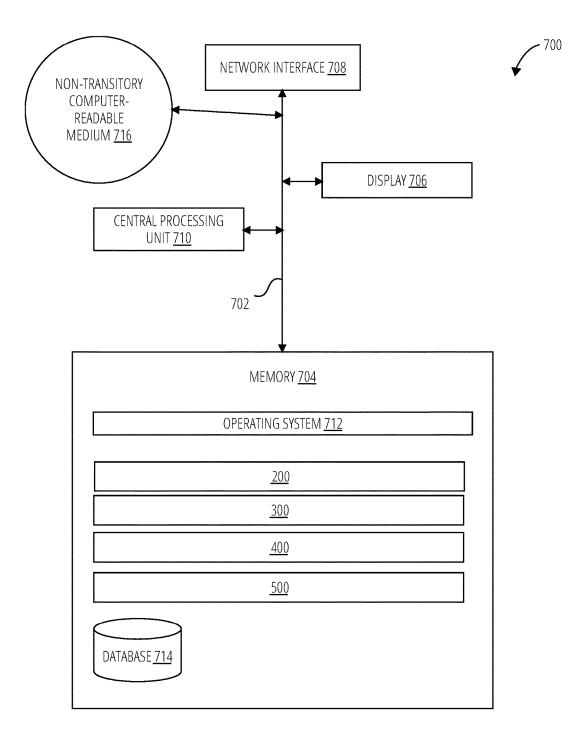


FIG. 4







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PERSONAL INFORMATION DATA MANAGER

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority and benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119 to U.S. application Ser. No. 62/013,250, filed on Jun. 17, 2014, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

BACKGROUND

With the proliferation internet technology, and the development of big data and social networking, personal data is ¹⁵ becoming ever-increasingly public. It is also becoming increasingly difficult to update personal information across manage what entities have access to your personal data, whether or not these entities are showing accurate information, and whether or not they are improperly using said data. ²⁰

BRIEF SUMMARY

The following summary is intended to highlight and introduce some aspects of the disclosed embodiments, but ²⁵ not to limit the scope of the claims. Thereafter, a detailed description of illustrated embodiments is presented, which will permit one skilled in the relevant art to make and use various embodiments.

Embodiments of a system and methods are described ³⁰ which discovers, tracks and manages the release and update of personal information throughout it's lifecycle across multiple applications and web-based environments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

To easily identify the discussion of any particular element or act, the most significant digit or digits in a reference number refer to the figure number in which that element is 40 first introduced.

FIG. 1 is a system diagram of an embodiment of a personal data management system.

FIG. **2** illustrates a routine for managing personal data in accordance with one embodiment.

FIG. **3** illustrates a routine for managing personal data in accordance with one embodiment.

FIG. **4** illustrates a routine for managing personal data in accordance with one embodiment.

FIG. **5** illustrates a routine for managing personal data in ⁵⁰ accordance with one embodiment.

FIG. 6 illustrates an embodiment of a digital apparatus 600 to implement components and process steps of the system described herein.

FIG. 7 illustrates a server 700 in accordance with one 55 embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Glossary

"content source" in this context refers to a website, application or other internet-based location which contains personal data

"security question answers" in this context refers to 65 answers given to a user authentication question such as "What is your mother's maiden name?"

"non-unique personal data attributes" in this context refers to such attributes that are not unique to an individual, such as height, name, weight, sexual orientation.

"unique personal data attributes" in this context refers to such attributes that are unique to an individual, such as a social security number.

DESCRIPTION

The phrases "in one embodiment", "in various embodiments", "in some embodiments", and the like are used repeatedly. Such phrases do not necessarily refer to the same embodiment. The terms "comprising", "having", and "including" are synonymous, unless the context dictates otherwise.

Reference is now made in detail to the description of the embodiments as illustrated in the drawings. While embodiments are described in connection with the drawings and related descriptions, there is no intent to limit the scope to the embodiments disclosed herein. On the contrary, the intent is to cover all alternatives, modifications and equivalents. In alternate embodiments, additional devices, or combinations of illustrated devices, may be added to or combined, without limiting the scope to the embodiments disclosed herein.

A system embodiment is described herein that includes components and logic to implement a universal client having a user interface to visualize complex personal data distributed across many content sources on the Internet (or other wide area networks). The data is visualized by the system in manners relevant to the person, who is enabled to control relevance/context scoring vectors for individual or logical groups of personal data. The system also includes a universal data connector service for collecting/crawling personal data, a data curation service accessible from the user interface, a distributor service for exporting/pushing content back out to content sources, and a synchronization services that is notified when external sources have updates, imports, and any changes are exported and "sync'd' back to the content sources. The system is useful for managing personal data for consumers (private persons), businesses (entities that monetize personal information), enterprise customers (knowledge workers within organizations), as well as business-to-business.

In some embodiments, a system may include a data triangulator to transform a non-unique digital pattern into a unique human-associated digital identifier; a collector to transform the unique human-associated digital identifier into digital content; a normalizer to transform the digital content into a group of normalized content; a certifier to transform the normalized content into a content certification; an exploit analyzer to transform the normalized content into a first control signal; a fraud detector to transform the normalized content into a second control signal; a curator to transform a user content into a third control signal; a content controller to transform the third control signal, the content certification, the first control signal, and the second control signal into an alert and a combined control signal; a gateway to transform the combined control signal and the normalized content into an enable signal; and/or a distributor to respond to the enable signal and the alert to communicate the normalized content to at least one machine server.

In some embodiments, the normalizer may include logic to receive the digital content and convert the digital content into the normalized content with standardized constituent personal data attributes, logic to send the digital content to the certifier, logic to send the digital content to the exploit analyzer, and/or logic to send the digital content to the fraud detector.

In some embodiments, the exploit analyzer may include Logic to apply a user data policy containing rules for data 5 usage to the normalized content to create the first control signal.

In some embodiments, the fraud detector may include logic to compare the normalized content to a group of user data attributes such as social security number, current 10 address, previous address, date of birth, mother's maiden name, and security question answers.

In some embodiments, the collector may include logic to identify personal information from a content source and/or logic to transmit collected content to the normalizer logic. 15

In some embodiments, the data triangulator may include logic to parse the non-unique digital pattern into at least one non-unique personal data attributes, logic to compare the non-unique personal data attributes to user personal data attributes and compile into the unique human-associated 20 digital identifier, and/or logic to transmit the unique humanassociated digital identifier to the collector.

In some embodiments, the content controller may include logic to receive at least one of the content certification, the first control signal, and the second control signal and gen- 25 erate the alert corresponding to the received signal and/or logic to receive at least one of the content certification, the first control signal, the second control signal and the third control signal, and combine the signals into the combined control signal. 30

In some embodiments, the data triangulator may include logic to aggregate the non-unique personal data attributes from content signals and determine the similarity of the non-unique personal data attributes with the non-unique personal data attributes with the user's non-unique personal 35 data attributes.

1. Viewing and curating data on subscription based IaaS applications such as Facebook, Amazon, Microsoft, Google, or viewing and curating data on subscription based B 2 B data brokers such as Axciom or marketing data providers 40 such as Datalogix, comscore, Gatner and others or viewing and curating data on subscription based B 2 C data REPORTING agencies such as Equifax and TransUnion, or bacground information aggregators/providers Intelius or viewing and curating personal data stored with retailers such 45 ated meta data in e is updated. Target and Walmart,

a. User logs into Personal data App (with 2nd factor authentication)

b. The application shows in tree view and other views the Web based services that have their personal data.

c. The personal data app has been authenticated by standard means to access their current data in these systems, and/or may do common screen scraping techniques-these actions happen in the background as a service and/or when the user hits update refresh on selected services

d. For example when the user decided to view Facebook, they see the data the Facebook explicitly has from the user:

i. Basic PII

1. Legal name

2. Social security number (if available)

- 3. Title
- 4. Gender
- 5. Height
- 6. Weight
- 7. Ethnicity
- 8. Age
- 9. Address(s)

- 10. Phone number(s)
- 11. Email address(es)
- 12. Other contact info, (e.g. Web page, twitter, etc)
- ii. Extended PII
- 1. Marital status
- 2. Education history, grades and status
- 3. Veteran status
- 4. Sexual preference(s)
- 5. Credit score
- 6. Relationship preferences
- 7. Income if available
- 8. Place(s) of work
- 9. Places where they live(d)
- 10. Family and relationships
- 11. Life events (e.g. weddings, births, graduations, vaca-
- tions, incl place, date, time)
 - 12. Hobbies
 - 13. Interests
 - 14. Health conditions
 - 15. Memberships and affiliations
 - 16. Political classifications and affiliations
 - iii. Consumption PII (white list and black list)
 - 1. Music and Entertainment preferences (white list and
- black list)
 - 2. Food interests
 - 3. Health interests
 - 4. Lifestyle interests
 - 5. Recreational interest (e.g. bike, hike ski.
 - 6. Vacation interests
- 7. Informational preferences (news, books, etc.)
- 8. Brand preferences in all categories
- 9. Influencers
- 10. Retailer preferences
- 11. Medical preferences
- 12. Medical procedures
- 13. Credit score
- 14. Insurance ratings
- 15. Accident histories
- 16. Everything else

e. The user views these details-each one has a date from created, last modified, etc, and opt-in/legal note for in-policy or out of policy (controlled by the user, and meeting local laws)

f. They may edit, add or delete any of them. The associ-

g. They then push the updates back out to the servicesi. where they have direct access, the information is auto updated,

ii. where they do not have access to change, it is in the 50 services update queue-must comply to local laws

h. The user may then see a log of the updates and then view them

i. the user may do them for each services a-h for each service individually or perform global changes, via our 55 normalization algorithms

j. The user may run "monitor policy" to see if any of the services is out of policy with local laws and their intentions as appropriate

k. Out of policy notifications are triggered by J and/or 60 automatically from back ground services

1. Out of policy events may have automated remediation (configured by user or default), OR manual intervention by the user.

Curation is the process of keeping content fresh, relevant, 65 and accurate. A curator 108 (e.g., a person operating a machine on a network) may now and again provide content updates, which the system will distribute intelligently across

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the various content sources in a consistent manner. Thus, for example, a single update to a person's job description may be intelligently normalized and distributed across multiple social media sites and job posting sites. The normalizer 110 receives content updates signal from the curator 108 and in 5 response maps the content to the specific form of the source to which it will be provided (412). From there the content is communicated for distribution to (potentially multiple) sources. The system may enable the curator to choose what specific information to view at any time, such as view credit score only, (with the source of the data)

A system consistent with the described embodiment may be utilized to implement a "personation" app for a PC, Mac or mobile device, either as a standalone app or from within a browser or other app. This app may provide a current and unified view and management portal for a representation of the data representing a person (personal data) from all over the Internet. The data includes and is not limited to: personal financial, demographic, and preference information; things a 20 person likes and dislikes, things a person wishes to purchase, sell, rent, offer for rent, and time frames for such things, etc. Likes and dislikes (whitelist and black list) includes products, services, brand names, companies, organizations, public figures, artist entities such as bands, troupes, artists, 25 entertainers, etc. The person can view and manage the data, either in Tree form (with typical sorting views of, typical taxonomys), or a 2.5D (simulated 3D) interface where the data looks like spheres or recognizable objects, where the size of the object is strength of the relevance score (how 30 personally relevant is the data to the person). Objects are connected to object based on configurable relevancy (e.g. slider controls for people, places, things, events, finance, retail . . . etc.) 35

DRAWINGS

The system comprises content 108, content 106, Collector 112, curator 116, Normalizer 104, Fraud detector 114, Exploit analyzer 110, and Certifier 118. The Collector 112 40 receives content from content sources 106, 108 and in response collects the content for normalization and distribution to various management modules. Content may be collected into a buffer, for example a FIFO, or may be processed immediately, or may be buffered and prioritized 45 for processing according to source. Content sources include local devices (PC, LAN server, tablet, mobile phone, etc.), "cloud" locations, and any source that stores data components representing a person or entity explicitly or in an obfuscated fashion, (e.g. GUID). 50

Content sources may be accessed utilizing a driver model. The system may include specific data source "connectors" built on generic interfaces that call the most optimal methods for gaining access to the source(s), then collecting/ distributing data back. For example, local file and/or data- 55 base methods with local access controls may be utilized for locally access able data stores, e.g. mounted file systems. In the case of accessing personal data on a social network, ecommerce site or financial data warehouse, specific data connectors are built, and loaded, utilizing methods such as 60 REST, JSON, SOAP, Protocol Buffers, and others as appropriate to verify credentials, collect content and distribute updates, etc. Some sources may require subscriptions or some other secure method to access, For example a person may pay also store personal information such as financial 65 accounts and passwords in an encrypted removable device, such as to make it virtually un-hackable.

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In some embodiments, a Collector 112 receives a unique human-associated digital identifier from content 106 and transforms it into a digital content. Data triangulator 122 receives a non-unique digital pattern from content 108 and correlates identified data to existing data and transforms a non-unique digital pattern into a unique human-associated digital identifier. Collector 112 transforms personal data signals into a digital content which it transmits to Normalizer 104.

Normalizer 104 receives a digital content and transforms it into a normalized contents by identifying content attributes and standardizing data formatting. Normalization involves mapping data fields having possibly different names or values across different content sources to consistent names or values for analysis and processing by the various management modules. The normalized content is then distributed to the various management modules.

Certifier 118 receives a normalized content from the Normalizer 104 and in response transforms it into a content certification and transmits the content certification to the Content controller 120. The Content controller 120 receives this alert from the Certifier 118 and in response maps the alert to the specific form of the source to which it will be provided, such a User interface 124 which presents a person (principle or delegate) with an option to certify the veracity of the content. If the content is validly associated with the person, they may provide an alert indicating its validity. The alert may be passed back to the appropriate content sources which provide an indication that the content is certified by its "owner", that is, the person it is for/about. If the content is not validly associated with the person, a different alert (indicating the content is uncertified) may be generated and passed through to the content sources, which post a corresponding "uncertified" indication for the content.

Exploit analyzer 110 receives a normalized content and in response analyzes the content for exploitation of personal data and transforms it into a first control signal and transmits it to a Content controller 120. Exploitation may involve use of personal data for monetary gain, without authorization to do so. Detected exploitation may be reported to the person whose data is being exploited using a machine-human interface. The person may choose to act to end the exploitation by contacting the content source or the person exploiting the content.

Fraud detector 114 receives a normalized content and in response analyzes the content for fraudulent actions and transforms it into a first control signal and transmits it to a Content controller 120. Fraudulent activity can include false attribution of the content to a person or entity; false or misleading statements in conjunction with the content; or other use of the content in a fraudulent or misleading manner. If fraud is detected, an alert may be generated for distribution back to the content source. The Gateway 102 receives the alert from the fraud detector **112** and in response maps the alert to the specific form of the source to which it will be provided. The distributor 126 receives the alert from the Content controller 120 and in response distributes the alert to the appropriate content sources. The content sources 106, 108 receive the content update signal from distributor 126 which may include an alert and in response act on the alert, for example by removing or flagging the corresponding content.

Curator 116 receives a user content from a User interface 124 and transforms the digital content into a third control signal and transmits it to Content controller 120.

Content controller 120 receives a third control signal, a second control signal, a first control signal and a content

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certification and sends a combined control signal to Gateway **102** operate Gateway **102** and transmit an enable signal to Collector **112**.

Content controller **120** receives a third control signal, a second control signal, a first control signal and a content certification and sends an alert to User interface **124** to notify user of the need for additional action or approval.

Distributor **126** receives an approved content and alert and sends updates and alerts signal to content **106** and content **108**.

In block **202**, routine **200** transforms non-unique data signals into a unique human-associated digital identifier.

In block **204**, routine **200** transforms the unique humanassociated digital identifier into a digital content.

In block **206**, routine **200** normalizes the digital content into a plurality of normalized content.

In block **208**, routine **200** transforms at least one of the normalized content into an enable signal.

In block **210**, routine **200** transforms at least one of the $_{20}$ normalized content into a second control signal.

In block **212**, routine **200** transforms at least one of the normalized content into an alert.

In block **214**, routine **200** transforms a user content into a third control signal.

In block **216**, routine **200** transforms at least one of the first control signal.

In block **218**, routine **200** transforms at least one of the first control signal.

In block **220**, routine **200** combines a normalized content ³⁰ with a combined control signal to control an approved content gateway and generate an enable signal.

In block **222**, routine **200** transforms an enable signal and alert into an updates and alerts signal.

In done block **224**, routine **200** ends.

In block **306**, the Data triangulator **122** receives a nonunique digital pattern from the content **108** and transforms it into a unique human-associated digital identifier.

In block **304**, collector **112** receives a unique human- $_{40}$ associated digital identifier from data triangulator **122** and in response collects the content from multiple sources of content

In block **302**, collector **112** receives a unique humanassociated digital identifier from the content source **106** and 45 in response collects the content from multiple sources of content.

In block **308**, the normalizer **104** receives a digital content from the Collector **112** and in response performs normalization on the content by identifying content attributes and ⁵⁰ mapping data fields having possibly different names or values across different content sources to consistent names or values for analysis and processing by the various management modules.

In block **310**, the fraud detector **114** receives a digital 55 content from the normalizer **104** and in response analyzes the content for fraudulent actions.

In block **312**, the exploit analyzer **110** receives a digital content from the normalizer **104** and in response analyzes the content for exploitation of personal data.

In block **314**, the certifier **118** receives a digital content from the normalizer **104** and in response presents a person (principle or delegate) with an option to certify the veracity of the content.

In block **402**, the fraud detector **114** receives a content 65 signal from the normalizer **104** and in response analyzes the content for fraudulent actions.

In block **404**, the exploit analyzer **110** receives digital content from the normalizer **104** and in response analyzes the content for the exploitation of personal data.

In block **406**, the certifier **118** receives a digital content from the normalizer **110** and in response presents a person (principle or delegate) with an option to certify the veracity of the content.

In block **408**, the content controller **120** receives an alert from the Fraud detector **114** and in response maps the alert 10 to the source to which it will be provided and transmits a combined control signal to Gateway **102**

In block **414**, the content Content controller **120** receives a first control signal from the exploit analyzer **110** and in response in response maps the alert to the source to which 15 it will be provided and transmits a combined control signal to Gateway **102**.

In block **412**, the Content controller **120** receives a content certification from the certifier **118** and in response maps the alert to the source to which it will be provided and transmits a combined control signal to Gateway **102**.

In block 410, The content controller 120 receives a third control signal from curator 116 and in response maps the content to the source to which it will be provided.

In block **416**, the distributor **126** receives an updates and 25 alerts signal from the content controller **120** and in response distributes the updates and alerts to the appropriate content source.

In block **502**, the distributor **126** receives an updates and alerts signal from the content controller **120** and in response distributes the updates and alerts to the appropriate content source.

In block **504** the content source **106** receives an updates and alerts signal from the distributor and in response updates the corresponding content or acts on the alert.

In block **506** the content source **108** receives an updates and alerts signal from the distributor and in response updates the corresponding content or acts on the alert.

FIG. 6 illustrates an embodiment of a digital apparatus 600 to implement components and process steps of the system described herein.

Input devices **604** comprise transducers that convert physical phenomenon into machine internal signals, typically electrical, optical or magnetic signals. Signals may also be wireless in the form of electromagnetic radiation in the radio frequency (RF) range but also potentially in the infrared or optical range. Examples of input devices **604** are keyboards which respond to touch or physical pressure from an object or proximity of an object to a surface, mice which respond to motion through space or across a plane, microphones which convert vibrations in the medium (typically air) into device signals, scanners which convert optical patterns on two or three dimensional objects into device signals. The signals from the input devices **604** are provided via various machine signal conductors (e.g., busses or network interfaces) and circuits to memory **606**.

The memory **606** is typically what is known as a first or second level memory device, providing for storage (via configuration of matter or states of matter) of signals received from the input devices **604**, instructions and infor-60 mation for controlling operation of the CPU **602**, and signals from storage devices **610**.

Information stored in the memory **606** is typically directly accessible to the CPU **602** of the device. Signals input to the device cause the reconfiguration of the internal material/ energy state of the memory **606**, creating in essence a new machine configuration, influencing the behavior of the digital apparatus **600** by affecting the behavior of the CPU **602**

with control signals (instructions) and data provided in conjunction with the control signals.

Second or third level storage devices 610 may provide a slower but higher capacity machine memory capability. Examples of storage devices 610 are hard disks, optical 5 disks, large capacity flash memories or other non-volatile memory technologies, and magnetic memories.

The CPU 602 may cause the configuration of the memory 606 to be altered by signals in storage devices 610. In other words, the CPU 602 may cause data and instructions to be read from storage devices 610 in the memory 606 from which may then influence the operations of CPU 602 as instructions and data signals, and from which it may also be provided to the output devices 608. The CPU 602 may alter the content of the memory 606 by signaling to a machine 15 interface of memory 606 to alter the internal configuration, and then converted signals to the storage devices 610 to alter its material internal configuration. In other words, data and instructions may be backed up from memory 606, which is often volatile, to storage devices 610, which are often 20 non-volatile.

Output devices 608 are transducers which convert signals received from the memory 606 into physical phenomenon such as vibrations in the air, or patterns of light on a machine display, or vibrations (i.e., haptic devices) or patterns of ink 25 or other materials (i.e., printers and 3-D printers).

The network interface 612 receives signals from the memory 606 and converts them into electrical, optical, or wireless signals to other machines, typically via a machine network. The network interface 612 also receives signals 30 from the machine network and converts them into electrical, optical, or wireless signals to the memory 606.

FIG. 7 illustrates several components of an exemplary server 700 in accordance with one embodiment. In various embodiments, server 700 may include a desktop PC, server, 35 workstation, mobile phone, laptop, tablet, set-top box, appliance, or other computing device that is capable of performing operations such as those described herein. In some embodiments, server 700 may include many more components than those shown in FIG. 7. However, it is not 40 necessary that all of these generally conventional components be shown in order to disclose an illustrative embodiment. Collectively, the various tangible components or a subset of the tangible components may be referred to herein as "logic" configured or adapted in a particular way, for 45 example as logic configured or adapted with particular software or firmware.

In various embodiments, server 700 may comprise one or more physical and/or logical devices that collectively provide the functionalities described herein. In some embodi- 50 ments, server 700 may comprise one or more replicated and/or distributed physical or logical devices.

In some embodiments, server 700 may comprise one or more computing resources provisioned from a "cloud computing" provider, for example, Amazon Elastic Compute 55 implemented via logic distributed in one or more computing Cloud ("Amazon EC2"), provided by Amazon.com, Inc. of Seattle, Wash.; Sun Cloud Compute Utility, provided by Sun Microsystems, Inc. of Santa Clara, Calif.; Windows Azure, provided by Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Wash., and the like.

Server 700 includes a bus 702 interconnecting several components including a network interface 708, a display 706, a central processing unit 710, and a memory 704.

Memory 704 generally comprises a random access memory ("RAM") and permanent non-transitory mass stor- 65 age device, such as a hard disk drive or solid-state drive. Memory 704 stores an operating system 712.

These and other software components may be loaded into memory 704 of server 700 using a drive mechanism (not shown) associated with a non-transitory computer-readable medium 716, such as a floppy disc, tape, DVD/CD-ROM drive, memory card, or the like.

Memory 704 also includes database 714. In some embodiments, server 200 (deleted) may communicate with database 714 via network interface 708, a storage area network ("SAN"), a high-speed serial bus, and/or via the other suitable communication technology.

In some embodiments, database 714 may comprise one or more storage resources provisioned from a "cloud storage" provider, for example, Amazon Simple Storage Service ("Amazon S3"), provided by Amazon.com, Inc. of Seattle, Wash., Google Cloud Storage, provided by Google, Inc. of Mountain View, Calif., and the like.

References to "one embodiment" or "an embodiment" do not necessarily refer to the same embodiment, although they may. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, throughout the description and the claims, the words "comprise," "comprising," and the like are to be construed in an inclusive sense as opposed to an exclusive or exhaustive sense; that is to say, in the sense of "including, but not limited to." Words using the singular or plural number also include the plural or singular number respectively, unless expressly limited to a single one or multiple ones. Additionally, the words "herein," "above," "below" and words of similar import, when used in this application, refer to this application as a whole and not to any particular portions of this application. When the claims use the word "or" in reference to a list of two or more items, that word covers all of the following interpretations of the word: any of the items in the list, all of the items in the list and any combination of the items in the list, unless expressly limited to one or the other.

"Logic" refers to machine memory circuits, non transitory machine readable media, and/or circuitry which by way of its material and/or material-energy configuration comprises control and/or procedural signals, and/or settings and values (such as resistance, impedance, capacitance, inductance, current/voltage ratings, etc.), that may be applied to influence the operation of a device. Magnetic media, electronic circuits, electrical and optical memory (both volatile and nonvolatile), and firmware are examples of logic. Logic specifically excludes pure signals or software per se (however does not exclude machine memories comprising software and thereby forming configurations of matter).

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that logic may be distributed throughout one or more devices, and/or may be comprised of combinations memory, media, processing circuits and controllers, other circuits, and so on. Therefore, in the interest of clarity and correctness logic may not always be distinctly illustrated in drawings of devices and systems, although it is inherently present therein.

The techniques and procedures described herein may be devices. The particular distribution and choice of logic will vary according to implementation.

Those having skill in the art will appreciate that there are various logic implementations by which processes and/or 60 systems described herein can be effected (e.g., hardware, software, and/or firmware), and that the preferred vehicle will vary with the context in which the processes are deployed. "Software" refers to logic that may be readily readapted to different purposes (e.g. read/write volatile or nonvolatile memory or media). "Firmware" refers to logic embodied as read-only memories and/or media. Hardware refers to logic embodied as analog and/or digital circuits. If an implementer determines that speed and accuracy are paramount, the implementer may opt for a hardware and/or firmware vehicle; alternatively, if flexibility is paramount, the implementer may opt for a solely software implementation; or, yet again alternatively, the implementer may opt 5 for some combination of hardware, software, and/or firmware. Hence, there are several possible vehicles by which the processes described herein may be effected, none of which is inherently superior to the other in that any vehicle to be utilized is a choice dependent upon the context in 10 which the vehicle will be deployed and the specific concerns (e.g., speed, flexibility, or predictability) of the implementer, any of which may vary. Those skilled in the art will recognize that optical aspects of implementations may involve optically-oriented hardware, software, and or firm- 15 ware.

The foregoing detailed description has set forth various embodiments of the devices and/or processes via the use of block diagrams, flowcharts, and/or examples. Insofar as such block diagrams, flowcharts, and/or examples contain 20 one or more functions and/or operations, it will be understood as notorious by those within the art that each function and/or operation within such block diagrams, flowcharts, or examples can be implemented, individually and/or collectively, by a wide range of hardware, software, firmware, or 25 virtually any combination thereof. Several portions of the subject matter described herein may be implemented via Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs), Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs), digital signal processors (DSPs), or other integrated formats. However, those skilled 30 in the art will recognize that some aspects of the embodiments disclosed herein, in whole or in part, can be equivalently implemented in standard integrated circuits, as one or more computer programs running on one or more computers (e.g., as one or more programs running on one or more 35 computer systems), as one or more programs running on one or more processors (e.g., as one or more programs running on one or more microprocessors), as firmware, or as virtually any combination thereof, and that designing the circuitry and/or writing the code for the software and/or 40 firmware would be well within the skill of one of skill in the art in light of this disclosure. In addition, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the mechanisms of the subject matter described herein are capable of being distributed as a program product in a variety of forms, and that an illustra- 45 tive embodiment of the subject matter described herein applies equally regardless of the particular type of signal bearing media used to actually carry out the distribution. Examples of a signal bearing media include, but are not limited to, the following: recordable type media such as 50 floppy disks, hard disk drives, CD ROMs, digital tape, flash drives, SD cards, solid state fixed or removable storage, and computer memory.

In a general sense, those skilled in the art will recognize that the various aspects described herein which can be 55 implemented, individually and/or collectively, by a wide range of hardware, software, firmware, or any combination thereof can be viewed as being composed of various types of "circuitry." Consequently, as used herein "circuitry" includes, but is not limited to, electrical circuitry having at 60 least one discrete electrical circuit, electrical circuitry having at least one integrated circuit, electrical circuitry having at least one application specific integrated circuit, circuitry forming a general purpose computing device configured by a computer program (e.g., a general purpose computer 65 configured by a computer program which at least partially carries out processes and/or devices described herein, or a

microprocessor configured by a computer program which at least partially carries out processes and/or devices described herein), circuitry forming a memory device (e.g., forms of random access memory), and/or circuitry forming a communications device (e.g., a modem, communications switch, or optical-electrical equipment).

Those skilled in the art will recognize that it is common within the art to describe devices and/or processes in the fashion set forth herein, and thereafter use standard engineering practices to integrate such described devices and/or processes into larger systems. That is, at least a portion of the devices and/or processes described herein can be integrated into a network processing system via a reasonable amount of experimentation.

- What is claimed is:
- 1. A system comprising:

machine-readable instructions that when executed by one or more computer processors, configure the system to:

- transform a non-unique digital pattern into a unique human-associated digital identifier;
- collect digital content associated with said unique humanassociated digital identifier;
- transform said digital content into a plurality of normalized content, each normalized content comprising a format of the digital content adapted to a different destination web site on which to post the normalized content:
- generate a content certification for the normalized content:
- apply a data policy comprising rules for data usage by a user uniquely associated with the digital identifier to the normalized content to generate a first control signal;
- analyze said normalized content for fraudulent activity to generate a second control signal;
- receive additional content from a machine user interface and curate the additional content into a third control signal;
- controller logic activated by said third control signal, said content certification, said first control signal, and said second control signal to generate an alert and a combined control signal;
- a digital gateway coupled to the controller logic to transform said combined control signal into an enable signal to a digital content distributor; and
- the digital content distributor activated by said enable signal and said alert to modify the normalized content with the additional content and transmit the modified normalized content to the different destination web sites.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein transforming said digital content into the plurality of normalized content comprises receiving the digital content and converting said digital content into the normalized content with standardized constituent personal data attributes.

3. The system of claim **1** wherein analyzing said normalized content for fraudulent activity further comprises comparing the normalized content to a plurality of data attributes for the user.

4. The system of claim 1 further comprising machinereadable instructions that when executed by the one or more computer processors, configure the system to identify personal information for the user from a digital content source.

5. The system of claim **1** wherein transforming the non-unique digital pattern into the unique human-associated digital identifier further comprises:

parsing the non-unique digital pattern into at least one non-unique personal data attributes; attribute;

comparing said at least one non-unique personal data attribute to user personal data attributes; and compiling the user personal data attributes into the unique human-associated digital identifier.

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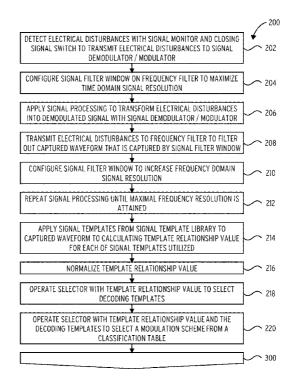
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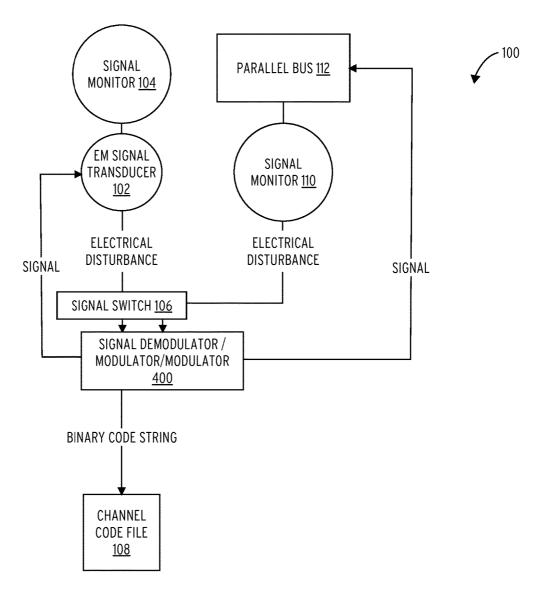
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(57) ABSTRACT

A process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding includes detecting electrical disturbances in a serial or parallel bus, or from a transducer with a signal monitor and demodulating the signals by configuring a signal filter window on a frequency filter to maximize time domain signal resolution. Filtering out each frequency captured by the filter and adapting the signal filter window to increase frequency resolution until maximal frequency resolution is attained, demodulating the signal based on the detected encoding and transforming the demodulated signal into a binary code string for transcription to a channel code file.

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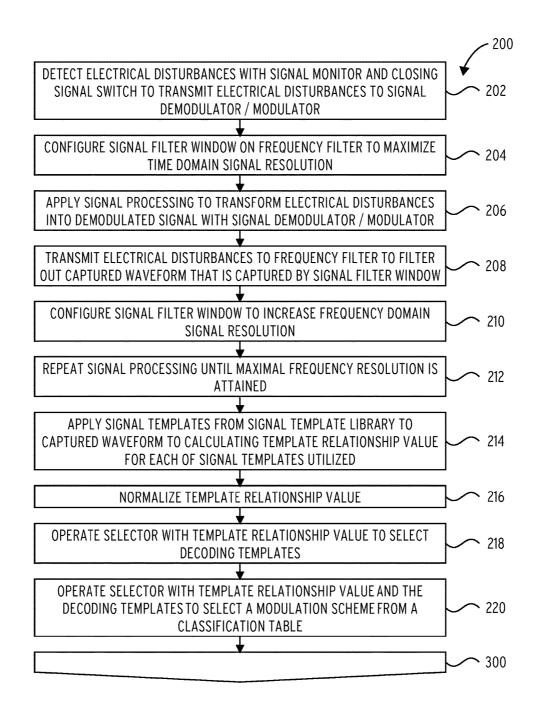
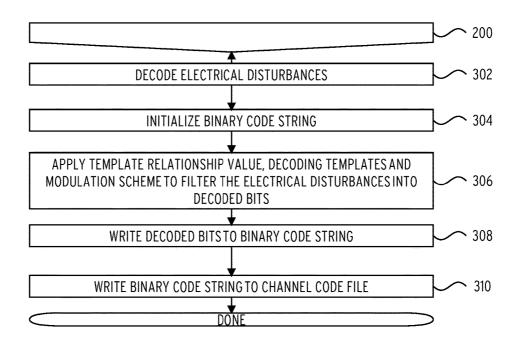


FIG. 2





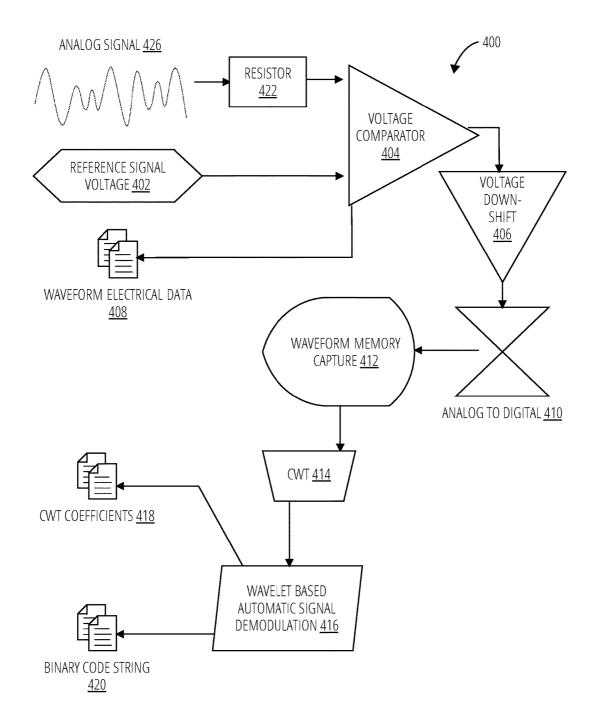
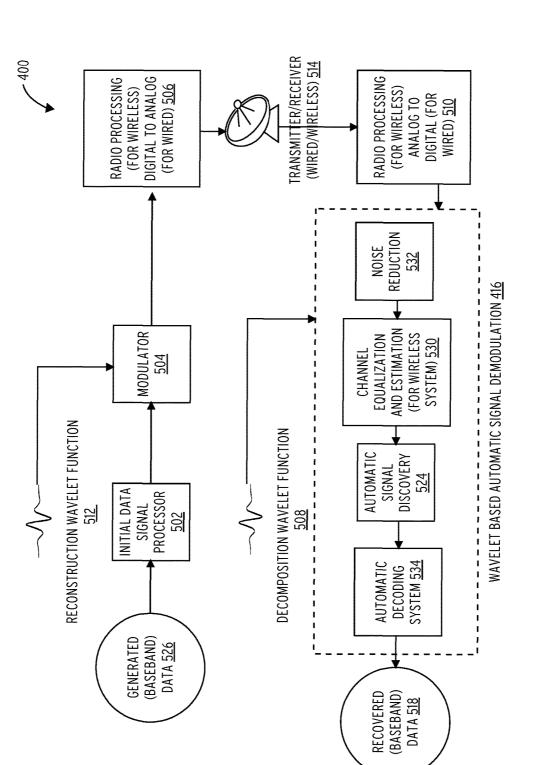


FIG. 4



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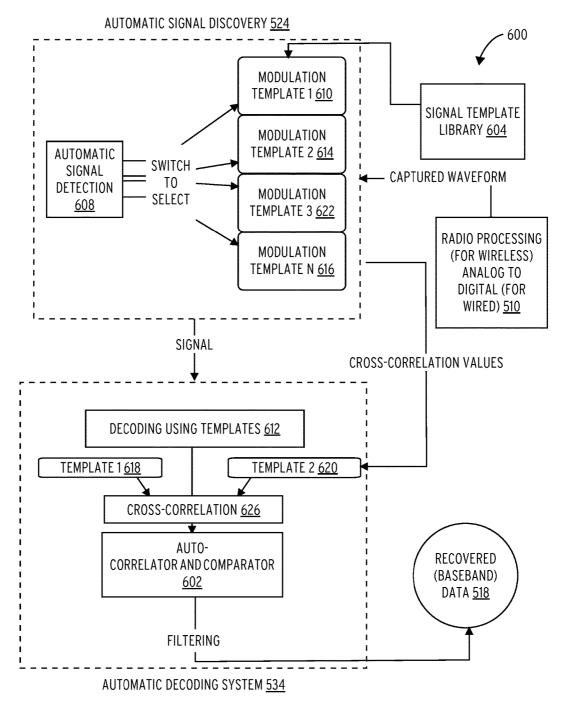


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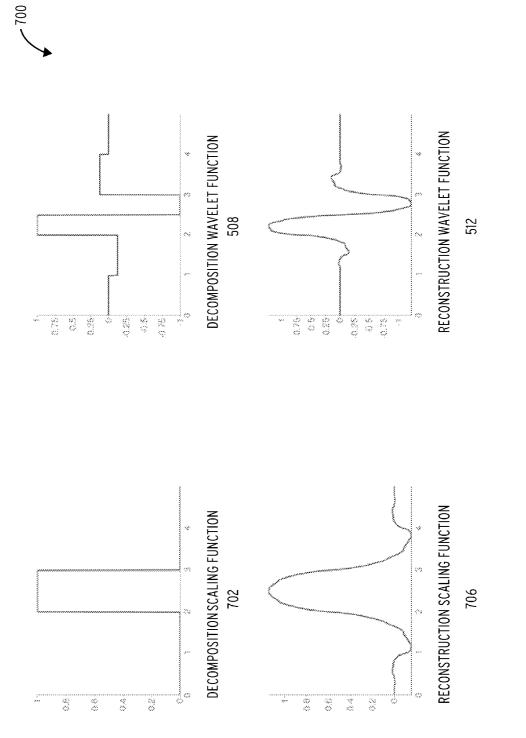
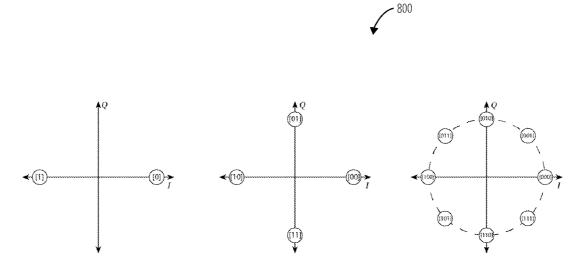


FIG. 7

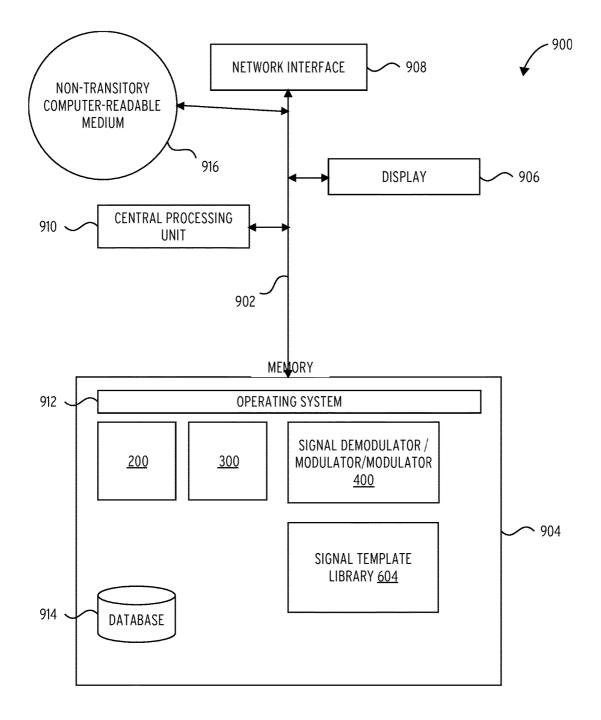


BPSK <u>802</u>

QPSK <u>804</u>

8-PSK <u>806</u>

FIG. 8



AUTOMATIC ELECTRICAL SIGNAL **DECODING DISCOVERY AND ELECTRICAL** SIGNAL CODING BETWEEN A DEVICE AND **ITS REMOTE CONTROLLER**

BACKGROUND

Typical modulation/demodulation schemes start with foreknowledge of the intended use, the physical interconnect, and other system requirements. Because every manu- 10 facturer uses different approaches in their design, the market has multiple systems to communicate information from a device providing a useful function to its remote controller. Typical universal remote controllers simply record a visible spectra of information sent from a given controller then 15 replay it. These are popular with optical systems such as infrared remote controls. With the advent of modern equipment, information is often exchanged prior to an operation between the device and the remote controller. Therefore, blindly recording the information is often not sufficient. In 20 the voltage or current of an electrical signal; addition, because the information sent is parameterized (e.g. temperature settings), it is not feasible to emulate all variations of the parameters to arrive to all possible combinations.

In order to interface with such electrical systems, a true understanding of the underlying physical communication 25 layer is necessary. In the past, most modulation/demodulation systems were focused on a given encoding scheme and multiple techniques for recovering the digital information were proposed. Most of these methods focused on Fourier transform analysis where the information was contained in 30 the spectral analysis of the sinusoidal signal functions. These systems (mostly specialized ASICS) are pre-programmed for specific classes of signals to be modulated/demodulated following a specific standard. Because of their specificity, the encoding mechanisms are based on the Fast Fourier 35 Transform (FFT) for demodulation and the Inverse Fast Fourier Transform (IFFT) for modulation, both discrete versions of the Fourier Transform (FT).

Using the Fourier Transform (FT), typical time-domain signals can be represented as a sum of sinusoidal functions 40 in the spectral domain. However, the number of functions needed to represent any arbitrary signal including those with discontinuities is infinite (Gibbs phenomenon). Therefore, the Fourier coefficients are also infinite. In order for a decoding mechanism to apply to both continuous and non- 45 continuous signals, it is necessary to preserve the frequency information as well as the temporal information of the signal. Due to the large constellation of points involved in decoding higher-order modulation schemes, more templates are required to properly detect the amplitude and phase 50 changes. Thus, higher-order modulation schemes can require an enormous number of templates to be used when attempting to decode a signal. This is obviously very resource intensive and may be impractical for resource constrained applications.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

To easily identify the discussion of any particular element 60 or act, the most significant digit or digits in a reference number refer to the figure number in which that element is first introduced.

FIG. 1 illustrates an embodiment of a system for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding 100.

FIG. 2 illustrates a process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding 200.

FIG. 3 illustrates an embodiment of a process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding 300.

FIG. 4 illustrates an embodiment of a signal demodulator/ modulator/modulator 400.

FIG. 5 illustrates an embodiment of a signal demodulator/ modulator/modulator 400.

FIG. 6 illustrates an embodiment of automatic signal discovery and decoding 600

FIG. 7 illustrates an example of decomposition and reconstruction wavelet and scaling functions 700.

FIG. 8 illustrates constellation diagrams 800.

FIG. 9 illustrates an apparatus 300 in accordance with one embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Glossary

"electric disturbance" in this context refers to a change in

"frequency filter" in this context refers to logic to filter out a frequency or frequencies;

"signal demodulator" in this context refers to a module which receives electrical signals and decodes them by applying a wavelet transform to the signal;

"signal filter window" in this context refers to logic to examine a portion of an electrical disturbance (signal), this logic may utilize a window function;

DESCRIPTION

This system and method allows the user to decode virtually any wired or wireless signal. The utilization of wavelet transforms and common-feature templates (templates) allow for the efficient analysis and decoding of signals which may not otherwise have been possible. The method described herein is applicable to many existing encoding mechanisms used between a remote control and a controlled device and allows for modulation and demodulation on both the software and hardware level. It is also possible to apply the method to future encoding mechanisms and can be understood as a flexible, dynamic and adaptive modem.

The system and method use a Wavelet Transform (WT) approach to modulate and demodulate unknown electrical communication signals. The principles of the Automatic Signal Discovery (ASD), modulation, decoding and subsequent encoding and WT noise reduction are well known in image processing and the same de-noising techniques can be used for electrical communication systems. However, it may be important to note that because the noise is distributed uniformly across all wavelet coefficients, a linear method will yield better signal data preservation. Corruption detection using the present method is possible but if the initial sampled data is corrupted, de-noising may yield degraded 55 information during Automatic Signal Discovery.

For wireless systems, in order to improve the ASD, further signal processing and conditioning are required. A mathematical understanding on how the signal is propagating from the transmitter to the receiver, allows the receiving system to adapt to the transmission conditions. Further, minimizing or cancelling effect of group and phase delay between different frequency components is a typical preprocessing step done for wireless systems.

In the present system and method, the Automatic Signal 65 Discovery process is based on a Continuous Wavelet Transform of a digitally modulated signal with an unknown modulation scheme. This signal is an input to a receiver (a device) generated from a remote control, or vice-versa. This CWT is then cross-correlated to a set of Wavelet Domain (WD) common-feature templates which may have previously been generated.

Generally, wavelets are purposefully crafted to have specific properties that make them useful for signal processing. The Wavelet Transform has been applied to identify a wide ranges of signals spanning multiple fields. Typically, using feature specific templates, the wavelet coefficients of a given signal are plotted on a histogram, and counting the number of peaks in the histogram allows discrimination between different encoding mechanisms such as the popular Phase-Shift Keying (PSK) and Frequency Shift Keying (FSK) modulation schemes. A special case of the Daubechies and Haar wavelet, have been used extensively to recover these wavelet coefficients.

It is well-known that for feature extraction of images and biometric information, the Biorthogonal family of wavelet exhibits the property of linear phase, which is needed for signal decomposition and reconstruction. By using two 20 wavelets FIG. 7, one for decomposition (on top) and the other for reconstruction (on bottom) instead of the same single one, properties suitable for ASD in the present system and method are derived.

Wavelets may be combined, using a "reverse, shift, mul- 25 tiply and integrate" technique called convolution, with portions of a known signal to extract information from the unknown signal. The Wavelet Transform (WT) provides a superior and flexible means of automatic modulation and demodulation system. With the WT, wavelet coefficients are 30 attained by translating and dilating the time windows for a given resolution and are cross-correlated with the initial signal. With a WT, varied and vendor-specific non-stationary signals can be decomposed into classes of encoding to recover the digital information automatically. In addition, 35 wavelets are localized in both time and frequency domains which allow for far more resolution than with any other methods.

For a person of ordinary skill in the art, the most intuitive type of wavelet transform to use may be the Discrete 40 Wavelet Transform (DWT), as they may feel that the DWT is computationally more efficient at dealing with a finite set of data-points allowed by the use of filters. Despite the DWT's computational efficiency, however, it is generally unsuitable for current implementations of the system and 45 method. Use of the DWT in this method causes skipped samples when cross-correlating the signals with any of the candidate wavelets and skipped samples when dilating candidate wavelets. Instead, a Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) function is used. A WT is a cross-correlation of a 50 wavelet and a signal. Since most useful signals are gathered on a continuous time basis, the resulting wavelet is a form of a time-frequency approximation of a continuous-time (analog) signal. Another advantage in using a CWT is that it requires only the use of a single wavelet, instead of a wavelet 55 and a scalet as with a DWT. Hence, a CWT is more suitable in this Automatic Signal Discovery (ASD) system and method as it preserves most of the signal content with wavelet coefficients at various levels of resolution, and provides a more complete representation of the convolution 60 operation. On the other hand, a DWT is only suitable for de-noising and lossy compression of the original signal.

A hardware platform may be configured to automatically sense voltage and current levels, within a certain predetermined range, and then adapt its electronic circuitry to a 65 given bandwidth to potentially detect a data stream and encoding mechanism. It is important to note that both the

CWT and DWT are point-to-point discrete digital operations. They are both easy to compute with the use of a computer or specialized electronic hardware device (DSP, FPGA).

In one embodiment, the platform may be used for the discovery of physical encoding of communication data transferred between a commercial or household appliance and a remote control (external bus). The platform may interface with an existing analog electric system, and may assume that digital information might be encoded within this given analog system.

The system may passively monitor interconnection circuitry (between a given device and a its remote interface device). This communication link may be opened or closed (i.e. one of the device may or may not be connected to form a closed circuit). In the case of a closed circuit, the hardware platform connects as a parallel circuit, while minimizing the overall circuit impedance when connected to the bus. The electrical voltage (hence current) is quantized in an Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) and sampled at a given rate. The resulting digital information may be rendered as binary 1's and 0's. In all cases, the sampling period determines a time stamp for each sample and is stored. If the circuit is varying voltage or current on more than 1-wire (i.e. not ground, periodic or steady state level), a corresponding number of files per channel are generated which contain that particular channel ADC in the sampling order. Time information can be recovered by multiplying the sampling order to the sampling period.

The physical topologies may be based on different interfaces for both wired and wireless schemes, by way of example: bit-serial (1-, 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-wire), parallel (4-, 8-, 12- or 16-wire), and wireless radios. If the appliance and its remote control communicate wirelessly e.g. electromagnetic waves, optical, acoustics or mechanically, an appropriate transducer to correlate the carrier wave (which contains the digital information) to an electrical signal is used. Automatically recognized data streams are primarily serial asynchronous data transfer mechanisms based on actual binary data transfer modulated as shifting voltage, current and/or frequency levels.

Encoding schemes based on time modulation are also recognized if used as part of data transfer. Such time modulation may be based on a pulse width modulation (PWM), or pulse-duration modulation (PDM). In such cases, a direct correlation between the period and the clock basis of the signal yield a duty-cycle. The duty-cycle is transduced as binary numbers to represent the encoded data.

Digital Modulation Schemes

In a modern wired system, digital data may be modulated into an analog signal prior to transmission. It is fundamentally well understood how a wire carries electricity (using Ohm's Law, a signal can be encoded by modulating Voltage or Current). So, for the wired system encoding mechanisms discussed below, the modulation can use either voltage or current as the representative electromagnetic medium. Because current remains constant in any circuit loop (Kirchhoff's Law), current modulation is sometimes preferred over voltage. At any rate, the current can be deduced from the ensuing voltage as it passes through a known resistance.

It is known in the art that different encoding techniques are used depending on the application, and the medium used to transfer information. Often, the most cost-efficient method to arrive to good performance (signal-to-noise ratio) is sought. Each of the modulation scheme shown below carry a symbol from a family of $M=2^N$ symbols or bits.

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The following encoding techniques (ASK, FSK, PSK, QAM) are well understood and widely used in the art and are used by way of example to explain the method for decoding both known and novel encoding mechanisms.

Amplitude Shift Keying (ASK) is a form of modulation ⁵ which represents digital data as variations in the amplitude of a carrier wave:

$$s_i(t) = \begin{cases} A_i \sqrt{\frac{2E}{T}} \cos(2\pi f_c t), \ 0 \le t \le T \\ 0, \ \text{for all other } t \end{cases}$$

where $i \in \mathbb{N}$ *i.e $i=1, 2, 3, \ldots A_i$ the signal amplitudes ¹⁵ represent a vector of the binary symbols 1 or 0.

For BASK i=1, 2, hence 2 symbols encoding 0 and 1. For a 4 ASK, 4 amplitudes encoding [00], [01], [10], [11]

and so on . . . Equation 1: ASK Time-Domain Equation

Frequency Shift Keying (FSK): In Frequency Shift Key-

ing, the change in frequency define different digital symbols.

$$s_i(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2E}{T}} \cos(2\pi f_c t), \ 0 \le t \le T \\ 0, \ \text{for all other } t \end{cases}$$
 Equation 2 25

FSK time-domain equation

Phase Shift Keying (PSK): The phase of the carrier is discretely varied in relation either to a reference phase or to the phase of the immediately preceding signal element, in accordance with data being transmitted

$$s_i(t) = \begin{cases} A_i \sqrt{\frac{2E}{T}} \cos(2\pi f_c t + \beta), \ 0 \le t \le T \\ 0, \ \text{for all other } t \end{cases}$$

where $\beta = 2\pi/O$ (i-1) O denote order of the PSK signal. When i=1, 2, 3, 4, the data symbol encoding [00], [01],

[10], [11] respectively

Equation 3: Other M-PSK Signals

Quadratic Amplitude Modulation (QAM): is a modulation scheme where the amplitude of 2 waves of the same frequency, $\pi/2$ out-of-phase with each other are changed to represent the digital data:

$$s_i(t) = a_i \sqrt{\frac{2E}{T}} \cos(2\pi f_c t) + b_i \sqrt{\frac{2E}{T}}$$

where a_i and b_i represent the amplitude of in-phase and quadrature carriers.

Note that the carrier frequency remains constant. Equation 4: M-QAM Signals

Equation 4. M-QAM Signals

The template generation technique described below can be used to generate common-feature templates. It is important to note that a specific template is needed for any known digitally modulated signal. Because of PSK's simplicity over QAM, many wireless standards use it. The very successful QPSK IEEE 802.11b-1999 uses, for example, different PSK modulations for different data rates as required.

It is also used in RFID, Bluetooth and others systems. PSK and 8-PSK are widely used in satellite broadcasting and Standard Definition satellite television signals. More complex systems, are still use a combination of QPSK and 8PSK such as DVB-S2 systems. The signal representation shown earlier under wired systems also applies for wireless systems.

Template Library Generation

Automatic Signal Discovery and Decoding are attained by 10 the use of Wavelet Domain templates, which are used in the cross-correlation step of the ASD. The template generation is based on the fact that all digitally modulated communication signals of interest are sinusoidal in nature. This is defined as:

 $s_i(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t)$

where f_c is the carrier frequency and A_c the carrier amplitude of the signal $s_i(t)^*$

Equation 5: A Digitally Modulated Communication Sig- $^{20}\,$ nal

To enable a template to recognize temporal shifts of the carrier signal, a phase shift is introduced to the equation above as:

 $t_i(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + \phi), t_1 \le t \le t_2$

where ϕ is the phase shift of the signal $t_i(t)$ Equation 6: A Template Model for Detecting Signals

which Modulate the Carrier Frequency to Transfer Data The above equation is the base model representing the decoding template in the time-domain. Using the signal definition as shown in eq. 1, 2, 3 and the template model shown in Equation 6, we can substitute the carrier frequency to compute, then store the cross-correlation values between

³⁵ them. The computation covers all the phase ranges $-\pi$ to $+\pi$. The template generation method generates at least 3 separate templates for a given modulation technique. It is accomplished by modulating the cosine and sine carrier wave with: $\sigma=0$ 1st quadrant of the in-phase and quadrature (IQ)q₀ plane, Modulation Template **1** 610

 $\sigma = \pi/2$ 2nd quadrant of IQ-plane, Modulation Template 2 614

 $\sigma{=}5\pi/4$ 3rd quadrant of IQ-plane, Modulation Template 3 622

The wavelet cross-correlation with the different version of Equation 6 represents mathematically a combination of the I and Q basis functions.

By way of example, Template 1 represents the coordinates along with the different metrics relating to the cross-correlation values. It further allows the identification of the encoding mechanism and the transmitted symbol encoded in the signal. The wavelet may be selected such that the confidence level (closest constellation point) is high.

In the case where the modulation scheme is contained 55 between cosine and phase-shifts to a sine carrier frequency on the IQ plane,

$$\left(\cos\left(f(t) + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin f(t)\right)$$

only 2 templates (Template **1 618** and Template **2 620**) based on the cosine and sine coordinates are used. This is possible because the temporal shifts of a signal in the time-domain correspond to the translation variable in the wavelet-domain. Hence, phase-shifts in the time domain have a time-shifting effect in the wavelet-domain.

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Template 1 618 gives the I-axis coordinate, Template 2 620 gives the Q-axis. This allows describing with Template 1 BPSK signals directly. With Template 1 and 2, other M-ary PSK signals may be described. Template 1, 2 and 3 are used to identify and retrieve an 8-PSK signal. When more than 8 5 symbols are encoded in a Phase-Shift-Keying modulation scheme, it is well known that the signal-to-noise ratio increases to a point that there is significant data loss (Shannon-Hartley Theorem). In this case, other defining coordinate bound templates are needed to fully describe and locate 10 the multiple bits sent by symbols. This can be understood as the symbol points on the signal constellation being much closer together, hence more susceptible to noise and other corruptions. Typically, those amplitude based encoding schemes such as the amplitude-shift keying (ASK) or qua-15 dratic-amplitude-modulation (QAM) will require Template 1 and additional templates.

Since QAM signals encode 2 digital bit streams by modulating the amplitudes of 2 out of phase signals (by $\pi/2$), the additional templates for QAM are not encoding the 20 carrier frequency. If the frequency is changed along with phase and amplitude, then those signals would smear making decoding impossible.

 $q_1(t) = A_1 \cos(2\pi f_c t) + A_2 \cos(2\pi f_c t), t_i \le t \le t_{i+1}$

 $q_2(t) = B_1 \cos(2\pi f_c t) + B_2 \cos(2\pi f_c t), t_i \le t \le t_{i+1}$

 $q_3(t) = C_1 \cos(2\pi f_c t) + C_2 \cos(2\pi f_c t), t_i \le t \le t_{i+1}$

 $q_4(t) = D_1 \cos(2\pi f_c t) + D_2 \cos(2\pi f_c t), t_i \le t \le t_{i+1}$

where A₁, A₂, B₁, B₂, C₁, C₂, D₁ and D₂ depend on the location of the template on the signal constellation. The i index is the i-th transmitted symbol in the QAM transmission 35

Equation 7: Base Templates for QAM Signals Describing Location in all 4 Quadrant of the IQ Plane

In this case, the additional templates based on Equation 7, by way of example, are used to describe shifting square signal constellations. That is, the QAM signal size expands 40 to cover the square area to enfold all the possible data symbol locations. The signal cross-correlations with Template 1 and 2 give an indication in which initial quadrant the signal symbol lie. The additional templates are used to identify on that square plane which symbol is being trans- 45 mitted. It is a direct result that when the cross-correlation of the received signal with Template 1 and 2 are the same, that the signal is a QAM signal. Cross-correlating with the quadrant specific templates would indicate the QAM signal. This methodology may also be used in cases where the 50 QAM signal is not evenly spaced and would require generating templates which would account for the Euclidean distances (x,y) between the points. The auto-correlation and cross-correlation results with such signals would quickly indicate wether it was evenly spaced or not. 55

A major advantage of this method over currently used techniques based on unique feature templates, is that for higher-order modulation schemes the number of required templates increases dramatically. Due to the larger constellation of points, more templates are required to properly 60 detect the amplitude and phase changes. For example, a 256-QAM would require 2^16=65536 templates when using a unique feature template method.

The system and method instead utilize common feature templates, which need at the very least 2 common feature 65 templates and a maximum of 32 to fully represent all commonly used digital modulation schemes. The main ben8

efit as opposed to the state-of-the art methods is a large reduction in computational complexity. Also, the WD crosscorrelation data is much smaller and is effective in additional cross-correlation computations.

This method's use of the above common template library build for different carrier waves allows for numerical representation of all commonly used digital modulation schemes. As opposed to the state-of-the art methods, the disclosed method leads to reduced computational complexity and reliance on a single method to both recognize the modulation scheme and data stream decoding.

Additionally, the WD cross-correlation data is much smaller and is effective in the successive convolutions. The cross correlation values computed by the above template generation process are used for both the ASD and demodulation of the original signal.

CWT may be selected by computing the auto-correlation
from a family of wavelets already in use in other techniques. The candidate wavelets are those producing a large magnitude changes in the CWT coefficients for our known modulation mechanisms. In, addition to the generated cross-correlation values, additional key information are computed.
A statistical multi-level test of this data is obtained to further determine nuances in QAM modulation where the currently selected constellation quadrant may be expanding to widening constellation squares. This information is used in the ASD process.

 $Y_{ij} = \beta_{0j} + \beta_{1j} X_{ij} + e_{ij}$

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1-level regression

 $\beta_{0j} = \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{01} W_j + v_{0j}$

$$\beta_{1j} = \gamma_{10} + \nu_{1j}$$

2-level regression

Equation 8: Statistical Categorization

	Template 1	
Encoding System	Normalized Dynamic Range	Statistical Categorization
BASK	0 to 5	0
4-ASK	0 to 5	1
BFSK	0 to 5	0
4-FSK	0 to 5	0
BM	-5 to 5	0
QPSK	-5 to 5	2
8-PSK	-5 to 5	2
Al-QAM	-5 to 5	0
n-QAM (2 ⁿ , $n = 24$)	-5 to 5	3
	Template 2	
Encoding System	Normalized Dynamic Range	Statistical Categorization
BASK	0 to 5	0
4-ASK	0 to 5	0
BFSK	0 to 5	0
4-FSK	0 to 5	0
BPSK	-5 to 5	0
QPSK3	-5 to 5	2
8-PSK	-5 to 5	2
n-QAM (2 ⁿ , n = 14)	-5 to 5	3

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	Template 3	
Encoding System	Normalized Dynamic Range	Statistical Categorization
BASK	0 to 5	0
4-ASK	0 to 5	1
BFSK	0 to 5	0
4-FSK	0 to 5	0
BPSK	-5 to 5	0
QPSK	-5 to 5	2
8-PSK	-5 to 5	2
$n-QAM (2^n, n = 14)$	-5 to 5	3

Sample Modulation Scheme Selection Table for Popular Modulation Schemes

Data Decoding

The ASD technique may only be useful for digitally encoded baseband data. In Equation 6, the phase variable represents the shifting of the templates within an encoded symbol base. Data decoding is dependent on the discovered 20 encoding mechanism since the shifting requires any combination of the generated templates.

Again, using the previously obtained normalized crosscorrelation values between the templates and now known modulated signal, an process may be developed to decode ²⁵ the baseband bit stream.

The basis for the decoding process is the knowledge of the modulation signal transition in time and the resulting crosscorrelation at those exact locations. The set of cross-correlation values obtained with our specially created templates, shows an absolute level of correlation confidence at a specific location for "1-encoded" bit transitioning to the next as shown on the constellation diagram in FIG. 8. The process also uses a set of threshold metrics to uniquely identify the 35 concerned bit transition from a "1-encoded" value to the next. The bit transition grouping is dependent on the discovered encoding mechanism since some communication modulation encode more than 2 bits at any given time. For such systems, the process will use of additional cross- 40 (i,j)=(1,2), (1,3) and (3,2) to determine if there exists is correlation values from the additional template to increase the number of recovered bits at each time location.

To recover the bit or bits encoded in a signal at time t (depending on the ASD output), we judiciously chose the following:

Modulation Template 1 maps to the constellation points on the I-axis and when M=1 (M number of symbols in signal), it is sufficient to recover the [0] or [1] (see in Word doc, template decoding, FIG. 8-BPSK). The choice filter is as simple as comparing the cross-correlation value from 50 Modulation Template 1 to either be positive or negative to chose [0] and [1] respectively.

Modulation Template 2 maps to the constellation points on the I-axis and since it is a sine axis, the WD crosscorrelation values need Modulation Template 1 for complet- 55 ing the number of symbols for when M=2, i.e, $n=2^2=4$ -bits ([00], [01], [10], [11]) (QPSK 804). The choice filter follows the same logic as earlier. That is, if the cross-correlation value of Template 1 is positive and Template 2 is 0, then the signal recovered is [00], if the cross-correlation value of 60 Template 1 is 0 and Template 2 is positive, then [01], if Template 1 value is negative, Template 2 is 0, then [10], finally if the value of Template 1 is 0 and Template 2 is negative then [11]

Modulation Template 3 maps to an even greater number 65 of constellation points on the IQ-plane and require the use of the other 2 template. The choice filter for decoding follow a

similar logic as earlier. The bits recovered for this operation where the number of symbols for M=3, is n=2^3=8-bit ([000] to [111]).

Finally when additional modulation template n are used. the same decoding logic applies using Template 1 as a base quadrant in the I-Q plane to search to the QAM constellation points matching the coordinate given by the cross-correlation. It may be faster to use auto-correlation with these additional templates and cross-correlate the value of Template 1 and Template 2 to compute the distance (Euclidean distance) between the points. These distances give a threshold indication used in the process to recover bits which lie inexactly in the constellation quadrant space.

Pseudocode for Automatic Signal Modulation Discovery (FIG. 6)

1-Acquire signal from Analog to Digital System with unknown modulation scheme (In most cases, the sample rate must satisfy the Nyquist critera. In the present process, data is oversampled by a larger factor)

2—Apply a Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) (in our case, we use the biorthogonal rbio1.3 wavelet)

3-Do n=1 to 3, select template(n) from the template library

4-Cross-correlate signal acquired in 1-with template (n) and obtain cross-correlation values

5-Normalize the cross-correlation values to have a dynamic range from -5 to 5 by taking the ratio between largest and smallest values (fixed dynamic range) and scal-30 ing.

-Repeat 3—until all templates' cross-correlation are 6 computed.

7-If the normalized cross-correlation values with Template 2 are all 0, or only positive, or only negative, then do 7-b, else do 7-a

7-a Based on the algebraic sign of the cross-correlation result, select the quadrant specific templates

7-b Use a random model intercept to compute the Y(i,j)where i and j are the templates taken together such that zero-valued (all 3 Y(i,j)=[0]), single level (2 of the 3 combination is 0) or multi-level relationship.

7-c Assign 0 for zero-valued, 1 for single valued, 2 for multi-level relationship.

8-Detect encoding mechanism based on classification table.

It is important to note that for classifying binary higherorder modulation schemes, additional templates are required following the same processes for detection and template generation. In step 7, cross correlation may not be sufficient to properly classify densely populated signals. Further, these higher order encoding mechanism are more susceptible to noise corruption and the sampling hardware needs to be adjusted.

General Decoding Process

1-Initialize a binary code string S which is ordered from left to right where the most significant bit is right-most.

2—Using the ASD results, the list of used templates, their respective cross-correlation data from the discovered signal

3—If ASD detected an M=1 modulation scheme (BPSK), then

3-a For each cross-correlation value from Template 1 (from ASD), use the BPSK decision filter to recover bits, add to S, do until all Template 1 cross correlation values have been filtered. Goto end

-If ASD detected an M=2 modulation scheme (QPSK), then

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4-a For each cross-correlation value from Template 1 and Template 2, use the QPSK decision filter to recover bits, add to S, do until all Template 1, 2 cross correlation values have been filtered. Goto end

5—If ASD detected an M=3 modulation scheme (8-PSK), 5 then

5-a For each cross-correlation value from Template **1,2,3** use the 8-PSK decision filter to recover bits, add to S, do until all Template **1,2,3** cross correlation values have been filtered. Goto end

6—If ASD detected a 4-FSK, a total of 5 Templates are needed, Template 1, 4 and 5. Do,

6-a Use filter for M=1 (BPSK), for each cross-correlation of signal with Template 1, do

6-b If filter output is 0, then, if each cross correlation of Template **4** and **5** are both 0, add to S, [00], else

6-c Use filter following process given above (i.e., if T4>0 and T5=0, recover bit [01] etc. . . .), add to S

6-c increment all indexes in cross correlation 6-d goto 6.

7—If ASD detected an BASK signal, for each cross correlation values with Template 1, use filter of 3—(i.e., if value=0, [0] and if value>0, [1]), add [0] or [1] to S, goto end

8—If ASD detected an M-ASK (now, data to be recovered ²⁵ is in the WD cross correlation values dynamic range)

8-a for each cross correlation dynamic range obtained with Template 1, create 4 range from 0 to the 5 and for each value falling in range 0, assign [00], range 1 [01], range 2 [10] and range 3 [11], add to S, next, goto end

9—If ASD detected M-QAM signal, additional templates where used (templates follow eq.9)

9-a Determine IQ-plane from Template 1 and 2 crosscorrelation values

9-b Using cross correlation data of template 3, use filter 35 as in 3-

9-c For each auto-correlation values with largest template N (defining the widest square)

9-d For i=0 to M/4-1 do,

9-e Assign Threshold x(N-i) for Template (N-i) corre- ⁴⁰ sponding to symbol position i by computing the autocorrelation of each Template(N-i), next

9-f Filter according to: compare each cross-correlation from 9b and assign bit for symbol (number of bits (M/4), next, write bits into S

10—End.

DRAWINGS

The system for automatic electrical signal discovery and 50 decoding 100 comprises an em signal transducer 102, a signal monitor 104, a signal monitor 110, a parallel bus 112, a signal switch 106, a signal demodulator/modulator/modulator/modulator 400, a filter buffer 114 (deleted), and a channel code file 108. 55

The system for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding **100** may be operated in accordance with the processes described in process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding **200**, and process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding **300**.

The signal monitor 104 and may be electromagnetic signal monitors.

Automatic Signal Modulation Discovery: This is the core system use to select the appropriate matching templates for family of encoding techniques. The ASD is also 65 used in the feedback mechanism to generate the appropriate signal to be transmitted. Demodulator/Modulator: The demodulator/modulator are the secondary core system in the ASD

Referring to FIG. 2, in block 202, a process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding 200 detects electrical disturbances with a signal monitor and closes a signal switch to transmit the electrical disturbances to a signal demodulator/modulator. A signal filter window is configured on a frequency filter to maximize time domain signal resolution (block 204). Signal processing is applied to transform the electrical disturbances into a demodulated signal with the signal demodulator/modulator (block 206). The electrical disturbances are transmitted to the frequency filter to filter out a captured waveform that is captured by the signal filter window (block 208). The signal filter window is configured to increase frequency domain signal resolution (block 210). The signal processing is repeated until a maximal frequency resolution is attained (block 212). The signal templates from a signal template library are applied to the captured waveform to calculating a template relationship value for each of the signal templates utilized (block 214). The template relationship value is normalized (block 216). A selector is operated with the template relationship value to select decoding templates (block 218). A selector is operated with the template relationship value, and the decoding templates to select a modulation scheme from a classification table (block 220).

Process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding **200** continues in process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding **300**;

In block **302** process for automatic electrical signal discovery and decoding **300** decodes the electrical disturbances. A binary code string is initialized (block **304**). The template relationship value, decoding templates and modulation scheme are applied to filter the electrical disturbances into decoded bits (block **306**). The decoded bits are written to the binary code string (block **308**). The binary code string is written to the channel code file (block **310**).

This process provides more balanced resolution between In addition, this process is an improvement by requiring operational complexity closer to constant time than current processes, thereby reducing the usage of processor resources and thereby increasing system efficiency.

This process increases system efficiency and resource in several ways. By utilizing common feature templates, num-45 ber of possible templates needed to demodulate higher-order signals is greatly reduced. For example, demodulation of a 256-QAM would require 2¹⁶ (65,536) templates when using the unique feature templates, while the instant method uses a maximum of 32 to represent all commonly used digital 50 modulation schemes. This results in a substantial reduction in computational complexity.

In addition, the Wavelet Domain cross-correlation data is much smaller and is effective in the successive convolutions.

This methods use of the above common template library 55 build for different carrier waves allows for numerical representation of all commonly used digital modulation schemes.

The signal demodulator/modulator/modulator 400 comprises analog signal 426, Resistor 422, reference signal ovoltage 402, waveform electrical data 408, voltage comparator 404, voltage down-shift 406, analog to digital 410, waveform memory capture 412, CWT 414, wavelet based automatic signal demodulation 416, CWT coefficients 418, and binary code string 420.

Analog signal **426** is routed through Resistor **422** and compared to reference signal voltage **402** and the waveform electrical data **408** is retrieved. A voltage down-shift **406** is

then applied and the analog signal **426** is then converted to digital via analog to digital **410**, logged in waveform memory capture **412** and CWT **414** is applied to process analog signal **426** via wavelet based automatic signal demodulation **416**. CWT coefficients **418** and **320** are ⁵ retrieved from the wavelet based automatic signal demodulation **416**.

The signal demodulator/modulator/modulator 400 comprises generated (baseband) data 526, Initial Data signal processor 502, Modulator 504, Radio Processing (for wireless) Digital to Analog (for wired) 506, Transmitter/Receiver (wired/wireless) 514, Radio Processing (for wireless) Analog to Digital (for wired) 510, 412, noise reduction 532, channel equalization and estimation (for wireless system) 530, automatic signal discovery 524, automatic decoding system 534, recovered (baseband) data 518, Reconstruction wavelet function ψ 512, wavelet based automatic signal demodulation 416 and decomposition wavelet function ψ 508.

The automatic signal discovery and decoding 600 comprises automatic signal discovery 524, an automatic decoding system 534, Radio Processing (for wireless) Analog to Digital (for wired) 510, recovered (baseband) data 518, Automatic Signal Detection 608, Modulation Template 1 25 610, Modulation Template 2 614, Modulation Template 3 622, Modulation Template n 616, Decoding using Templates 612, Template 1 618, Template 2 620, cross-correlation 626, and auto-correlator and comparator 602.

FIG. 9 illustrates several components of an exemplary 30 apparatus 900 in accordance with one embodiment. In various embodiments, apparatus 900 may include a desktop PC, server, workstation, mobile phone, laptop, tablet, set-top box, appliance, or other computing device that is capable of performing operations such as those described herein. In 35 some embodiments, apparatus 900 may include many more components than those shown in FIG. 9. However, it is not necessary that all of these generally conventional components be shown in order to disclose an illustrative embodiment. Collectively, the various tangible components or a 40 subset of the tangible components may be referred to herein as "logic" configured or adapted in a particular way, for example as logic configured or adapted with particular software or firmware.

In various embodiments, apparatus **900** may comprise one 45 or more physical and/or logical devices that collectively provide the functionalities described herein. In some embodiments, apparatus **900** may comprise one or more replicated and/or distributed physical or logical devices.

In some embodiments, apparatus **900** may comprise one 50 or more computing resources provisioned from a "cloud computing" provider, for example, Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud ("Amazon EC2"), provided by Amazon.com, Inc. of Seattle, Wash.; Sun Cloud Compute Utility, provided by Sun Microsystems, Inc. of Santa Clara, Calif.; Windows 55 Azure, provided by Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Wash., and the like.

Apparatus 900 includes a bus 902 interconnecting several components including a network interface 908, a display 906, a central processing unit 910, and a memory 904.

Memory **904** generally comprises a random access memory ("RAM") and permanent non-transitory mass storage device, such as a hard disk drive or solid-state drive. Memory **904** stores an operating system **912**.

These and other software components may be loaded into 65 memory **904** of apparatus **900** using a drive mechanism (not shown) associated with a non-transitory computer-readable

medium 916, such as a floppy disc, tape, DVD/CD-ROM drive, memory card, or the like.

Memory 904 also includes database 914. In some embodiments, server 200 (deleted) may communicate with database 914 via network interface 908, a storage area network ("SAN"), a high-speed serial bus, and/or via the other suitable communication technology.

In some embodiments, database **914** may comprise one or more storage resources provisioned from a "cloud storage" provider, for example, Amazon Simple Storage Service ("Amazon S3"), provided by Amazon.com, Inc. of Seattle, Wash., Google Cloud Storage, provided by Google, Inc. of Mountain View, Calif., and the like.

References to "one embodiment" or "an embodiment" do not necessarily refer to the same embodiment, although they may. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, throughout the description and the claims, the words "comprise," "comprising," and the like are to be construed in an inclusive sense as opposed to an exclusive or exhaustive sense; that is 20 to say, in the sense of "including, but not limited to." Words using the singular or plural number also include the plural or singular number respectively, unless expressly limited to a single one or multiple ones. Additionally, the words "herein," "above," "below" and words of similar import, when used in this application, refer to this application as a whole and not to any particular portions of this application. When the claims use the word "or" in reference to a list of two or more items, that word covers all of the following interpretations of the word: any of the items in the list, all of the items in the list and any combination of the items in the list, unless expressly limited to one or the other.

"Logic" refers to machine memory circuits, non transitory machine readable media, and/or circuitry which by way of its material and/or material-energy configuration comprises control and/or procedural signals, and/or settings and values (such as resistance, impedance, capacitance, inductance, current/voltage ratings, etc.), that may be applied to influence the operation of a device. Magnetic media, electronic circuits, electrical and optical memory (both volatile and nonvolatile), and firmware are examples of logic. Logic specifically excludes pure signals or software per se (however does not exclude machine memories comprising software and thereby forming configurations of matter).

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that logic may be distributed throughout one or more devices, and/or may be comprised of combinations memory, media, processing circuits and controllers, other circuits, and so on. Therefore, in the interest of clarity and correctness logic may not always be distinctly illustrated in drawings of devices and systems, although it is inherently present therein.

The techniques and procedures described herein may be implemented via logic distributed in one or more computing devices. The particular distribution and choice of logic will vary according to implementation.

Those having skill in the art will appreciate that there are various logic implementations by which processes and/or systems described herein can be effected (e.g., hardware, software, and/or firmware), and that the preferred vehicle will vary with the context in which the processes are deployed. "Software" refers to logic that may be readily readapted to different purposes (e.g. read/write volatile or nonvolatile memory or media). "Firmware" refers to logic embodied as read-only memories and/or media. Hardware refers to logic embodied as analog and/or digital circuits. If an implementer determines that speed and accuracy are paramount, the implementer may opt for a hardware and/or firmware vehicle; alternatively, if flexibility is paramount,

the implementer may opt for a solely software implementation; or, yet again alternatively, the implementer may opt for some combination of hardware, software, and/or firmware. Hence, there are several possible vehicles by which the processes described herein may be effected, none of 5 which is inherently superior to the other in that any vehicle to be utilized is a choice dependent upon the context in which the vehicle will be deployed and the specific concerns (e.g., speed, flexibility, or predictability) of the implementer, any of which may vary. Those skilled in the art will 10 recognize that optical aspects of implementations may involve optically-oriented hardware, software, and or firmware.

The foregoing detailed description has set forth various embodiments of the devices and/or processes via the use of 15 decoding comprising: block diagrams, flowcharts, and/or examples. Insofar as such block diagrams, flowcharts, and/or examples contain one or more functions and/or operations, it will be understood as notorious by those within the art that each function and/or operation within such block diagrams, flowcharts, or 20 examples can be implemented, individually and/or collectively, by a wide range of hardware, software, firmware, or virtually any combination thereof. Several portions of the subject matter described herein may be implemented via Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs), Field Pro- 25 grammable Gate Arrays (FPGAs), digital signal processors (DSPs), or other integrated formats. However, those skilled in the art will recognize that some aspects of the embodiments disclosed herein, in whole or in part, can be equivalently implemented in standard integrated circuits, as one or 30 more computer programs running on one or more computers (e.g., as one or more programs running on one or more computer systems), as one or more programs running on one or more processors (e.g., as one or more programs running on one or more microprocessors), as firmware, or as virtu- 35 ally any combination thereof, and that designing the circuitry and/or writing the code for the software and/or firmware would be well within the skill of one of skill in the art in light of this disclosure. In addition, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the mechanisms of the subject matter 40 described herein are capable of being distributed as a program product in a variety of forms, and that an illustrative embodiment of the subject matter described herein applies equally regardless of the particular type of signal bearing media used to actually carry out the distribution. 45 Examples of a signal bearing media include, but are not limited to, the following: recordable type media such as floppy disks, hard disk drives, CD ROMs, digital tape, flash drives, SD cards, solid state fixed or removable storage, and computer memory.

In a general sense, those skilled in the art will recognize that the various aspects described herein which can be implemented, individually and/or collectively, by a wide range of hardware, software, firmware, or any combination thereof can be viewed as being composed of various types 55 of "circuitry." Consequently, as used herein "circuitry" includes, but is not limited to, electrical circuitry having at least one discrete electrical circuit, electrical circuitry having at least one integrated circuit, electrical circuitry having at least one application specific integrated circuit, circuitry 60 detects electrical disturbances on multiple conductive lines forming a general purpose computing device configured by a computer program (e.g., a general purpose computer configured by a computer program which at least partially carries out processes and/or devices described herein, or a microprocessor configured by a computer program which at 65 least partially carries out processes and/or devices described herein), circuitry forming a memory device (e.g., forms of

random access memory), and/or circuitry forming a communications device (e.g., a modem, communications switch, or optical-electrical equipment).

Those skilled in the art will recognize that it is common within the art to describe devices and/or processes in the fashion set forth herein, and thereafter use standard engineering practices to integrate such described devices and/or processes into larger systems. That is, at least a portion of the devices and/or processes described herein can be integrated into a network processing system via a reasonable amount of experimentation.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for automatic electrical signal discovery and

- detecting electrical disturbances with a signal monitor and closing a signal switch to transmit the electrical disturbances to a signal demodulator;
- configuring a signal filter window on a frequency filter to maximize time domain signal resolution:
- applying signal processing to transform the electrical disturbances into a demodulated signal with the signal demodulator, the signal processing comprising:
- transmitting the electrical disturbances to the frequency filter to filter out a captured waveform that is captured by the signal filter window;
- configuring the signal filter window to increase frequency domain signal resolution;
- repeating the signal processing until a maximal frequency resolution is attained;
- applying signal templates from a signal template library to the captured waveform to calculating a template relationship value for each of the signal templates utilized; normalizing the template relationship value;
- operating a first selector with the template relationship value to select decoding templates; and
- operating a second selector with the template relationship value and the decoding templates to select a modulation scheme from a classification table; and
- decoding the electrical disturbances comprising: initializing a binary code string;
- applying the template relationship value, the decoding templates and the modulation scheme to filter the electrical disturbances into decoded bits;
- writing the decoded bits to the binary code string; and writing the binary code string to a channel code file.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein calculating the template relationship value further comprises computing a crosscorrelation value attained from cross-correlating the cap-50 tured waveform and the signal templates.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein detecting the electrical disturbances with the signal monitor and closing the signal switch to transmit the signal to the signal demodulator comprises:

detecting an electromagnetic disturbance with an electromagnetic signal monitor and transforming electromagnetic disturbance into an electrical signal with an electromagnetic signal transducer.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the signal monitor in a parallel bus.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the electrical disturbances are fluctuations in voltage or current.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the template relationship value comprises a cross-correlation value.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein operating the selector with the template relationship value to select the decoding 10

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templates further comprises utilizing an algebraic sign of the template relationship value to select the templates.

8. The method of claim **1**, wherein operating the first selector with the template relationship value to select the decoding templates further comprises using a random model ⁵ intercept to determine if there exists a zero-valued, single level or multi-level relationship.

9. A computing apparatus, the computing apparatus comprising:

- a processor; and a memory storing instructions that, when executed by the processor, configure the apparatus to:
- detect electrical disturbances with a signal monitor and closing a signal switch to transmit the electrical disturbances to a signal demodulator;
- configure a signal filter window on a frequency filter to maximize time domain signal resolution; apply signal processing to transform the electrical disturbances into a demodulated signal with the signal demodulator, the signal processing comprising:
- transmit the electrical disturbances to the frequency filter to filter out a captured waveform that is captured by the signal filter window;
- configure the signal filter window to increase frequency domain signal resolution;
- repeat the signal processing until a maximal frequency resolution is attained;
- apply signal templates from a signal template library to the captured waveform to calculating a template relationship value for each of the signal templates utilized; 30 normalize the template relationship value;
- operate a first selector with the template relationship value to select decoding templates; and
- operate a second selector with the template relationship value and the decoding templates to select a modulation ³⁵ scheme from a classification table; and decode the electrical disturbances comprising:

initialize a binary code string;

- apply the template relationship value, the decoding templates and the modulation scheme to filter the electrical disturbances into decoded bits;
- write the decoded bits to the binary code string; and write the binary code string to a channel code file.

10. The computing apparatus of claim **9** wherein calculating the template relationship value further comprises compute a cross-correlation value attained from cross-correlating the captured waveform and the signal templates.

11. The computing apparatus of claim 9, wherein detecting the electrical disturbances with the signal monitor and closing the signal switch to transmit the signal to the signal demodulator comprises:

an electromagnetic signal monitor detecting an electromagnetic disturbance and an electromagnetic signal transducer transforming the electromagnetic disturbance into an electrical signal.

12. The computing apparatus of claim **9**, wherein the signal monitor detects electrical disturbances on multiple conductive lines in a parallel bus.

13. The computing apparatus of claim **9**, wherein the electrical disturbances are fluctuations in voltage or current.

14. The computing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the template relationship value comprises a cross-correlation value.

15. The computing apparatus of claim 9, wherein operating the first selector with the template relationship value to select the decoding templates further comprises utilizing an algebraic sign of the template relationship value to select the templates.

16. The computing apparatus of claim 9, wherein operating the first selector with the template relationship value to select the decoding templates further comprises using a random model intercept to determine if there exists a zerovalued, single level or multi-level relationship.

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Art Unit Predictions

Statistics for the five most-likely results, in decreasing order

Art Unit	Allowance rate	Pendency (months)	Avg. no. of Office actions	% granted with appeal
2634	93%	22	1.4	4%
2631	90%	23	1.5	4%
2632	91%	22	1.5	4%
2633	95%	20	1.3	3%
2637	93%	25	1.3	3%

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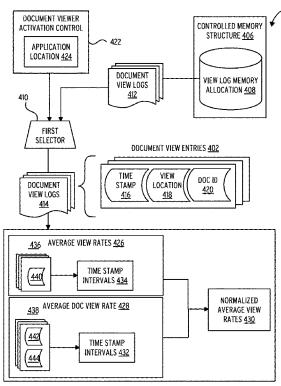
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(57)ABSTRACT

A method of contextual activity awareness content selection operates a switch to release a document viewer activation control to a first selector, operate the first selector to select the application location for the application interface, selects document view logs, associated with application location, operates document prioritization logic to calculates average document view rate, calculates an average view rate for each document at the application location, normalizes, weights, and rank average view rates document relevance set. operates a second selector to select matching documents and release to the document viewer, configures the document viewer to prioritize rendering based on document relevance set, operates the switch to release a document view signal to a compiler, in response to a document viewing in the document viewer, and operates the compiler to generate a new document view entry for the document viewing.

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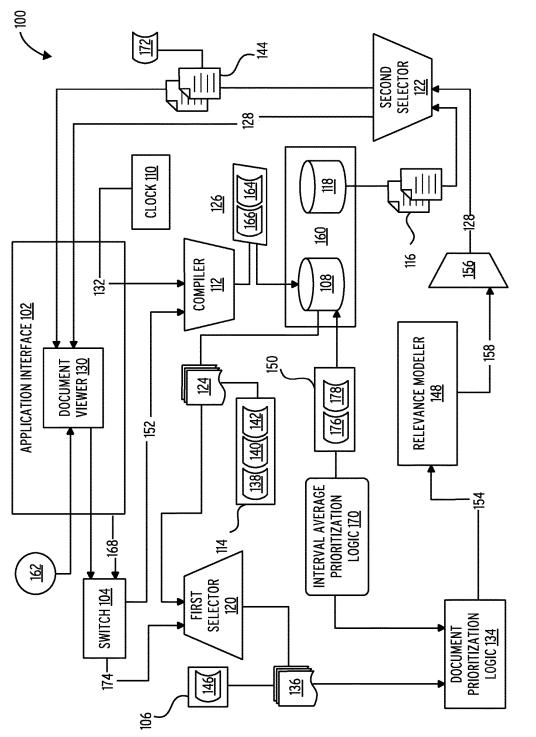
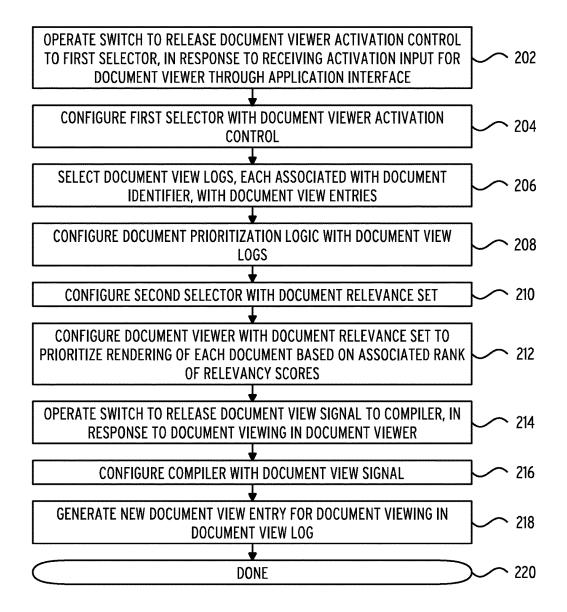


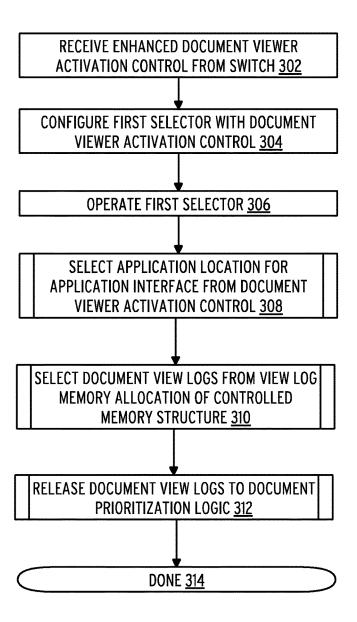
FIG. 1











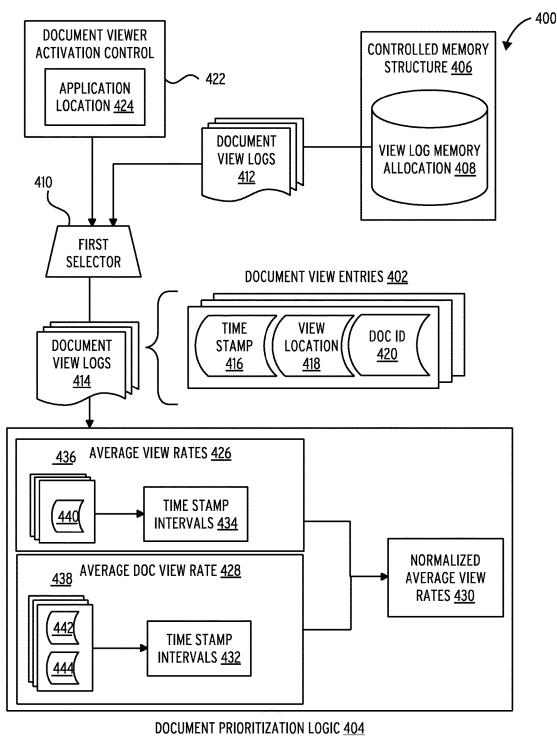
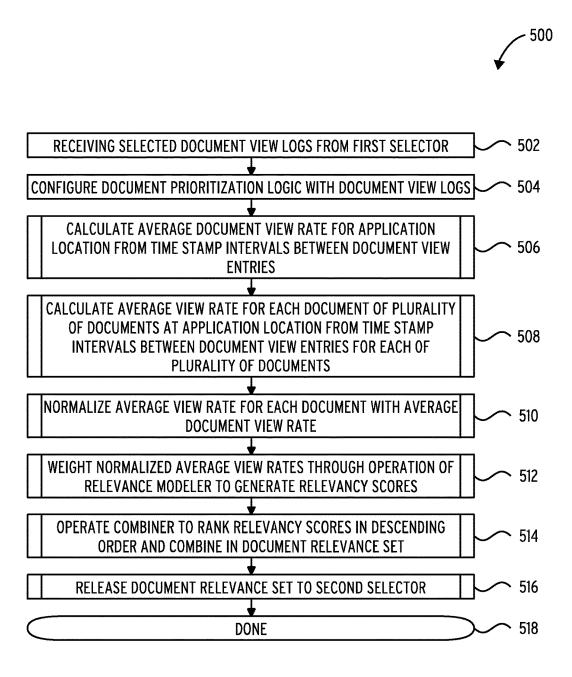


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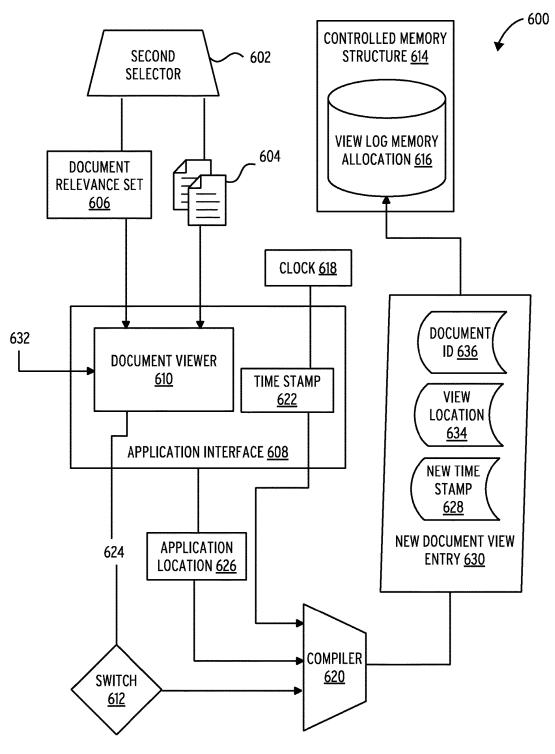
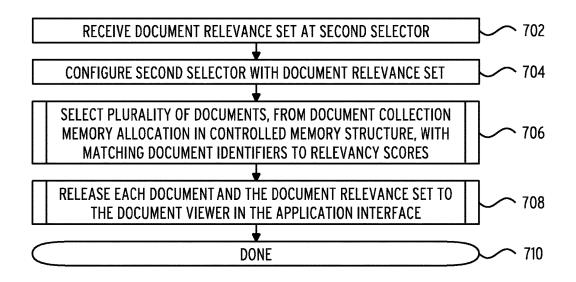


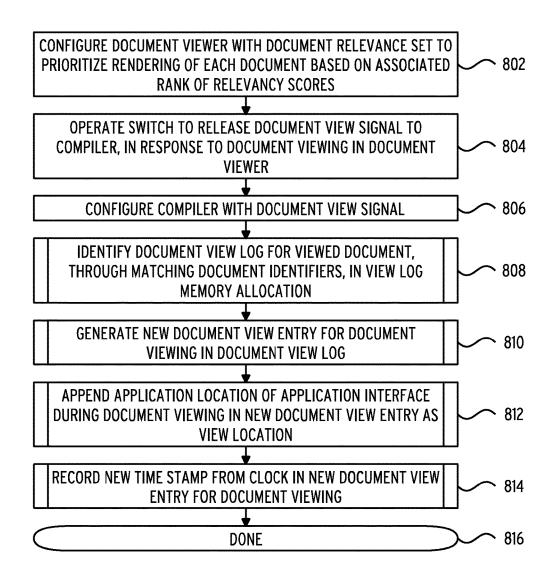
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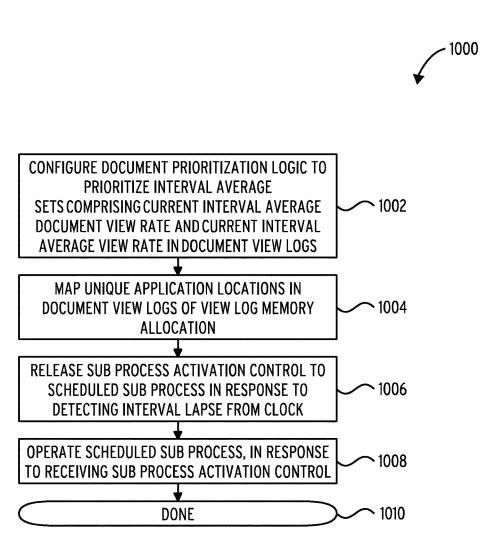
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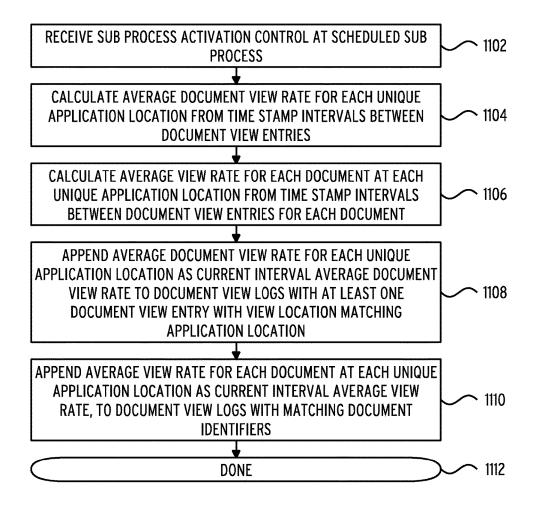


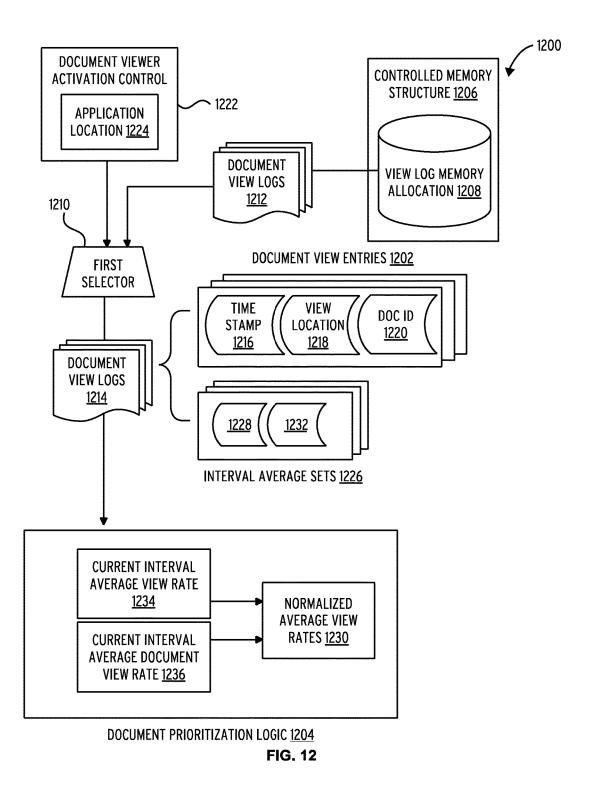
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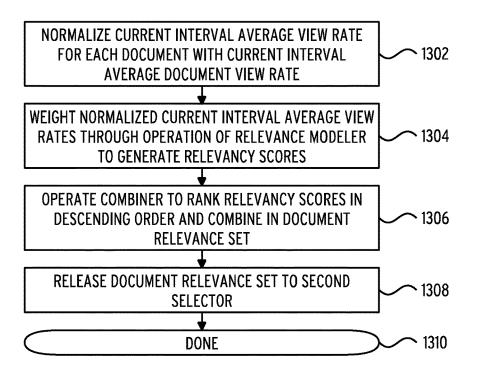


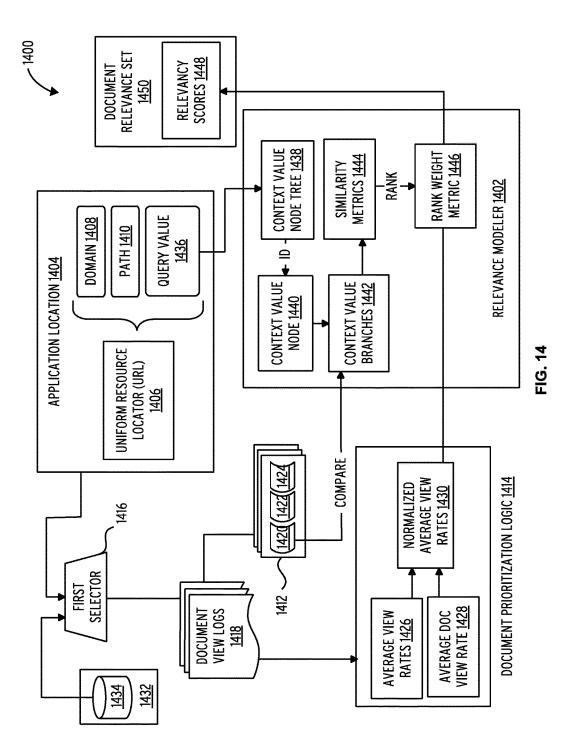




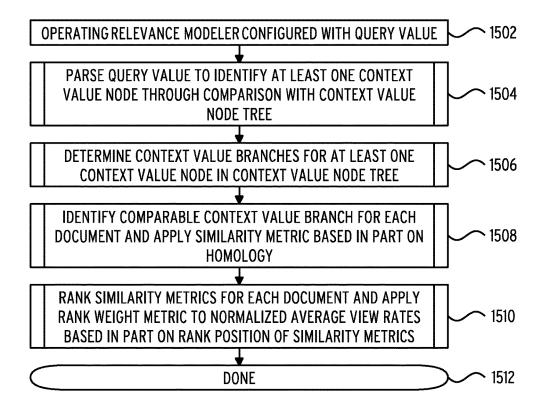












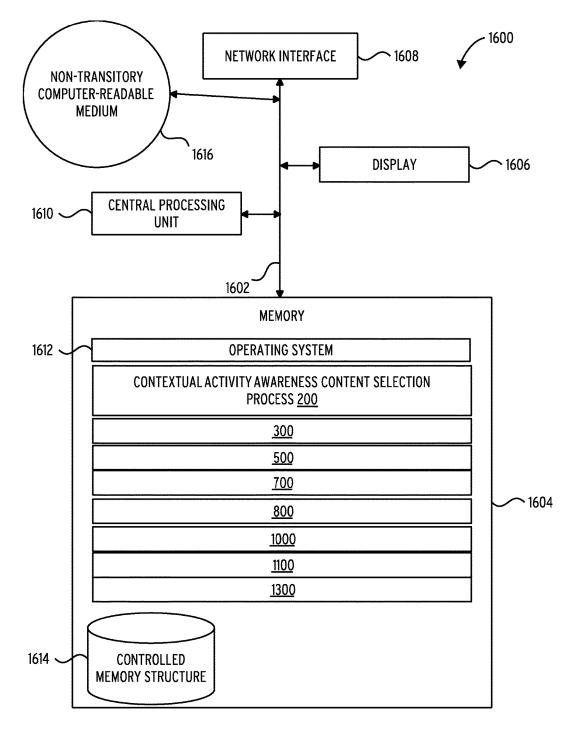


FIG. 16

CONTEXT- AND ACTIVITY-AWARE **CONTENT SELECTION**

BACKGROUND

Software applications often display content to users that might be helpful in using the application, including links to knowledge base articles, discussion forums, or help centers. Unfortunately, when there is an abundance of help content (e.g., knowledge bases can have hundreds to thousands of ¹⁰ articles), to provide relevant content, application designers must either 1) manually select which content appears in which places in an application, 2) provide a search option to allow users to find relevant content, or 3) use some com-15 or act, the most significant digit or digits in a reference puter-based content selection method to decide which content is most relevant to display in particular situations.

In the case of automated content selection, there is a wide range of information that might be taken into account to decide what content to display. Prior art teaches of methods 20 that segregate software applications into different screens, providing content that is specific to the screen, requiring each piece of content to be annotated with the screen to which it applies. Other prior art teaches of methods that track which content is accessed most frequently by appli-25 cation users, selecting only the most viewed content for display. Other methods track a specific individual user's activity, using aspects of the application that the user has engaged with to identify content that is related to those aspects. 30

There exists a need for methods that can combine existing prior art with the data about all of the users of an application to select the most relevant content.

BRIEF SUMMARY

In some embodiments, a machine tracking system may include a digital document viewer; logic to identify an application location corresponding to activation of the digital document viewer; a clock; a database; logic to transform 40 the each of the group of document view log entries into an average rate of document views at the application location corresponding to activation of the digital document viewer; logic to determine a baseline rate of document view activity for the application location corresponding to activation of 45 the digital document viewer from the average rate of document views at the application location corresponding to activation of the digital document viewer; logic to determine, for each document of a group of documents represented in the group of document view log entries, an average 50 time interval between views of the each document of a group of documents represented in the group of document view log entries at the application location corresponding to activation of the digital document viewer; logic to normalize the average time interval between views according to the base- 55 line rate of document view activity for the application location corresponding to activation of the digital document viewer to produce a normalized view interval; logic to weight the normalized view interval according to a sigmoidal function based on a time since the digital document 60 rendered by the digital document viewer was last viewed to produce a relevance score for the digital document rendered by the digital document viewer; and/or logic to position a first selector for the digital document rendered by the digital document viewer in a user presentation according to the 65 relevance score for the digital document rendered by the digital document viewer.

In some embodiments, the database may include a document view log may include a group of document view log entries.

In some embodiments, each of the group of document view log entries may include a document id corresponding to a digital document rendered by the digital document viewer, the application location corresponding to activation of the digital document viewer, and a timestamp from the clock.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

To easily identify the discussion of any particular element number refer to the figure number in which that element is first introduced.

FIG. 1 illustrates an embodiment of a contextual activity awareness content selection system 100.

FIG. 2 illustrates an embodiment of a contextual activity awareness content selection process 200.

FIG. 3 illustrates an embodiment of a first selector sub process 300.

FIG. 4 illustrates an embodiment of a document prioritization logic sub system 400.

FIG. 5 illustrates an embodiment of a document prioritization logic sub process 500.

FIG. 6 illustrates an embodiment of a new document view entry compiler subsystem 600.

FIG. 7 illustrates an embodiment of a second selector sub process 700.

FIG. 8 illustrates an embodiment of a new document view entry generation sub process 800.

FIG. 9 illustrates an embodiment of an interval average ³⁵ prioritization logic sub system 900.

FIG. 10 illustrates an embodiment of an interval average prioritization logic sub process 1000.

FIG. 11 illustrates an embodiment of a scheduled sub process 1100.

FIG. 12 illustrates an embodiment of an interval average set prioritized document prioritization logic sub system 1200.

FIG. 13 illustrates an embodiment of an interval average prioritized document prioritization logic sub process 1300.

FIG. 14 illustrates an embodiment of the relevance modeler sub system 1400.

FIG. 15 illustrates an embodiment of a relevance modeler operation sub process 1500.

FIG. 16 illustrates an embodiment of a system 1600.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Description

In some embodiments a method of contextual activity awareness content selection may include operating a switch to release a document viewer activation control to a first selector, in response to receiving an activation input for a document viewer through an application interface; configuring the first selector with the document viewer activation control; configuring the document prioritization logic with the document view logs; configuring the second selector with the document relevance set; configuring the document viewer with the document relevance set to prioritize rendering of each document based on associated rank of the relevancy scores; operating the switch to release a document view signal to a compiler, in response to a document viewing

in the document viewer. The configured first selector selects the application location for the application interface from the document viewer activation control; selects document view logs, each associated with a document identifier, with document view entries each including time stamp, and view 5 location matching the application location, from a view log memory allocation of a controlled memory structure; and/or release the document view logs to document prioritization logic. The configured document prioritization logic calculates average document view rate for the application location 10 from time stamp intervals between the document view entries; calculates an average view rate for each document of a plurality of documents at the application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries for each of the plurality of documents; normalizes the average 15 view rate for each document with the average document view rate; weights normalized average view rates through operation of a relevance modeler to generate relevancy scores; operates a combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in a document relevance set: 20 and/or release the document relevance set to a second selector. The configured second selector selects the plurality of documents, from a document collection memory allocation in the controlled memory structure, with matching document identifiers to the relevancy scores; and/or releases 25 each document and the document relevance set to the document viewer in the application interface. The configured compiler identifies a document view log for a viewed document, through the matching document identifiers, in the view log memory allocation; generates a new document 30 view entry for the document viewing in the document view log; appends the application location of the application interface during the document viewing in the new document view entry as the view location; and/or records a new time stamp from a clock in the new document view entry for the 35 defined in a variety of ways. In an embodiment, location document viewing.

In some embodiments the method of contextual activity awareness content selection may include operating an interval average prioritization logic to: configure the document prioritization logic to prioritize interval average sets includ- 40 ing a current interval average document view rate and a current interval average view rate in the document view logs; map unique application locations in the document view logs of the view log memory allocation; release a sub process activation control to a scheduled sub process in 45 response to detecting an interval lapse from the clock; and/or operate the scheduled sub process, in response to receiving the sub process activation control. The scheduled sub process calculates the average document view rate for each unique application location from the time stamp intervals 50 between the document view entries; calculates the average view rate for each document at each unique application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries for each document; appends the average document view rate for each unique application location as 55 the current interval average document view rate to the document view logs with at least one document view entry with the view location matching the application location; and/or appends the average view rate for each document at each unique application location as the current interval 60 average view rate, to the document view logs with the matching document identifiers.

In some embodiments method of contextual activity awareness content selection may include configuring the document prioritization logic with the document view logs 65 to: normalize the current interval average view rate for each document with the current interval average document view

rate; weight normalized current interval average view rates through operation of the relevance modeler to generate the relevancy scores; operate the combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in the document relevance set; and/or release the document relevance set to the second selector.

In some embodiments method of contextual activity awareness content selection may configure the application location is a uniform resource locator (URL) to include a domain, a path, and a query value.

In some embodiments of contextual activity awareness content selection may include configuring the relevance modeler with the query value, to: parse the query value to identify at least one context value node through comparison with a context value node tree; determine context value branches for the at least one context value node in the context value node tree; identify a comparable context value branch for each document and apply a similarity metric based in part on homology; and/or rank similarity metrics for each document and apply rank weight metric to the normalized average view rates based in part on rank position of the similarity metrics.

In some embodiments, an application may provide a control such as a floating help button that a user may invoke to request relevant content. Many alternative embodiments for providing access to documents in an application are possible, including interfaces that allow users to search for documents, browsing views of all documents, tools for communicating with other users online to find helpful content, or explicit links to documents in the application itself. The present method does not depend on the method by which documents are retrieved, but that viewing the document is a discrete, observable event.

In some embodiments, the application locations may be may be determined by a web page's uniform resource locator (URL) or by a unique identifier associated with an application screen (as is often assigned when building an application's user interface). Other embodiments define location according to physical geolocation, the visual structure of the content on an application screen, or the textual content on the application screen. The present method does not depend on how location is defined, but that locations are discrete and may be identified unambiguously.

In some embodiments, each time a document is viewed in an application location, a document view event is logged according to timestamp and application location. A user might click on a document title to request the full document or select a link to the document. When this event occurs, via whatever means, the document view is logged.

When an application user requests relevant documents at a particular application location, the system uses the log of document views, and the user's current application location to determine which documents are likely to be most relevant to the user. First, the system determines average time between document views at the application location to establish a baseline rate of document view activity. Then, for each document in the collection, the system determines the average time interval between views of the document at the application location, normalizing the average view interval according to the baseline rate determined above. Then, the normalized view interval is weighted according to a sigmoidal function based on the time since when the document was last viewed. These calculations result in a relevance score for each document based on how frequently and recently it was viewed at the application location. Documents that are viewed recently and/or frequently get the highest scores. In

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the an embodiment, documents that were not viewed at the current application location are not included in scoring. In alternative embodiments, these non-viewed documents might be included, e.g. with lower weighting on the score.

In some embodiments using the relevance scores, the system sorts the documents in descending score order, resulting in a list of the most viewed questions for the application location. In the an embodiment, the documents are displayed in this descending order atop the application screen, showing an application user which documents other visitors have viewed at this location. In alternative embodiments, a new screen might be shown to display the sorted list of relevant documents, or the documents might be displayed 15 on a different device.

In alternative embodiments, other context- or activitysensitive factors may influence the scoring of relevant documents. For instance, metadata of the documents such as indicators of its helpfulness or importance could influence the weighting of relevant documents. Information about documents that an application user has previously viewed might also influence scoring, excluding documents that the user has viewed, or preferring documents that are related to documents that the user has viewed. Documents might be related by metadata about the documents topics or by explicit links between documents, either in the document content, or as metadata for linking related documents.

In some embodiments the system may include a document 30 store, viewer, clock, locator, view log, interval timer, normalizer, sigmoidal weighting, and sorter. The viewer receives a document from the document store and in response renders the document on a machine interface for user viewing of the document. Due to configured interactions between the various system components, this initiates additional actions and processing.

In some embodiments the locator receives an event signal from the viewer and in response generates a location indi- 40 cation. The clock receives an event signal from the viewer and in response generates a time indication. The location and time indications are communicated to an event log. The view log also receives a doc id signal from the viewer and in response adds an entry for the doc id to the view log, 45 including the time and location.

In some embodiments the interval timer receives view records from the view log and in response determines time intervals between the view records and applies the intervals to a baseline rate and average interval. The normalizer receives a baseline rate from the interval timer. The normalizer also receives an average interval from the interval timer and in response applies the average interval and baseline rate to determine the normal interval. This normal interval is then 55 subjected to weighting.

In some embodiments the sigmoidal weighting module receives the normal interval from the normalizer and in response determines weights to associate with the normal interval, producing a location specific relevance for one or $\ ^{60}$ more documents. The sigmoidal weighting may also receive metadata from the document store and apply these to the weights for the location specific relevance score(s). The sorter receives a location specific relevance score signal 65 from the sigmoidal weighting and in response sorts documents by location specific relevance.

DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 illustrates and embodiment of a contextual activity awareness content selection system 100.

The contextual activity awareness content selection system 100 comprises an application interface 102, a switch 104, a first selector 120, a document prioritization logic 134, an interval average prioritization logic 170, a relevance modeler 148, a controlled memory structure 160, a combiner 156, a second selector 122, a clock 110, and a compiler 112. The application interface 102 comprises a document viewer 130, and an application location 168. The document viewer 130 comprises an activation input 162. The controlled memory structure 160 comprises a view log memory allocation 108 and a document collection memory allocation 118. The view log memory allocation 108 comprises document view logs 124. The document view logs 124 comprise document view entries 114 and a new document view entry 126. The document view entries 114 each comprise, in part by association, a document identifier 138 a time stamp 140. and a view location 142. The new document view entry 126 comprises a time stamp 166 and a view location 164. The switch 104 comprises a document viewer activation control 174. The first selector 120 comprises selected document view logs 136. The selected document view logs 136 comprise document view entries 106, each comprising matching view location 146. The document view logs 124 comprise interval average sets 150. The interval average sets 150 comprise a current interval average view rate 176 and a current interval average document view rate 178. The document prioritization logic 134 comprises normalized average view rates 154. The relevance modeler 148 comprises relevancy scores 158. The combiner 156 comprises document relevance set 128. The document collection memory allocation 118 comprises a plurality of documents 116. The second selector 122 comprises a document relevance set 128 and a plurality of documents 144 comprising matching document identifier 172. The compiler 112 comprises a new time stamp 132 and a document view signal 152.

The contextual activity awareness content selection system 100 may be implemented in accordance the processes described in FIG. 2, FIG. 3, FIG. 5, FIG. 7, FIG. 8, FIG. 10, FIG. 11, and FIG. 13.

FIG. 2 illustrates an embodiment of a contextual activity awareness content selection process 200. In block 202, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 operates a switch to release a document viewer activation control to a first selector, in response to receiving an activation input for a document viewer through an application interface. In block 204, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 configures the first selector with the document viewer activation control to. In block 206, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 selects document view logs, each associated with a document identifier, with document view entries each. In block 208, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 configures the document prioritization logic with the document view logs to. In block 210, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 configures the second selector with the document relevance set to. In block 212, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 configures the document viewer with the document relevance set to prioritize rendering of each document based on associated rank of the relevancy scores. In block 214, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 operates the switch to release a document view signal to a compiler, in response to a document viewing in the document viewer. In block 216, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 configures the compiler with the document view signal to. In block 218, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 generates a new document view entry for a document viewing in a 5 document view log. In done block 220, contextual activity awareness content selection process 200 ends.

FIG. 3 illustrates an embodiment of a first selector sub process 300. In block 302, first selector sub process 300 receives enhanced document viewer activation control from 10 a switch. In block 304, first selector sub process 300 configures the first selector with the document viewer activation control. In block 306, first selector sub process 300 operates the first selector. In subroutine block 308, first selector sub process 300 selects an application location for 15 the application interface from the document viewer activation control. In subroutine block 310, first selector sub process 300 selects document view logs from a view log memory allocation of a controlled memory structure. In subroutine block **312**, first selector sub process **300** releases 20 the selected document view logs to document prioritization logic. In done block **314**, first selector sub process **300** ends.

FIG. 4 illustrates an embodiment of a document prioritization logic sub system 400. The document prioritization logic sub system 400 comprises a controlled memory struc- 25 ture 406, a document viewer activation control 422, a first selector 410, and a document prioritization logic 404. The controlled memory structure 406 comprises a view log memory allocation 408. The view log memory allocation 408 comprises document view logs 412. The document 30 viewer activation control 422 comprises an application location 424. The first selector 410 comprises selected document view logs 414 each comprising document view entries 402. Each of the document view entries 402 comprise a time stamp 416, a matching view location 418, and a 35 document identifier 420. The document prioritization logic 404 comprises average view rates 426, average document view rate 428, and normalized average view rates 430. The average view rates 426 comprises time stamp intervals 434 from document view entries 436. The document view entries 40 entry generation sub process 800. In block 802, new docu-**436** comprise time stamps **440**. The average document view rate 428 comprises time stamp intervals 432 from document view entries 438 comprising time stamps 442 and same document identifier 444.

The document prioritization logic sub system 400 may be 45 implemented in accordance with the process described in FIG. 5.

FIG. 5 illustrates an embodiment of a document prioritization logic sub process 500. In block 502, document prioritization logic sub process 500 receiving selected docu- 50 ment view logs from the first selector. In block 504, document prioritization logic sub process 500 configures the document prioritization logic with the document view logs to. In subroutine block 506, document prioritization logic sub process 500 calculates average document view rate for 55 the application location from time stamp intervals between the document view entries. In subroutine block 508, document prioritization logic sub process 500 calculates an average view rate for each document of a plurality of documents at the application location from the time stamp 60 intervals between the document view entries for each of the plurality of documents. In subroutine block 510, document prioritization logic sub process 500 normalizes the average view rate for each document with the average document view rate. In subroutine block 512, document prioritization 65 logic sub process 500 weights normalized average view rates through operation of a relevance modeler to generate

relevancy scores. In subroutine block 514, document prioritization logic sub process 500 operates a combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in a document relevance set. In subroutine block 516, document prioritization logic sub process 500 releases the document relevance set to a second selector. In done block 518, document prioritization logic sub process 500 ends.

FIG. 6 illustrates an embodiment of a new document view entry compiler subsystem 600. The new document view entry compiler subsystem 600 comprises a second selector 602, a controlled memory structure 614, an application interface 608, a switch 612, a clock 618, and a compiler 620. The application interface 608 comprises a document viewing 632, a document viewer 610, an application location 626, and a time stamp 622 from the clock 618. The document viewer 610 comprises a document relevance set 606 and a plurality of documents 604. The switch 612 comprises a document view signal 624. The controlled memory structure 614 comprises a view log memory allocation 616. The new document view entry 630 comprises a matching document identifiers 636, a view location 634, and a new time stamp 628.

The new document view entry compiler subsystem 600 may be operated in accordance with the process described in FIG. 7 and FIG. 8.

FIG. 7 illustrates an embodiment of a second selector sub process 700. In block 702, second selector sub process 700 receives the document relevance set at the second selector. In block 704, second selector sub process 700 configures the second selector with the document relevance set to. In subroutine block 706, second selector sub process 700 selects the plurality of documents, from a document collection memory allocation in the controlled memory structure, with matching document identifiers to the relevancy scores. In subroutine block 708, second selector sub process 700 releases each document and the document relevance set to the document viewer in the application interface. In done block 710, second selector sub process 700 ends.

FIG. 8 illustrates an embodiment of a new document view ment view entry generation sub process 800 configures the document viewer with the document relevance set to prioritize rendering of each document based on associated rank of the relevancy scores. In block 804, new document view entry generation sub process 800 operates the switch to release a document view signal to a compiler, in response to a document viewing in the document viewer. In block 806, new document view entry generation sub process 800 configures the compiler with the document view signal to. In subroutine block 808, new document view entry generation sub process 800 identifies a document view log for a viewed document, through the matching document identifiers, in the view log memory allocation. In subroutine block 810, new document view entry generation sub process 800 generates a new document view entry for the document viewing in the document view log. In subroutine block 812, new document view entry generation sub process 800 appends the application location of the application interface during the document viewing in the new document view entry as the view location. In subroutine block 814, new document view entry generation sub process 800 records a new time stamp from a clock in the new document view entry for the document viewing. In done block 816, new document view entry generation sub process 800 ends.

FIG. 9 illustrates an embodiment of an interval average prioritization logic sub system 900. The interval average prioritization logic sub system 900 comprises a scheduled

sub process 912, a controlled memory structure 908, an interval average prioritization logic 902, a document prioritization logic 906, and a clock 916. The controlled memory structure 908 comprises a view log memory allocation 910. The view log memory allocation 910 comprises document 5 view logs 914. The document view logs 914 comprise unique application locations 904. The clock 916 comprises interval lapse 918. The interval average prioritization logic 902 comprises a sub process activation control 920. The scheduled sub process 912 comprises mapped unique appli-10 cation locations 924 of the document view logs 914. The scheduled sub process 912 comprises average view rate 922 and an average document view rate 926. The view log memory allocation 910 comprises a document view logs 934. The document view logs 934 comprise document view 15 entries 936. The document view logs 934 and the document view entries 936 comprise an interval average sets 932. The interval average sets 932 comprises a current interval average document view rate 930 and a current interval average view rate 928.

The interval average prioritization logic sub system **900** may be implemented in accordance with the process described in FIG. **10** and FIG. **11**.

FIG. 10 illustrates an embodiment of interval average prioritization logic sub process 1000. In block 1002, interval 25 average prioritization logic sub process 1000 configures the document prioritization logic to prioritize interval average sets comprising a current interval average document view rate and a current interval average view rate in the document view logs. In block 1004, interval average prioritization 30 logic sub process 1000 maps unique application locations in the document view logs of the view log memory allocation. In block 1006, interval average prioritization logic sub process 1000 releases a sub process activation control to a scheduled sub process in response to detecting an interval 35 lapse from the clock. In block 1008, interval average prioritization logic sub process 1000 operates the scheduled sub process, in response to receiving the sub process activation control. In done block 1010, interval average prioritization logic sub process 1000 ends.

FIG. 11 illustrates an embodiment of a scheduled sub process 1100. In block 1102, scheduled sub process 1100 receives the sub process activation control at scheduled sub process. In block 1104, scheduled sub process 1100 calculates the average document view rate for each unique 45 application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries. In block 1106, scheduled sub process 1100 calculates the average view rate for each document at each unique application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries for each 50 document. In block 1108, scheduled sub process 1100 appends the average document view rate for each unique application location as the current interval average document view rate to the document view logs with at least one document view entry with the view location matching the 55 application location. In block 1110, scheduled sub process 1100 appends the average view rate for each document at each unique application location as the current interval average view rate, to the document view logs with the matching document identifiers. In done block 1112, sched- 60 uled sub process 1100 ends.

FIG. 12 illustrates an embodiment of an interval average set prioritized document prioritization logic sub system 1200. The interval average set prioritized document prioritization logic sub system 1200 comprises a controlled 65 memory structure 1206, a document viewer activation control 1222, a first selector 1210, and a document prioritization

logic 1204. The controlled memory structure 1206 comprises a view log memory allocation 1208. The view log memory allocation 1208 comprises document view logs 1212. The document viewer activation control 1222 comprises an application location 1224. The first selector 1210 comprises selected document view logs 1214. The selected document view logs 1214 comprise document view entries 1202 and interval average sets 1226. The interval average sets 1226 comprise current interval average document view rate 1228 and current interval average view rate 1232. Each of the document view entries 1202 comprise a time stamp 1216, a matching view location 1218, and a document identifier 1220. The document prioritization logic 1204 comprises a current interval average view rate 1234 for the application location, a current interval average document view rate 1236 for each document, and a normalized average view rates 1230.

The interval average set prioritized document prioritization logic sub system **1200** may be implemented in accor-20 dance with the process described in FIG. **13**.

FIG. 13 illustrates an embodiment of an interval average prioritized document prioritization logic sub process 1300. In block 1302, interval average prioritized document prioritization logic sub process 1300 normalizes the current interval average view rate for each document with the current interval average document view rate. In block 1304, interval average prioritized document prioritization logic sub process 1300 weights normalized current interval average view rates through operation of the relevance modeler to generate the relevancy scores. In block 1306, interval average prioritized document prioritization logic sub process 1300 operates the combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in the document relevance set. In block 1308, interval average prioritized document prioritization logic sub process 1300 releases the document relevance set to the second selector. In done block 1310, interval average prioritized document prioritization logic sub process 1300 ends.

FIG. 14 illustrates an embodiment of a relevance modeler 40 sub system 1400. The 400 comprises a document relevance set 1450, an application location 1404, a relevance modeler 1402, a controlled memory structure 1432, a first selector 1416, and a document prioritization logic 1414. The application location 1404 comprises a uniform resource locator (URL) 1406 comprising a domain 1408, a path 1410, and a query value 1436. The controlled memory structure 1432 comprises a view log memory allocation 1434. The first selector 1416 comprises a selected document view logs 1418. The selected document view logs 1418 comprise document view entries 1412 each comprising document identifier 1420, a time stamp 1422, and a view location 1424. The document prioritization logic 1414 comprises average view rates 1426, average document view rate 1428, and normalized average view rates 1430. The relevance modeler 1402 comprises a context value node 1440, a context value node tree 1438, a context value branches 1442, a similarity metrics 1444, a rank weight metric 1446. The document relevance set 1450 comprises a relevancy scores 1448.

The relevance modeler sub system **1400** may be implemented in accordance with the process described in FIG. **15**.

FIG. **15** illustrates an embodiment of a relevance modeler operation sub process **1500**. In block **1502**, relevance modeler operation sub process **1500** operating a relevance modeler configured with the query value. In subroutine block **1504**, relevance modeler operation sub process **1500** parses the query value to identify at least one context value node

through comparison with a context value node tree. In subroutine block **1506**, relevance modeler operation sub process **1500** determines context value branches for the at least one context value node in the context value node tree. In subroutine block **1508**, relevance modeler operation sub process **1500** identifies a comparable context value branch for each document and apply a similarity metric based in part on homology. In subroutine block **1510**, relevance modeler operation sub process **1500** ranks similarity metrics for each document and apply rank weight metric to the normalized average view rates based in part on rank position of the similarity metrics. In done block **1512**, relevance modeler operation sub process **1500** ends.

FIG. **16** illustrates several components of an exemplary ¹⁵ system **1600** in accordance with one embodiment. In various embodiments, system **1600** may include a desktop PC, server, workstation, mobile phone, laptop, tablet, set-top box, appliance, or other computing device that is capable of performing operations such as those described herein. In ²⁰ some embodiments, system **1600** may include many more components than those shown in FIG. **16**. However, it is not necessary that all of these generally conventional components be shown in order to disclose an illustrative embodiment. Collectively, the various tangible components or a ²⁵ subset of the tangible components may be referred to herein as "logic" configured or adapted in a particular way, for example as logic configured or adapted with particular software or firmware.

In various embodiments, system **1600** may comprise one ³⁰ or more physical and/or logical devices that collectively provide the functionalities described herein. In some embodiments, system **1600** may comprise one or more replicated and/or distributed physical or logical devices.

In some embodiments, system **1600** may comprise one or 35 more computing resources provisioned from a "cloud computing" provider, for example, Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud ("Amazon EC2"), provided by Amazon.com, Inc. of Seattle, Wash.; Sun Cloud Compute Utility, provided by Sun Microsystems, Inc. of Santa Clara, Calif.; Windows Azure, 40 provided by Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Wash., and the like.

System 1600 includes a bus 1602 interconnecting several components including a network interface 1608, a display 1606, a central processing unit 1610, and a memory 1604. 45

Memory 1604 generally comprises a random access memory ("RAM") and permanent non-transitory mass storage device, such as a hard disk drive or solid-state drive. Memory 1604 stores an operating system 1612, a contextual activity awareness content selection process 200, a first 50 selector sub process 300, a document prioritization logic sub process 500, a second selector sub process 700, a new document view entry generation sub process 800, an interval average prioritization logic sub process 1000, a scheduled sub process 1100, and an interval average prioritized docu-55 ment prioritization logic sub process 1300.

These and other software components may be loaded into memory **1604** of system **1600** using a drive mechanism (not shown) associated with a non-transitory computer-readable medium **1616**, such as a floppy disc, tape, DVD/CD-ROM 60 drive, memory card, or the like.

Memory 1604 also includes controlled memory structure 1614. In some embodiments, system 1600 may communicate with controlled memory structure 1614 via network interface 1608, a storage area network ("SAN"), a highspeed serial bus, and/or via the other suitable communication technology.

In some embodiments, controlled memory structure **1614** may comprise one or more storage resources provisioned from a "cloud storage" provider, for example, Amazon Simple Storage Service ("Amazon S3"), provided by Amazon.com, Inc. of Seattle, Wash., Google Cloud Storage, provided by Google, Inc. of Mountain View, Calif., and the like.

References to "one embodiment" or "an embodiment" do not necessarily refer to the same embodiment, although they may. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, throughout the description and the claims, the words "comprise," "comprising," and the like are to be construed in an inclusive sense as opposed to an exclusive or exhaustive sense; that is to say, in the sense of "including, but not limited to." Words using the singular or plural number also include the plural or singular number respectively, unless expressly limited to a single one or multiple ones. Additionally, the words "herein," "above," "below" and words of similar import, when used in this application, refer to this application as a whole and not to any particular portions of this application. When the claims use the word "or" in reference to a list of two or more items, that word covers all of the following interpretations of the word: any of the items in the list, all of the items in the list and any combination of the items in the list, unless expressly limited to one or the other. "Logic" refers to machine memory circuits, non transitory machine readable media, and/or circuitry which by way of its material and/or material-energy configuration comprises control and/ or procedural signals, and/or settings and values (such as resistance, impedance, capacitance, inductance, current/ voltage ratings, etc.), that may be applied to influence the operation of a device. Magnetic media, electronic circuits, electrical and optical memory (both volatile and nonvolatile), and firmware are examples of logic. Logic specifically excludes pure signals or software per se (however does not exclude machine memories comprising software and thereby forming configurations of matter). Those skilled in the art will appreciate that logic may be distributed throughout one or more devices, and/or may be comprised of combinations memory, media, processing circuits and controllers, other circuits, and so on. Therefore, in the interest of clarity and correctness logic may not always be distinctly illustrated in drawings of devices and systems, although it is inherently present therein. The techniques and procedures described herein may be implemented via logic distributed in one or more computing devices. The particular distribution and choice of logic will vary according to implementation. Those having skill in the art will appreciate that there are various logic implementations by which processes and/ or systems described herein can be effected (e.g., hardware, software, and/or firmware), and that the preferred vehicle will vary with the context in which the processes are deployed. "Software" refers to logic that may be readily readapted to different purposes (e.g. read/write volatile or nonvolatile memory or media). "Firmware" refers to logic embodied as read-only memories and/or media. Hardware refers to logic embodied as analog and/or digital circuits. If an implementer determines that speed and accuracy are paramount, the implementer may opt for a hardware and/or firmware vehicle; alternatively, if flexibility is paramount, the implementer may opt for a solely software implementation; or, yet again alternatively, the implementer may opt for some combination of hardware, software, and/or firmware. Hence, there are several possible vehicles by which the processes described herein may be effected, none of which is inherently superior to the other in that any vehicle to be utilized is a choice dependent upon the context in

which the vehicle will be deployed and the specific concerns (e.g., speed, flexibility, or predictability) of the implementer, any of which may vary. Those skilled in the art will recognize that optical aspects of implementations may involve optically-oriented hardware, software, and or firm- 5 ware. The foregoing detailed description has set forth various embodiments of the devices and/or processes via the use of block diagrams, flowcharts, and/or examples. Insofar as such block diagrams, flowcharts, and/or examples contain one or more functions and/or operations, it will be under-10 stood as notorious by those within the art that each function and/or operation within such block diagrams, flowcharts, or examples can be implemented, individually and/or collectively, by a wide range of hardware, software, firmware, or virtually any combination thereof. Several portions of the 15 subject matter described herein may be implemented via Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs), Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs), digital signal processors (DSPs), or other integrated formats. However, those skilled in the art will recognize that some aspects of the embodi- 20 ments disclosed herein, in whole or in part, can be equivalently implemented in standard integrated circuits, as one or more computer programs running on one or more computers (e.g., as one or more programs running on one or more computer systems), as one or more programs running on one 25 or more processors (e.g., as one or more programs running on one or more microprocessors), as firmware, or as virtually any combination thereof, and that designing the circuitry and/or writing the code for the software and/or firmware would be well within the skill of one of skill in the 30 art in light of this disclosure. In addition, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the mechanisms of the subject matter described herein are capable of being distributed as a program product in a variety of forms, and that an illustrative embodiment of the subject matter described herein 35 applies equally regardless of the particular type of signal bearing media used to actually carry out the distribution. Examples of a signal bearing media include, but are not limited to, the following: recordable type media such as floppy disks, hard disk drives, CD ROMs, digital tape, flash 40 drives, SD cards, solid state fixed or removable storage, and computer memory. In a general sense, those skilled in the art will recognize that the various aspects described herein which can be implemented, individually and/or collectively, by a wide range of hardware, software, firmware, or any 45 combination thereof can be viewed as being composed of various types of "circuitry." Consequently, as used herein "circuitry" includes, but is not limited to, electrical circuitry having at least one discrete electrical circuit, electrical circuitry having at least one integrated circuit, electrical 50 circuitry having at least one application specific integrated circuit, circuitry forming a general purpose computing device configured by a computer program (e.g., a general purpose computer configured by a computer program which at least partially carries out processes and/or devices 55 described herein, or a microprocessor configured by a computer program which at least partially carries out processes and/or devices described herein), circuitry forming a memory device (e.g., forms of random access memory), and/or circuitry forming a communications device (e.g., a 60 modem, communications switch, or optical-electrical equipment). Those skilled in the art will recognize that it is common within the art to describe devices and/or processes in the fashion set forth herein, and thereafter use standard engineering practices to integrate such described devices 65 and/or processes into larger systems. That is, at least a portion of the devices and/or processes described herein can

be integrated into a network processing system via a reasonable amount of experimentation.

What is claimed is:

- 1. A method comprising:
- operating a switch to release a document viewer activation control to a first selector, in response to receiving an activation input for a document viewer through an application interface;
- configuring the first selector with the document viewer activation control to:
 - select application location for the application interface from the document viewer activation control;
 - select document view logs, each associated with a document identifier, with document view entries each comprising a time stamp, and view location matching the application location, from a view log memory allocation of a controlled memory structure; and
 - release the document view logs to document prioritization logic;
- configuring the document prioritization logic with the document view logs to:
 - calculate average document view rate for the application location from time stamp intervals between the document view entries;
 - calculate an average view rate for each document of a plurality of documents at the application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries for each of the plurality of documents; normalize the average view rate for each document
 - with the average document view rate; weight normalized average view rates through opera-
 - tion of a relevance modeler to generate relevancy scores;
 - operate a combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in a document relevance set; and
- release the document relevance set to a second selector; configuring the second selector with the document relevance set to:
 - select the plurality of documents, from a document collection memory allocation in the controlled memory structure, with matching document identifiers to the relevancy scores; and
- release each document and the document relevance set to the document viewer in the application interface;
- configuring the document viewer with the document relevance set to prioritize rendering of each document based on associated rank of the relevancy scores;
- operating the switch to release a document view signal to a compiler, in response to a document viewing in the document viewer; and
- configuring the compiler with the document view signal to:
 - identify a document view log for a viewed document, through the matching document identifiers, in the view log memory allocation;
 - generate a new document view entry for the document viewing in the document view log;
 - append the application location of the application interface during the document viewing in the new document view entry as the view location; and
 - record a new time stamp from a clock in the new document view entry for the document viewing.

2. The method of claim 1, comprises:

operating an interval average prioritization logic to:

- configure the document prioritization logic to prioritize interval average sets comprising a current interval average document view rate and a current interval ⁵ average view rate in the document view logs;
- map unique application locations in the document view logs of the view log memory allocation;
- release a sub process activation control to a scheduled sub process in response to detecting an interval lapse ¹⁰ from the clock; and
- operate the scheduled sub process, in response to receiving the sub process activation control, to:
 - calculate the average document view rate for each ¹⁵ unique application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries;
 - calculate the average view rate for each document at each unique application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view 20 entries for each document;
 - append the average document view rate for each unique application location as the current interval average document view rate to the document view logs with at least one document view entry with 25 the view location matching the application location; and
 - append the average view rate for each document at each unique application location as the current interval average view rate, to the document view 30 logs with the matching document identifiers.
- 3. The method of claim 2 comprises:
- configuring the document prioritization logic with the document view logs to:
 - normalize the current interval average view rate for 35 each document with the current interval average document view rate;
 - weight normalized current interval average view rates through operation of the relevance modeler to generate the relevancy scores; 40
 - operate the combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in the document relevance set; and
 - release the document relevance set to the second selector.

4. The method of claim **1**, wherein the application location is a uniform resource locator (URL) comprising a domain, a path, and a query value.

5. The method of claim 4 comprises:

- configuring the relevance modeler with the query value, 50 to:
 - parse the query value to identify at least one context value node through comparison with a context value node tree;
 - determine context value branches for the at least one 55 context value node in the context value node tree;
 - identify a comparable context value branch for each document and apply a similarity metric based in part on homology; and
 - rank similarity metrics for each document and apply 60 rank weight metric to the normalized average view rates based in part on rank position of the similarity metrics.

6. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium, the computer-readable storage medium including instruc- 65 tions that when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

- operate a switch to release a document viewer activation control to a first selector, in response to receiving an activation input for a document viewer through an application interface;
- configure the first selector with the document viewer activation control to:
 - select application location for the application interface from the document viewer activation control;
 - select document view logs, each associated with a document identifier, with document view entries each comprising a time stamp, and view location matching the application location, from a view log memory allocation of a controlled memory structure; and
 - release the document view logs to document prioritization logic;
- configure the document prioritization logic with the document view logs to:
 - calculate average document view rate for the application location from time stamp intervals between the document view entries;
 - calculate an average view rate for each document of a plurality of documents at the application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries for each of the plurality of documents;
 - normalize the average view rate for each document with the average document view rate;
 - weight normalized average view rates through operation of a relevance modeler to generate relevancy scores;
 - operate a combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in a document relevance set; and
- release the document relevance set to a second selector; configure the second selector with the document relevance set to:
 - select the plurality of documents, from a document collection memory allocation in the controlled memory structure, with matching document identifiers to the relevancy scores; and
 - release each document and the document relevance set to the document viewer in the application interface;
- configure the document viewer with the document relevance set to prioritize rendering of each document based on associated rank of the relevancy scores;
- operate the switch to release a document view signal to a compiler, in response to a document viewing in the document viewer; and
- configure the compiler with the document view signal to: identify a document view log for a viewed document, through the matching document identifiers, in the view log memory allocation;
 - generate a new document view entry for the document viewing in the document view log;
 - append the application location of the application interface during the document viewing in the new document view entry as the view location; and
 - record a new time stamp from a clock in the new document view entry for the document viewing.

7. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 6, comprises:

- operate an interval average prioritization logic to:
 - configure the document prioritization logic to prioritize interval average sets comprising a current interval average document view rate and a current interval average view rate in the document view logs;

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- map unique application locations in the document view logs of the view log memory allocation;
- release a sub process activation control to a scheduled sub process in response to detecting an interval lapse from the clock; and
- operate the scheduled sub process, in response to receiving the sub process activation control, to:
 - calculate the average document view rate for each unique application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries; 10
 - calculate the average view rate for each document at each unique application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries for each document;
 - append the average document view rate for each unique 15 application location as the current interval average document view rate to the document view logs with at least one document view entry with the view location matching the application location; and
 - append the average view rate for each document at each 20 unique application location as the current interval average view rate, to the document view logs with the matching document identifiers.
- 8. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 7 comprises: 25
 - configure the document prioritization logic with the document view logs to:
 - normalize the current interval average view rate for each document with the current interval average document view rate; 30
 - weight normalized current interval average view rates through operation of the relevance modeler to generate the relevancy scores;
 - operate the combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in the document 35 relevance set; and
 - release the document relevance set to the second selector.

9. The computer-readable storage medium of claim **6**, wherein the application location is a uniform resource 40 locator (URL) comprising a domain, a path, and a query value.

10. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9 comprises:

- configure the relevance modeler with the query value, to: 45 parse the query value to identify at least one context value node through comparison with a context value node tree;
 - determine context value branches for the at least one context value node in the context value node tree; 50
 - identify a comparable context value branch for each document and apply a similarity metric based in part on homology; and
 - rank similarity metrics for each document and apply rank weight metric to the normalized average view 55 rates based in part on rank position of the similarity metrics.
- 11. A computer system, comprises:
- a processor; and
- a memory storing instructions that, when executed by the 60 prises: processor, configure the apparatus to: oper
 - operate a switch to release a document viewer activation control to a first selector, in response to receiving an activation input for a document viewer through an application interface; 65
 - configure the first selector with the document viewer activation control to:

select application location for the application interface from the document viewer activation control;

- select document view logs, each associated with a document identifier, with document view entries each comprising a time stamp, and view location matching the application location, from a view log memory allocation of a controlled memory structure; and
- release the document view logs to document prioritization logic;
- configure the document prioritization logic with the document view logs to:
 - calculate average document view rate for the application location from time stamp intervals between the document view entries;
 - calculate an average view rate for each document of a plurality of documents at the application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries for each of the plurality of documents;
 - normalize the average view rate for each document with the average document view rate;
 - weight normalized average view rates through operation of a relevance modeler to generate relevancy scores;
 - operate a combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in a document relevance set; and
 - release the document relevance set to a second selector;
- configure the second selector with the document relevance set to:
 - select the plurality of documents, from a document collection memory allocation in the controlled memory structure, with matching document identifiers to the relevancy scores; and
 - release each document and the document relevance set to the document viewer in the application interface;
- configure the document viewer with the document relevance set to prioritize rendering of each document based on associated rank of the relevancy scores;
- operate the switch to release a document view signal to a compiler, in response to a document viewing in the document viewer; and
- configure the compiler with the document view signal to:
 - identify a document view log for a viewed document, through the matching document identifiers, in the view log memory allocation;
 - generate a new document view entry for the document viewing in the document view log;
 - append the application location of the application interface during the document viewing in the new document view entry as the view location; and
- record a new time stamp from a clock in the new document view entry for the document viewing.

12. The computer system as claimed in claim **11**, comises:

- operate an interval average prioritization logic to:
 - configure the document prioritization logic to prioritize interval average sets comprising a current interval average document view rate and a current interval average view rate in the document view logs;
 - map unique application locations in the document view logs of the view log memory allocation;

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- release a sub process activation control to a scheduled sub process in response to detecting an interval lapse from the clock; and
- operate the scheduled sub process, in response to receiving the sub process activation control, to:
 - calculate the average document view rate for each unique application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries;
 - calculate the average view rate for each document at each unique application location from the time stamp intervals between the document view entries for each document;
 - append the average document view rate for each unique application location as the current interval average document view rate to the document view logs with at least one document view entry with the view location matching the application location; and
 - append the average view rate for each document at each unique application location as the current interval average view rate, to the document view ²⁰ logs with the matching document identifiers.

13. The computer system as claimed in claim 12 comprises:

- configure the document prioritization logic with the document view logs to: 2
 - normalize the current interval average view rate for each document with the current interval average document view rate;

- weight normalized current interval average view rates through operation of the relevance modeler to generate the relevancy scores;
- operate the combiner to rank the relevancy scores in descending order and combine in the document relevance set; and
- release the document relevance set to the second selector.

14. The computer system as claimed in claim **11**, wherein the application location is a uniform resource locator (URL) comprising a domain, a path, and a query value.

15. The computer system as claimed in claim 14 comprises:

- configure the relevance modeler with the query value, to: parse the query value to identify at least one context value node through comparison with a context value node tree;
 - determine context value branches for the at least one context value node in the context value node tree;
 - identify a comparable context value branch for each document and apply a similarity metric based in part on homology; and
 - rank similarity metrics for each document and apply rank weight metric to the normalized average view rates based in part on rank position of the similarity metrics.

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2154	81%	43	2.6	12%
2176	57%	49	2.7	11%
2144	67%	44	2.6	7%
2178	61%	51	2.7	8%

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