A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTEGRATING NETWORK-BASED FUNCTIONALITY INTO PRODUCTIVITY APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS

A system and method for providing network-based functionality to a productivity application document (110) includes, on the client side, a productivity application (100) that is augmented with network-enabling software for providing users with new network-based functionality accessed within the productivity application (100), rather than an Internet client. The network-enabling software or the present invention enables users to generate and modify productivity application documents (110) by embedding network-enabling objects (130) that can launch and make use of network-based functionality from within productivity application documents (110). The invention further includes remote server support for the network-enabling software that augments the productivity application (100), and as well as support for the resulting productivity application documents (110).

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