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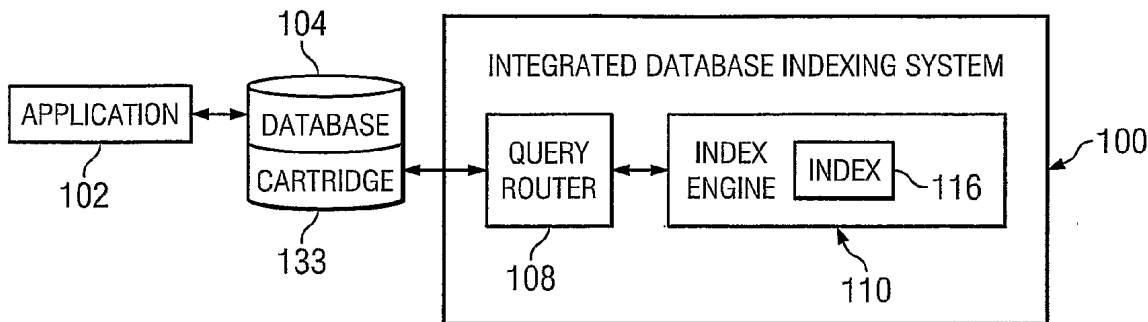
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(57) Abstract: An integrated database indexing system (100) includes a database (104) containing data and a query source (102) communicably connected to the database. A query router (108) connected to the query source communicates with an index engine (110). The index engine accesses an index (116) associated with the data in said database. When query source communicates a command to the query router, the query router communicates the command to the index engine such that the index engine identifies result data in the data contained by the database.



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC: **G06F 17/30**(2006.01)

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 U.S. : 707/101

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
x	US 6,073,134 (SHOUP et al) 6 June 2000, column 9 lines 1049, column 10 lines 30-40, column 13 line 43 - column 14 line 56, column 34 lines 54-66	1, 4-15, 17-30, 37-42, 44-46, 49-60, 62-75, 82-87, 89-90
y	US 6,560,593 B1 (KOSCIUSZKO et al), 6 May 2003, column 5 lines 31-43, column 6 line 63 - column 7 line 7, column 7 lines 47-64	2-3, 16, 43, 47-48, 61, 88

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

- 1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

- 2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

- 3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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- 1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
 - 2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
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 - 4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-30,37-75 and 82-90
- Remark on Protest**
- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
 - The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
 - No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, Claims 1-30, 37-75, and 82-90, drawn to a system to index a database wherein a change or revision is made to an index by an index engine through indexing commands, classified in class 707, subclass 101.

Group II, Claims 31-36 and 76-81, drawn to a method to search an index in a database by an index engine and retrieve search results, classified in class 707, subclass 3.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because revising an index through an index engine as outlined in Group I does not require searching an index and retrieving the search results as stated in Group II. The subcombination has separate utility such as searching for a specific index to identify indexes desired by a user, without any need for a change or revision.