

(19) World Intellectual Property  
Organization  
International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date  
12 February 2004 (12.02.2004)

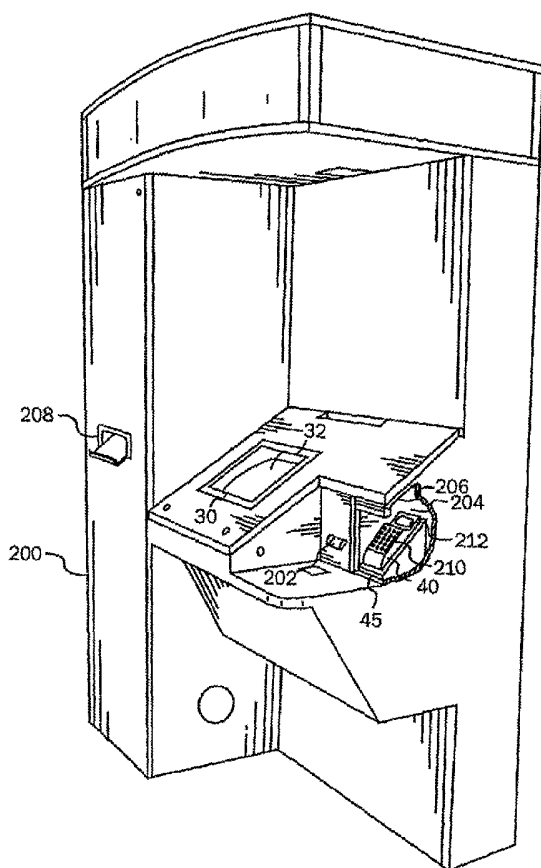
PCT

(10) International Publication Number  
**WO 2004/013736 A3**

- (51) International Patent Classification<sup>7</sup>: **G06F 17/60**
- (21) International Application Number:  
PCT/US2003/024404
- (22) International Filing Date: 5 August 2003 (05.08.2003)
- (25) Filing Language: English
- (26) Publication Language: English
- (30) Priority Data:  
10/212,323 5 August 2002 (05.08.2002) US
- (71) Applicant and  
(72) Inventor: **VEENEMAN, William, J.** [US/US]; 110 Bank Street S.E., LaRive Condominium #1701, Minneapolis, MN 55414 (US).
- (74) Agents: **PADMANABHAN, Devan, V.** et al.; Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Intellectual Property Department, Suite 1500, 50 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402-1498 (US).
- (81) Designated States (*national*): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.
- (84) Designated States (*regional*): ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO,

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: MULTI-MERCHANT GIFT REGISTRY



(57) Abstract: A multi-merchant gift registry utilizes a portable hand held scanner having a wireless communication link. Items are scanned with the scanner and this data is transmitted to a remote terminal that correlates the scanned data with a product identification. This product identification is then transmitted back to the scanner, where it is displayed. The registrant can then choose the product and enter a quantity. This information is again transmitted via a wireless link and the gift registry is updated.

WO 2004/013736 A3



SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

*For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.*

**Published:**

- *with international search report*
- *before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of receipt of amendments*

**(88) Date of publication of the international search report:**

26 August 2004

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/24404

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 17/60

US CL : 705/26

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 705/26, 27, 16, 20; 186/61; 235/383

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
Please See Continuation Sheet

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y,P	US 6,512,919 B2 (OGASAWARA) 28 January 2003, see entire document.	1-29
Y	US 5,754,981 A (VEENENMAN) 19 May 1998, see entire document	1-29
Y	W099 12116 A1 (SHANKAR, ET AL) 11 March 1999, see entire document.	13,25
Y	KR 2001015972 A (PARK) 05 March 2001, see entire document	15
Y	US RE 36,109 E (KIPP) 23 February 1999, see entire document.	17
A	US 5,595,264 A (TROTTE, JR) 21 January 1997	
A	US 5,918,211 A (SLOANE) 29 June 1999	

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:		"T"	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"A"	document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"B"	earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date	"Y"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"L"	document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"&"	document member of the same patent family
"O"	document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means		
"P"	document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed		

Date of the actual completion of the international search

11 May 2004 (11.05.2004)

Date of mailing of the international search report

25 JUN 2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA/US

Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Facsimile No. (703)305-3230

Authorized officer

Randolph Reese

Telephone No. 703-308-1113

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

PCT/US03/24404

## Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

USPAT, EPO, JPO, DERWENT, IBM\_TDB

barcode scanner, wireless, portable