

EXHIBIT A

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<p>1. An information storage and retrieval system, the system comprising:</p> <p>a linked list to store and provide access to records stored in a memory of the system, at least some of the records automatically expiring,</p> <p>a record search means utilizing a search key to access the linked list,</p> <p>the record search means including a means for identifying and removing at least some of the expired ones of the records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed, and</p> <p>means, utilizing the record search means, for accessing the linked list and, at the same</p>	<p>linked list to store and provide access to records</p>	<p>Two or more records in which each record contains a pointer to the next record in the list or information indicating that there is no next record.</p>	<p>A list in which each record contains a pointer to the next record or information indicating that there is no next record.</p>	
	<p>automatically expiring / expired</p>	<p>Becoming obsolete and no longer needed or desired in the storage system because of some external condition / obsolete and no longer needed or desired in the storage system because of some external condition.</p>	<p>After a limited period of time or after the occurrence of some event, becoming obsolete and therefore no longer needed or desired in the storage system / obsolete and therefore no longer needed or desired in the storage system.</p>	
	<p>identifying and removing at least some of the expired ones of the records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed</p>	<p>Both identification and removal of the automatically expired record(s) occurs during the same traversal of the linked list.</p>	<p>Bedrock believes that this term language is properly construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112(6).</p>	
	<p>identifying and removing at least some of the expired ones of the records from the linked list</p>	<p>While traversing the linked list, both adjusting the pointers in the linked list to bypass the previously identified</p>	<p>Bedrock believes that this term language is properly construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112(6).</p>	

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<p>time, removing at least some of the expired ones of the records in the linked list.</p>	<p>when the linked list is accessed</p>	<p>expired records and deallocating the memory occupied by those records.</p>		
	<p>identifying and removing at least some of the expired ones of the records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed</p>	<p>determining whether a record is expired by comparing some portion of the contents of the record to some external condition</p>	<p>Bedrock believes that this term language is properly construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112(6).</p>	
	<p>a record search means utilizing a search key to access the linked list</p>	<p>Indefinite</p>	<p>Function: The <u>recited function</u> is record searching utilizing a search key to access the linked list.</p> <p>Structure: The <u>corresponding structure</u> is: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52 56; and (2) Executable software instructions as illustrated in Boxes 31-36 and Boxes 39-41 of FIG. 3, or as portions of the pseudo-code of Search Table Procedure (cols. 11</p>	

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	<p>the record search means including a means for identifying and removing at least some of the expired ones of the records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed</p>	<p>Function: identifying and removing at least some [of the] expired ones of the records from the linked list [of records] when the linked list is accessed.</p> <p>For the construction of this function, see proposed constructions above, as further described in Joint Claim Construction Statement [Dkt. 251].</p> <p>Structure: Boxes 10 and 11 of Fig. 1, Boxes 38 and 42 of Fig. 3, Fig 4, pseudocode in the Search Procedure (cols. 11-14) and Remove Procedure (cols. 13-14), and corresponding portions of the specification.</p>	<p>and 12) or Alternate Version of Search Table Procedure (cols. 11, 12, 13, and 14), and described in col. 5, line 57-col. 6 line 4 and col. 6 lines 15-20, or the equivalents thereof.</p> <p>Function: record searching including identifying and removing at least some of the expired ones of the records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed.</p> <p>Structure: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52-56. (2) Executable software as described in Boxes 33-42 of FIG. 3, and/or as pseudo-code in the Search Table Procedure (cols. 11 and 12) or Alternate Version of Search Table Procedure (cols. 11-14) starting at the line “while ... /*HEART OF THE TECHNIQUE...” and ending at</p>	

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			the end of each procedure, and/or as described in col. 5, line 63 - col. 6, line 34, or the equivalents thereof.	
	<p>means, utilizing the record search means, for accessing the linked list and, at the same time, removing at least some of the expired ones of the records in the linked list</p>	<p>Function: utilizing the record search means, [accessing the linked list / inserting, retrieving, and deleting from the system] and, at the same time, removing at least some of the expired ones of the records in the linked list.</p> <p>"At the same time" means during the same traversal of the linked list as [accessing the linked list / inserting, retrieving, and deleting records from the system].</p> <p>For the construction of "removing ...", see proposed construction above, as further described in Joint Claim Construction Statement [Dkt. 251].</p> <p>Structure: Boxes 10 and</p>	<p>Function: utilizing the record search means, accessing the linked list and, at the same time, removing at least some of the expired ones of the records in the linked list.</p> <p>Structure: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52-56. (2) Executable software which provides the insert, retrieve, or delete record capability illustrated in the flowchart of FIG. 5, FIG. 6, or FIG. 7, respectively, and/or as pseudo code of Insert Procedure (cols. 9 and 10), Retrieve Procedure (cols. 9, 10, 11, and 12), or Delete Procedure (cols. 11 and 12), respectively, and/or described in col. 7, line 65 - col.</p>	

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		<p>11 of Fig. 1; Figs. 4-7, pseudocode in the Search Procedure (cols. 11-14), Insert Procedure (cols. 9 and 10), Retrieve Procedure (cols. 9 and 10), Delete Procedure (cols. 11-12), and Remove Procedure (cols. 13-14), and corresponding portions of the specification.</p> <p>Inserting, retrieving, and deleting are all required.</p>	<p>8, line 32, col. 8, lines 33-44, or col. 8 lines 45-59, or the equivalents thereof.</p>	
<p>2. The information storage and retrieval system according to claim 1 further including means for dynamically determining maximum number for the record search means to remove in the accessed linked list of records.</p>	<p>dynamically determining maximum number for the record search means to remove when the linked list is accessed</p>	<p>Immediately before the linked list is traversed, determining a single number that serves as an upper limit on the number of records to remove while the linked list is traversed</p>	<p>Bedrock believes that this term language is properly construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112(6).</p>	
	<p>means for dynamically determining maximum number for the record search means to remove when the linked list is accessed</p>	<p>Indefinite</p>	<p>Function: The recited function is dynamically determining maximum number of records for the record search means to remove in the accessed linked list of records.</p> <p>Structure: The corresponding</p>	

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			<p>structure is: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52-56; and (2) Executable software, as described in col. 6, line 56 - col. 7, line 15, that dynamically chooses among removal strategies (e.g., chooses whether to execute Search Table Procedure [cols. 11-12] or Alternate Version of Search Table Procedure [cols. 11-14]) "at the time the record search means is invoked by the caller, thus sometimes removing all expired records, at other times removing some but not all of them, and yet at other times choosing to remove none of them. Such a dynamic decision can be based on factors such as, for example, how much memory is available in the system storage pool, general system load, time of day, the number of records currently residing in the</p>	

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			information system, and other factors both internal and external to the information storage and retrieval system itself" (col. 7, lines 1-10), or the equivalent thereof.	
<p>3. A method for storing and retrieving information records using a linked list to store and provide access to the records, at least some of the records automatically expiring, the method comprising the steps of:</p> <p>accessing the linked list of records,</p> <p>identifying at least some of the automatically expired ones of the records, and</p> <p>removing at least some of the automatically expired records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed.</p>	<p>linked list to store and provide access to the records</p>	<p>Two or more records in which each record contains a pointer to the next record in the list or information indicating that there is no next record.</p>	<p>A list in which each record contains a pointer to the next record or information indicating that there is no next record.</p>	
	<p>automatically expiring / expired</p>	<p>Becoming obsolete and no longer needed or desired in the storage system because of some external condition / obsolete and no longer needed or desired in the storage system because of some external condition.</p>	<p>After a limited period of time or after the occurrence of some event, becoming obsolete and therefore no longer needed or desired in the storage system / obsolete and therefore no longer needed or desired in the storage system.</p>	
	<p>identifying at least some of the automatically expired ones of the records, and</p> <p>removing at least some of the</p>	<p>Both identification and removal of the automatically expired record(s) occurs during the same traversal of the linked list.</p>	<p>No Construction Necessary.</p>	

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	automatically expired records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed.			
	removing at least some of the automatically expired records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed	While traversing the linked list, both adjusting the pointers in the linked list to bypass the previously identified expired records and deallocating the memory occupied by those records.	No construction necessary; however, should the Court construe this term: "removing at least some of the automatically expiring records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed for a purpose other than garbage collection, using the same linked list traversal performed for the purpose other than garbage collection."	
	identifying at least some of the automatically expired ones of the records	determining whether a record is expired by comparing some portion of the contents of the record to some external condition	No construction necessary; however, should the Court construe this term: "identifying at least some of the automatically expired ones of the records when the linked list is accessed for a purpose other than garbage collection, using the same linked list traversal performed for the purpose other than garbage collection."	
	Ordering of Method Claim Steps	The elements of claim 3 must be executed in order. Moreover, "when the	No construction needed. If the Court is inclined to address this issue, then it should hold that the steps of claim 3 may be	

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		linked list is accessed" in the removing step refers to the accessing step, and the identifying and removing steps must occur during the same traversal of the linked list of records.	performed in a consecutive manner, in a repeating manner, in an overlapping manner, or a combination of the three.	
4. The method according to claim 3 further including the step of dynamically determining maximum number of expired ones of the records to remove when the linked list is accessed.	dynamically determining maximum number of expired ones of the records to remove when the linked list is accessed	Immediately before the linked list is traversed, determining a single number that serves as an upper limit on the number of records to remove while the linked list is traversed	Determining, during program execution, maximum number of expired ones of the records to remove when the linked list is accessed	
5. An information storage and retrieval system, the system comprising: a hashing means to provide access to records stored in a memory of the system and using an external chaining technique to store the records with same hash address, at least some of the records automatically expiring,	external chaining	[AGREED]	[AGREED]	a technique for resolving hash collisions using a linked list(s)
	linked list of records	Two or more records in which each record contains a pointer to the next record in the list or information indicating that there is no next record.	A list in which each record contains a pointer to the next record or information indicating that there is no next record.	
	automatically expiring / expired	Becoming obsolete and no longer needed or desired in the storage	After a limited period of time or after the occurrence of some event, becoming obsolete and	

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<p>a record search means utilizing a search key to access a linked list of records having the same hash address,</p> <p>the record search means including means for identifying and removing at least some expired ones of the records from the linked list of records when the linked list is accessed, and</p> <p>mea[n]s, utilizing the record search means, for inserting, retrieving, and deleting records from the system and, at the same time, removing at least some expired ones of the records in the accessed linked list of records.</p>		system because of some external condition / obsolete and no longer needed or desired in the storage system because of some external condition.	therefore no longer needed or desired in the storage system / obsolete and therefore no longer needed or desired in the storage system.	
	<p>identifying and removing at least some expired ones of the records from the linked list of records when the linked list is accessed</p>	Both identification and removal of the automatically expired record(s) occurs during the same traversal of the linked list.	Bedrock believes that this term language is properly construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112(6).	
	<p>identifying and removing at least some expired ones of the records from the linked list of records when the linked list is accessed</p>	While traversing the linked list, both adjusting the pointers in the linked list to bypass the previously identified expired records and deallocating the memory occupied by those records.	Bedrock believes that this term language is properly construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112(6).	
	<p>identifying and removing at least some expired ones of the records from the linked list of records when the linked list is accessed</p>	determining whether a record is expired by comparing some portion of the contents of the record to some external condition	Bedrock believes that this term language is properly construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112(6).	
	<p>a hashing means to</p>	Indefinite	Function: The <u>recited function</u> is	

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	<p>provide access to records stored in a memory of the system and using an external chaining technique to store the records with same hash address, at least some of the records automatically expiring</p>		<p>using hashing to provide access to records stored in a memory of the system and using an external chaining technique to store the records with same hash address, at least some of the records automatically expiring.</p> <p>Structure: The <u>corresponding structure</u> is: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52-56; and (2) Executable software instructions corresponding to pseudo-code “var table: array [0 . . . table_size - 1] of list_element_pointer /* Hash table.*/” which point to records of type “list_element” in cols. 9-10 that allocates in memory an external chaining hash table, and/or as described in col. 5, lines 16-41, or the equivalents thereof.</p>	
	<p>a record search means utilizing a</p>	<p>Indefinite</p>	<p>Function: The <u>recited function</u> is record searching utilizing a</p>	

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	<p>search key to access a linked list of records having the same hash address</p>		<p>search key to access a linked list of records having the same hash address.</p> <p>Structure: The <u>corresponding structure</u> is: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52 56; and (2) Executable software instructions as illustrated in Boxes 31-36 and Boxes 39-41 of FIG. 3, or as portions of the pseudo-code of Search Table Procedure (cols. 11 and 12) or Alternate Version of Search Table Procedure (cols. 11, 12, 13, and 14), and described in col. 5, line 57-col. 6 line 4 and col. 6 lines 15-20, or the equivalents thereof.</p>	
	<p>the record search means including a means for identifying and removing at least some expired ones of the records from the</p>	<p>Function: identifying and removing at least some [of the] expired ones of the records from the linked list [of records] when the linked list is</p>	<p>Function: record searching including identifying and removing at least some of the expired ones of the records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed.</p>	

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	<p>linked list of records when the linked list is accessed</p>	<p>accessed.</p> <p>For the construction of this function, see proposed constructions above, as further described in Joint Claim Construction Statement [Dkt. 251].</p> <p>Structure: Boxes 10 and 11 of Fig. 1, Boxes 38 and 42 of Fig. 3, Fig 4, pseudocode in the Search Procedure (cols. 11-14) and Remove Procedure (cols. 13-14), and corresponding portions of the specification.</p>	<p>Structure: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52-56. (2) Executable software as described in Boxes 33-42 of FIG. 3, and/or as pseudo-code in the Search Table Procedure (cols. 11 and 12) or Alternate Version of Search Table Procedure (cols. 11-14) starting at the line “while ... /*HEART OF THE TECHNIQUE...” and ending at the end of each procedure, and/or as described in col. 5, line 63 - col. 6, line 34, or the equivalents thereof.</p>	
	<p>mea[n]s, utilizing the record search means, for inserting, retrieving, and deleting records from the system and, at the same time, removing at least some expired</p>	<p>Function: utilizing the record search means, [accessing the linked list / inserting, retrieving, and deleting from the system] and, at the same time, removing at least some of the expired ones of the</p>	<p>Function: utilizing the record search means, inserting, retrieving, and deleting records from the system and, at the same time, removing at least some expired ones of the records in the accessed linked list of records.</p>	

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	<p>ones of the records in the accessed linked list of records.</p>	<p>records in the linked list.</p> <p>"At the same time" means during the same traversal of the linked list as [accessing the linked list / inserting, retrieving, and deleting records from the system].</p> <p>For the construction of "removing ...", see proposed construction above, as further described in Joint Claim Construction Statement [Dkt. 251].</p> <p>Structure: Boxes 10 and 11 of Fig. 1; Figs. 4-7, pseudocode in the Search Procedure (cols. 11-14), Insert Procedure (cols. 9 and 10), Retrieve Procedure (cols. 9 and 10), Delete Procedure (cols. 11-12), and Remove Procedure (cols. 13-14), and corresponding portions of the specification.</p>	<p>Structure: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52-56. (2) Executable software which provides the insert, retrieve, or delete record capability illustrated in the flowchart of FIG. 5, FIG. 6, or FIG. 7, respectively, and/or as pseudo code of Insert Procedure (cols. 9 and 10), Retrieve Procedure (cols. 9, 10, 11, and 12), or Delete Procedure (cols. 11 and 12), respectively, and/or described in col. 7, line 65 - col. 8, line 32, col. 8, lines 33-44, or col. 8 lines 45-59, or the equivalents thereof.</p>	

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		Inserting, retrieving, and deleting are all required.		
6. The information storage and retrieval system according to claim 5 further including means for dynamically determining maximum number for the record search means to remove in the accessed linked list of records.	dynamically determining maximum number for the record search means to remove in the accessed linked list of records	Immediately before the linked list is traversed, determining a single number that serves as an upper limit on the number of records to remove while the linked list is traversed	Bedrock believes that this term language is properly construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112(6).	
	means for dynamically determining maximum number for the record search means to remove when the linked list is accessed	Indefinite	<p>Function: The recited function is dynamically determining maximum number of records for the record search means to remove in the accessed linked list of records.</p> <p>Structure: The corresponding structure is: (1) Portions of the application software, user access software or operating system software, as described at col. 4, lines 30-48 and illustrated in FIG. 2, of a computer system that includes at least a CPU 10 and RAM 11, see FIG. 1 and col. 3 lines 52-56; and (2) Executable software, as described in col. 6,</p>	

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			<p>line 56 - col. 7, line 15, that dynamically chooses among removal strategies (e.g., chooses whether to execute Search Table Procedure [cols. 11-12] or Alternate Version of Search Table Procedure [cols. 11-14]) “at the time the record search means is invoked by the caller, thus sometimes removing all expired records, at other times removing some but not all of them, and yet at other times choosing to remove none of them. Such a dynamic decision can be based on factors such as, for example, how much memory is available in the system storage pool, general system load, time of day, the number of records currently residing in the information system, and other factors both internal and external to the information storage and retrieval system itself” (col. 7, lines 1-10), or the equivalent thereof.</p>	
7. A method for storing and retrieving information records using a hashing technique to provide	external chaining	[AGREED]	[AGREED]	a technique for resolving hash collisions using a linked list(s)

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<p>access to the records and using an external chaining technique to store the records with same hash address, at least some of the records automatically expiring, the method comprising the steps of:</p> <p>accessing a linked list of records having same hash address,</p> <p>identifying at least some of the automatically expired ones of the records,</p> <p>removing at least some of the automatically expired records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed, and</p> <p>inserting, retrieving or deleting one of the records from the system following the step of removing.</p>	<p>linked list of records</p>	<p>Two or more records in which each record contains a pointer to the next record in the list or information indicating that there is no next record.</p>	<p>A list in which each record contains a pointer to the next record or information indicating that there is no next record.</p>	
	<p>automatically expiring / expired</p>	<p>Becoming obsolete and no longer needed or desired in the storage system because of some external condition / obsolete and no longer needed or desired in the storage system because of some external condition.</p>	<p>After a limited period of time or after the occurrence of some event, becoming obsolete and therefore no longer needed or desired in the storage system / obsolete and therefore no longer needed or desired in the storage system.</p>	
	<p>identifying at least some of the automatically expired ones of the records,</p> <p>removing at least some of the automatically expired records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed.</p>	<p>Both identification and removal of the automatically expired record(s) occurs during the same traversal of the linked list.</p>	<p>No construction necessary.</p>	
	<p>removing at least some of the automatically expired</p>	<p>While traversing the linked list, both adjusting the pointers in the linked</p>	<p>No construction necessary; however, should the Court construe this term: "removing at</p>	

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	records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed	list to bypass the previously identified expired records and deallocating the memory occupied by those records.	least some of the automatically expiring records from the linked list when the linked list is accessed for a purpose other than garbage collection, using the same linked list traversal performed for the purpose other than garbage collection."	
	identifying at least some of the automatically expired ones of the records	determining whether a record is expired by comparing some portion of the contents of the record to some external condition	No construction necessary; however, should the Court construe this term: "identifying at least some of the automatically expired ones of the records when the linked list is accessed for a purpose other than garbage collection, using the same linked list traversal performed for the purpose other than garbage collection.	
	Ordering of Method Claim Steps	The elements of claim 7 must be executed in order. Moreover, "when the linked list is accessed" in the removing step refers to the accessing step, and the identifying and removing steps must occur during the same traversal of the linked	No construction needed. If the Court is inclined to address this issue, then it should hold that the steps of claim 7 may be performed in a consecutive manner, in a repeating manner, in an overlapping manner, or a combination of the three, except that the ultimate step of claim 7 must follow or at least partially follow the	

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		list of records.	penultimate step of claim 7.	
8. The method according to claim 7 further including the step of dynamically determining maximum number of expired ones of the records to remove when the linked list is accessed.	dynamically determining maximum number of expired ones of the records to remove when the linked list is accessed	Immediately before the linked list is traversed, determining a single number that serves as an upper limit on the number of records to remove while the linked list is traversed	Determining, during program execution, maximum number of expired ones of the records to remove when the linked list is accessed	