

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Ginger Chun-Che Lin, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 210 West Street, Northboro, Massachusetts 01532, and Thomas Kopec, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 96 Larkspur Drive, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002, have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) set forth in an Application for Letters Patent of the United States of America entitled COMPUTER METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSLATING TEXT TO SOUND, the specification of which:

[x] was executed by me on the date(s) indicated below;
[] was filed on _____
as Application Serial No. _____
[] was patented under U.S. Patent No. [], on [];

WHEREAS, Digital Equipment Corporation, a corporation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whose address is 111 Powdermill Road, Maynard, Massachusetts 01754, and who, together with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter called "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest together with the benefits and privileges hereinafter recited;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us/me, receipt and sufficiency of which we/I hereby acknowledged, we/I hereby, without reservation;

1. Assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest together with the benefits and privileges in and to said inventions and discoveries, said Application for Letters Patent or similar forms of protection of the United States of America, and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation and convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said application, and any and all Letters Patent,

reissues and extensions of Letters Patent or similar forms of protection granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries or groups of countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our name or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or any other relevant convention or treaty or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein, or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that we/I have not knowingly conveyed to others any rights in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we/I have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

5. Bind our/my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, as well as ourselves/myself, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to us/me or them, all acts reasonable serving to assure that said inventions and discoveries, said patent applications and said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by us/my, our/my heirs, legal representatives and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to

us/me relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in our/my control or in the control of our/my heirs, legal representatives or assigns which may be useful for establishing any facts of our/my conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions or discoveries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: _____

DATE I SIGNED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION: APR. 28. 1998

Today's

Date: APR. 28. 1998 Ginger Chun-Che Lin
Ginger Chun-Che Lin

STATE OF: Massachusetts

COUNTY OF: Mass. Worcester

On this 28th day of April, 1998, before me personally appeared Ginger Chun-Che Lin known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

Deborah A. Potter
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
NOV. 9, 2001

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: _____

DATE I SIGNED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION: 28 APR 98

Today's

Date: 28 APR 98 
Thomas Kopec

STATE OF: Massachusetts

COUNTY OF: Worcester

On this 28th day of April, 1998, before me personally appeared Thomas Kopec known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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