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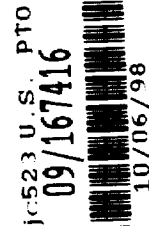
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1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

2 Inventor.....David G. Garber  
3 Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
4 Attorney's Docket No. ....MS1-252USC1  
5 Title: Phonetic Sorting and Searching

6 **PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

7 **PARTIES TO THE ASSIGNMENT**

8 **Assignor(s):**

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12 **Assignee:**

13 Microsoft Corporation  
14 Corporation of the State of Washington  
15 One Microsoft Way  
16 Redmond, WA 98052-6399

17 **AGREEMENT**

18 WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR(S) (listed above) are inventor(s) of an invention  
19 entitled "Phonetic Sorting and Searching," as described and claimed in the  
20 specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent  
21 executed herewith;

22 WHEREAS, Microsoft Corporation (hereinafter referred to as  
23 ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business  
24 at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052, is desirous of acquiring the entire  
25 right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that  
may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the  
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR(S) hereby sell, assign and  
transfer unto ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said

1 invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for  
2 said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in  
3 any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and  
4 continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the  
5 name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States  
6 application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international  
7 convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on  
8 said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and  
9 assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and  
10 entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR(S) had this  
11 assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR(S) hereby authorize  
12 and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent  
13 on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR(S) agree to execute all instruments  
14 and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United  
15 States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said  
16 letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters  
17 patent therefor.

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State of Washington )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of King )

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence David G. Garber is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated October 1, 1998

Signature of Laurel A. Black  
Notary Public

My appointment expires 5/1/02

