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

2 Serial Number.....09/620,745
3 Filing Date7/20/00
4 Inventorship..... Weise
Applicant Microsoft Corporation
5 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-543US
Title: Ranking Parser for a Natural Language Processing System

6 **PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

7 **PARTIES TO THE ASSIGNMENT**

8 **Assignor(s):**

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11 **Assignee:**

12 Microsoft Corporation
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15 **AGREEMENT**

16 WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR(S) (listed above) are inventor(s) of an invention
17 entitled "Ranking Parser for a Natural Language Processing System," as described
18 and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States
19 letters patent referenced above;

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

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

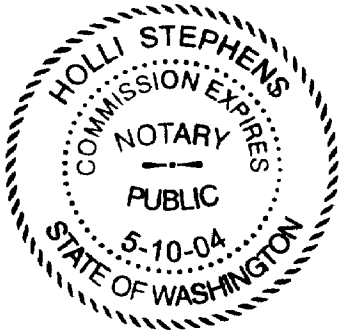
10 Nov 2000

David N. Weise

Date David N. Weise

State of Washington)
) ss.
County of King)

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



Dated 11/10/2000

Signature of *Hollis Stephens*
Notary Public

My appointment expires 5/10/04