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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, **James Benjamin Saxe**, residing at 1072 Tanland Drive, #106, Palo Alto, CA 94303, a citizen of the United States, **Charles Gregory Nelson**, residing at 770 College Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306, a citizen of the United States, and **David Luke Detlefs**, residing at 94 Depot Street, Westford, MA 01886, a citizen of the United States, ASSIGNORS, are the inventors of the invention in **CASE-REDUCED VERIFICATION CONDITION GENERATION SYSTEM AND METHOD USING WEAKEST PRECONDITION OPERATOR EXPRESSED USING STRONGEST POSTCONDITION OPERATORS** for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States disclosing and identifying the invention, which was **filed on July 16, 2001** and has been assigned **Serial No. 09/907,327**, and which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. **9772-335-999**; and

WHEREAS, **COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P.**, a Texas limited partnership, located in Houston, Texas, (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention disclosed therein, and in and to all embodiments of the invention, heretofore conceived, made or discovered by said Inventors (all collectively hereinafter termed "said invention"), and in and to any and all patents, inventor's certificates and other forms of protection (hereinafter termed "patents") thereon granted in the United States and foreign countries. to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations and renewals thereof, and any and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

The terms, covenants and conditions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding on said Inventors, their heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, said Inventors have executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee the day and year below written.

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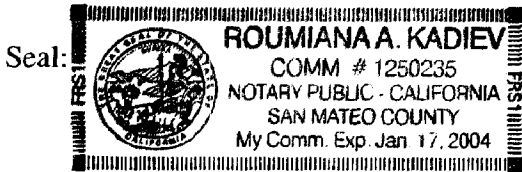
James Benjamin Saxe
JAMES BENJAMIN SAXE

State of California)
County of Santa Clara)

SS.: 089-388947

On this 26th day of December, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared James Benjamin Saxe, ~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that ~~he/she~~ executed the same in ~~his/her~~ authorized capacity, and that by ~~his/her~~ signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Roumiana A. Kadiev
Notary Public.

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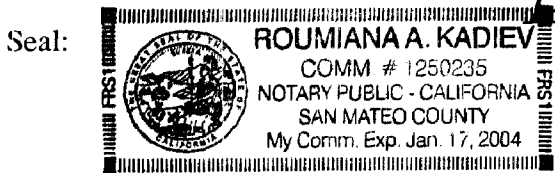
Charles Gregory Nelson
CHARLES GREGORY NELSON

State of California)
County of Santa Clara)

SS.:

On this 26th day of December, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Charles Gregory Nelson, ~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that ~~he/she~~ executed the same in ~~his/her~~ authorized capacity, and that by ~~his/her~~ signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Roumiana A. Kadiev
Notary Public.

3.

David Luke Detlefs
DAVID LUKE DETLEFS

State of Massachusetts)
County of Middlesex) SS.:

On this 29th day of October, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared David Luke Detlefs, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.
WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Seal:

James M. McLean
Notary Public.
My Commission Expires
November 29, 2007