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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(Applications filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 13/460,131	Applicant(s) FRANCIS ET AL.	
	Examiner WILBERT L. STARKS	Art Unit 2122	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status No

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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 A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.
2. An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-19. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/oph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.
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/WILBERT L STARKS/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2122

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DETAILED ACTION

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Claims 1-4 and 6-19 have been examined.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-4 and 6-19 are allowed.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-4 and 6-19 are considered allowable since when reading the claims in light of the specification, as per MPEP §2111.01, none of the references of record, whether taken alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the combination of limitations specified in independent Claim 1. Specifically, the closest prior art of Prendinger, et al., *Scripting and Evaluating Affective Interactions with Embodied Conversational Agents*, Künstliche Intelligenz (KI) Zeitschrift, Vol.1, 2004, pages 4-10 (hereinafter, referred to as: "Prendinger, et al.") teaches the use of conversational agents, but fails to expressly teach:

Claim 1's "...in response to obtaining the information, the first device processing that information to obtain data usable to modify the robotic apparatus so as to provide the robotic apparatus with a personality..." Note that the information is information in according to information theory (i.e., $H = p \log p$). Further, note that

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processing to obtain “data,” as opposed to information theoretic “information,” occurs in response to “obtaining” the information.

Claim 1’s “...**wherein processing comprises accessing a cloud computing system and analyzing one or more data of the information** selected from the group of (i) characters, (ii) word-choice, and (iii) sentence structure relating to the communication between the user and the second device...” Note that the claimed “wherein processing comprises” refers to the “processing” in the prior clause. Further, the processing in this clause occurs in a “cloud” computing structure.

Further, none of the references of record, whether taken alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the combination of limitations specified in independent Claim 16. Specifically, the closest prior art of Prendinger, et al. teaches the use of conversational agents, but fails to expressly teach:

Claim 16’s “...**obtaining information** from **sensory input to the robot presence**...” Note that the information is information in according to information theory (i.e., $H = p \log p$). Note further that the sensory input is not integral to the claimed “robot presence.” It is an outside input that originates outside the claimed “robot presence.”

Claim 16’s “...**in response to obtaining the information**, estimating a personality, **wherein** the personality comprises an assessment of a visual indicator detected in the vicinity of the robotic apparatus...” Note that processing to obtain “data,” as opposed to information theoretic “information,” occurs in response to “obtaining” the

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information. Note that the claimed “wherein” refers to the process of “estimating a personality” in that same clause.

Claim 16’s “...accessing a cloud computing system to determine one or more matches with the visual indicator...” Note that the processing in this clause occurs in a “cloud” computing structure.

Further, none of the references of record, whether taken alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the combination of limitations specified in independent Claim 18. Specifically, the closest prior art of Prendinger, et al. teaches the use of conversational agents, but fails to expressly teach:

Claim 18’s “...**obtaining information**, as from a device, wherein the information relates to communication between a user and the device, and **wherein the computing apparatus is configured to interact with the user...**” Note that the information is information in accordance with information theory (i.e., $H = p \log p$). Note that the claimed “wherein” refers to the obtaining of information, so the process of obtaining information is “configured to interact with the user.”

Claim 18’s “... accessing a **cloud computing system and analyzing**, within the information, one or more data selected from the group of (i) characters, (ii) word-choice, and (iii) sentence structure to obtain data usable to modify the computing apparatus so as to provide the computing apparatus with a personality...” Note that the processing in this clause occurs in a “cloud” computing structure.

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Only to the extent that these limitations (specifically as defined above) are not found in the prior art of record is the present case allowable over the prior art.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Wilbert L. Starks, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3691.

Alternatively, inquiries may be directed to the following:

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2122

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a robot apparatus with a personality, the method comprising:

obtaining, by a first device associated with a robotic apparatus, information from a second device, wherein the information relates to communication between a user and the second device containing personification indicators, and wherein the first device is configured to interact with the user;

in response to obtaining the information, the first device processing that information to obtain data usable to modify the robotic apparatus so as to provide the robotic apparatus with a personality, wherein processing comprises accessing a cloud computing system and analyzing one or more data of the information selected from the group of (i) characters, (ii) word-choice, and (iii) sentence structure relating to the communication between the user and the second device; and

based on the data, the first device modifying the robotic apparatus so as to provide the robotic apparatus with a personality.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first device includes a default personality for the robotic apparatus.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the robotic apparatus includes a computing ability and is configured to interact with an ambient environment using an actuation capability.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second device includes one or more of a personal computer, a mobile telephone, a tablet computer, and a landline telephone.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein the second device includes one or more of a personal computer, a mobile telephone, a tablet computer, and a landline telephone.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the personality is based on identifying a context of a time of day, and stored historical information associated with the user and time of day.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the personality is based on identifying a context of a location of the user.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the personality is based upon identifying a context of the local weather environment.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the personality comprises:
identifying indicators of a desired personality from the context of the communication between the user and the second device.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the personality comprises an assessment of visual indicators detected in the vicinity of the robotic apparatus;
accessing ~~[[a]]~~ the cloud computing system to determine a best-fit of matches with some or all of the visual indicators;
modifying the personality of the robotic apparatus in view of a personality determined from the best-fit of the matches.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the personality comprises analyzing historical mood data, and wherein the historical mood data comprises:
a context of an event associated with a previous mood of the user;
a previous task performed by the first device associated with the previous mood of the user; and
a reinforcement response received by the first device from performing the previous task.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
comparing a current context with the context of the event associated with the previous mood of the user; and
responsive to the current context substantially matching the context of the event corresponding to the previous mood of the user, estimating the mood of the user based on the previous mood.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
comparing a current mood of the user with the previous mood of the user; and

responsive to the current mood of the user substantially matching the previous mood of the user, adopting a personality corresponding to the previous mood.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the personality comprises the first device obtaining secondary information from one or more other devices, and wherein the secondary information relates to secondary communication between the user and the one or more other devices.

16. (Currently Amended) A robotic apparatus comprising;
a robot presence;
a processor;
sensors that detect data in the vicinity of the robot presence; and
memory including instructions stored thereon executable by the processor that when executed by the processor cause the robotic apparatus to perform the following functions:

~~obtaining information from one or both of (1) a device, wherein the information relates to communication between a user and an electronic device from which information may be extracted, and (2) sensory input to the robot presence;~~

in response to obtaining the information, estimating a personality, wherein the personality comprises an assessment of a visual indicator detected in the vicinity of the robotic apparatus; and

accessing a cloud computing system to determine one or more matches with the visual indicator;

modifying the personality in view of a personality determined from the one or more matches; and

based on the ~~estimated~~ modified personality, adopting that personality for the robot presence.

17. (Currently Amended) The robotic apparatus of claim 16, wherein:
obtaining information comprises one or more of characters, word-choice, and sentence structure of the information relating to ~~the~~ a communication between ~~the~~ a user and ~~the~~ a second device; and
responsive to the information, estimating the personality.

18. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable medium having stored therein instructions that when executed by a computing apparatus, cause the computing apparatus to perform a method for providing a robot apparatus with personification attributes, the method comprising:

obtaining information, as from a device, wherein the information relates to communication between a user and the device, and wherein the computing apparatus is configured to interact with the user;

accessing a cloud computing system and analyzing, within the information, one or more data selected from the group of (i) characters, (ii) word-choice, and (iii) sentence structure to obtain data usable to modify the computing apparatus so as to provide the computing apparatus with a personality; and

in response to ~~obtaining the information~~, estimating a personality for the computing apparatus; and

based on the estimated personality, modifying the computing apparatus ~~is modified~~ to incorporate the estimated personality.

19. (Original) The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the computing apparatus obtains information for determining a context corresponding to an event; and

responsive to determining the context, modifying the personality.