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IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users, comprising:

providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;

transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;

receiving, by the server, an interaction via the social online service of a second user with the content item on the social online service;

determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction via the social online service of the second user with the content item on the social online service; and

modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the interaction of the second user with the content item includes a comment including a keyword.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining a keyword from the interaction of the second user with the content item; and

determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the keyword.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status

associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and

determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status associated with the second user.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the gameplay status is selected from a group consisting of a core player status, a casual player status, and a non-player status.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a non-player status; and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the non-player status, applying the influence to a game item associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a player status; and responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the player status, applying the influence to a game item associated with the second user in the video gaming environment.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the
social online service, providing a reward to the first user in the video gaming
environment.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the
social online service, providing a reward to the second user in the video gaming
environment, the reward for the second user being an amount of uncollected
reward associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein modifying the video
gaming environment based on the influence includes:
applying the influence to a game item in the video gaming environment; and
responsive to applying the influence to the game item, preventing the influence from
being applied to the game item for a predetermined time period.
12. (Previously Presented) A system for hosting and providing a video gaming
environment to one or more users, comprising:
one or more processors; and
a memory storing instructions that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause
the system to:
provide access to the video gaming environment to the one or more users via one
or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user
interface configured to display the video gaming environment;

transmit a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;
receive an interaction via the social online service of a second user with the content item on the social online service;
determine an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction via the social online service of the second user with the content item on the social online service; and
modify the video gaming environment based on the influence.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the interaction of the second user with the content item includes a comment including a keyword.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:
determine a keyword from the interaction of the second user with the content item; and
determine the influence to the video gaming environment based on the keyword.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:
~~determining~~ determine a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and
~~determining~~ determine the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status associated with the second user.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

determine that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a non-player status;

and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the non-player status, apply the influence to a game item associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

determine that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a player status; and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the player status,

apply the influence to a game item associated with the second user in the video gaming environment.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the social online service, provide a reward to the first user in the video gaming environment.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the social online service, providing a reward to the second user in the video gaming

environment, the reward for the second user being an amount of uncollected reward associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein to modify the video gaming environment based on the influence, the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

apply the influence to a game item in the video gaming environment; and
responsive to applying the influence to the game item, prevent the influence from being applied to the game item for a predetermined time period.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising a non-transitory computer usable medium including a computer readable program for hosting and providing a video gaming environment to one or more users, wherein the computer readable program when executed on a computer causes the computer to:

provide access to the video gaming environment to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;

transmit a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;

receive an interaction via the social online service of a second user with the content item on the social online service;

determine an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction via the social online service of the second user with the content item on the social online service; and

modify the video gaming environment based on the influence.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the server is a third-party server.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the server is a third-party server that hosts the video gaming environment.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the server is a social networking server that hosts the video gaming environment and the social online service.

REMARKS

Regarding the present Amendment, which amends claim 15, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested since the Amendment does not add new matter and simply corrects minor informalities.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

With regard to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of the Notice of Allowability dated December 12, 2019 (hereinafter "Statement"), the Statement may be interpreted as incorrectly characterizing the claims, at least because the Statement uses language that is not present in the allowed claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable for at least reasons set forth in the most recent office action response.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the number provided below if the Examiner would like to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 - 21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. There is no teaching or suggestion in the art of a video game environment that is in association with a social network comprising a plurality of users operating a plurality of computing devices, wherein the gaming environment allows a user to post at least one comment to the social network that is related to an event occurring in the gaming environment, wherein the computing devices processes and determines if the at least one comment includes one or more keywords, wherein the affects the gameplay of a user in the video game environment.

The claims are directed towards organizing, storing, and transmitting information, and comparing new and stored information, which have been identified by the courts as abstract ideas. However, the claimed video game environment, as amended, yields a specialized device distinguishable from a general purpose computer. For example, prior art gaming systems, such as Hamlin, (U.S. 2013/0225298), which is now U.S. Patent 9,153,094, teach the use of a second player's comments influencing a gaming effect of a first player's game session, but Hamlin's gaming system is actually a wagering game played on a slot machine, whereas the present invention is a video game that may be played on a video game console. As such, the gameplay of a video game being affected by comments posted on a social media website played by a user is significantly more than an abstract idea executed solely with a generic computer or video game console performing generic functions. Recitation of such a gaming system is viewed by the Examiner as applying the judicial exception with, or by use of, a particular device and also an improvement of playing a dart game in the technological or gaming field of the legitimacy of game playing.

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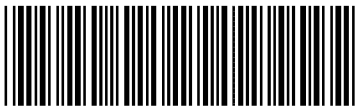
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AMENDMENT C

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on June 28, 2019, which sets a shortened statutory period for response that expires on August 28, 2019, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users, comprising:

providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;

transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;

receiving, by the server, an interaction via the social online service of a second user with the content item on the social online service;

determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction via the social online service of the second user with the content item on the social online service; and

modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the interaction of the second user with the content item includes a comment including a keyword.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining a keyword from the interaction of the second user with the content item; and

determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the keyword.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status

associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and

determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status associated with the second user.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the gameplay status is selected from a group consisting of a core player status, a casual player status, and a non-player status.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a non-player status; and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the non-player status, applying the influence to a game item associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a player status; and responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the player status, applying the influence to a game item associated with the second user in the video gaming environment.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the
social online service, providing a reward to the first user in the video gaming
environment.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the
social online service, providing a reward to the second user in the video gaming
environment, the reward for the second user being an amount of uncollected
reward associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein modifying the video
gaming environment based on the influence includes:
applying the influence to a game item in the video gaming environment; and
responsive to applying the influence to the game item, preventing the influence from
being applied to the game item for a predetermined time period.
12. (Currently Amended) A system for hosting and providing a video gaming
environment to one or more users, comprising:
one or more processors; and
a memory storing instructions that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause
the system to:
provide access to the video gaming environment to the one or more users via one
or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user
interface configured to display the video gaming environment;

transmit a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;
receive an interaction via the social online service of a second user with the content item on the social online service;
determine an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction via the social online service of the second user with the content item on the social online service; and
modify the video gaming environment based on the influence.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the interaction of the second user with the content item includes a comment including a keyword.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:
determine a keyword from the interaction of the second user with the content item; and
determine the influence to the video gaming environment based on the keyword.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:
determining a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and
determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status associated with the second user.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

determine that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a non-player status;

and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the non-player status, apply the influence to a game item associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

determine that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a player status; and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the player status,

apply the influence to a game item associated with the second user in the video gaming environment.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the social online service, provide a reward to the first user in the video gaming environment.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the social online service, providing a reward to the second user in the video gaming

environment, the reward for the second user being an amount of uncollected reward associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein to modify the video gaming environment based on the influence, the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

apply the influence to a game item in the video gaming environment; and
responsive to applying the influence to the game item, prevent the influence from being applied to the game item for a predetermined time period.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a non-transitory computer usable medium including a computer readable program for hosting and providing a video gaming environment to one or more users, wherein the computer readable program when executed on a computer causes the computer to:

provide access to the video gaming environment to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;

transmit a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;

receive an interaction via the social online service of a second user with the content item on the social online service;

determine an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction via the social online service of the second user with the content item on the social online service; and

modify the video gaming environment based on the influence.

22. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the server is a third-party server.

23. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the server is a third-party server that hosts the video gaming environment.

24. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the server is a social networking server that hosts the video gaming environment and the social online service.

REMARKS

Claims 2-21 were presented for examination. Claims 2-21 were rejected in the Office Action dated June 28, 2019 (hereinafter, "Office Action"). Claims 2, 12, and 21 are amended. Claims 22-24 are new. Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the application, including at least in paragraphs 35, 39-55, 66, 162-163, and 167. Figures 1, 19, 21B-29B, and 40-44 also provide support. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-21 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

Interview Summary

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Thomas for granting an interview with Applicant's Representatives Lance Topham and Dave Duncan on Tuesday, August 20, 2018. In the interview, the parties discussed the § 103 rejection of independent claim 2, and potential amendments for overcoming the rejection. Examiner Thomas indicated that the proposed amendment would overcome the present references, but that he would update the search. The amendments proposed during the interview are consistent with those presented herein.

Summary of Office Action

1. Claims 2-21 were rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pischevar (U.S. 2012/0077586, hereinafter "Pischevar") in view of Baldwin et al. (U.S. 2012/0072855, hereinafter "Baldwin").

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Amended claim 2 recites, in part:

transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;
receiving, by the server, **an interaction via the social online service** of a second user with the content item **on the social online service**;
determining, by the server, an **influence to the video gaming environment** based on the interaction **via the social online service** of the second user with the content item on the social online service; and
modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence.
(Emphasis added.)

On pages 3-4, the Office Action alleges, that claim 2 is unpatentable over Pishevar in view of Baldwin. In particular, regarding Pishevar, the Office Action asserts that the following portions of Pishevar disclose the following claim elements:

transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment, ("**dynamically presents an offer to award the player with one or more game-related awards, objects, benefits, achievements, etc., in direct or indirect exchange for the player agreeing to post a status update of the player's recent game play activity to one or more social network**", par. 0098), receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service, determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence. ("**Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 which, for example, may be configured or designed to provide functionality for automatically and/or dynamically determining Player Social Marketing Potential (PSMP) Score(s) for one or more identified user(s)/player(s) based upon selected information, criteria, considerations and/or objectives. In at least one embodiment, the Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 may also be configured or designed to facilitate and/or enable the influencing of outcomes of selected game-related activities**", par. 0248).

The Office Action further alleges that:

Baldwin discloses a computer-implemented method operated using one or more computing devices for providing video gaming in association with a social network, ("**the client device 205 can be a mobile device having computer functionality, such as a personal digital assistant (PDA), mobile telephone, video game system**", par. 0022), processing, using the one or more computing devices,

comments on the post to determine whether the comments include one or more particular keywords commented on the post and in response to determining that the comments include one or more keywords, (**"if a first user uploads a photograph to the social networking system 210, a second user can subscribe to the photograph. Afterwards, if a third user posts a comment on the web page containing the photograph, a message is sent to the second user containing the comment", par. 0034**), using the one or more keywords to select an item, (**"a document may be uploaded to or created within the group, and the group may link to or provide a document-editing web page", par. 0030**). The Examiner views the link of Baldwin in combination with Pishevar as meeting the limitation of using a keyword as play to select a game in the video gaming environment.

Applicant respectfully disagrees that the language of at least the amended claims are disclosed by the Pishevar and Baldwin references. While the cited portions to Pishevar seem to be incorrectly mapped to the claims and cite content not in Pishevar, an analysis of Pishevar indicates that, at best, Pishevar addresses user interfaces and devices for game play input. For example, Pishevar at paragraph [0098], for example, states "Automobile operation interface elements such as steering wheels, gearshifts, and speedometers facilitate the access, operation, and display of automobile resources, functionality, and status. Computer interaction interface elements such as check boxes, cursors, menus, scrollers, and windows (collectively and commonly referred to as widgets) similarly facilitate the access, operation, and display of data and computer hardware and operating system resources, functionality, and status." Further, Pishevar describes "an interactive proximity display tether with co-play." Pishevar [0054], Figure 5A.

However, Pishevar fails to disclose or render obvious "receiving, by the server, an interaction *via the social online service* of a second user with the content item *on the social online service*," "determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction via the social online service of the second user with the content item on the social online service," or "modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence," as recited in amended claim 2.

Thus, Pischevar does not describe each and every element of the cited portions of amended claim 2, whether alone or in the proposed combination with Baldwin, which also fails to describe these elements. At best, the cited portions of Baldwin describe a system where “[u]sers access the social networking system 210 through the connecting network 200 using a client device 205,” and where, “[a] client device 205 comprises one or more computing devices that can receive user input and can transmit and receive data via the connecting network 200.” Baldwin [0022]. Further, Baldwin describes group editing a shared document in paragraph [0030]. Baldwin does not describe “receiving, by the server, an interaction *via the social online service* of a second user with the content item *on the social online service*,” “determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction via the social online service of the second user with the content item on the social online service,” or “modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence,” as recited in amended claim 2. Therefore, neither Pischevar nor Baldwin, whether alone or in combination, recite or render obvious each and every element of amended claim 2. Amended claim 2 is therefore patentable over Pischevar in view of Baldwin.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn for at least the above noted reasons. Further, the independent claims 12 and 21 have been similarly amended and are patentable for at least similar reasons as amended claim 2. The dependent claims are patentable for at least similar reasons described in reference to the independent claims as well as the additional limitations they recite. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection of all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and place the claims in allowance.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of all claims is requested. If the Examiner believes that direct contact with Applicant's attorney will advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response to Amendment

This is in response to the amendments/arguments filed on 4/25/19. Claims 2 – 21 are pending in the current application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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Claims 2 - 21 rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pischevar (U.S. 2012/0077586) in view of Baldwin et al. (U.S. 2012/0072855).

Regarding claims 2 – 4, 11 – 14, and 21, Pischevar discloses a computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users, providing access to the

video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, (**"Upon user's selection of a lobby, the IPDT may connect to a host server 376/378 and load the video game on the user device", par. 0050**), the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment, (**"including game play information to the displays", par. 0146**), transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment, (**"dynamically presents an offer to award the player with one or more game-related awards, objects, benefits, achievements, etc., in direct or indirect exchange for the player agreeing to post a status update of the player's recent game play activity to one or more social network", par. 0098**), receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service, determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence. (**"Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 which, for example, may be configured or designed to provide functionality for automatically and/or dynamically determining Player Social Marketing Potential (PSMP) Score(s) for one or more identified user(s)/player(s) based upon selected information, criteria, considerations and/or objectives. In at least one embodiment, the Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 may also be configured or designed to facilitate and/or enable the influencing of outcomes of selected game-related activities", par. 0248**).

Although Pishevar discloses a user can post on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter which are known to allow other users to comment on said post, Pishevar is silent regarding this particular limitation. In a related art, however, Baldwin discloses a computer-implemented method operated using one or more computing devices for providing video gaming in association with a social network, (**"the client device 205 can be a mobile device having computer functionality, such as a personal digital assistant (PDA), mobile telephone, video game system", par. 0022**), processing, using

the one or more computing devices, comments on the post to determine whether the comments include one or more particular keywords commented on the post and in response to determining that the comments include one or more keywords, (**"if a first user uploads a photograph to the social networking system 210, a second user can subscribe to the photograph. Afterwards, if a third user posts a comment on the web page containing the photograph, a message is sent to the second user containing the comment", par. 0034**), using the one or more keywords to select an item, (**"a document may be uploaded to or created within the group, and the group may link to or provide a document-editing web page", par. 0030**). The Examiner views the link of Baldwin in combination with Pishevar as meeting the limitation of using a keyword as play to select a game in the video gaming environment.

Regarding claims 5 - 8, 15 – 17, Pishevar discloses determining a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status associated with the second user, (**"at least a portion of the content of the player's status update post may be automatically and/or dynamically generated by the gaming system", par. 0098**).

Regarding claims 9, 10, and 18 – 20, Pishevar discloses responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the social online service, providing a reward to the first user in the video gaming environment, (**"dynamically presents an offer to award the player with one or more game-related awards, objects, benefits, achievements, etc., in direct or indirect exchange for the player agreeing to post a status update of the player's recent game play activity to one or more social network", par. 0098**).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2 - 21 have been considered but are moot based on new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERIC M THOMAS whose telephone number is (571)272-1699. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 5:00pm.

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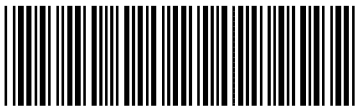
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Application Number	15/428,914	Filing Date	2017-02-09	Docket Number (if applicable)	10177-05898 US	Art Unit	3715
First Named Inventor	Brian Joseph Wiklem			Examiner Name	Eric M. Thomas		

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on January 28, 2019, which sets a shortened statutory period for response that expires on April 28, 2019, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 2-21 were presented for examination. Claims 2-21 stand rejected in the Office Action dated January 28, 2019 (hereinafter, "Office Action"). The rejections of claims 2-21 are traversed by the arguments herein. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-21 are pending upon entry of this request for reconsideration.

Summary of Office Action

Claims 2-21 were rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kosta (U.S. 2013/0006709, hereinafter "Kosta") in view of Baldwin et al. (U.S. 2012/0072855, hereinafter "Baldwin").

Interview Summary

On Thursday, February 21, 2019, Applicant's representative conducted an Examiner Interview with Examiner Eric Thomas. Applicant's representative asserted that although the provisional application to which Kosta claims priority is alleged to precede the provisional to which this application claims priority, some of the elements cited against this application in Kosta are not supported in Kosta's provisional application. Further, Applicant's representative again asserted that the present application's claims are supported by the disclosure of the provisional application to which the present application claims priority. Examiner Thomas suggested filing a response to that effect. Applicant thanks Examiner Thomas for his time and has provided remarks herein based on the Examiner Interview.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-21 were rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kosta in view of Baldwin.

For reference, claim 2 recites:

A computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users, comprising:
providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;
transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;
receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service;
determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and
modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence.

As asserted in the previous response, the Application properly incorporates by reference and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/643,352 entitled “Multilayer Framework Architecture and User Interfaces for Video Gaming Applications,” filed on May 07, 2012, by Brian Joseph Wiklem, Christopher Robert Masterton, and Carrie Ann Cowan.

Provisional application 61/643,352 provides support for all elements of the independent claims. For instance, support for the following elements of claim 2 may be found as follows:

- “A computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users,” see paragraphs 5, 30 and Figure 1 of the provisional application, for example;

- “providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment,” see paragraph 7 and Figure 9 of the provisional application, for example;
- “transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment; receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service,” see paragraphs 39 and 83 as well as Figures 8 and 12 of the provisional application, for example;
- “determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service,” see paragraphs 75, 76 and 83 of the provisional application, for example; and
- “modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence,” see paragraphs 75, 76 and 83 of the provisional application, for example.

Thus, all elements of the independent claims are fully supported by the provisional application having a priority date of May 7, 2012.

Arguments consistent with the above points were made in the response to the previous office action, filed on September 11, 2018. Page 4 of the most recent Office Action (in the “Response to Arguments” section) alleges that while the “Examiner does agree that Kosta was filed on June 28th, 2012, which is after the filing date of the present invention of May 7th, 2012,” but that the priority date of Kosta “is actually July 1st, 2011, which is prior to the Applicant’s priority date.” While the Office Action does not directly cite the provisional application of Kosta, Applicant respectfully disagrees that the U.S. Provisional Patent

Application No. 61504141 (“the ‘141 Provisional”), to which Kosta claims priority, supports the rejections of claim elements against which Kosta is cited in the present application.

According to MPEP 2136.03, “The pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102(e) critical reference date of a U.S. patent or U.S. application publications and certain international application publications entitled to the benefit of the filing date of a provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) is the filing date of the provisional application with certain exceptions ***if the provisional application(s) properly supports the subject matter relied upon to make the rejection.*** (Emphasis added.)” However, the ‘141 Provisional does not contain support for the elements against which Kosta was cited.

Without conceding the Office Action’s allegations regarding Kosta, Applicant asserts that claim elements against which Kosta is cited are not supported in the ‘141 Provisional to which Kosta claims priority, and therefore the priority date of the ‘141 Provisional is irrelevant to the portions of Kosta cited against the present application.

For example, on pages 2-3, the Office Action alleges that Kosta describes:

“transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment, (“ dynamically presents an offer to award the player with one or more game-related awards, objects, benefits, achievements, etc., in direct or indirect exchange for the player agreeing to post a status update of the player's recent game play activity to one or more social network”, par. 0098)”

and

“receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service, determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence. (“Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 which, for example, may be configured or designed to provide functionality for automatically and/or dynamically determining Player Social Marketing Potential (PSMP) Score(s) for one or more identified user(s)/player(s) based upon selected information, criteria, considerations and/or objectives. In at least one

embodiment, the Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 may also be configured or designed to facilitate and/or enable the influencing of outcomes of selected game-related activities", par. 0248)."

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the cited portions of Kosta are not prior art and the '141 Provisional application to which Kosta claims priority does not contain support for the cited portions of Kosta.

More specifically, the Office Action cites Kosta, par. 0098, against "transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment" in the present claims. However, at best, the '141 Provisional describes, "A player with a high PSMP may be awarded items which carry a cash value, in direct or indirect trade for their positive statements to their social network."¹ For instance, being "awarded items which carry a cash value, in direct or indirect trade for their **positive statements** to their social network," from the '141 Provisional, is not the same as "transmitting ... a content item to a social online service, **the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment**," from the present claims.

Further, the Office Action cites Kosta, par. 0248, against "receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service, determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence" in the present claims. However, at best, the '141 Provisional describes, "Using a player's social marketing potential to balance/drive/influence game play activities, events, and/or outcomes,"² which does not disclose the claim elements against which Kosta was

¹ See '141 Provisional, page 14.

² See *id.*

cited. For instance, “Using a player’s social marketing potential to balance/drive/influence game play activities, events, and/or outcomes” is not the same as “receiving ... an **interaction** of a **second user with the content item** on the social online service, determining ... an **influence** to **the video gaming environment based on the interaction** of the second user on the social online service; and modifying ... the video gaming environment based on the influence.”

Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of all claims is requested. If the Examiner believes that direct contact with Applicant’s attorney will advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This is in response to the amendments/arguments filed on 9/11/18. Claims 2 – 21 are pending in the current application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained through the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 - 21 rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kosta (U.S. 2013/0006709) in view of Baldwin et al. (U.S. 2012/0072855).

Regarding claims 2 - 4, 11 – 14, and 21, Kosta discloses a computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users, providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, (**“the Gaming Network 100 may be implemented at one or more client systems(s), at one or more server systems”, par. 0137**), the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment, (**“including game play information to the displays”, par. 0146**), transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment, (**“dynamically presents an offer to**

award the player with one or more game-related awards, objects, benefits, achievements, etc., in direct or indirect exchange for the player agreeing to post a status update of the player's recent game play activity to one or more social network", par. 0098), receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service, determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence. ("Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 which, for example, may be configured or designed to provide functionality for automatically and/or dynamically determining Player Social Marketing Potential (PSMP) Score(s) for one or more identified user(s)/player(s) based upon selected information, criteria, considerations and/or objectives. In at least one embodiment, the Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 may also be configured or designed to facilitate and/or enable the influencing of outcomes of selected game-related activities", par. 0248).

Although Kosta discloses a user can post on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter which are known to allow other users to comment on said post, Kosta is silent regarding this particular limitation. In a related art, however, Baldwin discloses a computer-implemented method operated using one or more computing devices for providing video gaming in association with a social network, (**"the client device 205 can be a mobile device having computer functionality, such as a personal digital assistant (PDA), mobile telephone, video game system", par. 0022), processing, using the one or more computing devices, comments on the post to determine whether the comments include one or more particular keywords commented on the post and in response to determining that the comments include one or more keywords, ("if a first user uploads a photograph to the social networking system 210, a second user can subscribe to the photograph. Afterwards, if a third user posts a comment on the web page containing the photograph, a message is sent to the second user containing the comment", par. 0034), using the one or more keywords to select an item, ("a document may be uploaded to or**

created within the group, and the group may link to or provide a document-editing web page”, par. 0030). The Examiner views the link of Baldwin in combination with Kosta as meeting the limitation of using a keyword as play to select a game in the video gaming environment.

Regarding claims 5 - 8, 15 – 17, Kosta discloses determining a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status associated with the second user, (**“at least a portion of the content of the player's status update post may be automatically and/or dynamically generated by the gaming system”, par. 0098).**

Regarding claims 9, 10, and 18 – 20, Kosta discloses responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the social online service, providing a reward to the first user in the video gaming environment, (**“dynamically presents an offer to award the player with one or more game-related awards, objects, benefits, achievements, etc., in direct or indirect exchange for the player agreeing to post a status update of the player's recent game play activity to one or more social network”, par. 0098).**

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 9/11/18 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding claims 2 – 21, Applicants argue that “Kosta is not prior art due its filing data falling after the priority date of the application”. In response to this, and after further review, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicants. The Examiner does agree that Kosta was filed on June 28th, 2012, which is after the filing date of the present invention of May 7th, 2012, however, June 28th, 2012 is not the priority date of Kosta, that date is actually July 1st, 2011, which is prior to the Applicants priority date. Therefore, the Examiner views the Kosta reference as prior and maintains the current rejection.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Conclusion

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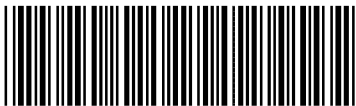
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Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on June 29, 2018, which sets a shortened statutory period for a response that expires on September 29, 2018, please enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 2-21 were presented for examination. Claims 2-21 were rejected in the Office Action dated June 29, 2018 (hereinafter, "Office Action"). The rejections of claims 2-21 are traversed by the arguments herein. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-21 are pending upon entry of this response.

Summary of Office Action

Claims 2-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kosta (U.S. Publication No. 2013/0006709, hereinafter "Kosta") in view of Baldwin et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2012/0072855, hereinafter "Baldwin").

Interview Summary

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, Applicant's representative conducted an Examiner Interview with Examiner Eric Thomas. Applicant's representative asserted that Kosta is not prior art due to its filing date falling after the priority date of the application, that the claims were supported by the disclosure of that priority date, and requested that the next Office Action be made non-final. Examiner Thomas indicated agreement and suggested filing a response to that effect.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kosta in view of Baldwin.

Applicants' claim 2 recites:

A computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users, comprising:
providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;
transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;
receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service;
determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and
modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence.

The Application properly incorporates by reference and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/643,352 entitled “Multilayer Framework Architecture and User Interfaces for Video Gaming Applications,” filed on May 07, 2012, by Brian Joseph Wiklem, Christopher Robert Masterton, and Carrie Ann Cowan.

Provisional application 61/643,352 provides support for all elements of the independent claims. For instance, support for the following limitations of claim 2 may be found in the following example sections of the provisional application:

- “A computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users,” see, for example, paragraphs 5, 30 and Figure 1;
- “providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment,” see, for example, paragraph 7 and Figure 9;

- “transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment; receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service,” see, for example, paragraphs 39 and 83 as well as Figures 8 and 12;
- “determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service,” see, for example, paragraphs 75, 76, and 83;
- “modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence,” see, for example, paragraphs 75, 76, and 83.

Thus, all elements of the independent claims are fully supported by the provisional application having a priority date of May 7, 2012. Page 2 of the Office Action rejects the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Kosta in view of Baldwin. However, Kosta was filed on June 28, 2012. Accordingly, the priority date of the present claims precedes that of Kosta and the Office Action’s rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is moot. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn. Additionally, if a new office action is issued by the Examiner, it should be made non-final consistent with the provisions of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure 706.07.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of all claims is requested. If the Examiner believes that direct contact with Applicant's attorney will advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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- 4) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-21 is/are pending in the application.
5a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-21 is/are rejected.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 9) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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Response to Amendment

This is in response to the amendments filed on 7/7/17. Prior to examination, claim 1 was cancelled and claims 2 – 21 were added. Claims 2 – 21 are now pending in the current application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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Claims 2 - 21 rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kosta (U.S. 2013/0006709) in view of Baldwin et al. (U.S. 2012/0072855).

Regarding claims 2 - 4, 11 – 14, and 21, Kosta discloses a computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users, providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, (**“the Gaming Network 100 may**

be implemented at one or more client systems(s), at one or more server systems", par. 0137), the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment, (**"including game play information to the displays", par. 0146)**, transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment, (**"dynamically presents an offer to award the player with one or more game-related awards, objects, benefits, achievements, etc., in direct or indirect exchange for the player agreeing to post a status update of the player's recent game play activity to one or more social network", par. 0098)**, receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service, determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence. (**"Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 which, for example, may be configured or designed to provide functionality for automatically and/or dynamically determining Player Social Marketing Potential (PSMP) Score(s) for one or more identified user(s)/player(s) based upon selected information, criteria, considerations and/or objectives. In at least one embodiment, the Player Social Influence Leveraging Component(s) 694 may also be configured or designed to facilitate and/or enable the influencing of outcomes of selected game-related activities", par. 0248).**

Although Kosta discloses a user can post on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter which are known to allow other users to comment on said post, Kosta is silent regarding this particular limitation. In a related art, however, Baldwin discloses a computer-implemented method operated using one or more computing devices for providing video gaming in association with a social network, (**“the client device 205 can be a mobile device having computer functionality, such as a personal digital assistant (PDA), mobile telephone, video game system”, par. 0022**), processing, using the one or more computing devices, comments on the post to determine whether the comments include one or more particular keywords commented on the post and in response to determining that the comments include one or more keywords, (**“if a first user uploads a photograph to the social networking system 210, a second user can subscribe to the photograph. Afterwards, if a third user posts a comment on the web page containing the photograph, a message is sent to the second user containing the comment”, par. 0034**), using the one or more keywords to select an item, (**“a document may be uploaded to or created within the group, and the group may link to or provide a document-editing web page”, par. 0030**). The Examiner views the link of Baldwin in combination with Kosta as meeting the limitation of using a keyword as play to select a game in the video gaming environment.

Regarding claims 5 - 8, 15 – 17, Kosta discloses determining a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status

associated with the second user, (**“at least a portion of the content of the player's status update post may be automatically and/or dynamically generated by the gaming system”**, par. 0098).

Regarding claims 9, 10, and 18 – 20, Kosta discloses responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the social online service, providing a reward to the first user in the video gaming environment, (**“dynamically presents an offer to award the player with one or more game-related awards, objects, benefits, achievements, etc., in direct or indirect exchange for the player agreeing to post a status update of the player's recent game play activity to one or more social network”**, par. 0098).

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Cancelled).
2. (New) A computer-implemented method for providing a video gaming environment hosted on a server to one or more users, comprising:

providing access to the video gaming environment, by the server, to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;

transmitting, by the server, a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;

receiving, by the server, an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service;

determining, by the server, an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and

modifying, by the server, the video gaming environment based on the influence.
3. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the interaction of the second user with the content item includes a comment including a keyword.
4. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining a keyword from the interaction of the second user with the content item; and

determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the keyword.

5. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status

associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and

determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status associated with the second user.

6. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the gameplay status is selected from a group consisting of a core player status, a casual player status, and a non-player status.

7. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a non-player status; and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the non-player status, applying the influence to a game item associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.

8. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a player status; and responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the player status, applying the influence to a game item associated with the second user in the video gaming environment.

9. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the
social online service, providing a reward to the first user in the video gaming
environment.
10. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the
social online service, providing a reward to the second user in the video gaming
environment, the reward for the second user being an amount of uncollected
reward associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.
11. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein modifying the video gaming environment
based on the influence includes:
applying the influence to a game item in the video gaming environment; and
responsive to applying the influence to the game item, preventing the influence from
being applied to the game item for a predetermined time period.
12. (New) A system for hosting and providing a video gaming environment to one or
more users, comprising:
one or more processors; and
a memory storing instructions that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause
the system to:

provide access to the video gaming environment to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;
transmit a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;
receive an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service;
determine an influence to the video gaming environment based on the interaction of the second user on the social online service; and
modify the video gaming environment based on the influence.

13. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the interaction of the second user with the content item includes a comment including a keyword.

14. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

determine a keyword from the interaction of the second user with the content item; and
determine the influence to the video gaming environment based on the keyword.

15. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

determining a gameplay status associated with the second user, the gameplay status associated with the second user indicating a role of the second user in the video gaming environment; and

determining the influence to the video gaming environment based on the gameplay status associated with the second user.

16. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

determine that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a non-player status;

and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the non-player

status, apply the influence to a game item associated with the first user in the

video gaming environment.

17. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

determine that a gameplay status associated with the second user is a player status; and

responsive to the gameplay status associated with the second user being the player status,

apply the influence to a game item associated with the second user in the video gaming environment.

18. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the

social online service, provide a reward to the first user in the video gaming

environment.

19. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

responsive to receiving the interaction of the second user with the content item on the social online service, providing a reward to the second user in the video gaming environment, the reward for the second user being an amount of uncollected reward associated with the first user in the video gaming environment.

20. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein to modify the video gaming environment based on the influence, the instructions, when executed, cause the system to:

apply the influence to a game item in the video gaming environment; and
responsive to applying the influence to the game item, prevent the influence from being applied to the game item for a predetermined time period.

21. (New) A computer program product comprising a non-transitory computer usable medium including a computer readable program for hosting and providing a video gaming environment to one or more users, wherein the computer readable program when executed on a computer causes the computer to:

provide access to the video gaming environment to the one or more users via one or more user devices, the one or more user devices including a user interface configured to display the video gaming environment;
transmit a content item to a social online service, the content item representing an event associated with a first user in the video gaming environment;
receive an interaction of a second user with the content item on the social online service;

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second user on the social online service; and
modify the video gaming environment based on the influence.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

By this preliminary amendment, Claim 1 is cancelled and Claims 2-21 are newly added. Claims 2-21 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by this preliminary amendment.

Allowance of all claims is requested. If the Examiner believes that direct contact with Applicants' attorney will advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned as indicated below.

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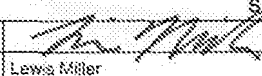
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Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

This application is a ~~continuation-in-part~~ continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/889,276, titled “Multilayer Framework and Architecture with Variable Video Gaming Capabilities,” filed May 07, 2013; a ~~continuation-in-part~~ continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/889,266, titled “Video Gaming Platform and User Interface,” filed May 07, 2013; a ~~continuation-in-part~~ continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/889,274, titled “Providing Synchronized and Integrated Video Gaming,” filed May 07, 2013; a ~~continuation-in-part~~ continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/889,284, titled “Providing Video Gaming Action Via Communications In A Social Network,” filed May 07, 2013; which each incorporate each other by reference and each claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/643,352, entitled “Multilayer Framework Architecture and User Interfaces for Video Gaming Applications”, filed on May 07, 2012, the entire contents of all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

By this preliminary amendment, the specification has been amended to correct the priority claim in paragraph [0001]. Applicants' have also attached a substitute specification showing the changes to paragraph [0001] for the office's convenience. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this preliminary amendment.

Allowance of the instant application is requested. If the Examiner believes that direct contact with Applicants' attorney will advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned as indicated below.

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MULTILAYER FRAMEWORK ARCHITECTURE AND USER INTERFACE FOR VIDEO GAMING APPLICATIONS

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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BACKGROUND

[0002] The present disclosure relates to video gaming platforms and applications, including those accessed via online or digital services or communities, for example, social networks, or directly via hosted websites, dedicated either wholly or partially for the purpose of

implementing video gaming applications. In particular, the present disclosure relates to multilayer system framework and architecture with variable video gaming capabilities.

[0003] In recent years, video games have become extremely popular. Video games are used not only for entertainment, but also for instructional purposes. Players typically interact with a gaming application through computer or console peripherals such as keyboard, mouse, joysticks, a wide variety of game pads, and funny controllers such as the NES Zapper®. More recently, nontraditional controller technologies such as dance pads, the Wii-mote® or the Kinect®, offering new types of gaming experiences are beginning to emerge. These technologies are capable of enhancing games to incorporate movement, creating a new experience and attracting new audiences.

[0004] With the popularity of social networks reaching epic proportions, social games have also become very popular.

[0005] With the ongoing trends and exponential growth in video gaming, it would certainly be beneficial to find better architectures for gaming applications that continue to enhance the user experience.

SUMMARY

[0006] The present disclosure overcomes the deficiencies and limitations of the prior art by providing a technology with a flexible architecture for video gaming applications. In some embodiments, the flexible architecture provides a continuous visual experience for players across different platforms (platform agnostic) and engages them at different levels. Each of the players may have a unique and different visual experience, depending upon the gaming platform a player uses. The architecture facilitates access to video gaming applications in various ways, including

1) via social networks or sites, for example, accessed via personal computers or laptops; 2) via wall posts or via an online social networking service that enables its users to send and read text-based posts; 3) via mobile devices (iOS®, Android™, or Windows-based smart phones); and 4) via game consoles (for example, PS3®, Xbox 360®, or Wii®).

[0007] In some embodiments, the present disclosure overcomes the deficiencies and limitations of the prior art by providing a technology with a synchronized and integrated architecture for video gaming applications. In some embodiments, the synchronized and integrated architecture provides a continuous visual experience for players across different platforms (platform agnostic) and engages them at different levels as they access a particular game from the different platforms. In some instances, each of the players may have a unique and different visual experience, depending upon the gaming platform a player uses. The architecture facilitates access to video gaming applications via personal computers, via mobile devices, via game consoles, via tablets or the like. In some instances, a single player can play a particular game including a main component and a sub-component from the different platforms, where play in the sub-component is seamlessly integrated into the main component.

[0008] Video gaming applications may be purchased via platform application stores. These applications are supported by Android (Android is a Linux-based operating system for mobile devices such as smartphones and tablet computers - it is developed by the Open Handset Alliance), iOS (a mobile operating system developed by Apple Inc.) platforms, and phones operating windows. The user interface of an iOS platform is based on the concept of direct manipulation, using multi-touch gestures. Interface control elements consist of sliders, switches, and buttons. The response to user input is immediate and provides a fluid interface.

[0009] Video gaming applications (e.g., in association with social networks) may be hosted or accessed via social networks, other third-party services or on third-party servers, stand-alone platforms, tablets, smartphones or the like. Multiple players (hundreds, thousands, if not millions) may access gaming applications via any or all of these ways. In addition, the flexible architecture provides a scalable infrastructure with cross-platform pollination technology (achievements and rewards are transferred between platforms used by particular players) and secure collection of data. Video gaming applications may be based on universal themes that appeal to a broad range of demographics and provides a continuous flow of data analytics. They offer opportunities for configuring advertisements and promotions to accomplish strategic goals.

[0010] In some embodiments, the flexible (and/or synchronized and integrated) architecture provides multiple levels of play, permitting players to engage in different ways from different platforms or a single player to engage from multiple platforms. The different levels of play options include 1) a peer-to-peer competitive challenge level for core players, 2) a casual play option for play with friends with whom a player shares an affinity, for example, in a social network; and a 3) spectator mode that permits non-players in a network to assist friends. Feed-based triggers allow for greater rewards to players and ease of discovering games.

[0011] In yet other embodiments, which may include any or all of the aspects described above, the flexible architecture permits mobile play, extending the gaming arena or world to different platforms, so achievements in a particular game may be earned and shared more easily across platforms. In addition, a player may earn location-based rewards.

[0012] Moreover, the flexible architecture provides a system of rewards at check-in, to coax players by providing greater incentives. The flexible architecture permits concurrent “solo” play by a player or gamer, collaborative and competitive play by multiple players. The flexible

architecture has user interfaces that are configured to provide different experiences for different players, including for example, a three-dimensional user experience. In some embodiments, the video gaming applications include story-driven quests and game play, giving players more than just tasks and chores. As one example, an aviation gaming application may utilize a collection of two hundred and fifty or more aircrafts and include transactions relating to the aircrafts and their environment, creation of the environment in which the aircrafts operate, etc. In this particular application, players may create and manage their experience (for example, build and manage an aviation empire), enjoy the thrill of history (aviation's past), and travel the globe and fly through an open network of friendly and rival airports.

[0013] In yet other embodiments, the system provides a plurality of features for player control of the virtual arena including control of "play" times, "gifts" and "rewards," "collect" and "decorate" features, monitor types of "play" (for example, acceleration progress), generate user content, etc.

[0014] In some embodiments, the video gaming applications may be free, when accessed via social-network platforms, in which instances revenue is generated via market place for products used during the game, direct advertising, etc. The flexible architecture permits for easy access through a particular player's social network, allowing other players to discover a particular game and permit conversion as necessary.

[0015] In yet other embodiments, linking or connecting platforms creates a more interesting gaming world.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0016] The present disclosure is illustrated by way of example, and not by way of limitation, in the figures of the accompanying drawings, in which like reference numerals are used to refer to similar elements.

[0017] Figure 1 is a high-level block diagram illustrating some embodiments of a system architecture for providing video gaming platforms, accessed either via a social network (hosted on a social network server or a server associated with it), an online or digital live gaming server, or a third-party video gaming website (hosted by a third party on its server).

[0018] Figure 2 is a block diagram illustrating some embodiments of a social network server or a third party server shown in Figure 1, including its hardware components.

[0019] Figure 3 is a block diagram illustrating some embodiments of a gaming platform shown in Figures 1 and 2, and its software components.

[0020] Figure 4 is an example flow chart illustrating an example general method for creating or branching off a sub game.

[0021] Figure 5 is an example flow chart illustrating an example method for obtaining a promotion.

[0022] Figure 6 is an example flow chart illustrating an example method for assigning a status (“leader” or “core,” “follower” or “casual,” or “bystander” or “spectator”) to a player.

[0023] Figure 7 is an example flow chart illustrating an example method for earning rewards or features within a game.

[0024] Figure 8 is a graphical representation illustrating a virtual game arena accessed by various users with varying status and an index of user status.

[0025] Figure 9 is a graphical representation illustrating one example of a game structure.

[0026] Figure 10 is a graphical representation illustrating a virtual game arena with concurrent operation of multiple games.

[0027] Figure 11 is a graphical representation of a data storage configuration with storage of game-related information.

[0028] Figure 12 is a flow chart illustrating an example method for game play, in this instance an aviation game.

[0029] Figure 13 is a graphical representation of an example action via a user interface, by a user in a gaming application (e.g. aviation), for example, where a user creates or sets an aviation route.

[0030] Figure 14 is a graphical representation illustrating a gaming applications operating on a third-party server, with concurrent play by users (gamers or players) from remote locations linked by an integrated user interface.

[0031] Figure 15 is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface display to one player with an in-game message related to another player's activity.

[0032] Figure 16 is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface display to one player with an in-game message awarding items from another player.

[0033] Figure 17 is a graphical representation illustrating several example in-game messages displayed to one player on another player's activity.

[0034] Figure 18 is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface configured within a social network for accepting requests for user game play within a game.

[0035] Figure 19 is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including unlocking new content.

[0036] Figure 20A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface display within a social network with a player's notification about one player's promotion within the game and other player comments on the player notification.

[0037] Figure 20B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface display within a social network with a player notification about one player's promotion within the game and other non-player comments on the player notification.

[0038] Figure 21A is a graphical representation illustrating an example use interface within a social network with a player notification on a particular player traveling to another player's area within the game and posting of other player comments further to the player notification.

[0039] Figure 21B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including non-players commenting on a player's activity within the game.

[0040] Figure 22A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including players commenting on a player visiting a player's virtual area within the game.

[0041] Figure 22B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including non-players commenting on a player visiting a player's virtual area within the game.

[0042] Figure 23A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including players commenting on a player sending items within the game.

[0043] Figure 23B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including comments from non-players on a player sending items within the game.

[0044] Figure 24A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including players commenting on an item purchase within the game.

[0045] Figure 24B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including non-players commenting on an item purchase within the game.

[0046] Figure 25A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including players commenting on an area purchase within the game.

[0047] Figure 25B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including non-players commenting on an area purchase within the game.

[0048] Figure 26A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including players commenting on building an item within the game.

[0049] Figure 26B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including non-players commenting on building an item within the game.

[0050] Figure 27A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including players commenting on a task within the game.

[0051] Figure 27B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including non-players commenting on a task within the game.

[0052] Figure 28A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including players commenting on completing a task within the game.

[0053] Figure 28B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including non-players commenting on completing a task within the game.

[0054] Figure 29A is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including players commenting on arriving at another player's virtual area within the game.

[0055] Figure 29B is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface for interacting with a game via a social network including non-players commenting on arriving at another player's virtual area within the game.

[0056] Figure 30 is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface with displays of weather items and their descriptions.

[0057] Figure 31 is a graphical representation illustrating an example user interface configured to provide a game state that affects game play.

[0058] Figure 32 is a flow chart illustrating an example general method for allowing access from one or more clients (e.g., players or gamers).

[0059] Figure 33 is a flow chart illustrating an example method for determining graphics based on a user device or platform.

[0060] Figure 34 is a flow chart illustrating an example method for synchronizing information across platforms.

[0061] Figure 35 is a graphical representation of a “virtual” game arena illustrating several games (Game 1 through Game N) at play and reflecting variable user status for each of the users and the platforms used by each user to facilitate synchronized and integrated play.

[0062] Figure 36 is a graphical representation/block diagram of example virtual game play in a cloud of one or more games, each accessed via different platforms.

[0063] Figure 37 is a graphical representation illustrating an example of a different user experience based on a user device and/or user preference.

[0064] Figure 38 is a block diagram illustrating integrated and synchronized play from various access points.

[0065] Figure 39 is a flow chart illustrating an example general method for posting game-play activity on a social network.

[0066] Figure 40 is a flow chart illustrating an example general method for interacting with a game based on social network activity.

[0067] Figure 41 is a graphical representation of a particular user’s (Player A) social network or social graph.