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METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND SOFTWARE FOR AUTOMATED GROWTH OF INTELLIGENT ON-LINE COMMUNITIES

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VERFAHREN, SYSTEM UND SOFTWARE FÜR AUTOMATISIERTES WACHSTUM INTELLIGENTER ONLINEGEMEINDEN

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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO02097678A1] In recent years, computers have become everyday communication tools, fast approaching the commonness of telephones and televisions. Driving this approach is rapid growth of the much-heralded Internet, which functions as a planetary communications system, enabling users to communicate with each other, to transmit data to each other, and to search for data of particular interest. Two problems stemming from the rapid Internet growth are the time and effort often necessary for users to find data of particular interest and the difficulty for users to find and communicate with other users who share interests in similar kinds of information. Accordingly, the present inventor devised systems, methods, and related software for encouraging and managing growth of databases, particularly theme-oriented databases, such as health-in-formation databases (Figure 5). One exemplary method entails establishing a theme-oriented database (520), receiving user contributions to the database, and granting users access rights to the database (152, 154, 156, 158) based on their contributions. The exemplary method also scores user contributions for quality and/or relevance to the theme of the database, and grants access rights based on the scores. Additionally, the exemplary method records the queries users of the database and facilitates communications between users having similar queries.

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