

Observations on Patent Application No.GB1217066.8

Title 1: "Paragraph structuring":

- <https://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-ipsum/Case/ApplicationNumber/GB1217066.8/Bibliography> OEB p.2

Title 2: "Display of first and terminating sentences of a textual paragraph".

- <https://worldwide.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/biblio?DB=EPODOC&II=0&ND=3&adjacent=true&FT=D&date=20140326&CC=GB&NR=2506193A&KC=A> OEB p.3

Observations:

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1. Title 1 of the invention is not as informative as, and appears at odds with, Title 2.
2. The relevance of Title 2 to **s.32(2)(c) practice** has given rise to the observations.
3. Reasons why these observations are being presented include the following:
 - The *display of first and terminating sentences of a textual paragraph* was achieved by the use of macros in 2008 ¹.

¹ for use in proceedings intended to be brought in the name of the Attorney General.

- Such *display* (examples att.) is material to past, present & future proceedings.
- The 2008 macro process (together with the present invention, if it is fit for any claimed purpose and is commercially available in time) will be applied to a large *body of text paragraphs* prepared – and yet to be prepared - by *the Comptroller's officers* in the "Assignments" Section of the Patents Registry ².

² text paragraphs prepared pursuant to both

(i) the officers' processing of *Applications under Section 32* and

(ii) the Comptroller's subsequent publication of notice in the Patents Journal ³ that a recordal ("*the recordal requested*" – or **otherwise**) has been made.

³ under the heading "*Other proceedings*" and the sub-group "*Section 32*".

- The Examiner has reported discrepancy in the description of the invention in the Claims and appears to have been undecided (but little concerned thereabouts) as to what it is that the invention ⁴ can do beyond automatically formatting, seemingly in bold text, the entirety of *the first and terminating sentences* of each paragraph of a larger *body of text paragraphs*.

⁴ an *excluded* computer program, in the Examiner's view (link in paragraph 4, next).

- It would be helpful to know what the invention – the “*apparatus*” - can do as regards text suppression, not least because the invention’s longer title is suggestive of an ability to visually simplify things and get to the point (something which the Patent Application itself, in the view of the Examiner, does not do):

- <https://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-ipsum/Document/ApplicationNumber/GB1217066.8/22bbb7-7ed5-42c6-bb44-0e4ebd56eda3/GB2506193-20200304-Exam%20report%20%20Standard.pdf> OEB p.4

5. The following may help get to the point:

- Attached is a single-page PDF at the head of which is a visually-succinct *display* of ten examples of choice *first and terminating sentences of a textual paragraph*.

- Each of the larger bodies of text paragraphs from which the displayed text was chosen to be so displayed is accessible on the internet – most easily, now that the selection process is complete, by inserting the displayed GB/EP-prefixed numbers of the terminating sentences in one or other of the following URLs:

- <https://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-ipsum/Case/ApplicationNumber/ /CaseHistory> OEB p.5
- <https://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-ipsum/Case/PublicationNumber/ /CaseHistory> OEB p.6

- All of these selection and display processes may be performed by macros and were so performed in 2008: The very large bodies of text identified in footnote 3 of the single-page PDF were assembled by macros prior to further processing to display chosen *first and terminating sentences* of chosen textual paragraphs.

- The purpose of the process behind the single-page PDF is to present chosen textual content of *first and terminating sentences* together in one *display* and cause chosen sentences’ GB/EP-prefixed numbers to stand out from the crowd:

**Section 32
Register of Patents etc.**

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21 SEP 2004 EP0554588 AGFA-GEVAERT Sheet or web material having artistic properties

21 SEP 2004 EP0733965 AGFA-GEVAERT N.V. Parallel processing of page description language data stream
21 SEP 2004 EP0741361 AGFA-GEVAERT N.V. Reproduction or display of medical images with configurable text box
21 SEP 2004 EP0741371 AGFA-GEVAERT Radiation image reproducing method
21 SEP 2004 EP0752617 AGFA-GEVAERT Method of manufacturing a silver halide photographic material for rapid processing applications
21 SEP 2004 EP0754780 AGFA-GEVAERT N.V. Process for desilvering a silver-containing solution
21 SEP 2004 EP0789481 AGFA-GEVAERT Radiation image read out system and apparatus
21 SEP 2004 EP0790526 AGFA-GEVAERT Radiographic image forming film-screen system
21 SEP 2004 EP0795995 AGFA-GEVAERT N.V. Half-tone reproduction by single spot multibeam laser recording
21 SEP 2004 EP0803763 AGFA-GEVAERT A cassette for photo-stimulable radiography
21 SEP 2004 EP0806641 CITIZEN WATCH CO. LTD. ELECTRONIC CLINICAL THERMOMETER
21 SEP 2004 EP0809140 AGFA-GEVAERT Colour photographic recording material having increased sensitivity and improved colour reproduction
21 SEP 2004 EP0811877 AGFA-GEVAERT Cassette and method for daylight-loading a photographic sheet pack
21 SEP 2004 EP0816913 AGFA-GEVAERT N.V. Photographic material containing a new hydrazone type
21 SEP 2004 EP0821269 AGFA-GEVAERT Photothermographic recording material comprising a hydrazone compound and a recording process therefor

21 SEP 2004 EP0795995 AGFA-GEVAERT N.V. Half-tone reproduction by single spot multibeam laser recording

10. The ten GB/EP-prefixed numbers in the terminating sentences displayed at the head of the single-page PDF were found amongst 136 GB/EP-prefixed numbers published (with noticeable duplication and one detectable omission) under the heading “Section 32” in one weekly edition of the Patents Journal (para 9 above).
11. The appearance in the *first sentence* of a particular key word (in the case of the ten examples, the word “assignment”⁵), which immediately precedes the word “dated” and a punctuated six-digit date, gives rise to the *display* of not only the key word and date at the end of the *first sentence*, but also to the *display* of the whole of the immediately-following *terminating sentence* (see single-page PDF).

⁵ <https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2008/1161.html#paragraphs85&96> OEB pp.8-10
<https://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-challenge-decision-results/o23399.pdf#page=12>
[https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2008/785.html#paragraphs_19-20_ & 26-29](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2008/785.html#paragraphs_19-20_&_26-29)

12. Each of the ten terminating sentences at the head of the single-page PDF can be seen to end with a punctuation mark – a full stop – immediately prefaced by a 7-digit number. This final number is not included in the *terminating sentence* by the *Comptroller’s officer* for the purpose of identifying the larger body of text paragraphs (the host Register/Case History) of which the segmented textual paragraph is a part and from which the *display* has been chosen. This final number is otherwise included to identify the Comptroller’s associated *public file*⁶.

⁶ **Variants 4** subtext “Anyone interested ...” refers. This is a quote from *The decided Case Law* as Certified & Approved by Jacob J in favour of *Coflexip & the Comptroller* in 1996.

- <http://docs.manupatra.in/newsline/articles/Upload/BE24FF72-39C6-47CA-A1A4-EB64B95A0322.pdf#page=3#An-agreement-to-assign²²>

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13. If the present invention amounts to nothing more than a computer programme with the ability to identify and go to paragraph breaks and simply variously fast-forward and back-track to the nearest full stop for the purposes of selecting the intermediate text for the purposes of altering the text format, it follows that
- (1) the Examiner would be correct in having expressed little concern over the discrepancy in the description of the invention in the Claims and
 - (2) the invention would be anticipated, either in part or entirely, by the process applied in 2008 - **in the awareness of the executive of the Patent Office and the executive of HM Revenue & Customs** - to the very large bodies of segmented textual paragraphs identified in footnote 3 of the attached PDF.
14. Hopefully, the Inventors’ appointed Agent pulled something out of the bag during the Hearing on 19 May 2021 such that a Patent may be granted in respect of an invention in software which is not anticipated by the 2008 process but can nevertheless be used to display such choice sentences of the single-page PDF.