

Description

This invention relates to a portable paging device for enabling a user to receive a paging message transmitted to him from another location, and more particularly to a selective paging receiver with a message display capable of reading out received message data and selecting the type of control used to show it to the user by means of the display. The invention also relates to a method for conveying messages to a remote user of a paging receiver.

Radio receivers for paging that include a message display panel conventionally scroll the message contents in a limited display area or display window to report the message to the person who was the receiver. That is, when the user presses a switch, all or a portion of the message information is shown to him in the limited message display area, character by character, and in an order beginning with the first character.

However, someone using a paging receiver with such a scrolling display will soon discover that it takes a considerable amount of scrolling to read a received message. For example, if the message display area can only show 16 characters at a time and if the received message is 350 characters long, the scrolling area will have to be used at least 22 times to deliver the full message. Obviously, such scrolling is even more inconvenient when the user wishes to read several individual messages received and stored by the paging receiver over a period of time.

For quickly scanning through multiple messages, some paging receivers have a "truncated display" function that permits just the first few characters of each message to be scrolled, rather than all of the characters of each message. Unfortunately, scanning through only such initial portions of the messages is often ineffective in helping the reader grasp their contents and importance.

GB-A-2 062 320 discloses a paging receiver which receives a paging signal including key codes and prestores a plurality of words corresponding to the key codes, respectively. These prestored words are read out and displayed when they correspond to the received key codes.

WO-A-82/02975 discloses a multi-format data display apparatus which is suitable for displaying selected data in selectable formats. The apparatus comprises a format control circuit which formats part of the received data in a data word for display according to a format specified by a format code segment in the received data. The format control circuit thus produces certain selectable display types but does not produce any summary of received messages or data that would allow the user to quickly grasp the gist of any long received

messages.

Therefore, an object of the invention is to provide a selective paging receiver that enables the user to grasp the information in long messages without scrolling through their entire contents. A more particular object is to provide a paging receiver with a display having a "summary display function", by which is meant the ability to indicate the contents of received messages by a partial display, key word display, abbreviated display, or message type display. Yet a further object is to provide this summary display function within the limited area of the display used for messages, without increasing the number of character positions in the message display area.

The above objects are achieved by a paging receiver according to the claims.

In keeping with one aspect of the invention, a pager has a receiver for receiving selective paging numbers and message data. A message display panel displays paging messages to the user. For storing message data, the pager has a first memory means. Control data, arriving together with the message data and related to its display, is stored in a second memory means. A display controller, responsive to external operating inputs from the user, is provided for controlling the contents of the messages to be displayed based on the control data. A display means responds to control from the display controller, to read out and display messages stored in the first memory means.

The above mentioned and other features of this invention and the manner of obtaining them will become more apparent, and the invention itself will be best understood, by reference to the following description of an embodiment of the invention taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1(a) shows the digital make-up of a typical paging signal received by a receiver according to the invention;

Figure 1(b) shows the digital make-up of address and message portion signals included in the paging signal of Figure 1(a);

Figure 2 is a simplified block diagram of an inventive selective paging receiver with message display for receiving the signals of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a flow chart showing the operation of the address decoder in the receiver of Figure 2; Figure 4(a) shows the codes used in a Classification Area 1 of a first message portion signal of Figure 1(b);

Figure 4(b) shows the codes used in a Control Area of the message portion signals of Figure 1(b);

Figure 4(c) shows a sample message signal, received by the receiver of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a block diagram of the message data processing circuit in the receiver of Figure 2;

Figure 6 is a block diagram of the one chip CPU or microprocessor in the processing circuit of Figure 5;

Figure 7 is a block diagram of the LCD driver circuit in the processing circuit of Figure 5, and its associated LCD display;

Figure 8 is a block diagram of the random access memory (RAM) in the processing circuit of Figure 5;

Figure 9 is a block diagram of a detector circuit, for detecting certain frame and stop signals, used by the address decoder in the receiver of Figure 2;

Figure 10 is a simplified schematic of a detecting circuit, for detecting selective paging signals, used by the address decoder in the receiver of Figure 2;

Figure 11 is a simplified schematic of the buffer amplifier and paging speaker circuits in the receiver of Figure 2;

Figure 12 is an explanatory chart of the various memory storage areas (a) - (i) provided for message and control information;

Figure 13 is a sample flow chart showing how a summary display function can be provided by the receiver of Figure 2; and

Figure 14 is an illustration of a routine by which the pager's various types of displays can be selected using operating switches.

The inventive selective paging receiver receives paging signals by means of its radio receiver section. If the paging number in the signal is the receiver's own identification number, it then receives and decodes control data and message data from the paging signal.

The message data is stored in a first memory means and the control data is stored in a second memory means. The received control data is for controlling a display, in a limited area of a display panel, which helps the user to grasp the received message information. In addition to full message displays, the received control data includes information enabling a brief summary display of each received message.

For example, the control data can be for controlling various helpful summary displays, such as a partial display, a key word display, an abbreviated display, or a message type display. A "partial display" comprises salient parts of a lengthy received message likely to convey its gist. A "key word display" attempts to report the principal information in a message by displaying a number of its key words. An "abbreviated display" employs prestored abbreviations of the words used in the partial and key word displays so a message of many words can be displayed in compressed

form. A "message type display" shows to which classified topic the message information belongs; it enables the received message to be understood as "RE: CASE".

The person carrying the receiver uses selection buttons or the like to choose the summary display function. This enables the summary displays provided by the sender to appear in the display panel.

When the user has selected the summary display mode, the display controller, guided by the received control data stored in the second memory means, reads out selected message data stored in the first memory means and output it to the display means.

As explained above, the invention gives the user the option of reviewing various helpful summary displays of paging messages stored in the receiver, such as a partial display, key word display, abbreviated display, or message type display. For convenience, the term "principal items" is used to refer generally to the words or abbreviations used in these summary displays.

Figure 1(a) shows the digital make-up of a typical paging signal received by a receiver according to the invention. These signals are constructed so that the principal items used in the summary displays can be extracted from the message information.

The paging signal is a format having a 62 bit preamble signal P, a 31 bit frame synchronizing signal SC, a 31 bit address signal A, a message signal M, and a 31 bit end signal E.

The frame synchronizing signal SC and the end signal E each have a predetermined fixed pattern. The message signal M has a length that depends on the amount of information in the message. As illustrated at Figure 1(b), it is made up from as many 31 bit message portion signals M_n ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) as are needed to convey the message.

The make-up of the address signal A and the message portion signals M_n for Bose-Chandhuri-Hocquenghem BCH (31, 21) binary coded error correcting signals is shown at Figure 1(b). Each signal is a 31 bit word comprising a 21 bit Information Area followed by a 10 bit Check Area.

During processing, the address signal A and the initial message portion signal M_1 are distinguished from each other by the leftmost or most significant bit (MSB), bit #1, in the Information Area. The MSB is a logical "0" in an address signal and a logical "1" in an initial message portion signal M_1 .

In the initial message portion signal, the twenty bits of Information Area which follow the MSB have a very important use in this invention. This is the area which makes it possible to extract the "principal items" used in the various summary displays. It indicates the particular method of sum-

mary display for each message and the extraction points in the message.

Following the MSB is Classification Area 1, comprised of two bits, bits #2 & 3, which designate the form of summary display that will appear in the limited display area used for messages. Next is Control Area 1 which designates the extraction points.

Figure 2 shows a simplified block diagram of an embodiment of the invention, a selective paging receiver with message display for receiving and using the paging signals of Figures 1(a) and (b). Electromagnetic signal waves picked up by an antenna 10 are fed to a radio receiver section 20, which recovers the baseband paging signal and sends it to a wave shape adjusting circuit 30.

From there the paging signal is input to an address decoder 40 having a timing clock the accuracy of which is assured by crystal 41. Decoder 40 can read out data from a programmable read-only memory (PROM) 50 and exchange data with a message data processing circuit 60 via a multi-line signal f. Various information useful for running the receiver, such as its identification number, etc., have been written for storage into PROM 50, a memory device which can be programmed with information (written into) once, but not reprogrammed.

The output from decoder 40 is fed to a speaker 80 via an isolating buffer amplifier 70. Processed message data from circuit 60 is output to liquid crystal display (LCD) device 90 for displaying message information, etc. to the user. Operating switches SW0, SW1, SW2, SW3 enable the user to turn off an audible speaker alarm, to select operation and display modes, etc.

The detailed operation of this selective paging receiver with message display will now be described.

When the desired radio signal is picked up by antenna 10 and recovered by radio receiver section 20, its waveform is shaped by circuit 30 into a serial digital paging signal h, of the type shown at Figure 1(a). Signal h is input to address decoder 40.

Decoder 40 gets into bit synchronization using the preamble signal P, which has a repeating pattern of logical 1's and 0's, and proceeds to detection of the frame synchronizing signal SC which comes right after it.

Figure 3 is a flow chart showing the operation of the address decoder 40 in the receiver of Figure 2. With power on, when detection of the frame synchronizing signal SC is confirmed, decoder 40 reads out its prestored selective paging address from PROM 50 and starts comparing it bit by bit with received address signal A, the next item in digital signal h. If the receiver's address matches

the one in the paging signal, decoder 40 activates message data processing circuit 60 by means of signal f.

Immediately thereafter, message signal M is received and its 21 information bits are error corrected by using the 10 check bits. At the same time, decoder 40 begins watching for an end or stop signal E portion in digital signal h. When an end signal E is detected, the decoder 40 loops back to wait for detection of the next frame synchronizing signal SC.

Figures 4(a) and (b) show an example of the make-up of the Classification Area 1 and control Area appearing in the message signal of Figure 1-(b).

As stated earlier, Classification Area 1 comprises two bits which designate the form of display that will appear in the limited display area used for messages. The Control Area designates the positions of the first characters of words to be displayed. Nine bits are used to designate the position of each such character. Therefore, its relative position can be as far away as the 512th position.

Next, using the sample message shown at Figure 4(c), examples will be given of the various methods of summary display.

Control Area Continues to Next Signal

When the two bit Classification Area 1 of initial message portion signal M₁ is "00", it indicates that the next message portion signal M₁'s Information Area will also be a Control Area. Then, in initial message portion signal M₁ several of the bits which immediately follow Classification Area 1 are used as a further classification area, Classification Area 2, for enabling the method of display to be designated in more detail. This is explained more thoroughly below in connection with the expanded control area.

Partial Display

When the two bit classification Area 1 is "01", a partial display is designated. In the Control Area that follows, the next nine bits indicate the position of the first character of the first word used in the partial display, and the remaining nine bits indicate the position of the first character of the last word in the partial display. For example, the Control Area might designate the string of bits "000101001000101111".

For convenience, let us follow the convention of grouping these long bit strings by threes, viz: "000 101 001 000 101 111". The first nine bits (000 101 001) have the decimal value 41. From the sample message in Figure 4(c), this means that the first letter of the first word of the partial display

begins at character position 41, at the letter "G" of "GO". The remaining nine bits (000 101 111) have the decimal value 47. This means that the first letter of the last word of the partial display begins at position 47, at the letter "N" of "NARITA". Therefore, the sample message information is shrunk for the partial display to "GO TO NARITA".

Key Word Display

When the two bit Classification Area 1 is "10", a key word display is indicated. In the control Area that follows, each group of nine bits indicates the position of the first character of a word to be extracted from the message for the key word display.

For example, suppose that the Control Area designates the bits "000 000 101 000 101 111". The first nine bits (000 000 101) have the decimal value 5. From the sample message in Figure 4(c), this means that the first letter of the first key word begins at character position 5, that is, at the "S" of "SATO". The next nine bits (000 101 111) have the decimal value 47. This means that the first letter of the next key word begins at position 47, at the letter "N" of "NARITA". Therefore, the sample message information is reduced to the words "SATO NARITA" in the keyword display.

Abbreviated Display

When the two bit classification Area 1 is "11", an abbreviated display is indicated. In the Control Area that follows, each group of nine bits indicates the position of the first character of a word to be used in the abbreviated display, in a prestored abbreviation form if possible. The abbreviations that can be used in the display are prestored in PROM 50.

For example, suppose that the Control Area designates the bits "000 000 101 000 110 110". The first nine bits (000 000 101) have the decimal value 5. From the sample message in Figure 4(c), this means that the first letter of the first word for the abbreviated display begins at character position 5, that is, at the "S" of "SATO". Therefore, a comparison is performed to see if an abbreviation for "SATO" is stored in PROM 50. If no prestored abbreviation exists, the word indicated is used as is. Let us assume that on checking PROM 50, it is found that "SATO" has no prestored abbreviation. If so, it is used in the abbreviated display as is.

The next nine bits (000 110 110) have the decimal value 54. This means that the first letter of the next word for the abbreviated display begins at position 54, at the letter "A" of "AIRPORT". Let us assume that on checking PROM 50, it is found that "AIRPORT" has a prestored abbreviation of "A.

P.". If so, in the abbreviated display "A. P." is used in place of the word "AIRPORT".

Therefore, the sample message information is reduced to the expression "SATO A. P." in the abbreviated display.

Expanded Control Area

As illustrated above, the two bits of Classification Area 1 are used to designate the type of summary display. When Classification Area 1 is "10" (Key Word Display) or "11" (Abbreviated Display), as shown at Figure 4(b) ii) only two nine bit "position-indicating" numbers can be stored in the control area. Therefore, the Key Word or Abbreviated display is limited to just two words or abbreviations, and not all the display area is used effectively.

If Classification Area 1 is instead designated as "00", as shown at Figure 4(b) i), the Control Area is expanded by continuing it into the 21 bit Information Area of message portion signal M₂. Then, in the initial message portion signal M₁ a further classification area (Classification Area 2) is provided directly behind Classification Area 1, to enable a more detailed Key Word or Abbreviated display.

For example, if Classification Area 2 is two bits long (bits #4 & 5), we can use the same classification codes for it that were used in Classification Area 1:

01 = Partial Display

10 = Key Word Display

11 = Abbreviated Display

For a Key Word display, the two bits of classification Area 2 are "10", and for an Abbreviated display the two bits are "11". Since classification Area 2 is assumed to take only two bits, as shown at Figure 4(b) i) there is still room in initial message portion signal M₁ for a 16 bit control Area at bits #6 - 21. In addition, because classification Area 1 is "00", the Control Area continues to the next message portion signal M₂, where there is room for another 21 control bits (bits #1 - 21).

Therefore, there is a total of 37 (16 + 21) control bits to designate a plurality of (9 bit) position-indicating numbers for the Key Word or Abbreviated display. At a 9 bits per position designation, a total of four (4 X 9 = 36 < 37) Key Words or Abbreviations can be designated. As before, each word is designated by giving the relative position in the message of its first character.

In the embodiment disclosed above, as shown at Figure 4(a), Classification Area 1 designates a two bit code indicating the type of summary display. However, with suitable modifications Classification Area 1 can instead designate a code,

extracted from the key words of long sentences, for making certain preselected sentences.

For example, consider paging those doing business in a market where there is frequent dealing in stock prices, etc. Key words can be extracted from the stock names and forecasts in a series of paging message information that reports stock names, prices, and forecasts of future fluctuations. Then Classification Area 1 can designate a code which indicates how to use the key words to form such summary displays such as "NEC -- BUY", "ABC -- SELL". When the user wants to learn more about these matters, he can also scroll the message information in its entirety to learn the specific details of stock prices, etc.

The mechanism by which words are designated for the display will now be explained, including the message data processing circuit 60 and liquid crystal display (LCD) 90.

Figure 5 is a block diagram of the message data processing circuit 60 in the receiver of Figure 2.

As shown in Figure 5, processing circuit 60 receives the user's operating instructions by reading input lines from user operating switches SW1, SW2, SW3 (Figure 2), receives input from address decoder 40 on line f, and outputs display driving signals to the liquid crystal display (LCD) 90 (Figure 2) on line j. Processing circuit 60 has a one chip CPU or microprocessor 100 that reads and writes data to a random access memory (RAM) 300 on line b1. An LCD driver 200 receives input about the display contents from microprocessor 100 on line b2 and outputs display driving signals on line j.

In Figure 5, V_{DD} indicates a power supply voltage applied from a battery 1000 (Figure 11) through a DC-DC converter (not shown). A power supply back-up capacitor 62 is provided for RAM 300. A diode 61 is inserted in the line from the power supply so that if voltage V_{DD} drops below the voltage of capacitor 62, the diode will open, isolating the back-up capacitor from the power supply.

RAM 300 acts as a first memory means for storing received message information, etc. The LCD driver 200 and LCD display 90 together form a display means for displaying the message information to the user. Microprocessor 100 acts as a display controller means for controlling the display means.

It is convenient if the operating switches SW0, SW1, SW2, and SW3 are normally open push button switches that spring back to the open condition when released. Then the user can press (close) them one or more times in various sequences to give commands to the microprocessor (Figure 14).

When the user closes operating switch SW0 (Figure 2), it results in a trigger signal being input from decoder 40 on line f to microprocessor 100. The microprocessor responds by entering a Mode Selection state X1 shown in Figure 14. In state X1, switch SW1 enables selection of a Message Display Mode X2, while SW2 and SW3 respectively enable selection of Modes 2 and 3, other possible modes of the receiver not discussed here.

Assuming SW1 is pressed while in the Mode Selection state X1, the microprocessor responds by entering the Message Display Mode or state X2. The user can then choose from among a Full Message Display (X3) by SW1, a Message Number Display (X4) by SW2, and a Summary Display (X5) by SW3. (The Message Number Display shows the number of each message so the user will know how many have been received, etc.)

If desired, the default display mode (when none of switches SW1, SW2, or SW3 is pressed after a short wait) can be a "truncated display", causing LCD display 90 to display only a preselected number of beginning characters from each of the various messages stored in RAM 300.

If the user selects the Summary Display by closing operating switch SW3, microprocessor 100 causes LCD display 90, to display certain corresponding "principal items" from the messages stored in RAM 300 as a summary display in accordance with control data stored in a second memory means. The second memory means is discussed in more detail below.

Furthermore, there is an easy way for the user to read out all of a message having a summary display which has caught his attention. While the summary display of that message is still being shown by LCD display 90, the user can again close switch SW0. This causes a trigger signal to be input to microprocessor 100 from decoder 40 on line f. Microprocessor 100 then returns to the Mode Selection state X1 of Figure 14. If the user next presses switch SW1 twice in succession, microprocessor 100 moves to the Message Display Mode X2 and then continues on into the Full Message Display mode X3. It reads out from RAM 300 the entire stored message information for the message, displaying it via display 90.

The details of microprocessor 100, LCD driver 200, and RAM 300 are respectively shown in Figures 6, 7 and 8.

Microprocessor

As shown in the block diagram of Figure 6, for input/output, microprocessor 100 has input ports 101 - 106, a port 107 for interrupts, and a serial interface 108. It also has output ports 111 - 117 and a data bus 120.

A program memory 140 stores the sequence of program instructions that must be executed. A program counter 130 specifies the address of the next instruction to be read out of memory 140 and executed. An instruction decoder 160 decodes the program instruction information read out from program memory 140. It then provides control signals in accordance with the instructions to the various circuits for execution of the instructions. An arithmetic/logic unit (ALU) 150 performs arithmetic and logical operations called for by the program instructions.

An accumulator (ACC) 170 is used in sending data to, and receiving it from, RAM 180 and the various ports 101 - 117. An internal RAM 180 is a scratch pad memory for storing various types of data and providing temporary storage for program status information and program counts when executing subroutines and interrupts. A system clock generator circuit 190 generates a series of timing pulses that determine the instruction execution cycle times.

Display Driver

Figure 7 shows a block diagram of the LCD driver 200 in the processing circuit of Figure 5, and its associated LCD display 90. The LCD driver 200 has a column driver 210 for controlling the columns shown by display 90, and a row driver 220 for controlling the rows. A display voltage controller 230 controls the voltage supplied to the LCD display, and a timing controller 240 controls timing of the driving signals to the LCD display.

In Figure 7, input line LCD P.S. indicates a power supply line from a battery 1000 (Figure 11). A clock input line CLK supplies a system clock from system clock generator 190 on the microprocessor chip 100 (Figure 6).

Display driver 200 includes a data memory 250 which can store output from a character generator circuit 290 or store display data input via a serial interface 295. Circuit 260 is a system clock controller. A command decoder 270 takes in and decodes the display instructions input from microprocessor 100 via serial interface 295. It then provides control signals in accordance with the instruction contents to the various circuits for execution of the instructions.

When data from serial interface 295 is stored, a data pointer 280 holds the address in data memory 250 at which it is to be written. When data is read out from data memory 250 into serial interface 295, data pointer 280 holds the address from which it is to be read. The character generating circuit 290 generates a 7 X 5 dot matrix character pattern in accordance with data input to it. The serial interface 295 enables display driver 200 to receive data

in serial form from, and send it to, microprocessor 100.

RAM Memory 300

Figure 8 shows a block diagram of the random access memory (RAM) 300 in the processing circuit of Figure 5. A serial interface 310 enables RAM 300 to receive data in serial form from, and send it to, microprocessor 100. An address counter 320 receives input pulses via serial interface 310.

RAM chip 300 includes a memory array 340 having storage locations which are organized in rows and columns. An X-Y decoder 330 analyzes the data in the address counter 320 to designate a corresponding memory array address in memory array 340. Display data is written into, or read out of, the memory array addresses designated by X-Y decoder 330. A control circuit 350 receives control signals from microprocessor 100, such as those controlling the reading and writing of display data.

Detector and Alarm Circuits

Figure 9 is a block diagram of a detector circuit, for detecting frame synchronization and stop signals, used by address decoder 40 in the receiver of Figure 2. A 31 bit shift register 500 is provided that receives the 31 bit words of the digital paging signal h as input from wave shape adjusting circuit 30 of Figure 2. A clock pulse is received for timing the shifting of the data in the register. Logical outputs (1's and 0's) from the bits stored in the register are input to a multi-input AND gate 540, preselected input lines to AND gate 540 having inverter circuits 510, 520 and 530, as shown at register bits #1, 6, and 29.

Figure 10 shows a simplified schematic of a detecting circuit, for detecting selective paging signals, used by the address decoder 40 in the receiver of Figure 2. A counter 600 receives as input a clock signal and the output of an Exclusive NOR gate 610. The inputs to Exclusive NOR gate 610 are the digital paging signal h from wave shape adjusting circuit 30 and a signal p from programmable ROM 50. The output of Exclusive NOR gate 610 will only be a logical "1" for those bits where its two inputs agree, i.e. bits of signal h that agree with the bits of signal p, prestored in PROM 50.

Figure 11 shows a simplified schematic of an audio alarm, comprising the buffer amplifier 70 and paging speaker 80 circuits in the receiver of Figure 2. In buffer amplifier 70, the base of an NPN transistor 730 receives, via an input resistor 710, an input alarm signal k from the output of address decoder 40 of Figure 2. The emitter of transistor 730 is grounded, and its collector is coupled via a resistor 720 to the base of a driving PNP transistor

740, the emitter of which is connected to battery 1000. The collector output of transistor 740 drives a horn or speaker alarm 800 in speaker circuit 80.

DETAILED OPERATION

Signal waves picked up by antenna 10 are demodulated by radio receiver section 20, and the recovered signal is shaped by wave shape adjusting circuit 30 into a serial digital paging signal h, of the type shown at Figure 1(a). This is supplied to address decoder 40. Address decoder 40 gets into synchronization with signal h using the preamble signal portion P shown in Figure 1(a).

Next, decoder 40 proceeds to a detection of the 31 bit frame synchronizing signal SC which follows the preamble signal P. Figure 9 shows a detector circuit used in decoder 40 to detect the frame synchronizing signal SC. Serial digital signal h is input into the low end of a 31 bit shift register 500 and shifted toward the right into the register, responsive to clock pulses. Register outputs #1 - 31, corresponding to the bits stored in register 500, are input into a multi-input AND gate 540. Certain of the register outputs are inverted before being input to gate 540, as indicated by inverter circuits 510, 520 and 530 for bits #1, 6, & 29. The AND gate 540 and its inputs are arranged so that when the preselected 31 bit pattern of the frame synchronizing signal SC is input to register 500, all of the inputs to AND gate 540 are logical 1's, causing it to output a 1 at gate output 541.

Detection of synchronizing signal SC causes decoder 40 to read the next 31 bits of signal h as the address signal portion A. Received address signal A is compared with the receiver's prestored paging address signal by the detection circuit of Figure 10. The receiver's prestored digital paging address is read out from PROM 50 as signal p. Signal p is compared, bit by bit, with the address signal A portion of signal h by an Exclusive NOR gate 610.

Exclusive NOR gate 610 only produces a logical 1 as an output to a counter 600 when the corresponding bits in input signals p and h match. Hence, if the received address portion A of signal h matches the receiver's prestored paging address, each of the 31 bit positions will match, and counter 600 will count up to 31. In practice, counter 600 is arranged to output a DET (Address Detected) signal if its count reaches 29 or more. That is, only 29 of the 31 bits of address A need to match the prestored paging address for the receiver to recognize that it is being paged.

A reset signal is provided on the counter 600 at a reset terminal R, to clear the counter to all 0's after the 31 bits of address A have been compared with the bits of signal h. If a DET signal is output

because of a count of 29 bits or more, the DET output signal will precede the clearing of the counter by the reset signal.

Meanwhile, the detector circuit of Figure 9 which was used to detect the frame synchronization signal has begun searching for the end or stop signal portion E, in signal h shown at Figure 1(a).

However, the portion of signal h following detection of the receiver's paging address is usually one or more 31 bit message portion signals M_n ($n = 1, 2, \dots$).

Therefore, from the microprocessor-based message data processing circuit of Figure 6, when the DET (Address Detected) signal is generated by counter 600 in address decoder 40, it is fed as an interrupt signal to microprocessor 100 via interrupt port 107. The interrupt activates microprocessor 100. At the same time, decoder 40 supplies a clock signal CL indicating a transmission speed to input port 105 of the microprocessor.

Using clock signal CL, microprocessor 100 reads in a 31 bit message signal D at its input port 106 from decoder 40. The bits in message signal D are the 31 bits in the received message portion signal M_n currently being processed.

By means of its instruction decoder 160, microprocessor 100 translates instructions prestored in program memory 140 and processes signal D by executing them. That is, after being read in via data bus 120 and accumulator ACC 170, message signal D is written in scratchpad memory RAM 180. Unit microprocessor 100 then uses its Arithmetic Logic Unit ALU 150 to carry out the necessary computations on each of the received 31 bits of message signal D stored in scratchpad memory 180 to recover 21 error-corrected information bits from message signal D.

Next, to be explained is how the various decoded BCH (31, 21) message portion signals M_n are handled in memory after error correction. Figure 12 shows an explanatory chart of the storage areas provided for storing messages and display control information. At (a) in Figure 12 is a message table having addresses M_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) storing the message file numbers F_j of new and old received message information. Initially the data at addresses $M_1 - M_n$ is all zeros, meaning that no messages are stored.

Figure 12 shows examples of a file area (b) and a sector area (c) in the memory which are together used to store message information. File names $F_1 - F_m$ are assigned to correspond to a message file's position number in the file area of memory. The message information is stored in memory in regularly numbered memory sectors S_k . Each memory sector is of fixed length (e.g. 8 characters) and usually only holds a portion of a message. The sector names $S_0 - S_k$ are assigned

to correspond to the sector's position number in the sector area of memory.

In each message file F_j , the names of the sectors S_k which compose the message information are stored in the order needed to make up the message. For example, at (a) in Figure 12 we learn that Message M1 is stored in file F_1 . At file area (b) in the same figure we learn that the message is stored in sectors $S_0, S_2, S_1, S_4, \dots S_k$ in that order. Using sector area (c), we can then read the message in file F_1 as "MR. SATO CAME BACK FROM AMERICA"

The display control information is stored in memory areas indicated by (d), (e) and (f) in Figure 12. Area (d) is a control file area. In it are stored control files $F'_1 - F'_m$. Each control file F'_j designates a summary display by means of a control code address T_c followed by several character address numbers C_x .

The control code address T_c in a control file F'_j designates the address of a storage location in a control code area (e). The designated location holds the two bit display classification code from classification Areas 1 and 2 of the message portion signals. (See Figures 4(a) and 4(b).) The two bit classification codes stored in control area (e) designate the various methods for summary displays of the received message information, such as Partial Display (01), Key Word Display (10) or Abbreviated Display (11).

Each character address number C_x in a control file F'_j designates the address of a storage location in a character address area (f). The designated location holds the 9 bit relative position number of the first character of a word used in the summary display.

The control files F'_j have a one to one correspondence with the message files F_j with the same index number j . They are arranged so the control instructions for a summary display of the message information in message file F_j are in a corresponding control file number F'_j . Moreover, the memory is controlled so that when the message information in a message file F_j is deleted, the contents of the corresponding control file F'_j are also deleted.

In the control files of the present example, the two bit display control codes are replaced by control code addresses T_c . However, the two bit display control codes themselves could instead be used at the beginning of the control files F'_j instead of the control code addresses T_c .

To illustrate how this coding in memory of the summary displays works, recall the previous sample message file F_1 which contains sector names that point to the message of shown at Figure 4(c), "MR. SATO CAME BACK FROM AMERICA. PLEASE GO TO NARITA AIRPORT BY SEVEN".

The corresponding control file F'_1 designates a summary display by the string " $T_1 C_1 C_3 0 0$ ".

Looking at address T_1 in control code area (e), we find the display code "01", which stands for a Partial Display. A Partial Display is a continuous string of words taken from the actual message; it is designated by indicating the first and last words in the string.

Looking at character address C_1 in character address area (f), we find the stored binary number "000 101 001", which is decimal 41. This means that the first letter of the first word of the partial display begins at character position 41, at the letter "G" of "GO".

Looking at character address C_3 in character address area (f), we find the stored binary number "000 101 111", which is decimal 47. This means that the first letter of the last word of the partial display begins at position 47, at the letter "N" of "NARITA". Therefore, the Partial Display will read "GO TO NARITA". Since no further character addresses are needed for the Partial Display, the last two items in the control file F'_1 are filled with zeros.

This same example appeared earlier relative to coding of the Classification Area and Control Area of received message portion signals. Now we are seeing the same Partial Display after it is stored in memory for use.

Memory areas (g), (h) and (i) of Figure 12 are set aside as status registers. An F-STATUS register shown at (g) has m bits FS_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots m$) that indicate the current use status of the memory's message file area (b). Each bit FS_j stores an indication as to whether the area of the corresponding message file F_j is being used. Bit FS_j is "0" when the area of the corresponding file F_j is not in use, and "1" when the area is in use.

Similarly, an S-STATUS register shown at (h) has L bits SS_k ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots L$) indicating the current use status of the memory's sector area (c). Bit SS_k indicates whether the corresponding sector S_k is being used. A C-STATUS register shown at (i) has Y bits CS_x ($x = 1, 2, \dots Y$) indicating the current use status of the memory's character address area (f). Bit CS_x indicates the use status of the corresponding character address area C_x .

Microprocessor 100 has access to both its internal scratchpad memory RAM 180 (Figure 7) and the external RAM 300 shown in Figures 5 and 8. The main difference between these two RAM memories is that because scratchpad RAM 180 is on the microprocessor chip, it can be accessed faster than external RAM 300. Therefore, either of these memories could be used to provide the various message and display control memory areas shown in Figure 12. However, for convenience of explanation, let us assume that the memory areas for the message table (a) and the three registers at

ing current supplied to speaker 80 by battery 1000 which is coupled to the emitter of transistor 740. This causes speaker 80 to produce an audible alarm, informing the user of the paging receiver that he has been paged.

Typically, this type of paging receiver has an automatic alarm cutoff function (auto-reset function) which terminates the paging alarm after a preset period, such as about 8 seconds. In the present embodiment, also, the pager's alarm automatically stops after a short timed interval.

The frequency regulating crystal 41 which is coupled to decoder 40 is part of a crystal oscillator circuit within the decoder. The oscillator circuit produces a high frequency signal which is frequency divided to produce a periodic signal f_T of about 2kHz. This is supplied to microprocessor 100 at input port 104 and used as a timing signal. The pager's alarm is terminated after a timed interval of about 8 seconds.

While the alarm is sounding, the user may choose to close operating switch SW0 (Figure 2). This causes address decoder 40 to output a signal R to interrupt port 107 of microprocessor 100. Microprocessor 100 then immediately terminates the audio control signal AC which is being sent to decoder 40 at output port 112. This cuts off the pager's alarm without waiting for the end of the 8 second interval.

Suppose that a number of paging messages have been received and stored in the pager's memory as described above, and that the paging alarm has been terminated. Now the user can close switch SW0, generating a trigger signal. This causes decoder 40 to send an interrupt signal R to microprocessor 100 via interrupt port 107. Microprocessor 100 responds by switching the paging receiver into its Mode Selection state X1 of Figure 14.

The user can then select the Summary Display mode X5 by closing switch SW1 (to pass to the Message Display Mode X2) and then closing switch SW3. Closing these switches produces further trigger signals, in accordance with which the microprocessor switches into the summary display function mode of the invention.

That is, when several individual messages are stored in RAM 300, successive closing of switches SW0, SW1, and SW3 puts the paging receiver in its Summary Display function mode. A summary display provided by the sender, such as a Partial display, a Key Word display, etc., is then shown of the stored messages, in order beginning with the most recently received.

Figure 13 shows a sample flow chart of how a summary display function can be provided by suitable programming of microprocessor 100.

The summary display function routine begins when the microprocessor is in the Message Display Mode X2 and the user closes operating switch SW3 (Step 1). Then, an index variable i is initially set equal to the number 1 (Step 2a). This prepares microprocessor 100 to begin by processing the most recently received of the stored messages. Next a register S is initially set equal to zero (Step 2b).

From the message table of (a) of Figure 12 the microprocessor determines which file name F_j is stored at address M_i . It then calls up the corresponding control file named F'_j , which has the same subscript j that appears in file name F_j (Step 3).

Since Step 2 has set $i = 1$, the microprocessor enters the message table of (a) of Figure 12 at address M_1 . Address M_1 always holds the file name F_1 of the most recently received of the stored messages. In the example of (a) of Figure 12, address M_1 holds the file name F_1 , so corresponding control file F'_1 is called up.

The first character address stored in control file F'_1 of (d) of Figure 12 is read as C_x (Step 4). Then, the current character position number PN stored at character address C_x is read. The microprocessor uses the position number PN to read out the character at that position in the message that is stored in RAM 300 (Step 5). This character is the first character in the first word of the summary display made from the message.

In the example of (d) of Figure 12, in control file F'_1 , the first character address is C_1 . The character position table at (f) of Figure 12 shows that the character position number stored at character address C_1 is a binary "000 101 001", equivalent to decimal 41. Therefore, the microprocessor will read out from RAM 300 the 41st character in the message of file F_1 . As shown in Figure 4(c), the 41st character in this message is the "G" of "GO".

In the Figures, the symbol "□" is used to represent a blank character in the display. The microprocessor's ALU circuit 150 determines if the character which has just been read out is a blank (Step 6). If it is not, the character is loaded in a buffer register (Step 7).

Then, to indicate the next character for the summary display, the character position number PN found at character address C_x is increased by one (Step 8). In the above example, the current character position is 41 for the letter "G". This is increased to position 42, which corresponds to the "O" of "GO".

If the summary display is a Partial Display, Steps 9, 10, and 11 will detect when the beginning of the last word of the Partial Display has been reached and set an indicating register S.

The next character address in the control file F'_j of (d) of Figure 12 is read as C'_x (Step 9). For a Partial Display, the character position number stored at C'_x is the position number PN of the first character in the last word of the Partial Display.

In the example of (d) of Figure 12, control file F'_j begins with code address T_1 for a Partial Display. The C'_x character address is C_3 . The character position number stored at character address C_3 is a binary "000 101 111", equivalent to decimal 47.

Therefore, the 47th character in the message file is the first character of the last word of the Partial Display. (As shown in Figure 4 (c), this character is the "N" of "NARITA".)

The current position number PN stored at character address C_x is compared with the position number stored at character address C'_x (Step 10). If they are equal, a register S in scratchpad RAM 180 which was initially at "0" is set to "1" for use later at Step 13 (Step 11). Otherwise, the microprocessor loops back to Step 5 to read out the next character in the message stored in RAM 300.

In the above example, the current character position number PN stored at character address C_x was increased to 42 at Step 8. Since 42 does not equal the position number 47 stored at character address C_3 , the microprocessor loops back to Step 5 to read out the letter "O" stored at character position number 42.

As previously mentioned, after each additional character for the summary display is read out at Step 5, it is checked to see if it is a blank (Step 6). A blank indicates the end of the current word the characters of which are being processed.

If a blank is detected at step 5, the control code address T_c in control file F'_j is used to determine if the summary display is coded for a Partial Display (Step 12).

If the code is for a Partial Display, Register S is read to see if its contents are 1 (Step 13). A 1 in register S means that all the characters to be used in the Partial Display have been loaded into the buffer register. Therefore, the microprocessor now sends these characters to LCD Driver 200 to have them displayed by LCD display 90 (step 20). However, a 0 in register S means that there are further words for the Partial Display not yet loaded. Therefore, there is a jump back to Step 7 to continue loading characters for the display into the buffer register.

If, at Step 12, a Partial Display is not called for, the control code address T_c in control file F'_j is used to determine if the summary display is coded for an Abbreviated Display (Step 14). If it is, PROM 50 is checked to see if the word just ended by the space detected at Step 6 has a prestored abbreviation message (Step 15). If it does, the abbreviation

message is substituted for the word in the buffer register (step 16). Otherwise, there is no substitution, and the microprocessor moves on to Step 17.

The microprocessor will also reach Step 17 if at Step 14 the control code address T_c in control file F'_j indicates that the summary display is coded for a Key Word Display. In either case, an Abbreviated or Key Word Display, the next character address in the control file F'_j of (d) of Figure 12 is read as C'_x (Step 17). If character address C'_x is 0, there are no more words for the Abbreviated or Key Word Display (Step 18).

This also means that all the characters to be used in the Abbreviated or Partial Display have been loaded into the buffer register. Therefore, the microprocessor now sends these characters to LCD Driver 200 to have them displayed by LCD display 90 as summary messages that fit within its limited display area.

Except that they come from the buffer register, the characters for the summary display are sent by the microprocessor for display by the display means in the same way that the full message data stored in external RAM 300 is sent and displayed.

Assuming that there are n messages to be displayed by summary display, a check is made to see if index variable $i = n$ (Step 21). If it does not, index variable i is increased by 1 (Step 22) and a return is made to Step 2b to make a summary display of the next message. When all n messages have been displayed, $i = n$ (Step 21) and the summary display routine ends.

The flow chart of Figure 13 illustrates a technique by which various summary displays, such as Partial Displays, Key Word Displays, and Abbreviated Displays can be provided.

However, should other types of summary displays be desired, they can be provided. For example, a "Message Type Display" indicating the message topic or class may be needed. Or it may be desired to select key words from a message but change their order of appearance for the Key word Display, etc. The 00 code of Classification Area of Figure 4(a) could be used to indicate such further displays, and the number of bits in Classification Area 2 expanded to provide the necessary additional codes.

In a selective paging receiver having the above described construction and operation, the received paging signals have control codes preceding the message information. The control codes enable only the principal items which tell the gist of the messages to be selected from the message contents. These appear in a summary display that fits within the limited display area of the display panel.

In practice, various summary displays, such as Partial Display, Key Word Display, Abbreviated Display, and Message Type Display, can be pro-

vided. Such summary displays enable the user to quickly grasp the gist of a number of relatively long received messages without having to repeatedly scroll the display to read through each message in its entirety.

Claims

1. A selective paging receiver with a message display means which is capable of receiving transmitted selective paging numbers and message data in the form of a bit stream for displaying messages to the user, said receiver comprising:
 - first memory means (300) for storing message fragment data;
 - means (100) for identifying certain control bits in said bit stream;
 - means (100) for identifying particular message portions in said bit stream in response to said certain control bits;
 - means (100) for searching the stored message fragments for message fragments corresponding to the particular message portions;
 - means (100) for combining found message fragments corresponding to the particular message portions with the remaining message portions which do not correspond to any one of said stored message fragments to produce a summary of the entire message in said bit stream; and
 - display means (90, 200) for displaying said summary of the entire message.
2. The receiver of claim 1 wherein said summary of the messages has at least one of the following forms: the partial form of the messages, the key word form of the messages, and the abbreviated form of the messages.
3. The receiver of claim 1 or 2 further comprising means for scrolling selected ones of said message data which are associated with a summary of message data that is selected by a user of said paging receiver, whereby said user is not required to read many message data which are of no interest to him.
4. The receiver of claim 3 wherein there are a plurality of said summary message formats, means responsive to a user action for selecting one of said plurality of formats, and means for displaying said summary in said user selected format.
5. The receiver of claim 4 comprising means (80) for giving the user a signal to indicate the presence of a message.
6. A method for conveying messages to a remote user of a paging receiver, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) prestoring a plurality of message fragments in a paging receiver;
 - (b) transmitting message data in the form of a bit stream to said paging receiver;
 - (c) identifying certain control bits in said bit stream and identifying particular message portions in said bit stream in response to said certain control bits;
 - (d) searching the stored message fragments for message fragments corresponding to the particular message portions;
 - (e) combining found message fragments corresponding to the particular message portions with the remaining message portions which do not correspond to any one of said stored message fragments to produce a summary of the entire message in said bit stream; and
 - (f) displaying said summary of the entire message.
7. The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of enabling the user to select a format for said display of said message fragments.
8. The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of enabling said user to view a display of said entire message which is selected by said user, whereby a user may eliminate the need to read any of the entire messages except for said summaries of the entire messages.
9. The method of any of claims 6 to 8 further comprising the step of transmitting both control data and message data in said bit stream, and of performing the identifying step (c) in response to said control data.
10. The method of any of claims 6 to 9 further comprising the step of selecting one of many possible formats for displaying said message fragments.
11. The method of any of claims 6 to 10 further comprising the step of signalling said user that said summary of the entire message is being displayed.

Patentansprüche

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 - means (100) for combining found message fragments corresponding to the particular message portions with the remaining message portions which do not correspond to any one of said stored message fragments to produce a summary of the entire message in said bit stream; and
 - display means (90, 200) for displaying said summary of the entire message.
2. The receiver of claim 1 wherein said summary of the messages has at least one of the following forms: the partial form of the messages, the key word form of the messages, and the abbreviated form of the messages.
3. The receiver of claim 1 or 2 further comprising means for scrolling selected ones of said message data which are associated with a summary of message data that is selected by a user of said paging receiver, whereby said user is not required to read many message data which are of no interest to him.
4. The receiver of claim 3 wherein there are a plurality of said summary message formats, means responsive to a user action for selecting one of said plurality of formats, and means for displaying said summary in said user selected format.
5. The receiver of claim 4 comprising means (80) for giving the user a signal to indicate the presence of a message.
6. A method for conveying messages to a remote user of a paging receiver, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) prestoring a plurality of message fragments in a paging receiver;
 - (b) transmitting message data in the form of a bit stream to said paging receiver;
 - (c) identifying certain control bits in said bit stream and identifying particular message portions in said bit stream in response to said certain control bits;
 - (d) searching the stored message fragments for message fragments corresponding to the particular message portions;
 - (e) combining found message fragments corresponding to the particular message portions with the remaining message portions which do not correspond to any one of said stored message fragments to produce a summary of the entire message in said bit stream; and
 - (f) displaying said summary of the entire message.
7. The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of enabling the user to select a format for said display of said message fragments.
8. The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of enabling said user to view a display of said entire message which is selected by said user, whereby a user may eliminate the need to read any of the entire messages except for said summaries of the entire messages.
9. The method of any of claims 6 to 8 further comprising the step of transmitting both control data and message data in said bit stream, and of performing the identifying step (c) in response to said control data.
10. The method of any of claims 6 to 9 further comprising the step of selecting one of many possible formats for displaying said message fragments.
11. The method of any of claims 6 to 10 further comprising the step of signalling said user that said summary of the entire message is being displayed.

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1. Selektiver Personenrufempfänger mit einer Nachrichtenanzeigeeinrichtung zum Empfangen gesendeter selektiver Rufnummern und Nachrichtendaten in Form einer Bitfolge und zum Anzeigen von Nachrichten an den Benut-

zer, wobei der Empfänger aufweist:
 eine erste Speichereinrichtung (300) zur Speicherung von Nachrichtenfragmentdaten;
 eine Einrichtung (100) zur Identifizierung bestimmter Kontrollbits in der Bitfolge;
 eine Einrichtung (100) zur Identifizierung besonderer Nachrichtenteile in der Bitfolge in Abhängigkeit von den bestimmten Kontrollbits;
 eine Einrichtung (100) zum Durchsuchen der gespeicherten Nachrichtenfragmente nach Nachrichtenfragmenten, die zu den besonderen Nachrichtenteilen korrespondieren;
 eine Einrichtung (100) zum Verbinden gefundener Nachrichtenfragmente, die zu den besonderen Nachrichtenteilen korrespondieren, mit den verbleibenden Nachrichtenteilen, welche zu keinem der gespeicherten Nachrichtenfragmente korrespondieren, um eine Zusammenfassung der gesamten Nachricht in der Bitfolge zu erzeugen; und
 eine Anzeigeeinrichtung (90, 200) zur Anzeige der Zusammenfassung der gesamten Nachricht.

2. Empfänger nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Zusammenfassung der Nachrichten wenigstens eine der folgenden Formen besitzt: die Teilform der Nachrichten, die Schlüsselwortform der Nachrichten und die gekürzte Form der Nachrichten.

3. Empfänger nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, ferner umfassend: eine Einrichtung zum Abrollen von ausgewählten Nachrichtendaten, welche verknüpft sind mit einer Zusammenfassung von Nachrichtendaten, die von einem Benutzer des Personenrufempfängers ausgewählt wird, wodurch der Benutzer nicht viele Nachrichtendaten lesen muß, welche nicht von Interesse für ihn sind.

4. Empfänger nach Anspruch 3, welcher mehrere Zusammenfassungsnachrichtenformate, eine auf eine Benutzerhandlung ansprechende Einrichtung zur Auswahl eines der mehreren Formate und eine Einrichtung zum Anzeigen der Zusammenfassung in dem vom Benutzer gewählten Format aufweist.

5. Empfänger nach Anspruch 4, welcher eine Einrichtung (80) zur Signalabgabe an den Benutzer umfaßt, um die Anwesenheit einer Nachricht anzuzeigen.

6. Verfahren zur Übermittlung von Nachrichten an einen entfernten Benutzer eines Personenrufempfängers, wobei das Verfahren die folgenden Schritte umfaßt:

(a) Vorabspeichern mehrerer Nachrichtenfragmente in einem Personenrufempfänger;
 (b) Senden von Nachrichtendaten in Form einer Bitfolge an den Personenrufempfänger;
 (c) Identifizieren bestimmter Kontrollbits in der Bitfolge und Identifizieren besonderer Nachrichtenteile in der Bitfolge in Abhängigkeit von den bestimmten Kontrollbits;
 (d) Durchsuchen der gespeicherten Nachrichtenfragmente nach Nachrichtenfragmenten, die zu den besonderen Nachrichtenteilen korrespondieren;
 (e) Verbinden gefundener Nachrichtenfragmente, die zu den besonderen Nachrichtenteilen korrespondieren, mit den verbleibenden Nachrichtenteilen, welche zu keinem der gespeicherten Nachrichtenfragmente korrespondieren, um eine Zusammenfassung der gesamten Nachricht in der Bitfolge zu erzeugen, und
 (f) Anzeigen der Zusammenfassung der gesamten Nachricht.

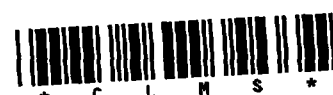
7. Verfahren nach Anspruch 6, ferner umfassend den Schritt, daß der Benutzer befähigt wird, ein Format für die Anzeige der Nachrichtenfragmente auszuwählen.

8. Verfahren nach Anspruch 7, ferner umfassend den Schritt, daß der Benutzer befähigt wird, eine Anzeige der gesamten Nachricht, welche vom Benutzer ausgewählt ist, anzusehen, wodurch ein Benutzer die Notwendigkeit beseitigen kann, irgendwelche der gesamten Nachrichten mit Ausnahme der Zusammenfassungen der gesamten Nachrichten zu lesen.

9. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 6 bis 8, ferner umfassend den Schritt, daß sowohl Kontrolldaten als auch Nachrichtendaten in der Bitfolge gesendet werden und daß der Identifizierungsschritt (c) in Abhängigkeit von den Kontrolldaten ausgeführt wird.

10. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 6 bis 9, ferner umfassend den Schritt, daß eines von vielen möglichen Formaten zur Anzeige der Nachrichtenfragmente ausgewählt wird.

11. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 6 bis 10, ferner umfassend den Schritt, daß dem Benutzer signalisiert wird, daß die Zusammenfassung der gesamten Nachricht angezeigt wird.



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Revendications

1. Récepteur sélectif de recherche de personnes avec un moyen d'affichage de messages qui est capable de recevoir des numéros de recherche de personnes sélectifs transmis et des données de messages sous forme d'un train de bits pour afficher des messages destinés à l'utilisateur, ledit récepteur comportant :
 - un premier moyen de mémoire (300) pour stocker des données de fragments de messages;
 - un moyen (100) pour identifier certains bits de commande dans ledit train de bits;
 - un moyen (100) pour identifier des parties particulières d'un message dans ledit train de bits en réponse auxdits certains bits de commande;
 - un moyen (100) pour rechercher les fragments de messages stockés pour des fragments de messages correspondant aux parties particulières de messages;
 - un moyen (100) pour combiner les fragments trouvés de messages correspondant aux parties particulières de messages avec les parties restantes de messages qui ne correspondent pas à l'un quelconque desdits fragments stockés de messages afin de produire un résumé du message entier dans ledit train de bits; et
 - un moyen de visualisation (90, 200) pour afficher ledit résumé du message entier.
2. Récepteur selon la revendication 1, dans lequel ledit résumé des messages a au moins l'une des formes suivantes : la forme partielle des messages, la forme mot-clé des messages, et la forme abrégée des messages.
3. Récepteur selon la revendication 1 ou 2, comprenant en outre un moyen pour dérouler des données sélectionnées parmi lesdites données de messages qui sont associées à un résumé des données de messages qui est sélectionné par un utilisateur dudit récepteur de recherche de personnes, d'où il résulte que ledit utilisateur n'a pas à lire beaucoup de données de messages qui ne présentent pas d'intérêt pour lui.
4. Récepteur selon la revendication 3, dans lequel il y a une multitude desdits format des messages du résumé, un moyen répondant à l'action d'un utilisateur pour sélectionner un format parmi ladite multitude de formats, et un moyen pour afficher ledit résumé dans ledit

format sélectionné par l'utilisateur.

5. Récepteur selon la revendication 4, comprenant un moyen (80) pour donner à l'utilisateur un signal pour indiquer la présence d'un message.
6. Procédé d'acheminement de messages à un utilisateur situé à distance d'un récepteur de recherche de personnes, ledit procédé comprenant les étapes consistant à :
 - (a) préstocker une multitude de fragments de messages dans un récepteur de recherche de personnes;
 - (b) transmettre des données de messages sous forme d'un train de bits audit récepteur de recherche de personnes;
 - (c) identifier certains bits de commande dans ledit train de bits et identifier des parties particulières de messages dans ledit train de bits en réponse auxdits certains bits de commande;
 - (d) rechercher les fragments stockés de messages en ce qui concerne des fragments de messages correspondant aux parties particulières de messages;
 - (e) combiner les fragments trouvés de messages qui correspondent aux parties particulières de messages avec les parties restantes de messages qui ne correspondent pas à l'un quelconque desdits fragments stockés de messages afin de produire un résumé du message entier dans ledit train de bits; et
 - (f) afficher ledit résumé du message entier.
7. Procédé selon la revendication 6, comprenant une autre étape consistant à permettre à l'utilisateur de sélectionner un format pour ledit affichage desdits fragments de messages.
8. Procédé selon la revendication 7, comprenant en outre l'étape consistant à permettre audit utilisateur de voir un affichage dudit message entier qui est sélectionné par ledit utilisateur, d'où il résulte qu'un utilisateur peut éliminer la nécessité de lire l'un quelconque des messages entiers à l'exception desdits résumés des messages entiers.
9. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 6 à 8 comprenant en outre l'étape consistant à transmettre les données de commande ainsi que les données de messages dans ledit train de bits, et à exécuter l'étape d'identification (c) en réponse auxdites données de commande.



10. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 6 à 9, comprenant en outre l'étape consistant à sélectionner l'un de nombreux formats possibles pour afficher lesdits fragments de message.

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11. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 6 à 10, comprenant en outre l'étape consistant à signaler audit utilisateur que ledit résumé du message entier est affiché.

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