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Method and Apparatus for Operating a Computer-Based File System

Abstract

A computer-based file system includes files which may have one or more data streams associated therewith. The files are accessed using a base name and the associated data stream(s) are accessed using a prefix and/or a suffix of the base name. For example, the base name may be used to select a data file while the prefix and/or suffix may be used to access data streams which, illustratively, may include information used by the file system in the processing of the data file. Using this file naming structure enables the file system to handle the base name file and its associated data streams together as one file using the standard file commands.

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