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(57) Abstract: A method and system of distributing data is provided. A system for data distributing data may include an update unit adapted to receive data from a remote data supplier, a catalog system adapted to send selected data to a remote user and an administration unit which received administration information from an administrator, wherein the reception of data from the data supplier and the sending of selected data to the user by the catalog unit is controlled based on the administration information. Data suppliers may register to provide data in advance and the supplied registration information may be used to authenticate the data supplier prior to receiving data from the data supplier. Users may also register to use the system and the user registration information they provide may be used to authenticate a user prior to sending data to the user. The system may be embodied as a group of web services which are linked together to perform the data distribution function. The system may communicate with the data suppliers, users and an administrator via the network using XML messages, for example.