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DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION

5 However, the input of the regular search condition via the screen may be troublesome for the user in the current trend in which the free word search is the leading method used.

10 Accordingly, according to one aspect, it is an object to provide a search method and an information managing apparatus that can improve the operation ease of the search related to the information having a plurality of items.

15 MEANS OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM

 According to one proposal, a search method to be implemented in a computer which performs a process to search searching information including a plurality of items ~~that are targets of information~~
20 | ~~search~~, includes, in response to receiving a search request for the searching information, comparing one or more first character strings stored in a storage in a related manner to information related to a source of the search request, and a second character
25 string specified in the search request, in order to judge the item corresponding to the second character string based on a result of the comparing; and searching the searching information using the second character string as a search condition related to
30 the item that is judged as corresponding to the second character string.

EFFECTS OF THE INVENTION

35 According to one embodiment, the operation ease of the search related to the information having a plurality of items can be improved.

CLAIMS

1. A search method to be implemented in a computer which performs a process to search
5 | searching information including a plurality of items-
| ~~that are targets of information search~~, the process comprising:

in response to receiving a search request for the searching information, comparing one or more
10 | first character strings stored in a storage in a
| related manner to information related to a source of the search request, and a second character string specified in the search request, in order to judge the item corresponding to the second character
15 | string based on a result of the comparing; and

searching the searching information using the second character string as a search condition related to the item that is judged as corresponding to the second character string.

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2. The search method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage stores one or more character
25 | strings in a related manner to information that
| identifies a user at a source of the search request or a terminal at the source of the search request.

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3. The search method as claimed in claim
| 2, characterized in that the one or more first
| character strings stored in the storage are
35 | information related to an address received from the
| user or the terminal.

4. An information managing apparatus characterized in that there are provided:

~~a search request accepting part configured to receive a search request for searching information including a plurality of items that are targets of information search;~~

a processing circuit; and

~~a storage configured to store one or more first character strings in a related manner to information related to a source of the search request; and~~

memory,

wherein the processing circuit performs a process including

receiving a search request for searching information including a plurality of items that are targets of information search, wherein the memory is configured to store one or more first character strings in a related manner to information related to a source of the search request,

~~an item judging part configured to judge~~judging, based on a result of comparing the one or more first character strings stored in the ~~storage~~ memory and a second character string specified in the search request, the item corresponding to the second character string, and ~~to generate~~generating a search condition in which the second character string is used as a search keyword corresponding to the item that is judged as corresponding to the second character string.

5. The information managing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ~~storage~~ memory stores one or more character strings in a related manner to information that identifies a user at a source of the request source or a terminal at the source of the search request.

6. The information managing apparatus as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that ~~there is further provided:~~
the process further includes

~~a user-related information registering part configured to store~~storing information related to an

address received from the user or the terminal in
the storage-memory as the one or more character
strings stored.