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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ANALYZING NAMES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of Invention

The invention pertains to a method and system for analyzing names with the help of a computer system.

Related Art

Among all fortune-telling technologies, name analysis is the easiest and most popular among members of the public. Recently, many excellent scholars have devoted themselves to researching name analysis and the knowledge there of has become more and more complete.

In conventional name analysis, in predicting the fortune of a name, one has to first count the brush strokes used in writing each character in the name so as to obtain the "five characters" and the configuration of the "three entities" of the name. The "five characters" are the "whole character (which represents fortune regarding work)", the "sky character (which represents talent)", the "human character (which represents personality)", the "ground character (which represents fortune regarding family)" and the "outer character (which represents fortune regarding friends)" respectively, and each of them corresponds to a different combination of brush strokes in the characters that make up the name. The configuration of the "three entities" is the combination of the "sky character", the "human character" and the "ground character". The "five characters" and the "three entities" are then correlated and analyzed according to interactions of the five elements (metal, wood, water, fire and earth) to see if the name is good or bad. This method uses an immense system and the relationships among the five characters and the three entities are very complicated. Under such circumstances, it is already difficult to determine whether a given name bodes well or ill, not to mention that it is even more difficult and complicated to create a new name. Therefore,

one common solution is to simplify the procedure by considering only some portion of the five characters and the three entities when analyzing or giving a name . This method can simplify the complexity of the name analysis, but obviously the accuracy of the analysis will be lowered too.

Furthermore, the usual naming method is also intended to provide the fortuneteller with a set of preferred names as references. However, since there are many possible combinations, it is possible that some better ones may be missed.

A person's name is his identity, and having a good or bad one is certainly a concern of most people. How to increase the accuracy of name analysis and to provide a better name combination have become important issues.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In view of the foregoing, it is then an object of the invention to provide a method and system for analyzing names which can simultaneously take into account the configuration of the five characters and the three entities while making up a name so as to increase the accuracy of determining whether the name bodes well or ill. The user is allowed to obtain a preferred name combination following simple operations.

To achieve the above object, the method for analyzing names of the disclosed invention comprises an analysis procedure, a selection procedure, a user requirement input procedure and an output procedure. The analysis procedure analyzes a name; the selection procedure stores the name that satisfies a predetermined condition into a name database; the user requirement input procedure accepts at least one condition input by the user; and the output procedure selects an ideal name from the name database following the condition input by the user and outputs, in a predetermined way, the selected name for a user to reference.

Another embodiment of the invention is a name analysis system which comprises a storage device, an analysis device, an input device and an output device. The storage device stores a name database; the analysis device performs an analysis upon a name using an

analysis program and stores the name in the name database when the name satisfies a predetermined condition; the input device receives at least one condition input by the user; and according to the conditions given by the user, the output device outputs, in a predetermined way, an ideal name selected from the name database for the user to reference.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description given in the illustrations below and are not intended to limit the invention.

FIG. **1** is a flow chart showing the name analysis method according to the invention;

FIG. **2** is a flow chart showing the analysis procedure in the name analysis method according to the invention; and

FIG. **3** is a schematic structure of the name analysis system according to the invention.

In the various drawings, the same references relate to the same elements.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring to FIG. **1**, the name analysis method **10** in a preferred embodiment of the invention performs an analysis on all names by following an analysis procedure **11** so as to obtain preferred names. In the analysis procedure **11**, a table is employed to compute the configuration of the "whole character", "sky character", "human character", "ground character" and the three entities. The table stores the relationships among all possible numbers of brush strokes, the whole character, the human character and the three entities. Therefore, after counting the brush strokes of each character in the name, a first parameter, a second parameter and a third parameter corresponding to the good or bad fortunes of the whole character, the human character and the three entities can be obtained. The analysis procedure **11** will be explained in more detail later.

After the first parameter, the second parameter and the third parameter of a name are

obtained, the selection procedure **12** starts. If the first, second and third parameters of a name satisfy a predetermined condition, the name is considered an ideal name and is stored in a name database. This can select names auguring well from all the possible combinations. For example, the good or bad fortunes can be categorized into ten different levels numbered from 1 through 10, wherein 1 is the worst and 10 is the best. Then different configurations of the whole character, the human character and the three entities are given corresponding levels which are stored in a first table, a second table and a third table. Thus, when the first, second and third parameters of a name are all greater than 7, the name is considered an ideal name and stored in the name database. Of course, the name analysis method disclosed herein is not limited to the aforementioned ten levels of good or bad fortunes. The definitions of the first, second and third parameters can be different. The selection rule need not be limited to the same threshold for all the three parameters as long as the object of the invention is achieved.

After the selection procedure **12**, when a user wants to perform the name analysis using the invention, the user requirement input procedure **13** starts. The user can input some limiting conditions on the name. For example, the family name is fixed or certain words must be in the name.

Finally, the output procedure 14 finds an ideal name that satisfies the conditions input by the user and outputs it in a predetermined way to the user for his reference.

Each step in the analysis procedure **11** is further described hereinafter with reference to FIG. **2**.

First, the number of brush strokes of all the characters in the name is counted to obtain a first number of brush strokes, *i.e.*, the whole character of the name, as in step **111** of counting the first number of brush strokes.

A second number of brush strokes is obtained as the sky character of the name in step **112** of counting the second number of brush strokes. This step is perform as follows: if the family name has only one character, then the second number of brush strokes is the number of

brush strokes in the family name plus one; if the family name has two or more characters, then it is the sum of the numbers of brush strokes of the two characters. For example, if the family name is the single Chinese character "Lin", then the second number of brush strokes, the sky character, is 9, which is the 8 brush strokes in "Lin" plus 1. If the family name is the double Chinese characters "Si-Ma", then the sky character is 15, the sum of the 5 brush strokes in "Si" and the 10 brush strokes in "Ma". Furthermore, if the family name is an English name "Ford", then the sky character is 3+1+3+2=9.

The numbers of the brush strokes corresponding to each English letter are defined as follows:

A: 3	F: 3	K: 3	P: 2	U: 1	Z: 1
B: 2	G: 3	L: 1	Q: 2	V: 1	
C: 1	H: 3	M: 2	R: 3	W: 1	
D: 2	I: 1	N: 3	S: 1	X: 2	
E: 3	J: 2	O: 1	T: 2	Y: 2	

The number of brush strokes in the last character of the family name plus the number of brush strokes in the first character of the given name gives a third number of brush strokes, the human character of the name, in step **113** of counting the third number of brush strokes.

A fourth number of brush strokes is obtained as the ground character of the name in step **114** of counting the fourth number of brush strokes. This step is as follows: if the given name has only one Chinese character such as "Guang", then the fourth number of brush strokes is the 6 brush strokes in "Guang" plus 1; if the given name has two Chinese characters such as "Xiao-Ming", then it is the sum of the 3 brush strokes in "Xiao" and the 8 brush strokes in "Ming". Furthermore, if the given name is an English name "Henry", then the ground character is 3+3+3+3+2=10.

In the comparison step **115**, the good and bad fortunes of all sorts of whole characters are classified and assigned with different parameters and all stored in a table. For different first

number of brush strokes, the corresponding first parameters can be found in the table that determines its good fortune. Similar to the whole character, different human characters are also classified and assigned with different parameters and all stored in the same table. So for different third number of brush strokes, the corresponding second parameters can be found in the table to determine its good fortune. Furthermore, the combination of the second, third and fourth numbers of brush strokes, *i.e.* the combination of the sky character, human character and ground character as the configuration of the three entities, also has its corresponding parameter in the same table. So the third parameter corresponding to the good fortune of the configuration of the three entities can be obtained from the table.

It is noted that each step of the above-mentioned analysis procedure **11** can be switched or even combined according to practical needs without affecting the process. For example, the step **111** of counting the first number of brush strokes can be the second step of the analysis procedure **11**. And the table can be divided into two or three tables that are stored in different storage devices or recording media, depending upon the practical needs, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to FIG. **3**, the name analysis system **20** in a preferred embodiment of the invention comprises a storage device **21**, an analysis device **22**, an input device **23** and an output device **24**. The storage device **21** stores a name database **211** and a table **212**. The analysis device **22** performs the above-mentioned analysis procedure **11** and the selection procedure **12** in the name analysis method **10**, analyzes a name with reference to the content of the table **212**, and stores the name in the name database when it satisfies a predetermined condition. The input device **23** allows the user to input the conditions he wants to impose on the name and sends these conditions to the analysis device **22** to find an ideal name satisfying the conditions from the name database **211**. The output device **24** outputs the selected ideal name in a predetermined way to the user for his reference.

It is also noted that in the current embodiment, the data in the name database **211** and the table **212** are stored within the same storage device **21**. In practice, they can be stored in

different storage devices. For example, they can be stored on different hard disk drives. Or the name database **211** can be stored on a hard disk drive while the table **212** can be stored in the memory of the computer. Further, the table **212** can be divided into a plurality of tables without affecting the operation of the name analysis system of the invention.

The method and system for analyzing names according to the invention will parameterize all sorts of good and bad fortune in relation to names. Therefore, the good and bad fortune of different names can be quickly and accurately determined. Furthermore, many analysis bases are simultaneously employed (*e.g.* the whole character, the human character and the configuration of the three entities), so the names selected would not be superior in some respects while inferior in others. In other words, the names generated by the method and system for analyzing names disclosed herein bodes well for all aspects.

The disclosed name analysis method and system use an analysis procedure with higher accuracy to find ideal names and store them in a name database. Therefore, the user needs only to enter the conditions for the name and then he can obtain preferred names superior in the whole character, the human character and the configuration of the three entities. That is, the method and system of the invention are not only simple to use, but also will not miss names that augur well for the user.

Due to the feature of parameterization, the disclosed method and system of the invention can be readily implemented on hardware resources. For example, the storage device and the analysis device can be stored separately on two servers or on the same server. The input device and the output device can be a user terminal computer, which is connected to the server through the Internet, a local network or other transmission methods.

Although the invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, this description should not be construed in a limiting sense. Various modifications of the disclosed embodiments, as well as alternative embodiments, will be apparent to persons skilled in the art. It is, therefore, contemplated that the appended claims will cover all modifications that fall within the true scope of the invention.

CLAIMS



What is claimed is:

1. A name analysis method for performing name analysis with reference to a table having a corresponding parameter for each possible number of brush strokes, which method comprises:

an analysis procedure comprising a step of counting a first number of brush strokes by adding up all the numbers of brush strokes of all characters in the name; a step of counting a second number of brush strokes by adding 1 to the number of brush strokes in the family name when it has only a single character and adding together the numbers of brush strokes in the family name when it has more than two characters; a step of counting a third number of brush strokes by adding together the numbers of brush strokes of the first and last characters in the name; a step of counting a fourth number of brush strokes by adding 1 to the number of brush strokes in the given name when it has only a single character and adding together the number of brush strokes in the given name when it has more than one character; and a comparison step of checking the table to obtain a first, second and third parameters corresponding to the first number of brush strokes, the second number of brush strokes and the combination of the second, third and fourth numbers of brush strokes, respectively;

a selection procedure, which stores a name in a name database if the first, second and third parameters of the name obtained from the analysis procedure are all greater than a predetermined threshold;

a user requirement input procedure, which receives at least one condition from the user; and

an output procedure, which finds from the name database ideal names that satisfy the condition given by the user and outputs them in a predetermined way

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to the user for his reference.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined way in the output procedure is to randomly output some of the ideal names that satisfy the condition to the user.

3. A name analysis system, which comprises:

a storage device, which stores a name database and a table having a corresponding parameter for each possible number of brush strokes;

an analysis device, which perform analysis on a name using an analysis procedure and stores the name in the name database if it satisfies a predetermined condition; therein the analysis procedure comprises a step of counting a first number of brush strokes by adding up all the numbers of brush strokes of all characters in the name; a step of counting a second number of brush strokes by adding 1 to the number of brush strokes in the family name when it has only a single character and adding together the number of brush strokes in the family name when it has two characters; a step of counting a third number of brush strokes by adding together the number of brush strokes of the first and last characters in the name; a step of counting a fourth number of brush strokes by adding 1 to the number of brush strokes in the given name when it has only a single character and adding together the numbers of brush strokes in the given name when it has more than one character; and a comparison step of checking the table to obtain first, second and third parameters corresponding to the first number of brush strokes, the second number of brush strokes and the combination of the second, third and fourth numbers of brush strokes, respectively, and the predetermined condition is that the first, second and third parameters are greater than a predetermined threshold;

an input device, which received at least one condition from the user and transmits the condition to the analysis device; and

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an output device, which finds from the name database ideal names that satisfy the condition given by the user and outputs them in a predetermined way to the user for his reference.

4. The system according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined way when outputting the ideal names is to randomly output some of the ideal names that satisfy the condition to the user.