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We've found that the E-Patent Reference Tool works fine from a stand-alone PC with a simple DSL connection.

In the enterprise environment, however, we've noticed that the E-Patent Reference Tool software is lacking. The software, as currently written by the USPTO, doesn't take advantage of the manual proxy settings afforded now by JAVA Web Start 1.4.2. Our router, like many router configurations, blocks all outbound port 80 web traffic except for traffic that has first passed through the PROXY server. We therefore configure all of our IP enabled applications (and our web browsers) to use a PROXY server so that the traffic can then make it through to the web. It makes for tight security without (usually) limiting any access at all to any sites.

E-Patent Reference 1.0 , however, fails in this scenario. It loses connection to the destination server because the JAVA application (as it is currently written) does not arrive at our outbound router via our PROXY server. (Again, the JAVA app needs to be able to transport via a PROXY server in order to make it through the router to the firewall and then to the web.)

According to JAVA, with regard to JAVA runtime environment 1.4.2, they do in fact allow 3rd parties (i.e. the USPTO) to write applications that take advantage of the manual PROXY settings in Java Web Start 1.4.2. For this reason, we would like the E-Patent Reference Tool to be upgraded to take advantage of this functionality that is now available in JAVA. Our router and firewall configuration is not at all unique. We are certain that other enterprise-sized law firms will also benefit from this proposed upgrade.

The question: Has anyone found a workaround for this deficiency in the reference tool application ?

Sincerely,

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