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**Case Number:** T 1818/07 - 3.5.01  
**Application Number:** 01310544.0  
**Publication Number:** 1235144  
**IPC:** G06F 17/30, G 06F 9/44, G06F 9/45  
**Language of the proceedings:** EN

**Title of invention:**

Methods and apparatus for grammar-based recognition of user-  
interface objects in HTML applications

**Applicant:**

Global Knowledge Network, Inc.

**Opponent:**

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**Headword:**

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**Relevant legal provisions:**

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**Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):**

EPC Art. 108  
EPC R. 65(1)

**Keyword:**

"Missing statement of grounds of appeal"

**Decisions cited:**

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**Catchword:**

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**DECISION  
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.01  
of 29 May 2008**

**Appellant:** Global Knowledge Network, Inc.  
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**Decision under appeal:** Decision of the Examining Division of the  
European Patent Office posted 7 May 2007  
refusing European application  
No. 01310544.0 pursuant to Article 97(1)  
EPC 1973.

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairman:** S. Steinbrener  
**Members:** R. R. K. Zimmermann  
A. Pignatelli

### **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

I. The appellant contests the decision of the examining division of the European Patent Office dated 7 May 2007 refusing European patent application No. 01310544.0 .

The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 16 July 2007 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.  
The notice of appeal contains an auxiliary request for oral proceedings.

A written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was not filed within the four-month time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC 1973. Nor did the notice of appeal contain anything that might be considered as such statement.

II. In a communication dated 20 November 2007, the Board informed the appellant that no statement setting out the grounds of appeal had been received and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The appellant was informed that any observations should be filed within two months.

III. In a letter dated 14 December 2007 the appellant confirmed that no statement setting out the grounds of appeal had been filed.  
In the same letter the appellant declared that the request for oral proceedings had not been intended to apply to any question of inadmissibility of the appeal.  
The appellant filed no further observations in response to said communication.

### **Reasons for the Decision**

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC 1973, the appeal is inadmissible pursuant to Rule 65(1) EPC 1973.

### **Order**

**For these reasons it is decided that:**

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar

The Chairman

T. Buschek

S. Steinbrener