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(54) **REPRESENTING DOCUMENT OPTIONS, PROPERTIES AND BACKWARDS COMPATIBILITY SETTINGS USING A MARKUP LANGUAGE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed towards representing the native document settings of an application in a markup language such as XML. Applications that are capable of parsing the markup language are then able to parse the saved document settings and handle the document accordingly. Document settings saved in XML are human-readable, which simplifies maintenance of the document by humans.

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