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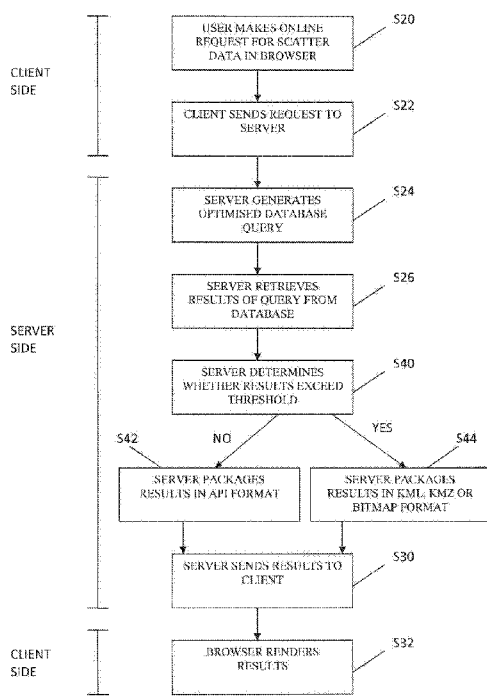


Fig. 3

(57) Abstract: A method for displaying ship locations on a map is disclosed. The method comprises generating a database query for ship locations requested in a data request received from a client device via a network and retrieving results of the query from a location database using the generated database query, the results including the requested ship locations. The location database contains a plurality of records and each record includes at least information identifying a ship and a location of the ship. The method also includes packaging the results of the query in one of Keyhole Markup Language (KML), compressed KML (KMZ) and bitmap format and sending the packaged results of the query to the client device. A system for displaying ship locations on a map is also disclosed.

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