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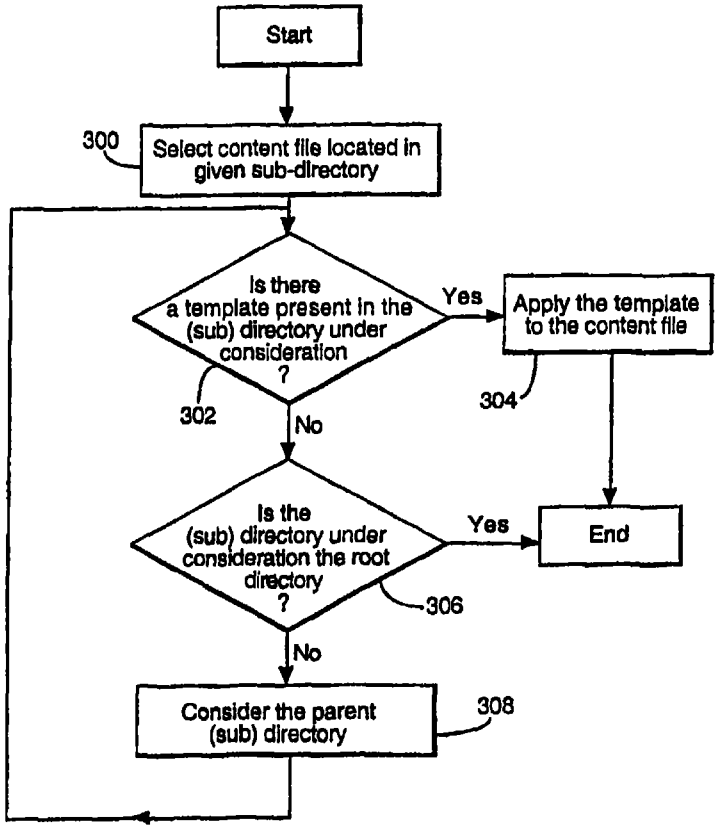
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(54) Title: DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT METHOD AND TOOL

(57) Abstract

A method and tool for the management of documents stored in a computer file system is provided. Such management is performed through the application of templates to the documents, each template being effective, when applied to a document, to carry out a pre-determined operation on the document. Typically, at the present day, the association of templates with documents is achieved through the inclusion of instructions within the documents. These instructions will then require re-editing when the template is to be changed. In contrast the invention associates templates with directories. The method and tool are effective to apply the one or more templates associated with a given directory to content files stored within that directory to produce templated versions of the content files. Should the template applied in the templated file be required to be changed however, instead of having to re-edit the templated file, the changed template may be associated with the directory in which the content file is stored and the method re-executed through re-running of the tool. Alternatively, the content file could be moved to a directory in which the changed template is already associated and the method re-executed through the re-running of the tool. A particularly advantageous application to the creation and management of Web sites is disclosed.



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