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(54) Title: **VIRTUAL PRINTER**

(57) Abstract

A work station user selects a desired printer default configuration (24 and 26). Thereupon an address exclusively associated with the selected default configuration (24 and 26) is appended to the print data sent from the work station (12 and 14) to the printer (16). Default configuration (24 and 26) setting circuitry provided, e.g., in a circuit card (22) installed in the printer (16) receives the address and, via a look-up table, provides instructions for implementing the default configuration (24 and 26) associated with the address. The printer (16) is then configured in accordance with the selected default configuration (24 and 26).

