UNIVERSAL WEB SHOPPING CART AND METHOD OF ON-LINE TRANSACTION PROCESSING

ABSTRACT

A method of purchasing products and services on-line using a computer network. The method begins by initiating from the client (10) two or more independent transaction sessions, each of the independent transaction sessions established as a connection between the client and one of the plurality of servers (12) is active. During each independent transaction session, transaction information is collected at the client (10) to facilitate a purchase of products and services after the connection between the client (10) and the server (12) is closed and the transaction session is completed. According to the invention, the transaction information is maintained persistent across multiple independent transaction sessions. At a given time, for example, after all Web sites have been visited and the information gathered, the transaction information (as originally collected and/or as filtered, updated or enhanced) is then used to effect a purchase of given products and services.

Fig. 1