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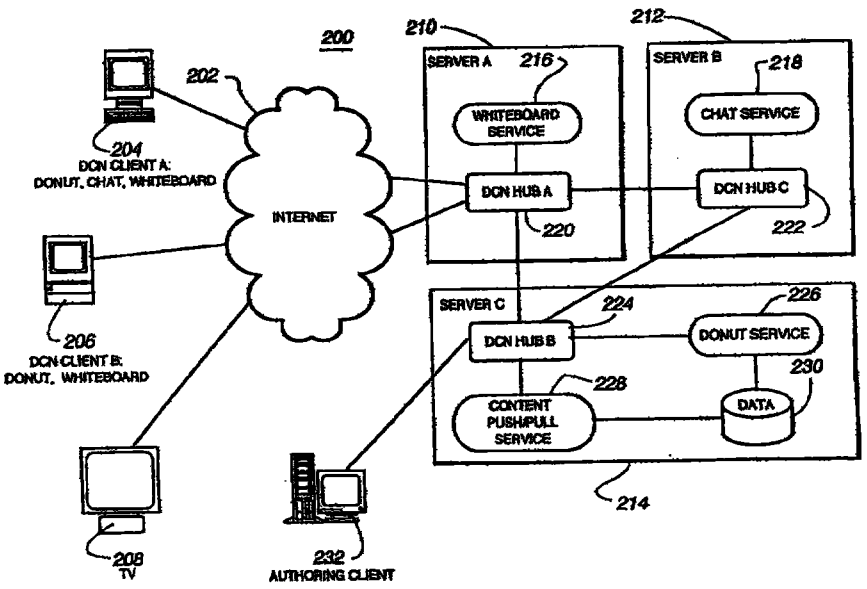
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(57) Abstract: A distributed community network (200) for providing services to an arbitrarily large community of end users (204, 206, 208) by distributing the load among many machines. The network uses hubs (220, 222, 224) on the machines for routing packets. The packets include content for the machines based upon a particular network service, such as a chat service (218) for permitting users to interact in chat rooms or a push/pull service (228) for pushing content to the user machines either directly or based upon information received from the users.

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