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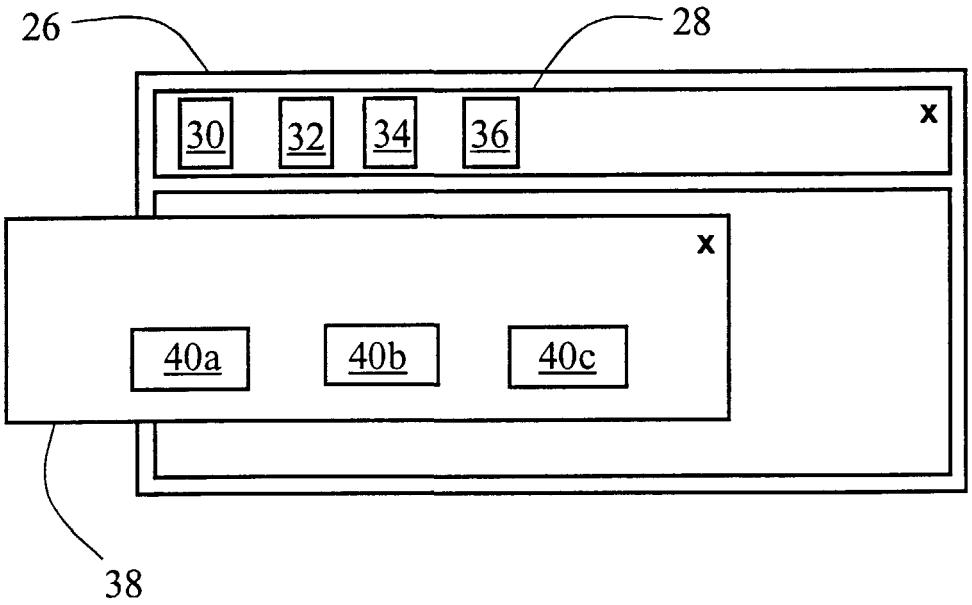
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method and apparatus for controlling the use of or access to electronic content, the method comprising the steps of: specifying for the content a cost expressed in terms of computing units; selling to a user a number of the computing units; and permitting the user to use or access the content as long as the user has a positive balance of the computing units.

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