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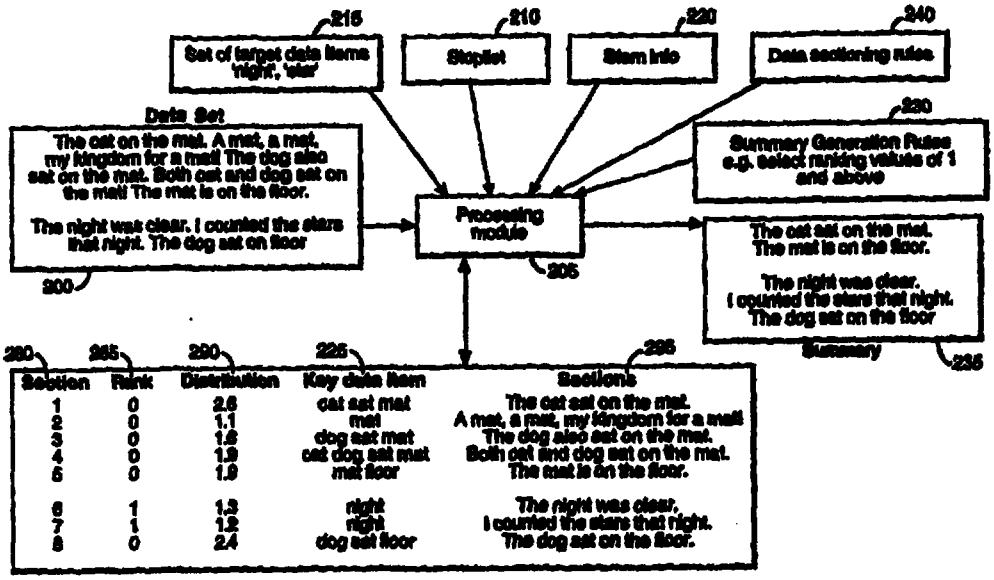
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(57) Abstract

According to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a system for summarising data sets comprising: a first data store for target data items; means for dividing said data set into sections and for comparing each said section against said target data items; means for calculating a ranking value for each said section dependent on the outcome of a said comparisons; and means for compiling a summary of the data set from sections having a ranking value past a pre-determined threshold value. According to a further aspect of the present invention a method of summarising a data set input to processing apparatus having a data store for target information is provided; the method comprising the steps of 1) dividing said data set into sections; 2) comparing said sections against said target information; 3) calculating a ranking value for each said section dependent on the outcome of said comparison; 4) compiling a summary of the data set from sections having a ranking value past a pre-determined threshold value.