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(57) Abstract

Apparatus for input into a data processing system, comprising input means, processing means, storage means and graphical display means, in which said input means comprises input means arranged to input a free–form source document and said processing means is arranged to parse said source document to locate semantically meaningful entities therein and to store corresponding content data in said storage means; characterised in that said graphical display means is arranged to generate a visual representation of said source document in which said semantically meaningful entities are represented by pictorial elements.