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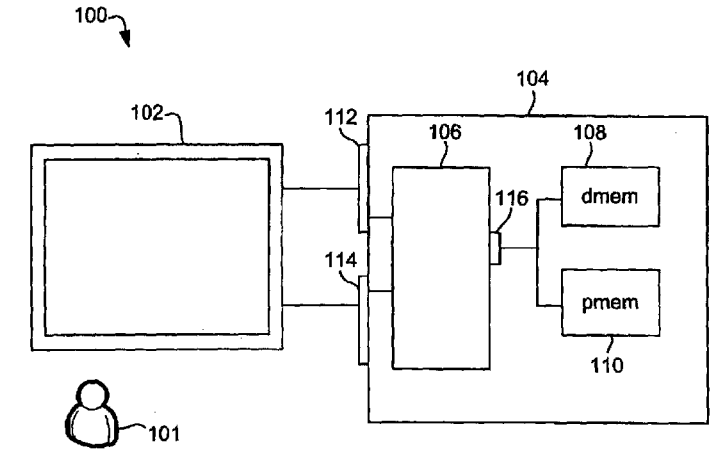


Fig. 1

(57) **Abstract**: This invention concerns a control system that makes use of a computer user interface to control a process having a plurality of different stages of operation, in particular a multi-stage legal process. The system comprises a computer memory that stores a decision tree having a network of interconnected nodes, each of which represents a stage of the multi-stage process. The system further includes historical patterns of entries made by users and a plurality of different types of resource information for each stage of the multi-stage process. In use, each node requires an input to satisfy specified criterion, in response to which, one of the downstream nodes is automatically selected and the computer screen is updated. Input is made by a user either directly or automatically as determined by a selected historical pattern of entries.

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