



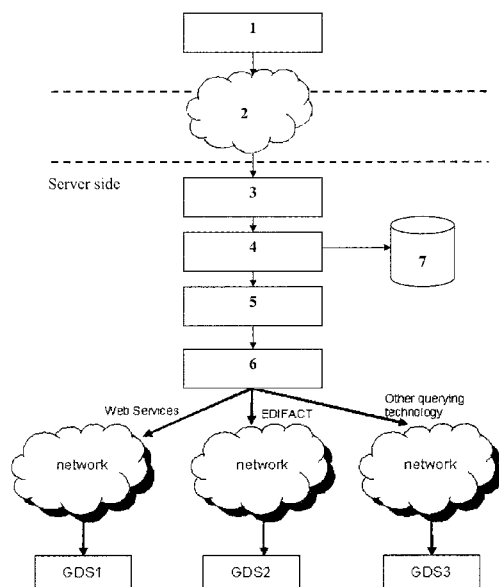
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(54) **Title:** METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING A SEARCH REQUEST**Fig. 3**

(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to a method and system for processing a search request. A search request comprising a sequence of data strings and representing a plurality of search parameters is received. The strings are parsed and the search request is interpreted so as to define search parameters by recognizing items reflecting search criteria within the sequence of data strings. A query is built based on the result of the preceding process and at least one travel data service can be interrogated. This improves the search for information based on free-text input from the user. Application to methods for travel data service interrogation and to search engines.