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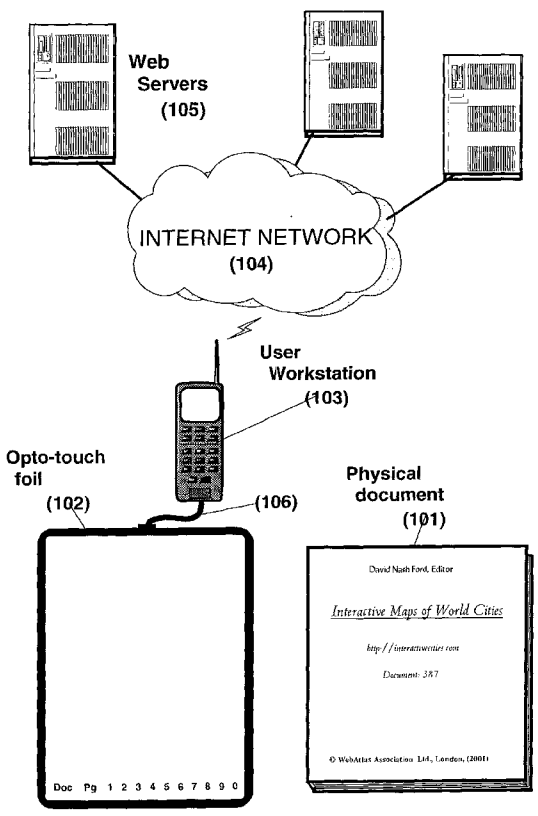
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS FROM A PHYSICAL DOCUMENT AND FOR DISPLAYING SAID ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS OVER SAID PHYSICAL DOCUMENT



Main components of the invention

(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a system and a method for selecting, accessing and retrieving directly from a physical (i.e., hard-copy) document, hypertext documents located on a user workstation or on one or a plurality of servers connected to a communication network, and for displaying the retrieved hypertext documents over said physical document. The information is accessed by the user simply by touching with a finger items (i.e., words, letters, symbols, pictures, icons, ...) that are highlighted on an electronic hypertext document displayed over the physical document. The method, for use in a user system comprises the steps of: - identifying a physical document, this physical document comprising one or a plurality of pages; - identifying a page of said physical document; - identifying and locating an electronic document associated with the identified page referring to a document hyperlink table; said document hyperlink table comprising for each page of the physical document the identification and location of an electronic document; - accessing and retrieving the electronic document associated with the identified page; - displaying the retrieved electronic document by means of an opto-touch foil placed over the identified page.

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