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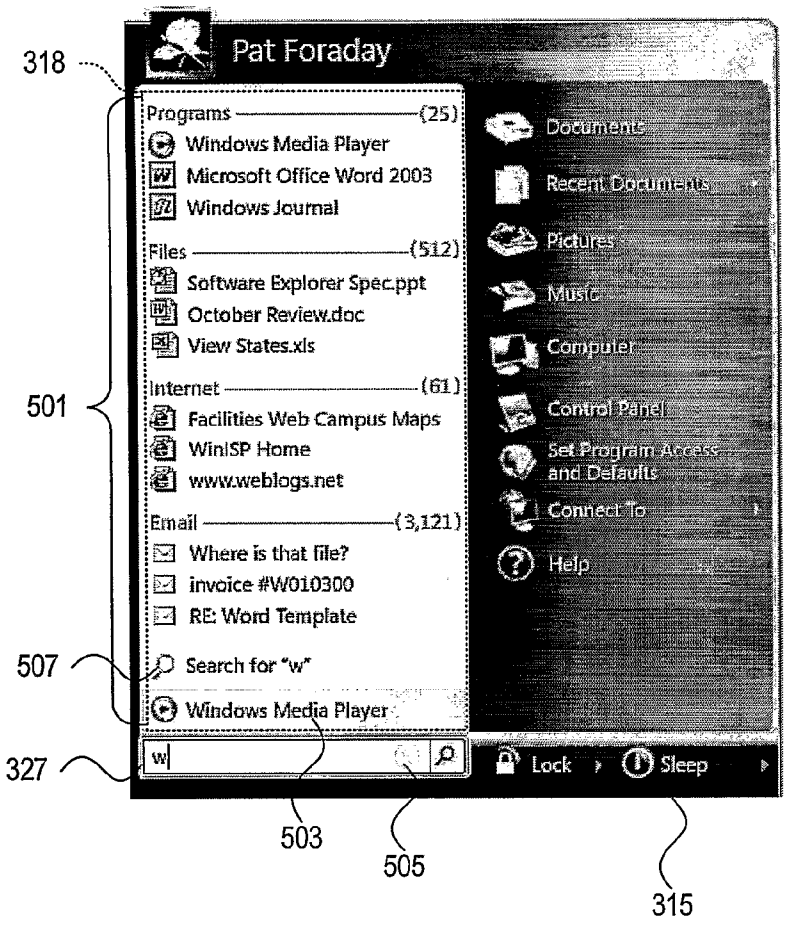
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(57) Abstract: An operating system program launch menu [315], such as a Start menu [327], provides various mechanisms for a user to quickly and efficiently locate and launch desired data items such as programs, data files, storage locations, and the like. A search box [505] within the program launch menu [315] may be used to quickly locate programs, documents, communications, and other data items. An auto-complete feature may be used, e.g., when the user restricts the locations searched for the user-entered search text. A most commonly used program list may include programs based on various criteria including both frequency of use and recent use, thereby always including a most recently used item. An all programs view may display programs and documents in a hosted-tree view within the original confines of the program launch menu [315], thereby negating the need to open sub-menus on top of a large portion of the desktop [303] displayed on the display device.

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