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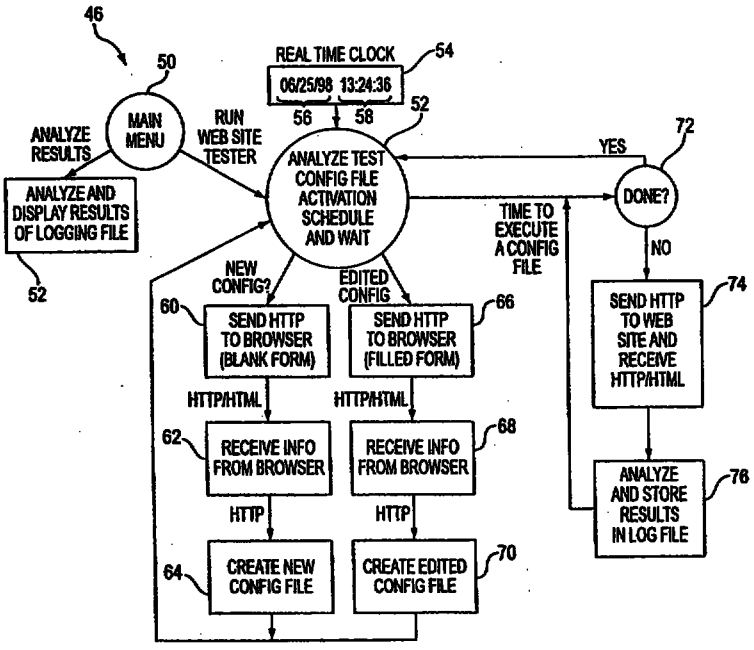
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A method (46) for testing a web site (14) includes formulating a test configuration file (172) including a series of test inquiries (174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184) for a web site (14) to be tested, initiating an HTTP communication to form a connection with the web site (14), and repetitively communicating with the web site (14) to test for a variety of errors. The repetitive communication preferably includes receiving HTML from the web site, analyzing the HTML for errors and storing results in the database, and formulating a new HTTP communication based upon the received HTML and the test configuration file. Preferably, the test configuration file (172) is created by sending HTML comprising a blank testing form to a web browser (48), receiving HTTP from the web browser (48) as a submission from the HTML testing form, and developing the test configuration file (172) from the HTTP.

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