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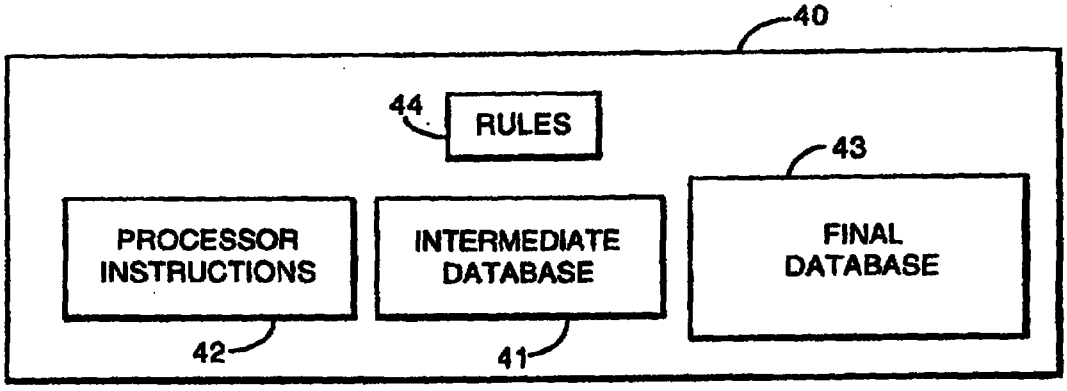
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(57) Abstract

The invention provides a method and apparatus for building a telecommunications network database (43) from an existing network database (34). In the method the existing network database is processed to extract data which is then stored in an intermediate database (41). The intermediate database (41) has a structure which is different to the structure of the existing network database. The intermediate network database is then processed to produce a final database (43) which can be used in a network management system. Less processing effort is required to produce an intermediate database (43) and then to derive from it the final database (43), than would be the case if the final database (43) were to be derived directly from the existing database.