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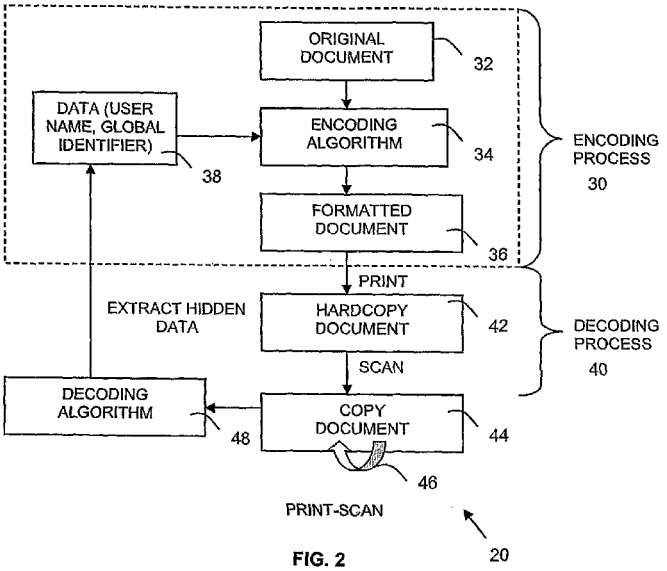


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: A method and system for embedding covert data in a text document using space encoding. The space encoding changes the inter-word spacing and/or inter-character spacing within a text row to a particular format such that the data is essentially visually hidden in the text document.

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