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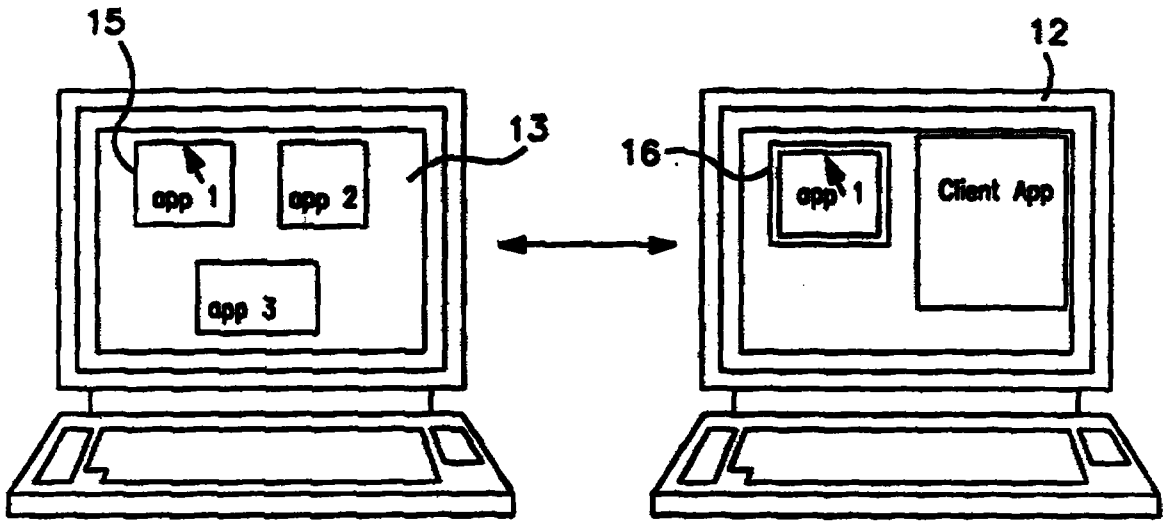
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(57) Abstract

Method and apparatus for task based application sharing in a graphic user interface such as for Windows® are provided. A host user designates an application to be shared, referred to as a shared applications (14 in Fig. 2). Another user at a remote location, referred to as the client user, shares control of the shared application (16 in Fig. 2). The shared application runs and executes only on the host system. The client system has a rectangular area on the display screen within which all shared applications are displayed (Fig. 7). The client system renders an image of all windows of a shared application including pop-up dialogs and menus without also displaying unshared applications. Further, both the client and the host users continue to perform normal operations outside of the shared rectangular area, and the host user defines the tasks which are to be shared.

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