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(54) **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND SYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITH MENU GENERATION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An information management and synchronous communications system and method facilitates database equilibrium and synchronization with wired, wireless and Web-based systems, user-friendly and efficient generation of computerized menus and reservations for restaurant and other applications that utilize equipment with nonstandard graphical formats, display size and application for use in remote data entry, information management and communication with host computer, digital input device or remote pager via standard hardwired connection, the internet, a wireless link.

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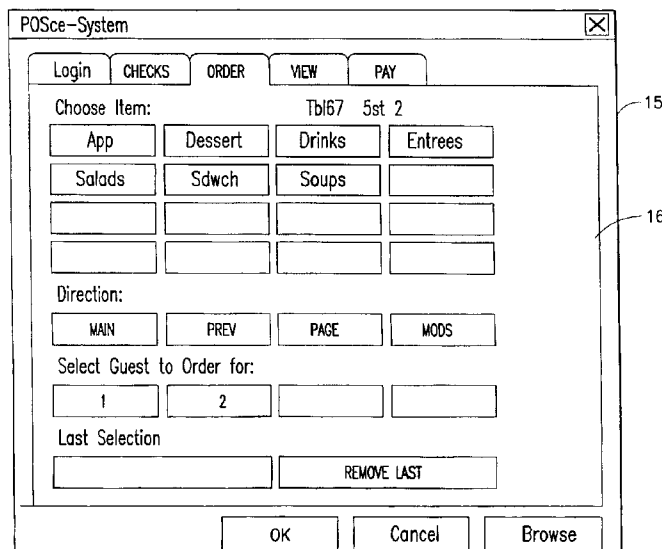
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POS - Menu Explorer

File Edit View Help

← → × [Icons]

Menu

- Appetizers
- Desserts
- Drinks
- Entrees**
 - Chicken
 - Red Meat
 - BEEF TOURNEDO
 - LAMB
 - NY STRIP
 - VEGETABLES
 - MEAT TEMPERATURE
 - MED RARE
 - MED WELL
 - MEDIUM
 - RARE
 - WELL
 - VEAL SCALOPPINI
 - Seafood
 - Salads
 - Sandwiches
 - Soups

Modifier	Code	Price
CHEESE	1107	0
CONDIMENTS	3984	0
DRESSING	1084	0
MEAT TEMPERATURE	4083	0
PREPARED	3481	0
QUANTITY	1466	0
VEGETABLES	3486	0

Sub Modifier	Code	Display
NO	3241	NO
EXTRA	3242	EXTRA
SIDE	3243	SIDE

Ready

MENU TREE

A screenshot of a software dialog box titled "Modifier". The dialog box has a standard window border with a close button (an 'X' in a square) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, there are four text input fields stacked vertically. The first field is labeled "Long Name:" and is empty. The second field is labeled "Short Name:" and is empty. The third field is labeled "Code:" and is empty. The fourth field is labeled "Price:" and contains the number "0". At the bottom of the dialog box, there are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Browse". A reference numeral "10" is positioned to the right of the dialog box, with a line pointing to its right edge.

FIG.2

A screenshot of a software dialog box titled "Menu Category". The dialog box has a standard window border with a close button (an 'X' in a square) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, there are two text input fields stacked vertically. The first field is labeled "Long Name:" and is empty. The second field is labeled "Short Name:" and is empty. At the bottom of the dialog box, there are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Browse". A reference numeral "11" is positioned to the right of the dialog box, with a line pointing to its right edge.

FIG.3

Menu Item

Long Name: Code:

Short Name: Price: Prep. Time:

Recipe

Flame broiled brandy marinated Tender Chicken Breast topped with a creamy cilantro sauce. Served with steamed broccoli, carrots and zucchini.

Spices include lemon pepper, paprika, ginger.

OK Cancel Browse

FIG.4

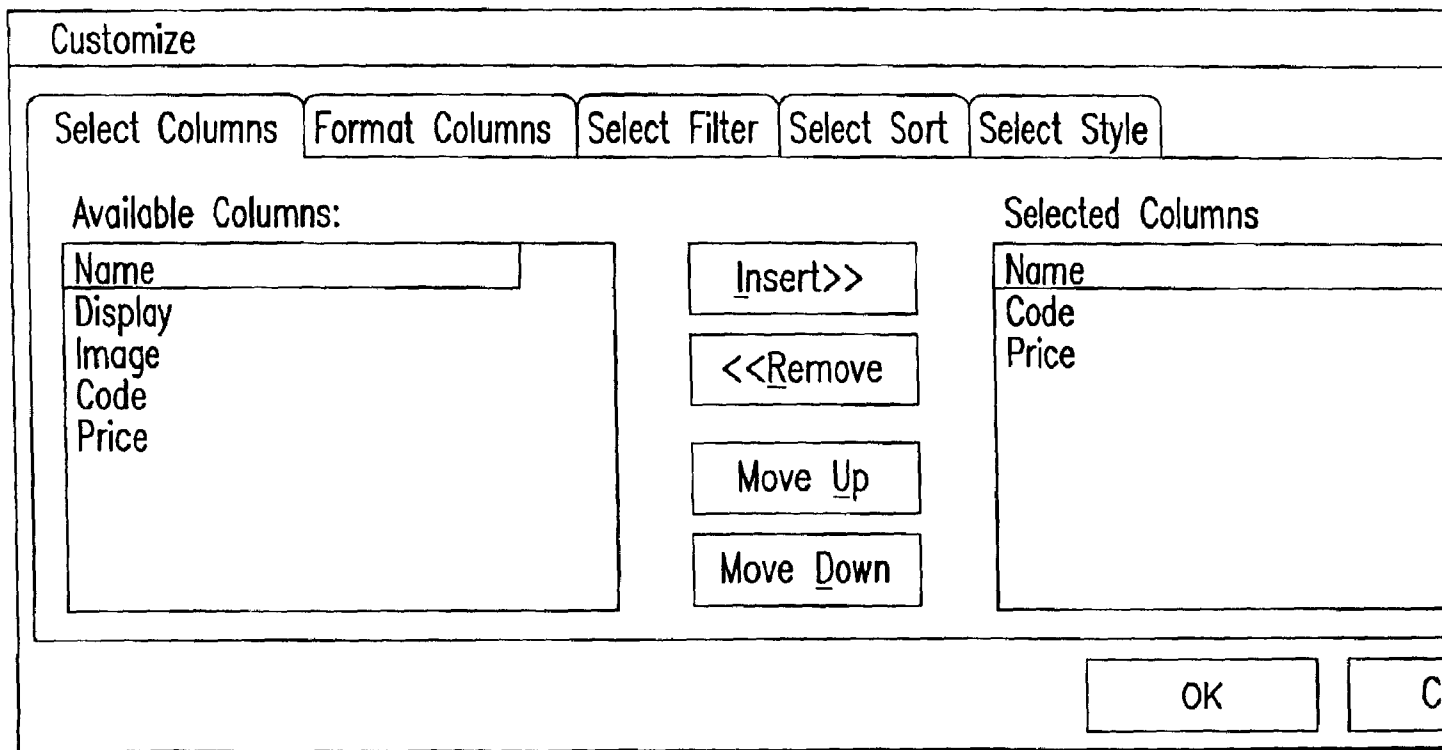


FIG.5

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