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(54) INTERNET ONLINE ORDER METHOD AND APPARATUS

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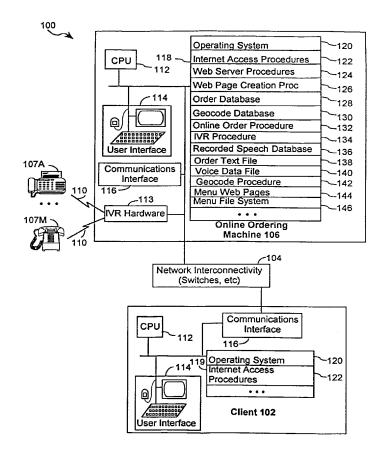
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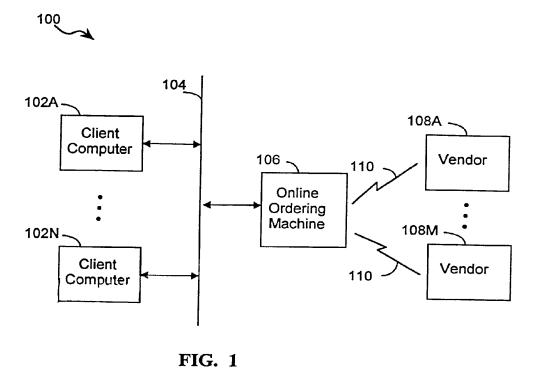
(57) ABSTRACT

A system and method for providing an online ordering machine that manages the distribution of products over a distributed computer system is herein disclosed.

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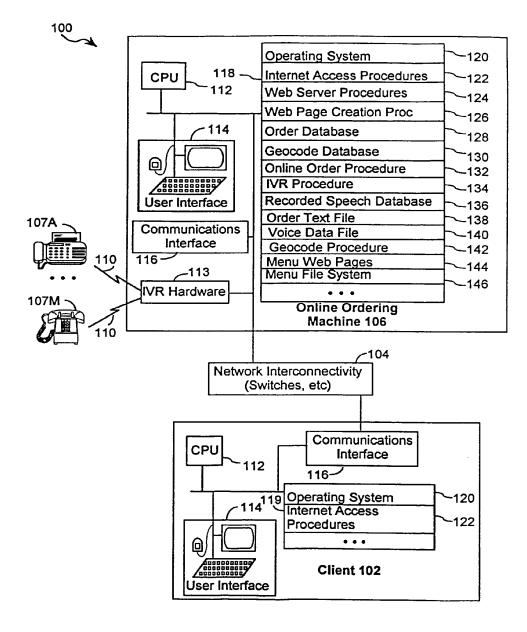
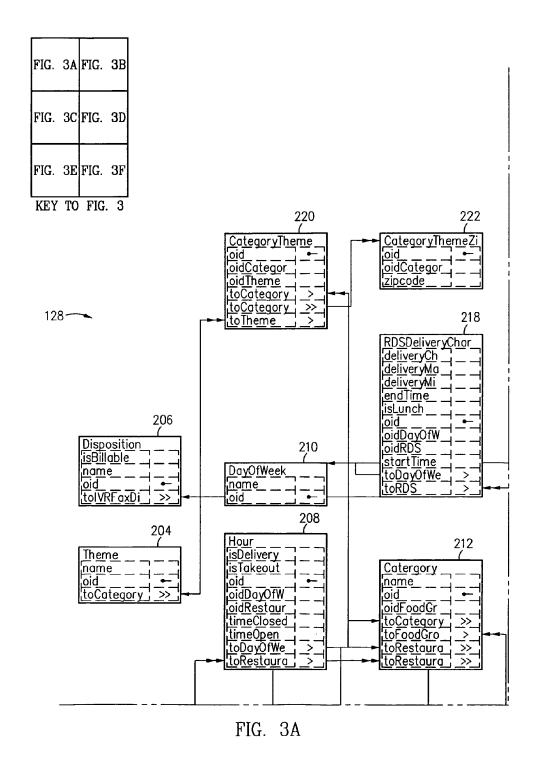


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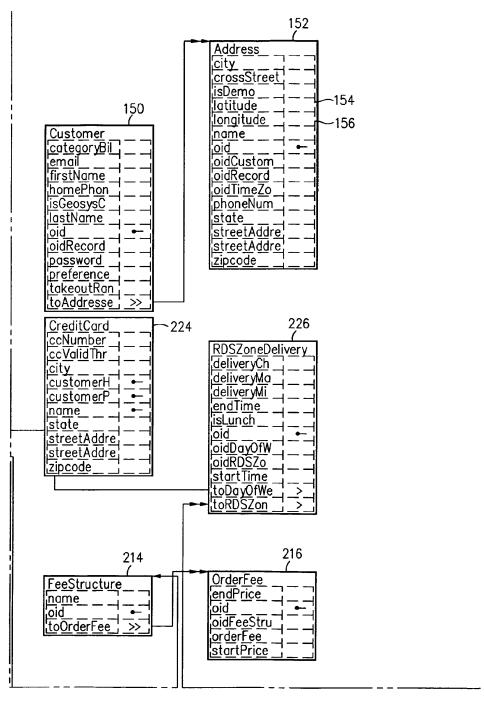


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