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(54) **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DESIGNATING INFORMATION TO BE RETRIEVED OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK**

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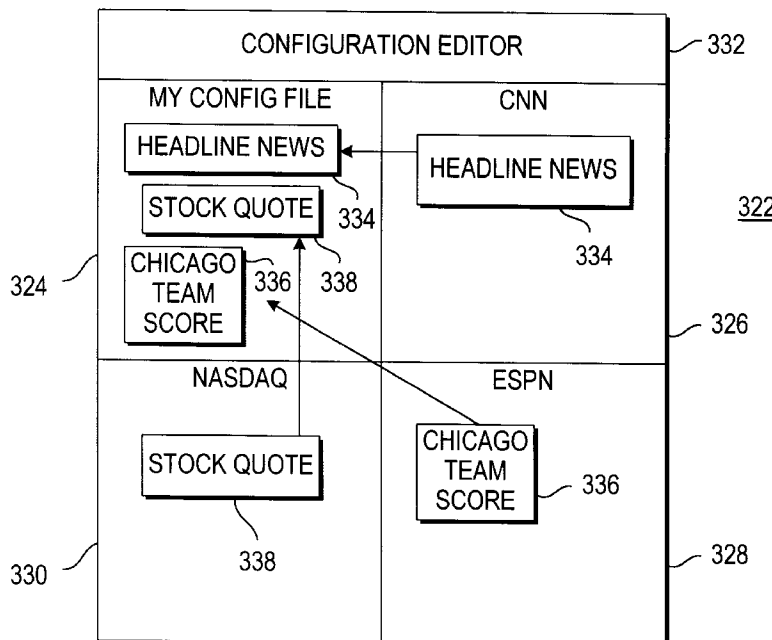
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for designating and retrieving information over the internet. At least one webpage is accessed and individual portions of the at least one webpage are designated, each of the individual portions being associated with an underlying information content. The designated individual portions of the at least one webpage are positioned within a single configuration display screen and the format of the single configuration display screen including the designated individual portions of each webpage are stored in a configuration file. The configuration file and underlying information content associated with each of the designated individual portions are retrieved and positioned on an output display screen in accordance with the configuration file.

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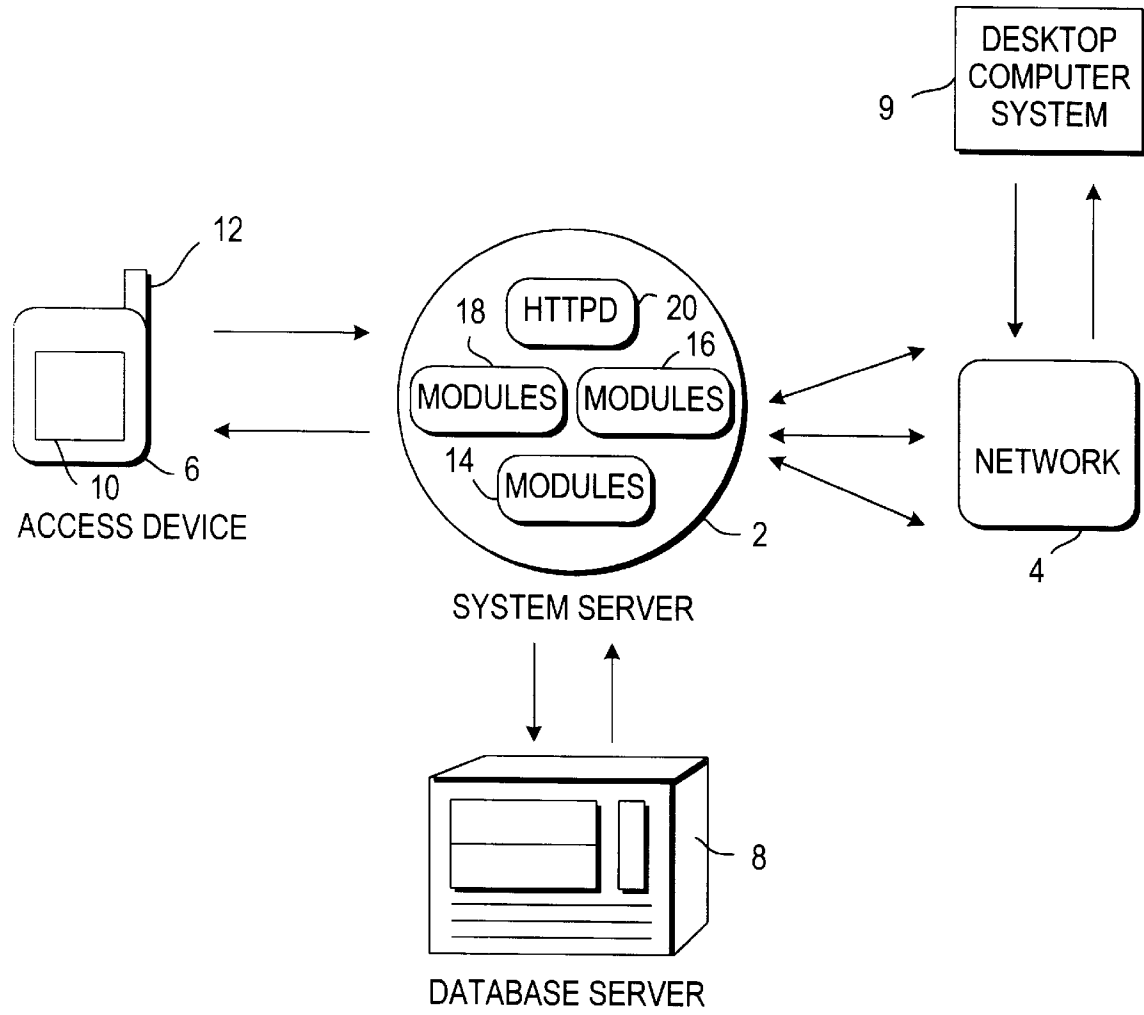


FIG. 1

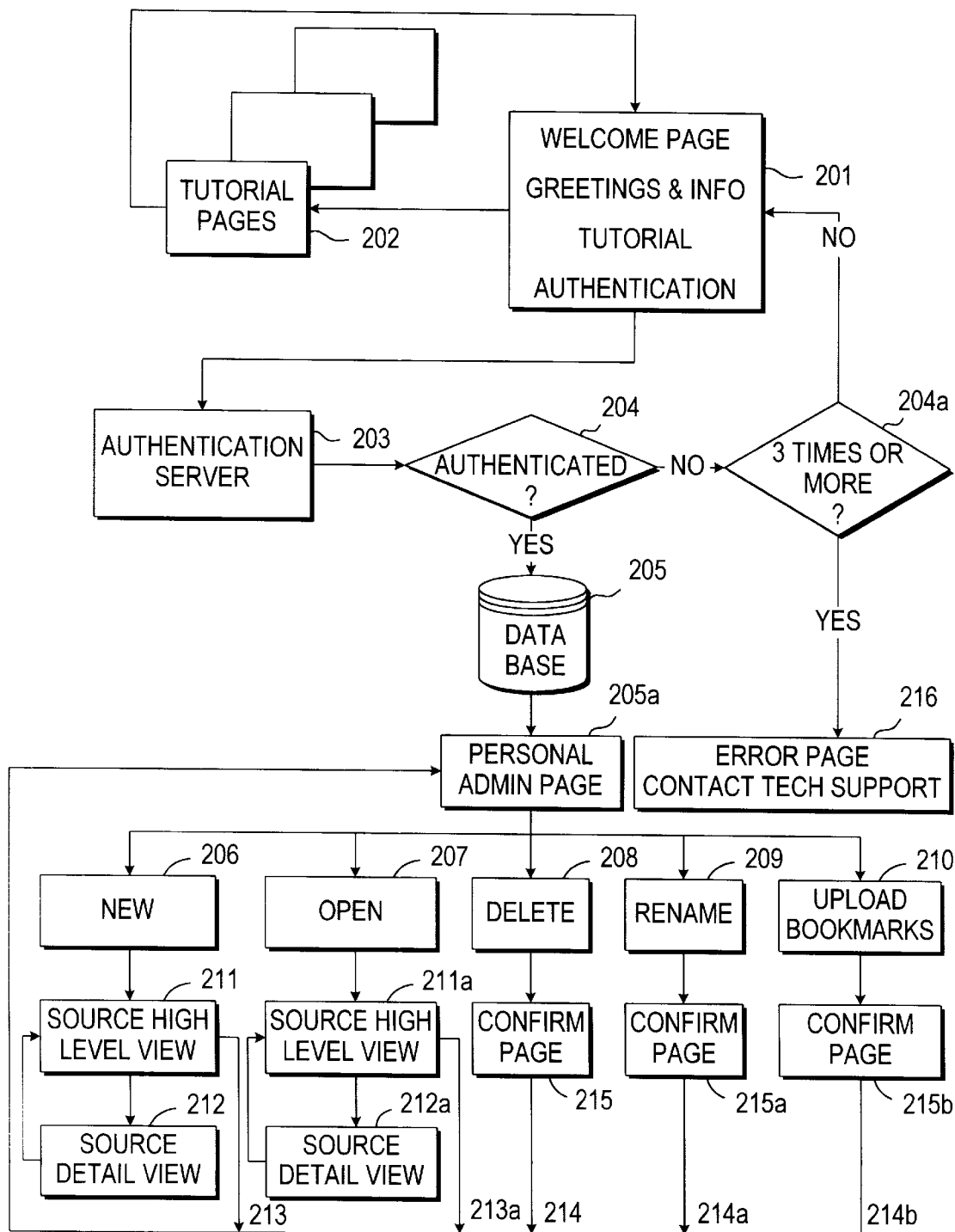


FIG. 2

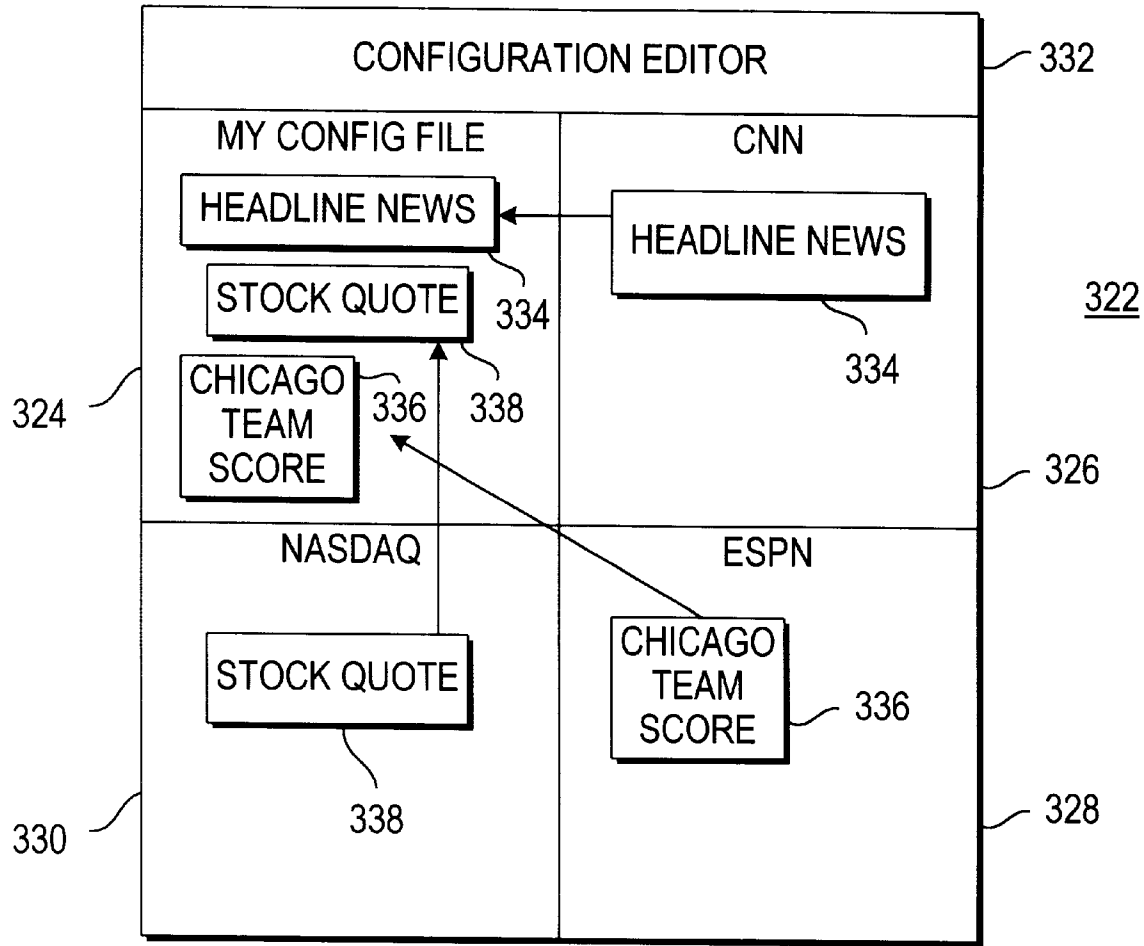


FIG. 3

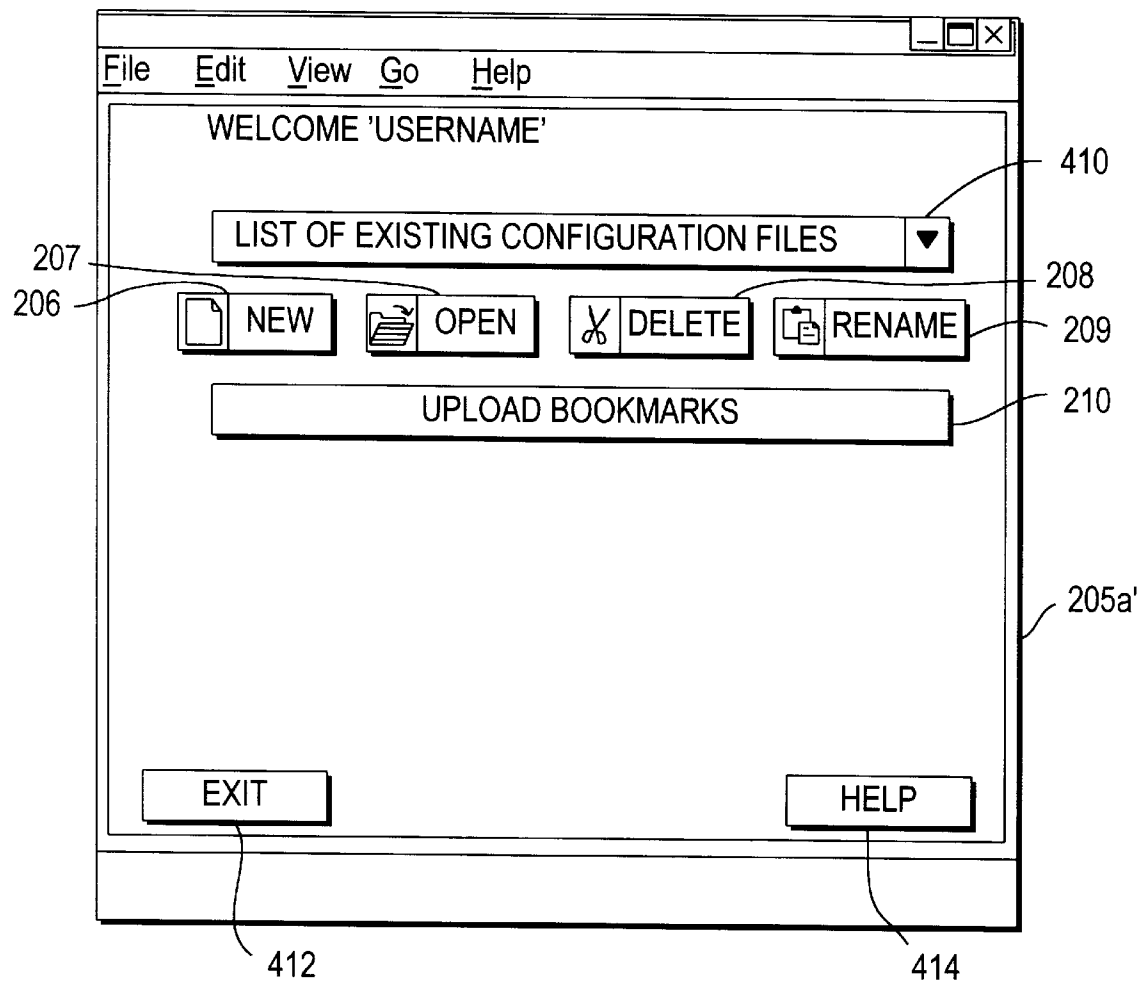


FIG. 4

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