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[54] FILE SHARING IN A TELECONFERENCE APPLICATION

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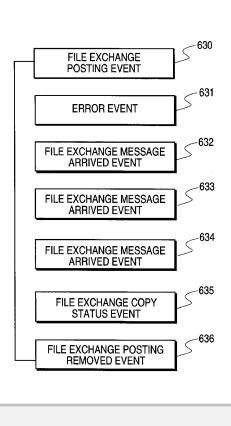
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ABSTRACT

A system and method which enables teleconference members to share files during a teleconference. An endpoint including a processor with a memory coupled thereto. The memory stores a teleconferencing application. A file sharing mechanism is associated with the application at run time. The file sharing mechanism generates a window on the local display in which the local member of the teleconference may post advertisements for files thereby making the file sharable. The local endpoint sends the advertisement to a remote endpoint. A corresponding accessory receives the advertisement and posts it in the remote window. A local member can copy remotely posted files by manipulating the corresponding advertisement.

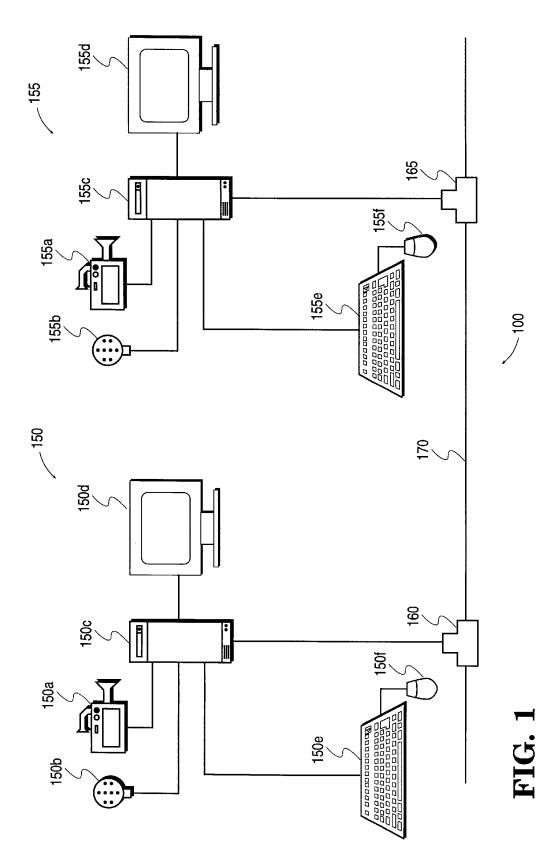
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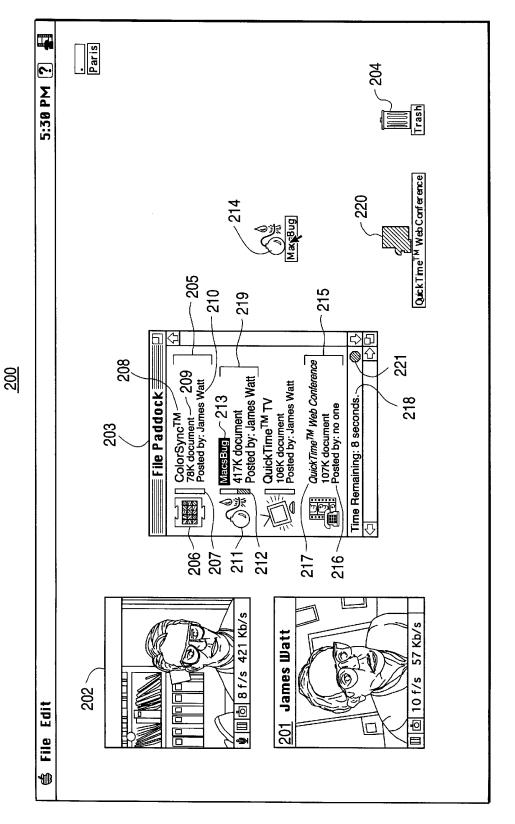
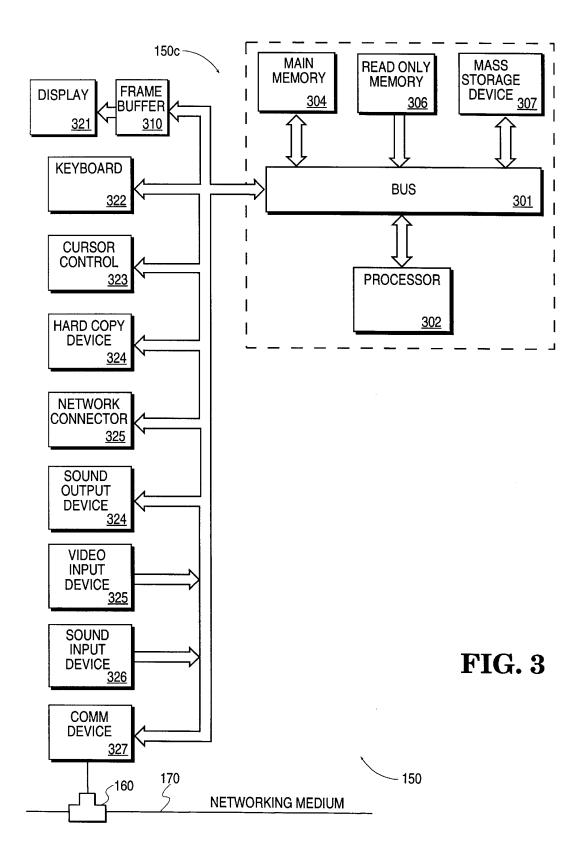


FIG. 2



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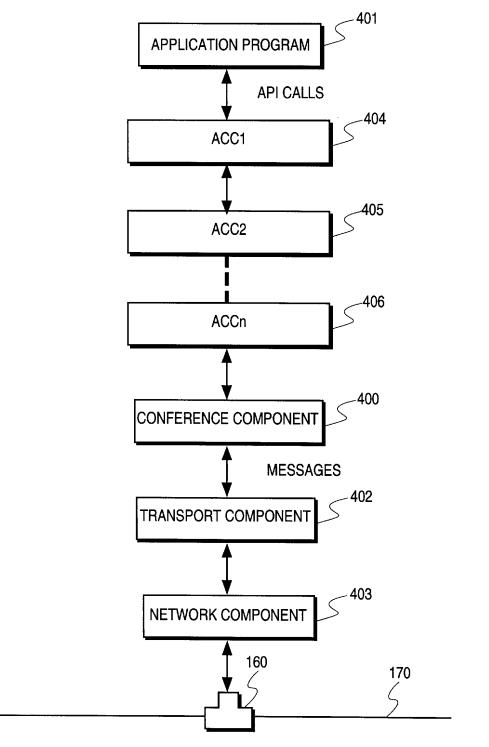


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