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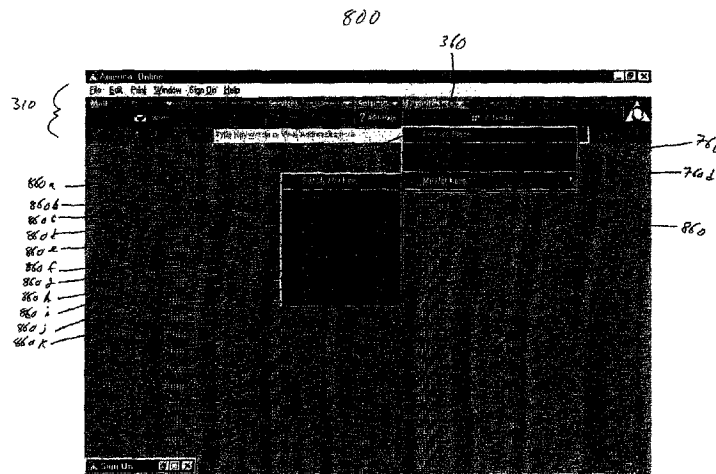
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A graphical toolbar user interface is rendered and has one or more menu items. Each menu item has one or more visual identifier to distinguish the menu item from other of the menu items. At least one menu item has one or more submenu items. The submenu item has one or more visual identifiers of the corresponding menu item to distinguish the submenu item from submenu items corresponding to other of the menu items.

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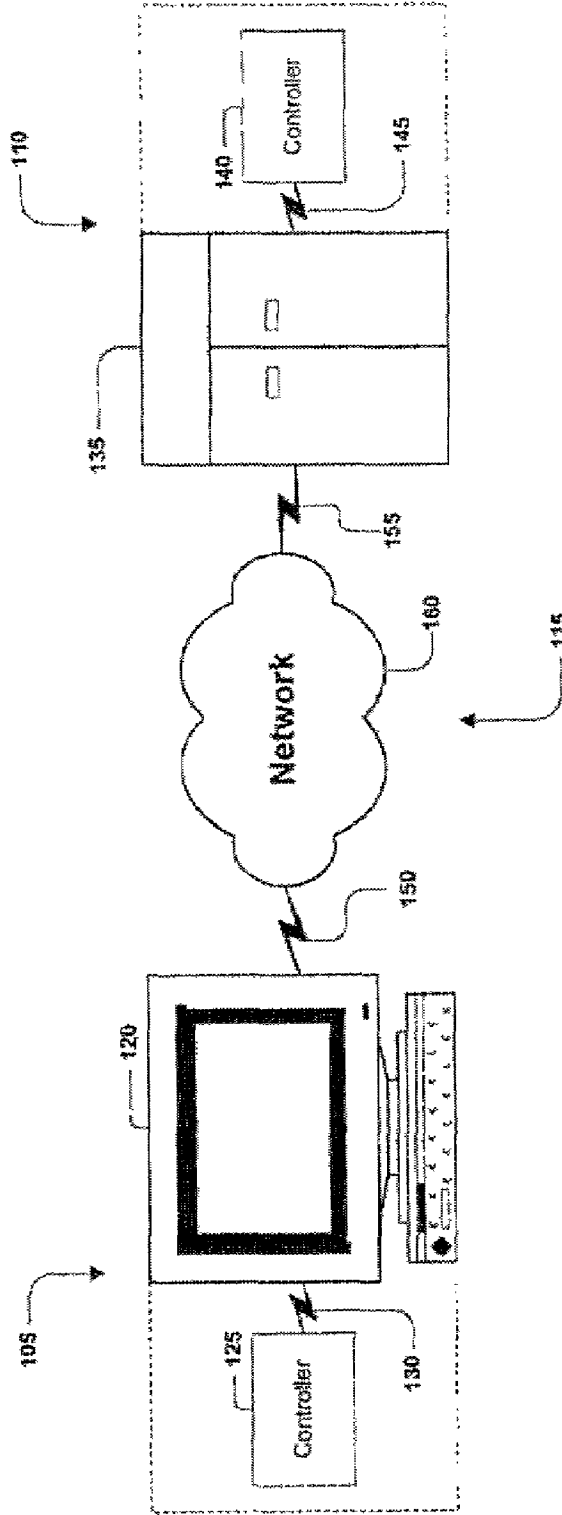


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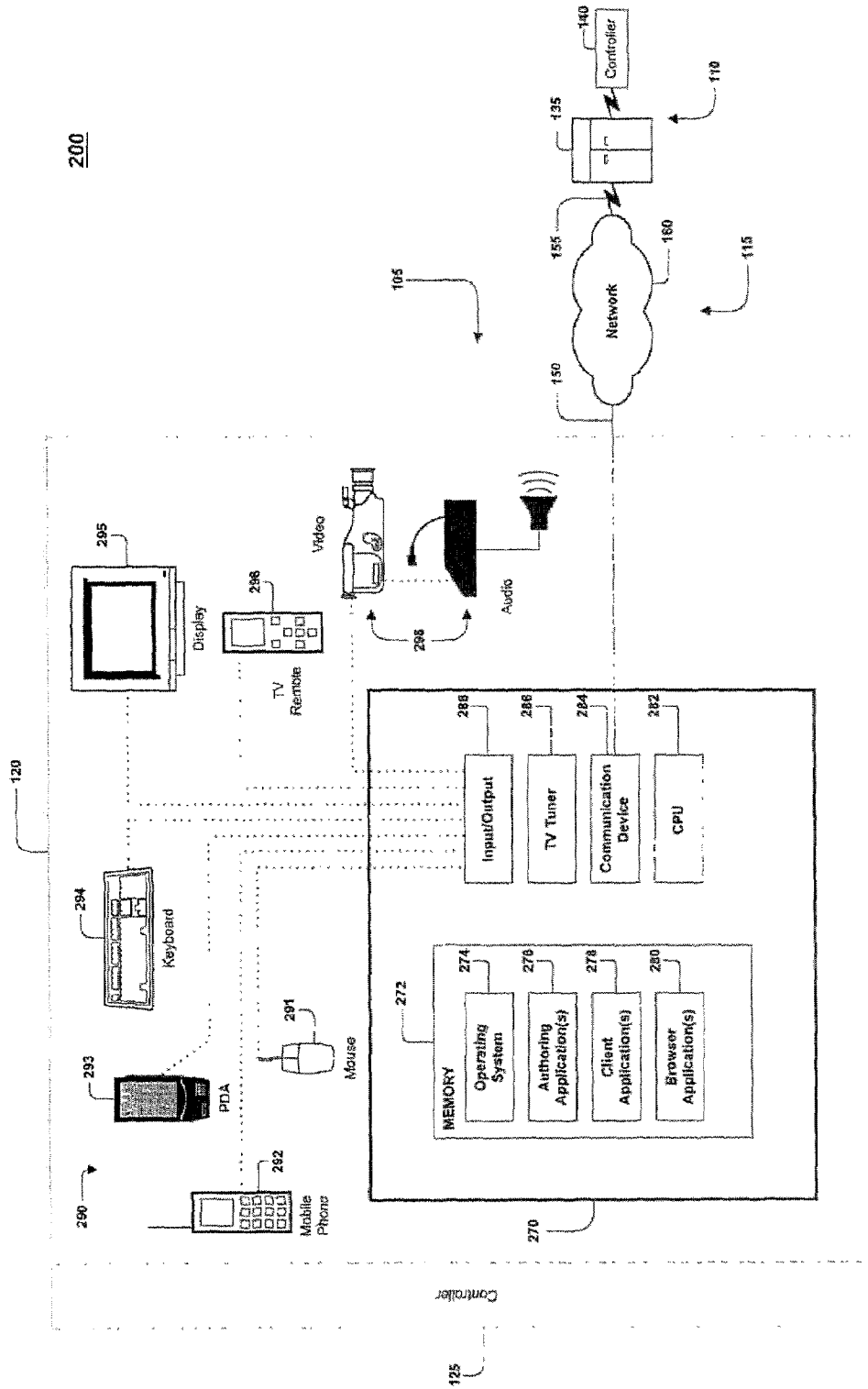


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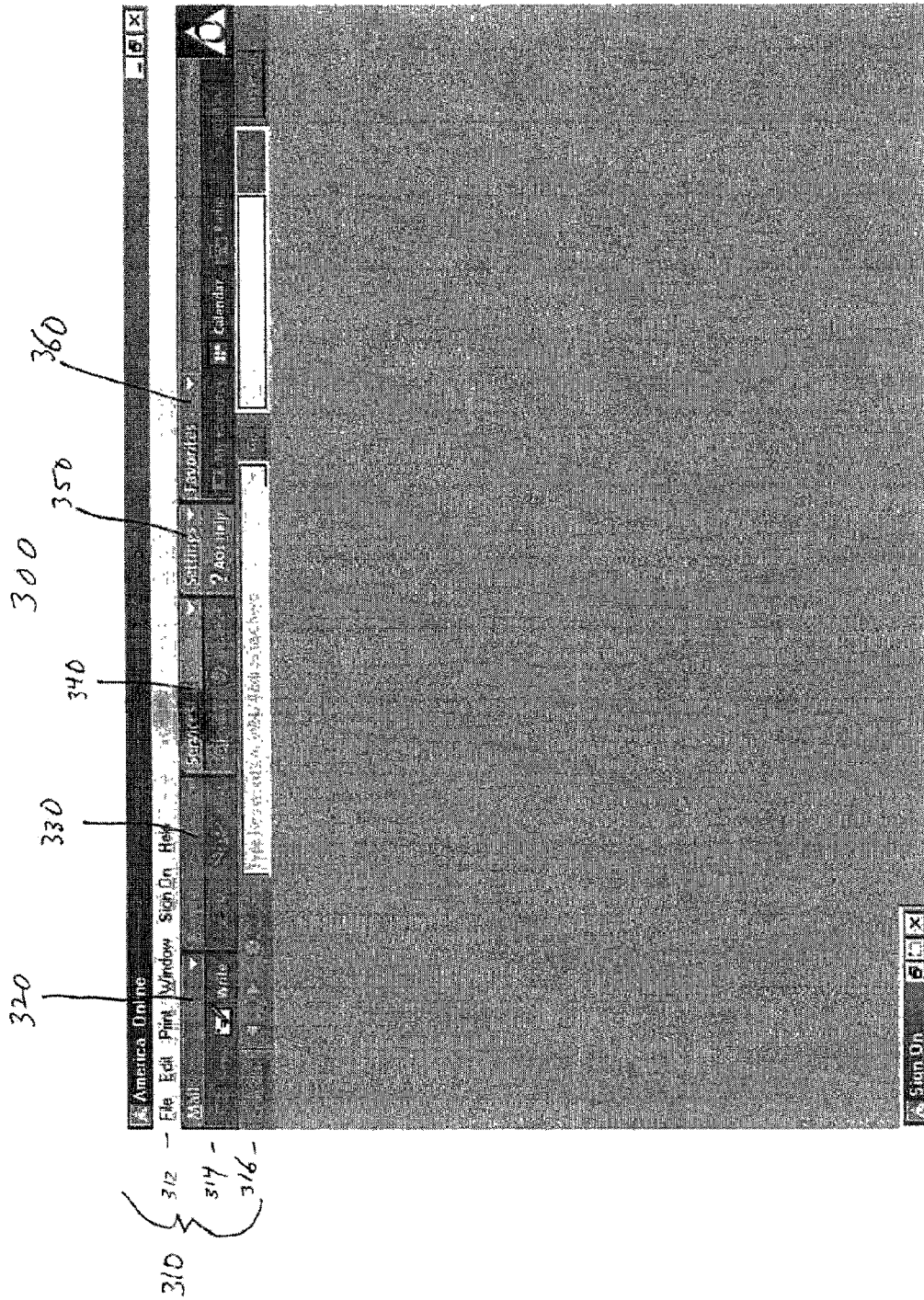


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