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(54) METHOD AND COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR SERVING COMMERCE INFORMATION OF AN OUTSOURCE PROVIDER IN CONNECTION WITH HOST WEB PAGES OFFERING COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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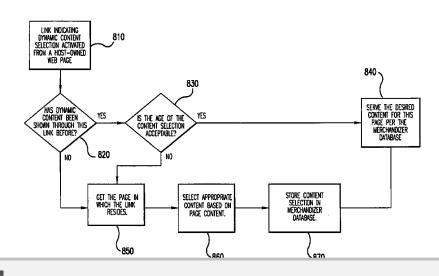
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#### (57) ABSTRACT

An ecommerce outsourcing system and method provides hosts with transparent, context-sensitive e-commerce supported pages. The look and feel of a target host is captured for future use. The host is provided with one or more links for inclusion within a page on the host website that correlates with a selected commerce object, which may be contextually related to material in the page. The commerce object can be a product, a product category, or a dynamic selection indicator. Upon activation of the provided link, a visitor computer is served with a page with the look and feel of the host website and with content based upon the associated commerce object. Where the commerce object is a dynamic selection indicator, the content is selected at the time of activation based upon an analysis of the page containing the activated link.

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