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(54) **SCALING PROXY SERVER SENDING TO THE CLIENT A GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE FOR ESTABLISHING OBJECT ENCODING PREFERENCES AFTER RECEIVING THE CLIENT'S REQUEST FOR THE OBJECT**

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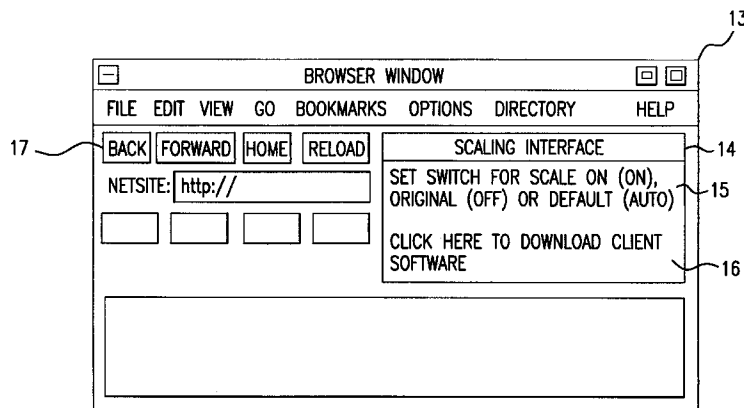
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system for enhancing data access over a communications link is disclosed. In accordance with a particular embodiment, a system for retrieving an object over a computer network includes a network client with a browser for rendering an object to a user and a user interface enabling the user to establish an encoding preference. A remote scaling server is coupled between the network client and the computer network, and includes a remote proxy and an encode service provider. The remote scaling server is configured to request a user-specified encoding preference from the network client, retrieve an object from the computer network using the remote proxy, encode the object using the encode service provider in accordance with the requested user-specified encoding preference, and transmit the encoded object to the network client using the remote proxy. The disclosed system thus enables users to dynamically influence the trade-off between quality of content and download speed.

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FIG.1

FIG.2

FIG.3

BROWSER WINDOW

FILE   EDIT   VIEW   GO   BOOKMARKS   OPTIONS   DIRECTORY   HELP

BACK   FORWARD   HOME   RELOAD

NETSITE: http://

SCALING INTERFACE

SET SWITCH FOR SCALE ON (ON),
ORIGINAL (OFF) OR DEFAULT (AUTO)

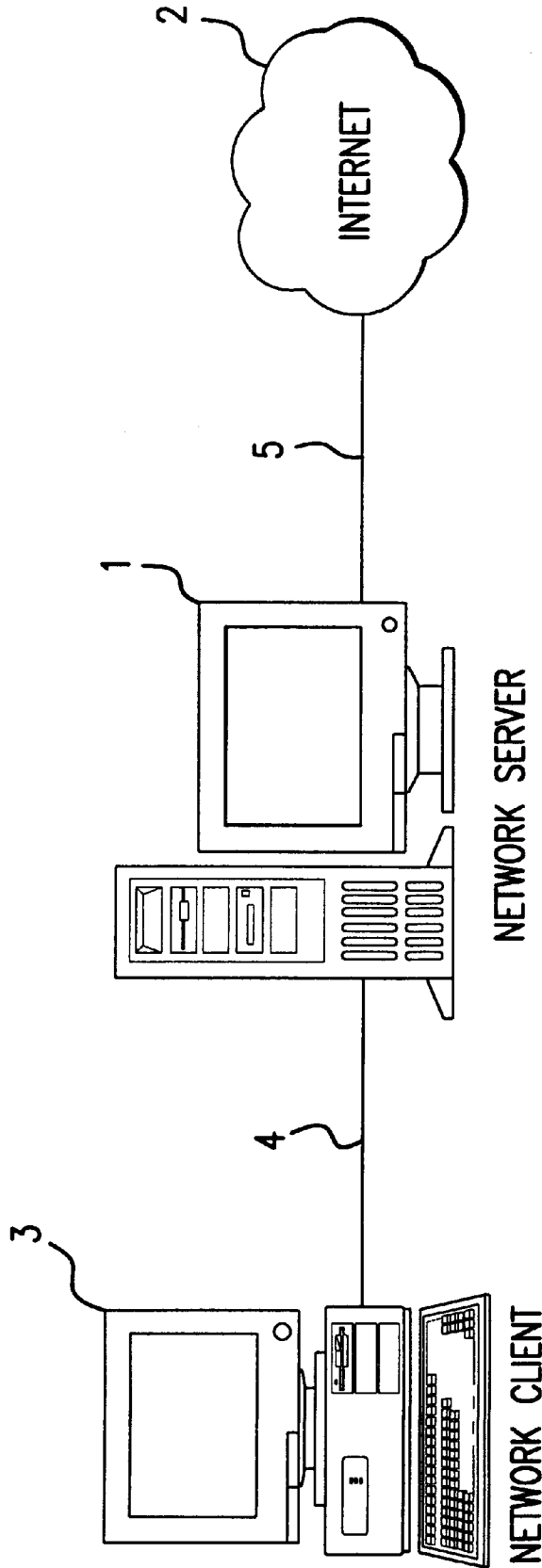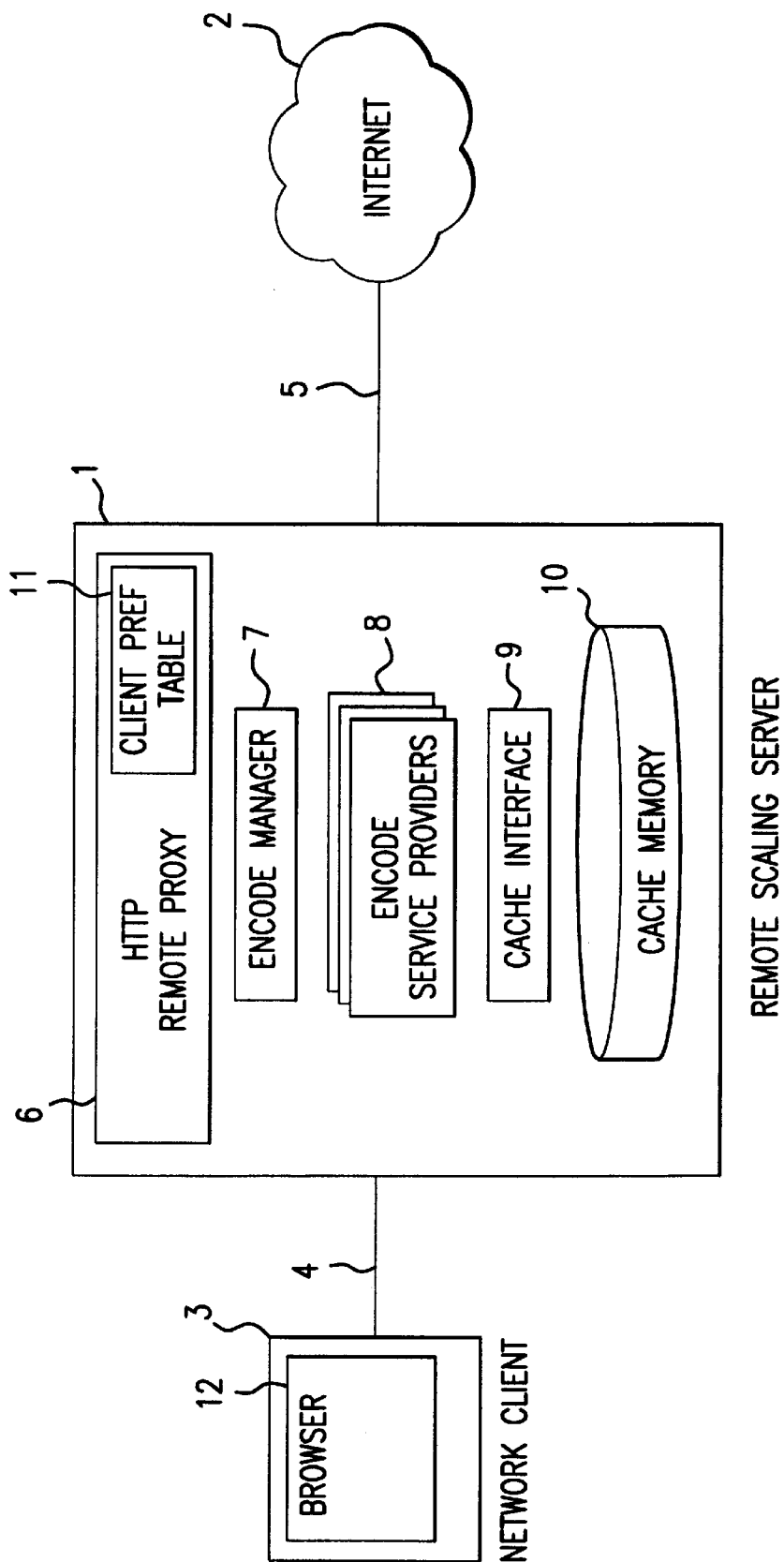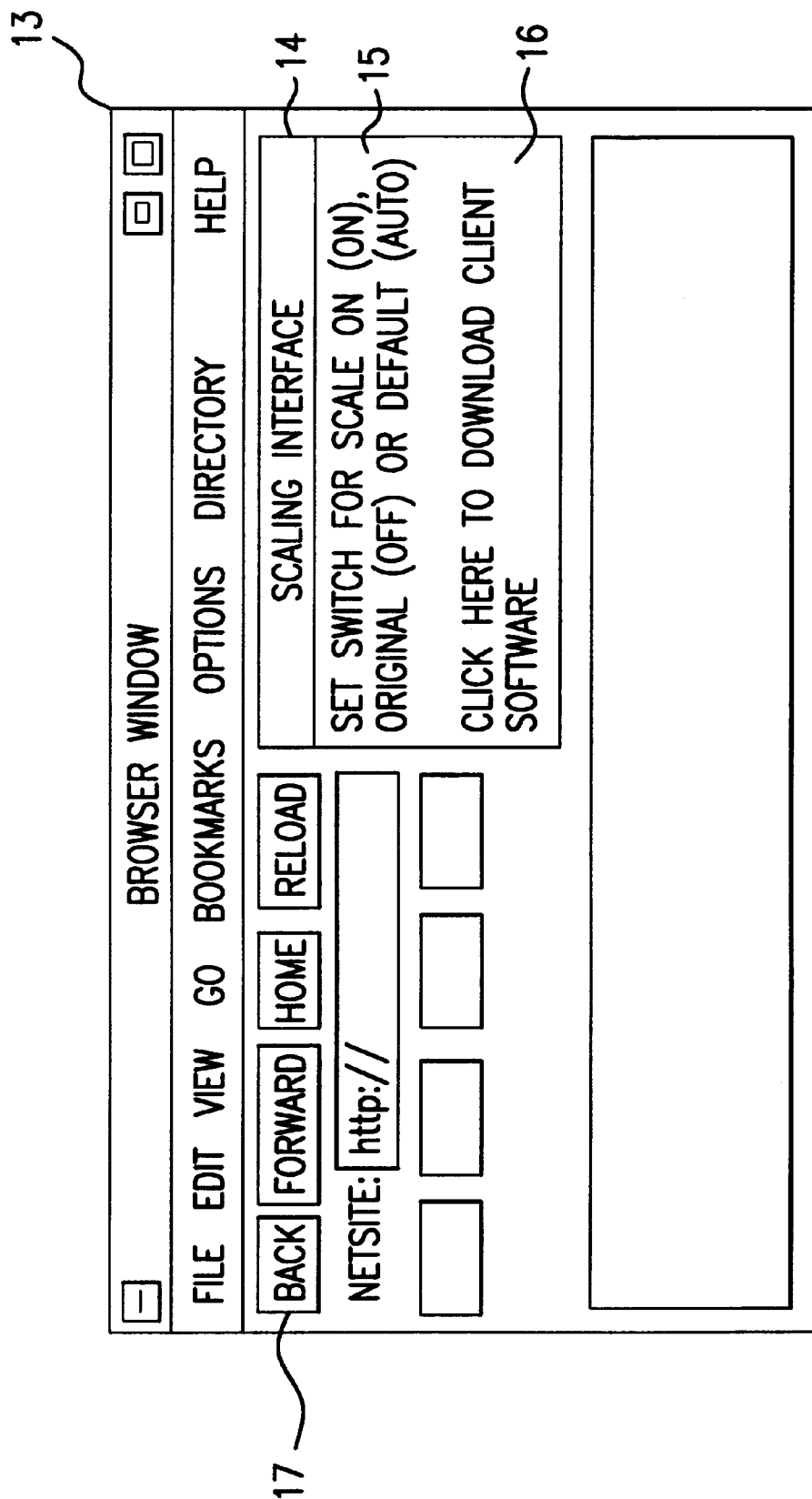CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD CLIENT
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