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(54) **WEB-BASED GROUPWARE SYSTEM**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

(63) Continuation-in-part of application No. 09/195,905, filed on Nov. 19, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,223,177, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/955,569, filed on Oct. 22, 1997, now abandoned.

The present invention relates to a system and method for providing a communication network. The system comprises a network-connected server having input and access capabilities, a site builder, a transmitter, a communicator, and memory. The site-builder receives instructions input from a first user and creates a dedicated network site based on the received instructions. The transmitter communicates the existence of the dedicated network site to a nominated second user. The communicator provides accesses to the contents of the dedicated network site by the first and second users. The memory stores information input by the first and the second user in the dedicated network site.

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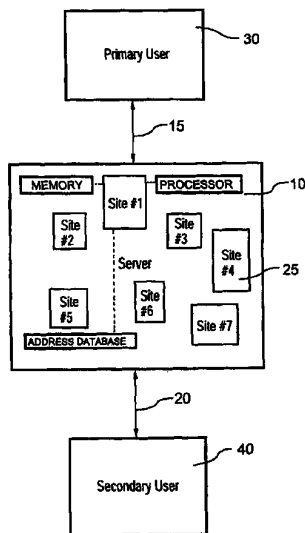
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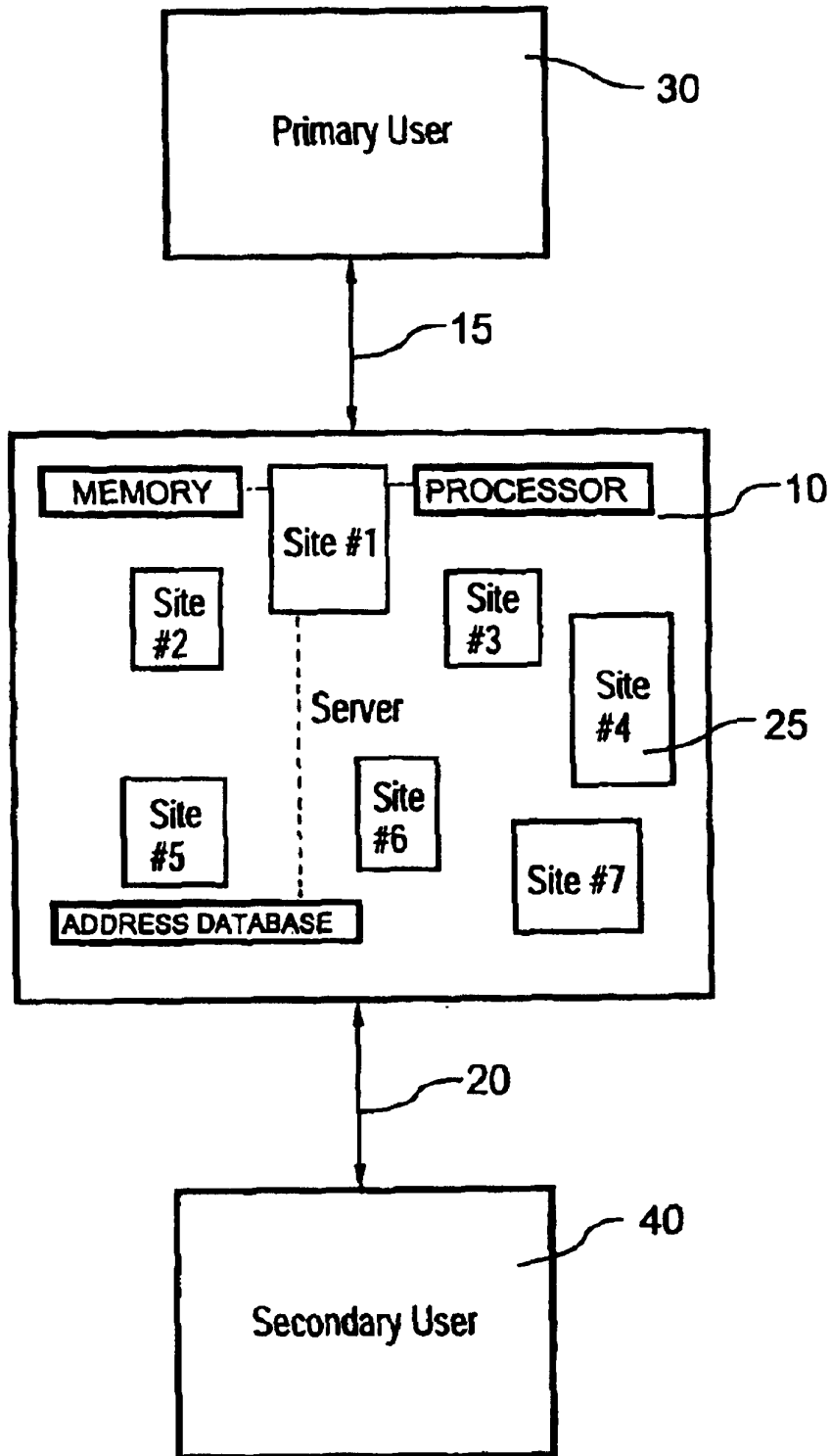


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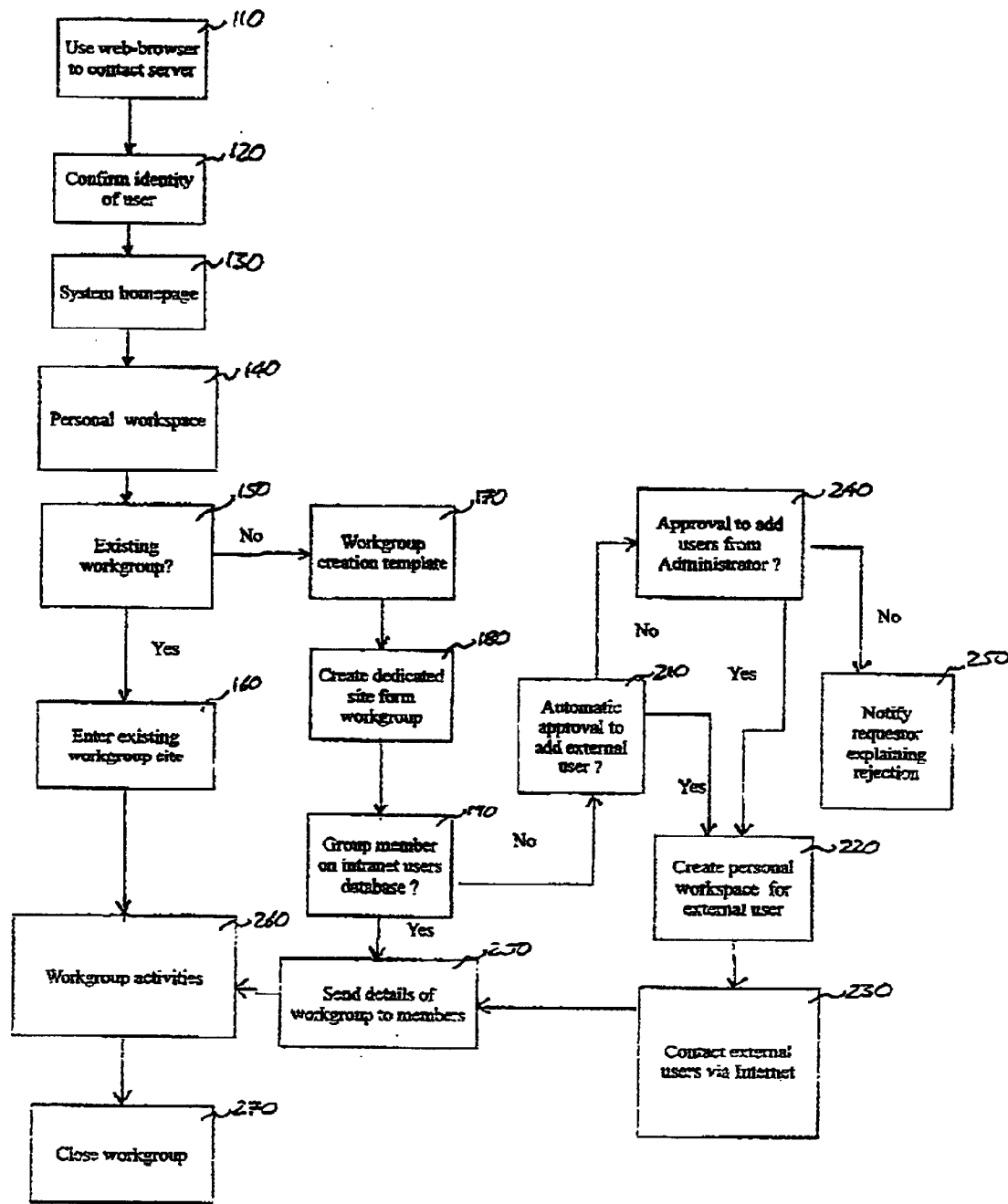


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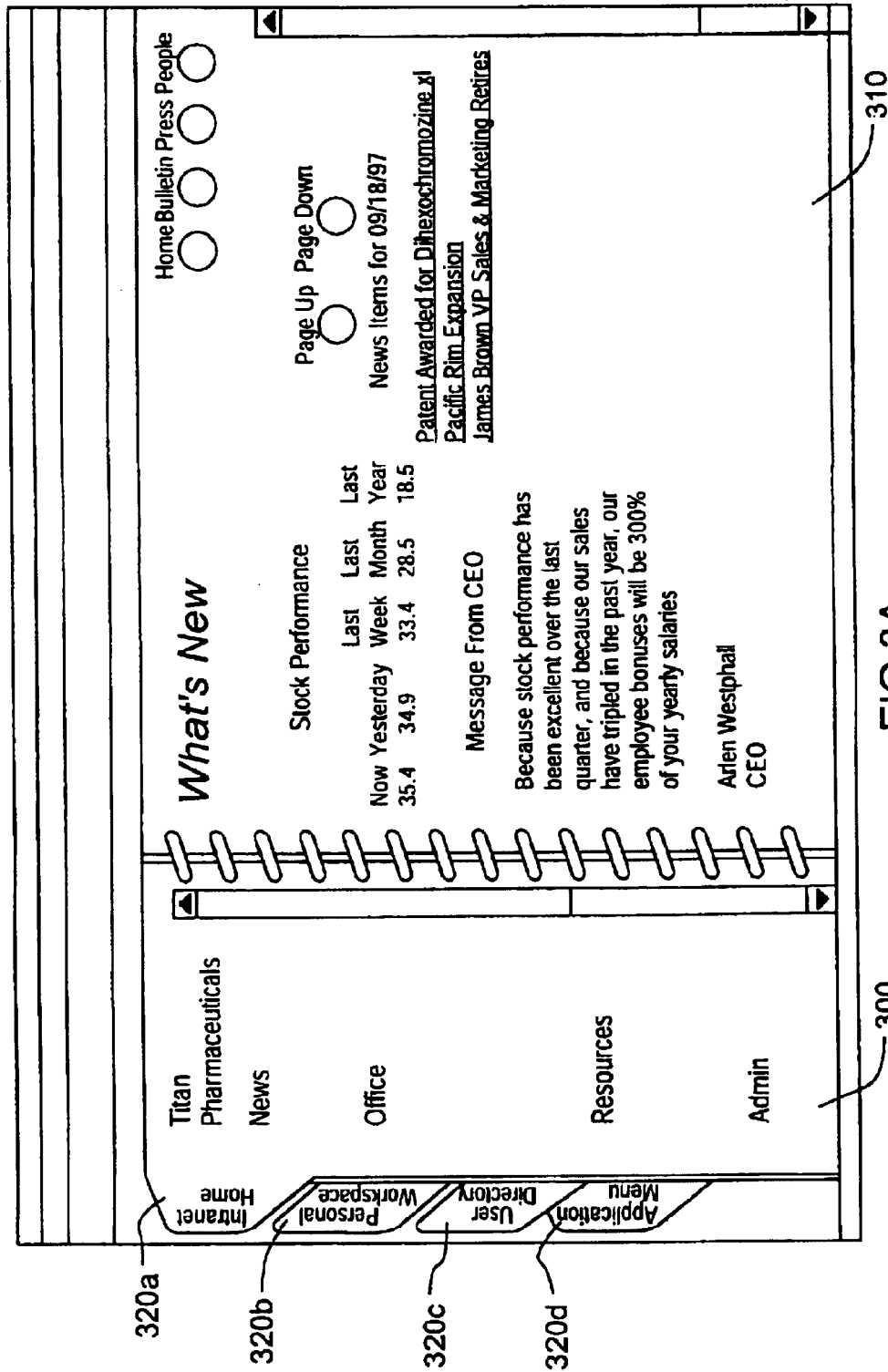


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