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### (54) METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATION OF HIERARCHICAL SEARCH RESULTS

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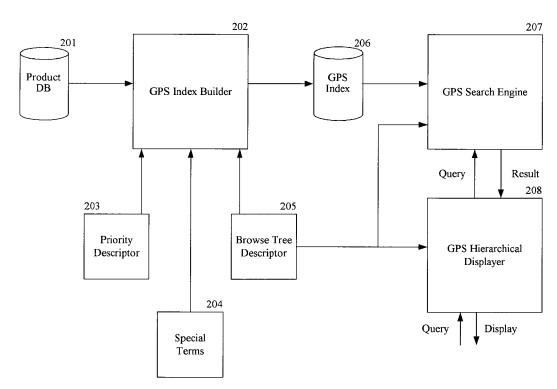
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### **ABSTRACT**

A method and system for querying hierarchically classified data. The system first receives a guery request and then identifies classifications of the data that may satisfy the received query request. The system then displays the identified classifications. In response to selection of a displayed classification, the system displays sub-classifications when the selected classification has sub-classifications and displays the data within the classification when the selected classification has no sub-classifications. In another aspect, the system generates search results for items that are hierarchically classified. For classifications within the hierarchy of classifications, the system generates a search entry containing terms describing the items within that classification. The system then receives a search criteria. The system selects as initial search results those search entries whose terms most closely match the received search criteria. The system then adjusts the initial search results based on the hierarchy of classifications. This adjustment may include removing sub-classifications of a classification that is in the initial search results or adding a parent classification to replace multiple child classifications in the initial search results.

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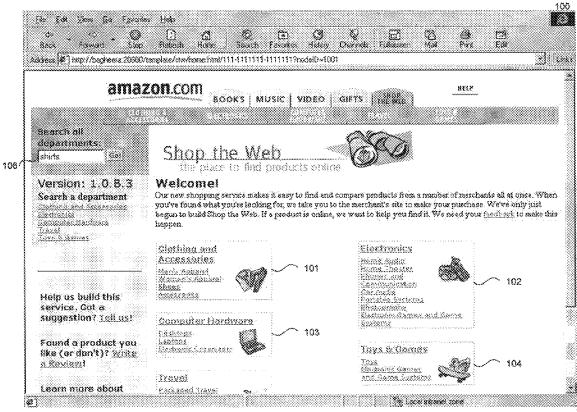


Fig. 1A



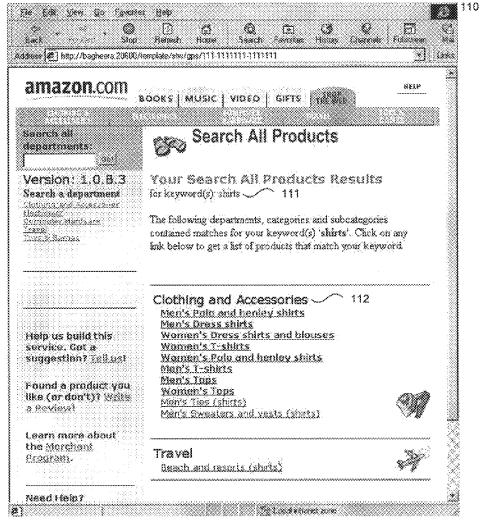
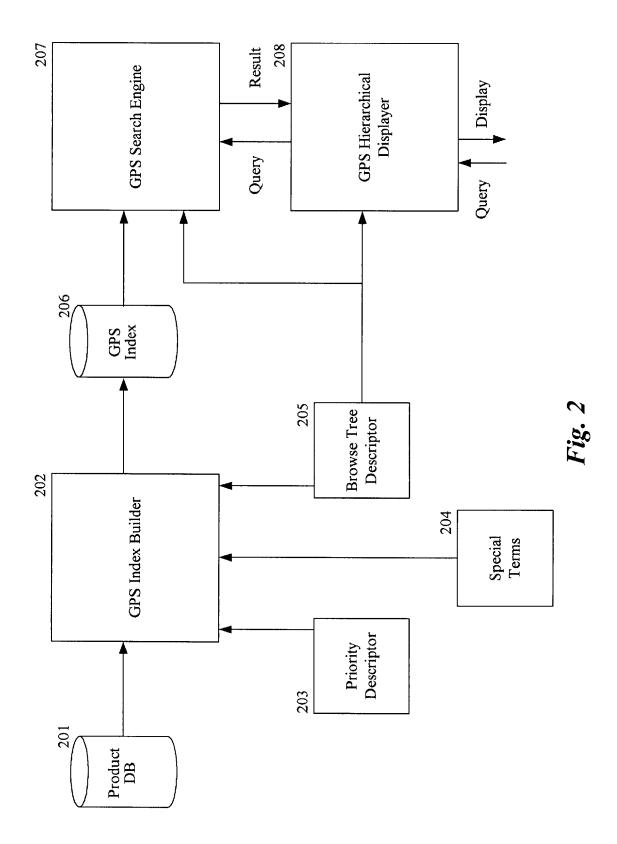


Fig. 1B





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301	Description	{	{						{
	Provider	Hawaii Travel	Outback Venture						Outback Venture
	Orig dest	Seattle	Seattle						Seattle
	Destination	Maui	Australia						New Zealand
	Name	Hawaii Honeymoon	Australian Tour						New Zealand   New Zealand   Tour
	Subcategory	237	240						240
	Category		31						31
Travel Table									



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