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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A focussed Web crawler learns to recognize Web pages that are relevant to the interest of one or more users, from a set of examples provided by the users. It then explores the Web starting from the example set, using the statistics collected from the examples and other analysis on the link graph of the growing crawl database, to guide itself towards relevant, valuable resources and away from irrelevant and/or low quality material on the Web. Thereby, the Web crawler builds a comprehensive topic-specific library for the benefit of specific users.

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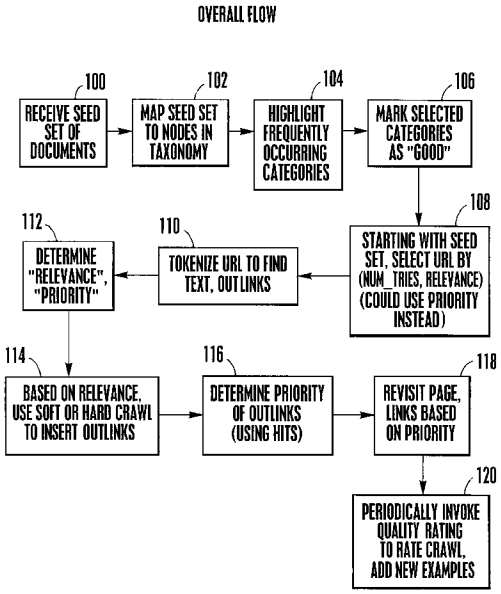
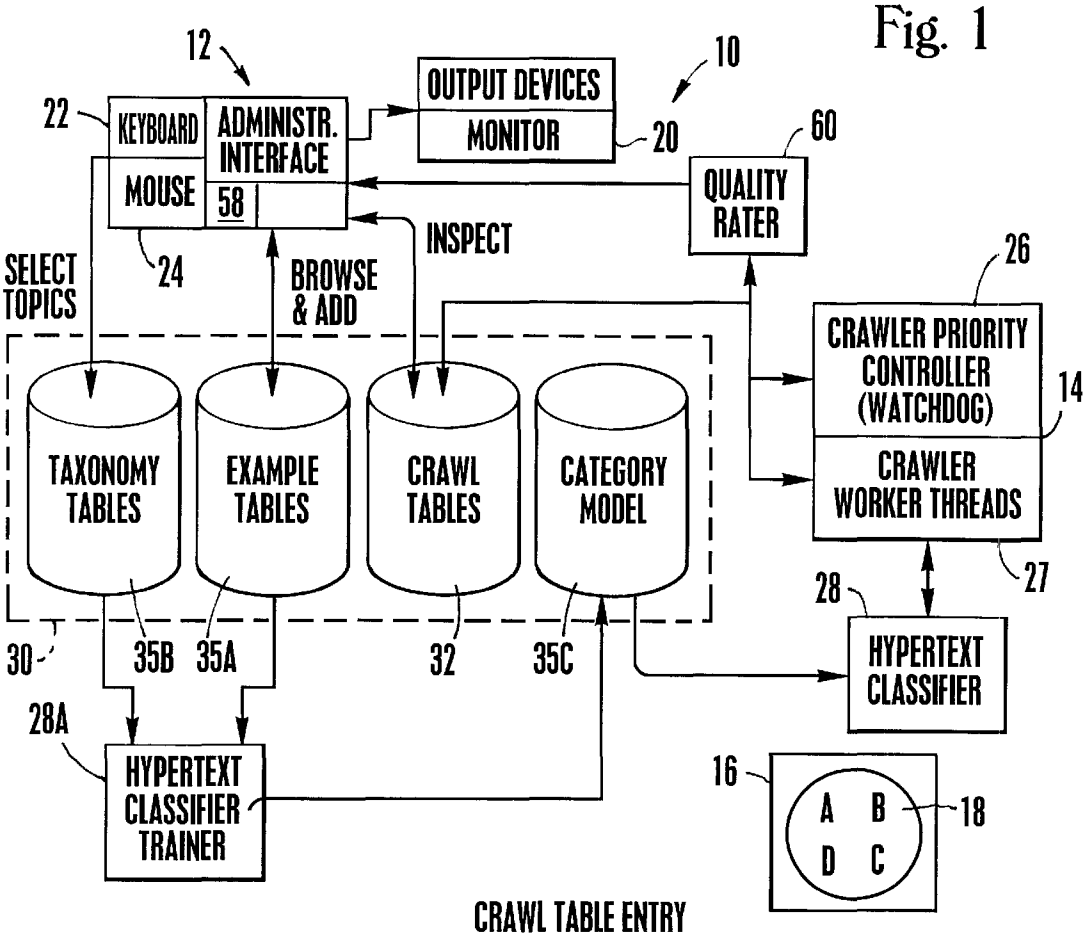


Fig. 1



CRAWL TABLE ENTRY

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	FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
36	URL	VARCHAR	URL OF PAGE
38	OID	CHAR(8)	64-BIT HASH OF URL (PRIMARY KEY)
40	NUM_TRIES	SHORTINT	COUNT HOW MANY TIMES THIS URL HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY CRAWLER
42	PRIORITY	SHORTINT	CRAWL OR REFRESH PRIORITY SET BY TOPIC ANALYZER
44	IPADDR	INTEGER	IP ADDRESS OF SERVER FROM WHICH PAGE WAS ACQUIRED
46	FOUND	TIMESTAMP	TIME WHEN PAGE WAS FIRST FOUND
48	INDEXED	TIMESTAMP	TIME WHEN PAGE WAS LAST INDEXED
50	MODIFIED	TIMESTAMP	TIME WHEN PAGE WAS LAST MODIFIED
51	RELEVANCE	FLOAT	RELEVANCE OF PAGE
51A	CID	SH.INT.	CATEGORY ID

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	FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
52	SRCOID	CHAR(8)	SOURCE OF LINK
54	DSTOID	CHAR(8)	TARGET OF LINK
56	TYPE	SHORTINT	TYPE OF LINK: SUBDIR, CROSS, OTHERSITE, REDIRECT

(LINK) EDGE TABLE

Fig. 2

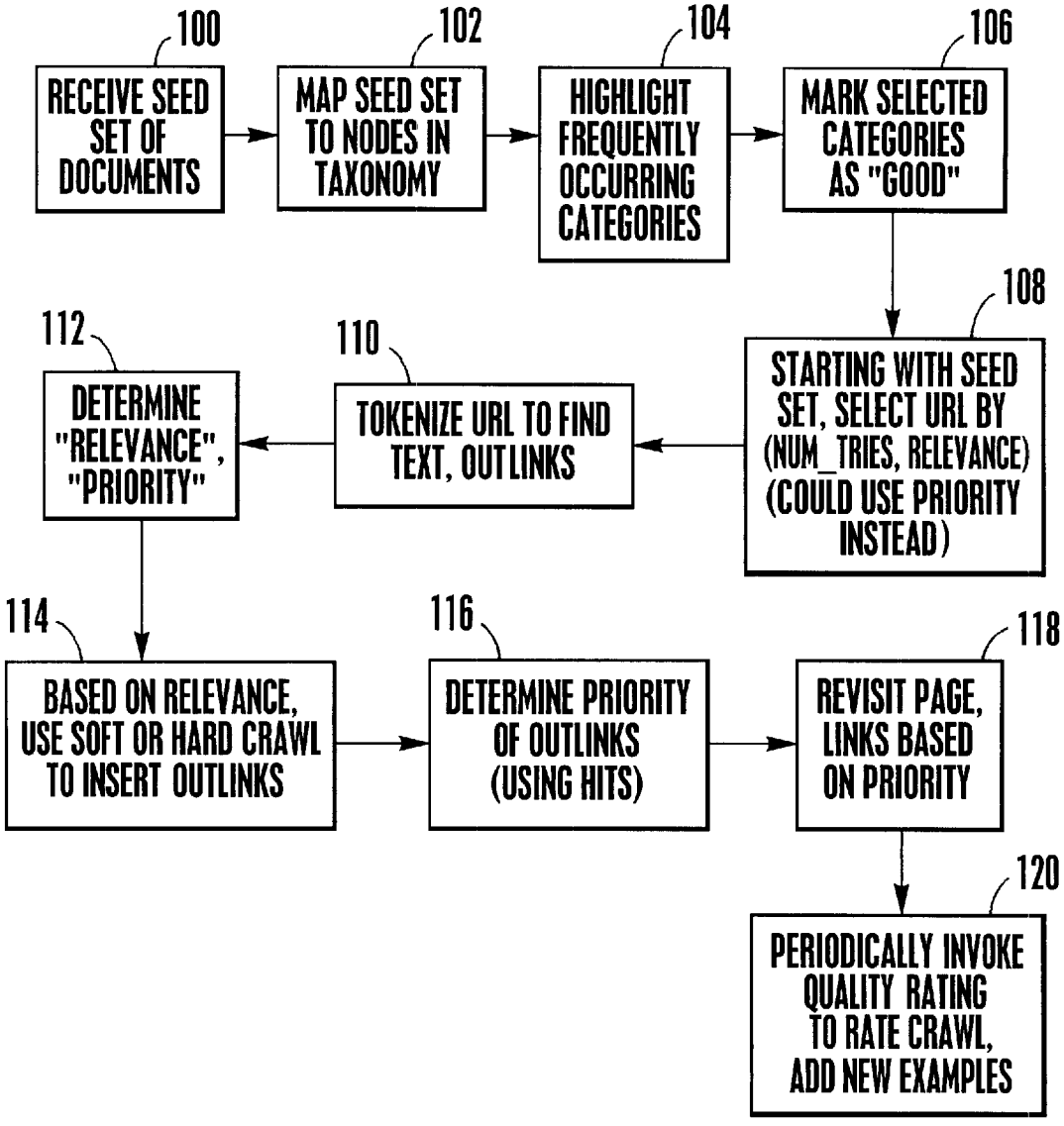


Fig. 3

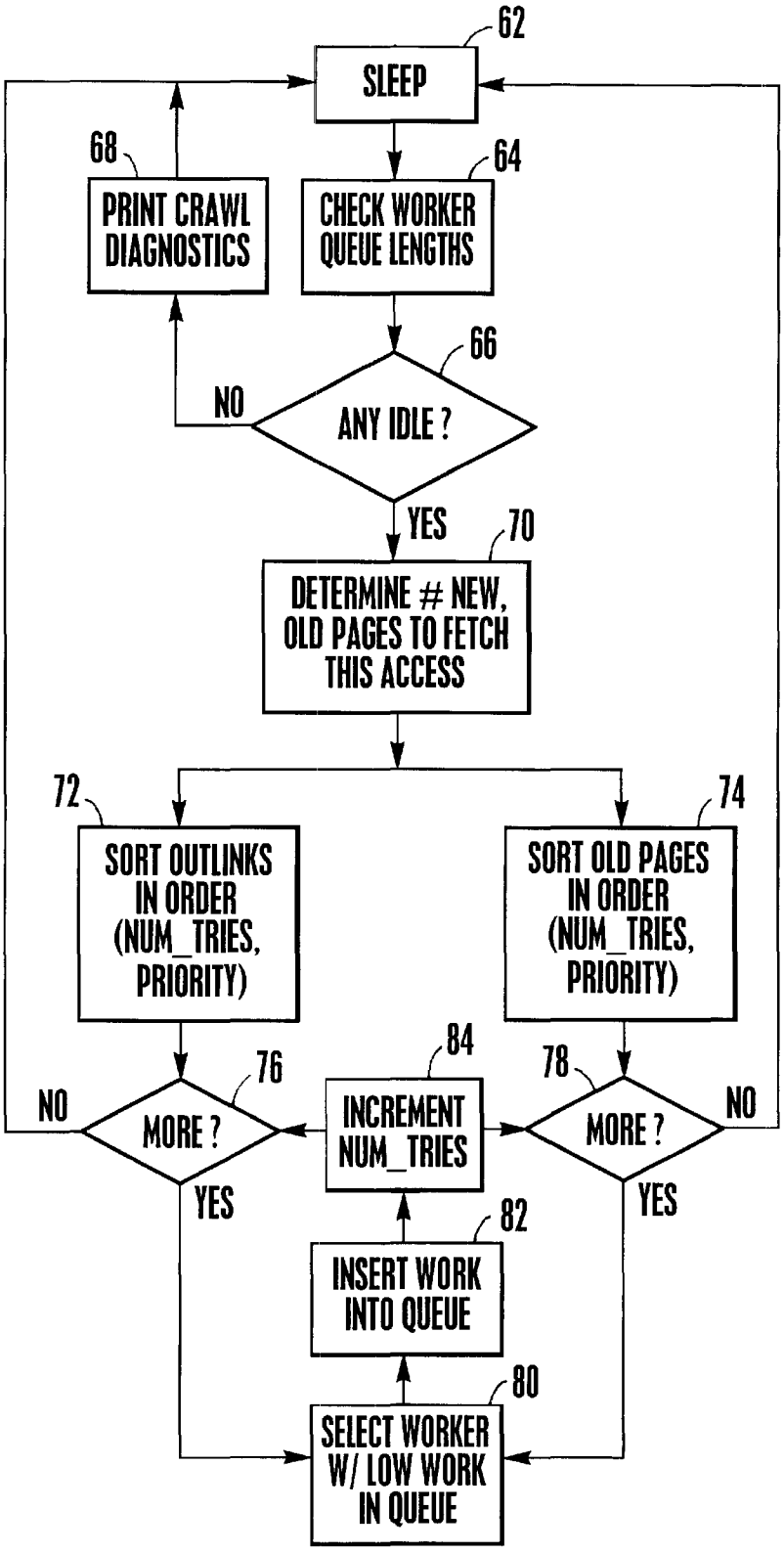
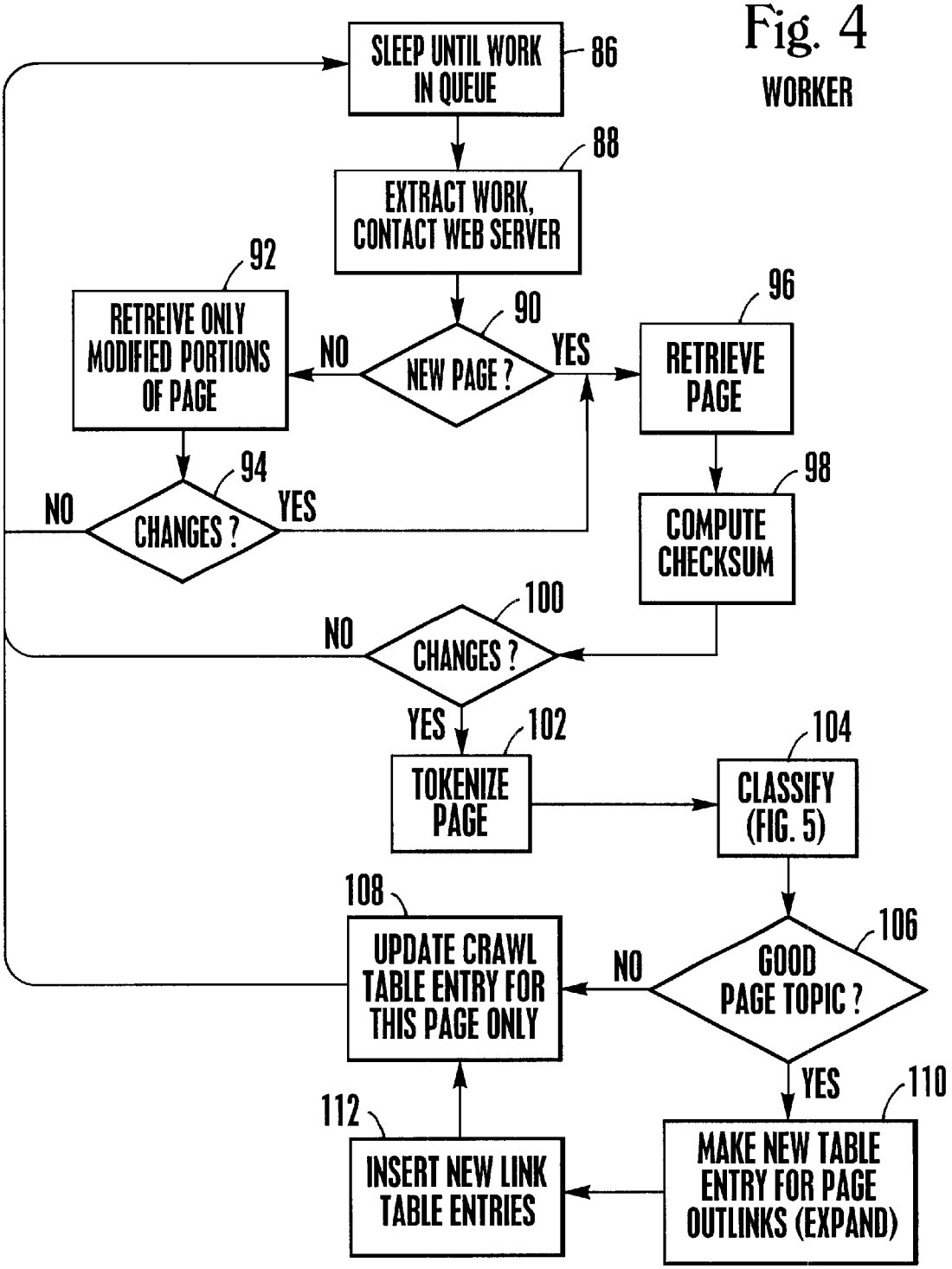


Fig. 4



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