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(54) **SELECTIVE FILE CACHING METHOD**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A method for improving performance through selective file
caching is disclosed. The caching policy of a client's
browser cache is set to cache all files. Web page files that
reference a dynamic file include JavaScript code that
mangles the dynamic filename, such that a reference by the
web page file to the dynamic file is unique each time a
browser processes the web page file. In one embodiment,
the filename is mangled by appending to it a known string
followed by a 12-digit timestamp. Consequently, the
mangled filename misses in the cache, forcing the browser
to fetch the dynamic file from the web server. The web
server recognizes the filename is in the mangled format,
regenerates the original filename, and returns the file to the
client. Static filenames are not mangled; hence, they are
satisfied from the browser cache. The method also works to
selectively defeat network caching.

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Web Browser Operation

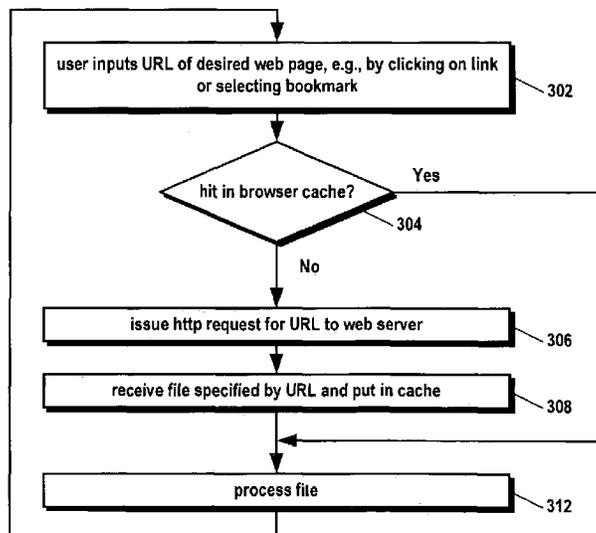


Fig. 1

Computer Network

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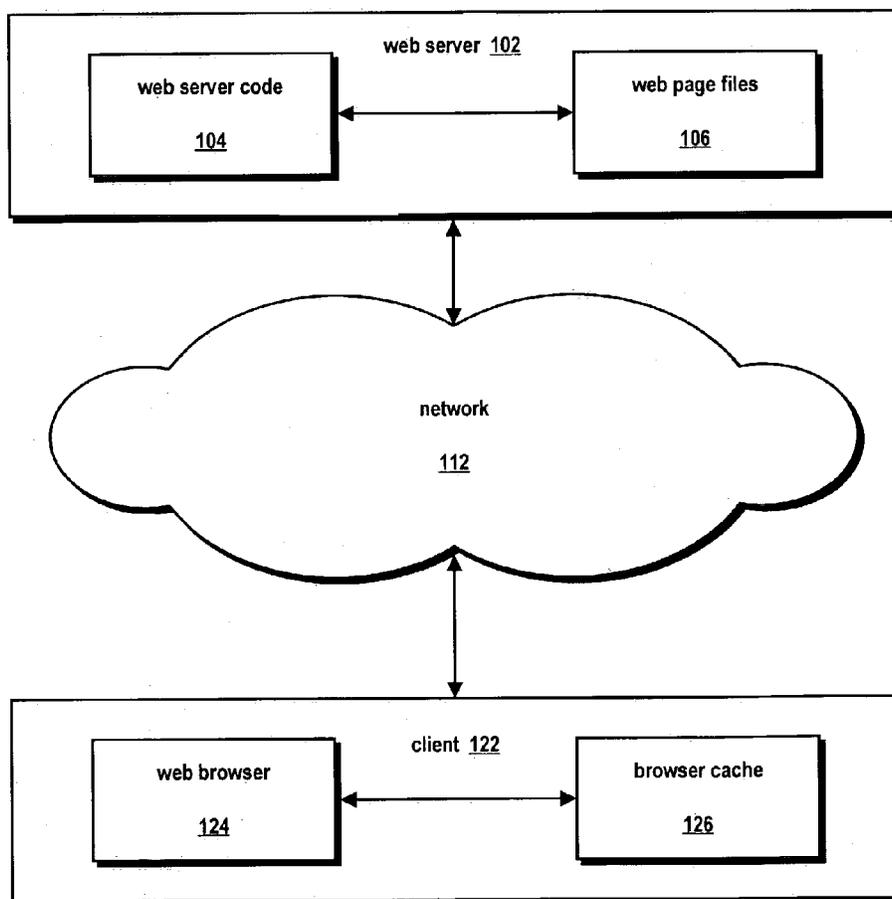


Fig. 2

Web Server Operation

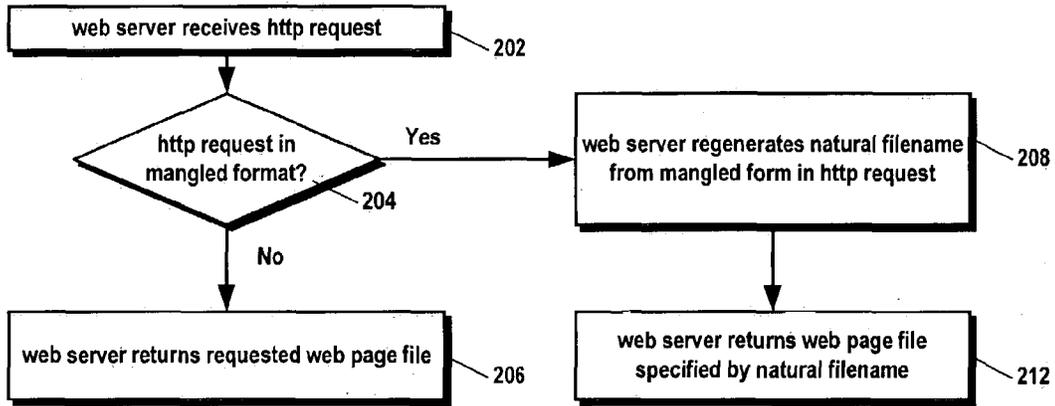


Fig. 3

Web Browser Operation

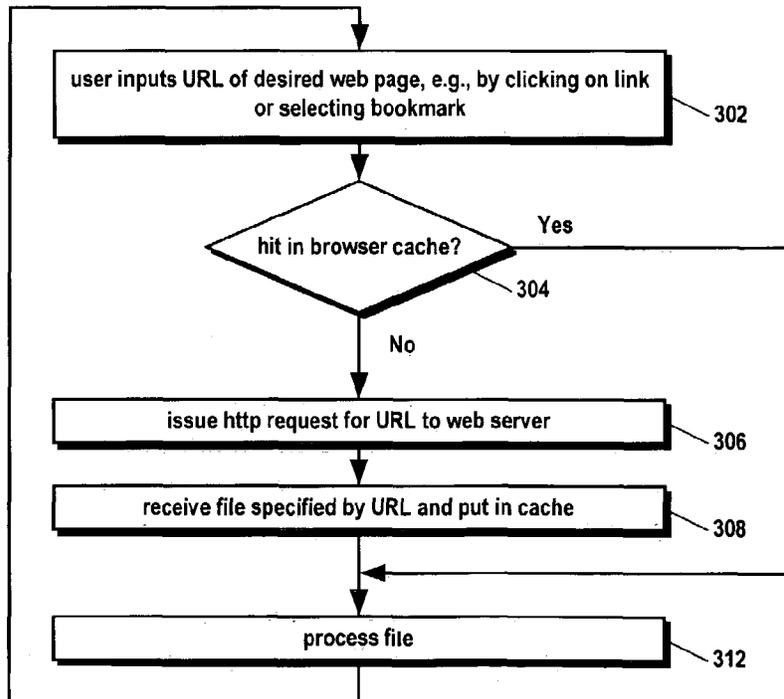


Fig. 4

Web Browser Operation

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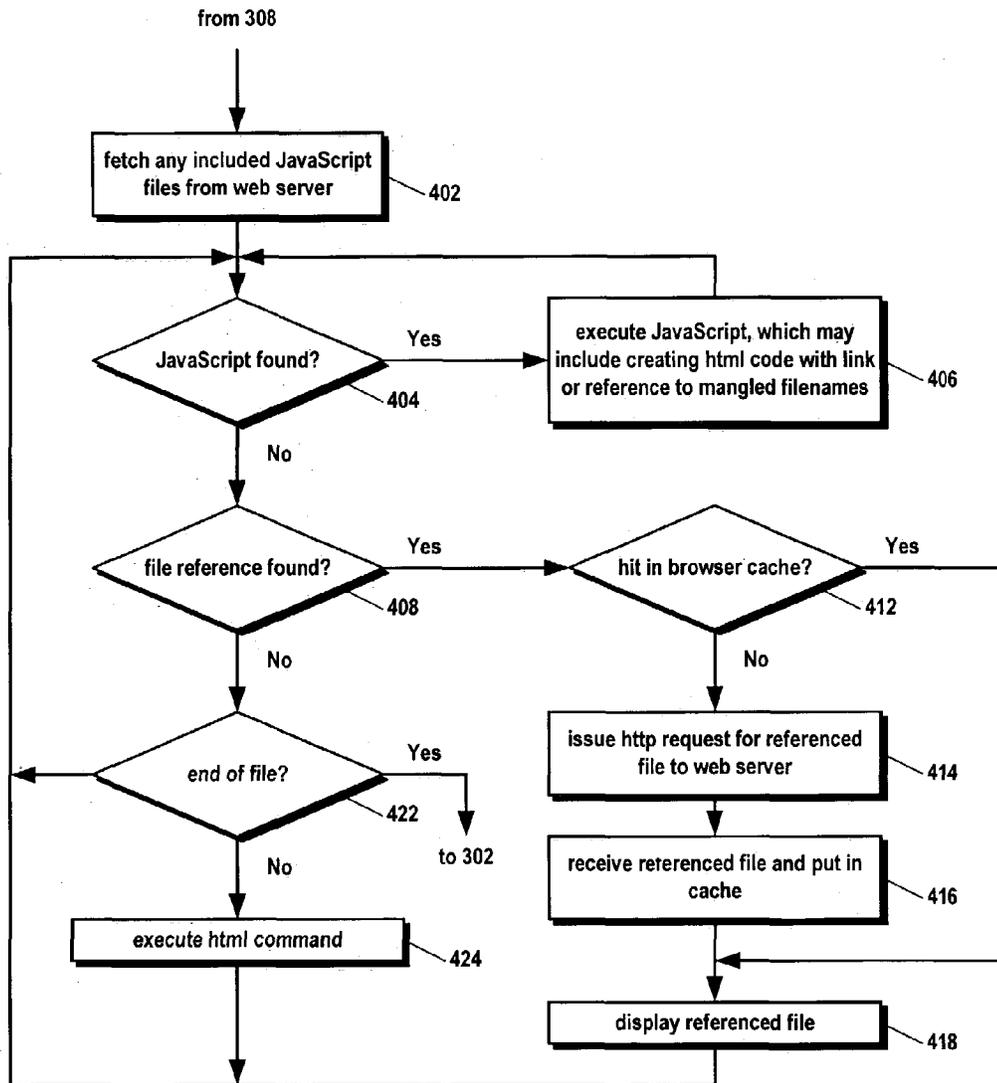
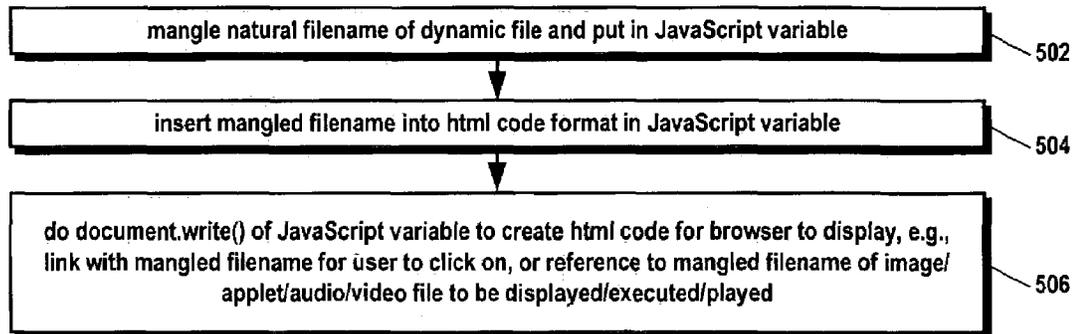


Fig. 5

Web Page JavaScript HTML Code Creation



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