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### [54] METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING A WORKING WINDOW IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM

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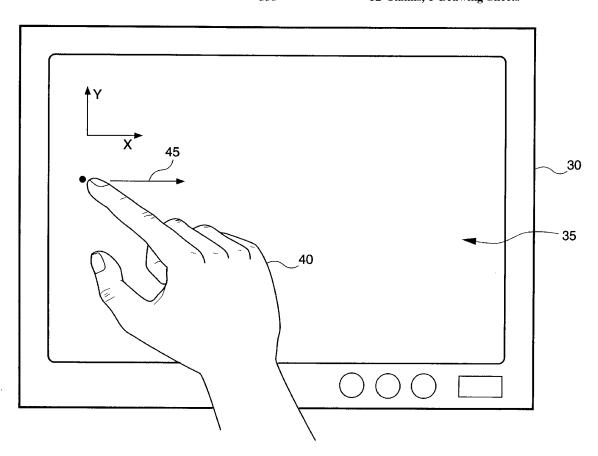
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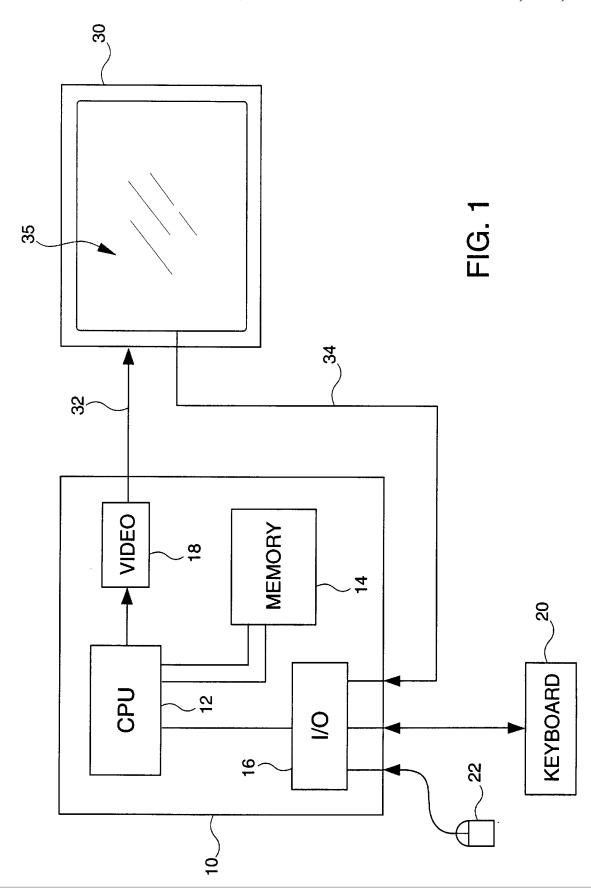
### [57] ABSTRACT

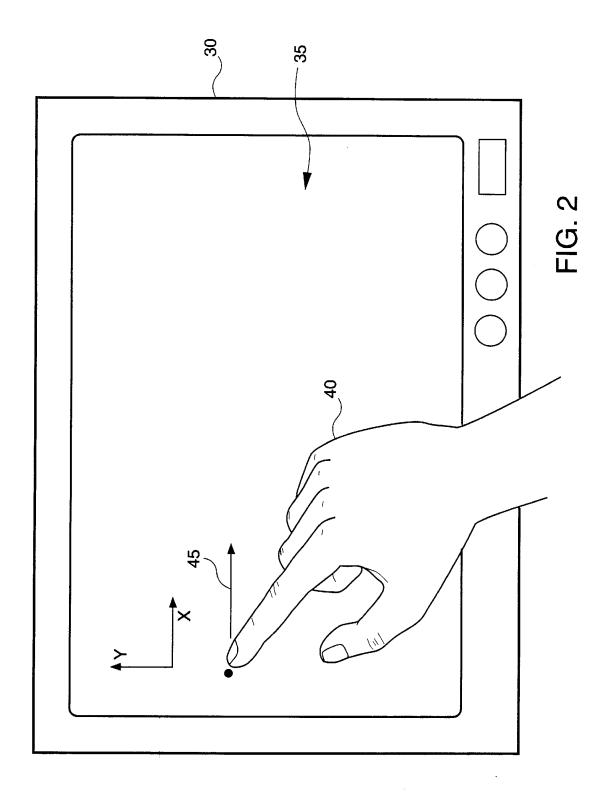
A method and system for generating a working window on a video monitor in a computer system is provided. The method comprises the steps of determining if a user has performed a first predetermined input stroke along at least a portion of a display screen. Upon determining that the user has drawn the predetermined input stroke, a plurality of icons are displayed. A user selects one of the plurality of icons via a second predetermined input stroke and a working window is scrolled onto the video monitor. A computer program that corresponds to the selected icon is then executed in the working window. The user can remove the working window from the screen by clicking and performing a third predetermined input stroke.

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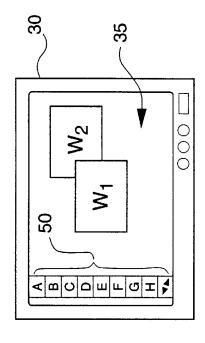
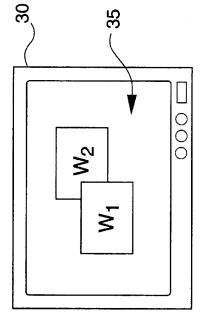


FIG. 3B



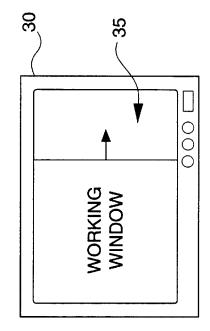
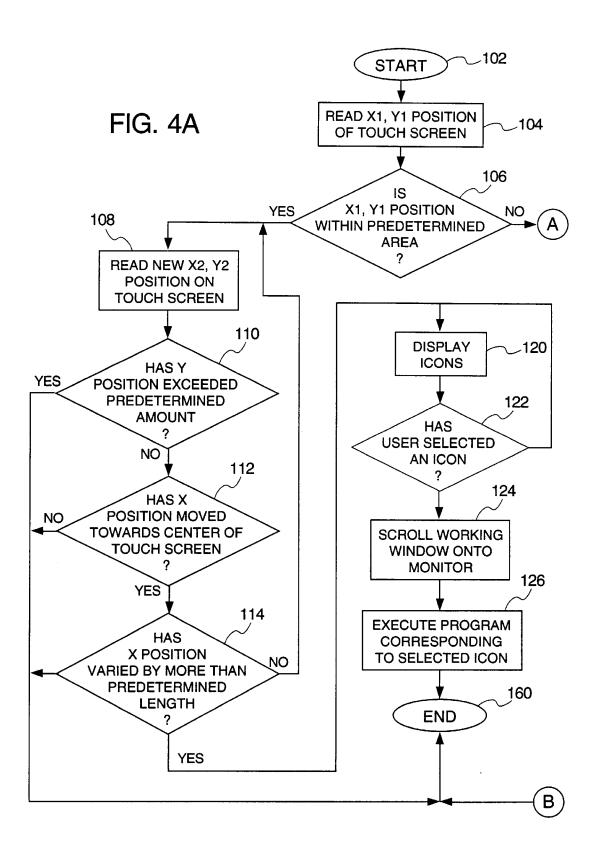


FIG. 3C





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