

[54] METHOD OF TRANSCODING DOCUMENTS
IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT USING A
PROXY SERVER

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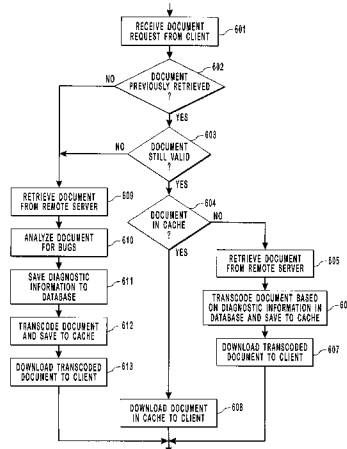
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[57] ABSTRACT

A method of providing a document to a client coupled to a
server is provided. The server provides a number of Internet
services to the client, including functioning as a caching
proxy on behalf of the client for purposes of accessing the
World Wide Web. The proxying server includes a persistent
document database, which stores various attributes of all
documents previously retrieved in response to a request
from a client. When a Web document is retrieved from a
remote server in response to a request from the client, the
database is consulted and the stored information relating to
the requested document is used by the server in transcoding
the document. The document is transcoded for various
purposes, including to circumvent bugs or quirks found in
the document, to size the document for display on a televi-
sion set, to improve transmission efficiency of the document,
and to reduce latency. The transcoder makes use of the
document database to perform these functions. The docu-
ment database is also used for prefetching previously
requested documents and images and for reducing latency
when downloading images to the client.

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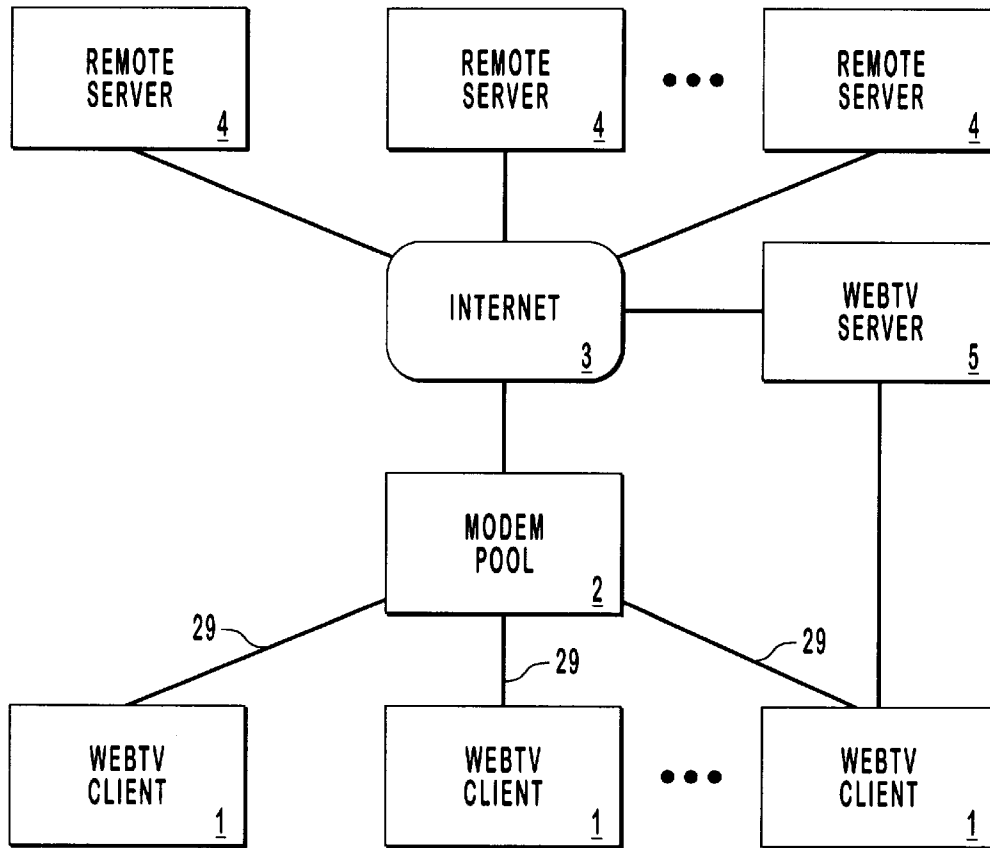


FIG. 1

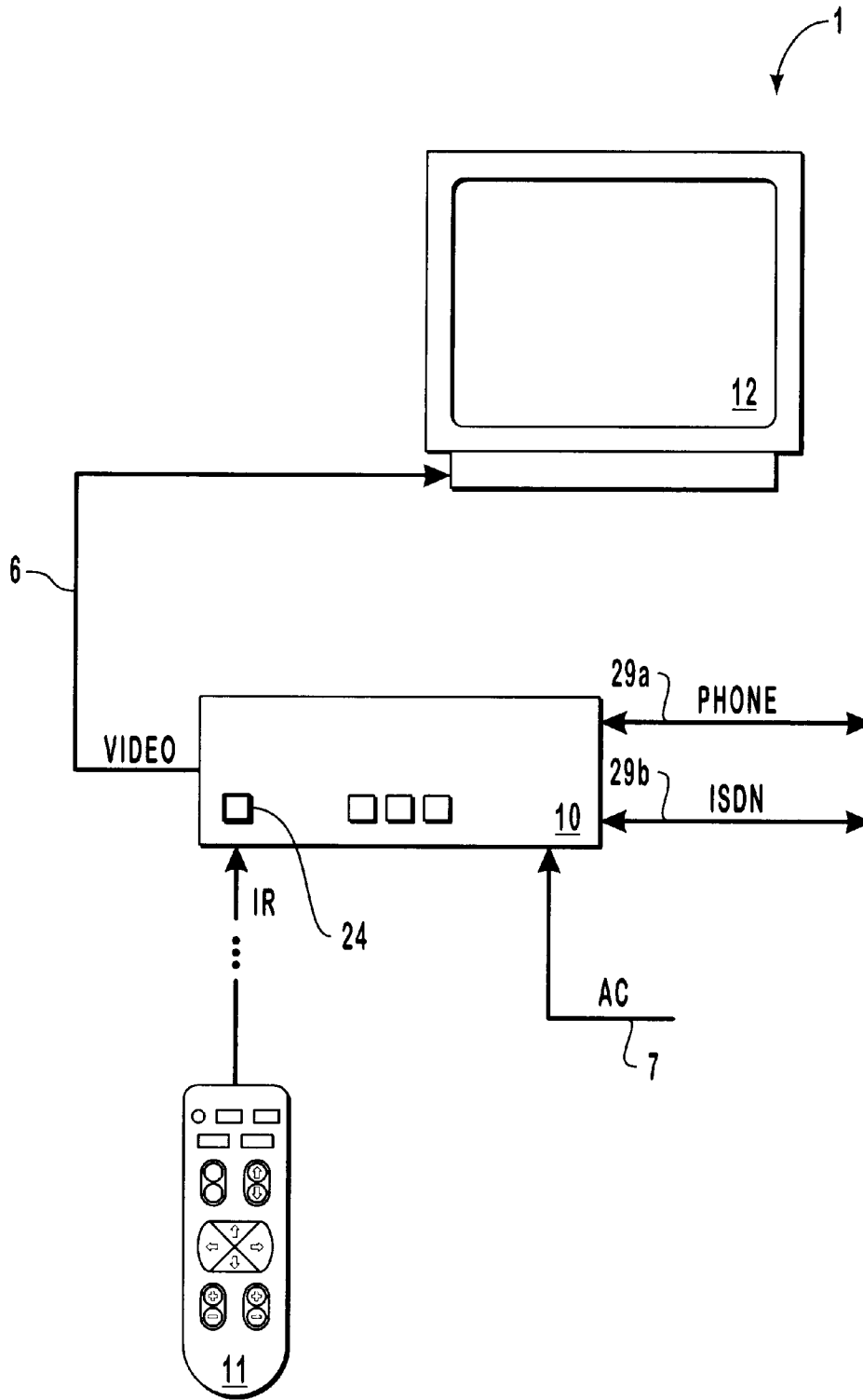


FIG. 2

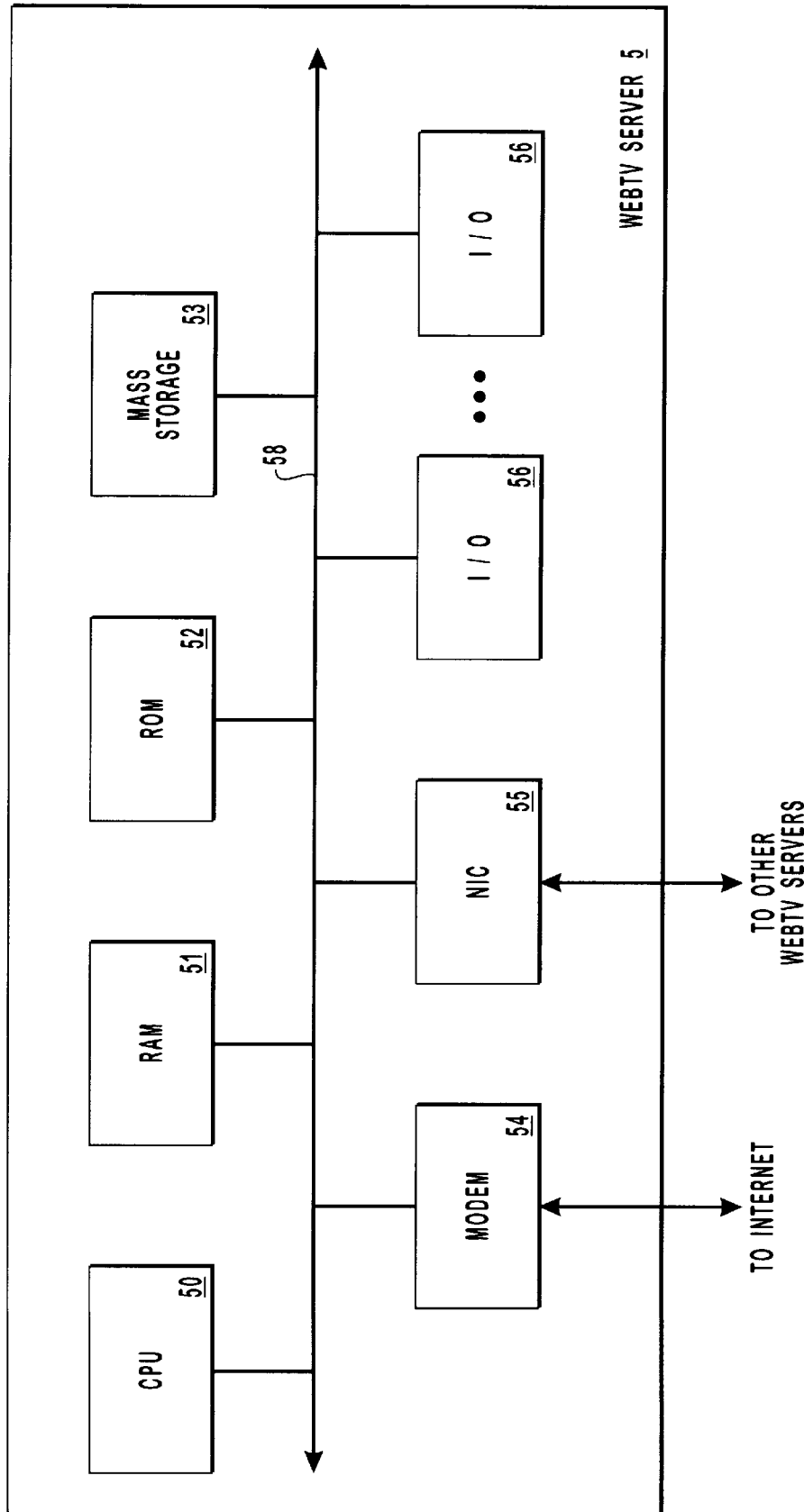


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