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(54) METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ORGANIZING CONTENT USING TAGS AND FOR LAYING OUT IMAGES

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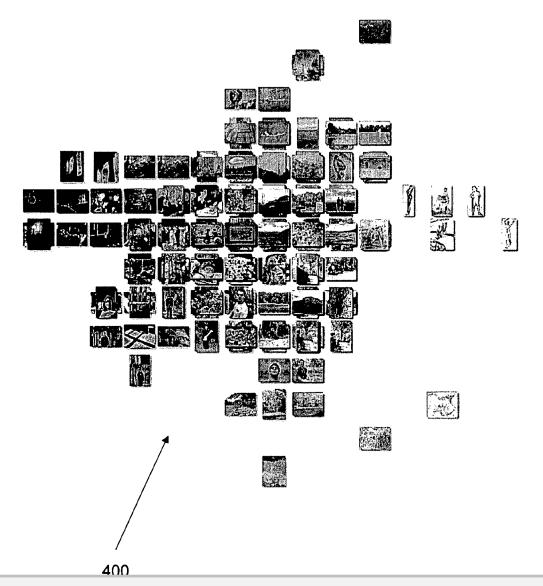
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ABSTRACT

Methods and systems for placing images on a display such that images that are closely related to each other are placed near each other, and images that are unrelated are placed further away. The invention encompasses various techniques that may be used to determine how related or similar images are to one another, including methods that take into account user-supplied tags or other tags that describe the image's content and/or source. Color content, image content, time of image capture, and/or, other attributes may also be used in assessing image similarity. For example, one embodiment of the invention is a method for laying out images based on the similarity of the images with respect to color, tags, and/or other metadata. The layout of images may also involve removing overlap between images.





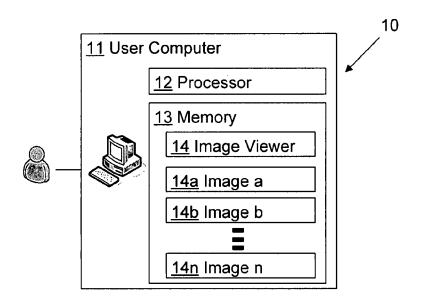


FIGURE 1a

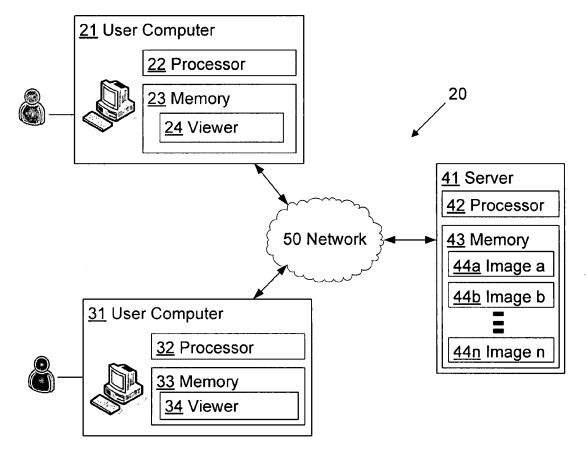
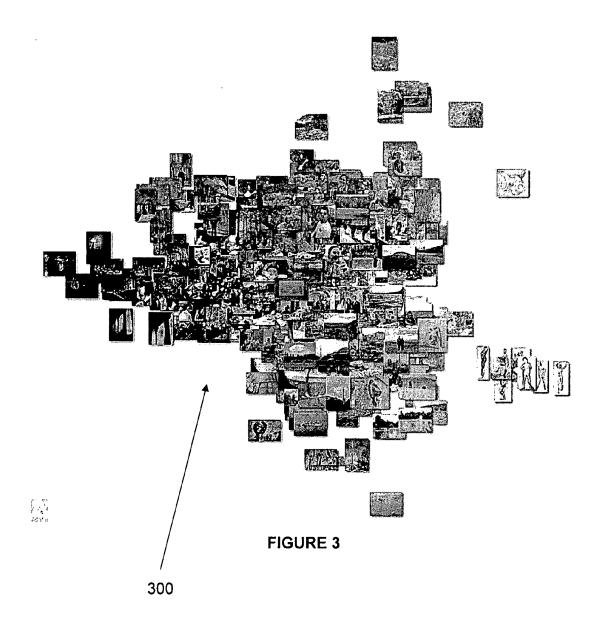


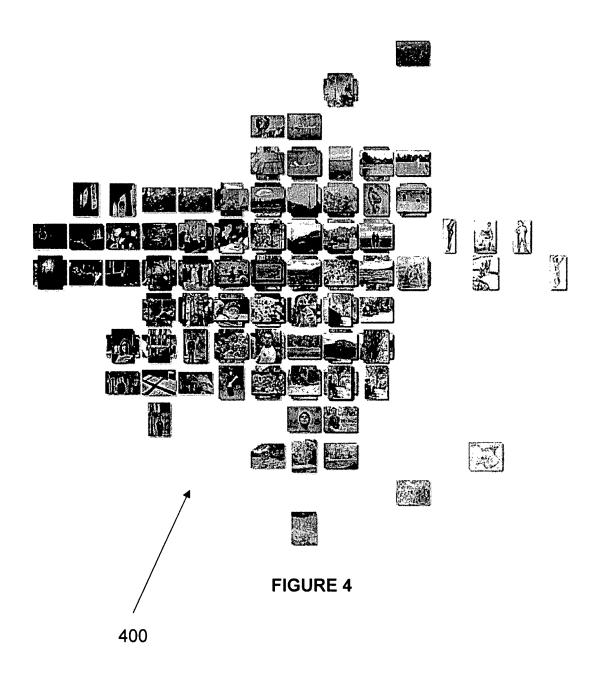
FIGURE 1b



200 **IDENTIFYING A COLLECTION OF IMAGES** <u>210</u> DETERMINING A SIMILARITY OF EACH IMAGE OF THE COLLECTION TO EVERY OTHER IMAGE OF THE COLLECTION USING TAGS <u>220</u> DETERMINE A LAYOUT USING THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN IMAGES LAYING OUT THE IMAGES OF THE COLLECTION ACCORDING TO THE LAYOUT <u>240</u>

FIGURE 2





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