

[54] SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING INFORMATION OBJECTS BETWEEN A USER STATION AND MULTIPLE REMOTE SOURCES BASED UPON USER MODIFIABLE OBJECT MANIFEST STORED IN THE USER STATION

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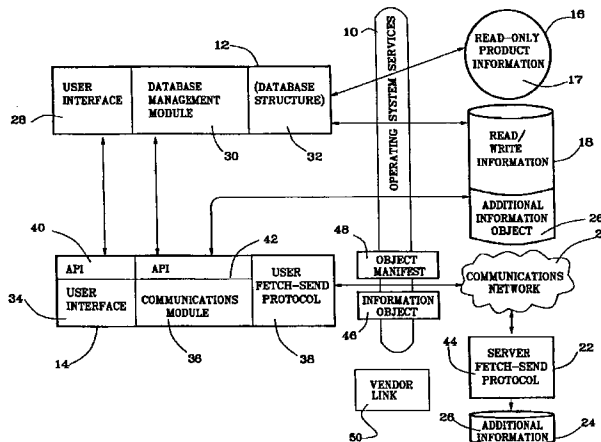
ABSTRACT

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A novel electronic information transport component can be incorporated in a wide range of electronic information products, for example magazine collections, to automate the mass distribution of updates, such as current issues, from a remote server to a wide user base having a diversity of computer stations. Advantages of economy, immediacy and ease of use are provided. Extensions of the invention permit automated electronic catalog shopping with order placement and, optionally, order confirmation. A server-based update distribution service is also provided.

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