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(54) **STREAMING MEDIA BUFFERING SYSTEM**

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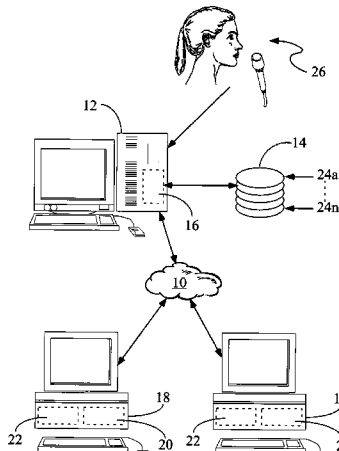*Primary Examiner* — Joseph Avellino

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(57)　　**ABSTRACT**

Streaming media, such as audio or video files, is sent via the Internet. The media are immediately played on a user's computer. Audio/video data is transmitted from the server more rapidly than it is played out by the user system. The audio/video data in the user buffer accumulates; and interruptions in playback as well as temporary modem delays are avoided.

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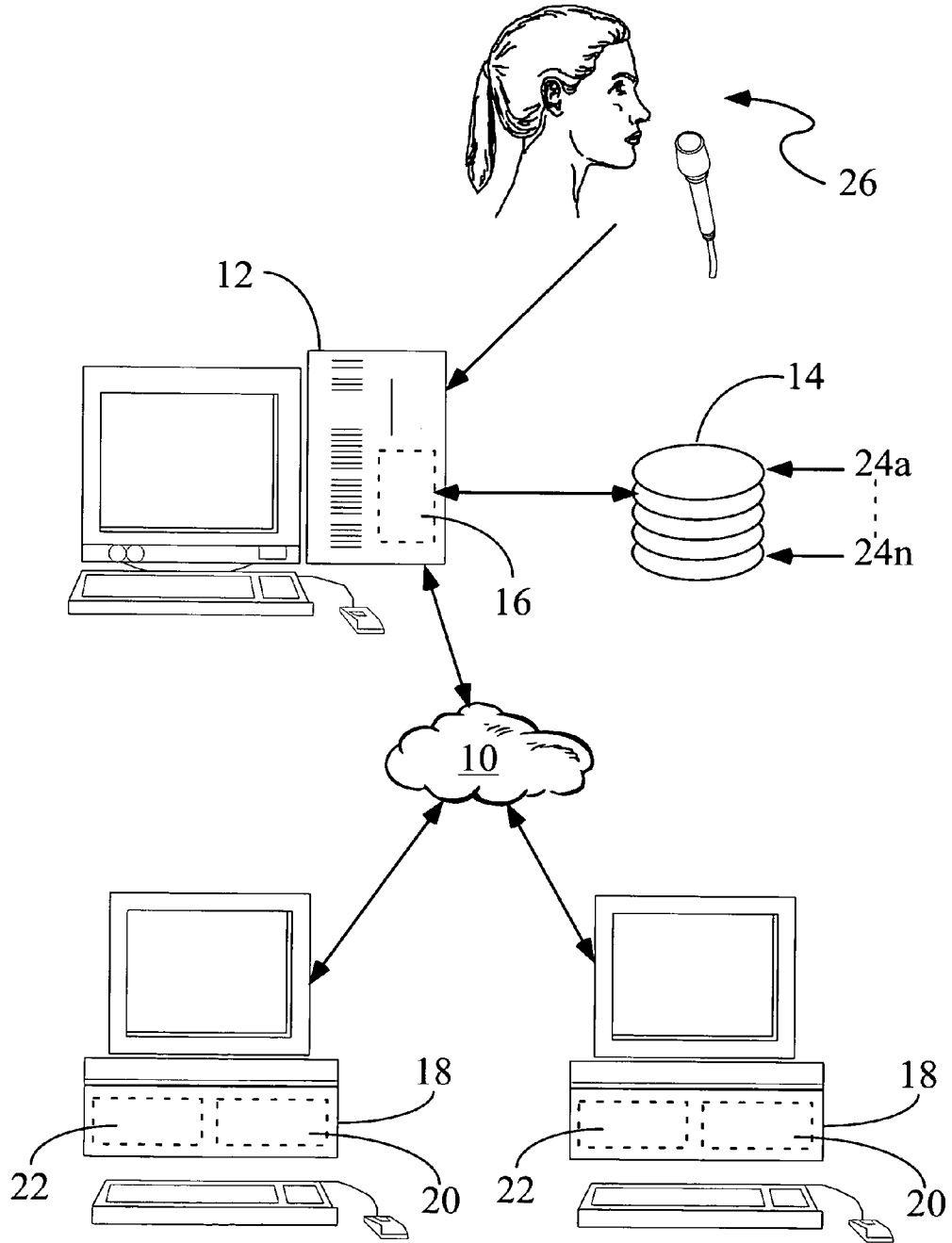
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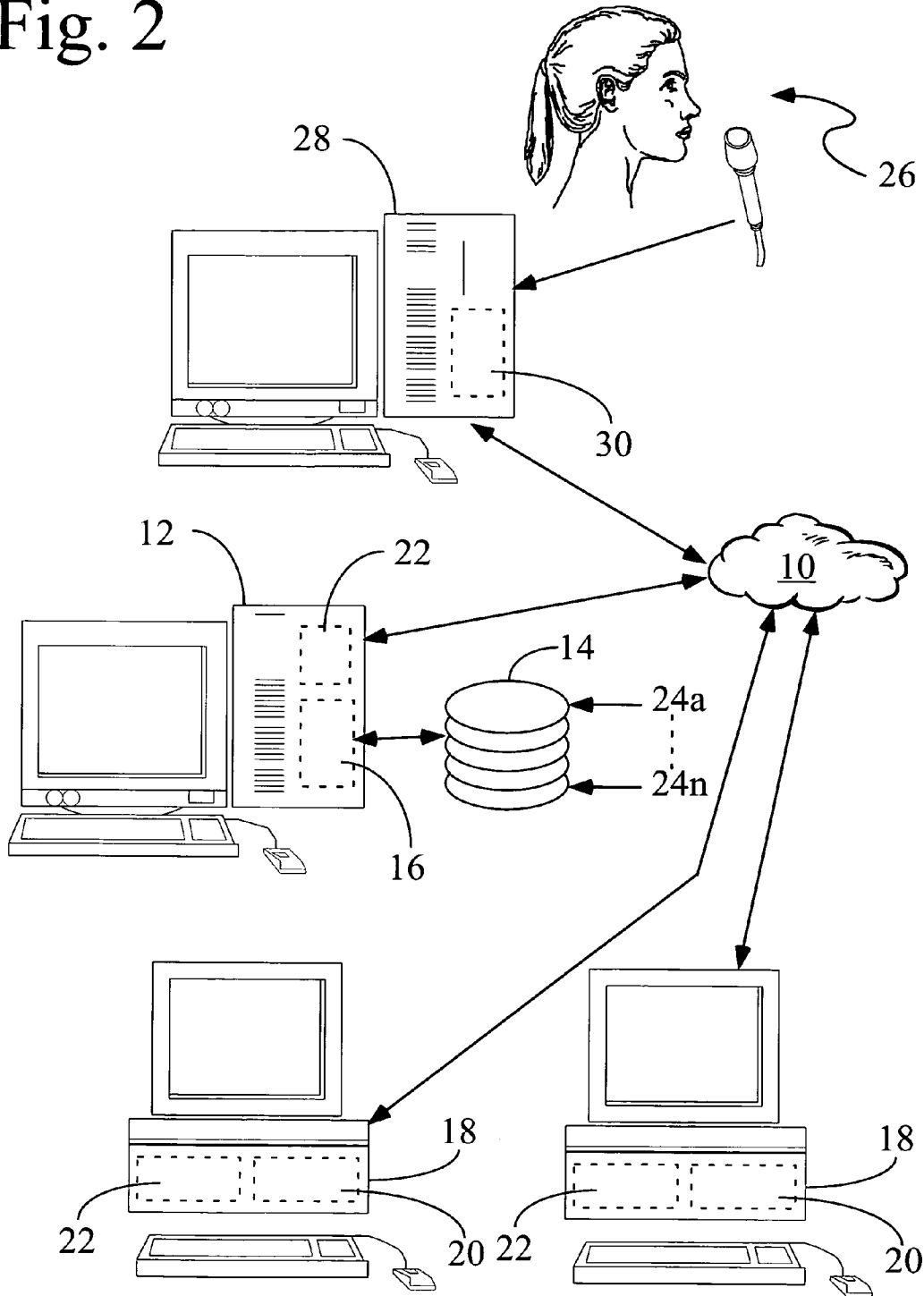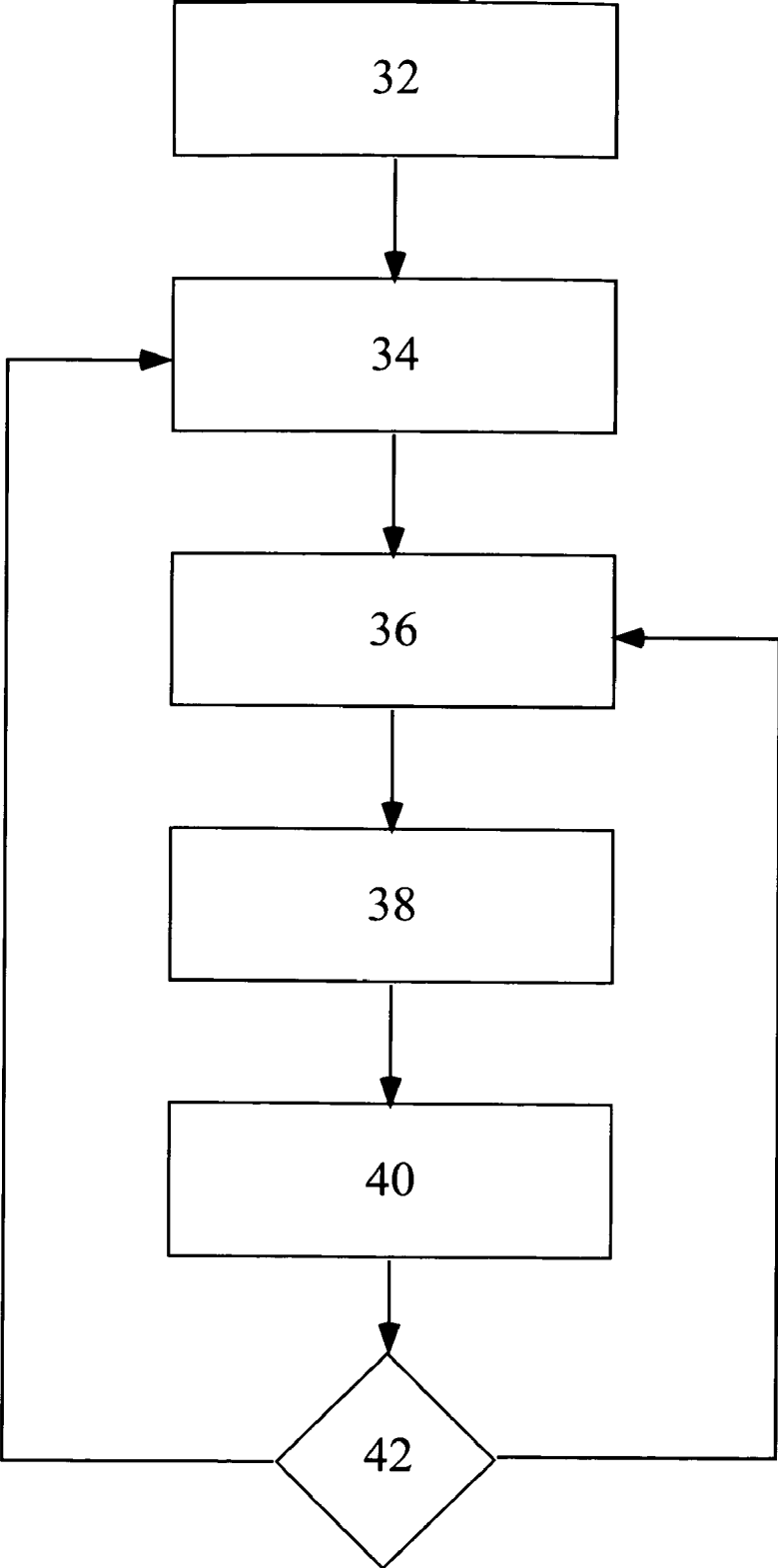
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