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[54] **GRAPHICAL METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING INFORMATION ON A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A system and computer-based method for permitting a computer system to access a network location using a browser application by activating a desktop icon. The system comprises a first computer readable program code means for causing the computer system to display a desktop icon associated with a file containing a network address corresponding to the network location. When the desktop icon is activated, a second computer usable program code means causes the computer to launch an instance of a browser application or a new window for a currently executing browser application and a third computer usable program code means causes the computer system to pass the network address to the browser application, thereby accessing the network location.

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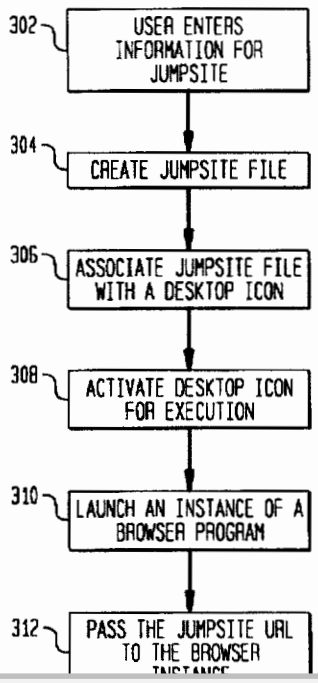

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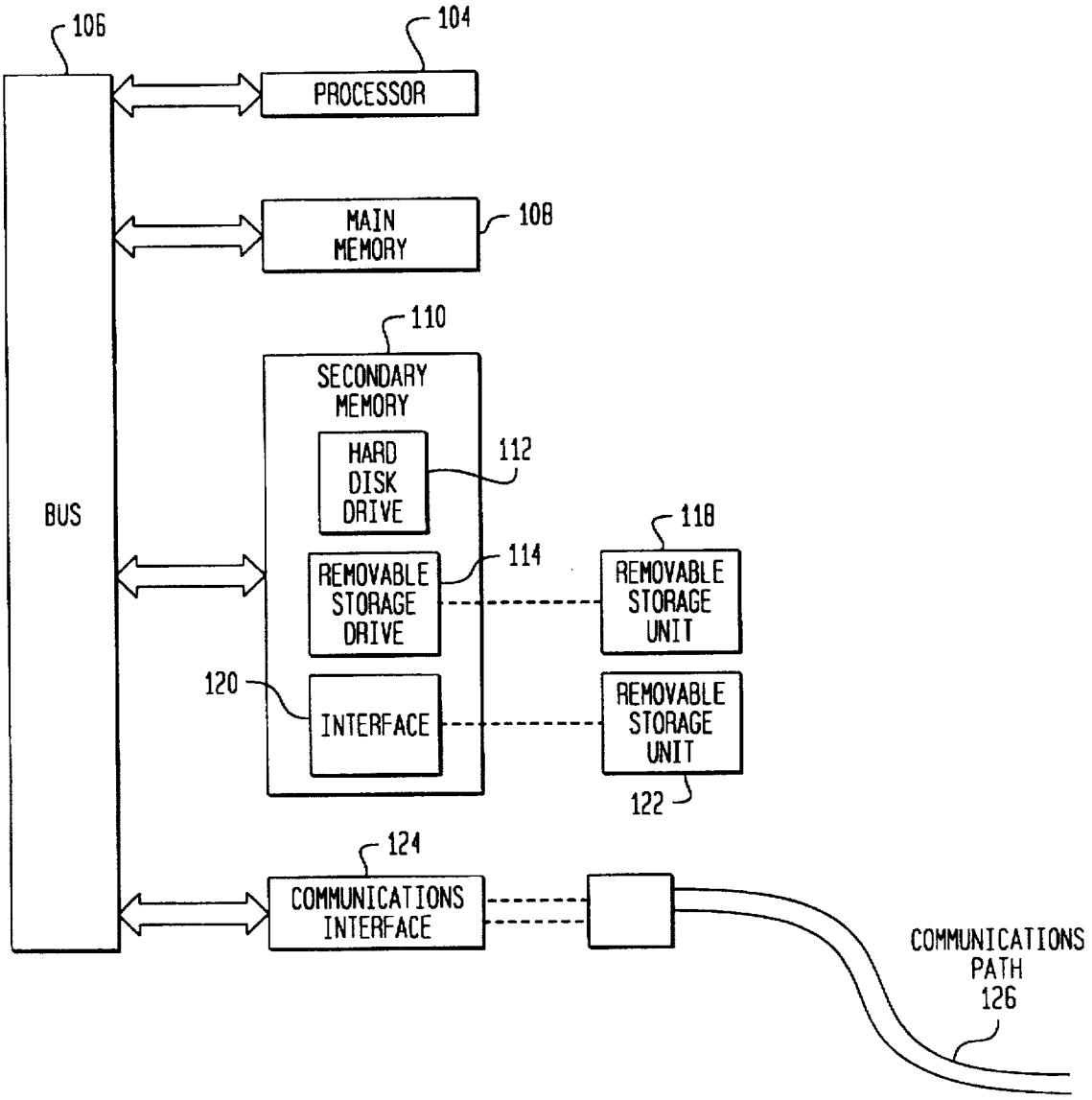

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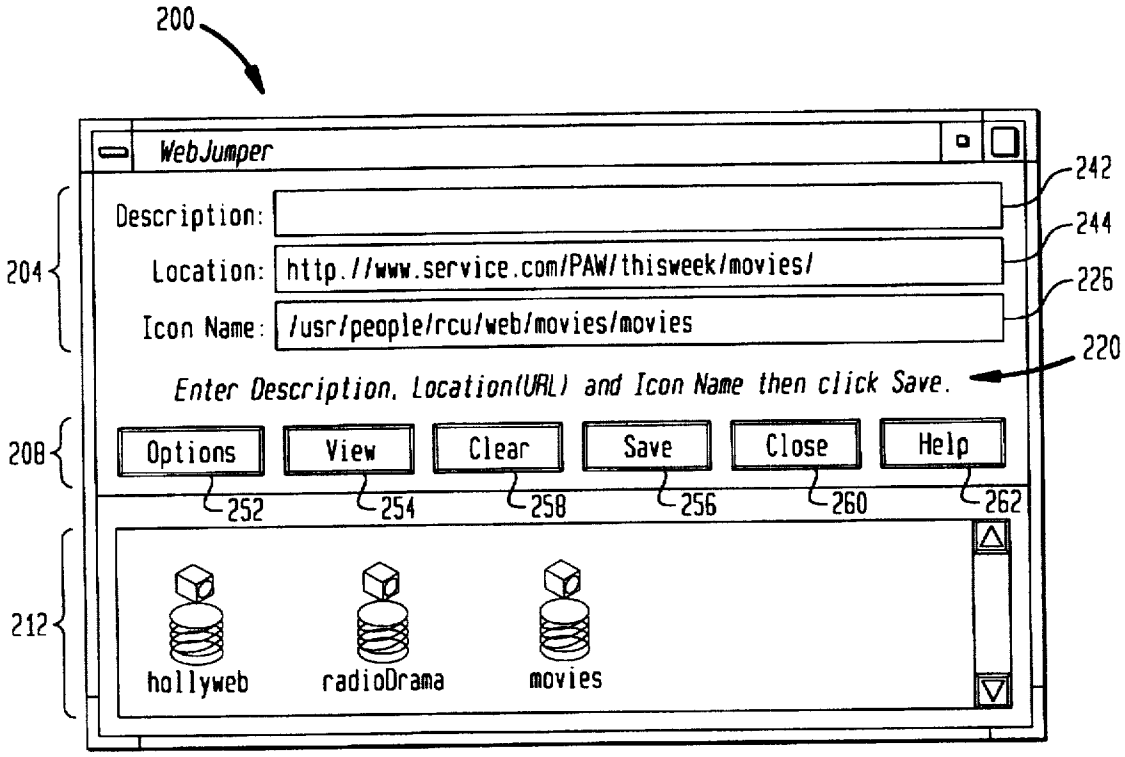

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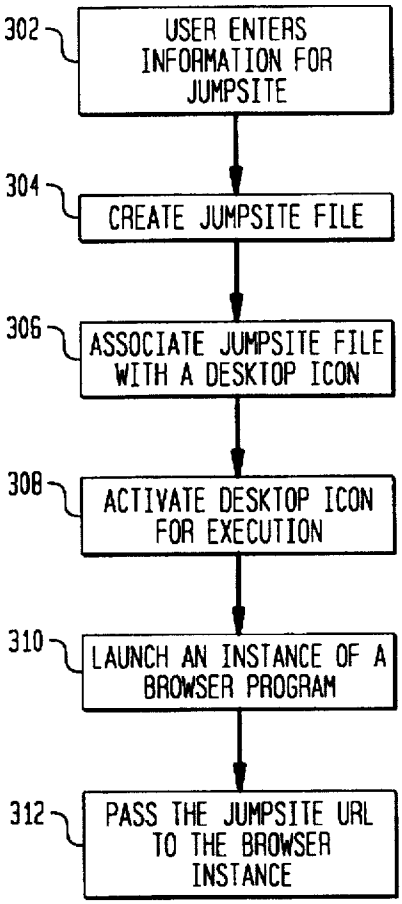

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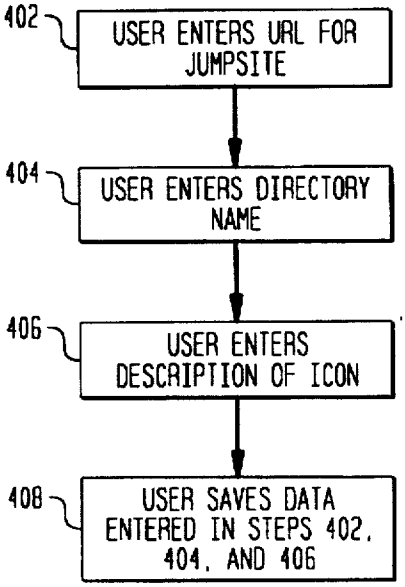

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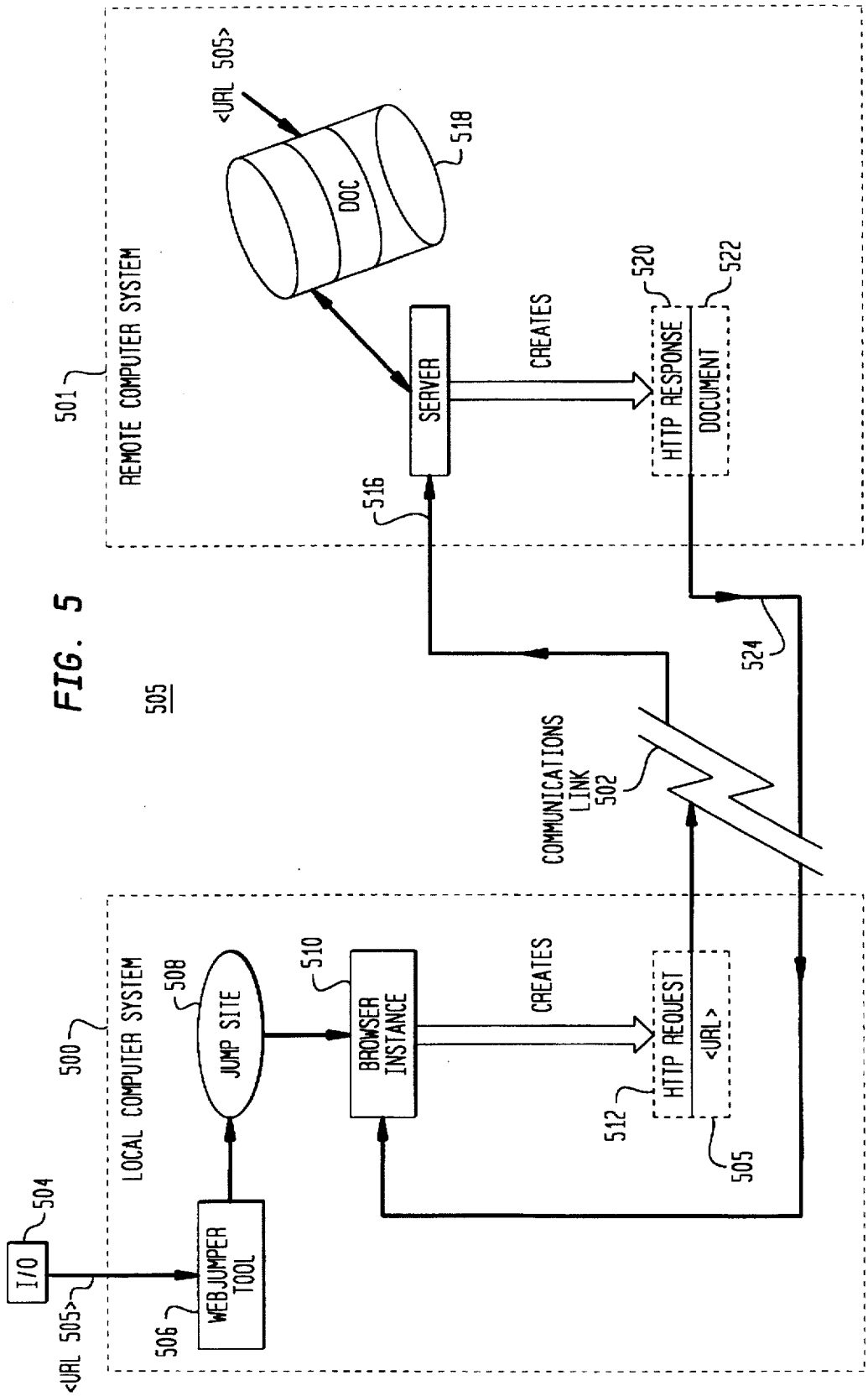

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