

(12) **United States Patent**
Votipka

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 6,185,589 B1**
(45) **Date of Patent:** **Feb. 6, 2001**

(54) **AUTOMATIC BANNER RESIZING FOR VARIABLE-WIDTH WEB PAGES USING VARIABLE WIDTH CELLS OF HTML TABLE**

6,052,130 * 4/2000 Bardon et al. 345/439
6,057,842 * 5/2000 Knowlton et al. 345/348

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Laura Lemay's Web Workshop: Designing With Stylesheets, Tables, and Frames, Sam.net Publishing, 1997, pp. 94-117.*

* cited by examiner

Primary Examiner—Stephen S. Hong

(75) Inventor: **Bruce Votipka**, Fort Collins, CO (US)
(73) Assignee: **Hewlett-Packard Company**, Palo Alto, CA (US)
(*) Notice: Under 35 U.S.C. 154(b), the term of this patent shall be extended for 0 days.

(57) **ABSTRACT**

Web page banners are constructed in parts using HTML tables rather than as a single graphical image to allow web page designers to reuse the banner for different window widths without requiring a separate banner for each width. The background image is defined in an HTML table. Each graphical image that in the prior art would normally be embedded within the single GIF image is separately overlaid, with a transparent background to allow the table background to remain visible, in a separate fixed-width cell of the table. Empty space regions are defined as transparent variable-width cells and appropriately positioned in the table. The user's browser automatically resizes the variable-width cells to adjust the width of the table to cover the width of the window that displays the web page.

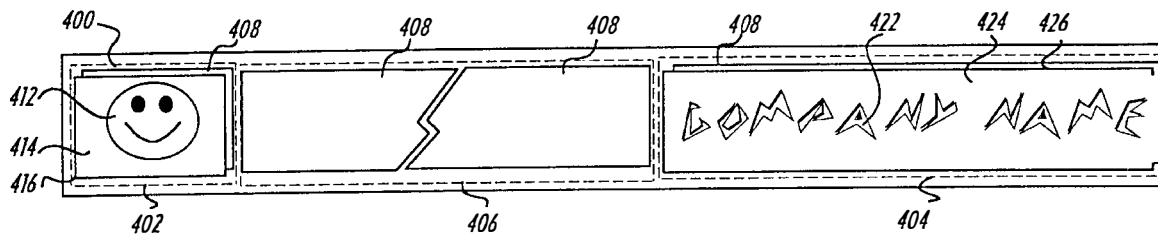
(21) Appl. No.: **09/127,185**
(22) Filed: **Jul. 31, 1998**
(51) Int. Cl.⁷ **G06F 17/25**
(52) U.S. Cl. **707/517; 707/501; 707/513; 345/342**
(58) Field of Search **707/517, 501, 707/513, 526, 504; 345/335, 338, 341, 342, 347, 348**

(56) **References Cited**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,687,331 * 11/1997 Volk et al. 345/327
5,845,299 * 12/1998 Arora et al. 707/513
6,025,841 * 2/2000 Finkelstein et al. 345/342

15 Claims, 4 Drawing Sheets



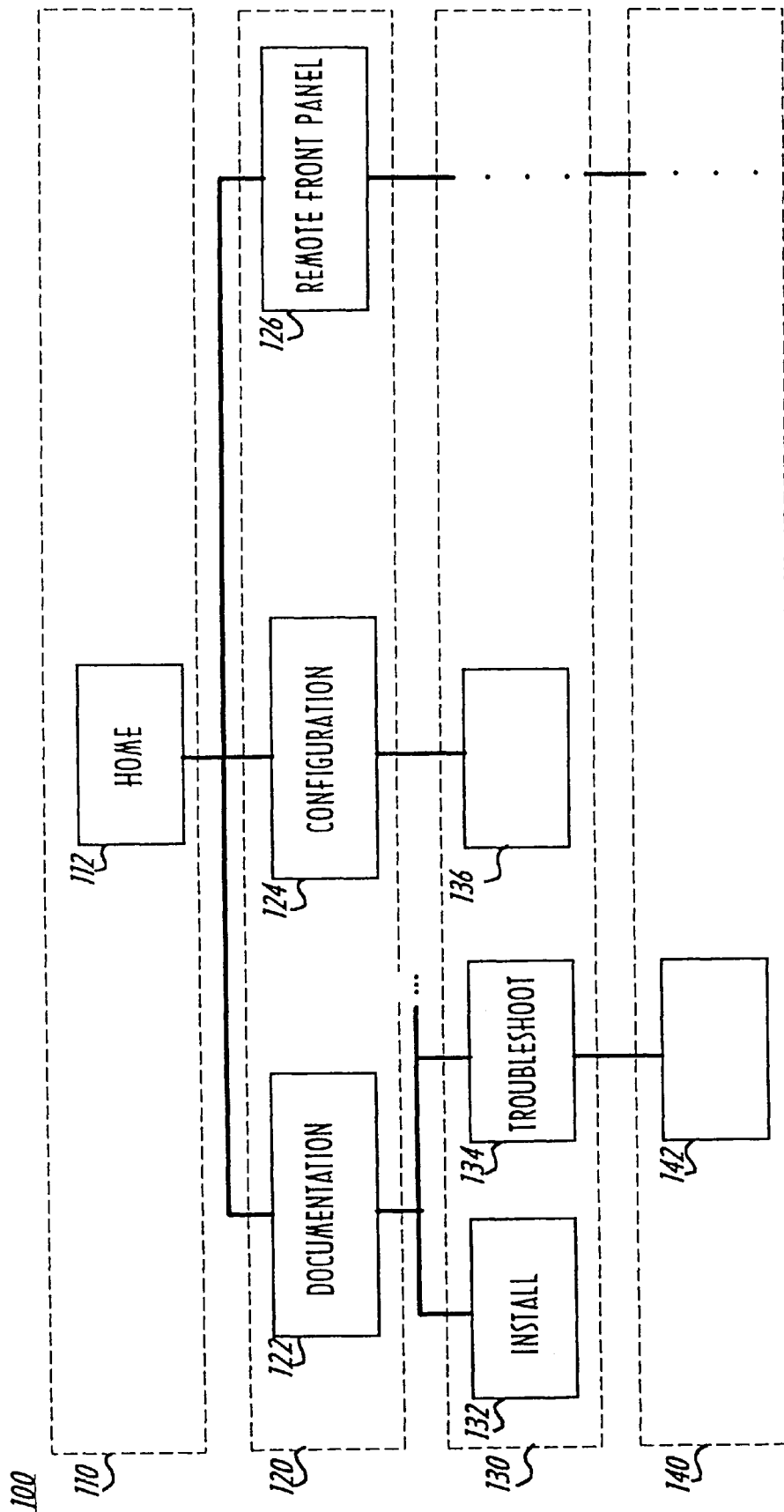


FIG. 1

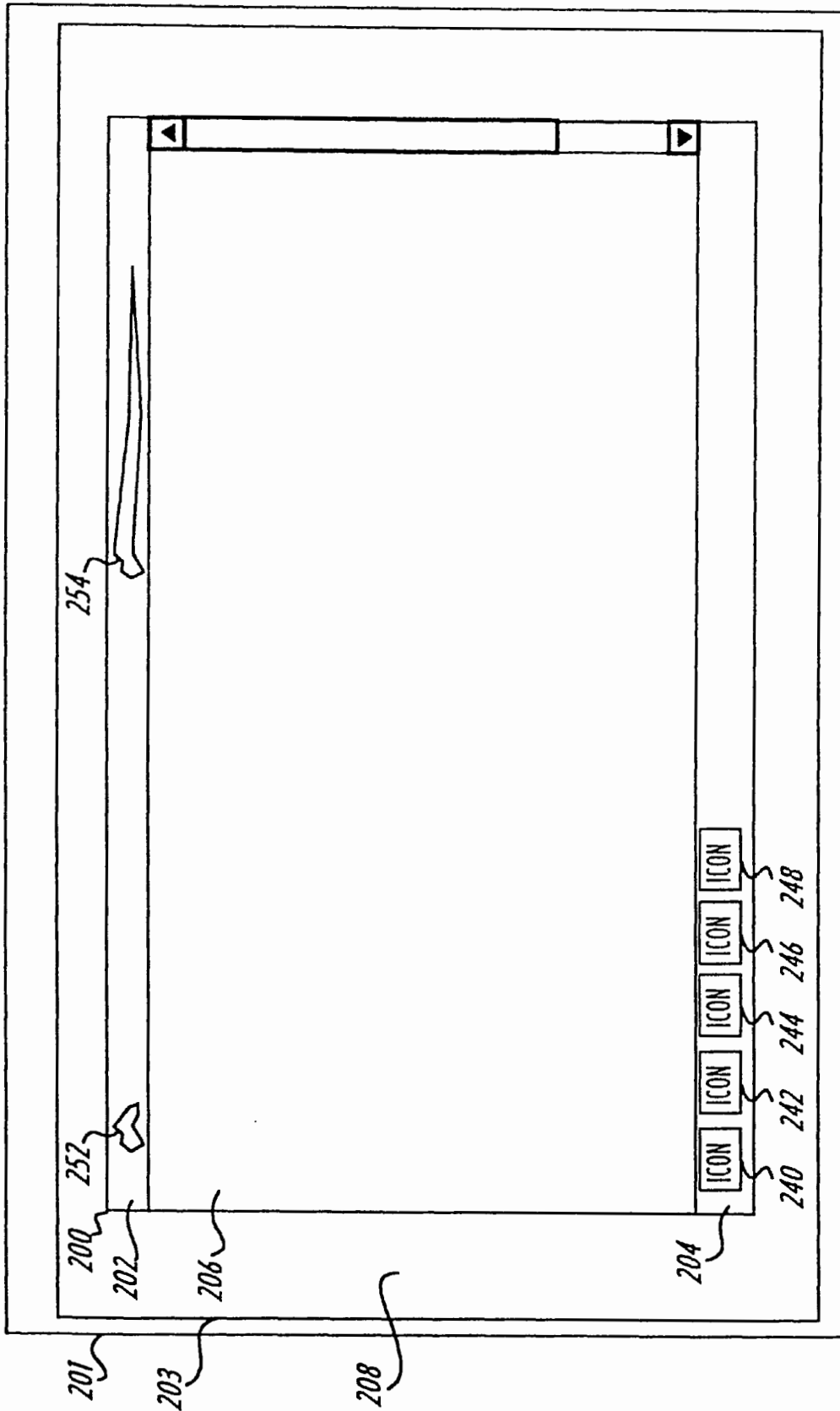


FIG. 2

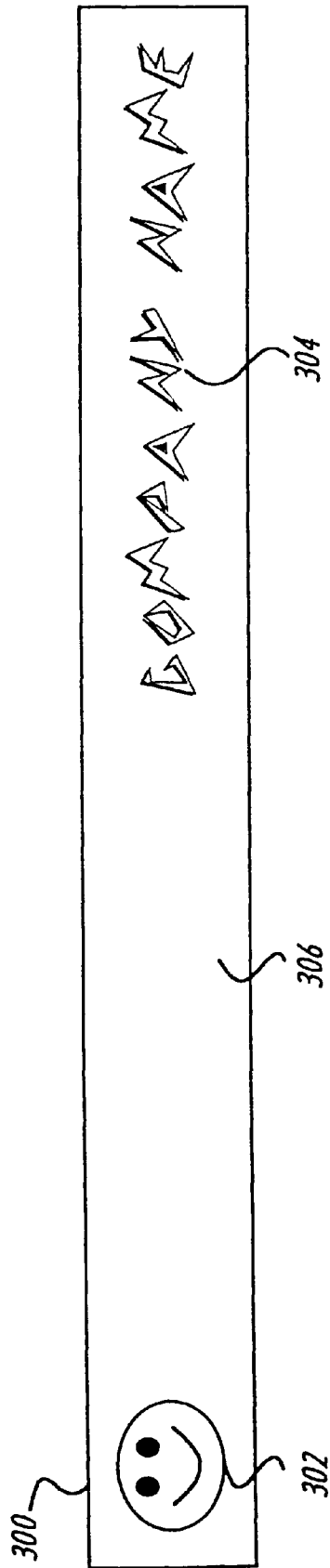


FIG. 3

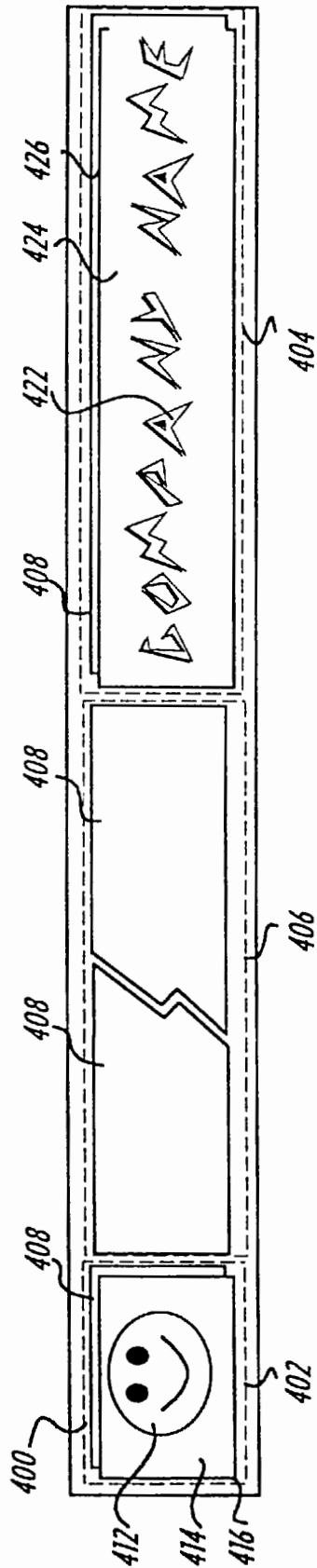


FIG. 4

Explore Litigation Insights

Docket Alarm provides insights to develop a more informed litigation strategy and the peace of mind of knowing you're on top of things.

Real-Time Litigation Alerts



Keep your litigation team up-to-date with **real-time alerts** and advanced team management tools built for the enterprise, all while greatly reducing PACER spend.

Our comprehensive service means we can handle Federal, State, and Administrative courts across the country.

Advanced Docket Research



With over 230 million records, Docket Alarm's cloud-native docket research platform finds what other services can't. Coverage includes Federal, State, plus PTAB, TTAB, ITC and NLRB decisions, all in one place.

Identify arguments that have been successful in the past with full text, pinpoint searching. Link to case law cited within any court document via Fastcase.

Analytics At Your Fingertips



Learn what happened the last time a particular judge, opposing counsel or company faced cases similar to yours.

Advanced out-of-the-box PTAB and TTAB analytics are always at your fingertips.

API

Docket Alarm offers a powerful API (application programming interface) to developers that want to integrate case filings into their apps.

LAW FIRMS

Build custom dashboards for your attorneys and clients with live data direct from the court.

Automate many repetitive legal tasks like conflict checks, document management, and marketing.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Litigation and bankruptcy checks for companies and debtors.

E-DISCOVERY AND LEGAL VENDORS

Sync your system to PACER to automate legal marketing.