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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED NAVIGATION USING BOOKMARKS FOR MOVEMENT BETWEEN LOCATIONS IN A WINDOWS ENVIRONMENT**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for providing a bookmark section within each program GUI. The bookmark section contains one or more selectable portions that enable a user to select one or more bookmarks corresponding to programs, files within programs, views within programs or files, or any other graphical presentation that is accessible within the system. The user selects a bookmark and proceeds directly to the desired location in the system corresponding to that bookmark with a single step. The user may create bookmarks so that locations within the system may be quickly accessed.

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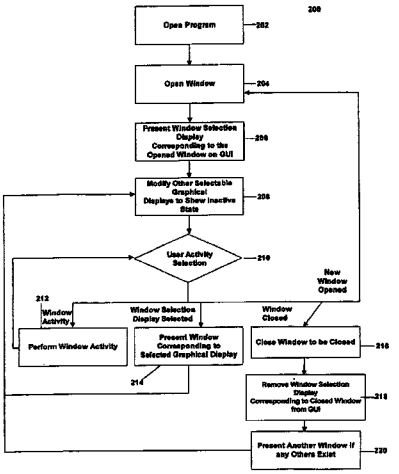

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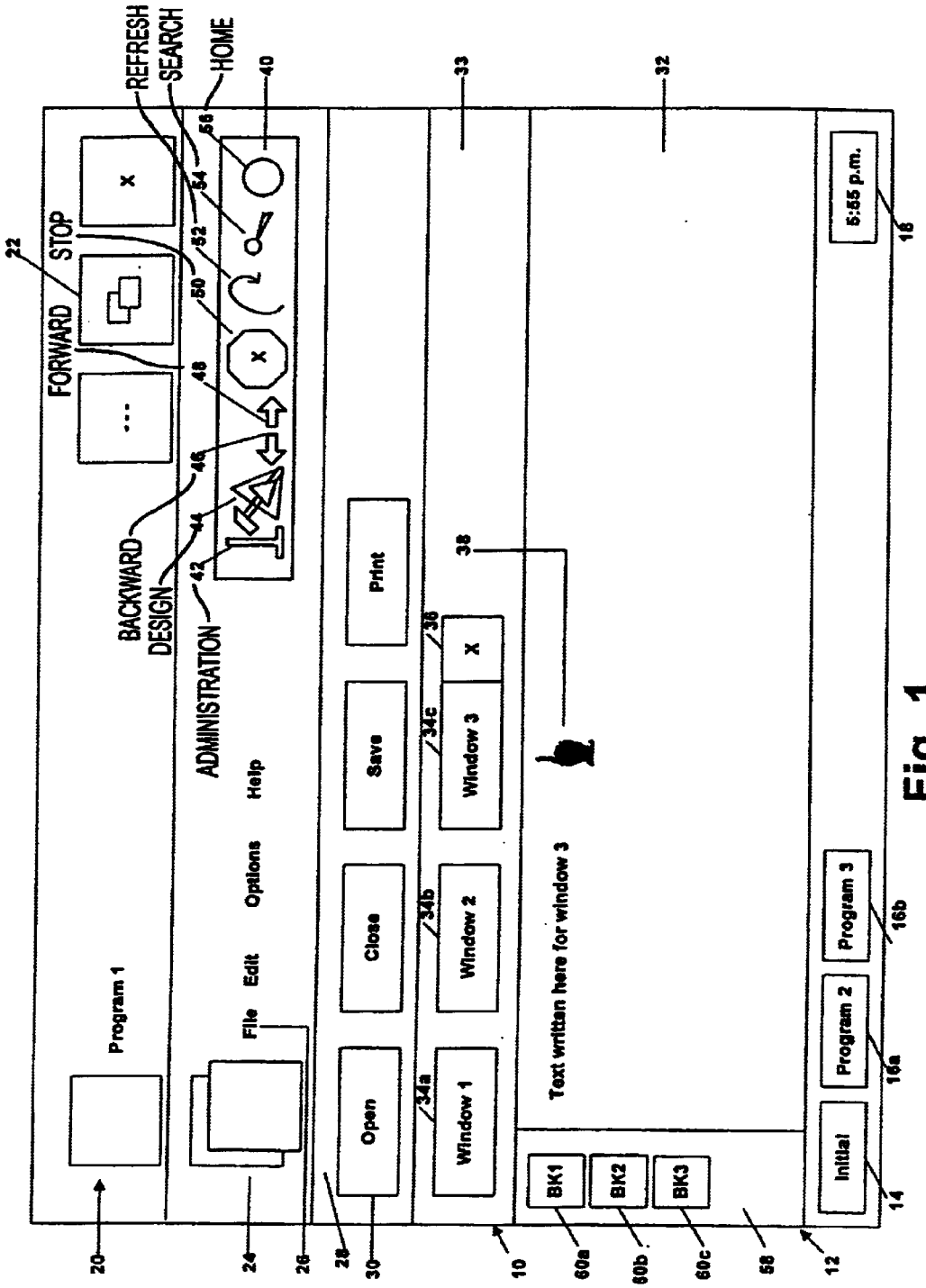
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Window 3
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Fig. 1

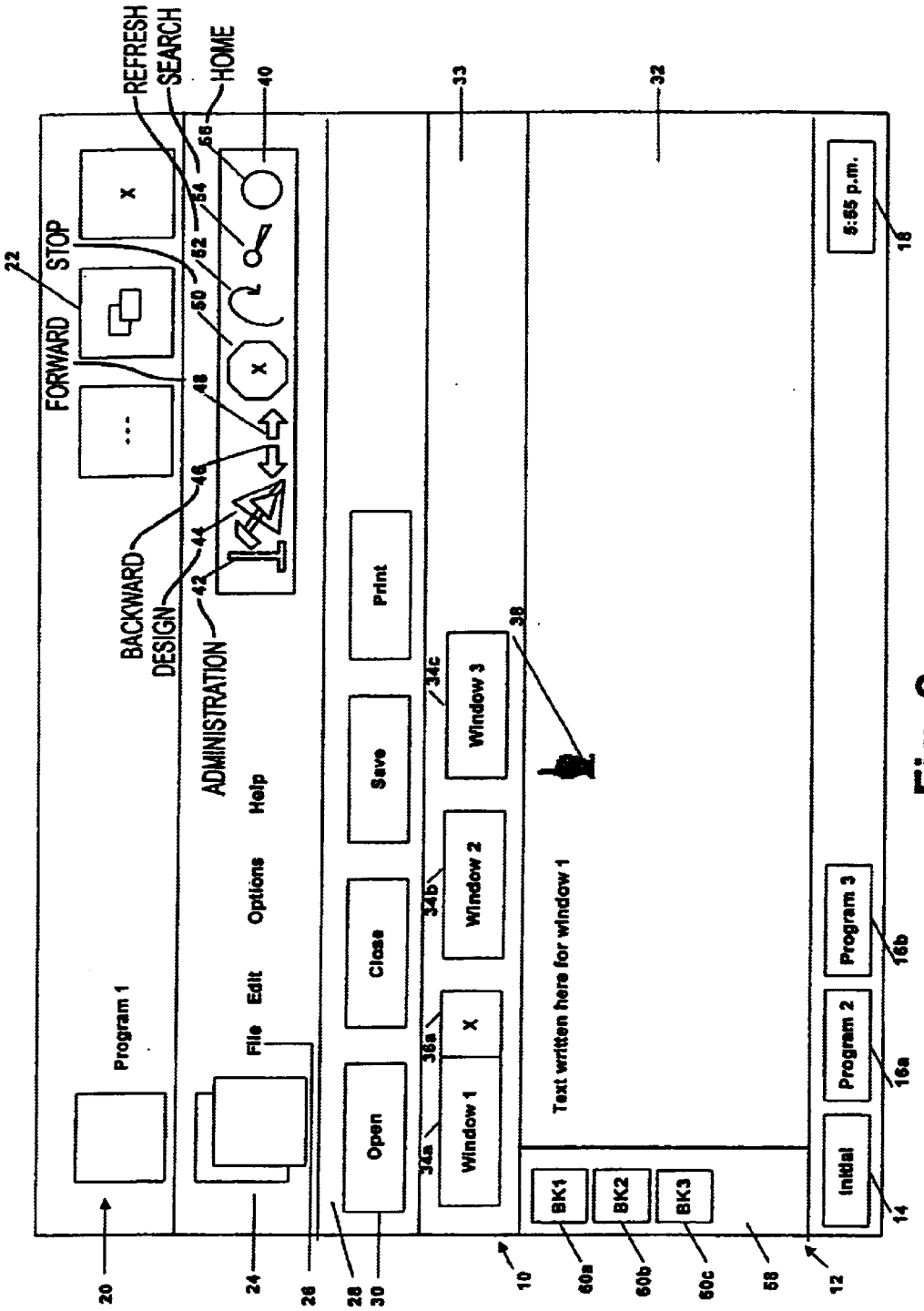
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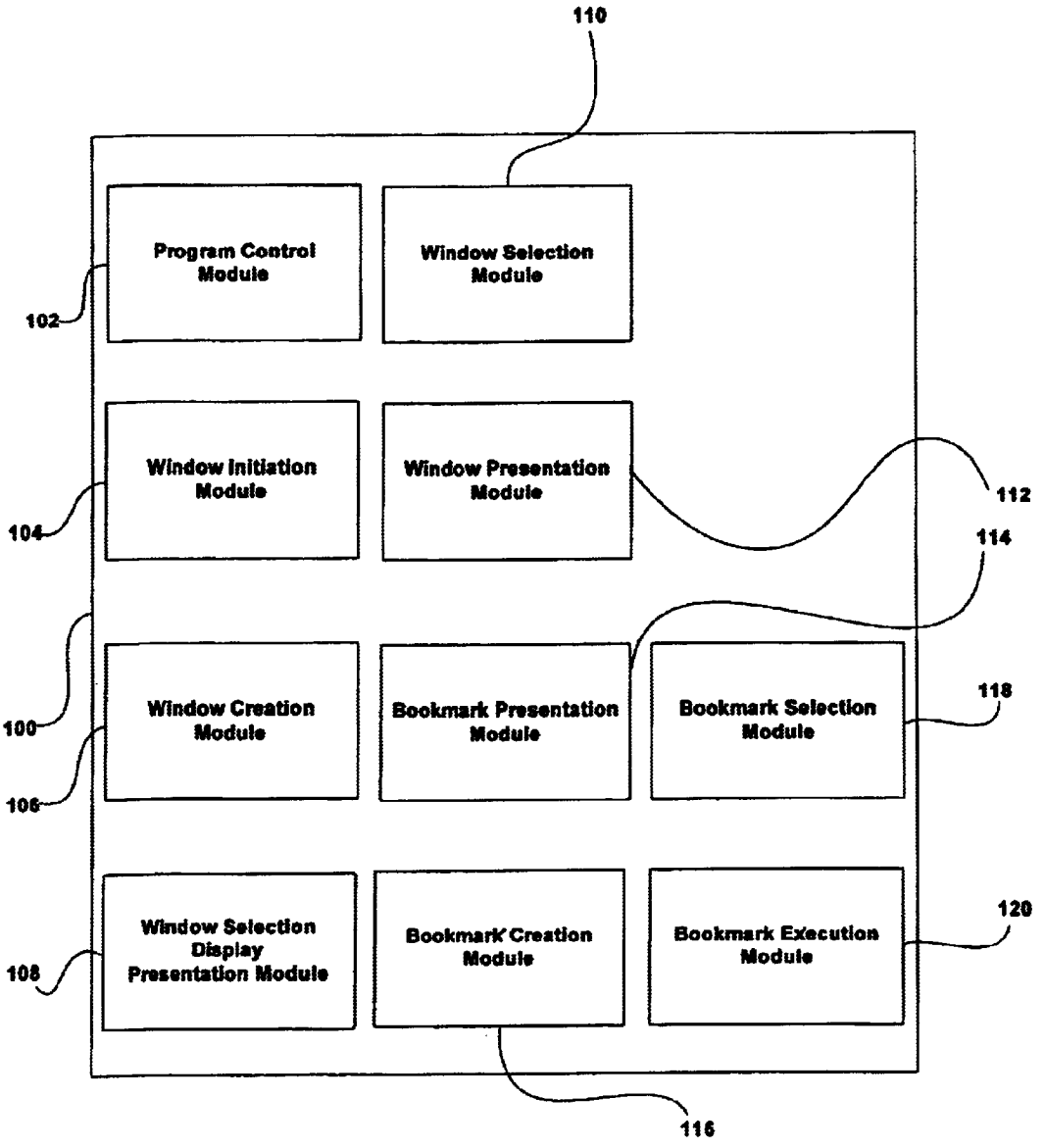
Fig. 2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Window Selection Module
102
Window Initiation Module
Window Presentation Module
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Window Creation Module
Bookmark Presentation Module
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Window Selection Display Presentation Module
Bookmark Creation Module
Bookmark Execution Module
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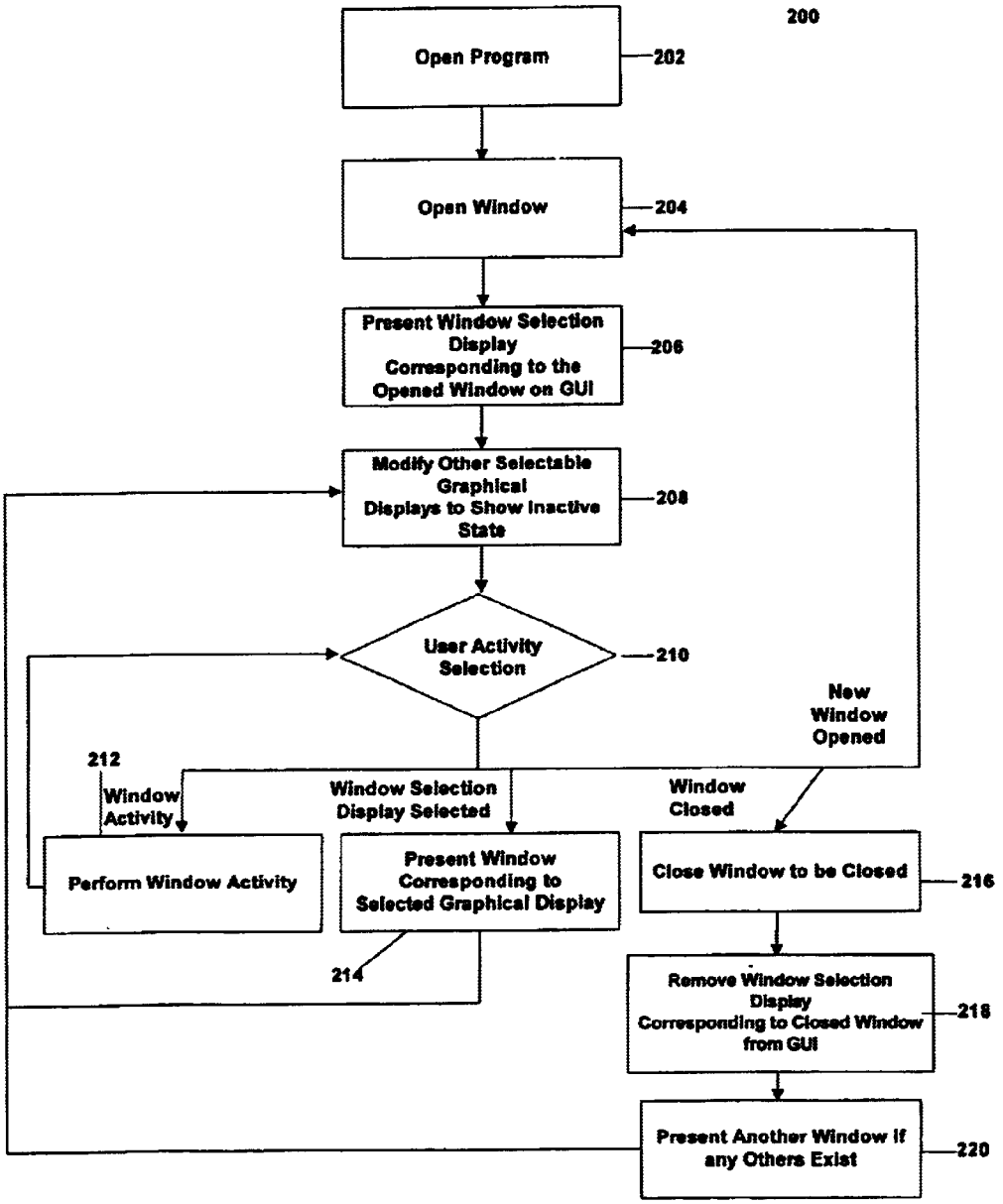
Fig. 3


200
Open Program
202
Open Window
204
Present Window Selection Display Corresponding to the Opened Window on GUI
206
Modify Other Selectable Graphical Displays to Show Inactive State
208
User Activity Selection
210
New Window Opened
212
Window Activity
Window Selection Display Selected
Window Closed
Perform Window Activity
Present Window Corresponding to Selected Graphical Display
Close Window to be Closed
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214
Remove Window Selection Display Corresponding to Closed Window from GUI
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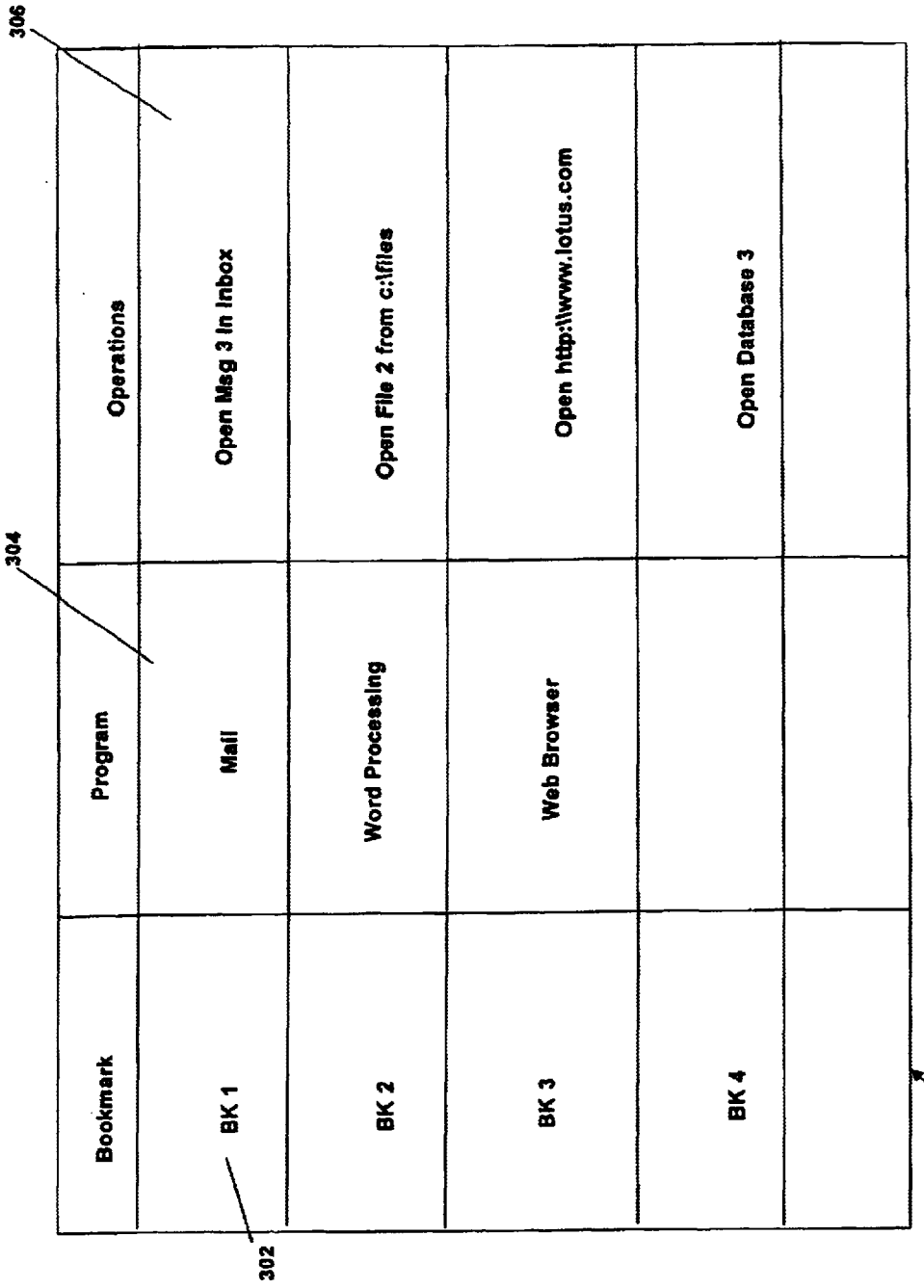
Present Another Window if any Others Exist
220

Fig. 4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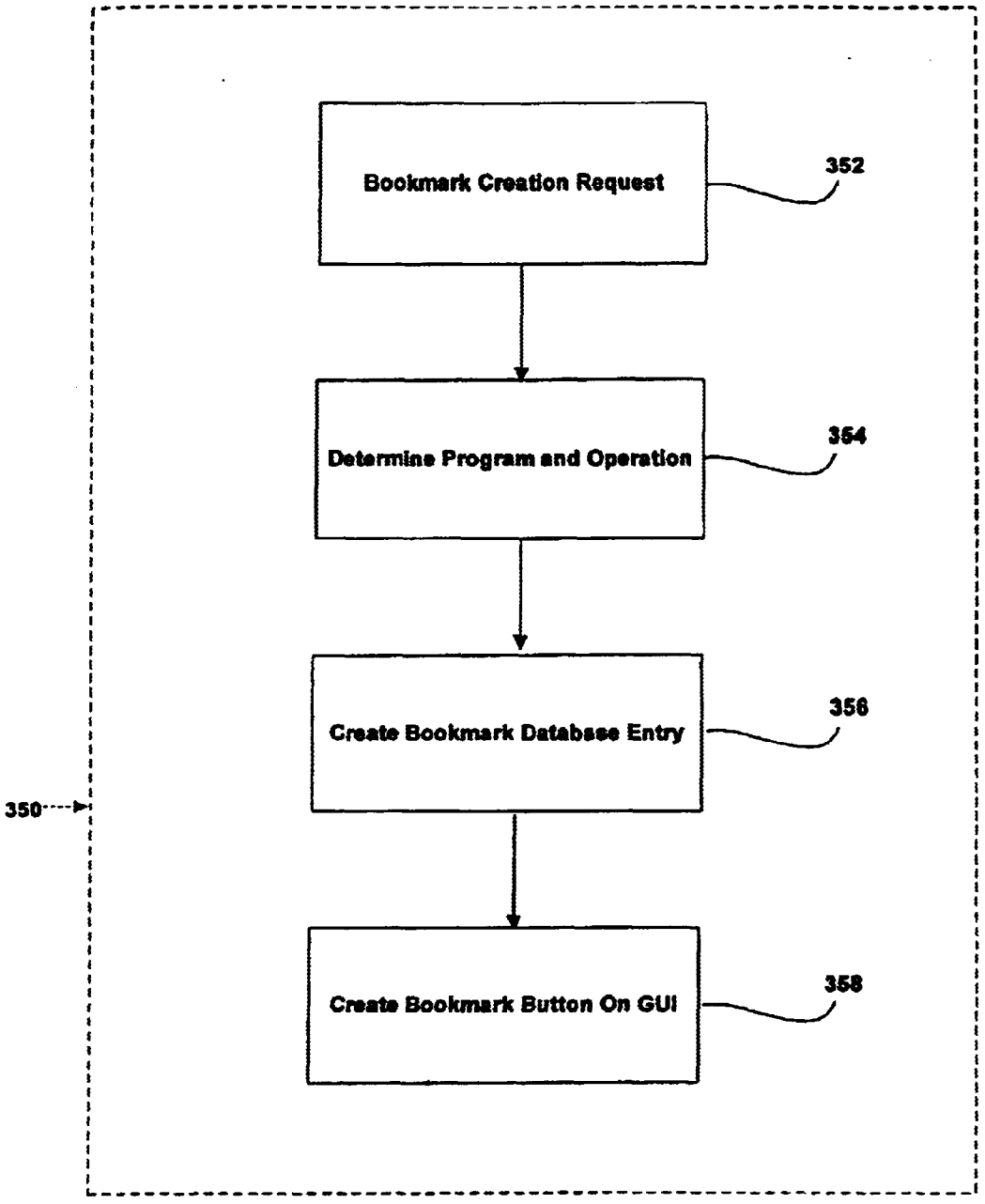
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Create Bookmark Database Entry
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Create Bookmark Button On GUI
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Fig. 6

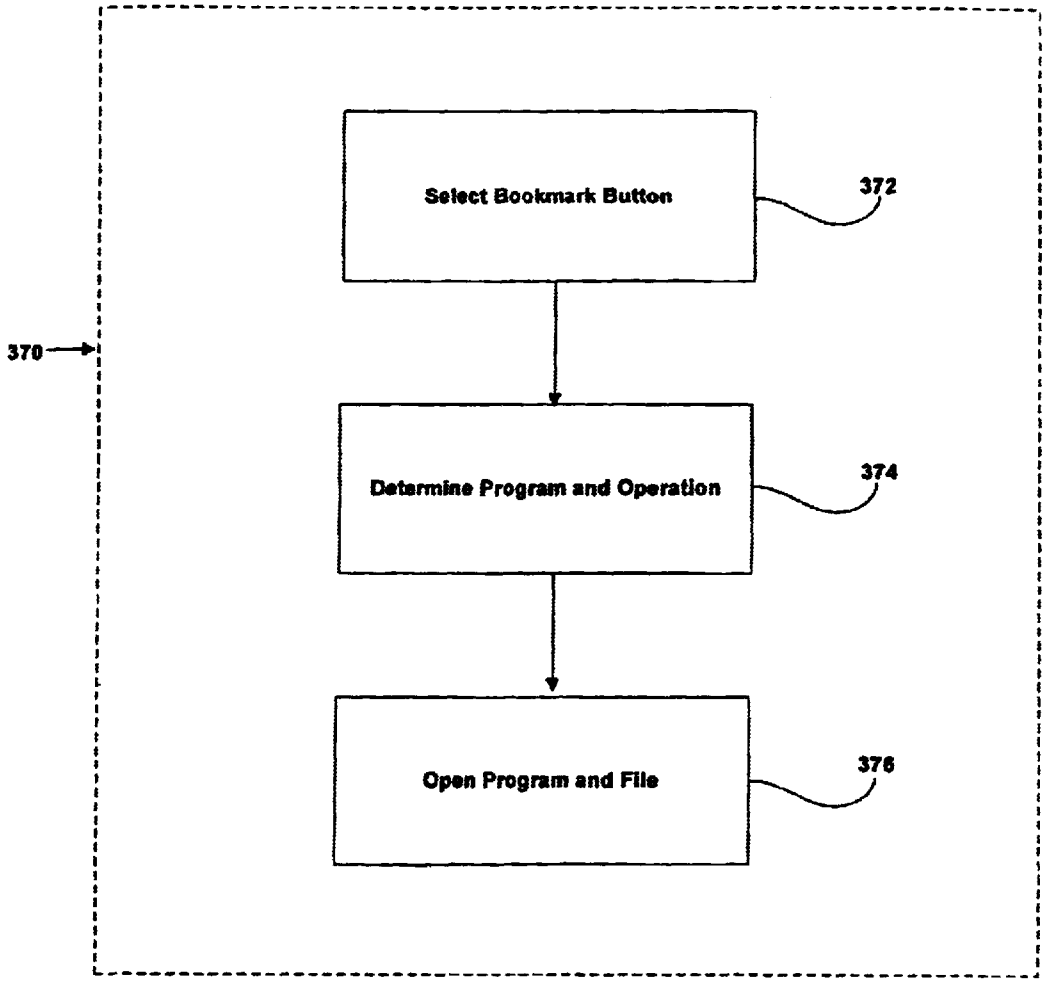
370
Select Bookmark Button
372
Determine Program and Operation
374
Open Program and File
376

Fig. 7

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED NAVIGATION USING BOOKMARKS FOR MOVEMENT BETWEEN LOCATIONS IN A WINDOWS ENVIRONMENT

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/112,203, entitled "System and Method For Improved Navigation In a Windowing Environment With Window Tabs and Bookmarks," filed Dec. 15, 1998. This application is also related to U.S. Pat. No. 6,489,975, entitled, "System and Method for Improved Navigation Between Open Windows In An Application Program Using Window Tabs," which issued Dec. 3, 2002.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a system and method for presenting a graphical user interface that improves navigation within a computer system by using bookmarks to enable the user to move to any location within the computer system.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Graphical user interfaces (GUI) enable users to navigate among various options, programs, and features available by a system and have become a standard feature for computer systems. Some systems may enable a user to open and operate multiple different programs simultaneously, with each program having a GUI that enables users to select features and functions in that program. In order to move between multiple open programs GUI's, an operating system GUI may be provided that has a task bar containing icons that may be selected to activate a different open program. A different icon may be presented in the task bar for each program that is opened by the system. Additional icons may also be presented in the task bar.

These systems do not provide a mechanism within a GUI for easily opening other programs or files within particular programs. To open a program, these systems require the user to either (1) utilize a start menu and enter the name of the program or file to be opened (which requires the user to remember the name of the file for the program or browse through a number of files) or (2) minimize all currently displayed program GUIs to reveal a desktop on which various icons may be presented that, when selected, open a particular program that is available on the system. To open a file within a particular program, a user repeats these steps, opens the desired program GUI, and then, after the desired program GUI has been opened, the user proceeds with various steps within that program to open a desired file.

For example, if a user has a word processing GUI opened and desires to read a particular electronic mail message, the user must first open an electronic mail program and then open the desired message within that program. If the electronic mail program is already active, the user must still select the icon from the task bar for the electronic mail program and then open the desired file. This requires performing several steps for each action.

Other current systems may present a plurality of available programs superimposed within a program window. For example, a plurality of selectable icons may be presented near the top of the program GUI. The user may open one of these programs by selecting the icon presented at the top. To open a particular file within that program, the user must still open the program from one of the superimposed icons and then open the file within the program.

Further, within each program a user may open multiple files or have multiple windows opened at the same time within that program's GUI. To navigate between various open windows, the program GUI may provide a menu bar with pull-down menus that provide a variety of selectable functions. One of the pull-down menus may comprise a listing of the opened windows within the program. The user may thereby activate a different window by selecting from the list of windows presented in the pull-down menu.

Some current systems also permit the user to have multiple windows presented within a program GUI window at the same time. The user may select the size of each window and may have the windows tiled or cascaded, for example. Additionally, some systems enable a user to minimize each window within a program window. Accordingly, multiple icons corresponding to each opened window within a program window may be presented within the program window. The user may then select the window to be maximized by selecting the icon corresponding to the program window. These current systems therefore do not provide an easy way to move between open windows within a program GUI.

Other drawbacks also exist with existing systems.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to overcome these and other drawbacks of current systems.

One object of the present invention is to provide a system, method, and computer readable medium that facilitates navigation to any portion of a computer system.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a system, method, and computer readable medium that enables a user to quickly access any portion of a computer system through the use of bookmarks.

According to another embodiment of the present invention, a system and method are provided for providing a bookmark section within each program GUI. The bookmark section may contain one or more selectable portions that enable a user to select one or more bookmarks corresponding to programs, files within programs, views within programs or files, or any other graphical presentation that is accessible within the system. The user may thereby simply select a bookmark and proceed directly to the desired location in the system corresponding to that bookmark with a single step. Further, the user may create bookmarks so that locations within the system may be quickly accessed. For example, if a particular word processing file within a word processing program is frequently updated, the user may desire to bookmark the file so that the user can open that file by simply selecting the corresponding bookmark.

This system may be realized by the provision of a plurality of modules including a bookmark selection module that enables a user to select a bookmark presented in the GUI. A bookmark execution module responds to the bookmark selection module to present the location corresponding to the selected bookmark. A bookmark database is provided that contains entries for each bookmark on the system, each entry containing an identification of the bookmark and the link associated with that bookmark. A bookmark creation module enables a user to create a bookmark to a location within the computer system. The bookmark presentation module responds by presenting the bookmark button that has been created.

Other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from reviewing the detailed description and drawings of the present invention set forth herein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** is an example of a program GUI according to an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. **2** is another example of a program GUI according to an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. **3** depicts a block diagram of a system according to an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. **4** depicts a flow diagram of a method of operation of selectable graphical displays for windows according to an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. **5** depicts a bookmark database according to an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. **6** depicts a method of creating a bookmark according to an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. **7** depicts a method of selecting a bookmark according to an embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

According to one embodiment of the present invention, a system, method and computer readable medium is provided for facilitating navigation within a computer system. FIG. **1** depicts one embodiment of a system GUI **10** according to one embodiment of the present invention. GUI **10** may comprise several features for improved navigation including a window bar **33** with one or more window selection displays **34** and one or more bookmark buttons **60**.

Specifically, a window bar **33** may comprise one or more window selection displays **34**, each of which may correspond to an open window within GUI **10**. In one example, a window selection display **34** may be presented within window bar **33** for each window opened within GUI **10**.

Window selection display **34** may be selectable by a user through any known mechanism for selecting portions within a GUI, including a mouse, keyboard, touch screen, voice response, computer pen, motion detector or any other like mechanism.

According to one embodiment, only one window may be active within GUI **10**. The active window may comprise the window in which editing may be performed or from which information may be printed, for example. According to this embodiment, by selecting a window selection display **34**, the window corresponding to that window selection display **34** may become active.

GUI **10** may also comprise an opened window area **32**, as shown in the embodiment of FIG. **1**, in which an opened window may be displayed. Selection of a window selection display **34** may cause the window corresponding thereto to be presented within opened window area **32**. Accordingly, a user may navigate between a plurality of opened windows within GUI **10** by selecting the window selection display **34** corresponding to the desired window. For example, by selecting window selection display **34***a*, as depicted in FIG. **1**, Window **1** corresponding to window selection display **34***a* may be presented in opened window area **32**, as depicted in FIG. **2**.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, window selection display **34** corresponding to the window presented in opened window area **32** may be displayed differently than the other window selection displays **34**. Any method for distinguishing between display portions of a GUI may be used including colors, size, shape, tinting, flashing, rotating, scrolling, lining, highlighting, or any other method. Further, the window selection display **34** corresponding to the opened window may comprise a kill box **36** associated therewith. By selecting kill box **36**, the window with which it corresponds may be closed. For example, kill box **36** may be selected by moving pointer **38** over the kill box and activating pointer **38** through an external device, such as a keyboard or mouse. Similarly, pointer **38** may be used to select window selection displays **34**.

According to another embodiment, kill box **36** may be presented with a window selection display **34** when pointer **38** is moved near or over that window selection display **34**. Accordingly, even if a window is not presented in opened window area **32**, the user may close that window by moving pointer **38** over the window selection display **34** corresponding to that window and selecting kill box **36** presented for that window.

According to another embodiment of the present invention, multiple window selection displays **34** may have kill boxes **36** presented therewith within GUI **10**. Also, all of the window selection displays **34** may have kill boxes **36**.

Further, to assist in navigating, GUI **10** may also comprise a navigation bar **40** comprising, for example, one or more of the following navigation buttons: an administration button **42**, a designer module initiation button **44**, a backward button **46**, a forward button **48**, a stop button **50**, a refresh button **52**, a search button **54** and a home button **56**. Operation of these buttons may be according to known methods of using such buttons. Additional uses of these buttons is described in greater detail below. Further, administration button **42** may also be implemented as a bookmark, as those bookmarks are described below.

Forward and backward navigation buttons **46** and **48** may also be used to navigate between windows within opened window area **32**. Selecting backward navigation button **46** presents each window opened in reverse order. Similarly, selecting forward navigation button **48** presents each opened window in the order it was presented. Forward and backward navigation buttons **46** and **48** may also be selected successively to present each window that was previously active until the final or original window is presented. Other navigation buttons may also be used.

According to another embodiment of the present invention, GUI **10** may also comprise a bookmark bar **58**. Bookmark bar **58** may comprise one or more bookmark buttons **60**. According to this embodiment, bookmark buttons **60** may comprise selectable graphical presentations that contain a presentation area containing graphics depicting what bookmark button **60** represents. According to one embodiment of the present invention, bookmark buttons **60** may correspond to a link to a portion of a system. The links may refer to a program, view, page, file within a program, view within a file within a program, action, or any other linkable portion of a computer system. Accordingly, the user may be able to open a view within a file within a program by selecting bookmark button **60** in GUI **10**. By enabling a user to create bookmarks to anything within the system, navigation within the system is vastly improved. Bookmark buttons **60** may be replaced with any other user selectable mechanism within a GUI, such as a pull-down menu or the like. Further, bookmark buttons **60** may be created in bookmark folders which allow the user to organize the bookmarks. Accordingly, a depiction of the folder may appear within bookmark bar **58**. The user may then activate a bookmark button **60** by selecting the folder and then selecting the bookmark button or other selectable portion depicted within the bookmark folder.

GUI **10** may also comprise other features. Specifically, GUI **10** may comprise a task bar **12** comprising one or more

icons for selecting open programs in system **10**. Task bar **12** may comprise an initiation icon **14**, a plurality of opened program icons **16** and a time icon **18**. Task bar **12** may operate according to known methods of operation of task bars.

GUI **10** may also comprise a program header **20** which has one or more window control icons **22** within that header. Program header **20** may display the name of the program that is operating on the system. GUI **10** may also comprise a file menu bar **24** comprising one or more file names **26**. Each file name **26** may represent a pull-down menu according to known methods.

GUI **10** may also comprise a toolbar **28** having one or more tool icons **30**. Tool icons **30** may be selected by a user to perform one or more functions within the program displayed in GUI **10**. Specifically, GUI **10** may comprise a task bar **12** comprising one or more icons for selecting open programs in system **10**. Task bar **12** may comprise an initiation icon **14**, a plurality of opened program icons **16** and a time icon **18**. Task bar **12** may operate according to known methods of operation of task bars.

GUI **10** may also comprise a program header **20** which has one or more window control icons **22** within that header. Program header **20** may display the name of the program that is operating on the system. GUI **10** may also comprise a file menu bar **24** comprising one or more file names **26**. Each file name **26** may represent a pull-down menu according to known methods.

GUI **10** may also comprise a toolbar **28** having one or more tool icons **30**. Tool icons **30** may be selected by a user to perform one or more functions within the program displayed in GUI **10**.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, a system **100**, as shown in FIG. **3**, may be provided for realizing the features described above. System **100** may comprise, for example, one or more of the following modules: program control module **102**, window initiation module **104**, window creation module **106**, window selection display presentation module **108**, window selection module **110**, window presentation module **112**, bookmark presentation module **114**, bookmark creation module **116**, bookmark selection module **118**, and bookmark execution module **120**.

System **100** may comprise a portion of a personal computer, a network computer, a notebook computer, a portable electronic device, a mainframe computer system or any other computer system. It should also be understood that although several modules in FIG. **3** are depicted as being within system **100**, such modules may also be part of a different system as well.

According to one embodiment, program control module **102** may control one or more programs within system **100** and presenting GUIs, such as GUI **10**. GUI **10** may therefore be controlled by program control module **102**. Window initiation module **104** may receive instructions to create a new window within GUI **10** through a menu, selection of a task bar button, selection of a tool bar button, or some other mechanism, for example. Window initiation module **104** may cooperate with an external device permitting a user to utilize one of these initiation mechanisms.

Window creation module **106** may respond to an initiation instruction through window initiation module **104**. Window creation module **106** opens a new window and presenting that window within GUI **10** and also creates a new window selection display **34** corresponding to the new window. The correspondence between the window selection display **34** and the window may be stored in a database so that when window selection display **34** is selected, the corresponding window may be activated and/or presented.

Window selection display presentation module **108** may be responsible for displaying the window selection displays **34** in GUI **10**. Window selection display presentation module **108** may also be responsible for presenting the window selection displays **34** in such a way to distinguish between window selection display **34** corresponding to the active or presented window and other window selection displays **34**.

Window selection module **110** may be responsible for receiving selection of window selection displays **34**. Window selection module **110** may cooperate with an external mechanism that enables a user to select a graphical display within a GUI, such as a mouse, keyboard, etc. Upon selection of window selection display **34**, window selection module **110** may call window presentation module **112** and window selection display presentation module **108** to present the selected window and modify the display of the window selection displays **34** within GUI **10**. Window presentation module **112** may present a window within opened window area **32** of GUI **10**.

Operation of modules **102–112** may be understood in greater detail as described below with respect to FIG. **4**. FIG. **4** is a block diagram of a method **200** according to one embodiment of the present invention. In step **202**, a program is opened by program control module **102**. A user may then open a window in step **204** through program control module **102**, window initiation module **104**, and window creation module **106**. When a window is opened, in step **206**, a window selection display **34** may be presented in GUI **10** by window selection display presentation module **108**. Next, in step **208**, if other window selection displays **34** are present in GUI **10**, those window selection displays **34** may be modified to be distinguishable from window selection display **34** corresponding to the now-opened window. Window selection display presentation module **108** may perform this function.

Then, in step **210**, system **100** waits for one of several activities by the user. If the user performs one of a plurality of window activities, step **212** allows the window activity to be performed and returns to step **210**. Window activities may comprise any activity that may be performed with respect to an open window within a program. The activity may comprise editing, modifying, displaying, printing, sizing, shifting, highlighting, etc.

If, in step **210**, the system receives a user selection of a window selection display **34** through window selection module **110**, the system presents the window corresponding to that window selection display **34** in step **214**. Window presentation module **112** may be responsible for presenting the correct window. After step **214**, the system may also perform step **208**, as described above, to correctly display the current windows.

If, in step **210**, the system receives an instruction to close a window, then in step **216**, the window that was requested to be closed is closed by window presentation module **112**. Then, in step **218**, the window selection display **34** corresponding to the closed window is also removed from GUI **10** by window selection display presentation module **108**. Then, in step **220**, if another window is still open within the program, then another window is presented in opened window area **32** by window presentation module **112**. According to one embodiment, the window selected may be the last opened window, the previously displayed window, or a random window. Any method for selection between a plurality of windows may be used to determine the window to present. The system then performs step **208**.

If, in step **210**, a user desires to open a new window, then steps **204**, **206**, and **208** may be performed, as described above. This cycle may continue until, in step **210**, the user decides to close the program or exit the system, for example.

According to another embodiment of the present invention, system **100** may also present bookmarks in GUI **10**. Accordingly, bookmark presentation module **114** may be provided to present bookmarks within GUI **10**. Predetermined bookmarks may be provided by the system. For example, bookmarks for a home page within the program, a mail program, a headlines page, an electronic calendar program, an address book program, a "to-do" list, a database replication program, "favorites" of the user, databases, creating a new file, an Internet browser, etc., may be provided by the program. Additionally, bookmarks for pages available on the World Wide Web or other Internet location may also be provided. For example, bookmarks stored in a browser application may also be displayed within these bookmarks.

Bookmarks may comprise links to any file, view, or page within the computer system including a view from a program operating on the computer system, execution of a program on the computer system, a file on a server to which the computer system is connected, and even multiple locations to retrieve multiple files. The bookmark may also comprise a link to content outside the computer system, such as information accessible through a packet-switched network such as the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Some or all of these predetermined bookmarks may be presented by bookmark presentation module **114**. As depicted in FIG. **1**, bookmark presentation module **114** may present bookmark buttons **60** along one side of opened window area **32** or in any other location.

Bookmark presentation module **114** may present a graphical display within bookmark button **60** that indicates what the bookmark represents. For example, a house may be depicted for a home page, a newspaper may be depicted for a subscription, and a calendar may be depicted for a calendar program. Bookmark buttons **60** may also be presented with words to indicate what the bookmark represents. Additionally, various levels of bookmarks may be provided by bookmark presentation module **114**.

Specifically, a button may be selected and then bookmark presentation module **114** may present additional selections. The additional selections may be in the form of a menu, a pull-down screen or a pop-up listing of additional buttons that may be selected or other mode of selection. Multiple levels of additional selections may also be provided by bookmark presentation module **114**.

A bookmark creation module **116** may also be provided that enables a user to create a bookmark. Bookmark creation module **116** may create a bookmark database **300**, as, for example, depicted in FIG. **5**. For each bookmark created, bookmark database **300** may comprise a bookmark name entry **302**, a program entry **304**, and an operations entry **306**. Program entry **304** may contain linking information, such as the name of the program. Operations entry **306** may contain additional linking information, such as the location within a program that the bookmark represents, such as a desired view, file, or other portion of the system. Other database formats may also be used for storing the links that correspond to bookmark button **60** presented in the GUI **10**.

A bookmark selection module **118** may also be provided. Bookmark selection module **118** enables a user to select a bookmark button **60** presented in GUI **10**. Bookmark selection module **118** may cooperate with an external device that enables selection of a display within a GUI.

Further, a bookmark execution module **120** may be provided that responds to bookmark creation module **116** and interfaces with bookmark database **300** to determine the link corresponding to the bookmark selected. Bookmark execution module **120** then opens the program identified in the link and performs the operations necessary to present the view, page, file or other portion identified for this bookmark.

A method **350** of creating a bookmark is described with respect to FIG. **6**. In step **352**, a bookmark creation request is received through bookmark creation module **116**. The request may be generated within any view, window, or portion of GUI **10** of a program operation on system **100**. In step **354**, bookmark creation module **116** determines the program in which the request was generated. For example, if the user desires to bookmark a view within a word processing program, then the word processing program in which the bookmark is initiated is identified by bookmark creation module **116**. Also in step **354**, bookmark creation module **116** determines any additional information that is to be stored in bookmark database **300** for this link. For example, the file name, view, database, or other portion within the system that is being bookmarked may be identified. For example, FIG. **5** depicts information that may be stored for a bookmark link including a message name, as in the first row, a file name as in the second row, a web address as in the third row, or a database name as in the fourth row. Other link information may also be identified and stored within bookmark database **300**.

In step **356**, the information collected in step **354** may be used to create an entry for the new bookmark in bookmark database **300**. Step **354** may be performed by bookmark creation module **116**. Then, in step **358**, a bookmark button **60** may be created in GUI **10**. Step **358** may be performed by bookmark creation module **116** and bookmark selection module **118**. Other mechanisms for enabling a user to select a bookmark button **60** may also be provided.

FIG. **7** depicts a method **370** for opening a bookmark by a user according to one embodiment of the present invention. According to this method, in step **372**, a user may select bookmark button **60** through bookmark selection module **118**. In step **374**, bookmark button **60** may be used to determine the program and other operation information associated with the selected bookmark button **60** by using bookmark database **300**. Step **374** may be performed by bookmark execution module **120**. Then, in step **376**, the program and other operations stored for this bookmark may be performed by bookmark execution module **120**. Specifically, bookmark execution module **120** may open a program, a file within a program or a view within a program, for example. Bookmark execution module **120** may open any location within system **100**.

According to another embodiment of the present invention, a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for presenting table information in portions may be provided. For example, the computer usable medium may comprise a CD ROM, a floppy disk, a hard disk, or any other computer usable medium. One or more of the modules of system **100** may comprise computer readable program code that is provided on the computer usable medium such that when the computer usable medium is installed on a computer system, those modules cause the computer system to perform the functions described.

According to one embodiment, program control module **102**, window initiation module **104**, window creation module **106**, window selection display presentation module **108**,

window selection module **110**, window presentation module **112**, bookmark presentation module **114**, bookmark creation module **116**, bookmark selection module **118**, and bookmark execution module **120** may comprise computer readable code that, when installed on a computer, perform the functions described above. Also, only some of the modules may be provided in computer readable code.

According to one specific embodiment of the present invention, system **1100** may comprise components of a software system licensed by the Lotus Development Corporation under the names Lotus Notes™ and Lotus Domino Designer™. System **100** may operate on a network and may be connected to other systems **100** sharing a common database. Other hardware arrangements may also be provided.

Other embodiments, uses and advantages of the present invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art from consideration of the specification and practice of the invention disclosed herein. The specification and examples should be considered exemplary only. The intended scope of the invention is only limited by the claims appended hereto.

What is claimed is:

1. A system for enabling a user to navigate within a computer system through the use of bookmarks comprising:

a bookmark presentation module that presents one or more bookmarks in a graphical user interface, the one or more bookmarks corresponding to at least one link to any location within the computer system;

a bookmark selection module comprising one or more selection portions, the selection portion enabling the user to select one or more bookmarks corresponding to one or more programs and one or more views with in the programs, wherein the bookmarks are presented in the graphical user interface; and

a bookmark execution module that responds to the bookmark selection module to resolve the link and present information to which the link refers, wherein the link is capable of referring to a Uniform Resource Locator and is also capable of referring to other location identifying information within the computer system.

2. The system of claim **1** further comprising a bookmark database containing entries for each bookmark on the system, each entry containing an identification of the bookmark and the link associated with that bookmark.

3. The system of claim **1** further comprising a bookmark creation module that enables a user to create a bookmark button to any location within the computer system;

wherein the bookmark presentation module is responsive to present the bookmark button that has been created.

4. The system of claim **1** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on a hard drive of a user's computer.

5. The system of claim **1** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on the Internet.

6. The system of claim **1** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on an intranet server to which a user's terminal is attached.

7. A method for enabling a user to navigate within a computer system through the use of bookmarks comprising the steps of:

presenting one or more bookmarks in a graphical user interface, the one or more bookmarks corresponding to at least one link to any location within the computer system;

enabling the user to select one or more bookmarks corresponding to one or more programs and one or more views with in the programs, wherein the bookmarks are presented in the graphical user interface; and responding to the bookmark selection means to resolve the link and present information to which the link refers, wherein the link is capable of referring to a Uniform Resource Locator and is also capable of referring other location identifying information within the computer system.

8. The method of claim **7** further comprising the step of storing entries for each bookmark on the system, each entry containing an identification of the bookmark and the link associated with that bookmark.

9. The method of claim **7** further comprising the step of enabling the user to create a bookmark button to a location within the computer system;

responding to the bookmark creation means for presenting the bookmark button that has been created.

10. The method of claim **7** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on a hard drive of the user's computer.

11. The method of claim **7** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on the Internet.

12. The method of claim **7** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on an intranet server to which a user's terminal is attached.

13. A system for enabling a user to navigate within a computer system through the use of bookmarks comprising:

bookmark presentation means for presenting one or more bookmarks in a graphical user interface, the one or more bookmarks corresponding to at least one link to any location within the computer system;

a bookmark selection means comprising one or more selection portions, the selection portion enabling the user to select one or more bookmarks corresponding to one or more programs and one or more views with in the programs, wherein the bookmarks are presented in the graphical user interface; and

bookmark execution means for responding to the bookmark selection means to resolve the link and present information to which the link refers, wherein the link is capable of referring to a Uniform Resource Locator and is also capable of referring to other location identifying information within the computer system.

14. The system of claim **13** further comprising bookmark database means for containing entries for each bookmark on the system, each entry containing an identification of the bookmark and the link associated with that bookmark.

15. The system of claim **13** further comprising bookmark creation means for enabling the user to create a bookmark button to any location within the computer system;

wherein the bookmark presentation means responds to the bookmark creation means for presenting the bookmark button that has been created.

16. The system of claim **13** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on a hard drive of the user's computer.

17. The system of claim **13** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on the Internet.

18. The system of claim **13** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on an intranet server to which a user's terminal is attached.

19. A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling a user to navigate within a computer system comprising:

processor readable code for causing a processor to present one or more bookmarks in a graphical user interface,

the one or more bookmarks corresponding to at least one link to any location within the computer system;

processor readable code for causing a processor to enable the user to select one or more bookmarks corresponding to one or more programs and one or more views with in the programs, wherein the bookmarks are presented in the graphical user interface; and

processor readable code for causing a processor to respond to the bookmark selection means to present information to which the link refers, wherein the link is capable of referring to a Uniform Resource Locator and is also capable of referring to other location identifying information within the computer system.

20. The medium of claim **19** further comprising processor readable code means for causing a processor to store entries for each bookmark on the system, each entry containing an identification of the bookmark and the link associated with that bookmark.

21. The medium of claim **19** further comprising:

processor readable code for causing a processor to enable the user to create a bookmark to a location within the computer system;

processor readable code for causing a processor to respond to the bookmark creation means for resolving the link and presenting information to which the link refers, wherein the link is capable of referring to a Uniform Resource Locator and is also capable of referring to other location identifying information within the computer system.

22. The medium of claim **19** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on a hard drive of the user's computer.

23. The medium of claim **19** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on the Internet.

24. The medium of claim **19** wherein the one or more bookmarks correspond to locations on an intranet server to which a user's terminal is attached.

25. A system for enabling a user to navigate within a computer system through the use of bookmarks comprising:

a bookmark presentation module that presents one or more bookmarks in a graphical user interface, the one or more bookmarks corresponding to links to any file, page, view, portion of a file, portion of a page, portion of a view, program or action available within the computer system;

a bookmark selection module comprising one or more selection portions, the selection portion enabling the user to select one or more bookmarks corresponding to one or more programs and one or more views with in the programs, wherein the bookmarks are presented in the graphical user interface; and

bookmark execution module for responding to the bookmark selection module to resolve the link and present information to which the link refers, wherein the link is capable of referring to a Uniform Resource Locator and is also capable of referring to other location identifying information within the computer system.

26. The system of claim **25** wherein the file, page, view, portion of a file, portion of a page, portion of a view, program or action available within the computer system are located on a hard drive of the user's computer.

27. The system of claim **25** wherein the file, page, view, portion of a file, portion of a page, portion of a view, program or action available within the computer system are located on the Internet.

28. The system of claim **25** wherein the file, page, view, portion of a file, portion of a page, portion of a view, program or action available within the computer system are located on an intranet server to which a user's terminal is attached.

29. A method of navigating among application programs on a system comprising:

from a first application program, providing a bookmark to a user, said bookmark including a reference to a second application program and an object within the second application program;

in response to the user selecting the bookmark, invoking the second application program; and

presenting the user with the object within the second application program.

30. A method of navigating among application programs on a system comprising:

presenting one or more bookmarks to a user, wherein at least one bookmark corresponds to a reference to at least one object accessed within an application program;

upon the user selecting the at least one bookmark, invoking the application program; and

presenting the at least one object to the user.

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