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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING WORK LOAD DISTRIBUTION AMONG A PLURALITY OF IMAGE OUTPUT DEVICES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A method, system, and computer software program for controlling operation of a photofinishing lab having a plurality of output devices for producing a plurality of different output products for a plurality of different job orders wherein each of the output devices capable of outputting one or more of the plurality of different output products. The system includes a controller for monitoring and controlling operations of the plurality of different output devices with respect to the job orders in queue. A display device connected to the controller displays the operational status of each of the plurality of the output devices in a predetermined format. The controller producing a visual indication when the operational efficiency reaches a predetermined criteria and automatically adjusting the operational status of at least one of the plurality of output devices or prep device for in response to reaching the predetermined criterion.

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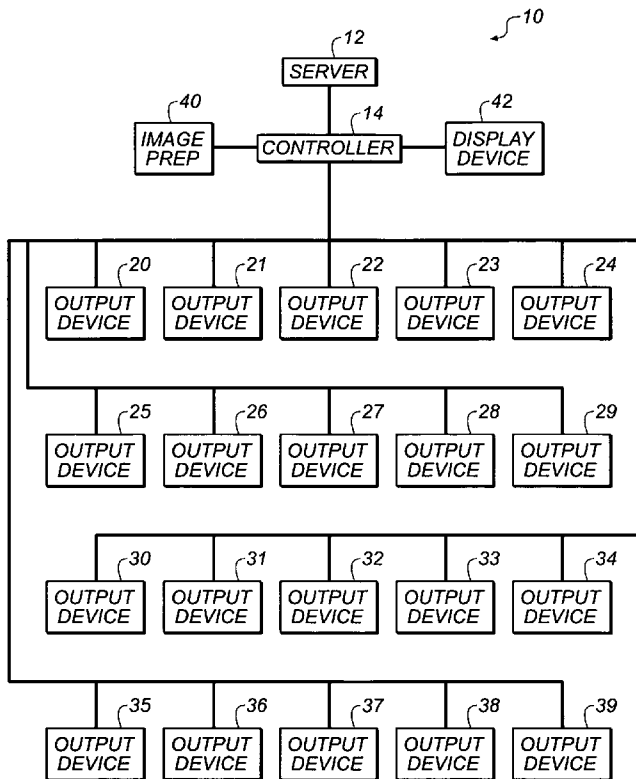
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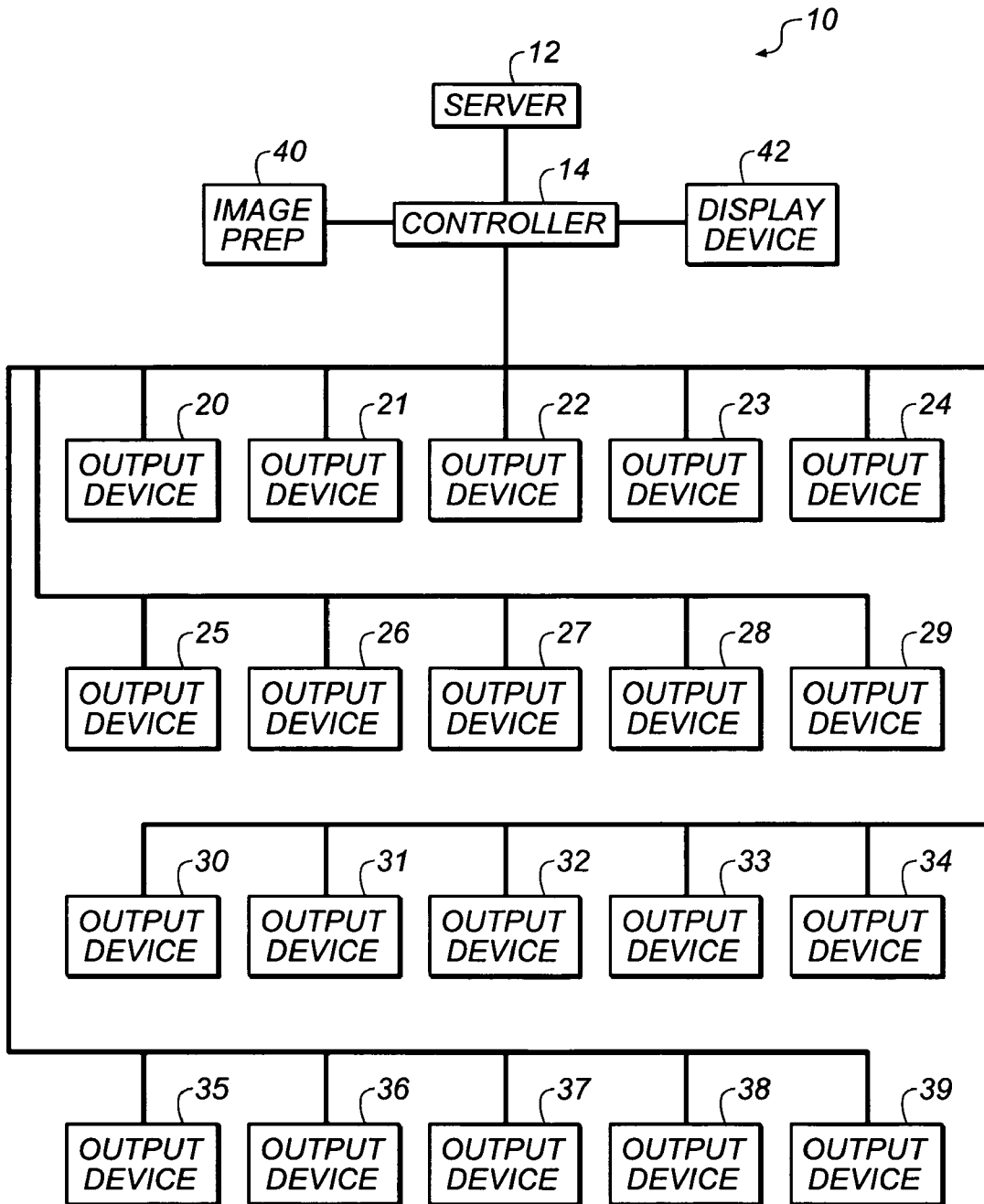


FIG. 1

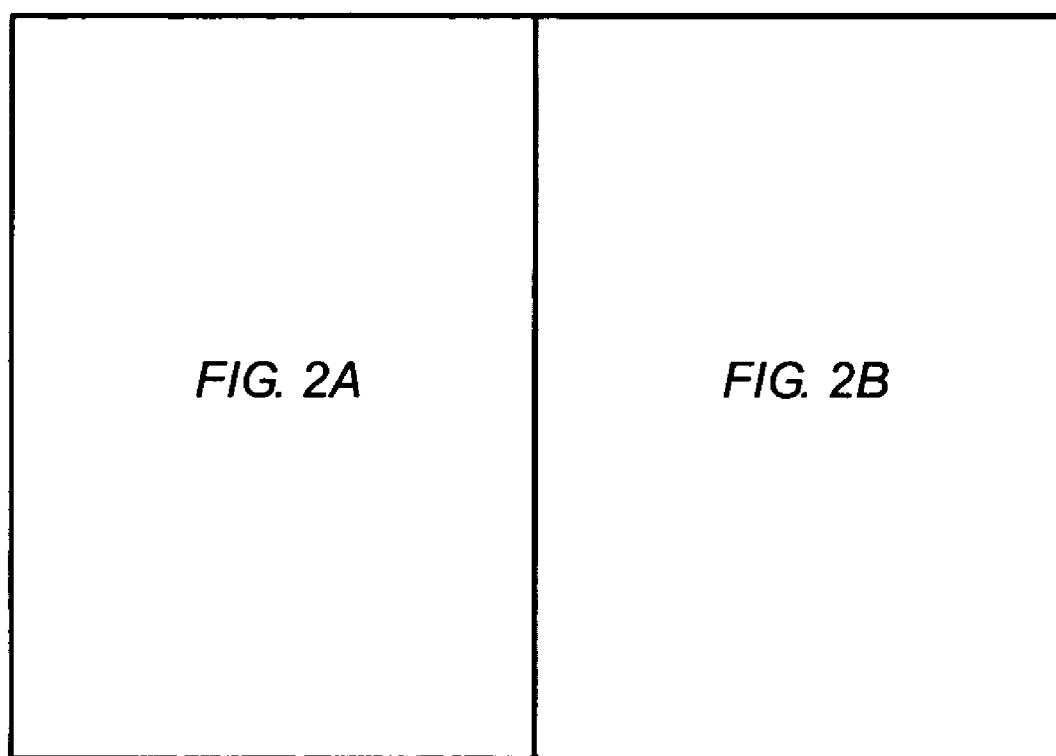


FIG. 2

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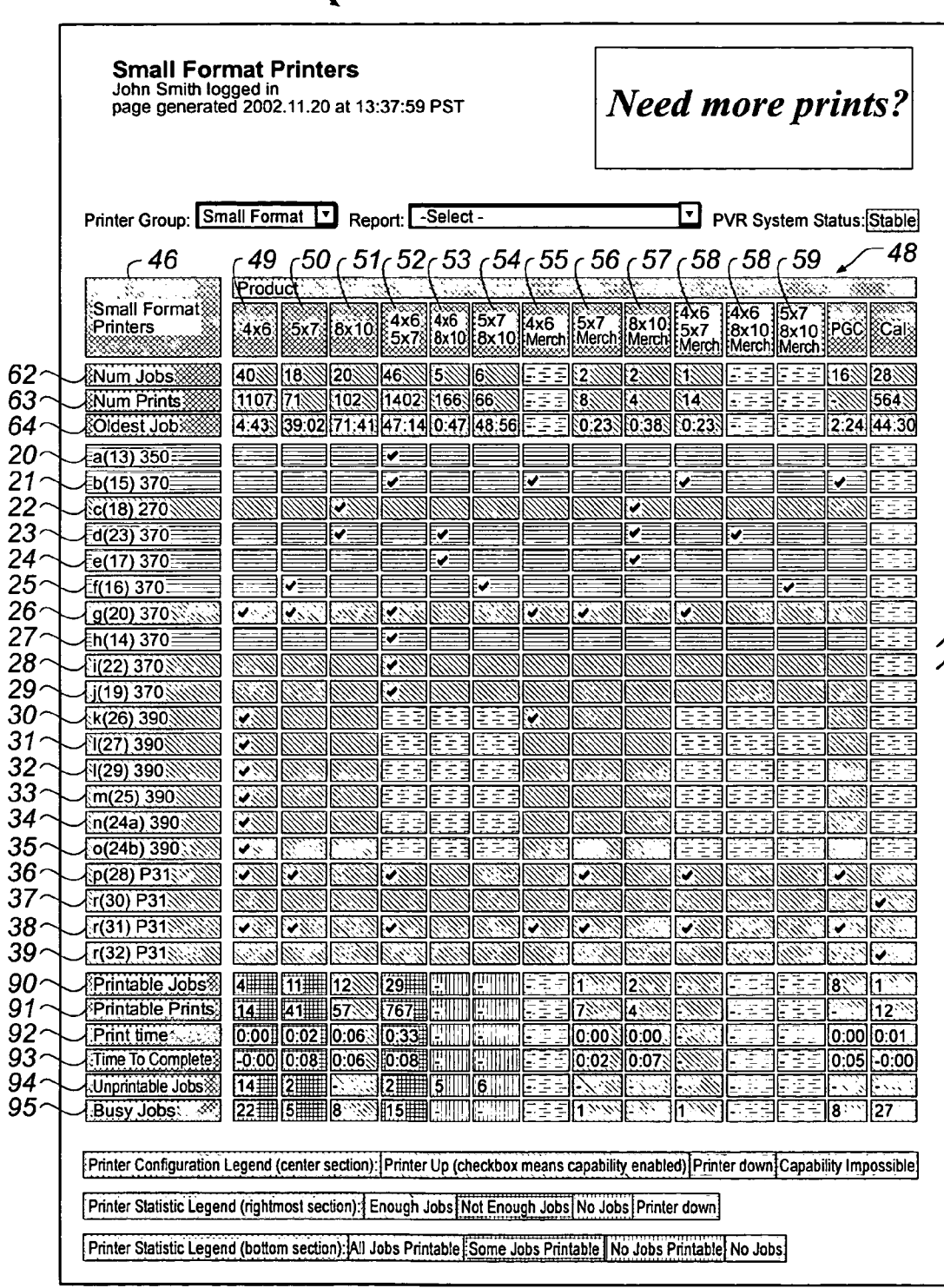


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