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[54]	METHOD OF REMOTELY INSTALLING
_	SOFTWARE DIRECTLY FROM A CENTRAL
	COMPUTER

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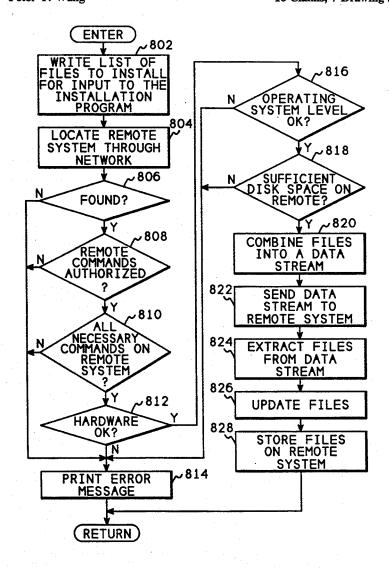
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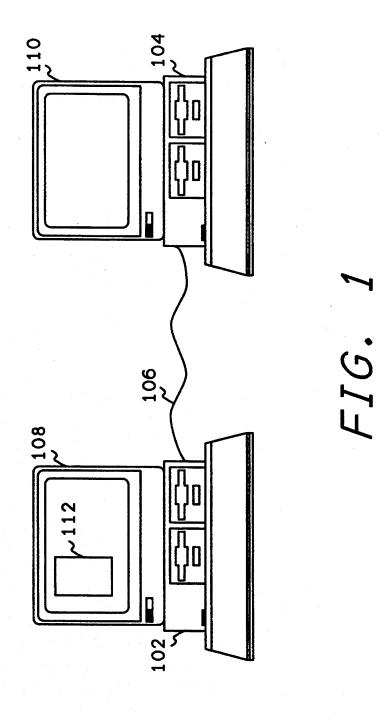
[57] ABSTRACT

A method for remote installation of software over a computer network allows a user to interactively select each remote computer system for software installation, or to provide a file containing a list of all remote computer systems. Before attempting to install the software, the method ensures that the remote system can be reached through the network, that the remote system has the capability of running processes remotely, that the remote system has all the commands necessary to perform the installation, that the remote system has the correct hardware and software to support the installation, and that sufficient disk space exists on the remote computer system for the installation. The method then combines all files that are being remotely installed into a single data stream, sends this single data stream over the network to the remote computer system, and separates the data stream into the original files on the remote system.

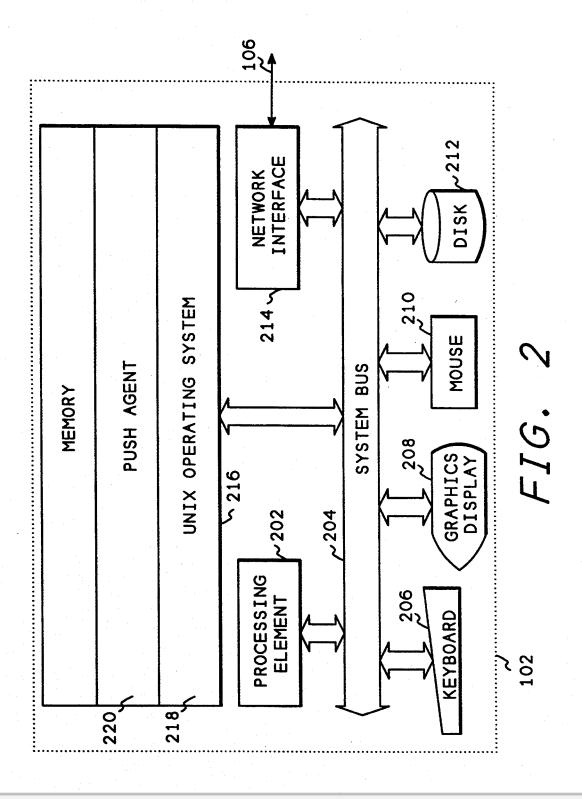
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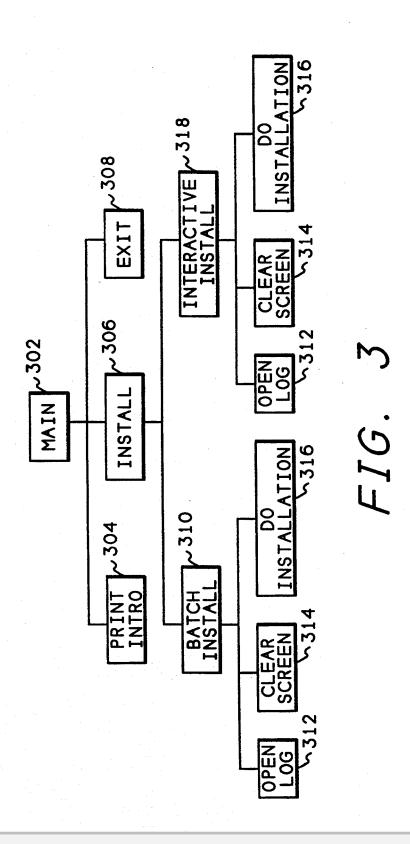












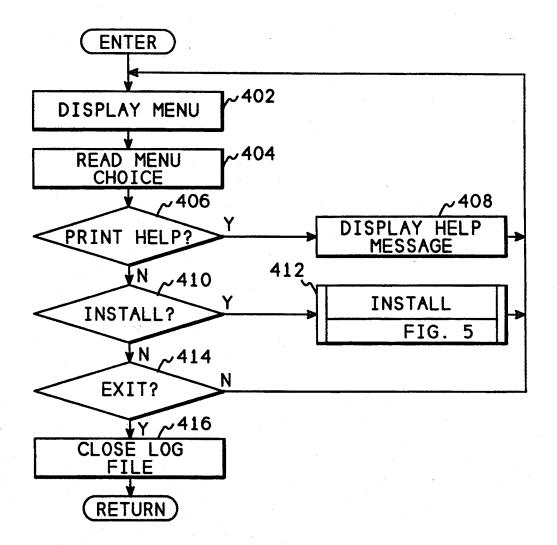


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