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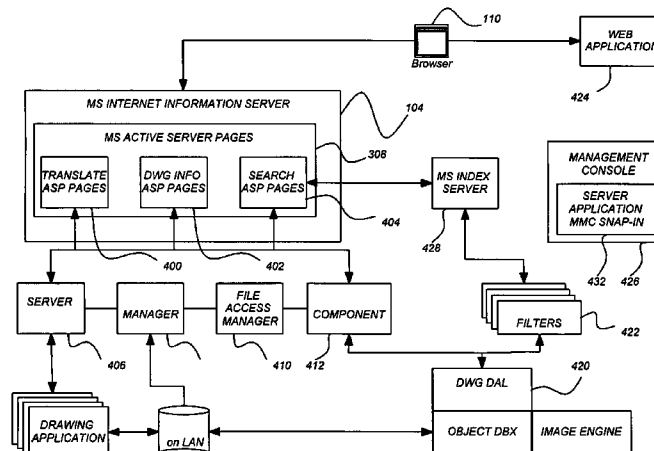*Assistant Examiner*—Dwin M Craig
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A computer implemented system, method, and article of manufacture provide access to a drawing. A server computer has one or more server component applications. One or more drawing files are created by a first drawing application and stored on the server computer. A search server component application executes on the server computer and provides a query engine that allows queries of the one or more drawing files to locate data. A conversion server component application executes on the server computer and dynamically convert the drawing files into a drawing file format viewable by a client application executing on a client compute. The server component applications are further configured to provide the one or more drawing files that have been dynamically converted to the client computer.

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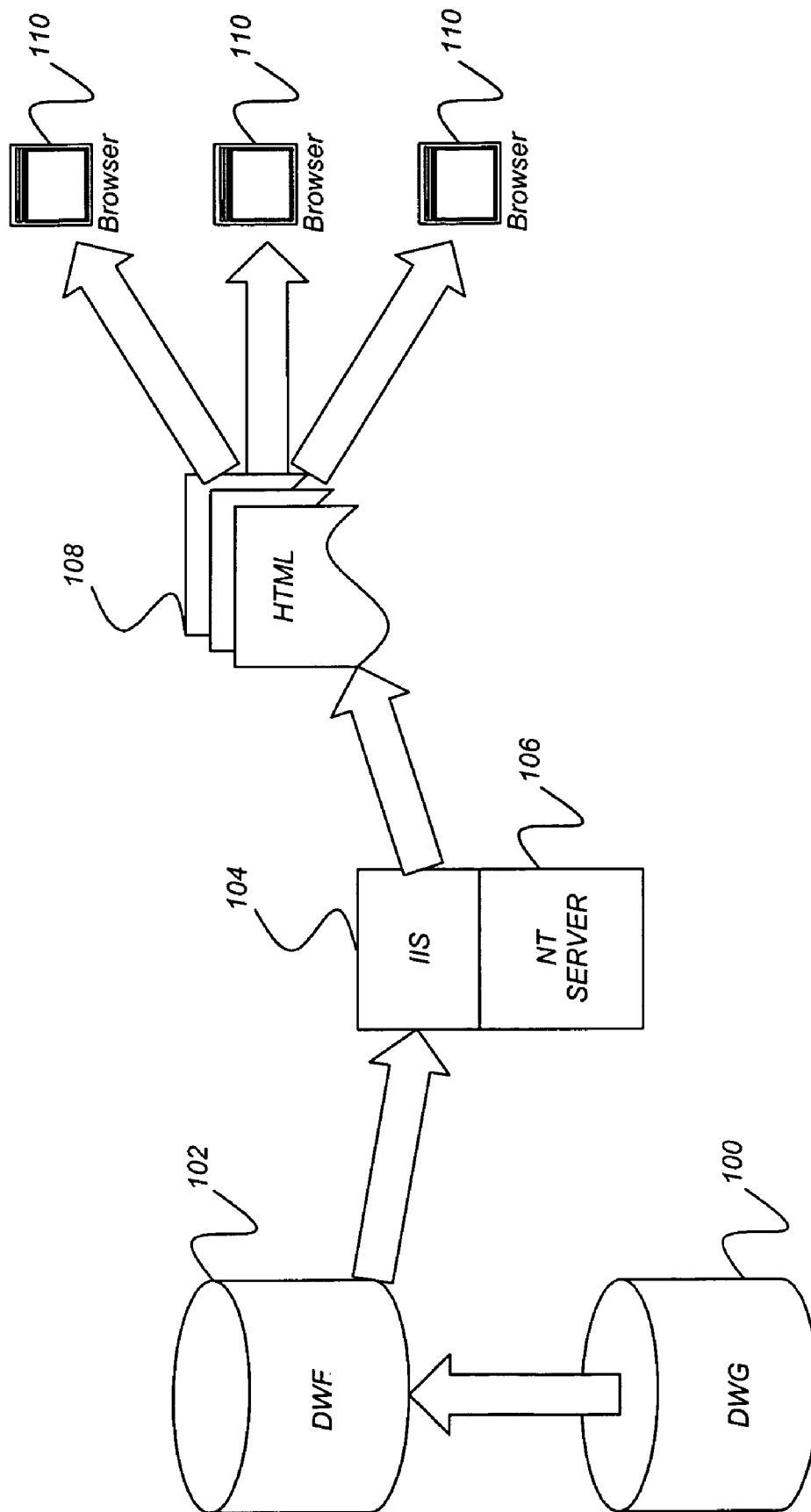Active Server Page, 1981-1999, 1 page.

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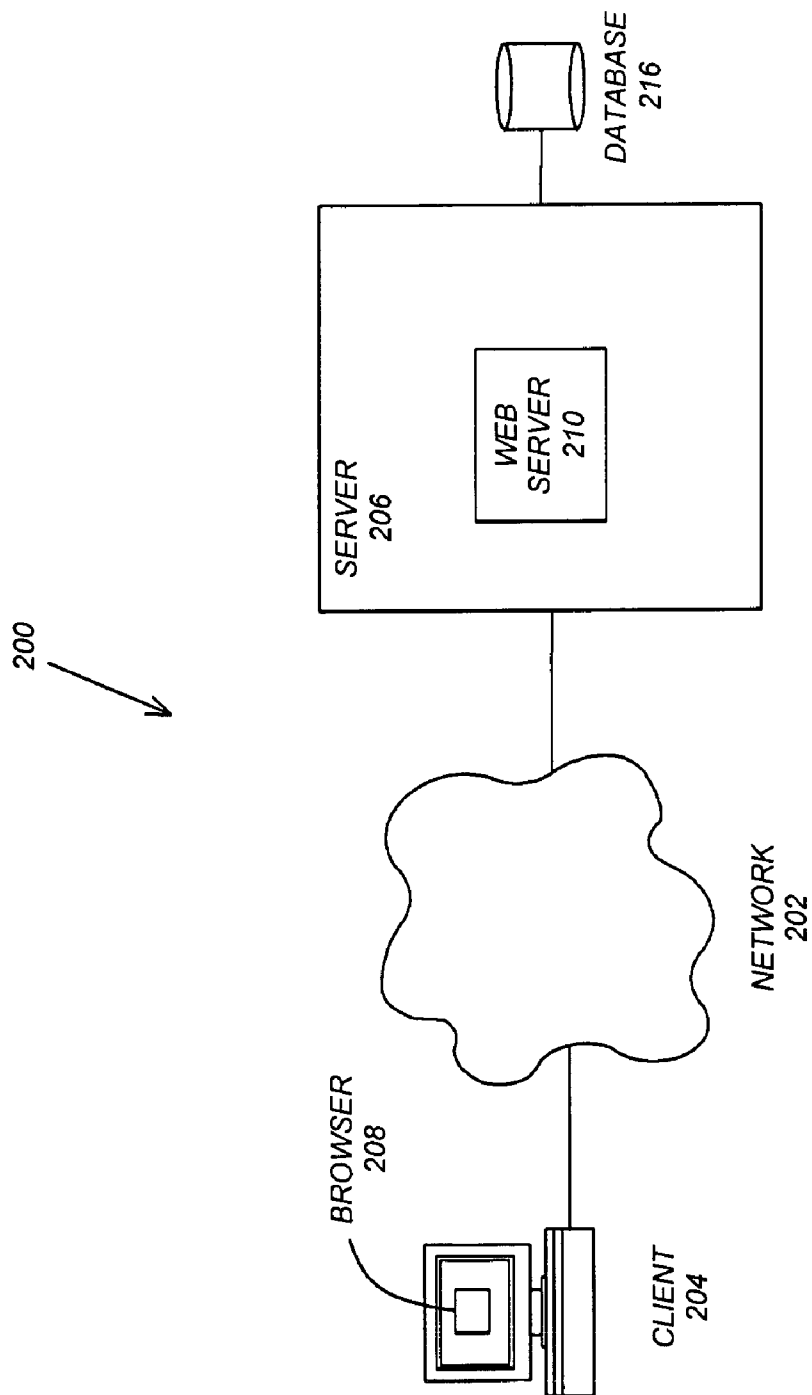
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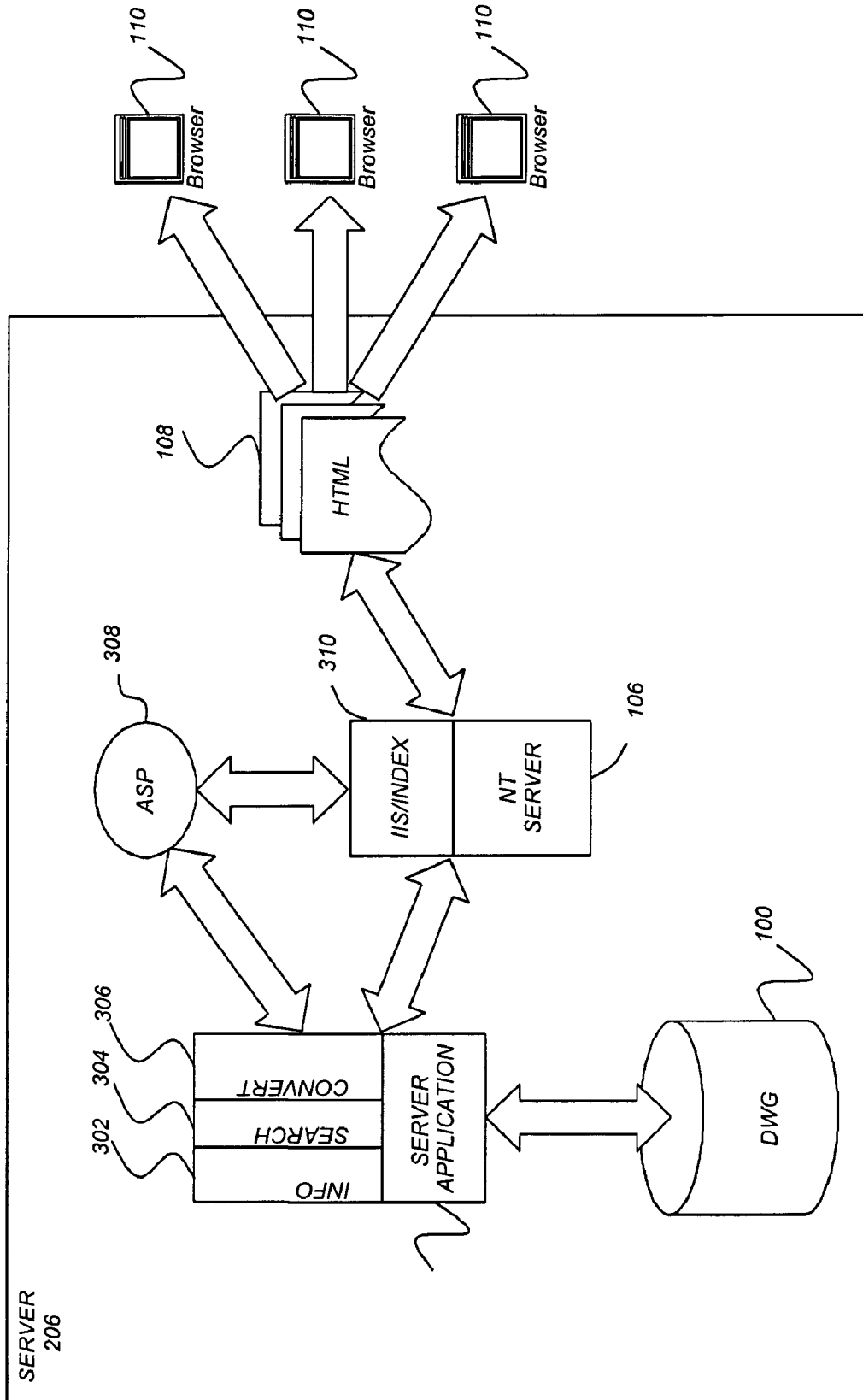
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FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

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