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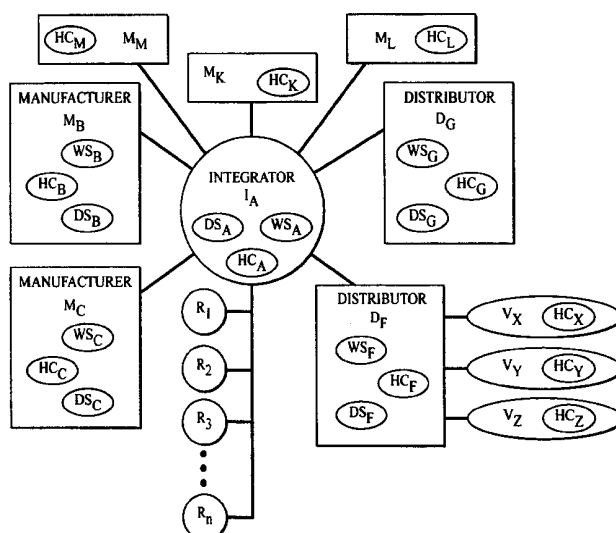
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(57) Abstract: A buying system including an integrator computer system in communication with one or more supplier computer systems. The integrator computer system may maintain customer profile information in the form of both company and requisitioner profiles. The integrator computer system may accept a customer requisition for a desired product that a customer creates using a variety of methodologies. The system uses the customer profile information to obtain, from a supplier computer system, real-time product information responsive to the customer requisition. The real-time product information preferably includes product pricing, availability, promise date, expiration date, and/or inventory lot number. The customer requisition methodologies may include a rapid order form, a template, a hot list, a catalogue browsing feature, a catalogue search feature, or a web requisition form ("WebReq") that allows a requisitioner to input a non-catalogue product request in free-form (Figures 1-3).

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