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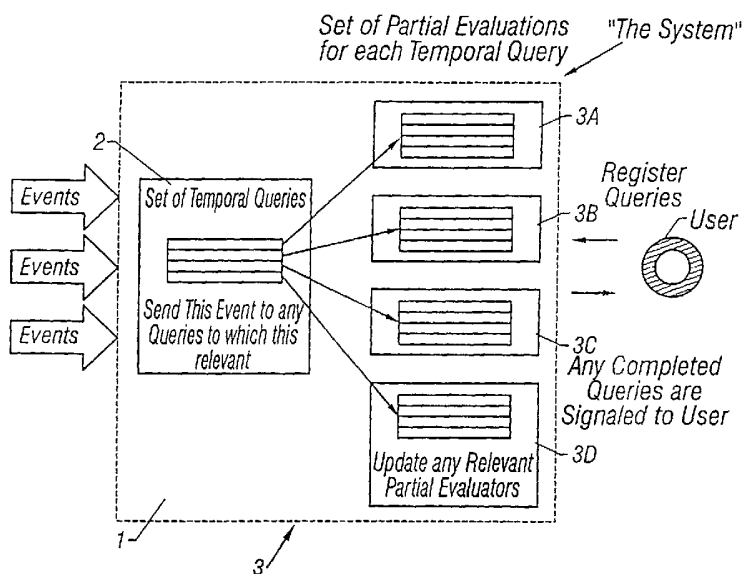
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(57) Abstract: Queries are evaluated against received event information and notifications that events specified in the queries have occurred are generated by following the steps of; recording the number of queries; receiving an item of event information; comparing the received item of event information with the queries; and generating a notification if the item of event information matches the query. Normally a series of items of event information will be received and these are compared sequentially with the queries. Each query can be arbitrarily complex comprising a plurality of sub-queries each requiring a different item or items of event information to be matched.

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