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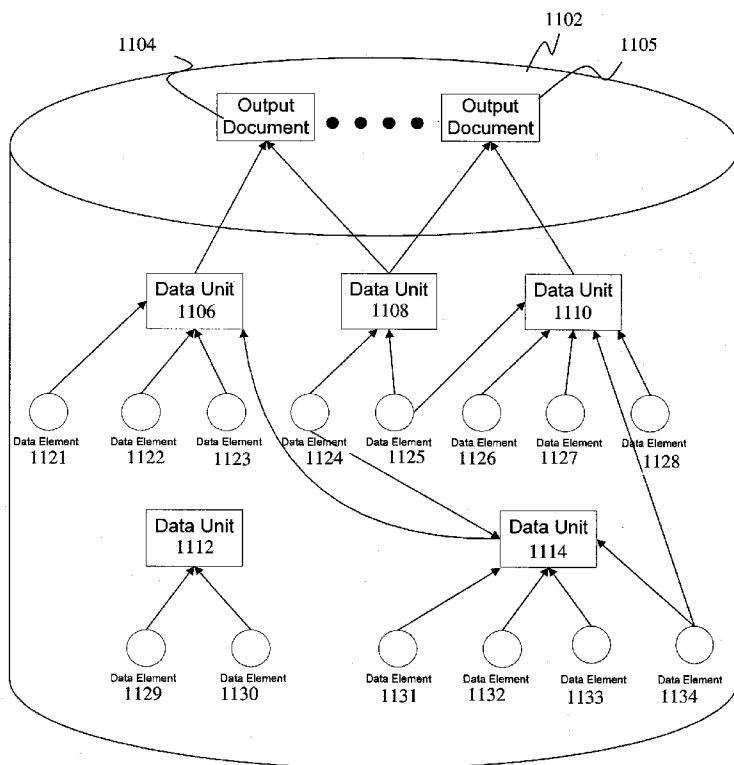


Figure 11

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a system and method for automatically producing documents that incorporate one or more data elements 1121-1134. A guided/structured software environment is provided that assists users in creating manuals by defining the appropriate content for each manual in a document definition section, content rules and relationships, and tasks to be performed for each type of manual entry. Manual content is stored as data and data elements 1121-1134, rather than pages of sentences, to more efficiently generate, revise, and store the content of a manual. A storage database 110 is provided for retrieving and storing predefined templates, documents, data elements and data to produce a final manual. Manuals are created by combining various data elements. A preview interface permits a user to quickly view what revisions will look like in a final document prior to actually publishing the manual. A published manual is compiled by assembling the stored data into document.

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