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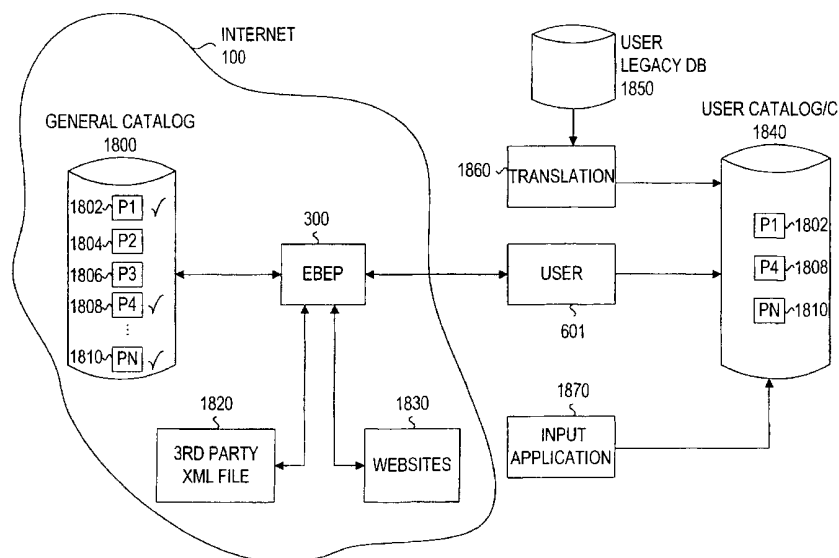
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(57) Abstract: A method for constructing an electronic catalogue by incorporation of existing data sets corresponding to products to be listed in the electronic catalogue (1840). Existing databases are downloaded to an extranet-based e-commerce platform user's enterprise site. The existing databases may be catalogues from other extranet-based e-commerce platform users, a general catalogue provided by the extranet-based e-commerce platform provider (1800), or third party XML files (1820). Data sets corresponding to products to be added to the catalogue are imported to the electronic catalogue, adding those products to the electronic catalogue. Optionally, the data sets may be imported to a client-side electronic catalog; and the changes to the client-side electronic catalogue can be exported to a server-side electronic catalogue accessible through the extranet-based e-commerce platform.

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