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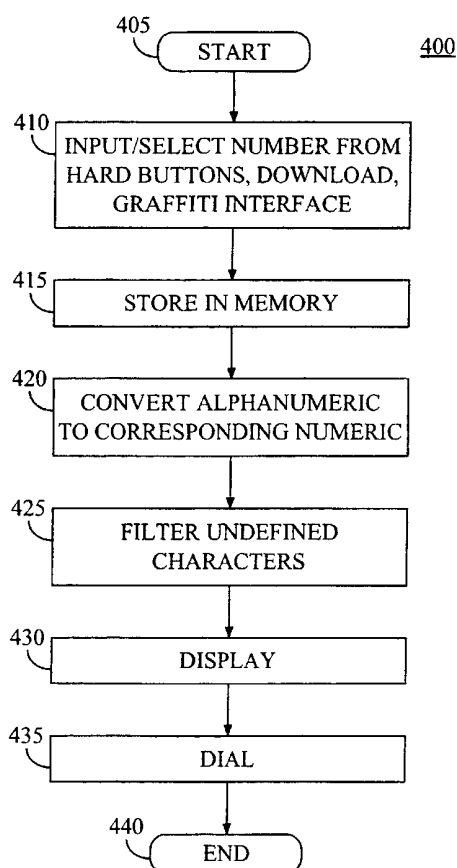
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for allowing a wireless communication device for conveniently converting alphanumeric characters into numeric characters for dialing is disclosed. The device may further include a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) as part of the wireless communication device. The unit accepts input from memory that has been highlighted on the PDA display. Any alphanumeric characters saved in address book phone entries will be automatically converted to phone numeric equivalents when dialed. For example, a stored number of 1-800-2EUDORA is treated as 18002383672 when dialed. The unit accepts input from memory into a Alphanumeric to Numeric Converter where the letters and non integers are converted into numbers to be dialed. The converted number is then passed through an undefined character filter where undefined characters are eliminated. The output is then sent to a display where an optional confirmation step takes place before the wireless communication device dials the intended number.

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