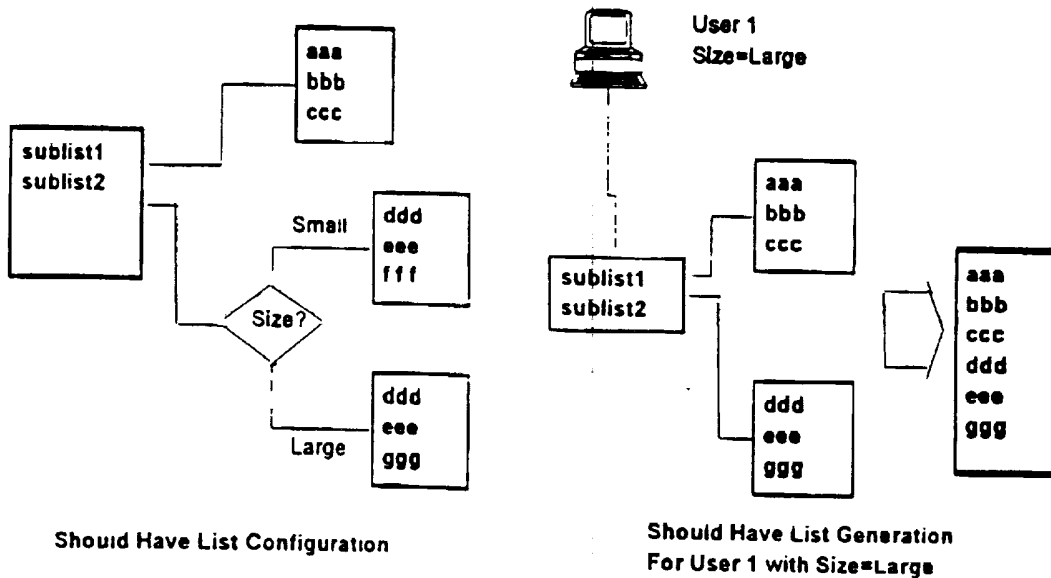




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(57) Abstract

In an enterprise-wide network which includes at least one centralized computer and a plurality of desktop computers, a method for enterprise system management comprising the steps of: storing an Already Have list for each desktop; storing a plurality of Should Have sub-lists; and generating a respective Should Have list from the stored sub-lists for a respective desktop computer during configuration of the desktop computer, wherein the schema of the generated Should Have list includes at least one dynamic linkage which encompasses more than one Should Have sub-lists.

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