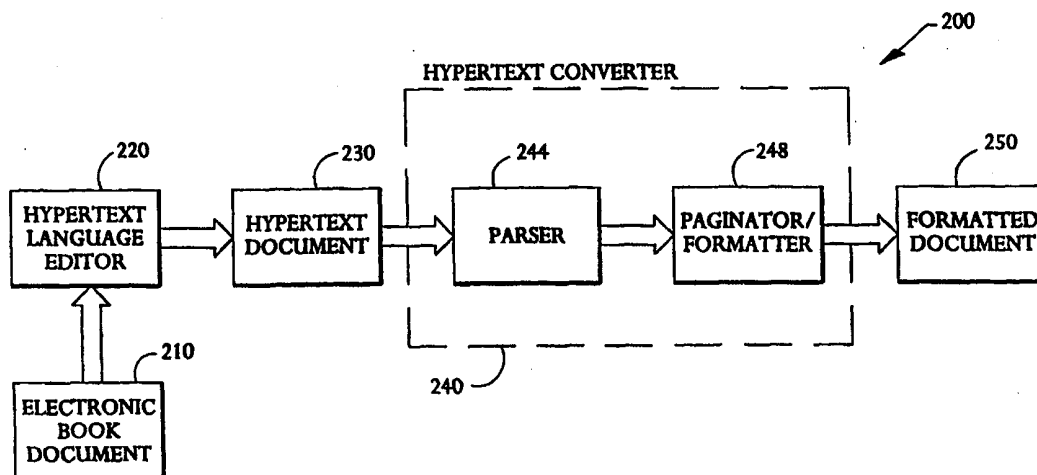




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The present invention is a method and apparatus for automatic formatting of a hypertext document. The hypertext document is parsed to identify a formatting tag. A tag operation is performed on the hypertext document according to the identified formatting tag to generate a formatted document.

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