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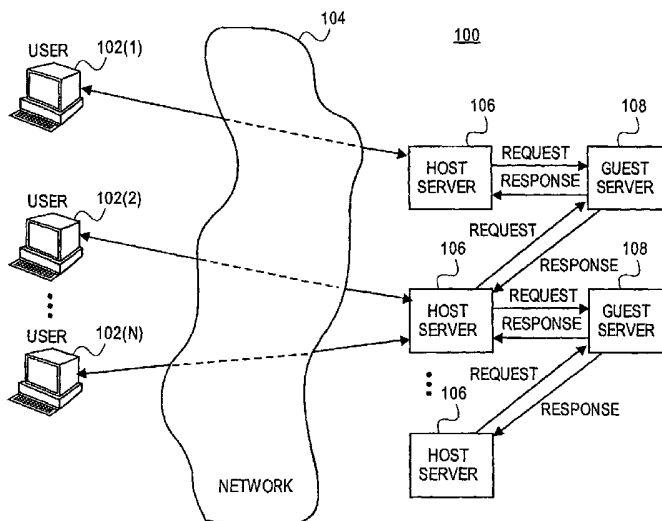
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for generating content for an electronic content access system (100) wherein requests for host (106) content are received and responses to such requests include at least references to the host (106) content requested and at least references to guest (108) content related to the host (106) content requested, comprising obtaining host (106) content from sources external to the electronic content access system (100), importing the obtained host content to a host (106) content database, distilling the host (106) content to derive host (106) content summary data for the host content, storing the host content summary data in an indexable structure and storing guest (108) content in an indexable structure, such that a query using host content summary data can be applied as a search against the guest (108) content to retrieve guest (108) content related to the requested host content without requiring preassociated links to guest (108) content.

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