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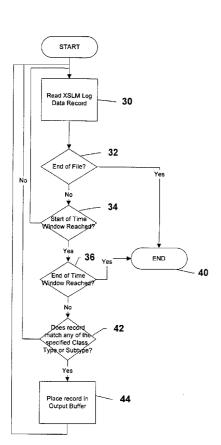
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(57) Abstract: The invention is a data retrieving system for a computer, including a plurality of application programs that operate with license manager handling issuance of license certificates to the plurality of applications programs and the data logger of the license manager creates log records containing data reflecting usage of application programs. The log records include parametric fields by which license certificate transactions are classified. A search formulating facility responds to use inputs by formulating parametric criteria in the form of log data searching specifications which are then used by a data collection facility to search through the log records to retrieve records that comply with the searching specification created by the data retrieving facility.

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