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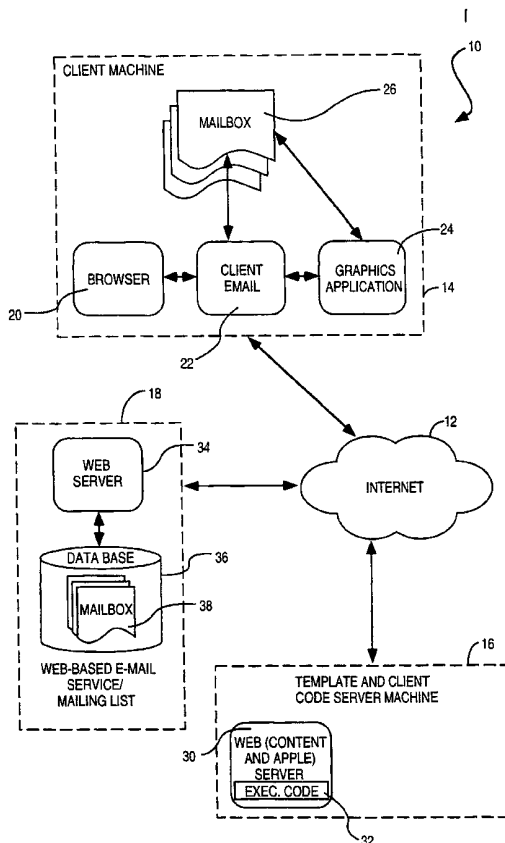
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(57) Abstract: A method for communicating graphics from a source to a recipient over a network (12) commencing with the construction of an electronic mail message. The electronic mail message is constructed to have graphics data embedded therein. The electronic mail message also has embedded therein a location identifier (e.g., a URL) that identifies a location on a server machine (10) from which a graphics application (24) is for displaying a graphics image derived from the graphics data. Following construction of the electronic mail message, the message is communicated from the source to a specified recipient over the communications network (12).

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