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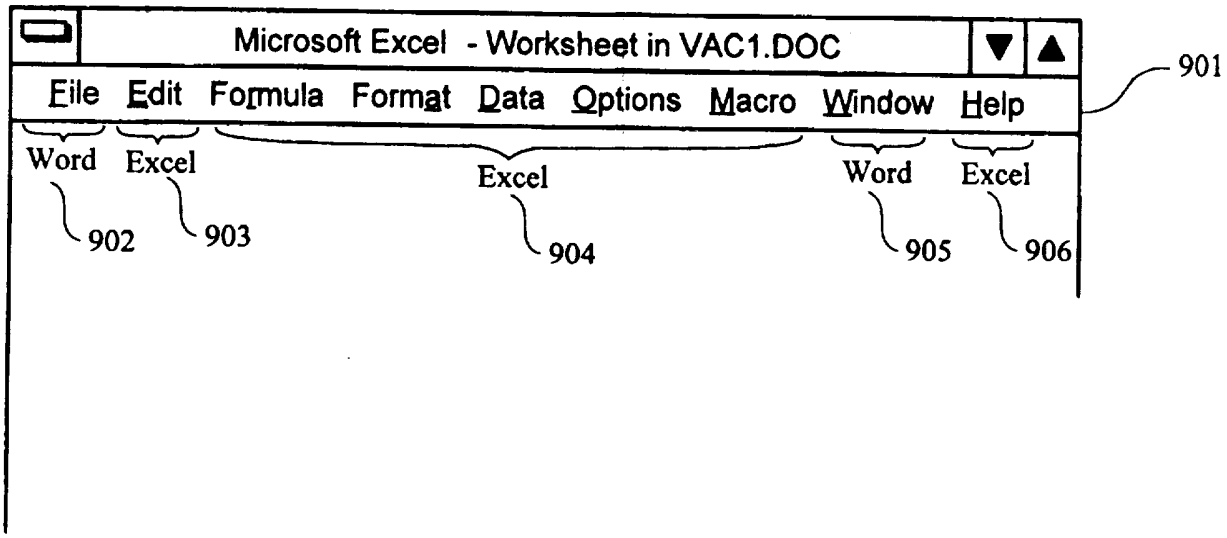

(57) Abstract

A computer method and system for interacting with a containee object contained within a container object. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the container object has a container application with a container window environment that has container resources for interacting with the container object. The containee object has a server application with a server window environment with server resources for interacting with the containee object. The method of the present invention displays the container window environment on a display device. A user then selects the containee object. In response to selecting the containee objects, the method integrates a plurality of the server resources with the displayed container window environment. When a user then selects a server resource, the method invokes the server application to process the server resource selection. Conversely, when a user selects a container resource, the method invokes the container application to process the container resource selection.

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1. Claims 1-16, 22-34 : Method and system of interacting with a contained object within the context of its containing application.

2. Claim 17 : Method for dynamically combining window hierarchies in a computer system.

3. Claims 18-20 : Method for scrolling a window containing another window which contains selected data.

4. Claim 21 : Method for visually emphasising a selected object which is displayed on a display device.

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