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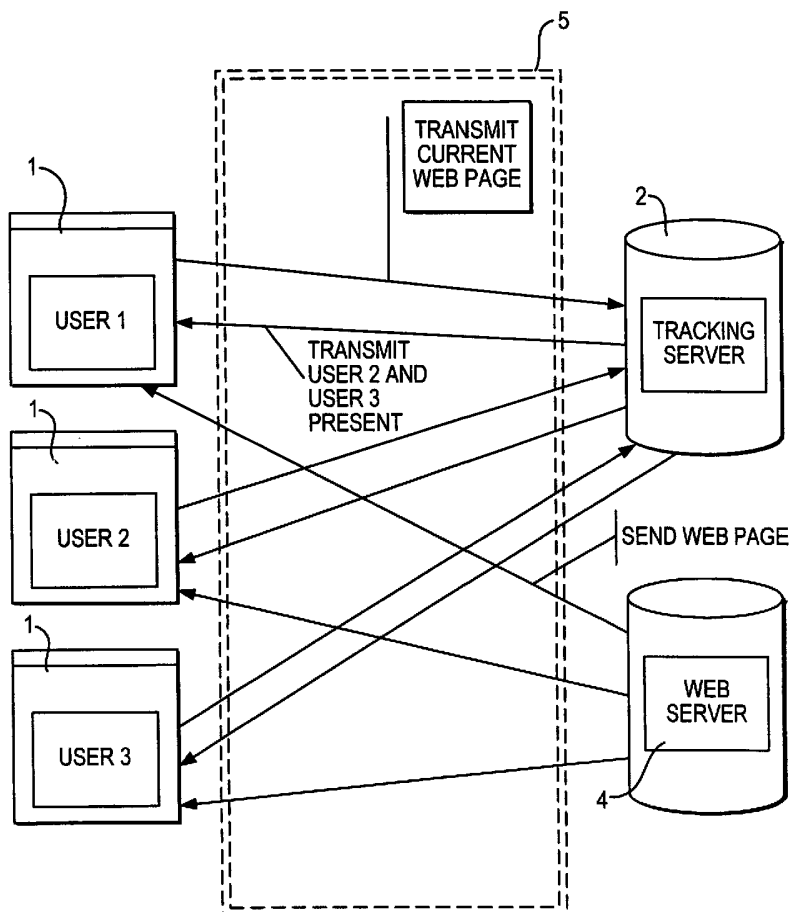
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for detecting one or more user presences (1) in a virtual location is provided which includes the steps of directing a web browser to enter a virtual location, the browser associated with a first user, communicating the virtual location of the first user from the browser to a tracking server (2), and entering the first user and the virtual location of the first user, as a first user presence, into a database of user presences which is associated with the tracking server.

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