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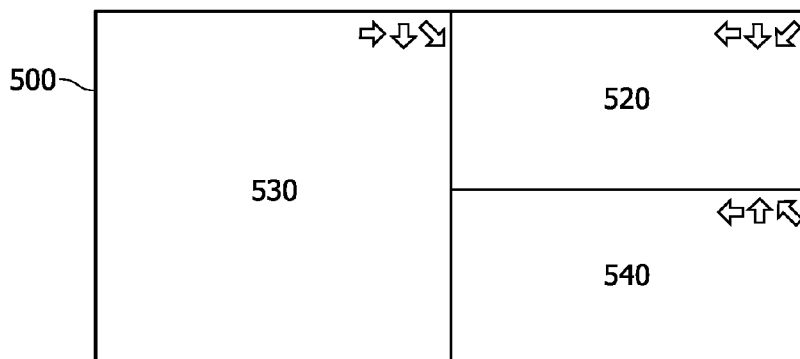


FIG. 5b

(57) Abstract: A display having a plurality of viewing areas, a plurality of resizable windows, each window being displayed in an area corresponding to a number of the viewing areas and one or more resizing icons corresponding to each of the resizable windows, wherein a selection of one of the resizing icons resizes the window corresponding to the resizing icon to be displayed in a further area corresponding to a further number of the viewing areas.

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