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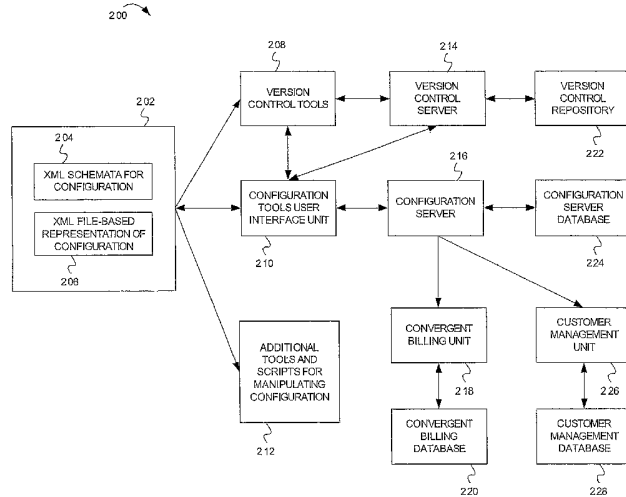
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for hierarchically representing configuration items are described herein. In one embodiment, the method includes receiving a request to modify one or more configuration items, wherein the request is associated with a direct manipulation GUI command, wherein the configuration items are associated with configuration item icons, and wherein the configuration items are stored in a configuration management system repository. The method further includes modifying the one or more configuration items, wherein the modifying includes modifying high-level representations of the one or more configuration items. The method further includes generating low-level representations of the one or more configuration items, and exporting the low-level representations to a database.

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