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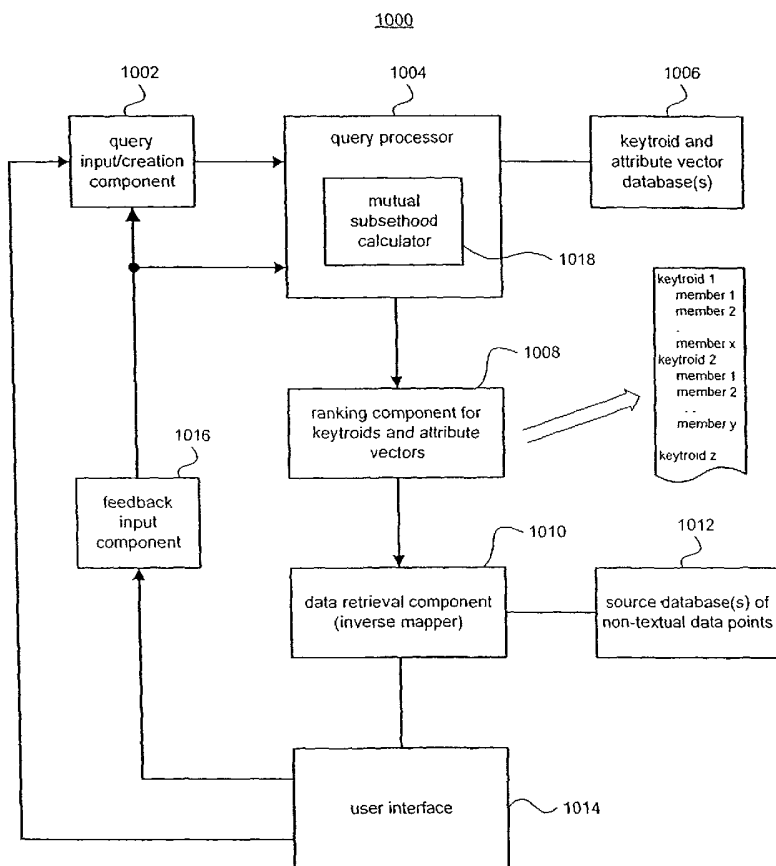
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(57) Abstract: A non-textual data searching system according to the invention is capable of searching non-textual data at semantic levels above the fundamental symbolic level. The actual searching process is analogous to a conventional text-based search engine: a query vector, which identifies a number of fuzzy attributes of the desired data, is processed to retrieve and rank a number of keytroids representing clusters of fuzzy attribute vectors, where each fuzzy attribute vector represents a data event associated with one or more non-textual data points. The keytroids can be inverse-mapped to obtain data events and/or non-textual data points that satisfy the query.

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