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SYSTEM FOR ORDERING ITEMS USING AN ELECTRONIC CATALOG

OVERVIEW:

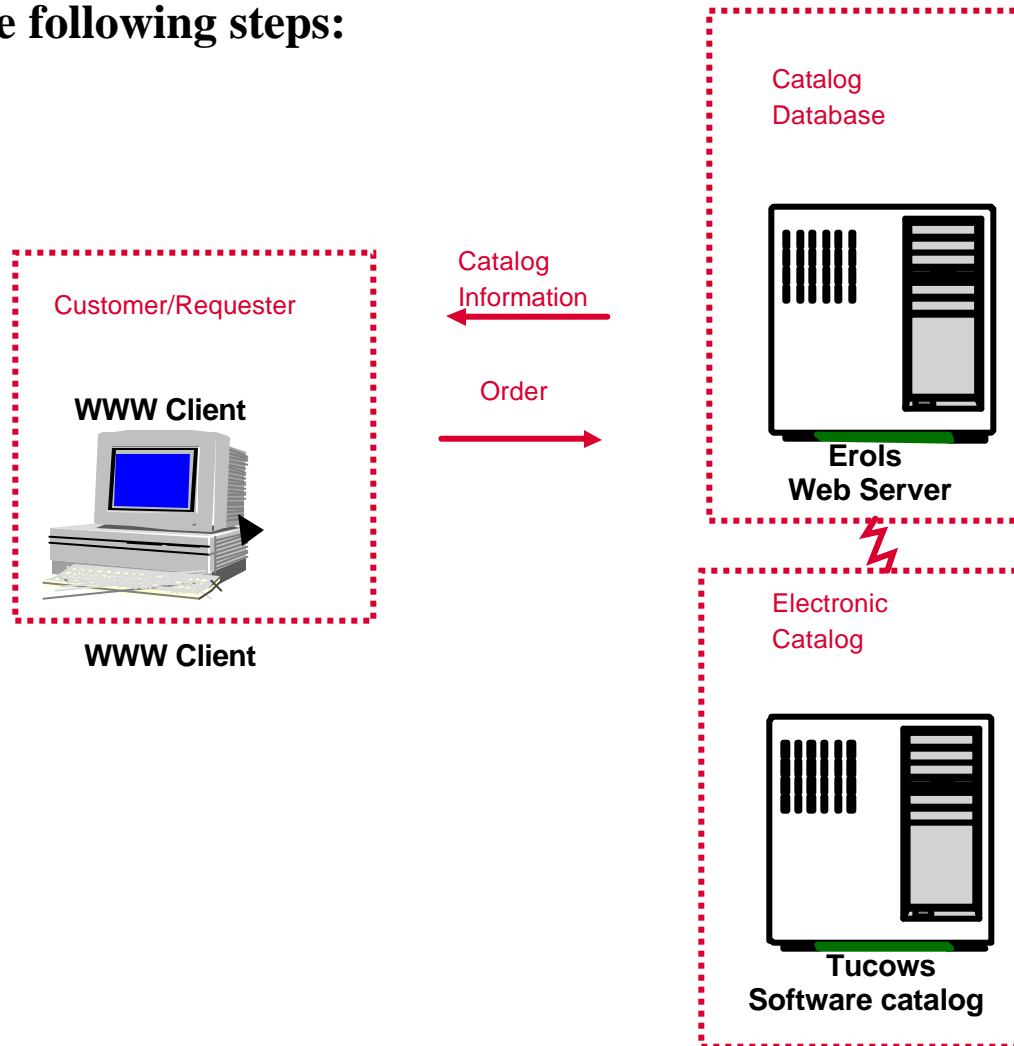
An electronic catalog from a supplier is stored on an ISP database. A customer searches the catalog to select items. The ISP downloads information on the selected items to the customer and enables the creation of an electronic purchase order which is sent to the supplier.

Claim:

8. In an electronic catalog requisition system in which catalogs of items offered by suppliers are stored on a central catalog database system, a method for retrieving information relating to said items and electronically ordering items from suppliers comprising the following steps:

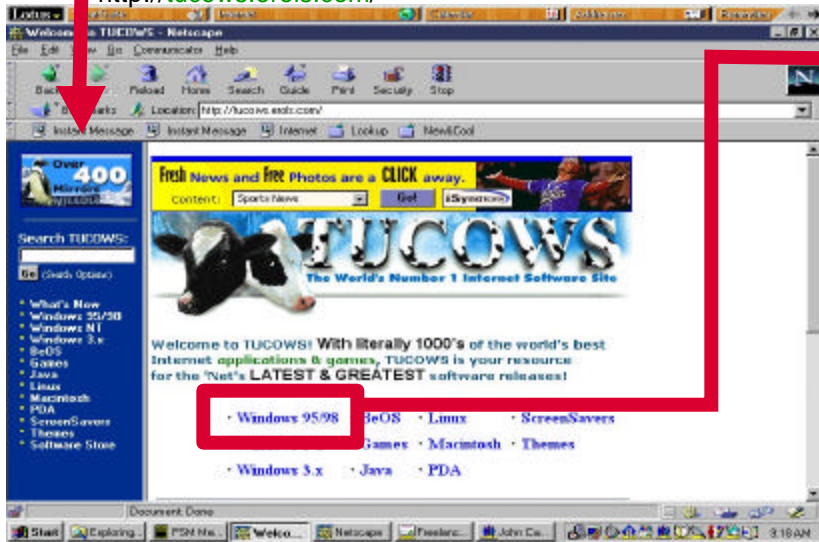
- searching the catalog database for information on a customer-selected item, said catalog database residing on a public computer system;**
 - downloading said information on said customer-selected item to a Customer/Requestor computer system;**
 - creating an electronic requisition using the Customer/Requestor computer system;**
- and**
- transmitting the electronic requisition to a supplier computer system.**

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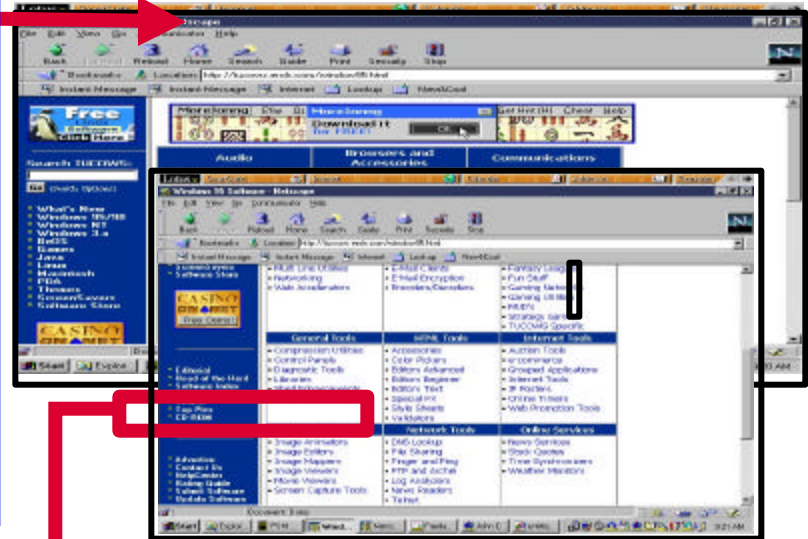


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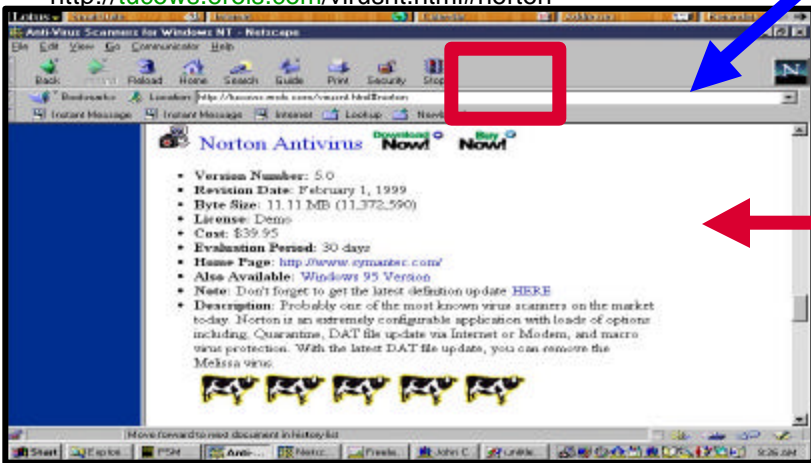
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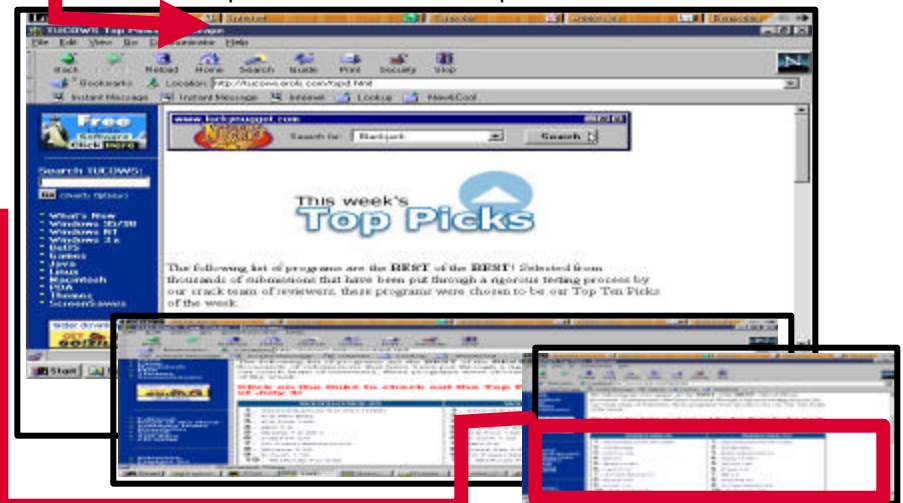
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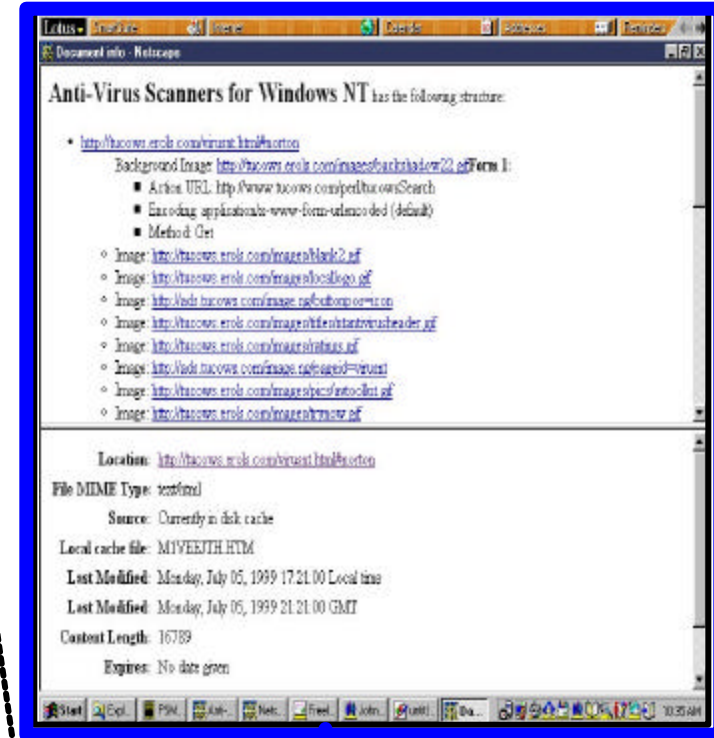
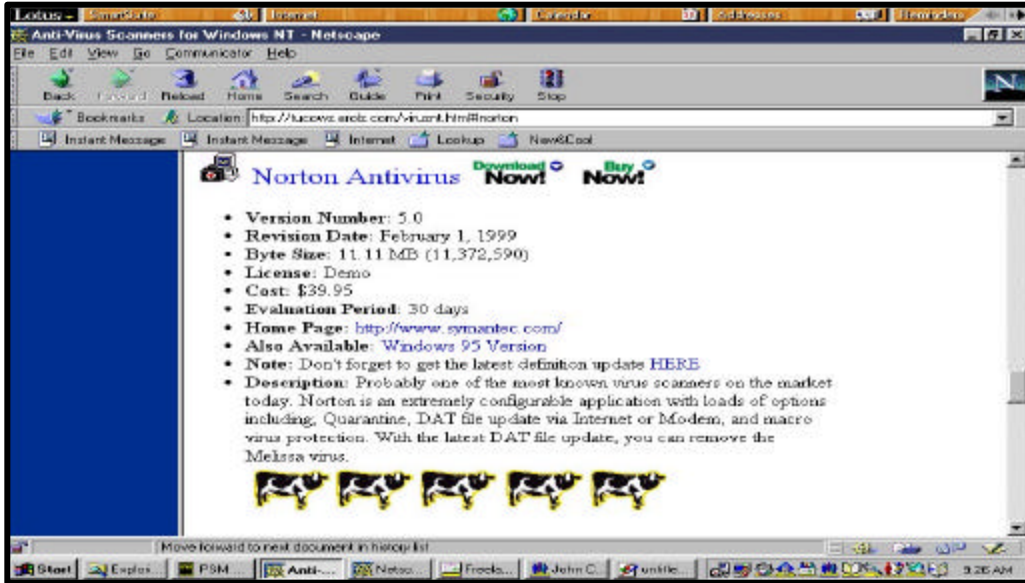


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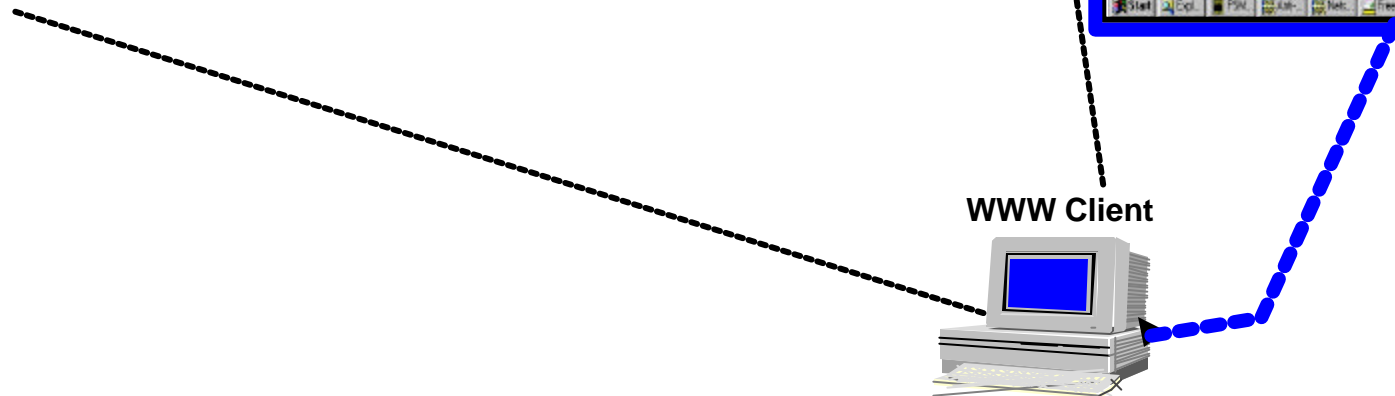
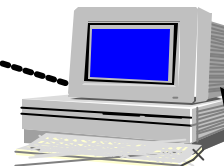


downloading said information on said customer-selected item to a **Customer/Requestor computer system;**

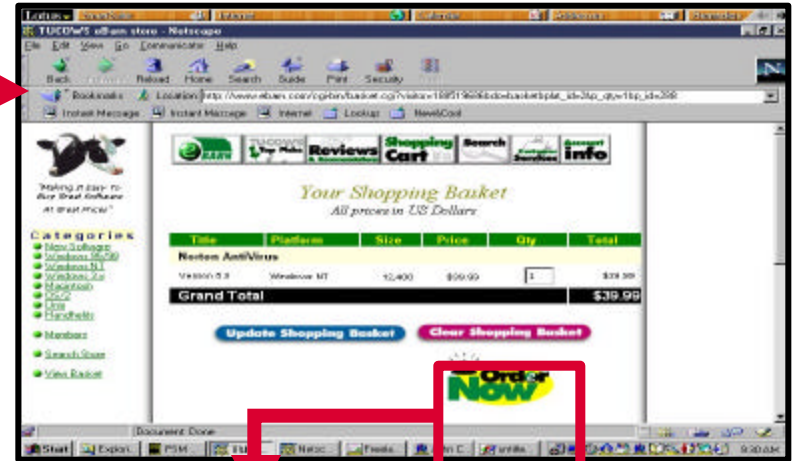
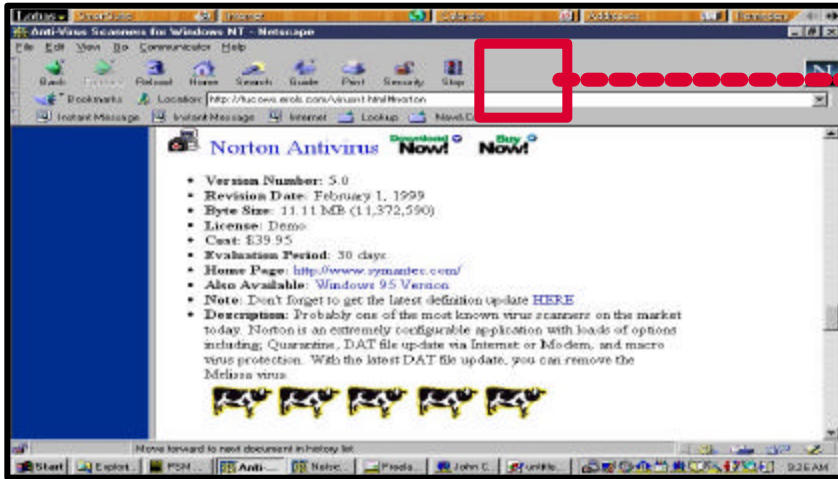
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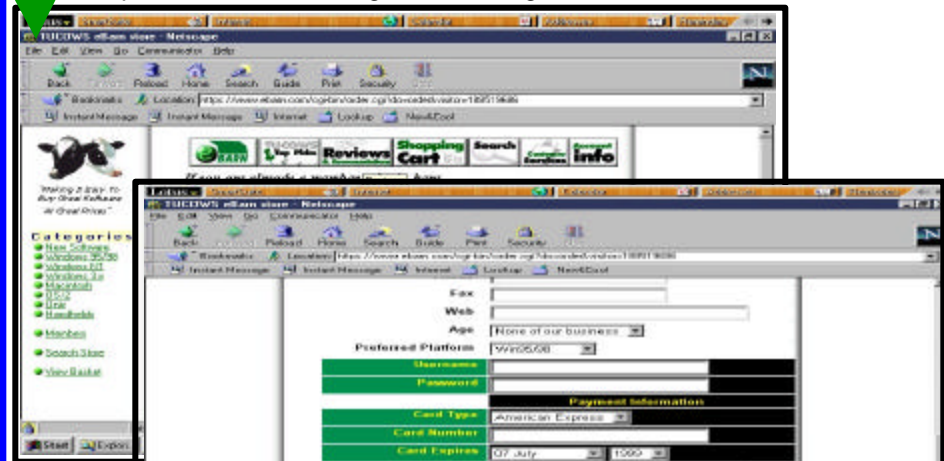
WWW Client



creating an **electronic requisition** using the Customer/Requestor computer system; and **transmitting the electronic requisition** to a supplier computer system.



<http://www.ebarn.com/cgi-bin/order.cgi?do=order&visitor=188519686>



Iucows Host Server

Server: tucows.shaw.wave.ca

Port: 80

Request: HEAD / HTTP/1.0

---Server output follows:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Server: Netscape-Enterprise/3.0

Date: Mon, 15 Feb 1999 20:29:24 GMT

Content-type: text/html

Connection: close

Erols Mirror

Server: tucows.erols.com

Port: 80

Request: HEAD / HTTP/1.0

---Server output follows:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Mon, 15 Feb 1999 20:43:15 GMT

Server: Apache/1.2.4

Last-Modified: Sun, 14 Feb 1999 03:33:00 GMT

ETag: "6205c-2a83-36c643ec"

Content-Length: 10883

Accept-Ranges: bytes

Connection: close

Content-Type: text/html