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[54] **METHOD OF GRAPHICALLY ACCESSING ELECTRONIC DATA**

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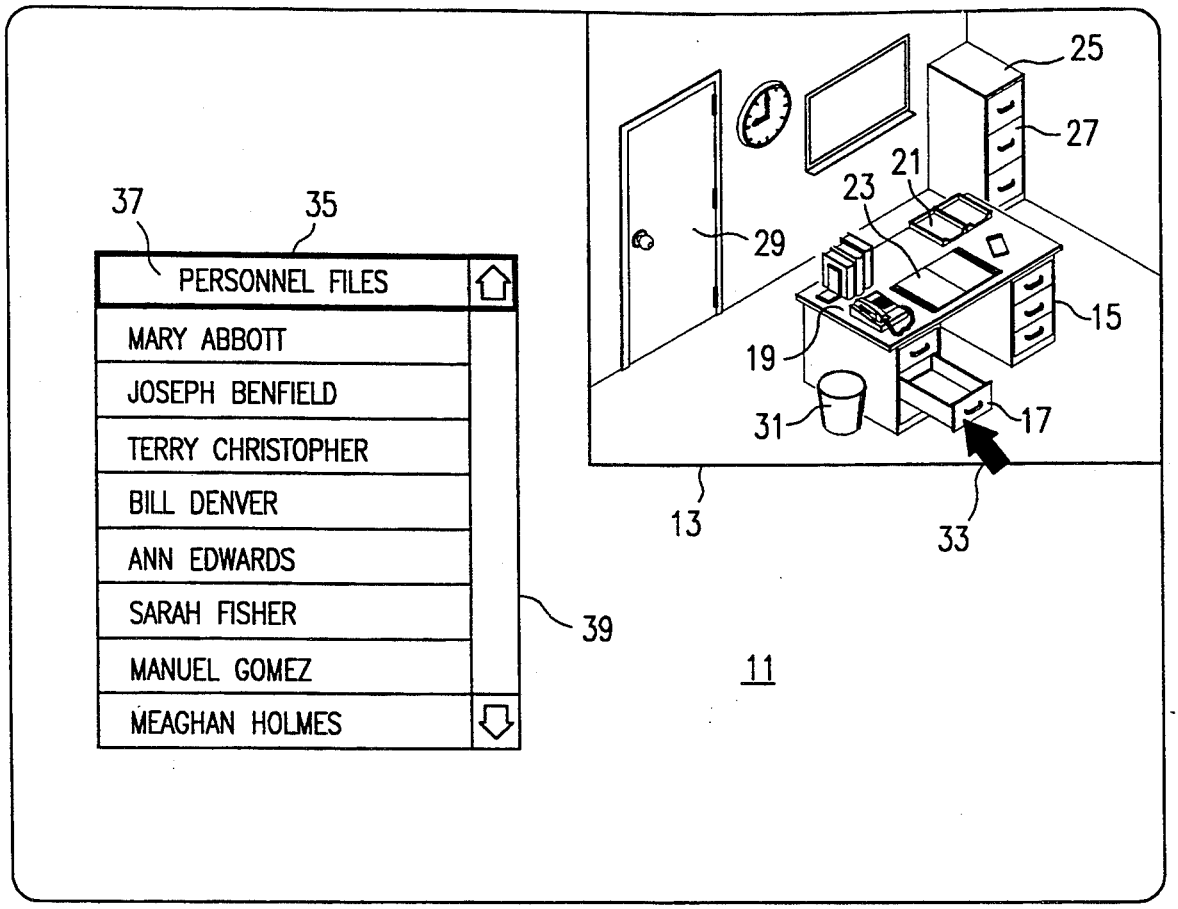
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A computer system user interface that includes a method of accessing electronic data. The method includes displaying on a computer display screen a control window that includes a perspective view of a work area. The work area includes at least one animated icon that is movable from a closed position to a substantial continuum of open positions. Moving the icon to an open position automatically opens a window on the display screen that contains the data to be accessed. Closing the icon automatically closes the window.

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