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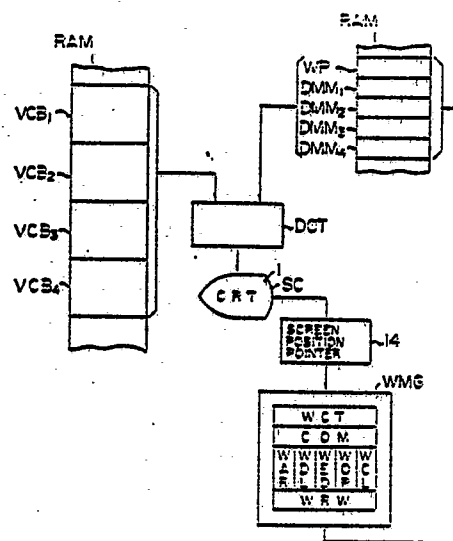
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(54) **Apparatus for controlling screen display.**

(57) Screen division display wherein a screen is divided into plural portions and an independent image is displayed on each divided portion, is achieved by the provision of a plurality of image memory areas (VCB<sub>1</sub> - VCB<sub>4</sub>) each corresponding to the screen; a display management memory area (DMM) for storing the positions on the screen of the storage contents of the image memory areas; and a display controller (DCT) for displaying the storage content of the designated image memory area on a predetermined divided portion of the screen, based on the storage content of the display management memory area. Further, there are provided a designating unit (14) for designating a desired one of the plural divided portions and a display management unit (WMG) for renewing the storage content of the display management area in such a way that the position on the screen of the image memory area corresponding to the divided portion designated by the designating unit is located on the entirety of the screen.

**FIG. 1**





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