

**CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(e) (Page 1 of 1)**

First Named Inventor:	Stefik	Nonprovisional Application Number (if known):	
Title of Invention:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RENDERING DIGITAL CONTENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH USAGE RIGHTS INFORMATION		

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		Application Number	10/015,952	
		Filing Date	December 17, 2001	
		Group Art Unit	2161	
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This Application is a Continuation of USSN 09/778,001 which is a Divisional Application of USSN 08/967,084 which is a Continuation of USSN 08/344,760	02/07/2001 11/10/1997 11/23/1994	 6,236,971 now abandoned

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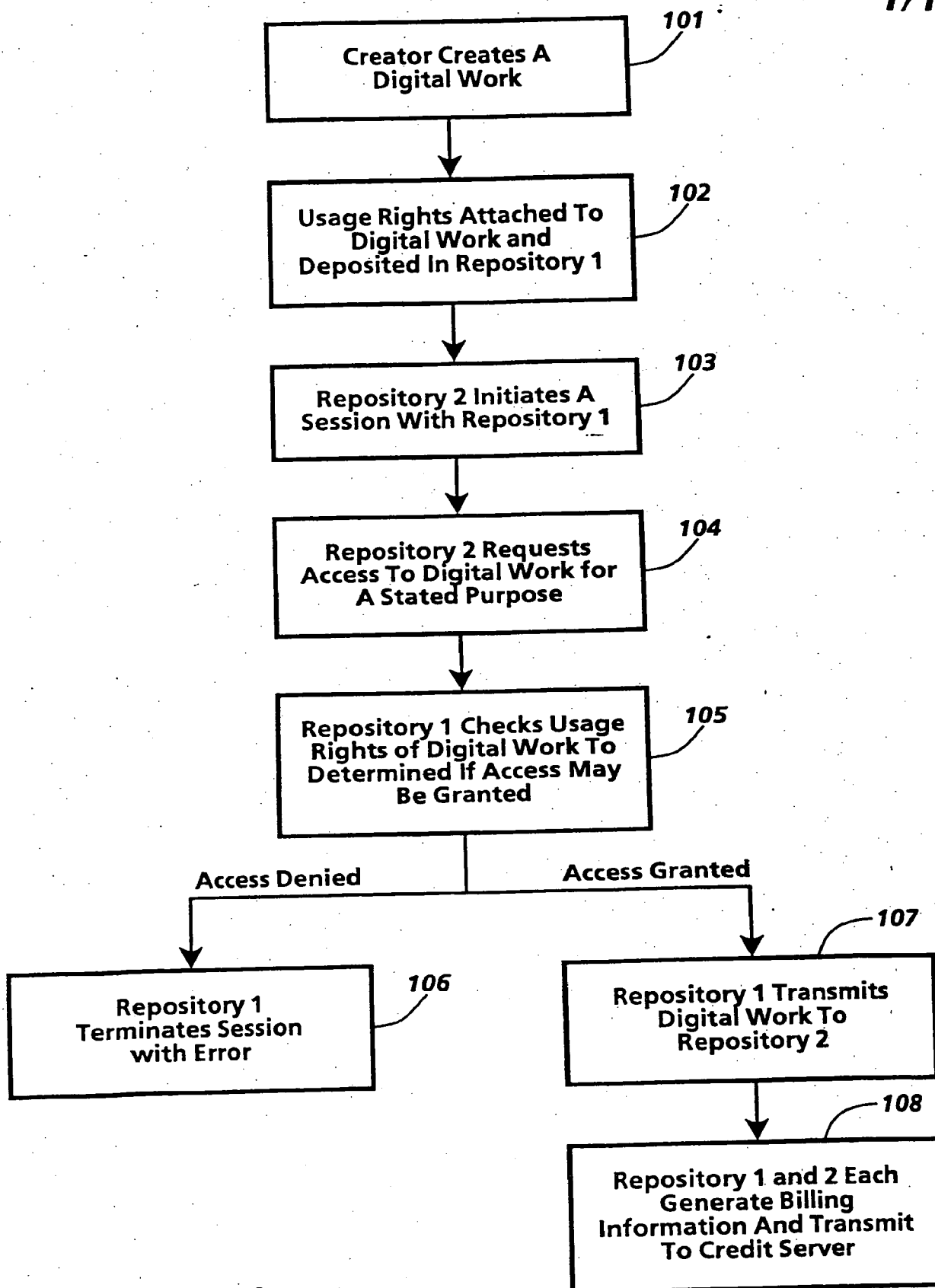
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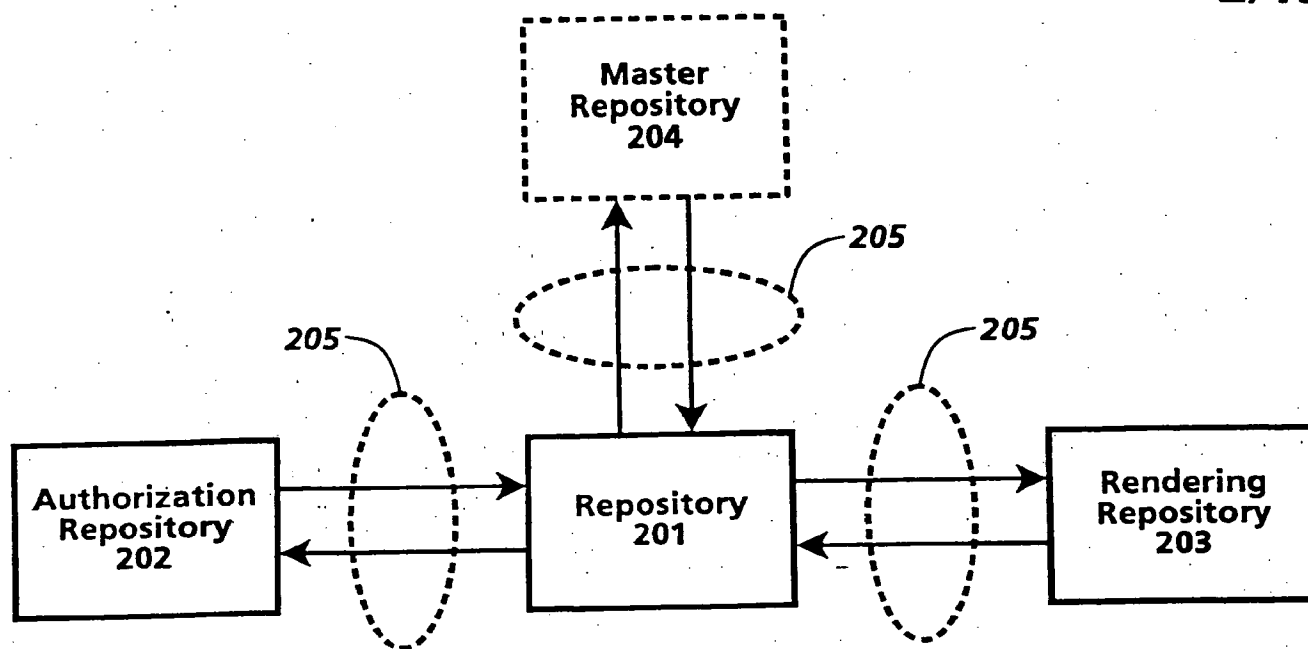
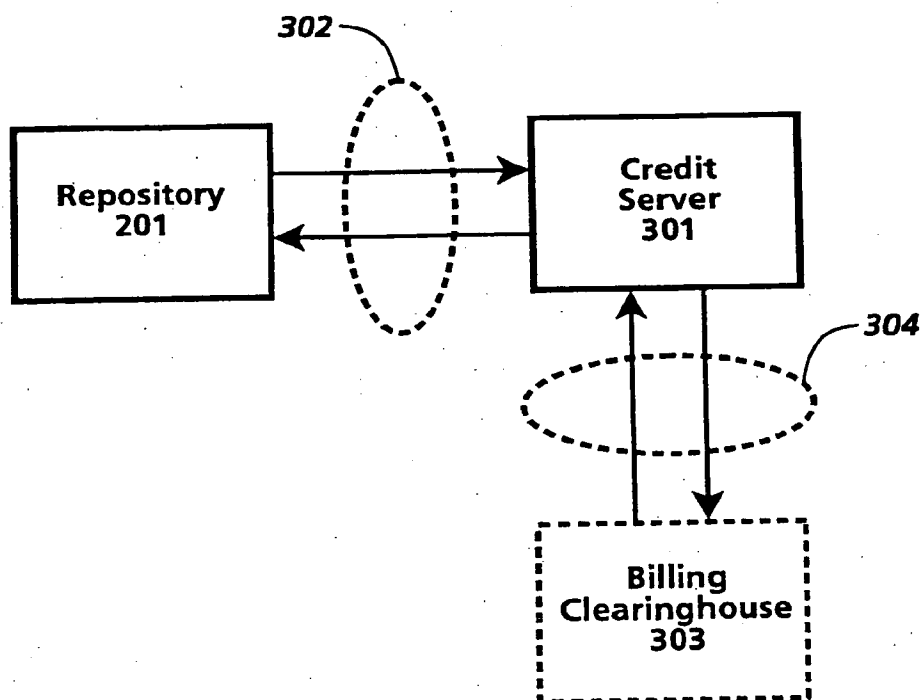
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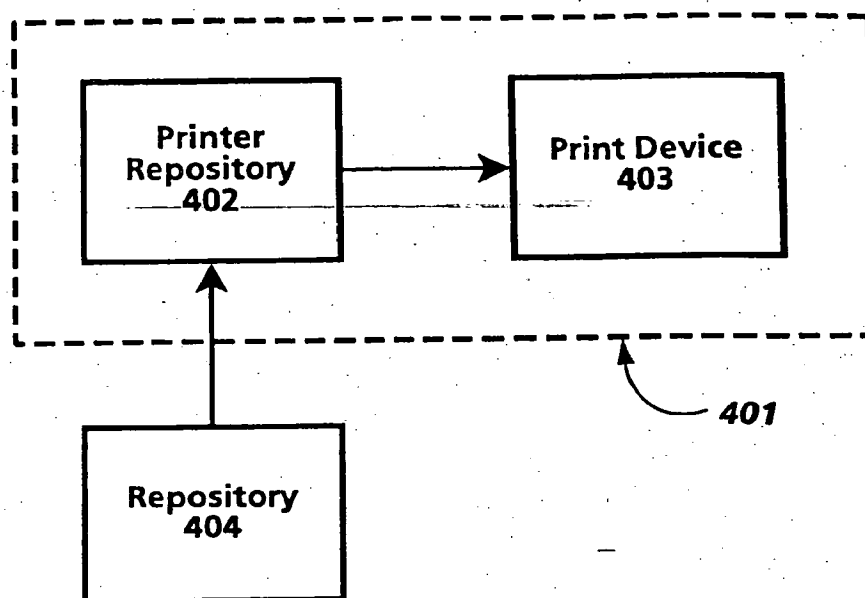
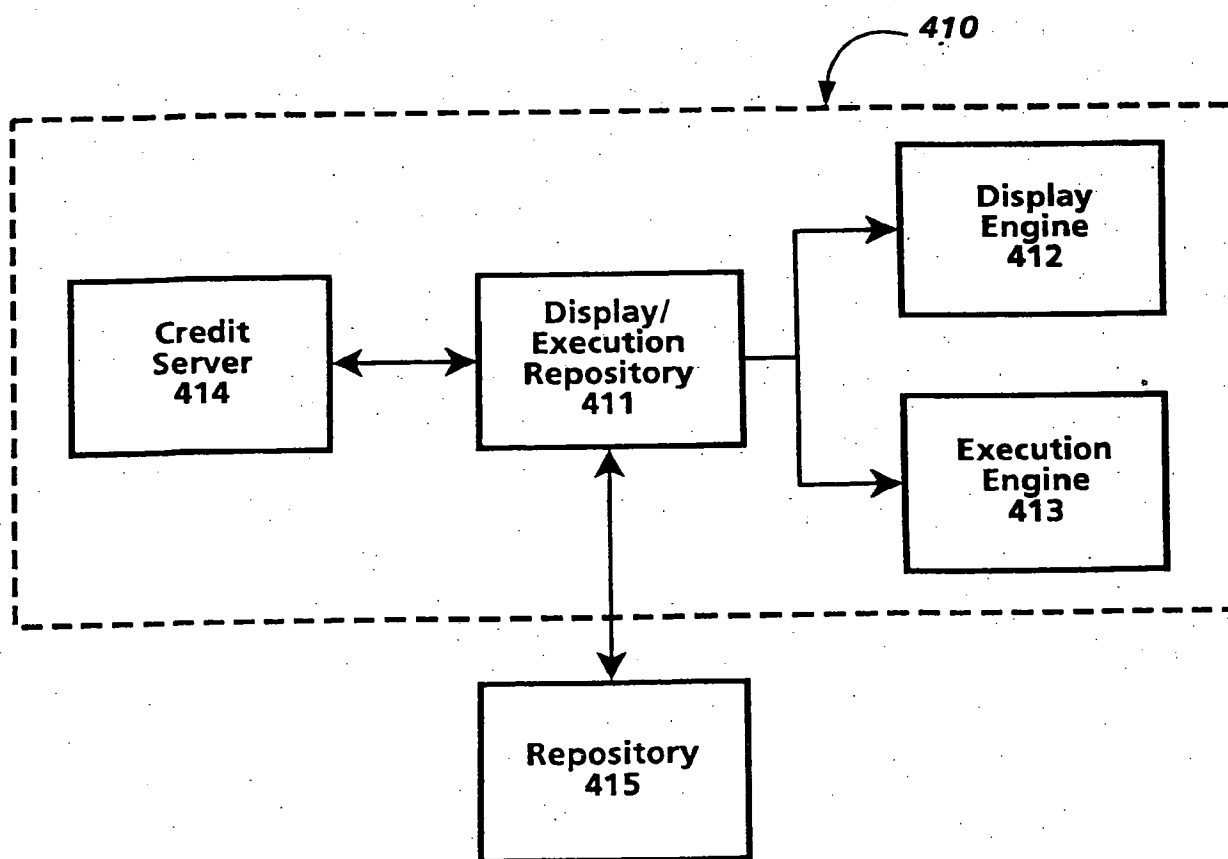
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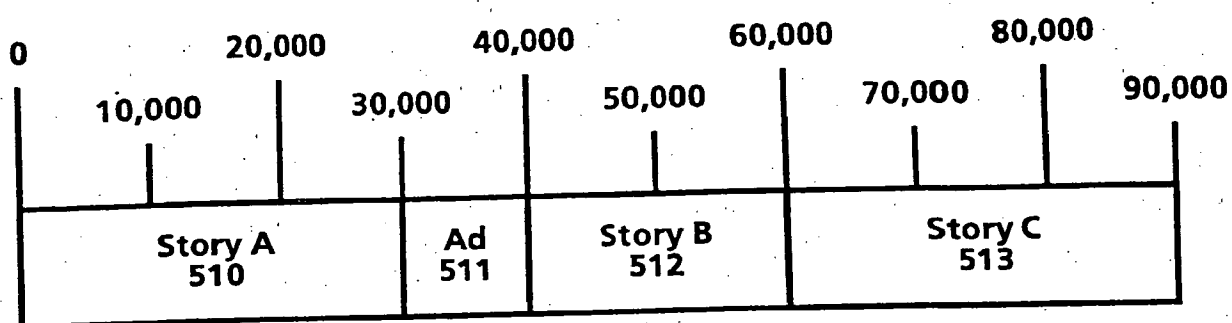
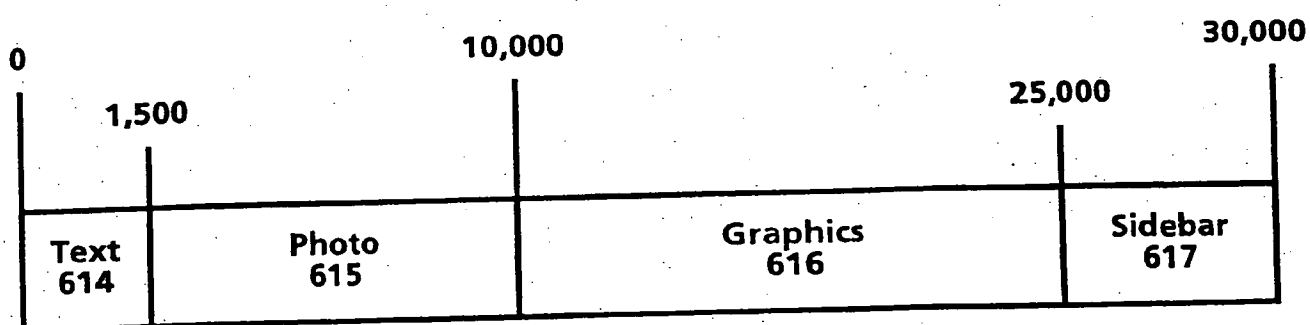
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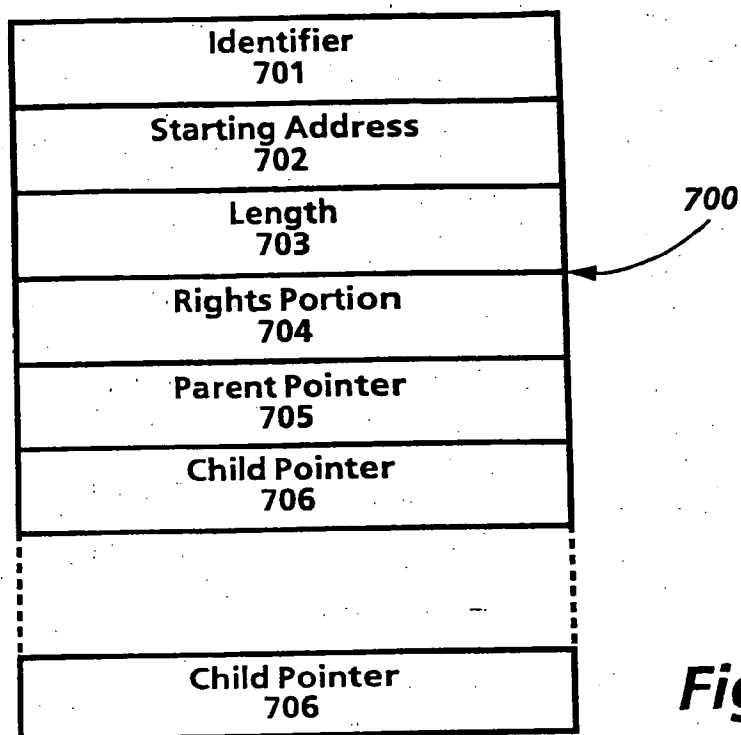
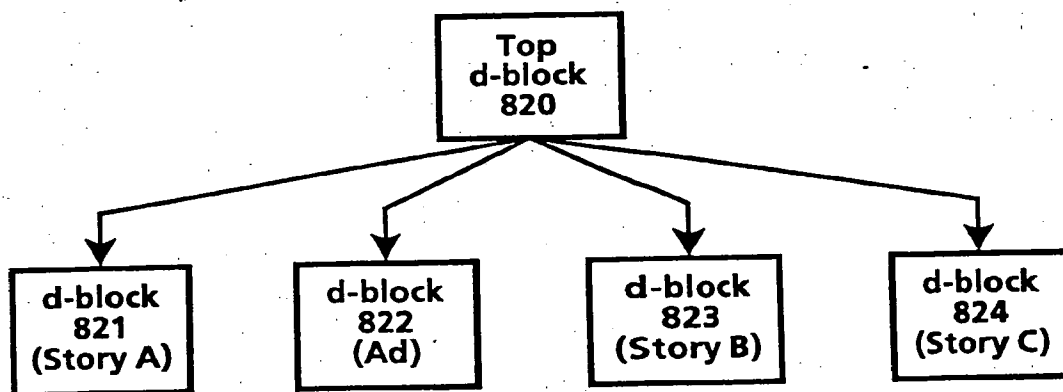
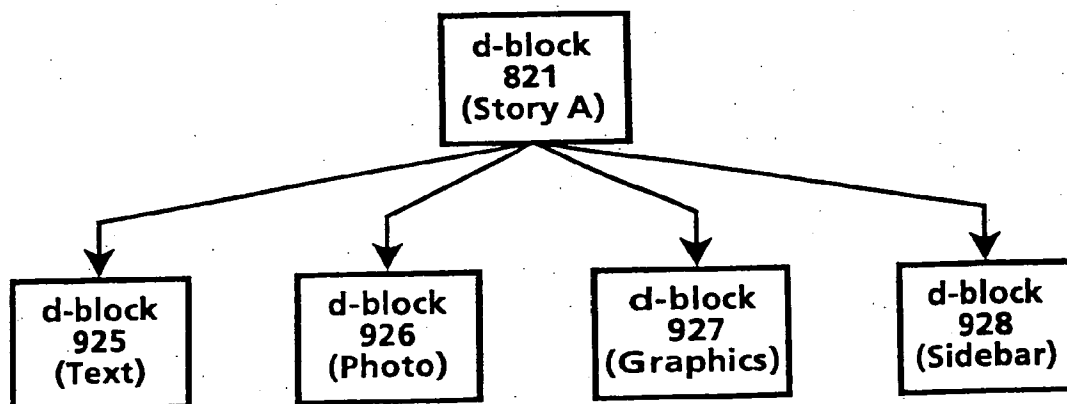
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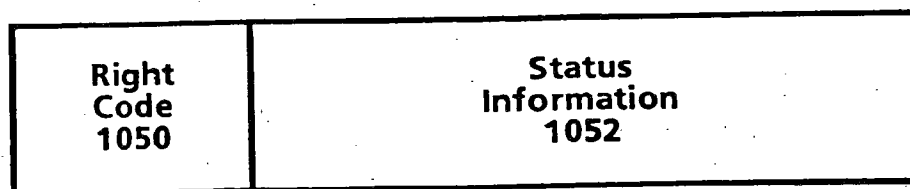
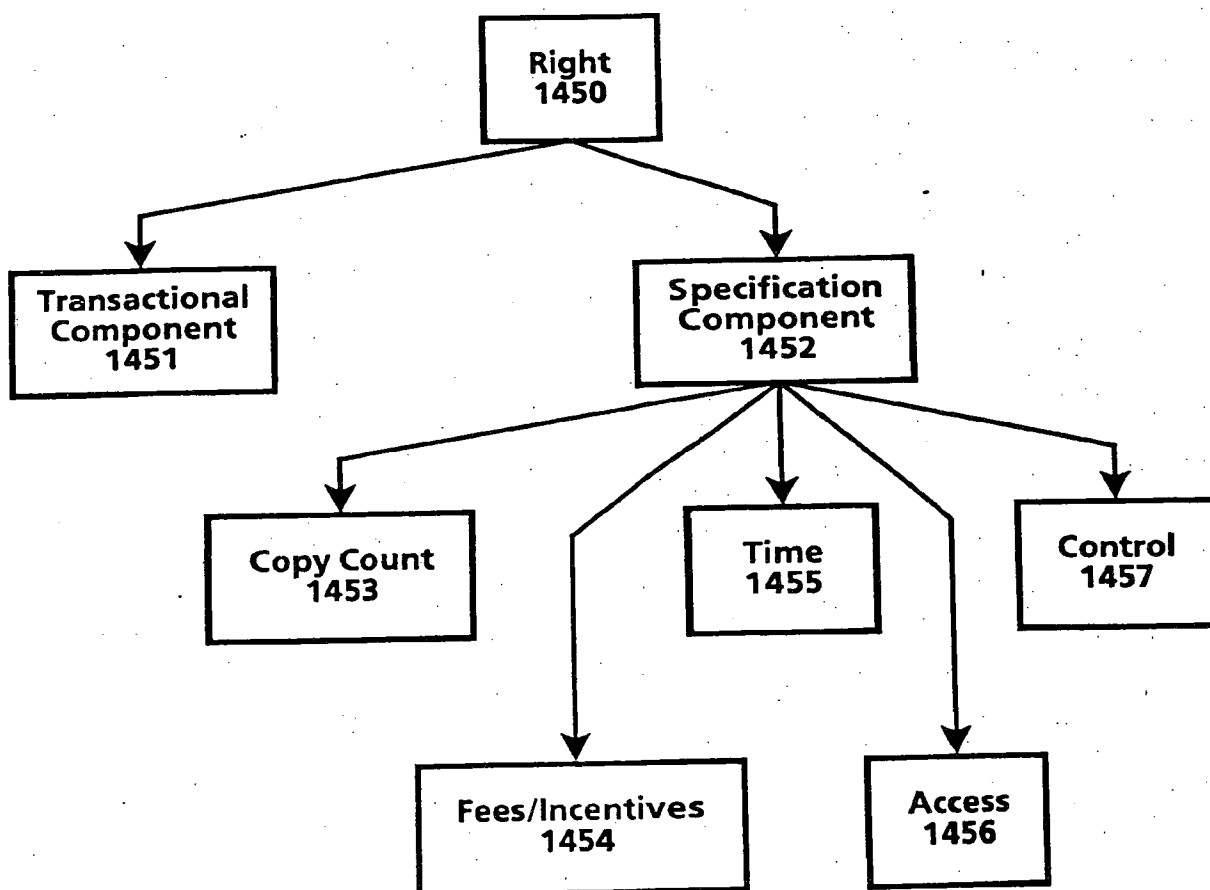
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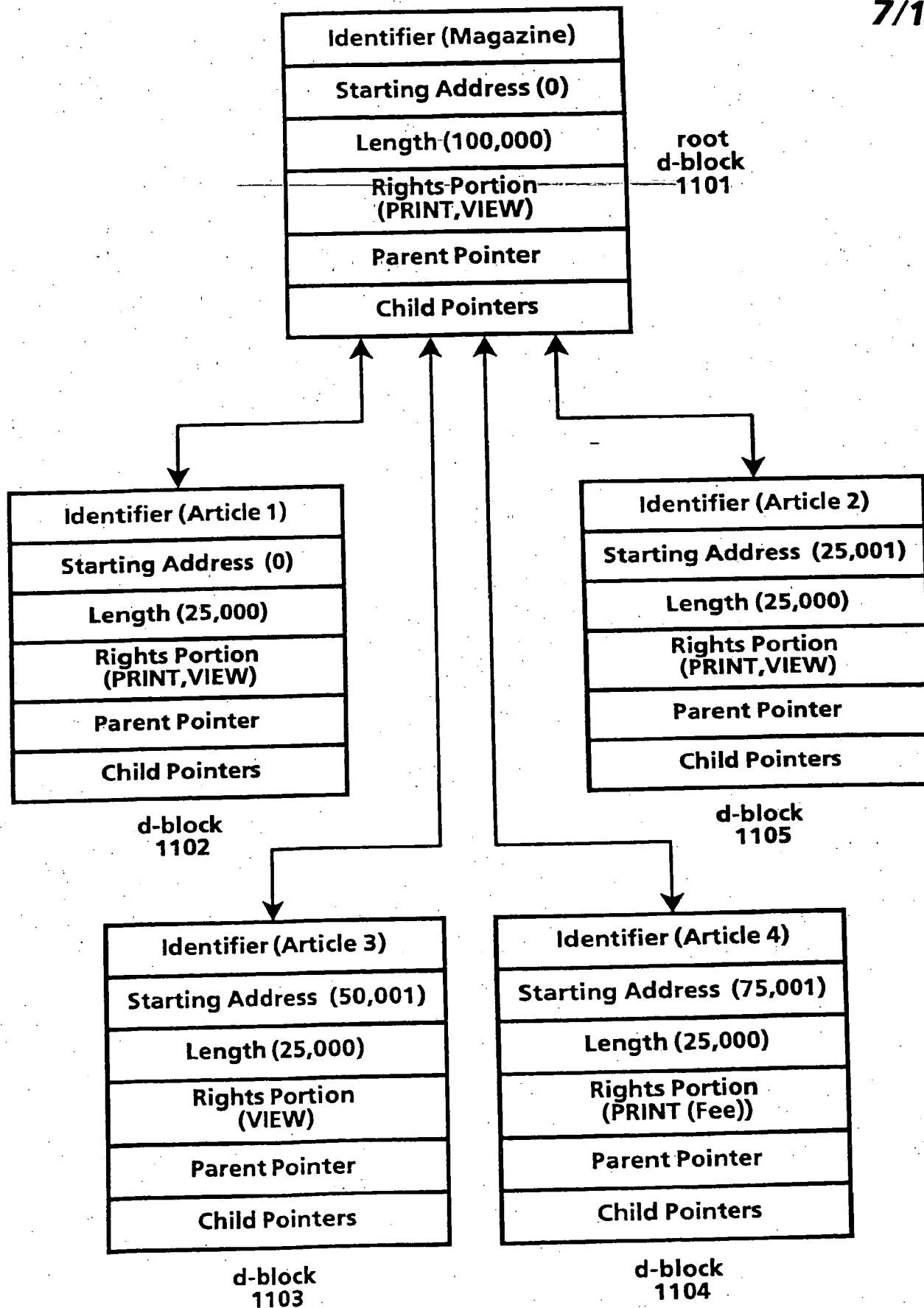
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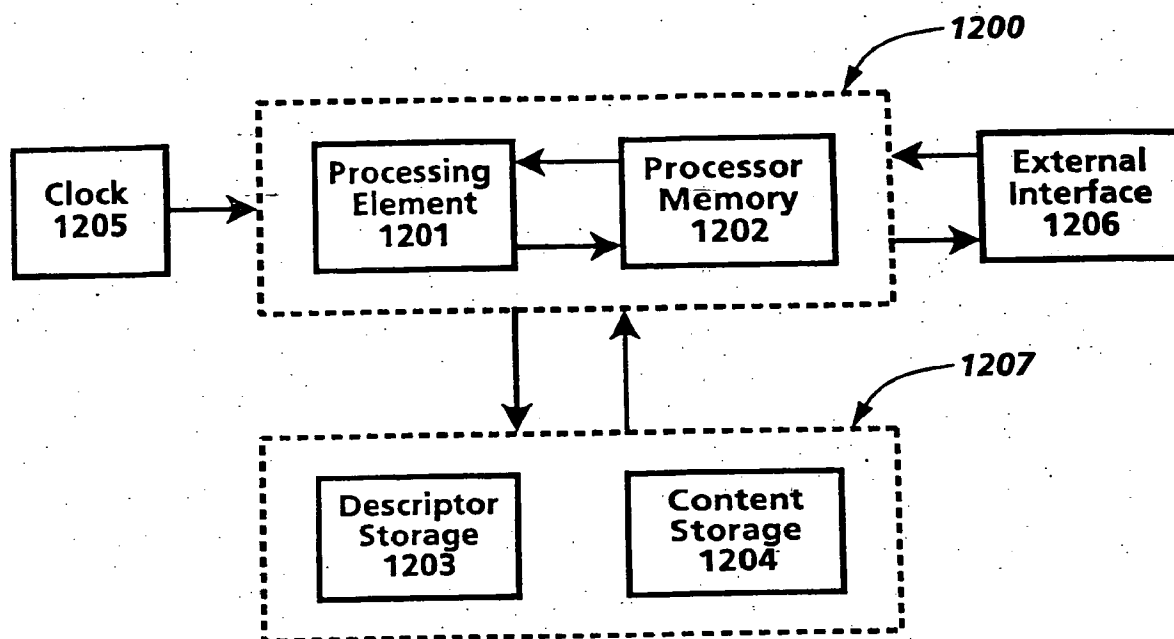
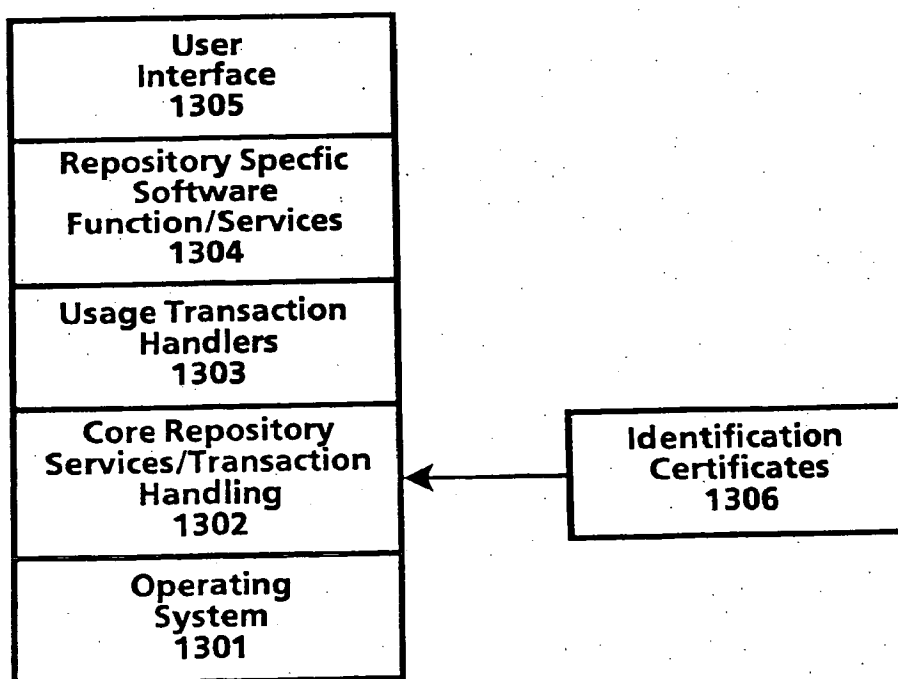
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**Fig. 5****Fig. 6**

**Fig. 7****Fig. 8****Fig. 9**

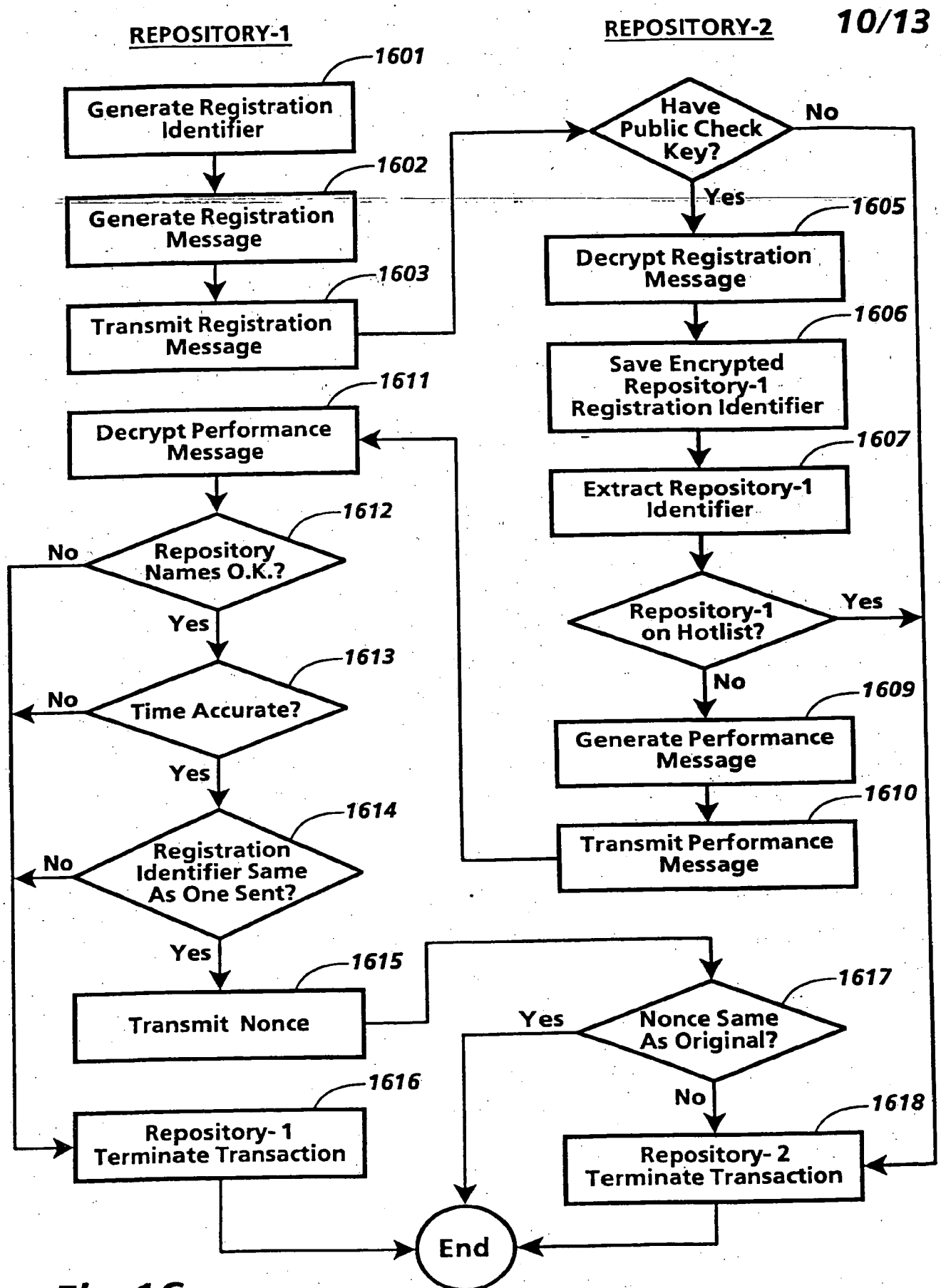
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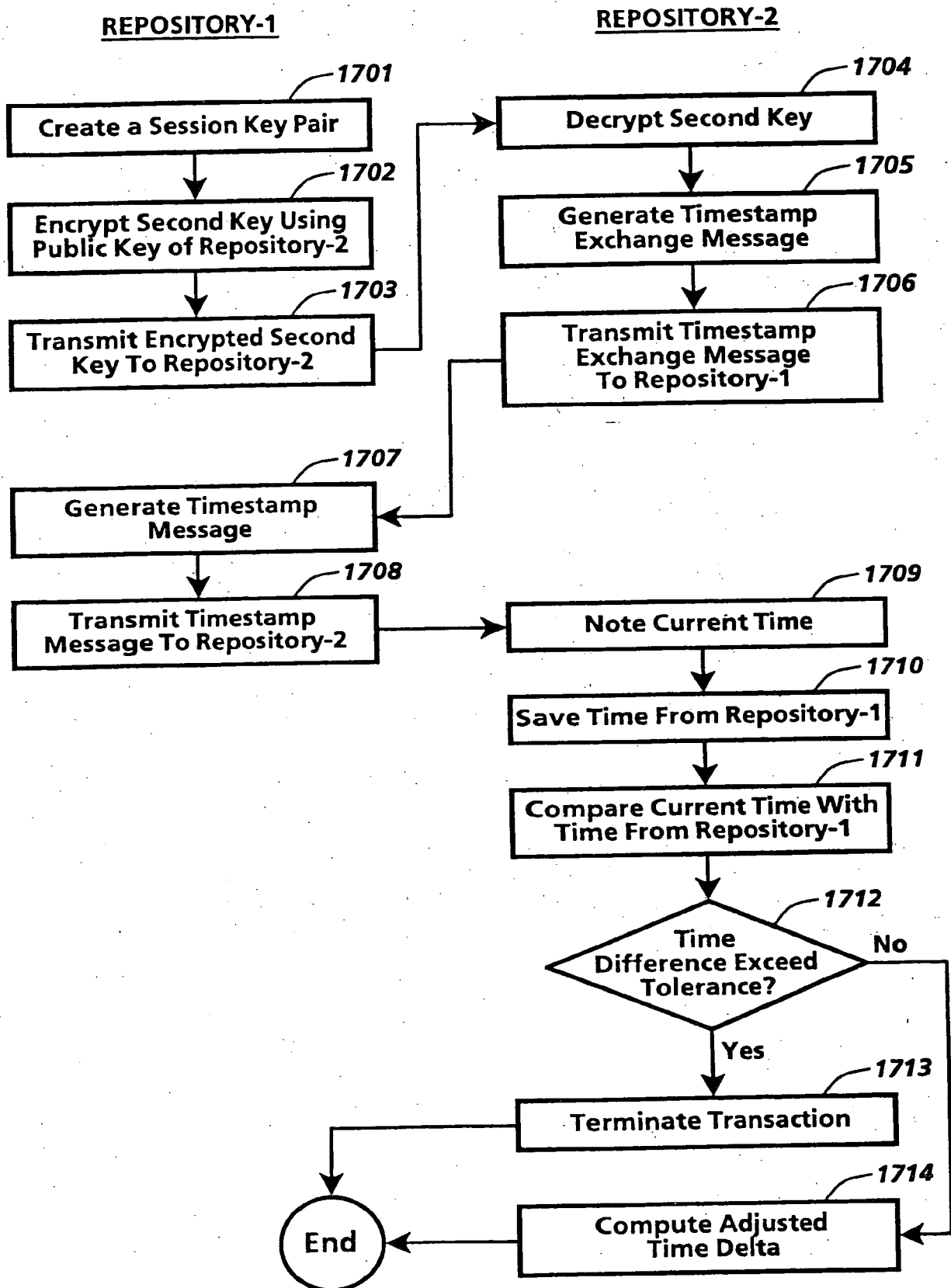
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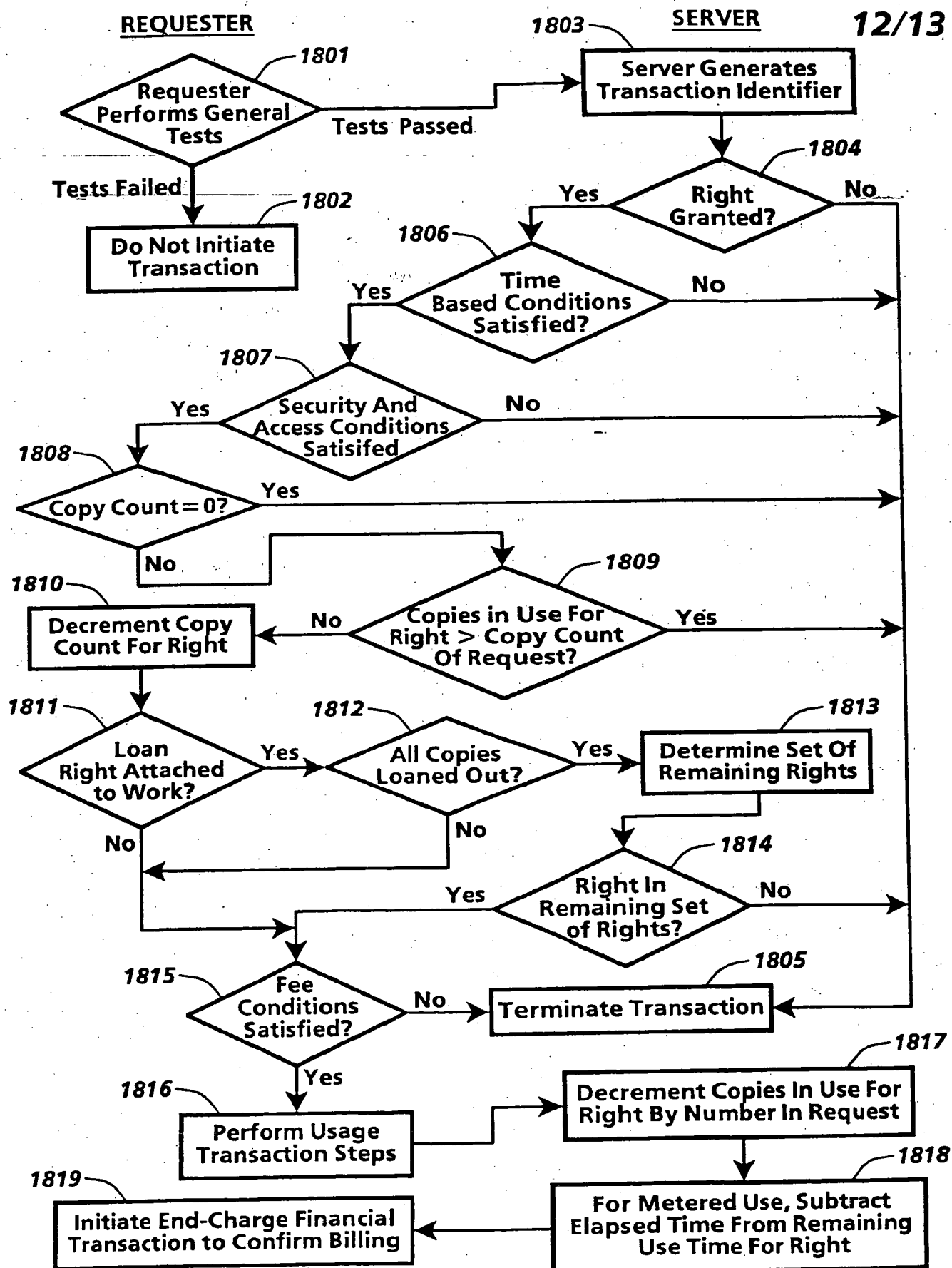


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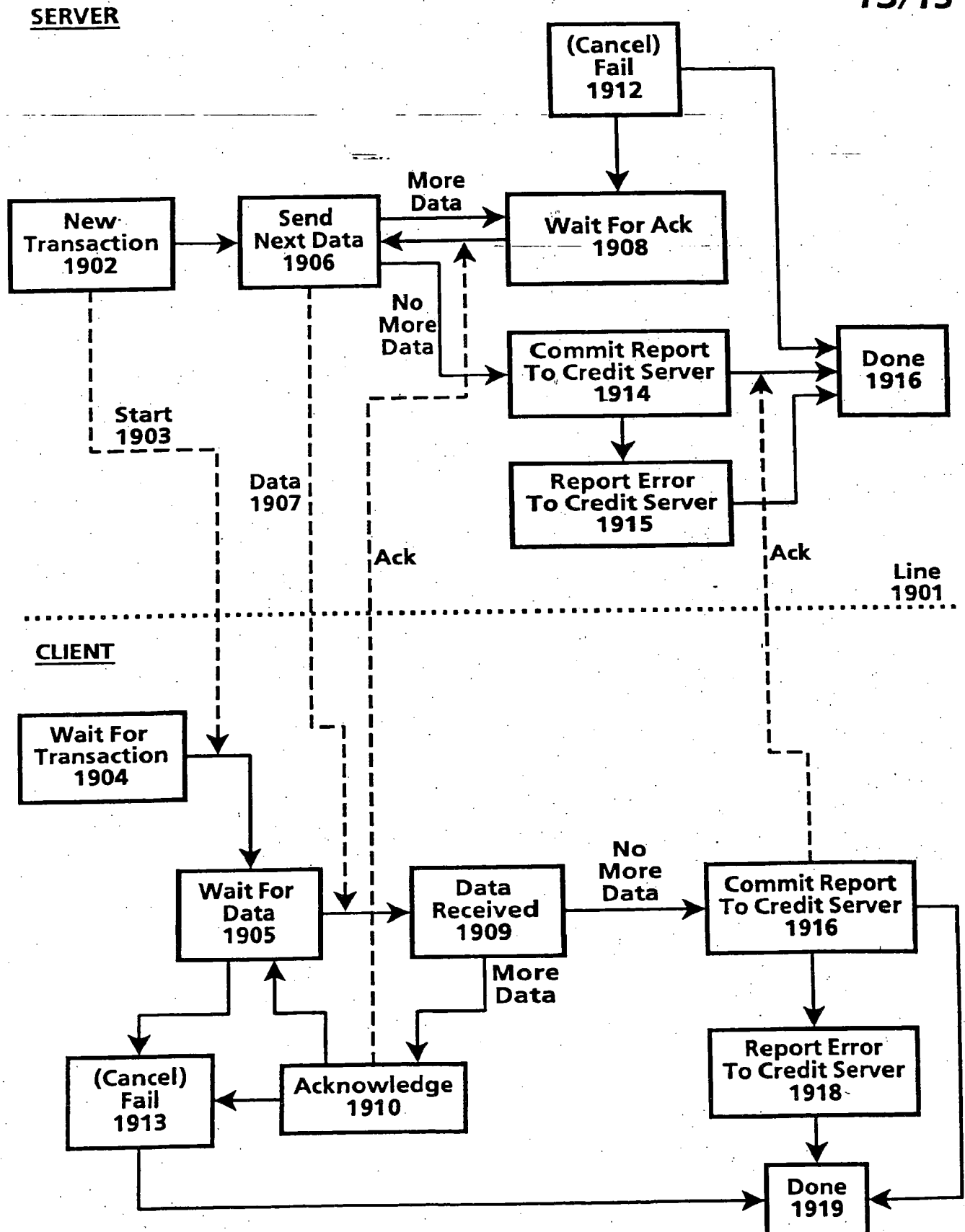


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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RENDERING DIGITAL CONTENT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH USAGE RIGHTS INFORMATION**

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 11/304,793, filed December 16, 2005, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 11/135,352, filed May 24, 2005, now U.S. Patent No. 7,266,529, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/322,759, filed December 19, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,898,576, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/778,001, filed February 7, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,708,157, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 08/967,084, filed November 10, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,236,971, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/344,760, filed November 23, 1994, now abandoned, the entire disclosures of all of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention relates to the field of distribution and usage rights enforcement for digitally encoded works.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] A fundamental issue facing the publishing and information industries as they consider electronic publishing is how to prevent the unauthorized and unaccounted distribution or usage of electronically published materials. Electronically published materials are typically distributed in a digital form and recreated on a computer based system having the capability to recreate the materials. Audio and video recordings, software, books and multimedia works are all being electronically published. Companies in these industries receive royalties for each accounted for delivery of the materials, e.g. the sale of an audio CD at a retail outlet. Any unaccounted distribution of a work results in an unpaid royalty (e.g. copying the audio recording CD to another digital medium.)

[0004] The ease in which electronically published works can be “perfectly” reproduced and distributed is a major concern. The transmission of digital works over networks is commonplace. One such widely used network is the Internet. The Internet is a widespread network facility by which computer users in many universities, corporations and government entities communicate and trade ideas and information. Computer bulletin boards found on the Internet and commercial networks such as CompuServ and Prodigy allow for the posting and retrieving of digital information. Information services such as Dialog and LEXIS/NEXIS provide databases of current information on a wide variety of topics. Another

factor which will exacerbate the situation is the development and expansion of the National Information Infrastructure (the NII). It is anticipated that, as the NII grows, the transmission of digital works over networks will increase many times over. It would be desirable to utilize the NII for distribution of digital works without the fear of widespread unauthorized copying.

[0005] The most straightforward way to curb unaccounted distribution is to prevent unauthorized copying and transmission. For existing materials that are distributed in digital form, various safeguards are used. In the case of software, copy protection schemes which limit the number of copies that can be made or which corrupt the output when copying is detected have been employed. Another scheme causes software to become disabled after a predetermined period of time has lapsed. A technique used for workstation based software is to require that a special hardware device must be present on the workstation in order for the software to run, e.g., see U.S. Pat. No. 4,932,054 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Protecting Computer Software Utilizing Coded Filter Network in Conjunction with an Active Coded Hardware Device." Such devices are provided with the software and are commonly referred to as dongles.

[0006] Yet another scheme is to distribute software, but which requires a "key" to enable its use. This is employed in distribution schemes where "demos" of the software are provided on a medium along with the entire product. The demos can be freely used, but in order to use the actual product, the key must be purchased. These schemes do not hinder copying of the software once the key is initially purchased.

[0007] A system for ensuring that licenses are in place for using licensed products is described in PCT Publication WO 93/01550 to Griswold entitled "License Management System and Method." The licensed product may be any electronically published work but is most effective for use with works that are used for extended periods of time such as software programs. Griswold requires that the licensed product contain software to invoke a license check monitor at predetermined time intervals. The license check monitor generates request datagrams which identify the licensee. The request datagrams are sent to a license control system over an appropriate communication facility. The license control system then checks the datagram to determine if the datagram is from a valid licensee. The license control system then sends a reply datagram to the license check monitor indicating denial or approval of usage. The license control system will deny usage in the event that request datagrams go unanswered after a predetermined period of time (which may indicate an unauthorized attempt to use the licensed product). In this system, usage is managed at a central location by

the response datagrams. So for example if license fees have not been paid, access to the licensed product is terminated.

[0008] It is argued by Griswold that the described system is advantageous because it can be implemented entirely in software. However, the system described by Griswold has limitations. An important limitation is that during the use of the licensed product, the user must always be coupled to an appropriate communication facility in order to send and receive datagrams. This creates a dependency on the communication facility. So if the communication facility is not available, the licensed product cannot be used. Moreover, some party must absorb the cost of communicating with the license server.

[0009] A system for controlling the distribution of digitally encoded books is embodied in a system available from VPR Systems, LTD. of St. Louis, Miss. The VPR system is self-contained and is comprised of: (1) point of sale kiosks for storing and downloading of books, (2) personal storage mediums (cartridges) to which the books are downloaded, and (3) readers for viewing the book. In a purchase transaction, a purchaser will purchase a voucher card representing the desired book. The voucher will contain sufficient information to identify the book purchased and perhaps some demographic information relating to the sales transaction. To download the book, the voucher and the cartridge are inserted into the kiosk.

[0010] The VPR system may also be used as a library. In such an embodiment, the kiosk manages the number of “copies” that may be checked out at one time. Further, the copy of the book is erased from the user’s cartridge after a certain check-out time has expired. However, individuals cannot loan books because the cartridges may only be used with the owner’s reader.

[0011] The foregoing distribution and protection schemes operate in part by preventing subsequent distribution of the work. While this certainly prevents unauthorized distributions, it does so by sacrificing the potential for subsequent revenue bearing uses. For example, it may be desirable to allow the lending of a purchased work to permit exposure of the work to potential buyers. Another example would be to permit the creation of a derivative work for a fee. Yet another example would be to permit copying the work for a fee (essentially purchasing it). Thus, it would be desirable to provide flexibility in how the owner of a digital work may allow it to be distributed.

[0012] While flexibility in distribution is a concern, the owners of a work want to make sure they are paid for such distributions. In U.S. Pat. No. 4,977,594 to Shear, entitled “Database Usage Metering and Protection System and Method,” a system for metering and billing for usage of information distributed on a CD-ROM is described. The system requires the addition of a billing module to the computer system. The billing module may operate in a number of different ways. First, it may periodically communicate billing data to a central billing facility, whereupon the user may be billed. Second, billing may occur by disconnecting the billing module and the user sending it to a central billing facility where the data is read and a user bill generated.

[0013] U.S. Pat. No. 5,247,575, Sprague et al., entitled “Information Distribution System”, describes an information distribution system which provides and charges only for user selected information. A plurality of encrypted information packages (IPs) are provided at the user site, via high and/or low density storage media and/or by broadcast transmission. Some of the IPs may be of no interest to the user. The IPs of interest are selected by the user and are decrypted and stored locally. The IPs may be printed, displayed or even copied to other storage media. The charges for the selected IP's are accumulated within a user apparatus and periodically reported by telephone to a central accounting facility. The central accounting facility also issues keys to decrypt the IPs. The keys are changed periodically. If the central accounting facility has not issued a new key for a particular user station, the station is unable to retrieve information from the system when the key is changed.

[0014] A system available from Wave Systems Corp. of Princeton, N.Y., provides for metering of software usage on a personal computer. The system is installed onto a computer and collects information on what software is in use, encrypts it and then transmits the information to a transaction center. From the transaction center, a bill is generated and sent to the user. The transaction center also maintains customer accounts so that licensing fees may be forwarded directly to the software providers. Software operating under this system must be modified so that usage can be accounted.

[0015] Known techniques for billing do not provide for billing of copies made of the work. For example, if data is copied from the CD-ROM described in Shear, any subsequent use of the copy of the information cannot be metered or billed. In other words, the means for billing runs with the media rather than the underlying work. It would be desirable to have a distribution system where the means for billing is always transported with the work.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0016] A method, system and software for associating usage rights with digital content is provided, including creating usage rights from a grammar, the usage rights specifying a manner of use indicating purposes for which the digital content is used and/or distributed by an authorized party; associating the usage rights with a digital content; processing a usage transaction specifying the usage rights to determine if access to the digital content is granted; and storing the usage rights in a distributed repository. The usage rights also specify one or more conditions which must be satisfied before the manner of use is exercised. The creating includes selecting symbols from a first set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the manner of use, selecting one or more symbols from a second set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the conditions.

[0017] In further embodiments, a system for controlling the distribution and use of digital works using digital tickets is disclosed. A ticket is an indicator that the ticket holder has already paid for or is otherwise entitled to some specified right, product or service. In the present invention, a “digital ticket” is used to enable the ticket holder to exercise usage rights specifying the requirement of the digital ticket. Usage rights are used to define how a digital work may be used or distributed. Specific instances of usage rights are used to indicate a particular manner of use or distribution. A usage right may specify a digital ticket which must be present before the right may be exercised. For example, a digital ticket may be specified in a Copy right of a digital work, so that exercise of the Copy right requires the party that desires a copy of the digital work be in possession of the necessary digital ticket. After a copy of the digital work is successfully sent to the requesting party, the digital ticket is “punched” to indicate that a copy of the digital work has been made. When the ticket is “punched” a predetermined number of times, it may no longer be used.

[0018] Digital works are stored in repositories. Repositories enforce the usage rights for digital works. Each repository has a “generic ticket agent” which punches tickets. In some instances only the generic ticket agent is necessary. In other instances, punching by a “special ticket agent” residing on another repository may be desired. Punching by a “special ticket agent” enables greater security and control of the digital work. For example, it can help prevent digital ticket forgery. Special ticket agents are also useful in situations where an external database needs to be updated or checked.

[0019] A digital ticket is merely an instance of a digital work. Thus, a digital ticket may be distributed among repositories in the same fashion as other digital works.

[0020] A digital ticket may be used in many commercial scenarios such as in the purchase of software and prepaid upgrades. A digital ticket may also be used to limit the number of times that a right may be exercised. For example, a user may purchase a copy of a digital work, along with the right to make up to 5 Copies. In this case, the Copy right would have associated therewith a digital ticket that can be punched up to 5 times. Other such commercial scenarios will become apparent from the detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0021] FIG. 1 is a flowchart illustrating a simple instantiation of the operation of the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0022] FIG. 2 is a block diagram illustrating the various repository types and the repository transaction flow between them in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0023] FIG. 3 is a block diagram of a repository coupled with a credit server in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0024] FIGS. 4a and 4b are examples of rendering systems as may be utilized in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0025] FIG. 5 illustrates a contents file layout for a digital work as may be utilized in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0026] FIG. 6 illustrates a contents file layout for an individual digital work of the digital work of FIG. 5 as may be utilized in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0027] FIG. 7 illustrates the components of a description block of the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0028] FIG. 8 illustrates a description tree for the contents file layout of the digital work illustrated in FIG. 5.

[0029] FIG. 9 illustrates a portion of a description tree corresponding to the individual digital work illustrated in FIG. 6.

[0030] FIG. 10 illustrates a layout for the rights portion of a description block as may be utilized in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0031] FIG. 11 is a description tree wherein certain d-blocks have PRINT usage rights and is used to illustrate “strict” and “lenient” rules for resolving usage rights conflicts.

[0032] FIG. 12 is a block diagram of the hardware components of a repository as are utilized in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0033] FIG. 13 is a block diagram of the functional (logical) components of a repository as are utilized in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0034] FIG. 14 is diagram illustrating the basic components of a usage right in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0035] FIG. 15 lists the usage rights grammar of the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0036] FIG. 16 is a flowchart illustrating the steps of certificate delivery, hotlist checking and performance testing as performed in a registration transaction as may be performed in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0037] FIG. 17 is a flowchart illustrating the steps of session information exchange and clock synchronization as may be performed in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention, after each repository in the registration transaction has successfully completed the steps described in FIG. 16.

[0038] FIG. 18 is a flowchart illustrating the basic flow for a usage transaction, including the common opening and closing step, as may be performed in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0039] FIG. 19 is a state diagram of server and client repositories in accordance with a transport protocol followed when moving a digital work from the server to the client repositories, as may be performed in the currently preferred embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Overview

[0040] A system for controlling use and distribution of digital works is disclosed. The present invention is directed to supporting commercial transactions involving digital works. The transition to digital works profoundly and fundamentally changes how creativity and

commerce can work. It changes the cost of transporting or storing works because digital property is almost “massless.” Digital property can be transported at electronic speeds and requires almost no warehousing. Keeping an unlimited supply of virtual copies on hand requires essentially no more space than keeping one copy on hand. The digital medium also lowers the costs of alteration, reuse and billing.

[0041] There is a market for digital works because creators are strongly motivated to reuse portions of digital works from others rather than creating their own completely. This is because it is usually so much easier to use an existing stock photo or music clip than to create a new one from scratch.

[0042] Herein the terms “digital work”, “work” and “content” refer to any work that has been reduced to a digital representation. This would include any audio, video, text, or multimedia work and any accompanying interpreter (e.g. software) that may be required for recreating the work. The term composite work refers to a digital work comprised of a collection of other digital works. The term “usage rights” or “rights” is a term which refers to rights granted to a recipient of a digital work. Generally, these rights define how a digital work can be used and if it can be further distributed. Each usage right may have one or more specified conditions which must be satisfied before the right may be exercised. Appendix 1 provides a Glossary of the terms used herein.

[0043] A key feature of the present invention is that usage rights are permanently “attached” to the digital work. Copies made of a digital work will also have usage rights attached. Thus, the usage rights and any associated fees assigned by a creator and subsequent distributor will always remain with a digital work.

[0044] The enforcement elements of the present invention are embodied in repositories. Among other things, repositories are used to store digital works, control access to digital works, bill for access to digital works and maintain the security and integrity of the system.

[0045] The combination of attached usage rights and repositories enable distinct advantages over prior systems. As noted in the prior art, payment of fees are primarily for the initial access. In such approaches, once a work has been read, computational control over that copy is gone. Metaphorically, “the content genie is out of the bottle and no more fees can be billed.” In contrast, the present invention never separates the fee descriptions from the work.

Thus, the digital work genie only moves from one trusted bottle (repository) to another, and all uses of copies are potentially controlled and billable.

[0046] FIG. 1 is a high level flowchart omitting various details but which demonstrates the basic operation of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 1, a creator creates a digital work, step 101. The creator will then determine appropriate usage rights and fees, attach them to the digital work, and store them in Repository 1, step 102. The determination of appropriate usage rights and fees will depend on various economic factors. The digital work remains securely in Repository 1 until a request for access is received. The request for access begins with a session initiation by another repository. Here a Repository 2 initiates a session with Repository 1, step 103. As will be described in greater detail below, this session initiation includes steps which help to insure that the respective repositories are trustworthy. Assuming that a session can be established, Repository 2 may then request access to the Digital Work for a stated purpose, step 104. The purpose may be, for example, to print the digital work or to obtain a copy of the digital work. The purpose will correspond to a specific usage right. In any event, Repository 1 checks the usage rights associated with the digital work to determine if the access to the digital work may be granted, step 105. The check of the usage rights essentially involves a determination of whether a right associated with the access request has been attached to the digital work and if all conditions associated with the right are satisfied. If the access is denied, repository 1 terminates the session with an error message, step 106. If access is granted, repository 1 transmits the digital work to repository 2, step 107. Once the digital work has been transmitted to repository 2, repository 1 and 2 each generate billing information for the access which is transmitted to a credit server, step 108. Such double billing reporting is done to insure against attempts to circumvent the billing process.

[0047] FIG. 2 illustrates the basic interactions between repository types in the present invention. As will become apparent from FIG. 2, the various repository types will serve different functions. It is fundamental that repositories will share a core set of functionality which will enable secure and trusted communications. Referring to FIG. 2, a repository 201 represents the general instance of a repository. The repository 201 has two modes of operation; a server mode and a requester mode. When in the server mode, the repository will be receiving and processing access requests to digital works. When in the requester mode, the repository will be initiating requests to access digital works. Repository 201 is general in the sense that its primary purpose is as an exchange medium for digital works. During the course

of operation, the repository 201 may communicate with a plurality of other repositories, namely authorization repository 202, rendering repository 203 and master repository 204. Communication between repositories occurs utilizing a repository transaction protocol 205.

[0048] Communication with an authorization repository 202 may occur when a digital work being accessed has a condition requiring an authorization. Conceptually, an authorization is a digital certificate such that possession of the certificate is required to gain access to the digital work. An authorization is itself a digital work that can be moved between repositories and subjected to fees and usage rights conditions. An authorization may be required by both repositories involved in an access to a digital work.

[0049] Communication with a rendering repository 203 occurs in connection with the rendering of a digital work. As will be described in greater detail below, a rendering repository is coupled with a rendering device (e.g. a printer device) to comprise a rendering system.

[0050] Communication with a master repository 205 occurs in connection with obtaining an identification certificate. Identification certificates are the means by which a repository is identified as “trustworthy”. The use of identification certificates is described below with respect to the registration transaction.

[0051] FIG. 3 illustrates the repository 201 coupled to a credit server 301. The credit server 301 is a device which accumulates billing information for the repository 201. The credit server 301 communicates with repository 201 via billing transactions 302 to record billing transactions. Billing transactions are reported to a billing clearinghouse 303 by the credit server 301 on a periodic basis. The credit server 301 communicates to the billing clearinghouse 303 via clearinghouse transactions 304. The clearinghouse transactions 304 enable a secure and encrypted transmission of information to the billing clearinghouse 303.

RENDERING SYSTEMS

[0052] A rendering system is generally defined as a system comprising a repository and a rendering device which can render a digital work into its desired form. Examples of a rendering system may be a computer system, a digital audio system, or a printer. A rendering system has the same security features as a repository. The coupling of a rendering repository with the rendering device may occur in a manner suitable for the type of rendering device.

[0053] FIG. 4a illustrates a printer as an example of a rendering system. Referring to FIG. 4, printer system 401 has contained therein a printer repository 402 and a print device

403. It should be noted that the dashed line defining printer system 401 defines a secure system boundary. Communications within the boundary is assumed to be secure. Depending on the security level, the boundary also represents a barrier intended to provide physical integrity. The printer repository 402 is an instantiation of the rendering repository 205 of FIG. 2. The printer repository 402 will in some instances contain an ephemeral copy of a digital work which remains until it is printed out by the print engine 403. In other instances, the printer repository 402 may contain digital works such as fonts, which will remain and can be billed based on use. This design assures that all communication lines between printers and printing devices are encrypted, unless they are within a physically secure boundary. This design feature eliminates a potential “fault” point through which the digital work could be improperly obtained. The printer device 403 represents the printer components used to create the printed output.

[0054] Also illustrated in FIG. 4a is the repository 404. The repository 404 is coupled to the printer repository 402. The repository 404 represents an external repository which contains digital works.

[0055] FIG. 4b is an example of a computer system as a rendering system. A computer system may constitute a “multi-function” device since it may execute digital works (e.g. software programs) and display digital works (e.g. a digitized photograph). Logically, each rendering device can be viewed as having its own repository, although only one physical repository is needed. Referring to FIG. 4b, a computer system 410 has contained therein a display/execution repository 411. The display/execution repository 411 is coupled to display device, 412 and execution device 413. The dashed box surrounding the computer system 410 represents a security boundary within which communications are assumed to be secure. The display/execution repository 411 is further coupled to a credit server 414 to report any fees to be billed for access to a digital work and a repository 415 for accessing digital works stored therein.

STRUCTURE OF DIGITAL WORKS

[0056] Usage rights are attached directly to digital works. Thus, it is important to understand the structure of a digital work. The structure of a digital work, in particular composite digital works, may be naturally organized into an acyclic structure such as a hierarchy. For example, a magazine has various articles and photographs which may have been created and are owned by different persons. Each of the articles and photographs may represent a node in a hierarchical structure. Consequently, controls, i.e. usage rights, may be

placed on each node by the creator. By enabling control and fee billing to be associated with each node, a creator of a work can be assured that the rights and fees are not circumvented.

[0057] In the currently preferred embodiment, the file information for a digital work is divided into two files: a “contents” file and a “description tree” file. From the perspective of a repository, the “contents” file is a stream of addressable bytes whose format depends completely on the interpreter used to play, display or print the digital work. The description tree file makes it possible to examine the rights and fees for a work without reference to the content of the digital work. It should be noted that the term description tree as used herein refers to any type of acyclic structure used to represent the relationship between the various components of a digital work.

[0058] FIG. 5 illustrates the layout of a contents file. Referring to FIG. 5, a digital work 509 is comprised of story A 510, advertisement 511, story B 512 and story C 513. It is assumed that the digital work is stored starting at a relative address of 0. Each of the parts of the digital work are stored linearly so that story A 510 is stored at approximately addresses 0-30,000, advertisement 511 at addresses 30,001-40,000, story B 512 at addresses 40,001-60,000 and story C 513 at addresses 60,001-85K. The detail of story A 510 is illustrated in FIG. 6. Referring to FIG. 6, the story A 510 is further broken down to show text 614 stored at address 0-1500, soldier photo 615 at addresses 1501-10,000, graphics 616 stored at addresses 10,001-25,000 and sidebar 617 stored address 25,001-30,000. Note that the data in the contents file may be compressed (for saving storage) or encrypted (for security).

[0059] From FIGS. 5 and 6 it is readily observed that a digital work can be represented by its component parts as a hierarchy. The description tree for a digital work is comprised of a set of related descriptor blocks (d-blocks). The contents of each d-block are described with respect to FIG. 7. Referring to FIG. 7, a d-block 700 includes an identifier 701 which is a unique identifier for the work in the repository, a starting address 702 providing the start address of the first byte of the work, a length 703 giving the number of bytes in the work, a rights portion 704 wherein the granted usage rights and their status data are maintained, a parent pointer 705 for pointing to a parent d-block and child pointers 706 for pointing to the child d-blocks. In the currently preferred embodiment, the identifier 701 has two parts. The first part is a unique number assigned to the repository upon manufacture. The second part is a unique number assigned to the work upon creation. The rights portion 704 will contain a data structure, such as a look-up table, wherein the various information associated with a right is maintained. The information required by the respective usage rights

is described in more detail below. D-blocks form a strict hierarchy. The top d-block of a work has no parent; all other d-blocks have one parent. The relationship of usage rights between parent and child d-blocks and how conflicts are resolved is described below.

[0060] A special type of d-block is a “shell” d-block. A shell d-block adds no new content beyond the content of its parts. A shell d-block is used to add rights and fee information, typically by distributors of digital works.

[0061] FIG. 8 illustrates a description tree for the digital work of FIG. 5. Referring to FIG. 8, a top d-block 820 for the digital work points to the various stories and advertisements contained therein. Here, the top d-block 820 points to d-block 821 (representing story A 510), d-block 822 (representing the advertisement 511), d-block 823 (representing story B 512) and d-block 824 (representing story C 513).

[0062] The portion of the description tree for Story A 510 is illustrated in FIG. 9. D-block 925 represents text 614, d-block 926 represents photo 615, d-block 927 represents graphics 616 by and d-block 928 represents sidebar 617.

[0063] The rights portion 704 of a descriptor block is further illustrated in FIG. 10. FIG. 10 illustrates a structure which is repeated in the rights portion 704 for each right. Referring to FIG. 10, each right will have a right code field 1001 and status information field 1002. The right code field 1001 will contain a unique code assigned to a right. The status information field 1002 will contain information relating to the state of a right and the digital work. Such information is indicated below in Table 1. The rights as stored in the rights portion 304 may typically be in numerical order based on the right code.

[0064] The approach for representing digital works by separating description data from content assumes that parts of a file are contiguous but takes no position on the actual representation of content. In particular, it is neutral to the question of whether content representation may take an object oriented approach. It would be natural to represent content as objects. In principle, it may be convenient to have content objects that include the billing structure and rights information that is represented in the d-blocks. Such variations in the design of the representation are possible and are viable alternatives but may introduce processing overhead, e.g. the interpretation of the objects.

Property	Value	Use
Copies-in-Use	Number	A counter of the number of copies of a work that are in use. Incremented when another copy is used; decremented when use is completed.
Loan-Period	Time-Units	Indicator of the maximum number of time-units that a document can be loaned out
Loaner-Copy	Boolean	Indicator that the current work is a loaned out copy of an authorized digital work.
Remaining-Time	Time-Units	Indicator of the remaining time of use on a metered document right.
Document-Descr	String	A string containing various identifying information about a document. The exact format of this is not specified, but it can include information such as a publisher name, author name, ISBN number, and so on.
Revenue-Owner	RO-Descr	A handle identifying a revenue owner for a digital work. This is used for reporting usage fees.
Publication-Date	Date-Descr	The date that the digital work was published.
History-list	History-Rec	A list of events recording the repostories and dates for operations that copy, transfer, backup, or restore a digital work.

TABLE 1
DIGITAL WORK STATE INFORMATION

[0065] Digital works are stored in a repository as part of a hierarchical file system. Folders (also termed directories and sub-directories) contain the digital works as well as other folders. Digital works and folders in a folder are ordered in alphabetical order. The digital works are typed to reflect how the files are used. Usage rights can be attached to folders so that the folder itself is treated as a digital work. Access to the folder would then be handled in the same fashion as any other digital work. As will be described in more detail below, the contents of the folder are subject to their own rights. Moreover, file management rights may be attached to the folder which defines how folder contents can be managed.

ATTACHING USAGE RIGHTS TO A DIGITAL WORK

[0066] It is fundamental to the present invention that the usage rights are treated as part of the digital work. As the digital work is distributed, the scope of the granted usage rights will remain the same or may be narrowed. For example, when a digital work is transferred from a document server to a repository, the usage rights may include the right to loan a copy for a predetermined period of time (called the original rights). When the repository loans out a copy of the digital work, the usage rights in the loaner copy (called the next set of rights) could be set to prohibit any further rights to loan out the copy. The basic idea is that one cannot grant more rights than they have.

[0067] The attachment of usage rights into a digital work may occur in a variety of ways. If the usage rights will be the same for an entire digital work, they could be attached when the digital work is processed for deposit in the digital work server. In the case of a digital work having different usage rights for the various components, this can be done as the digital work is being created. An authoring tool or digital work assembling tool could be utilized which provides for an automated process of attaching the usage rights.

[0068] As will be described below, when a digital work is copied, transferred or loaned, a “next set of rights” can be specified. The “next set of rights” will be attached to the digital work as it is transported.

Resolving Conflicting Rights

[0069] Because each part of a digital work may have its own usage rights, there will be instances where the rights of a “contained part” are different from its parent or container part. As a result, conflict rules must be established to dictate when and how a right may be exercised. The hierarchical structure of a digital work facilitates the enforcement of such rules. A “strict” rule would be as follows: a right for a part in a digital work is sanctioned if and only if it is sanctioned for the part, for ancestor d-blocks containing the part and for all descendent d-blocks. By sanctioned, it is meant that (1) each of the respective parts must have the right, and (2) any conditions for exercising the right are satisfied.

[0070] It also possible to implement the present invention using a more lenient rule. In the more lenient rule, access to the part may be enabled to the descendent parts which have the right, but access is denied to the descendents which do not.

[0071] Example of applying both the strict rule and lenient is illustrated with reference to FIG. 11. Referring to FIG. 11, a root d-block 1101 has child d-blocks 1102-1105.

In this case, root d-block represents a magazine, and each of the child d-blocks 1102-1105 represent articles in the magazine. Suppose that a request is made to PRINT the digital work represented by root d-block 1101 wherein the strict rule is followed. The rights for the root d-block 1101 and child d-blocks 1102-1105 are then examined. Root d-block 1101 and child d-blocks 1102 and 1105 have been granted PRINT rights. Child d-block 1103 has not been granted PRINT rights and child d-block 1104 has PRINT rights conditioned on payment of a usage fee.

[0072] Under the strict rule the PRINT right cannot be exercised because the child d-block does not have the PRINT right. Under the lenient rule, the result would be different. The digital works represented by child d-blocks 1102 and 1105 could be printed and the digital work represented by d-block 1104 could be printed so long as the usage fee is paid. Only the digital work represented by d-block 1103 could not be printed. This same result would be accomplished under the strict rule if the requests were directed to each of the individual digital works.

[0073] The present invention supports various combinations of allowing and disallowing access. Moreover, as will be described below, the usage rights grammar permits the owner of a digital work to specify if constraints may be imposed on the work by a container part. The manner in which digital works may be sanctioned because of usage rights conflicts would be implementation specific and would depend on the nature of the digital works.

REPOSITORIES

[0074] Many of the powerful functions of repositories--such as their ability to “loan” digital works or automatically handle the commercial reuse of digital works--are possible because they are trusted systems. The systems are trusted because they are able to take responsibility for fairly and reliably carrying out the commercial transactions. That the systems can be responsible (“able to respond”) is fundamentally an issue of integrity. The integrity of repositories has three parts: physical integrity, communications integrity, and behavioral integrity.

[0075] Physical integrity refers to the integrity of the physical devices themselves. Physical integrity applies both to the repositories and to the protected digital works. Thus, the higher security classes of repositories themselves may have sensors that detect when tampering is attempted on their secure cases. In addition to protection of the repository itself,

the repository design protects access to the content of digital works. In contrast with the design of conventional magnetic and optical devices--such as floppy disks, CD-ROMs, and videotapes--repositories never allow non-trusted systems to access the works directly. A maker of generic computer systems cannot guarantee that their platform will not be used to make unauthorized copies. The manufacturer provides generic capabilities for reading and writing information, and the general nature of the functionality of the general computing device depends on it. Thus, a copy program can copy arbitrary data. This copying issue is not limited to general purpose computers. It also arises for the unauthorized duplication of entertainment "software" such as video and audio recordings by magnetic recorders. Again, the functionality of the recorders depends on their ability to copy and they have no means to check whether a copy is authorized. In contrast, repositories prevent access to the raw data by general devices and can test explicit rights and conditions before copying or otherwise granting access. Information is only accessed by protocol between trusted repositories.

[0076] Communications integrity refers to the integrity of the communications channels between repositories. Roughly speaking, communications integrity means that repositories cannot be easily fooled by "telling them lies." Integrity in this case refers to the property that repositories will only communicate with other devices that are able to present proof that they are certified repositories, and furthermore, that the repositories monitor the communications to detect "impostors" and malicious or accidental interference. Thus the security measures involving encryption, exchange of digital certificates, and nonces described below are all security measures aimed at reliable communication in a world known to contain active adversaries.

[0077] Behavioral integrity refers to the integrity in what repositories do. What repositories do is determined by the software that they execute. The integrity of the software is generally assured only by knowledge of its source. Restated, a user will trust software purchased at a reputable computer store but not trust software obtained off a random (insecure) server on a network. Behavioral integrity is maintained by requiring that repository software be certified and be distributed with proof of such certification, i.e. a digital certificate. The purpose of the certificate is to authenticate that the software has been tested by an authorized organization, which attests that the software does what it is supposed to do and that it does not compromise the behavioral integrity of a repository. If the digital certificate cannot be found in the digital work or the master repository which generated the

certificate is not known to the repository receiving the software, then the software cannot be installed.

[0078] In the description of FIG. 2, it was indicated that repositories come in various forms. All repositories provide a core set of services for the transmission of digital works. The manner in which digital works are exchanged is the basis for all transaction between repositories. The various repository types differ in the ultimate functions that they perform. Repositories may be devices themselves, or they may be incorporated into other systems. An example is the rendering repository 205 of FIG. 2.

[0079] A repository will have associated with it a repository identifier. Typically, the repository identifier would be a unique number assigned to the repository at the time of manufacture. Each repository will also be classified as being in a particular security class. Certain communications and transactions may be conditioned on a repository being in a particular security class. The various security classes are described in greater detail below.

[0080] As a prerequisite to operation, a repository will require possession of an identification certificate. Identification certificates are encrypted to prevent forgery and are issued by a Master repository. A master repository plays the role of an authorization agent to enable repositories to receive digital works. Identification certificates must be updated on a periodic basis. Identification certificates are described in greater detail below with respect to the registration transaction.

[0081] A repository has both a hardware and functional embodiment. The functional embodiment is typically software executing on the hardware embodiment. Alternatively, the functional embodiment may be embedded in the hardware embodiment such as an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) chip.

[0082] The hardware embodiment of a repository will be enclosed in a secure housing which if compromised, may cause the repository to be disabled. The basic components of the hardware embodiment of a repository are described with reference to FIG. 12. Referring to FIG. 12, a repository is comprised of a processing means 1200, storage system 1207, clock 1205 and external interface 1206. The processing means 1200 is comprised of a processor element 1201 and processor memory 1202. The processing means 1201 provides controller, repository transaction and usage rights transaction functions for the repository. Various functions in the operation of the repository such as decryption and/or decompression of digital works and transaction messages are also performed by the processing means 1200.

The processor element 1201 may be a microprocessor or other suitable computing component. The processor memory 1202 would typically be further comprised of Read Only Memories (ROM) and Random Access Memories (RAM). Such memories would contain the software instructions utilized by the processor element 1201 in performing the functions of the repository.

[0083] The storage system 1207 is further comprised of descriptor storage 1203 and content storage 1204. The description tree storage 1203 will store the description tree for the digital work and the content storage will store the associated content. The description tree storage 1203 and content storage 1204 need not be of the same type of storage medium, nor are they necessarily on the same physical device. So for example, the descriptor storage 1203 may be stored on a solid state storage (for rapid retrieval of the description tree information), while the content storage 1204 may be on a high capacity storage such as an optical disk.

[0084] The clock 1205 is used to time-stamp various time based conditions for usage rights or for metering usage fees which may be associated with the digital works. The clock 1205 will have an uninterruptible power supply, e.g. a battery, in order to maintain the integrity of the time-stamps. The external interface means 1206 provides for the signal connection to other repositories and to a credit server. The external interface means 1206 provides for the exchange of signals via such standard interfaces such as RS-232 or Personal Computer Manufacturers Card Industry Association (PCMCIA) standards, or FDDI. The external interface means 1206 may also provide network connectivity.

[0085] The functional embodiment of a repository is described with reference to FIG. 13. Referring to FIG. 13, the functional embodiment is comprised of an operating system 1301, core repository services 1302, usage transaction handlers 1303, repository specific functions, 1304 and a user interface 1305. The operating system 1301 is specific to the repository and would typically depend on the type of processor being used. The operating system 1301 would also provide the basic services for controlling and interfacing between the basic components of the repository.

[0086] The core repository services 1302 comprise a set of functions required by each and every repository. The core repository services 1302 include the session initiation transactions which are defined in greater detail below. This set of services also includes a generic ticket agent which is used to “punch” a digital ticket and a generic authorization server for processing authorization specifications. Digital tickets and authorizations are

specific mechanisms for controlling the distribution and use of digital works and are described in more detail below. Note that coupled to the core repository services are a plurality of identification certificates 1306. The identification certificates 1306 are required to enable the use of the repository.

[0087] The usage transactions handler 1303 comprise functionality for processing access requests to digital works and for billing fees based on access. The usage transactions supported will be different for each repository type. For example, it may not be necessary for some repositories to handle access requests for digital works.

[0088] The repository specific functionality 1304 comprises functionality that is unique to a repository. For example, the master repository has special functionality for issuing digital certificates and maintaining encryption keys. The repository specific functionality 1304 would include the user interface implementation for the repository.

Repository Security Classes

[0089] For some digital works the losses caused by any individual instance of unauthorized copying is insignificant and the chief economic concern lies in assuring the convenience of access and low-overhead billing. In such cases, simple and inexpensive handheld repositories and network-based workstations may be suitable repositories, even though the measures and guarantees of security are modest.

[0090] At the other extreme, some digital works such as a digital copy of a first run movie or a bearer bond or stock certificate would be of very high value so that it is prudent to employ caution and fairly elaborate security measures to ensure that they are not copied or forged. A repository suitable for holding such a digital work could have elaborate measures for ensuring physical integrity and for verifying authorization before use.

[0091] By arranging a universal protocol, all kinds of repositories can communicate with each other in principle. However, creators of some works will want to specify that their works will only be transferred to repositories whose level of security is high enough. For this reason, document repositories have a ranking system for classes and levels of security. The security classes in the currently preferred embodiment are described in Table 2.

Level	Description of Security
0	Open system. Document transmission is unencrypted. No digital certificate is required for identification. The security of the system depends mostly on user honesty, since only modest knowledge may be needed to circumvent the security measures. The repository has no provisions for preventing unauthorized programs from running and accessing or copying files. The system does not prevent the use of removable storage and does not encrypt stored files.
1	Minimal security. Like the previous class except that stored files are minimally encrypted, including ones on removable storage.
2	Basic security. Like the previous class except that special tools and knowledge are required to compromise the programming, the contents of the repository, or the state of the clock. All digital communications are encrypted. A digital certificate is provided as identification. Medium level encryption is used. Repository identification number is unforgeable.
3	General security. Like the previous class plus the requirement of special tools are needed to compromise the physical integrity of the repository and that modest encryption is used on all transmissions. Password protection is required to use the local user interface. The digital clock system cannot be reset without authorization. No works would be stored on removable storage. When executing works as programs, it runs them in their own address space and does not give them direct access to any file storage or other memory containing system code or works. They can access works only through the transmission transaction protocol.
4	Like the previous class except that high level encryption is used on all communications. Sensors are used to record attempts at physical and electronic tampering. After such tampering, the repository will not perform other transactions until it has reported such tampering to a designated server.
5	Like the previous class except that if the physical or digital attempts at tampering exceed some preset thresholds that threaten the physical integrity of the repository or the integrity of digital and cryptographic barriers, then the repository will save only document description records of history but will erase or destroy any digital identifiers that could be misused if released to an unscrupulous party. It also modifies any certificates of authenticity to indicate that the physical system has been compromised. It also erases the contents of designated documents.

TABLE 2
REPOSITORY SECURITY LEVELS

Level	Description of Security
6	Like the previous class except that the repository will attempt wireless communication to report tampering and will employ noisy alarms.
10	This would correspond to a very high level of security. This server would maintain constant communications to remote security systems reporting transactions, sensor readings, and attempts to circumvent security.

TABLE 2
REPOSITORY SECURITY LEVELS

[0092] The characterization of security levels described in Table 2 is not intended to be fixed. More important is the idea of having different security levels for different repositories. It is anticipated that new security classes and requirements will evolve according to social situations and changes in technology.

Repository User Interface

[0093] A user interface is broadly defined as the mechanism by which a user interacts with a repository in order to invoke transactions to gain access to a digital work, or exercise usage rights. As described above, a repository may be embodied in various forms. The user interface for a repository will differ depending on the particular embodiment. The user interface may be a graphical user interface having icons representing the digital works and the various transactions that may be performed. The user interface may be a generated dialog in which a user is prompted for information.

[0094] The user interface itself need not be part of the repository. As a repository may be embedded in some other device, the user interface may merely be a part of the device in which the repository is embedded. For example, the repository could be embedded in a "card" that is inserted into an available slot in a computer system. The user interface may be combination of a display, keyboard, cursor control device and software executing on the computer system.

[0095] At a minimum, the user interface must permit a user to input information such as access requests and alpha numeric data and provide feedback as to transaction status. The user interface will then cause the repository to initiate the suitable transactions to service the request. Other facets of a particular user interface will depend on the functionality that a repository will provide.

CREDIT SERVERS

[0096] In the present invention, fees may be associated with the exercise of a right. The requirement for payment of fees is described with each version of a usage right in the usage rights language. The recording and reporting of such fees is performed by the credit server. One of the capabilities enabled by associating fees with rights is the possibility of supporting a wide range of charging models. The simplest model, used by conventional software, is that there is a single fee at the time of purchase, after which the purchaser obtains unlimited rights to use the work as often and for as long as he or she wants. Alternative models, include metered use and variable fees. A single work can have different fees for different uses. For example, viewing a photograph on a display could have different fees than making a hardcopy or including it in a newly created work. A key to these alternative charging models is to have a low overhead means of establishing fees and accounting for credit on these transactions.

[0097] A credit server is a computational system that reliably authorizes and records these transactions so that fees are billed and paid. The credit server reports fees to a billing clearinghouse. The billing clearinghouse manages the financial transactions as they occur. As a result, bills may be generated and accounts reconciled. Preferably, the credit server would store the fee transactions and periodically communicate via a network with billing clearinghouse for reconciliation. In such an embodiment, communications with the billing clearinghouse would be encrypted for integrity and security reasons. In another embodiment, the credit server acts as a “debit card” where transactions occur in “real-time” against a user account.

[0098] A credit server is comprised of memory, a processing means, a clock, and interface means for coupling to a repository and a financial institution (e.g. a modem). The credit server will also need to have security and authentication functionality. These elements are essentially the same elements as those of a repository. Thus, a single device can be both a repository and a credit server, provided that it has the appropriate processing elements for carrying out the corresponding functions and protocols. Typically, however, a credit server would be a card-sized system in the possession of the owner of the credit. The credit server is coupled to a repository and would interact via financial transactions as described below. Interactions with a financial institution may occur via protocols established by the financial institutions themselves.

[0099] In the currently preferred embodiment credit servers associated with both the server and the repository report the financial transaction to the billing clearinghouse. For example, when a digital work is copied by one repository to another for a fee, credit servers coupled to each of the repositories will report the transaction to the billing clearinghouse. This is desirable in that it insures that a transaction will be accounted for in the event of some break in the communication between a credit server and the billing clearinghouse. However, some implementations may embody only a single credit server reporting the transaction to minimize transaction processing at the risk of losing some transactions.

USAGE RIGHTS LANGUAGE

[00100] The present invention uses statements in a high level “usage rights language” to define rights associated with digital works and their parts. Usage rights statements are interpreted by repositories and are used to determine what transactions can be successfully carried out for a digital work and also to determine parameters for those transactions. For example, sentences in the language determine whether a given digital work can be copied, when and how it can be used, and what fees (if any) are to be charged for that use. Once the usage rights statements are generated, they are encoded in a suitable form for accessing during the processing of transactions.

[00101] Defining usage rights in terms of a language in combination with the hierarchical representation of a digital work enables the support of a wide variety of distribution and fee schemes. An example is the ability to attach multiple versions of a right to a work. So a creator may attach a PRINT right to make 5 copies for \$10.00 and a PRINT right to make unlimited copies for \$100.00. A purchaser may then choose which option best fits his needs. Another example is that rights and fees are additive. So in the case of a composite work, the rights and fees of each of the components works is used in determining the rights and fees for the work as a whole. Other features and benefits of the usage rights language will become apparent in the description of distribution and use scenarios provided below.

[00102] The basic contents of a right are illustrated in FIG. 14. Referring to FIG. 14, a right 1450 has a transactional component 1451 and a specifications component 1452. A right 1450 has a label (e.g. COPY or PRINT) which indicate the use or distribution privileges that are embodied by the right. The transactional component 1451 corresponds to a particular way in which a digital work may be used or distributed. The transactional component 1451 is typically embodied in software instructions in a repository which implement the use or

distribution privileges for the right. The specifications components 1452 are used to specify conditions which must be satisfied prior to the right being exercised or to designate various transaction related parameters. In the currently preferred embodiment, these specifications include copy count 1453, Fees and Incentives 1454, Time 1455, Access and Security 1456 and Control 1457. Each of these specifications will be described in greater detail below with respect to the language grammar elements.

[00103] The usage rights language is based on the grammar described below. A grammar is a convenient means for defining valid sequence of symbols for a language. In describing the grammar the notation “[a | b | c]” is used to indicate distinct choices among alternatives. In this example, a sentence can have either an “a”, “b” or “c”. It must include exactly one of them. The braces { } are used to indicate optional items. Note that brackets, bars and braces are used to describe the language of usage rights sentences but do not appear in actual sentences in the language.

[00104] In contrast, parentheses are part of the usage rights language. Parentheses are used to group items together in lists. The notation (x*) is used to indicate a variable length list, that is, a list containing one or more items of type x. The notation (x)* is used to indicate a variable number of lists containing x.

[00105] Keywords in the grammar are words followed by colons. Keywords are a common and very special case in the language. They are often used to indicate a single value, typically an identifier. In many cases, the keyword and the parameter are entirely optional. When a keyword is given, it often takes a single identifier as its value. In some cases, the keyword takes a list of identifiers.

[00106] In the usage rights language, time is specified in an hours:minutes:seconds (or hh:mm:ss) representation. Time zone indicators, e.g. PDT for Pacific Daylight Time, may also be specified. Dates are represented as year/month/day (or YYYY/MMM/DD). Note that these time and date representations may specify moments in time or units of time Money units are specified in terms of dollars.

[00107] Finally, in the usage rights language, various “things” will need to interact with each other. For example, an instance of a usage right may specify a bank account, a digital ticket, etc. Such things need to be identified and are specified herein using the suffix “-ID.”

[00108] The Usage Rights Grammar is listed in its entirety in FIG. 15 and is described below.

[00109] Grammar element 1501 “Digital Work Rights:=(Rights*)” define the digital work rights as a set of rights. The set of rights attached to a digital work define how that digital work may be transferred, used, performed or played. A set of rights will attach to the entire digital work and in the case of compound digital works, each of the components of the digital work. The usage rights of components of a digital may be different.

[00110] Grammar element 1502 “Right:=(Right-Code {Copy-Count} {Control-Spec} {Time-Spec} {Access-Spec} {Fee-Spec})” enumerates the content of a right. Each usage right must specify a right code. Each right may also optionally specify conditions which must be satisfied before the right can be exercised. These conditions are copy count, control, time, access and fee conditions. In the currently preferred embodiment, for the optional elements, the following defaults apply: copy count equals 1, no time limit on the use of the right, no access tests or a security level required to use the right and no fee is required. These conditions will each be described in greater detail below.

[00111] It is important to note that a digital work may have multiple versions of a right, each having the same right code. The multiple versions would provide alternative conditions and fees for accessing the digital work.

[00112] A Grammar element 1503 “Right-Code:=Render-Code | Transport-- Code | File-Management-Code | Derivative-Works- Code Configuration-Code” distinguishes each of the specific rights into a particular right type (although each right is identified by distinct right codes). In this way, the grammar provides a catalog of possible rights that can be associated with parts of digital works. In the following, rights are divided into categories for convenience in describing them.

[00113] Grammar element 1504 “Render-Code:=[Play: {Player: Player-ID} | Print: {Printer: Printer-ID}]” lists a category of rights all involving the making of ephemeral, transitory, or non-digital copies of the digital work. After use the copies are erased.

- Play: A process of rendering or performing a digital work on some processor. This includes such things as playing digital movies, playing digital music, playing a video game, running a computer program, or displaying a document on a display.

- Print: To render the work in a medium that is not further protected by usage rights, such as printing on paper.

[00114] Grammar element 1505 “Transport-Code:=[Copy | Transfer | Loan {Remaining-Rights: Next-Set-of-Rights}]{(Next-Copy-Rights: Next-Set of Rights)}” lists a category of rights involving the making of persistent, usable copies of the digital work on other repositories. The optional Next-Copy-Rights determine the rights on the work after it is transported. If this is not specified, then the rights on the transported copy are the same as on the original. The optional Remaining-Rights specify the rights that remain with a digital work when it is loaned out. If this is not specified, then the default is that no rights can be exercised when it is loaned out.

- Copy: Make a new copy of a work
- Transfer: Moving a work from one repository to another.
- Loan: Temporarily loaning a copy to another repository for a specified period of time.

[00115] Grammar element 1506 “File-Management-Code:=Backup {Back-Up-Copy-Rights: Next-Set -of Rights} | Restore | Delete | Folder | Directory {Name:Hide-Local | Hide-Remote} {Parts:Hide-Local | Hide-Remote}” lists a category of rights involving operations for file management, such as the making of backup copies to protect the copy owner against catastrophic equipment failure.

[00116] Many software licenses and also copyright law give a copy owner the right to make backup copies to protect against catastrophic failure of equipment. However, the making of uncontrolled backup copies is inherently at odds with the ability to control usage, since an uncontrolled backup copy can be kept and then restored even after the authorized copy was sold.

[00117] The File management rights enable the making and restoring of backup copies in a way that respects usage rights, honoring the requirements of both the copy owner and the rights grantor and revenue owner. Backup copies of work descriptions (including usage rights and fee data) can be sent under appropriate protocol and usage rights control to other document repositories of sufficiently high security. Further rights permit organization of digital works into folders which themselves are treated as digital works and whose contents may be “hidden” from a party seeking to determine the contents of a repository.

- Backup: To make a backup copy of a digital work as protection against media failure.
- Restore: To restore a backup copy of a digital work.

- Delete: To delete or erase a copy of a digital work.
- Folder: To create and name folders, and to move files and folders between folders.
- Directory: To hide a folder or it's contents.

[00118] Grammar element 1507 “Derivative-Works-Code: [Extract | Embed | Edit {Process: Process-ID}] {Next-Copy-Rights: Next-Set-of Rights}” lists a category of rights involving the use of a digital work to create new works.

- Extract: To remove a portion of a work, for the purposes of creating a new work.
- Embed: To include a work in an existing work.
- Edit: To alter a digital work by copying, selecting and modifying portions of an existing digital work.

[00119] Grammar element 1508 “Configuration-Code:=Install | Uninstall” lists a category of rights for installing and uninstalling software on a repository (typically a rendering repository.) This would typically occur for the installation of a new type of player within the rendering repository.

- Install: To install new software on a repository.
- Uninstall: To remove existing software from a repository.

[00120] Grammar element 1509 “Next-Set-of-Rights:={ (Add: Set-Of-Rights)} {(Delete: Set-Of-Rights)} {(Replace: Set-Of-Rights)} {(Keep: Set-Of-Rights)}” defines how rights are carried forward for a copy of a digital work. If the Next-Copy-Rights is not specified, the rights for the next copy are the same as those of the current copy. Otherwise, the set of rights for the next copy can be specified. Versions of rights after Add: are added to the current set of rights. Rights after Delete: are deleted from the current set of rights. If only right codes are listed after Delete:, then all versions of rights with those codes are deleted. Versions of rights after Replace: subsume all versions of rights of the same type in the current set of rights.

[00121] If Remaining-Rights is not specified, then there are no rights for the original after all Loan copies are loaned out. If Remaining-Rights is specified, then the Keep: token can be used to simplify the expression of what rights to keep behind. A list of right codes following keep means that all of the versions of those listed rights are kept in the remaining copy. This specification can be overridden by subsequent Delete: or Replace: specifications.

Copy Count Specification

[00122] For various transactions, it may be desirable to provide some limit as to the number of “copies” of the work which may be exercised simultaneously for the right. For example, it may be desirable to limit the number of copies of a digital work that may be loaned out at a time or viewed at a time.

[00123] Grammar element 1510 “Copy-Count:=(Copies: positive-integer | 0 | unlimited)” provides a condition which defines the number of “copies” of a work subject to the right. A copy count can be 0, a fixed number, or unlimited. The copy-count is associated with each right, as opposed to there being just a single copy-count for the digital work. The Copy-Count for a right is decremented each time that a right is exercised. When the Copy-Count equals zero, the right can no longer be exercised. If the Copy-Count is not specified, the default is one.

Control Specification

[00124] Rights and fees depend in general on rights granted by the creator as well as further restrictions imposed by later distributors. Control specifications deal with interactions between the creators and their distributors governing the imposition of further restrictions and fees. For example, a distributor of a digital work may not want an end consumer of a digital work to add fees or otherwise profit by commercially exploiting the purchased digital work.

[00125] Grammar element 1511 “Control-Spec:=(Control: {Restrictable | Unrestrictable} {Unchargeable | Chargeable}-)” provides a condition to specify the effect of usage rights and fees of parents on the exercise of the right. A digital work is restrictable if higher level d-blocks can impose further restrictions (time specifications and access specifications) on the right. It is unrestrictable if no further restrictions can be imposed. The default setting is restrictable. A right is unchargeable if no more fees can be imposed on the use of the right. It is chargeable if more fees can be imposed. The default is chargeable.

Time Specification

[00126] It is often desirable to assign a start date or specify some duration as to when a right may be exercised. Grammar element 1512 “Time-Spec:=({Fixed-Interval | Sliding-Interval | Meter-Tim- e} Until: Expiration-Date)” provides for specification of time conditions on the exercise of a right. Rights may be granted for a specified time. Different kinds of time specifications are appropriate for different kinds of rights. Some rights may be exercised during a fixed and predetermined duration. Some rights may be exercised for an interval that starts the first time that the right is invoked by some transaction. Some rights

may be exercised or are charged according to some kind of metered time, which may be split into separate intervals. For example, a right to view a picture for an hour might be split into six ten minute viewings or four fifteen minute viewings or twenty three minute viewings.

[00127] The terms “time” and “date” are used synonymously to refer to a moment in time. There are several kinds of time specifications. Each specification represents some limitation on the times over which the usage right applies. The Expiration-Date specifies the moment at which the usage right ends. For example, if the Expiration-Date is “Jan. 1, 1995,” then the right ends at the first moment of 1995. If the Expiration-Date is specified as *forever*, then the rights are interpreted as continuing without end. If only an expiration date is given, then the right can be exercised as often as desired until the expiration date.

[00128] Grammar element 1513 “Fixed-Interval:=From: Start-Time” is used to define a predetermined interval that runs from the start time to the expiration date.

[00129] Grammar element 1514 “Sliding-Interval:=Interval: Use-Duration” is used to define an indeterminate (or “open”) start time. It sets limits on a continuous period of time over which the contents are accessible. The period starts on the first access and ends after the duration has passed or the expiration date is reached, whichever comes first. For example, if the right gives 10 hours of continuous access, the use-duration would begin when the first access was made and end 10 hours later.

[00130] Grammar element 1515 “Meter-Time:=Time-Remaining: Remaining-Use” is used to define a “meter time,” that is, a measure of the time that the right is actually exercised. It differs from the Sliding-Interval specification in that the time that the digital work is in use need not be continuous. For example, if the rights guarantee three days of access, those days could be spread out over a month. With this specification, the rights can be exercised until the meter time is exhausted or the expiration date is reached, whichever comes first.

Remaining-Use:=Time-Unit

Start-Time:=Time-Unit

Use-Duration:=Time-Unit

[00131] All of the time specifications include time-unit specifications in their ultimate instantiation.

Security Class and Authorization Specification

[00132] The present invention provides for various security mechanisms to be introduced into a distribution or use scheme. Grammar element 1516 “Access-Spec=({SC: Security-Class} {Authorization: Authorization-ID*} {Other-Authorization: Authorization-ID*} {Ticket: Ticket-ID})” provides a means for restricting access and transmission. Access specifications can specify a required security class for a repository to exercise a right or a required authorization test that must be satisfied.

[00133] The keyword “SC:” is used to specify a minimum security level for the repositories involved in the access. If “SC:” is not specified, the lowest security level is acceptable.

[00134] The optional “Authorization:” keyword is used to specify required authorizations on the same repository as the work. The optional “Other-Authorization:” keyword is used to specify required authorizations on the other repository in the transaction.

[00135] The optional “Ticket:” keyword specifies the identity of a ticket required for the transaction. A transaction involving digital tickets must locate an appropriate digital ticket agent who can “punch” or otherwise validate the ticket before the transaction can proceed. Tickets are described in greater detail below.

[00136] In a transaction involving a repository and a document server, some usage rights may require that the repository have a particular authorization, that the server have some authorization, or that both repositories have (possibly different) authorizations. Authorizations themselves are digital works (hereinafter referred to as an authorization object) that can be moved between repositories in the same manner as other digital works. Their copying and transferring is subject to the same rights and fees as other digital works. A repository is said to have an authorization if that authorization object is contained within the repository.

[00137] In some cases, an authorization may be required from a source other than the document server and repository. An authorization object referenced by an Authorization-ID can contain digital address information to be used to set up a communications link between a repository and the authorization source. These are analogous to phone numbers. For such access tests, the communication would need to be established and authorization obtained before the right could be exercised.

[00138] For one-time usage rights, a variant on this scheme is to have a digital ticket. A ticket is presented to a digital ticket agent, whose type is specified on the ticket. In the

simplest case, a certified generic ticket agent, available on all repositories, is available to “punch” the ticket. In other cases, the ticket may contain addressing information for locating a “special” ticket agent. Once a ticket has been punched, it cannot be used again for the same kind of transaction (unless it is unpunched or refreshed in the manner described below.) Punching includes marking the ticket with a timestamp of the date and time it was used. Tickets are digital works and can be copied or transferred between repositories according to their usage rights.

[00139] In the currently preferred embodiment, a “punched” ticket becomes “unpunched” or “refreshed” when it is copied or extracted. The Copy and Extract operations save the date and time as a property of the digital ticket. When a ticket agent is given a ticket, it can simply check whether the digital copy was made after the last time that it was punched. Of course, the digital ticket must have the copy or extract usage rights attached thereto.

[00140] The capability to unpunch a ticket is important in the following cases:

- A digital work is circulated at low cost with a limitation that it can be used only once.
- A digital work is circulated with a ticket that can be used once to give discounts on purchases of other works.
- A digital work is circulated with a ticket (included in the purchase price and possibly embedded in the work) that can be used for a future upgrade.

[00141] In each of these cases, if a paid copy is made of the digital work (including the ticket) the new owner would expect to get a fresh (unpunched) ticket, whether the copy seller has used the work or not. In contrast, loaning a work or simply transferring it to another repository should not revitalize the ticket.

Usage Fees and Incentives Specification

[00142] The billing for use of a digital work is fundamental to a commercial distribution system. Grammar Element 1517 “Fee-Spec:={Scheduled-Discount} Regular-Fee-Spec | Scheduled-Fee-Spec | Markup-Spec” provides a range of options for billing for the use of digital works.

[00143] A key feature of this approach is the development of low-overhead billing for transactions in potentially small amounts. Thus, it becomes feasible to collect fees of only a few cents each for thousands of transactions.

[00144] The grammar differentiates between uses where the charge is per use from those where it is metered by the time unit. Transactions can support fees that the user pays for using a digital work as well as incentives paid by the right grantor to users to induce them to use or distribute the digital work.

[00145] The optional scheduled discount refers to the rest of the fee specification--discounting it by a percentage over time. If it is not specified, then there is no scheduled discount. Regular fee specifications are constant over time. Scheduled fee specifications give a schedule of dates over which the fee specifications change. Markup specifications are used in d-blocks for adding a percentage to the fees already being charged.

[00146] Grammar Element 1518 “Scheduled-Discount:=(Scheduled-Discount: (Time-Spec Percentage*))” A Scheduled-Discount is essentially a scheduled modifier of any other fee specification for this version of the right of the digital work. (It does not refer to children or parent digital works or to other versions of rights.). It is a list of pairs of times and percentages. The most recent time in the list that has not yet passed at the time of the transaction is the one in effect. The percentage gives the discount percentage. For example, the number 10 refers to a 10% discount.

[00147] Grammar Element 1519 “Regular-Fee-Spec:=({Fee: | Incentive:} [Per-Use-Spec | Metered-Rate-Spec | Best-Price-Spec | Call-For-Price-Spec] {Min: Money-Unit Per: Time-Spec} {Max: Money-Unit Per: Time-Spec} To: Account-ID)” provides for several kinds of fee specifications.

[00148] Fees are paid by the copy-owner/user to the revenue-owner if Fee: is specified. Incentives are paid by the revenue-owner to the user if Incentive: is specified. If the Min: specification is given, then there is a minimum fee to be charged per time-spec unit for its use. If the Max: specification is given, then there is a maximum fee to be charged per time-spec for its use. When Fee: is specified, Account-ID identifies the account to which the fee is to be paid. When Incentive: is specified, Account-ID identifies the account from which the fee is to be paid.

[00149] Grammar element 1520 “Per-Use-Spec:=Per-Use: Money-unit” defines a simple fee to be paid every time the right is exercised, regardless of how much time the transaction takes.

[00150] Grammar element 1521 “Metered-Rate-Spec:=Metered: Money-Unit Per: Time-Spec” defines a metered-rate fee paid according to how long the right is exercised. Thus, the time it takes to complete the transaction determines the fee.

[00151] Grammar, element 1522 “Best-Price-Spec:=Best-Price: Money-unit Max: Money-unit” is used to specify a best-price that is determined when the account is settled. This specification is to accommodate special deals, rebates, and pricing that depends on information that is not available to the repository. All fee specifications can be combined with tickets or authorizations that could indicate that the consumer is a wholesaler or that he is a preferred customer, or that the seller be authorized in some way. The amount of money in the Max: field is the maximum amount that the use will cost. This is the amount that is tentatively debited from the credit server. However, when the transaction is ultimately reconciled, any excess amount will be returned to the consumer in a separate transaction.

[00152] Grammar element 1523 “Call-For-Price-Spec:=Call-For-Price “ is similar to a “Best-Price-Spec” in that it is intended to accommodate cases where prices are dynamic. A Call-For-Price Spec requires a communication with a dealer to determine the price. This option cannot be exercised if the repository cannot communicate with a dealer at the time that the right is exercised. It is based on a secure transaction whereby the dealer names a price to exercise the right and passes along a deal certificate which is referenced or included in the billing process.

[00153] Grammar element 1524 “Scheduled-Fee-Spec:=(Schedule: (Time-Spec Regular-Fee-Spec)*)” is used to provide a schedule of dates over which the fee specifications change. The fee specification with the most recent date not in the future is the one that is in effect. This is similar to but more general than the scheduled discount. It is more general, because it provides a means to vary the fee agreement for each time period.

[00154] Grammar element 1525 “Markup-Spec:=Markup: percentage To: Account-ID” is provided for adding a percentage to the fees already being charged. For example, a 5% markup means that a fee of 5% of cumulative fee so far will be allocated to the distributor. A markup specification can be applied to all of the other kinds of fee specifications. It is typically used in a shell provided by a distributor. It refers to fees associated with d-blocks that are parts of the current d-block. This might be a convenient specification for use in taxes, or in distributor overhead.

Examples of Sets of Usage Rights

- ((Play) (Transfer (SC: 3)) (Delete)

[00155] This work can be played without requirements for fee or authorization on any rendering system. It can be transferred to any other repository of security level 3 or greater. It can be deleted.

- ((Play) (Transfer (SC: 3)) (Delete) (Backup) (Restore (Fee:Per-Use: \$5 To: Account-ID-678))))

[00156] Same as the previous example plus rights for backup and restore. The work can be backed up without fee. It can be restored for a \$5 fee payable to the account described by Account-ID-678.

- ((Play) (Transfer (SC: 3))
(Copy (SC:3)(Fee: Per-Use: \$5 To: Account-ID-678))
(Delete (Incentive: Per-Use: \$2.50 To: Account-ID-678))))

[00157] This work can be played, transferred, copied, or deleted. Copy or transfer operations can take place only with repositories of security level three or greater. The fee to make a copy is \$5 payable to Account-ID-678. If a copy is deleted, then an incentive of \$2.50 is paid to the former copy owner.

- ((Play) (Transfer (SC: 3))
Copy (SC: 3) (Fee: Per-Use: \$10 To: Account-ID-678))
Delete) (Backup) (Restore (SC: 3) (Fee: Per-Use: \$5 To: Account-ID-678))))

[00158] Same as the previous example plus fees for copying. The work can be copied digitally for a fee of \$10 payable to Account-ID-678. The repository on which the work is copied or restored must be at security level 3 or greater.

- ((Play) (Transfer (SC: 3))
(Copy Authorization: License-123-ID (SC: 3))))

[00159] The digital work can be played, transferred, or copied. Copies or transfers must be on repositories of security level 3 or greater. Copying requires the license License-123-ID issued to the copying repository. None of the rights require fees.

- ((Play) (Print Printer: Printer-567-ID (Fee: Per-Use: \$1 To: Account-ID-678))))

[00160] This work can be played for free. It can be printed on any printer with the identifier Printer-567-ID for a fee of \$1 payable to the account described by Account-ID-678.

- ((Play Player: Player-876-ID) (From: Feb. 2, 1994 Until: Feb. 15, 1995) (Fee: Metered: \$0.01 Per: 0:1:0 Min: \$0.25 Per: 0/1/0 To: Account-ID-567))

[00161] This work can be played on any player holding the ID Player-876-ID. The time of this right is from Feb. 14, 1994 until Feb. 15, 1995. The fee for use is one cent per minute with a minimum of 25 cents in any day that it is used, payable to the account described by Account-ID-567.

- ((Play) (Transfer) (Delete)(Loan 2 (Delete: Transfer Loan)))

[00162] This work can be played, transferred, deleted, or loaned. Up to two copies can be loaned out at a time. The loaned copy has the same rights except that it cannot be transferred. When both copies are loaned out, no rights can be exercised on the original on the repository.

[00163] • ((Play) (Transfer) (Delete) (Backup) (Restore (SC:3))

(Loan 2 Remaining-Copy-Rights: (Delete: Play Transfer)

Next-Set-of-Rights: (Delete: Transfer Loan)))

[00164] Similar to previous example. Rights to Backup and Restore the work are added, where restoration requires a repository of at least security level three. When all copies of the work are loaned out, the remaining copy cannot be played or transferred.

- ((Play) (Transfer) (Copy) (Print) (Backup) (Restore (SC:3))

(Loan 1 Remaining-Copy-Rights: (Add: Play Print Backup)

Next-Set-of-Rights: (Delete: Transfer Loan)

(Fee: Metered: \$10 Per: 1:0:0 To: Account-ID-567))

(Loan 1 Remaining-Copy-Rights:

Add: ((Play Player: Player-876-ID) 2 (From: Feb. 14, 1994 Until: Feb. 15, 1995)

(Fee: Metered: \$0.01 Per: 0:1:0 Min: \$0.25 Per: 0/1/0

To: Account-ID-567))))

[00165] The original work has rights to Play, Transfer, Copy, Print, Backup, Restore, and Loan. There are two versions of the Loan right. The first version of the loan right costs \$10 per day but allows the original copy owner to exercise free use of the Play, Print and Backup rights. The second version of the Loan right is free. None of the original rights are applicable. However a right to Play the work at the specified metered rate is added.

- ((Play Player: Player-Small-Screen-123-ID)

(Embed (Fee: Per-Use \$0.01 To: Account-678-ID))

(Copy (Fee: Per-Use \$1.00 To: Account-678-ID)))

[00166] The digital work can be played on any player with the identifier Player-Small-Screen-123-ID. It can be embedded in a larger work. The embedding requires a modest one cent registration fee to Account-678-ID. Digital copies can be made for \$1.00.

REPOSITORY TRANSACTIONS

[00167] When a user requests access to a digital work, the repository will initiate various transactions. The combination of transactions invoked will depend on the specifications assigned for a usage right. There are three basic types of transactions, Session Initiation Transactions, Financial Transactions and Usage Transactions. Generally, session initiation transactions are initiated first to establish a valid session. When a valid session is established, transactions corresponding to the various usage rights are invoked. Finally, request specific transactions are performed.

[00168] Transactions occur between two repositories (one acting as a server), between a repository and a document playback platform (e.g. for executing or viewing), between a repository and a credit server or between a repository and an authorization server. When transactions occur between more than one repository, it is assumed that there is a reliable communication channel between the repositories. For example, this could be a TCP/IP channel or any other commercially available channel that has built-in capabilities for detecting and correcting transmission errors. However, it is not assumed that the communication channel is secure. Provisions for security and privacy are part of the requirements for specifying and implementing repositories and thus form the need for various transactions.

Message Transmission

[00169] Transactions require that there be some communication between repositories. Communication between repositories occurs in units termed as messages. Because the communication line is assumed to be unsecure, all communications with repositories that are above the lowest security class are encrypted utilizing a public key encryption technique. Public key encryption is a well known technique in the encryption arts. The term key refers to a numeric code that is used with encryption and decryption algorithms. Keys come in pairs, where “writing keys” are used to encrypt data and “checking keys” are used to decrypt data. Both writing and checking keys may be public or private. Public keys are those that are distributed to others. Private keys are maintained in confidence.

[00170] Key management and security is instrumental in the success of a public key encryption system. In the currently preferred embodiment, one or more master repositories maintain the keys and create the identification certificates used by the repositories.

[00171] When a sending repository transmits a message to a receiving repository, the sending repository encrypts all of its data using the public writing key of the receiving repository. The sending repository includes its name, the name of the receiving repository, a session identifier such as a nonce (described below), and a message counter in each message.

[00172] In this way, the communication can only be read (to a high probability) by the receiving repository, which holds the private checking key for decryption. The auxiliary data is used to guard against various replay attacks to security. If messages ever arrive with the wrong counter or an old nonce, the repositories can assume that someone is interfering with communication and the transaction terminated.

[00173] The respective public keys for the repositories to be used for encryption are obtained in the registration transaction described below.

Session Initiation Transactions

[00174] A usage transaction is carried out in a session between repositories. For usage transactions involving more than one repository, or for financial transactions between a repository and a credit server, a registration transaction is performed. A second transaction termed a login transaction, may also be needed to initiate the session. The goal of the registration transaction is to establish a secure channel between two repositories who know each others identities. As it is assumed that the communication channel between the repositories is reliable but not secure, there is a risk that a non-repository may mimic the protocol in order to gain illegitimate access to a repository.

[00175] The registration transaction between two repositories is described with respect to FIGS. 16 and 17. The steps described are from the perspective of a “repository-1” registering its identity with a “repository-2”. The registration must be symmetrical so the same set of steps will be repeated for repository-2 registering its identity with repository-1. Referring to FIG. 16, repository-1 first generates an encrypted registration identifier, step 1601 and then generates a registration message, step 1602. A registration message is comprised of an identifier of a master repository, the identification certificate for the repository-1 and an encrypted random registration identifier. The identification certificate is encrypted by the master repository in its private key and attests to the fact that the repository

(here repository-1) is a bona fide repository. The identification certificate also contains a public key for the repository, the repository security level and a timestamp (indicating a time after which the certificate is no longer valid.) The registration identifier is a number generated by the repository for this registration. The registration identifier is unique to the session and is encrypted in repository-1's private key. The registration identifier is used to improve security of authentication by detecting certain kinds of communications based attacks. Repository-1 then transmits the registration message to repository-2, step 1603.

[00176] Upon receiving the registration message, repository-2 determines if it has the needed public key for the master repository, step 1604. If repository-2 does not have the needed public key to decrypt the identification certificate, the registration transaction terminates in an error, step 1618.

[00177] Assuming that repository-2 has the proper public key the identification certificate is decrypted, step 1605. Repository-2 saves the encrypted registration identifier, step 1606, and extracts the repository identifier, step 1607. The extracted repository identifier is checked against a "hotlist" of compromised document repositories, step 1608. In the currently preferred embodiment, each repository will contain "hotlists" of compromised repositories. If the repository is on the "hotlist", the registration transaction terminates in an error per step 1618. Repositories can be removed from the hotlist when their certificates expire, so that the list does not need to grow without bound. Also, by keeping a short list of hotlist certificates that it has previously received, a repository can avoid the work of actually going through the list. These lists would be encrypted by a master repository. A minor variation on the approach to improve efficiency would have the repositories first exchange lists of names of hotlist certificates, ultimately exchanging only those lists that they had not previously received. The "hotlists" are maintained and distributed by Master repositories.

[00178] Note that rather than terminating in error, the transaction could request that another registration message be sent based on an identification certificate created by another master repository. This may be repeated until a satisfactory identification certificate is found, or it is determined that trust cannot be established.

[00179] Assuming that the repository is not on the hotlist, the repository identification needs to be verified. In other words, repository-2 needs to validate that the repository on the other end is really repository-1. This is termed performance testing and is performed in order to avoid invalid access to the repository via a counterfeit repository replaying a recording of a

prior session initiation between repository-1 and repository-2. Performance testing is initiated by repository-2 generating a performance message, step 1609. The performance message consists of a nonce, the names of the respective repositories, the time and the registration identifier received from repository-1. A nonce is a generated message based on some random and variable information (e.g. the time or the temperature.) The nonce is used to check whether repository-1 can actually exhibit correct encrypting of a message using the private keys it claims to have, on a message that it has never seen before. The performance message is encrypted using the public key specified in the registration message of repository-1. The performance message is transmitted to repository-1, step 1610, where it is decrypted by repository-1 using its private key, step 1611. Repository-1 then checks to make sure that the names of the two repositories are correct, step 1612, that the time is accurate, step 1613 and that the registration identifier corresponds to the one it sent, step 1614. If any of these tests fails, the transaction is terminated per step 1616. Assuming that the tests are passed, repository-1 transmits the nonce to repository-2 in the clear, step 1615. Repository-2 then compares the received nonce to the original nonce, step 1617. If they are not identical, the registration transaction terminates in an error per step 1618. If they are the same, the registration transaction has successfully completed.

[00180] At this point, assuming that the transaction has not terminated, the repositories exchange messages containing session keys to be used in all communications during the session and synchronize their clocks. FIG. 17 illustrates the session information exchange and clock synchronization steps (again from the perspective of repository-1.) Referring to FIG. 17, repository-1 creates a session key pair, step 1701. A first key is kept private and is used by repository-1 to encrypt messages. The second key is a public key used by repository-2 to decrypt messages. The second key is encrypted using the public key of repository-2, step 1702 and is sent to repository-2, step 1703. Upon receipt, repository-2 decrypts the second key, step 1704. The second key is used to decrypt messages in subsequent communications. When each repository has completed this step, they are both convinced that the other repository is bona fide and that they are communicating with the original. Each repository has given the other a key to be used in decrypting further communications during the session. Since that key is itself transmitted in the public key of the receiving repository only it will be able to decrypt the key which is used to decrypt subsequent messages.

[00181] After the session information is exchanged, the repositories must synchronize their clocks. Clock synchronization is used by the repositories to establish an agreed upon

time base for the financial records of their mutual transactions. Referring back to FIG. 17, repository-2 initiates clock synchronization by generating a time stamp exchange message, step 1705, and transmits it to repository-1, step 1706. Upon receipt, repository-1 generates its own time stamp message, step 1707 and transmits it back to repository-2, step 1708. Repository-2 notes the current time, step 1709 and stores the time received from repository-1, step 1710. The current time is compared to the time received from repository-1, step 1711. The difference is then checked to see if it exceeds a predetermined tolerance (e.g. one minute), step 1712. If it does, repository-2 terminates the transaction as this may indicate tampering with the repository, step 1713. If not repository-2 computes an adjusted time delta, step 1714. The adjusted time delta is the difference between the clock time of repository-2 and the average of the times from repository-1 and repository-2.

[00182] To achieve greater accuracy, repository-2 can request the time again up to a fixed number of times (e.g. five times), repeat the clock synchronization steps, and average the results.

[00183] A second session initiation transaction is a Login transaction. The Login transaction is used to check the authenticity of a user requesting a transaction. A Login transaction is particularly prudent for the authorization of financial transactions that will be charged to a credit server. The Login transaction involves an interaction between the user at a user interface and the credit server associated with a repository. The information exchanged here is a login string supplied by the repository/credit server to identify itself to the user, and a Personal Identification Number (PIN) provided by the user to identify himself to the credit server. In the event that the user is accessing a credit server on a repository different from the one on which the user interface resides, exchange of the information would be encrypted using the public and private keys of the respective repositories.

Billing Transactions

[00184] Billing Transactions are concerned with monetary transaction with a credit server. Billing Transactions are carried out when all other conditions are satisfied and a usage fee is required for granting the request. For the most part, billing transactions are well understood in the state of the art. These transactions are between a repository and a credit server, or between a credit server and a billing clearinghouse. Briefly, the required transactions include the following:

- Registration and LOGIN transactions, by which the repository and user establish their bona fides to a credit server. These transactions would be entirely internal in cases where the repository and credit server are implemented as a single system.

- Registration and LOGIN transactions, by which a credit server establishes its bona fides to a billing clearinghouse.

- An Assign-fee transaction to assign a charge. The information in this transaction would include a transaction identifier, the identities of the repositories in the transaction, and a list of charges from the parts of the digital work. If there has been any unusual event in the transaction such as an interruption of communications, that information is included as well.

- A Begin-charges transaction to assign a charge. This transaction is much the same as an assign-fee transaction except that it is used for metered use. It includes the same information as the assign-fee 4, ii transaction as well as the usage fee information. The credit-server is then responsible for running a clock.

- An End-charges transaction to end a charge for metered use. (In a variation on this approach, the repositories would exchange periodic charge information for each block of time.)

- A report-charges transaction between a personal credit server and a billing clearinghouse. This transaction is invoked at least once per billing period. It is used to pass along information about charges. On debit and credit cards, this transaction would also be used to update balance information and credit limits as needed.

[00185] All billing transactions are given a transaction ID and are reported to the credit servers by both the server and the client. This reduces possible loss of billing information if one of the parties to a transaction loses a banking card and provides a check against tampering with the system.

Usage Transactions

[00186] After the session initiation transactions have been completed, the usage request may then be processed. To simplify the description of the steps carried out in processing a usage request, the term requester is used to refer to a repository in the requester mode which is initiating a request, and the term server is used to refer to a repository in the server mode and which contains the desired digital work. In many cases such as requests to print or view a work, the requester and server may be the same device and the transactions described in the following would be entirely internal. In such instances, certain transaction steps, such as the registration transaction, need not be performed.

[00187] There are some common steps that are part of the semantics of all of the usage rights transactions. These steps are referred to as the common transaction steps. There are two sets--the “opening” steps and the “closing” steps. For simplicity, these are listed here rather than repeating them in the descriptions of all of the usage rights transactions.

[00188] Transactions can refer to a part of a digital work, a complete digital work, or a Digital work containing other digital works. Although not described in detail herein, a transaction may even refer to a folder comprised of a plurality of digital works. The term “work” is used to refer to what ever portion or set of digital works is being accessed.

[00189] Many of the steps here involve determining if certain conditions are satisfied. Recall that each usage right may have one or more conditions which must be satisfied before the right can be exercised. Digital works have parts and parts have parts. Different parts can have different rights and fees. Thus, it is necessary to verify that the requirements are met for ALL of the parts that are involved in a transaction For brevity, when reference is made to checking whether the rights exist and conditions for exercising are satisfied, it is meant that all such checking takes place for each of the relevant parts of the work.

[00190] FIG. 18 illustrates the initial common opening and closing steps for a transaction. At this point it is assumed that registration has occurred and that a “trusted” session is in place. General tests are tests on usage rights associated with the folder containing the work or some containing folder higher in the file system hierarchy. These tests correspond to requirements imposed on the work as a consequence of its being on the particular repository, as opposed to being attached to the work itself. Referring to FIG. 18, prior to initiating a usage transaction, the requester performs any general tests that are required before the right associated with the transaction can be exercised, step, 1801. For example, install, uninstall and delete rights may be implemented to require that a requester have an authorization certificate before the right can be exercised. Another example is the requirement that a digital ticket be present and punched before a digital work may be copied to a requester. If any of the general tests fail, the transaction is not initiated, step, 1802. Assuming that such required tests are passed, upon receiving the usage request, the server generates a transaction identifier that is used in records or reports of the transaction, step 1803. The server then checks whether the digital work has been granted the right corresponding to the requested transaction, step 1804. If the digital work has not been granted the right corresponding to the request, the transaction terminates, step 1805. If the digital work has been granted the requested right, the server then determines if the various

conditions for exercising the right are satisfied. Time based conditions are examined, step 1806. These conditions are checked by examining the time specification for the version of the right. If any of the conditions are not satisfied, the transaction terminates per step 1805.

[00191] Assuming that the time based conditions are satisfied, the server checks security and access conditions, step 1807. Such security and access conditions are satisfied if: 1) the requester is at the specified security class, or a higher security class, 2) the server satisfies any specified authorization test and 3) the requester satisfies any specified authorization tests and has any required digital tickets. If any of the conditions are not satisfied, the transaction terminates per step 1805.

[00192] Assuming that the security and access conditions are all satisfied, the server checks the copy count condition, step 1808. If the copy count equals zero, then the transaction cannot be completed and the transaction terminates per step 1805.

[00193] Assuming that the copy count does not equal zero, the server checks if the copies in use for the requested right is greater than or equal to any copy count for the requested right (or relevant parts), step 1809. If the copies in use are greater than or equal to the copy count, this indicates that usage rights for the version of the transaction have been exhausted. Accordingly, the server terminates the transaction, step 1805. If the copy count is less than the copies in use for the transaction the transaction can continue, and the copies in use would be incremented by the number of digital works requested in the transaction, step 1810.

[00194] The server then checks if the digital work has a “Loan” access right, step 1811. The “Loan” access right is a special case since remaining rights may be present even though all copies are loaned out. If the digital work has the “Loan” access right, a check is made to see if all copies have been loaned out, step 1812. The number of copies that could be loaned is the sum of the Copy-Counts for all of the versions of the loan right of the digital work. For a composite work, the relevant figure is the minimal such sum of each of the components of the composite work. If all copies have been loaned out, the remaining rights are determined, step 1813. The remaining-rights are determined from the remaining rights specifications from the versions of the Loan right. If there is only one version of the Loan right, then the determination is simple. The remaining rights are the ones specified in that version of the Loan right, or none if Remaining-Rights: is not specified. If there are multiple versions of the Loan right and all copies of all of the versions are loaned out, then the

remaining rights is taken as the minimum set (intersection) of remaining rights across all of the versions of the loan right. The server then determines if the requested right is in the set of remaining rights, step 1814. If the requested right is not in the set of remaining rights, the server terminates the transaction, step 1805.

[00195] If Loan is not a usage right for the digital work or if all copies have not been loaned out or the requested right is in the set of remaining rights, fee conditions for the right are then checked, step 1815. This will initiate various financial transactions between the repository and associated credit server. Further, any metering of usage of a digital work will commence. If any financial transaction fails, the transaction terminates per step 1805.

[00196] It should be noted that the order in which the conditions are checked need not follow the order of steps 1806-1815.

[00197] At this point, right specific steps are now performed and are represented here as step 1816. The right specific steps are described in greater detail below.

[00198] The common closing transaction steps are now performed. Each of the closing transaction steps are performed by the server after a successful completion of a transaction. Referring back to FIG. 18, the copies in use value for the requested right is decremented by the number of copies involved in the transaction, step 1817. Next, if the right had a metered usage fee specification, the server subtracts the elapsed time from the Remaining-Use-Time associated with the right for every part involved in the transaction, step 1818. Finally, if there are fee specifications associated with the right, the server initiates End-Charge financial transaction to confirm billing, step 1819.

Transmission Protocol

[00199] An important area to consider is the transmission of the digital work from the server to the requester. The transmission protocol described herein refers to events occurring after a valid session has been created. The transmission protocol must handle the case of disruption in the communications between the repositories. It is assumed that interference such as injecting noise on the communication channel can be detected by the integrity checks (e.g., parity, checksum, etc.) that are built into the transport protocol and are not discussed in detail herein.

[00200] The underlying goal in the transmission protocol is to preclude certain failure modes, such as malicious or accidental interference on the communications channel. Suppose, for example, that a user pulls a card with the credit server at a specific time near the

end of a transaction. There should not be a vulnerable time at which “pulling the card” causes the repositories to fail to correctly account for the number of copies of the work that have been created. Restated, there should be no time at which a party can break a connection as a means to avoid payment after using a digital work.

[00201] If a transaction is interrupted (and fails), both repositories restore the digital works and accounts to their state prior to the failure, modulo records of the failure itself.

[00202] FIG. 19 is a state diagram showing steps in the process of transmitting information during a transaction. Each box represents a state of a repository in either the server mode (above the central dotted line 1901) or in the requester mode (below the dotted line 1901). Solid arrows stand for transitions between states. Dashed arrows stand for message communications between the repositories. A dashed message arrow pointing to a solid transition arrow is interpreted as meaning that the transition takes place when the message is received. Unlabeled transition arrows take place unconditionally. Other labels on state transition arrows describe conditions that trigger the transition.

[00203] Referring now to FIG. 19, the server is initially in a state 1902 where a new transaction is initiated via start message 1903. This message includes transaction information including a transaction identifier and a count of the blocks of data to be transferred. The requester, initially in a wait state 1904 then enters a data wait state 1905.

[00204] The server enters a data transmit state 1906 and transmits a block of data 1907 and then enters a wait for acknowledgement state 1908. As the data is received, the requesters enters a data receive state 1909 and when the data blocks is completely received it enters an acknowledgement state 1910 and transmits an Acknowledgement message 1911 to the server.

[00205] If there are more blocks to send, the server waits until receiving an Acknowledgement message from the requester. When an Acknowledgement message is received it sends the next block to the requester and again waits for acknowledgement. The requester also repeats the same cycle of states.

[00206] If the server detects a communications failure before sending the last block, it enters a cancellation state 1912 wherein the transaction is cancelled. Similarly, if the requester detects a communications failure before receiving the last block it enters a cancellation state 1913.

[00207] If there are no more blocks to send, the server commits to the transaction and waits for the final Acknowledgement in state 1914. If there is a communications failure

before the server receives the final Acknowledgement message, it still commits to the transaction but includes a report about the event to its credit server in state 1915. This report serves two purposes. It will help legitimize any claims by a user of having been billed for receiving digital works that were not completely received. Also it helps to identify repositories and communications lines that have suspicious patterns of use and interruption. The server then enters its completion state

[00208] On the requester side, when there are no more blocks to receive, the requester commits to the transaction in state 1917. If the requester detects a communications failure at this state, it reports the failure to its credit server in state 1918, but still commits to the transaction. When it has committed, it sends an acknowledgement message to the server. The server then enters its completion state 1919.

[00209] The key property is that both the server and the requester cancel a transaction if it is interrupted before all of the data blocks are delivered, and commits to it if all of the data blocks have been delivered.

[00210] There is a possibility that the server will have sent all of the data blocks (and committed) but the requester will not have received all of them and will cancel the transaction. In this case, both repositories will presumably detect a communications failure and report it to their credit server. This case will probably be rare since it depends on very precise timing of the communications failure. The only consequence will be that the user at the requester repository may want to request a refund from the credit services--and the case for that refund will be documented by reports by both repositories.

[00211] To prevent loss of data, the server should not delete any transferred digital work until receiving the final acknowledgement from the requester. But it also should not use the file. A well known way to deal with this situation is called "two-phase commit" or 2PC.

[00212] Two-phase commit works as follows. The first phase works the same as the method described above. The server sends all of the data to the requester. Both repositories mark the transaction (and appropriate files) as uncommitted. The server sends a ready-to-commit message to the requester. The requester sends back an acknowledgement. The server then commits and sends the requester a commit message. When the requester receives the commit message, it commits the file.

[00213] If there is a communication failure or other crash, the requester must check back with the server to determine the status of the transaction. The server has the last word on

this. The requester may have received all of the data, but if it did not get the final message, it has not committed. The server can go ahead and delete files (except for transaction records) once it commits, since the files are known to have been fully transmitted before starting the 2PC cycle.

[00214] There are variations known in the art which can be used to achieve the same effect. For example, the server could use an additional level of encryption when transmitting a work to a client. Only after the client sends a message acknowledging receipt does it send the key. The client then agrees to pay for the digital work. The point of this variation is that it provides a clear audit trail that the client received the work. For trusted systems, however, this variation adds a level of encryption for no real gain in accountability.

[00215] The transactions for specific usage rights are now discussed.

The Copy Transaction

[00216] A Copy transaction is a request to make one or more independent copies of the work with the same or lesser usage rights. Copy differs from the extraction right discussed later in that it refers to entire digital works or entire folders containing digital works. A copy operation cannot be used to remove a portion of a digital work.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate the Copy Transaction. This message indicates the work to be copied, the version of the copy right to be used for the transaction, the destination address information (location in a folder) for placing the work, the file data for the work (including its size), and the number of copies requested.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.

- The server transmits the requested contents and data to the client according to the transmission protocol. If a Next-Set-Of-Rights has been provided in the version of the right, those rights are transmitted as the rights for the work. Otherwise, the rights of the original are transmitted. In any event, the Copy-Count field for the copy of the digital work being sent right is set to the number-of-copies requested.

- The requester records the work contents, data, and usage rights and stores the work. It records the date and time that the copy was made in the properties of the digital work.

- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Transfer Transaction

[00217] A Transfer transaction is a request to move copies of the work with the same or lesser usage rights to another repository. In contrast with a copy transaction, this results in removing the work copies from the server.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate the Transfer Transaction. This message indicates the work to be transferred, the version of the transfer right to be used in the transaction, the destination address information for placing the work, the file data for the work, and the number of copies involved.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.

- The server transmits the requested contents and data to the requester according to the transmission protocol. If a Next-Set-Of-Rights has been provided, those rights are transmitted as the rights for the work. Otherwise, the rights of the original are transmitted. In either case, the Copy-Count field for the transmitted rights is set to the number-of-copies requested.

- The requester records the work contents, data, and usage rights and stores the work.

- The server decrements its copy count by the number of copies involved in the transaction.

- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

- If the number of copies remaining in the server is now zero, it erases the digital work from its memory.

The Loan Transaction

[00218] A loan transaction is a mechanism for loaning copies of a digital work. The maximum duration of the loan is determined by an internal parameter of the digital work. Works are automatically returned after a predetermined time period.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate the Transfer Transaction. This message indicates the work to be loaned, the version of the loan right to be used in the transaction, the destination address information for placing the work, the number of copies involved, the file data for the work, and the period of the loan.

- The server checks the validity of the requested loan period, and ends with an error if the period is not valid. Loans for a loaned copy cannot extend beyond the period of the original loan to the server.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.

- The server transmits the requested contents and data to the requester.

- If a Next-Set-Of-Rights has been provided, those rights are transmitted as the rights for the work. Otherwise, the rights of the original are transmitted, as modified to reflect the loan period.

- The requester records the digital work contents, data, usage rights, and loan period and stores the work.

- The server updates the usage rights information in the digital work to reflect the number of copies loaned out.

- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

- The server updates the usage rights data for the digital work. This may preclude use of the work until it is returned from the loan. The user on the requester platform can now use the transferred copies of the digital work. A user accessing the original repository cannot use the digital work, unless there are copies remaining. What happens next depends on the order of events in time.

[00219] Case 1. If the time of the loan period is not yet exhausted and the requester sends the repository a Return message.

- The return message includes the requester identification, and the transaction ID.

- The server decrements the copies-in-use field by the number of copies that were returned. (If the number of digital works returned is greater than the number actually borrowed, this is treated as an error.) This step may now make the work available at the server for other users.

- The requester deactivates its copies and removes the contents from its memory.

[00220] Case 2. If the time of the loan period is exhausted and the requester has not yet sent a Return message.

- The server decrements the copies-in-use field by the number digital works that were borrowed.

- The requester automatically deactivates its copies of the digital work. It terminates all current uses and erases the digital work copies from memory. One question is why a requester would ever return a work earlier than the period of the loan, since it would be returned automatically anyway. One reason for early return is that there may be a metered fee which determines the cost of the loan. Returning early may reduce that fee.

The Play Transaction

[00221] A play transaction is a request to use the contents of a work. Typically, to “play” a work is to send the digital work through some kind of transducer, such as a speaker

or a display device. The request implies the intention that the contents will not be communicated digitally to any other system. For example, they will not be sent to a printer, recorded on any digital medium, retained after the transaction or sent to another repository.

[00222] This term “play” is natural for examples like playing music, playing a movie, or playing a video game. The general form of play means that a “player” is used to use the digital work. However, the term play covers all media and kinds of recordings. Thus one would “play” a digital work, meaning, to render it for reading, or play a computer program, meaning to execute it. For a digital ticket the player would be a digital ticket agent.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate the play transaction. This message indicates the work to be played, the version of the play right to be used in the transaction, the identity of the player being used, and the file data for the work.

- The server checks the validity of the player identification and the compatibility of the player identification with the player specification in the right. It ends with an error if these are not satisfactory.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.

- The server and requester read and write the blocks of data as requested by the player according to the transmission protocol. The requester plays the work contents, using the player.

- When the player is finished, the player and the requester remove the contents from their memory.

- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Print Transaction

[00223] A Print transaction is a request to obtain the contents of a work for the purpose of rendering them on a “printer.” We use the term “printer” to include the common case of writing with ink on paper. However, the key aspect of “printing” in our use of the term is that it makes a copy of the digital work in a place outside of the protection of usage rights. As with all rights, this may require particular authorization certificates.

[00224] Once a digital work is printed, the publisher and user are bound by whatever copyright laws are in effect. However, printing moves the contents outside the control of repositories. For example, absent any other enforcement mechanisms, once a digital work is printed on paper, it can be copied on ordinary photocopying machines without intervention by a repository to collect usage fees. If the printer to a digital disk is permitted, then that digital copy is outside of the control of usage rights. Both the creator and the user know this,

although the creator does not necessarily give tacit consent to such copying, which may violate copyright laws.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate a Print transaction. This message indicates the work to be played, the identity of the printer being used, the file data for the work, and the number of copies in the request.

- The server checks the validity of the printer identification and the compatibility of the printer identification with the printer specification in the right. It ends with an error if these are not satisfactory.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.
- The server transmits blocks of data according to the transmission protocol.
- The requester prints the work contents, using the printer.
- When the printer is finished, the printer and the requester remove the contents from their memory.

- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Backup Transaction

[00225] A Backup transaction is a request to make a backup copy of a digital work, as a protection against media failure. In the context of repositories, secure backup copies differ from other copies in three ways: (1) they are made under the control of a Backup transaction rather than a Copy transaction, (2) they do not count as regular copies, and (3) they are not usable as regular copies. Generally, backup copies are encrypted.

[00226] Although backup copies may be transferred or copied, depending on their assigned rights, the only way to make them useful for playing, printing or embedding is to restore them.

[00227] The output of a Backup operation is both an encrypted data file that contains the contents and description of a work, and a restoration file with an encryption key for restoring the encrypted contents. In many cases, the encrypted data file would have rights for “printing” it to a disk outside of the protection system, relying just on its encryption for security. Such files could be stored anywhere that was physically safe and convenient. The restoration file would be held in the repository. This file is necessary for the restoration of a backup copy. It may have rights for transfer between repositories.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate a backup transaction. This message indicates the work to be backed up, the version of the backup right to be used in the

transaction, the destination address information for placing the backup copy, the file data for the work.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.
- The server transmits the requested contents and data to the requester. If a Next-Set-Of-Rights has been provided, those rights are transmitted as the rights for the work. Otherwise, a set of default rights for backup files of the original are transmitted by the server.
- The requester records the work contents, data, and usage rights. It then creates a one-time key and encrypts the contents file. It saves the key information in a restoration file.
- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

[00228] In some cases, it is convenient to be able to archive the large, encrypted contents file to secure offline storage, such as a magneto-optical storage system or magnetic tape. This creation of a non-repository archive file is as secure as the encryption process. Such non-repository archive storage is considered a form of “printing” and is controlled by a print right with a specified “archive-printer.” An archive-printer device is programmed to save the encrypted contents file (but not the description file) offline in such a way that it can be retrieved.

The Restore Transaction

[00229] A Restore transaction is a request to convert an encrypted backup copy of a digital work into a usable copy. A restore operation is intended to be used to compensate for catastrophic media failure. Like all usage rights, restoration rights can include fees and access tests including authorization checks.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate a Restore transaction. This message indicates the work to be restored, the version of the restore right for the transaction, the destination address information for placing the work, and the file data for the work.
- The server verifies that the contents file is available (i.e. a digital work corresponding to the request has been backed-up.) If it is not, it ends the transaction with an error.
- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.
- The server retrieves the key from the restoration file. It decrypts the work contents, data, and usage rights.
- The server transmits the requested contents and data to the requester according to the transmission protocol. If a Next-Set-Of-Rights has been provided, those rights are

transmitted as the rights for the work. Otherwise, a set of default rights for backup files of the original are transmitted by the server.

- The requester stores the digital work.
- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Delete Transaction

[00230] A Delete transaction deletes a digital work or a number of copies of a digital work from a repository. Practically all digital works would have delete rights.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate a delete transaction. This message indicates the work to be deleted, the version of the delete right for the transaction.
- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.
- The server deletes the file, erasing it from the file system.
- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Directory Transaction

[00231] A Directory transaction is a request for information about folders, digital works, and their parts. This amounts to roughly the same idea as protection codes in a conventional file system like TENEX, except that it is generalized to the full power of the access specifications of the usage rights language.

[00232] The Directory transaction has the important role of passing along descriptions of the rights and fees associated with a digital work. When a user wants to exercise a right, the user interface of his repository implicitly makes a directory request to determine the versions of the right that are available. Typically these are presented to the user--such as with different choices of billing for exercising a right. Thus, many directory transactions are invisible to the user and are exercised as part of the normal process of exercising all rights.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate a Directory transaction. This message indicates the file or folder that is the root of the directory request and the version of the directory right used for the transaction.

- The server verifies that the information is accessible to the requester.

In particular, it does not return the names of any files that have a HIDE-NAME status in their directory specifications, and it does not return the parts of any folders or files that have HIDE-PARTS in their specification. If the information is not accessible, the server ends the transaction with an error.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.

- The server sends the requested data to the requester according to the transmission protocol.
- The requester records the data.
- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Folder Transaction

[00233] A Folder transaction is a request to create or rename a folder, or to move a work between folders. Together with Directory rights, Folder rights control the degree to which organization of a repository can be accessed or modified from another repository.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate a Folder transaction. This message indicates the folder that is the root of the folder request, the version of the folder right for the transaction, an operation, and data. The operation can be one of create, rename, and move file. The data are the specifications required for the operation, such as a specification of a folder or digital work and a name.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.
- The server performs the requested operation--creating a folder, renaming a folder, or moving a work between folders.
- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Extract Transaction

[00234] A extract transaction is a request to copy a part of a digital work and to create a new work containing it. The extraction operation differs from copying in that it can be used to separate a part of a digital work from d-blocks or shells that place additional restrictions or fees on it. The extraction operation differs from the edit operation in that it does not change the contents of a work, only its embedding in d-blocks. Extraction creates a new digital work.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate an Extract transaction. This message indicates the part of the work to be extracted, the version of the extract right to be used in the transaction, the destination address information for placing the part as a new work, the file data for the work, and the number of copies involved.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.
- The server transmits the requested contents and data to the requester according to the transmission protocol. If a Next-Set-Of-Rights has been provided, those rights are transmitted as the rights for the new work. Otherwise, the rights of the original are transmitted. The Copy-Count field for this right is set to the number-of-copies requested.

- The requester records the contents, data, and usage rights and stores the work. It records the date and time that new work was made in the properties of the work.
- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Embed Transaction

[00235] An embed transaction is a request to make a digital work become a part of another digital work or to add a shell d-block to enable the adding of fees by a distributor of the work.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate an Embed transaction. This message indicates the work to be embedded, the version of the embed right to be used in the transaction, the destination address information for placing the part as a work, the file data for the work, and the number of copies involved.

- The server checks the control specifications for all of the rights in the part and the destination. If they are incompatible, the server ends the transaction with an error.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.

- The server transmits the requested contents and data to the requester according to the transmission protocol. If a Next-Set-Of-Rights has been provided, those rights are transmitted as the rights for the new work. Otherwise, the rights of the original are transmitted. The Copy-Count field for this right is set to the number-of-copies requested.

- The requester records the contents, data, and usage rights and embeds the work in the destination file.

- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Edit Transaction

[00236] An Edit transaction is a request to make a new digital work by copying, selecting and modifying portions of an existing digital work. This operation can actually change the contents of a digital work. The kinds of changes that are permitted depend on the process being used. Like the extraction operation, edit operates on portions of a digital work. In contrast with the extract operation, edit does not effect the rights or location of the work. It only changes the contents. The kinds of changes permitted are determined by the type specification of the processor specified in the rights. In the currently preferred embodiment, an edit transaction changes the work itself and does not make a new work. However, it would be a reasonable variation to cause a new copy of the work to be made.

- The requester sends the server a message to initiate an Edit transaction. This message indicates the work to be edited, the version of the edit right to be used in the

transaction, the file data for the work (including its size), the process-ID for the process, and the number of copies involved.

- The server checks the compatibility of the process-ID to be used by the requester against any process-ID specification in the right. If they are incompatible, it ends the transaction with an error.

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.

- The requester uses the process to change the contents of the digital work as desired. (For example, it can select and duplicate parts of it; combine it with other information; or compute functions based on the information. This can amount to editing text, music, or pictures or taking whatever other steps are useful in creating a derivative work.)

- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

[00237] The edit transaction is used to cover a wide range of kinds of works. The category describes a process that takes as its input any portion of a digital work and then modifies the input in some way. For example, for text, a process for editing the text would require edit rights. A process for “summarizing” or counting words in the text would also be considered editing. For a music file, processing could involve changing the pitch or tempo, or adding reverberations, or any other audio effect. For digital video works, anything which alters the image would require edit rights. Examples would be colorizing, scaling, extracting still photos, selecting and combining frames into story boards, sharpening with signal processing, and so on.

[00238] Some creators may want to protect the authenticity of their works by limiting the kinds of processes that can be performed on them. If there are no edit rights, then no processing is allowed at all. A processor identifier can be included to specify what kind of process is allowed. If no process identifier is specified, then arbitrary processors can be used. For an example of a specific process, a photographer may want to allow use of his photograph but may not want it to be colorized. A musician may want to allow extraction of portions of his work but not changing of the tonality.

Authorization Transactions

[00239] There are many ways that authorization transactions can be defined. In the following, our preferred way is to simply define them in terms of other transactions that we already need for repositories. Thus, it is convenient sometimes to speak of “authorization transactions,” but they are actually made up of other transactions that repositories already have.

[00240] A usage right can specify an authorization-ID, which identifies an authorization object (a digital work in a file of a standard format) that the repository must have and which it must process. The authorization is given to the generic authorization (or ticket) server of the repository which begins to interpret the authorization.

[00241] As described earlier, the authorization contains a server identifier, which may just be the generic authorization server or it may be another server. When a remote authorization server is required, it must contain a digital address. It may also contain a digital certificate.

[00242] If a remote authorization server is required, then the authorization process first performs the following steps:

- The generic authorization server attempts to set up the communications channel. (If the channel cannot be set up, then authorization fails with an error.)
- When the channel is set up, it performs a registration process with the remote repository. (If registration fails, then the authorization fails with an error.)
- When registration is complete, the generic authorization server invokes a “Play” transaction with the remote repository, supplying the authorization document as the digital work to be played, and the remote authorization server (a program) as the “player.” (If the player cannot be found or has some other error, then the authorization fails with an error.)
- The authorization server then “plays” the authorization. This involves decrypting it using either the public key of the master repository that issued the certificate or the session key from the repository that transmitted it. The authorization server then performs various tests. These tests vary according to the authorization server. They include such steps as checking issue and validity dates of the authorization and checking any hot-lists of known invalid authorizations. The authorization server may require carrying out any other transactions on the repository as well, such as checking directories, getting some person to supply a password, or playing some other digital work. It may also invoke some special process for checking information about locations or recent events. The “script” for such steps is contained within the authorization server.
- If all of the required steps are completed satisfactorily, the authorization server completes the transaction normally, signaling that authorization is granted.

The Install Transaction

[00243] An Install transaction is a request to install a digital work as runnable software on a repository. In a typical case, the requester repository is a rendering repository and the

software would be a new kind or new version of a player. Also in a typical case, the software would be copied to file system of the requester repository before it is installed.

- The requester sends the server an Install message. This message indicates the work to be installed, the version of the Install right being invoked, and the file data for the work (including its size).

- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.

- The requester extracts a copy of the digital certificate for the software. If the certificate cannot be found or the master repository for the certificate is not known to the requester, the transaction ends with an error.

- The requester decrypts the digital certificate using the public key of the master repository, recording the identity of the supplier and creator, a key for decrypting the software, the compatibility information, and a tamper-checking code. (This step certifies the software.)

- The requester decrypts the software using the key from the certificate and computes a check code on it using a 1-way hash function. If the check-code does not match the tamper-checking code from the certificate, the installation transaction ends with an error. (This step assures that the contents of the software, including the various scripts, have not been tampered with.)

- The requester retrieves the instructions in the compatibility-checking script and follows them. If the software is not compatible with the repository, the installation transaction ends with an error. (This step checks platform compatibility.)

- The requester retrieves the instructions in the installation script and follows them. If there is an error in this process (such as insufficient resources), then the transaction ends with an error. Note that the installation process puts the runnable software in a place in the repository where it is no longer accessible as a work for exercising any usage rights other than the execution of the software as part of repository operations in carrying out other transactions.

- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

The Uninstall Transaction

[00244] An Uninstall transaction is a request to remove software from a repository. Since uncontrolled or incorrect removal of software from a repository could compromise its behavioral integrity, this step is controlled.

- The requester sends the server an Uninstall message. This message indicates the work to be uninstalled, the version of the Uninstall right being invoked, and the file data for the work (including its size).
- The repositories perform the common opening transaction steps.
- The requester extracts a copy of the digital certificate for the software. If the certificate cannot be found or the master repository for the certificate is not known to the requester, the transaction ends with an error.
- The requester checks whether the software is installed. If the software is not installed, the transaction ends with an error.
- The requester decrypts the digital certificate using the public key of the master repository, recording the identity of the supplier and creator, a key for decrypting the software, the compatibility information, and a tamper-checking code. (This step authenticates the certification of the software, including the script for uninstalling it.)
- The requester decrypts the software using the key from the certificate and computes a check code on it using a 1-way hash function. If the check-code does not match the tamper-checking code from the certificate, the installation transaction ends with an error. (This step assures that the contents of the software, including the various scripts, have not been tampered with.)
- The requester retrieves the instructions in the uninstallation script and follows them. If there is an error in this process (such as insufficient resources), then the transaction ends with an error.
- The repositories perform the common closing transaction steps.

DISTRIBUTION AND USE SCENARIOS

[00245] To appreciate the robustness and flexibility of the present invention, various distribution and use scenarios for digital works are illustrated below. These scenarios are meant to be exemplary rather than exhaustive.

Consumers as Unpaid Distributors

[00246] In this scenario, a creator distributes copies of his works to various consumers. Each consumer is a potential distributor of the work. If the consumer copies the digital work (usually for a third party), a fee is collected and automatically paid to the creator.

[00247] This scenario is a new twist for digital works. It depends on the idea that “manufacturing” is just copying and is essentially free. It also assumes that the consumers as distributors do not require a fee for their time and effort in distributing the work.

[00248] This scenario is performed as follows:

[00249] A creator creates a digital work. He grants a Copy right with fees paid back to himself. If he does not grant an Embed right, then consumers cannot use the mechanism to act as distributors to cause fees to be paid to themselves on future copies. Of course, they could negotiate side deals or trades to transfer money on their own, outside of the system.

Paid Distributors

[00250] In another scenario, every time a copy of a digital work is sold a fee is paid to the creator and also to the immediate distributor.

[00251] This scenario does not give special status to any particular distributor. Anyone who sells a document has the right to add a fee to the sale price. The fee for sale could be established by the consumer. It could also be a fixed nominal amount that is contributed to the account of some charity.

[00252] This scenario is performed as follows:

[00253] A creator creates a digital work. He grants a Copy right with fees to be paid back to himself. He grants an Embed right, so that anyone can add shells to have fees paid to themselves.

[00254] A distributor embeds the work in a shell, with fees specified to be paid back to himself. If the distributor is content to receive fees only for copies that he sells himself, he grants an Extract right on the shell.

[00255] When a consumer buys a copy from the distributor, fees are paid both to the distributor and to the creator. If he chooses, the consumer can extract the work from the distributor's shell. He cannot extract it from the creator's shell. He can add his own shell with fees to be paid to himself.

Licensed Distribution

[00256] In this scenario, a creator wants to protect the reputation and value of his work by making certain requirements on its distributors. He issues licenses to distributors that satisfy the requirements, and in turn, promises to reward their efforts by assuring that the work will not be distributed over competing channels. The distributors incur expenses for selecting the digital work, explaining it to buyers, promoting its sale, and possibly for the license itself. The distributor obtains the right to enclose the digital work in a shell, whose

function is to permit the attachment of usage fees to be paid to the distributor in addition to the fees to be paid to the creator.

[00257] This differs from the previous scenario in that it precludes the typical copy owner from functioning as a distributor, since the consumer lacks a license to copy the document. Thus, a consumer cannot make copies, even for free. All copies must come initially from authorized distributors. This version makes it possible to hold distributors accountable in some way for the sales and support of the work, by controlling the distribution of certificates that enable distributors to legitimately charge fees and copy owners to make copies. Since licenses are themselves digital works, the same mechanisms give the creators control over distributors by charging for licenses and putting time limits on their validity.

[00258] This scenario is performed as follows:

[00259] A creator purchases a digital distribution license that he will hand out to his distributors. He puts access requirements (such as a personal license) on the Copy and Transfer rights on the distribution license so that only he can copy or transfer it.

[00260] The creator also creates a digital work. He grants an Embed right and a Copy right, both of which require the distribution license to be exercised. He grants a Play right so that the work can be played by anyone. He may optionally add a Transfer or Loan right, so that end consumers can do some non-commercial exchange of the work among friends.

[00261] A distributor obtains the distribution license and a number of copies of the work. He makes copies for his customers, using his distribution license.

[00262] A customer buys and uses the work. He cannot make new copies because he lacks a distribution license.

Super Distributors

[00263] This is a variation on the previous scenarios. A distributor can sell to anyone and anyone can sell additional copies, resulting in fees being paid back to the creator. However, only licensed distributors can add fees to be paid to themselves.

[00264] This scenario gives distributors the right to add fees to cover their own advertising and promotional costs, without making them be the sole suppliers. Their customers can also make copies, thus broadening the channel without diminishing their revenues. This is because distributors collect fees from copies of any copies that they originally sold. Only distributors can add fees.

[00265] This scenario is performed similarly to the previous ones. There are two key differences. (1) The creator only grants Embed rights for people who have a Distribution license. This is done by putting a requirement for a distributor's license on the Embed right. Consequently, non-distributors cannot add their own fees. (2) The Distributor does not grant Extract rights, so that consumers cannot avoid paying fees to the Distributor if they make subsequent copies. Consequently, all subsequent copies result in fees paid to the Distributor and the Creator.

1-Level Distribution Fees

[00266] In this scenario, a distributor gets a fee for any copy he sells directly. However, if one of his customers sells further copies, he gets no further fee for those copies.

[00267] This scenario pays a distributor only for use of copies that he actually sold.

[00268] This scenario is performed similarly to the previous ones. The key feature is that the distributor creates a shell which specifies fees to be paid to him. He puts Extract rights on the shell. When a consumer buys the work, he can extract away the distributor's shell. Copies made after that will not require fees to be paid to the distributor.

Distribution Trees

[00269] In another scenario, distributors sell to other distributors and fees are collected at each level. Every copy sold by any distributor--even several d-blocks down in the chain--results in a fee being paid back to all of the previous distributors.

[00270] This scenario is like a chain letter or value chain. Every contributor or distributor along the way obtains fees, and is thereby encouraged to promote the sale of copies of the digital work.

[00271] This scenario is performed similarly to the previous ones. The key feature is that the distributor creates a shell which specifies fees to be paid to him. He does not grant Extract rights on the shell. Consequently, all future copies that are made will result in fees paid to him.

Weighted Distribution Trees

[00272] In this scenario, distributors make money according to a distribution tree. The fee that they make depends on various parameters, such as time since their sale or the number of subsequent distributors.

[00273] This is a generalized version of the Distribution Tree scenario, in that it tries to vary the fee to account for the significance of the role of the distributor.

[00274] This scenario is similar to the previous one. The difference is that the fee specification on the distributor's shell has provisions for changes in prices. For example, there could be a fee schedule so that copies made after the passage of time will require lower fees to be paid to the distributor. Alternatively, the distributor could employ a "best-price" billing option, using any algorithm he chooses to determine the fee up to the maximum specified in the shell.

Fees for Reuse

[00275] In this scenario, a first creator creates a work. It is distributed by a first distributor and purchased by a second creator. The second creator extracts a portion of the work and embeds in it a new work distributed by a second distributor. A consumer buys the new work from the second distributor. The first creator receives fees from every transaction; the first distributor receives fees only for his sale; the second creator and second distributor receive fees for the final sale.

[00276] This scenario shows how that flexible automatic arrangements can be set up to create automatic charging systems that mirror current practice. This scenario is analogous to when an author pays a fee to reuse a figure in some paper. In the most common case, a fee is paid to the creator or publisher, but not to the bookstore that sold the book.

[00277] The mechanisms for derived works are the same as those for distribution.

Limited Reuse

[00278] In this scenario, several first creators create works. A second creator makes a selection of these, publishing a collection made up of the parts together with some new interstitial material. (For example, the digital work could be a selection of music or a selection of readings.) The second creator wants to continue to allow some of the selected works to be extractable, but not the interstitial material.

[00279] This scenario deals with fine grained control of the rights and fees for reuse.

[00280] This scenario is performed as follows:

[00281] The first creators create their original works. If they grant extraction and embedding rights, then the second creator can include them in a larger collected work. The second creator creates the interstitial material. He does grant an Extract right on the

interstitial material. He grants Extract rights on a subset of the reused material. A consumer of the collection can only extract portions that have that right. Fees are automatically collected for all parts of the collection.

Commercial Libraries

[00282] Commercial libraries buy works with the right to loan. They limit the loan period and charge their own fees for use. This scenario deals with fees for loaning rather than fees for making copies. The fees are collected by the same automatic mechanisms.

[00283] The mechanisms are the same as previous scenarios except that the fees are associated with the Loan usage right rather than the Copy usage right.

Demo Versions

[00284] A creator believes that if people try his work that they will want to buy it or use it. Consumers of his work can copy the work for free, and play (or execute) a limited version of the work for free, and can play or use the full featured version for a fee. This scenario deals with fees for loaning rather than fees for making copies. The fees are collected by the same automatic mechanisms.

[00285] This scenario is performed as follows:

[00286] The creator creates a digital work and grants various rights and fees. The creator grants Copy and Embed rights without a fee, in order to ensure widespread distribution of the work. Another of the rights is a limited play right with little or no fee attached. For example, this right may be for playing only a portion of the work. The play right can have various restrictions on its use. It could have a ticket that limits the number of times it is used. It could have internal restrictions that limit its functionality. It could have time restrictions that invalidate the right after a period of time or a period of use. Different fees could be associated with other versions of the Play right.

Upgrading a Digital Work with a Vendor

[00287] A consumer buys a digital work together with an agreement that he can upgrade to a new version at a later date for a modest fee, much less than the usual purchase price. When the new version becomes available, he goes to a qualified vendor to make the transaction.

[00288] This scenario deals with a common situation in computer software. It shows how a purchase may include future “rights.” Two important features of the scenario are that

the transaction must take place at a qualified vendor, and that the transaction can be done only once per copy of the digital work purchased.

[00289] This scenario is performed as follows:

[00290] The creator creates a digital work, an upgrade ticket, and a distribution license. The upgrade ticket uses the a generic ticket agent that comes with repositories. As usual, the distribution license does not have Copy or Transfer rights. He distributes a bundled copies of the work and the ticket to his distributors as well as distribution licenses.

[00291] The distributor sells the old bundled work and ticket to customers.

[00292] The customer extracts the work and the ticket. He uses the work according to the agreements until the new version becomes available.

[00293] When the new work is ready, the creator gives it to distributors. The new work has a free right to copy from a distributor if a ticket is available.

[00294] The consumer goes to distributors and arranges to copy the work. The transaction offers the ticket. The distributor's repository punches the ticket and copies the new version to the consumer's repository.

[00295] The consumer can now use the new version of the work.

Distributed Upgrading of Digital Works

[00296] A consumer buys a digital work together with an agreement that he can upgrade to a new version at a later date for a modest fee, much less than the usual purchase price. When the new version becomes available, he goes to anyone who has the upgraded version and makes the transaction.

[00297] This scenario is like the previous one in that the transaction can only be done once per copy of the digital work purchased, but the transaction can be accomplished without the need to connect to a licensed vendor.

[00298] This scenario is similar to the previous one except that the Copy right on the new work does not require a distribution license. The consumer can upgrade from any repository having the new version. He cannot upgrade more than once because the ticket cannot work after it has been punched. If desired, the repository can record the upgrade transaction by posting a zero cost bill to alert the creator that the upgrade has taken place.

Limited Printing

[00299] A consumer buys a digital work and wants to make a few ephemeral copies. For example, he may want to print out a paper copy of part of a digital newspaper, or he may want to make a (first generation) analog cassette tape for playing in his car. He buys the digital work together with a ticket required for printing rights.

[00300] This scenario is like the common practice of people making cassette tapes to play in their car. If a publisher permits the making of cassette tapes, there is nothing to prevent a consumer from further copying the tapes. However, since the tapes are “analog copies,” there is a noticeable quality loss with subsequent generations. The new contribution of the present invention is the use of tickets in the access controls for the making of the analog copies.

[00301] This scenario is performed as follows:

[00302] The creator sells a work together with limited printing rights. The printing rights specify the kind of printer (e.g., a kind of cassette recorder or a kind of desktop paper printer) and also the kind of ticket required. The creator either bundles a limited number of tickets or sells them separately. If the tickets use the generic ticket agent, the consumer with the tickets can exercise the right at his convenience.

Demand Publishing

[00303] Professors in a business school want to put together course books of readings selected from scenario studies from various sources. The bookstore wants to be able to print the books from digital masters, without negotiating for and waiting for approval of printing of each of the scenarios. The copyright holders of the scenarios want to be sure that they are paid for every copy of their work that is printed.

[00304] On many college campuses, the hassle of obtaining copy clearances in a timely way has greatly reduced the viability of preparing course books. Print shops have become much more cautious about copying works in the absence of documented permission.

[00305] Demand Publishing is performed as follows: the creator sells a work together with printing rights for a fee. There can be rights to copy (distribute) the work between bookstore repositories, with or without fee. The printing rights specify the kind of printer. Whenever a bookstore prints one of the works (either standalone or embedded in a collection), the fee is credited to the creator automatically. To discourage unauthorized copying of the print outs, it would be possible for the printer to print tracer messages discretely on the pages identifying the printing transaction, the copy number, and any other

identifying information. The tracer information could be secretly embedded in the text itself (encoded in the grey scale) or hidden in some other way.

Metered Use and Multiple Price Packages

[00306] A consumer does not know what music to purchase until he decides whether he likes it. He would like to be able to take it home and listen to it, and then decide whether to purchase. Furthermore, he would like the flexibility of paying less if he listens to it very infrequently.

[00307] This scenario just uses the capability of the approach to have multiple versions of a right on a digital work. Each version of the right has its own billing scheme. In this scenario, the creator of the work can offer the Copy right without fee, and defer billing to the exercise of the Play right. One version of the play right would allow a limited performance without fee--a right to "demo". Another version of the right could have a metered rate, of say \$0.25 per hour of play. Another version could have a fee of \$15.00 for the first play, but no fee for further playing. When the consumer exercises a play right, he specifies which version of the right is being selected and is billed accordingly.

Fees for Font Usage

[00308] A designer of type fonts invests several months in the design of special fonts. The most common way of obtaining revenue for this work is to sell copies of the fonts to publishers for unlimited use over unlimited periods of time. A font designer would like to charge a rate that reflects the amount that the font is used.

[00309] This scenario is performed as follows: the font designer creates a font as a digital work. He creates versions of the Play right that bill either for metered use or "per-use". Each version of the play right would require that the player (a print layout program) be of an approved category. The font designer assigns appropriate fees to exercise the Copy right. When a publisher client wants to use a font, he includes it as input to a layout program, and is billed automatically for its use. In this way, a publisher who makes little use of a font pays less than one who uses it a lot.

Rational Database Usage Charges

[00310] Online information retrieval services typically charge for access in a way that most clients find unpredictable and uncorrelated to value or information use. The fee depends on which databases are open, dial-up connect time, how long the searches require, and which articles are printed out. There are no provisions for extracting articles or photographs, no

method for paying to reuse information in new works, no distinction between having the terminal sit idly versus actively searching for data, no distinction between reading articles on the screen and doing nothing, and higher rates per search when the centralized facility is busy and slow servicing other clients. Articles can not be offloaded to the client's machine for off-site search and printing. To offer such billing or the expanded services, the service company would need a secure way to account for and bill for how information is used.

[00311] This scenario is performed as follows:

[00312] The information service bundles its database as files in a repository. The information services company assigns different fees for different rights on the information files. For example, there could be a fee for copying a search database or a source file and a different fee for printing. These fees would be in addition to fees assigned by the original creator for the services. The fees for using information would be different for using them on the information service company's computers or the client's computers. This billing distinction would be controlled by having different versions of the rights, where the version for use on the service company's computer requires a digital certificate held locally. Fees for copying or printing files would be handled in the usual way, by assigning fees to exercising those rights. The distinction between searching and viewing information would be made by having different "players" for the different functions. This distinction would be maintained on the client's computers as well as the service computers. Articles could be extracted for reuse under the control of Extract and Embed rights. Thus, if a client extracts part of an article or photograph, and then sells copies of a new digital work incorporating it, fees could automatically be collected both by the information service and earlier creators and distributors of the digital work. In this way, the information retrieval service could both offer a wider selection of services and billing that more accurately reflects the client's use of the information.

Print Spooling with Rights

[00313] In the simplest scenario, when a user wants to print a digital document he issues a print command to the user interface. If the document has the appropriate rights and the conditions are satisfied, the user agrees to the fee and the document is printed. In other cases, the printer may be on a remote repository and it is convenient to spool the printing to a later time. This leads to several issues. The user requesting the printing wants to be sure that he is not billed for the printing until the document is actually printed. Restated, if he is billed at the time the print job is spooled but the job is canceled before printing is done, he does not

want to pay. Another issue is that when spooling is permitted, there are now two times at which rights, conditions and fees could be checked: the time at which a print job is spooled and the time at which a print is made. As with all usage rights, it is possible to have rights that expire and to have rights whose fee depends on various conditions. What is needed is a means to check rights and conditions at the time that printing is actually done.

[00314] This scenario is performed as follows: A printing repository is a repository with the usual repository characteristics plus the hardware and software to enable printing. Suppose that a user logs into a home repository and wants to spool print jobs for a digital work at a remote printing repository. The user interface for this could treat this as a request to “spool” prints. Underneath this “spooling” request, however, are standard rights and requests. To support such requests, the creator of the work provides a Copy right, which can be used to copy the work to a printing repository. In the default case, this Copy right would have no fees associated for making the copy. However, the Next-Set-Of-Rights for the copy would only include the Print rights, with the usual fees for each variation of printing. This version of the Copy right could be called the “print spooling” version of the Copy right. The user’s “spool request” is implemented as a Copy transaction to put a copy of the work on the printing repository, followed by Print transactions to create the prints of the work. In this way, the user is only billed for printing that is actually done. Furthermore, the rights, conditions and fees for printing the work are determined when the work is about to be printed.

[00315] Thus, a system for enforcing the usage rights of digital works is disclosed. While the embodiments disclosed herein are preferred, it will be appreciated from this teaching that various alternative, modifications, variations or improvements therein may be made by those skilled in the art, which are intended to be encompassed by the following claims.

APPENDIX A
GLOSSARY

AUTHORIZATION REPOSITORY:

[00316] A special type of repository which provides an authorization service. An authorization may be specified by a usage right. The authorization must be obtained before the right may be exercised.

BILLING CLEARINGHOUSE:

[00317] A financial institution or the like whose purpose is to reconcile billing information received from credit servers. The billing clearinghouse may generate bills to users or alternatively, credit and debit accounts involved in the commercial transactions.

BILLING TRANSACTIONS:

[00318] The protocol used by which a repository reports billing information to a credit server.

CLEARINGHOUSE TRANSACTIONS:

[00319] The protocol used between a credit server and a clearinghouse.

COMPOSITE DIGITAL WORK:

[00320] A digital work comprised of distinguishable parts. Each of the distinguishable parts is itself a digital work which has usage rights attached.

CONTENT:

[00321] The digital information (i.e. raw bits) representing a digital work.

COPY OWNER:

[00322] A term which refers to the party who owns a digital work stored in a repository. In the typical case, this party has purchased various rights to the document for printing, viewing, transferring, or other specific uses.

CREATOR:

[00323] A term which refers to a party who produces a digital work.

CREDIT SERVER:

[00324] A device which collects and reports billing information for a repository. In many implementations, this could be built as part of a repository. It requires a means for periodically communicating with a billing clearinghouse.

DESCRIPTION TREE:

[00325] A structure which describes the location of content and the usage rights and usage fees for a digital work. A description tree is comprised of description blocks. Each description block corresponds to a digital work or to an interest (typically a revenue bearing interest) in a digital work.

DIGITAL WORK (WORK):

[00326] Any encapsulated digital information. Such digital information may represent music, a magazine or book, or a multimedia composition. Usage rights and fees are attached to the digital work.

DISTRIBUTOR:

[00327] A term which refers to a party who legitimately obtains a copy of a digital work and offers it for sale.

IDENTIFICATION (DIGITAL) CERTIFICATE:

[00328] A signed digital message that attests to the identity of the possessor. Typically, digital certificates are encrypted in the private key of a well-known master repository.

MASTER REPOSITORY:

[00329] A special type of repository which issues identification certificates and distributes lists of repositories whose integrity have been compromised and which should be denied access to digital works (referred to as repository “hotlists”).

PUBLIC KEY ENCRYPTION:

[00330] An encryption technique used for secure transmission of messages on a communication channel. Key pairs are used for the encryption and decryption of messages. Typically one key is referred to as the public key and the other is the private key. The keys are inverses of each other from the perspective of encryption. Restated, a digital work that is encrypted by one key in the pair can be decrypted only by the other.

REGISTRATION TRANSACTIONS:

[00331] The protocol used between repositories to establish a trusted session.

RENDERING REPOSITORY:

[00332] A special type of repository which is typically coupled to a rendering system. The rendering repository will typically be embodied within the secure boundaries of a rendering system.

RENDERING SYSTEM:

[00333] The combination of a rendering repository and a rendering device. Examples of a rendering systems include printing systems, display systems, general purpose computer systems, video systems or audio systems.

REPOSITORY:

[00334] Conceptually a set of functional specifications defining core functionality in the support of usage rights. A repository is a trusted system in that it maintains physical, communications and behavioral integrity.

REQUESTER MODE:

[00335] A mode of a repository where it is requesting access to a digital work.

REVENUE OWNERS:

[00336] A term which refers to the parties that maintain an interest in collecting fees for document use or who stand to lose revenue if illegitimate copies of the digital work are made.

SERVER MODE:

[00337] A mode of a repository where it is processing an incoming request to access a digital work.

SHELL DESCRIPTION BLOCK:

[00338] A special type of description block designating an interest in a digital work, but which does not add content. This will typically be added by a distributor of a digital work to add their fees.

TRANSACTIONS:

[00339] A term used to refer to the protocols by which repositories communicate.

USAGE FEES:

[00340] A fee charged to a requester for access to a digital work. Usage fees are specified within the usage rights language.

USAGE RIGHTS:

[00341] A language for defining the manner in which a digital work may be used or distributed, as well as any conditions on which use or distribution is premised.

USAGE TRANSACTIONS:

[00342] A set of protocols by which repositories communicate in the exercise of a usage rights. Each usage right has it's own transaction steps.

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A computer-implemented method of rendering digital content by at least one recipient computing device in accordance with usage rights information, the method comprising:

receiving the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device from at least one sending computing device only if the at least one recipient computing device has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device;

receiving, by the at least one recipient computing device, a request to render the digital content;

determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the digital content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device; and

rendering the digital content, by the at least one recipient computing device, only if it is determined that the content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising denying the request and preventing rendering of the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device if it is determined that the digital content may not be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the usage rights information further includes a condition under which the content can be rendered, and the determining step further includes determining whether the condition is satisfied.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving the digital content comprises:

requesting an authorization object for the at least one recipient computing device to make the digital content available for use, the authorization object being required to receive the digital content and to use the digital content; and

receiving the authorization object if it is determined that the request for the authorization object should be granted.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving the digital content comprises:

generating a registration message, the registration message including an identification certificate of the recipient computing device and a random registration identifier, the identification certificate being certified by a master device;

exchanging messages including at least one session key with at least one provider computing device, the session key to be used in communications during a session; and
conducting a secure transaction using the session key, wherein the secure transaction includes receiving the digital content.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

receiving a message to test the authenticity of the at least one recipient computing device, the generated message including a nonce; and
processing the generated message to indicate authenticity.

7. A recipient apparatus for rendering digital content in accordance with usage rights information, the recipient apparatus comprising:

one or more processors; and
one or more memories operatively coupled to at least one of the one or more processors and having instructions stored thereon that, when executed by at least one of the one or more processors, cause at least one of the one or more processors to:
enable the receipt of the digital content by the recipient apparatus from at least one sending computing device only if the recipient apparatus has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device;
receive a request to render the digital content;
determine, based on the usage rights information, whether the digital content may be rendered by the recipient apparatus; and
render the digital content only if it is determined that the content may be rendered by the recipient apparatus.

8. The recipient apparatus of claim 7, further comprising denying the request and preventing rendering of the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device if it is determined that the digital content may not be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

9. The recipient apparatus of claim 7, wherein the usage rights information further includes a condition under which the content can be rendered, and the determining step further includes determining whether the condition is satisfied.

10. The recipient apparatus of claim 7, wherein enabling the receipt of the digital content comprises:

- requesting an authorization object for the recipient apparatus to make the digital content available for use, the authorization object being required to receive the digital content and to use the digital content; and

- receiving the authorization object if it is determined that the request for the authorization object should be granted.

11. The recipient apparatus of claim 7, wherein enabling the receipt of the digital content comprises:

- generating a registration message, the registration message including an identification certificate of the recipient apparatus and a random registration identifier, the identification certificate being certified by a master device;

- exchanging messages including at least one session key with at least one provider computing device, the session key to be used in communications during a session; and

- conducting a secure transaction using the session key, wherein the secure transaction includes receiving the digital content.

12. The recipient apparatus of claim 11, wherein at least one of the one or more memories has further instructions stored thereon that, when executed by at least one of the one or more processors, cause at least one of the one or more processors to:

- receive a message to test the authenticity of the recipient apparatus, the generated message including a nonce; and

- process the generated message to indicate authenticity.

13. At least one non-transitory computer-readable medium storing computer-readable instructions that, when executed by at least one recipient computing device, cause the at least one recipient computing device to:

- receive the digital content from at least one sending computing device only if the at least one recipient computing device has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device;

- receive a request to render the digital content;

- determine, based on the usage rights information, whether the digital content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device; and

render the digital content only if it is determined that the content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

14. The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 13, further storing computer-readable instructions that, when executed by at least one recipient computing device, cause the at least one recipient computing device to deny the request and prevent rendering of the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device if it is determined that the digital content may not be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

15. The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the usage rights information further includes a condition under which the content can be rendered, and the determining step further includes determining whether the condition is satisfied.

16. The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein receiving the digital content comprises:

requesting an authorization object for the at least one recipient computing device to make the digital content available for use, the authorization object being required to receive the digital content and to use the digital content; and

receiving the authorization object if it is determined that the request for the authorization object should be granted.

17. The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein receiving the digital content comprises:

generating a registration message, the registration message including an identification certificate of the recipient computing device and a random registration identifier, the identification certificate being certified by a master device;

exchanging messages including at least one session key with at least one provider computing device, the session key to be used in communications during a session; and

conducting a secure transaction using the session key, wherein the secure transaction includes receiving the digital content.

18. The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 17, further storing computer-readable instructions that, when executed by at least one recipient computing device, cause the at least one recipient computing device to:

 receive a message to test the authenticity of the at least one recipient computing device, the generated message including a nonce; and
 process the generated message to indicate authenticity.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods, apparatus, and media for rendering digital content by at least one recipient computing device in accordance with usage rights information. An exemplary method comprises receiving the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device from at least one sending computing device only if the at least one recipient computing device has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device, receiving, by the at least one recipient computing device, a request to render the digital content, determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the digital content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device, and rendering the digital content, by the at least one recipient computing device, only if it is determined that the content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

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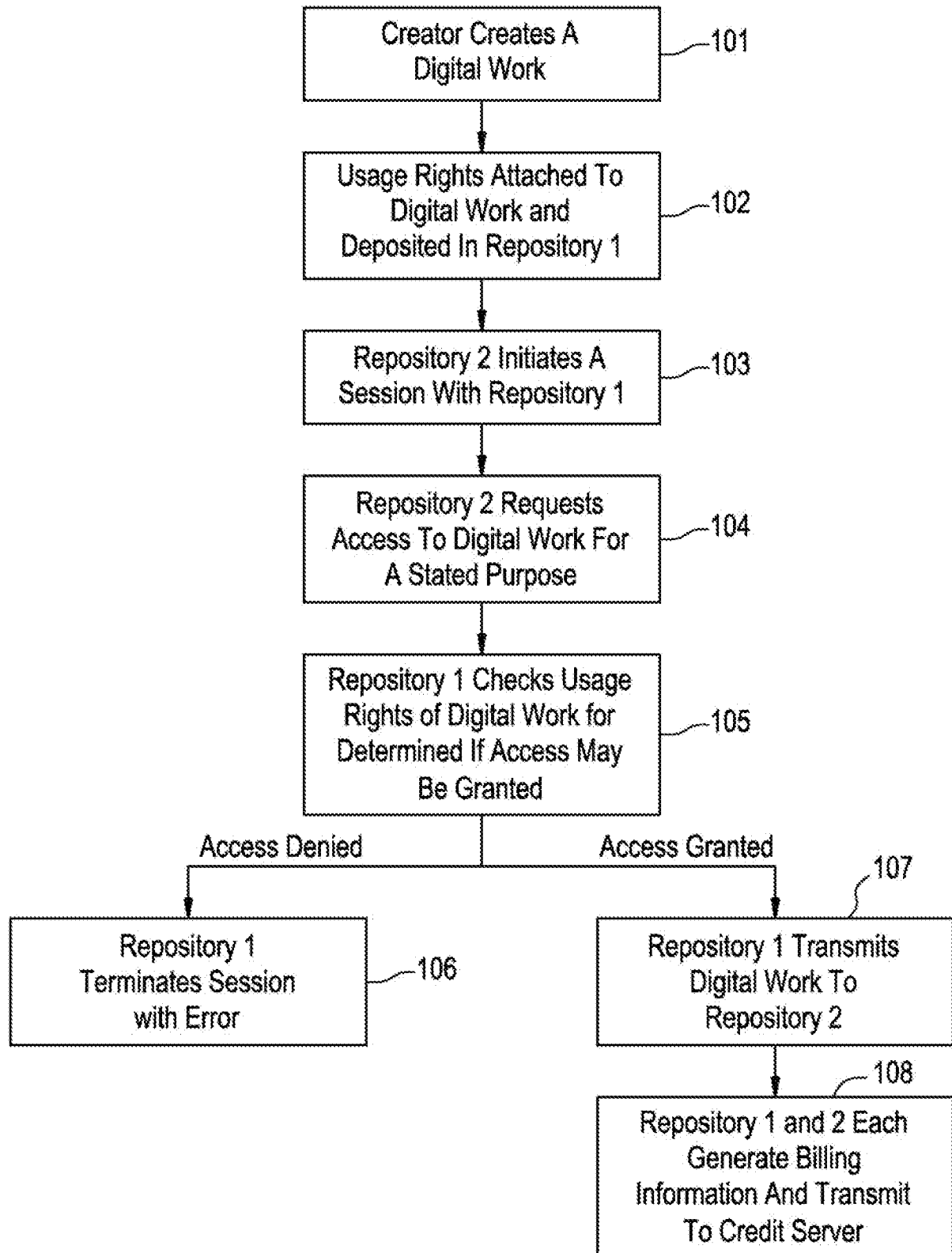
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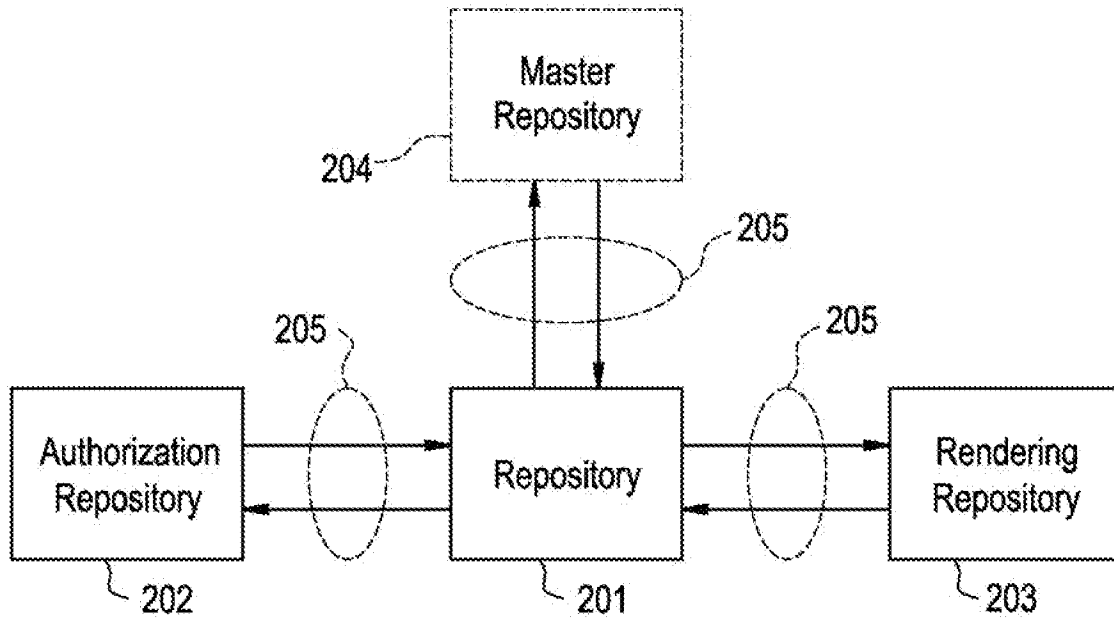


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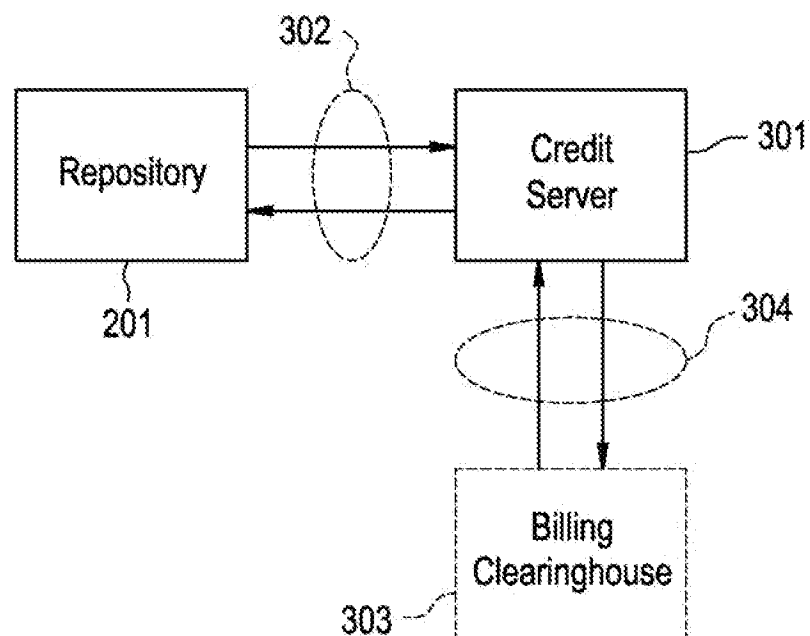


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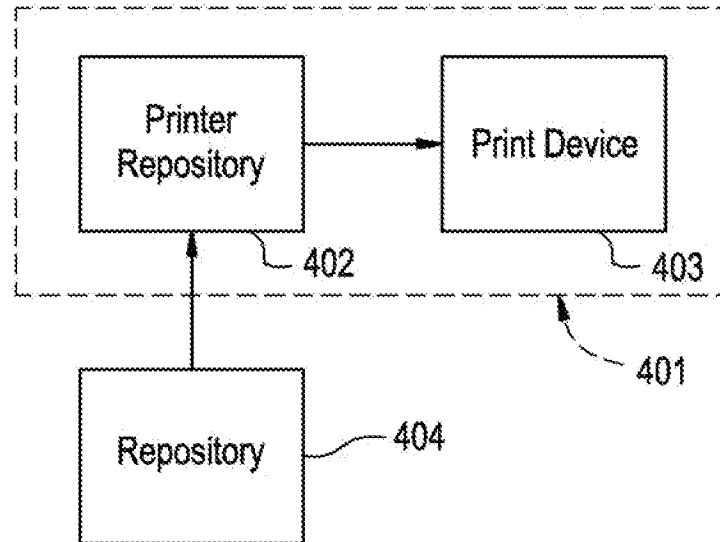


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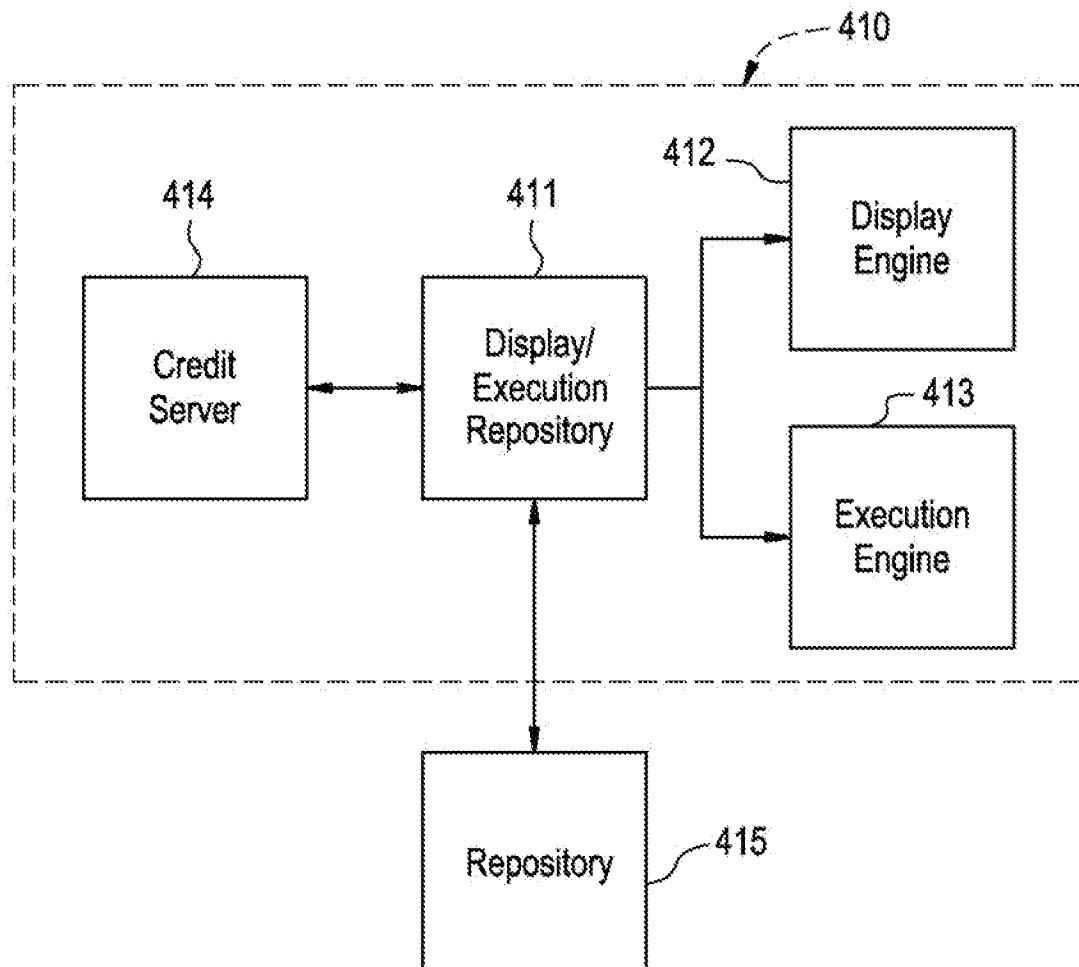


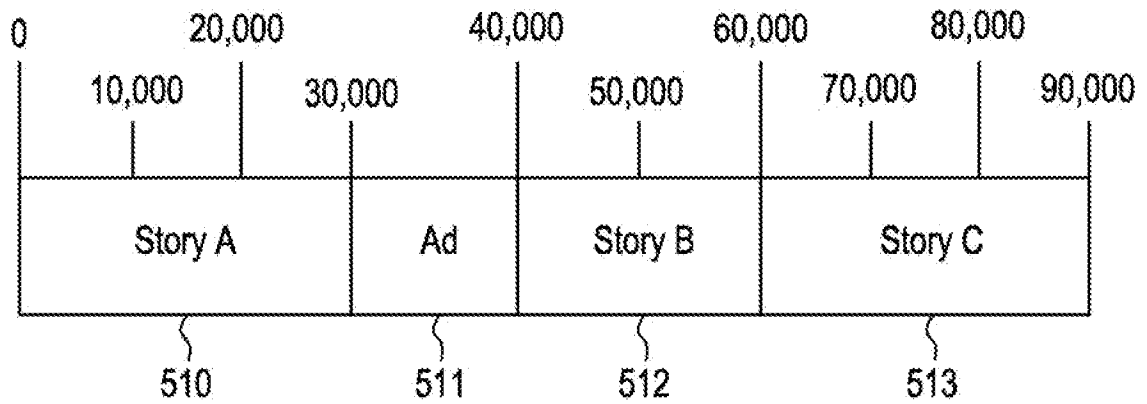
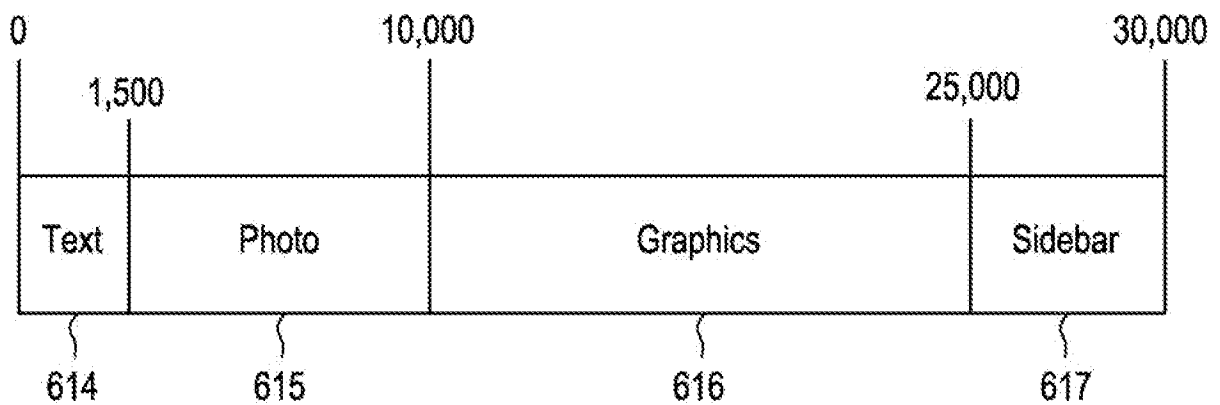
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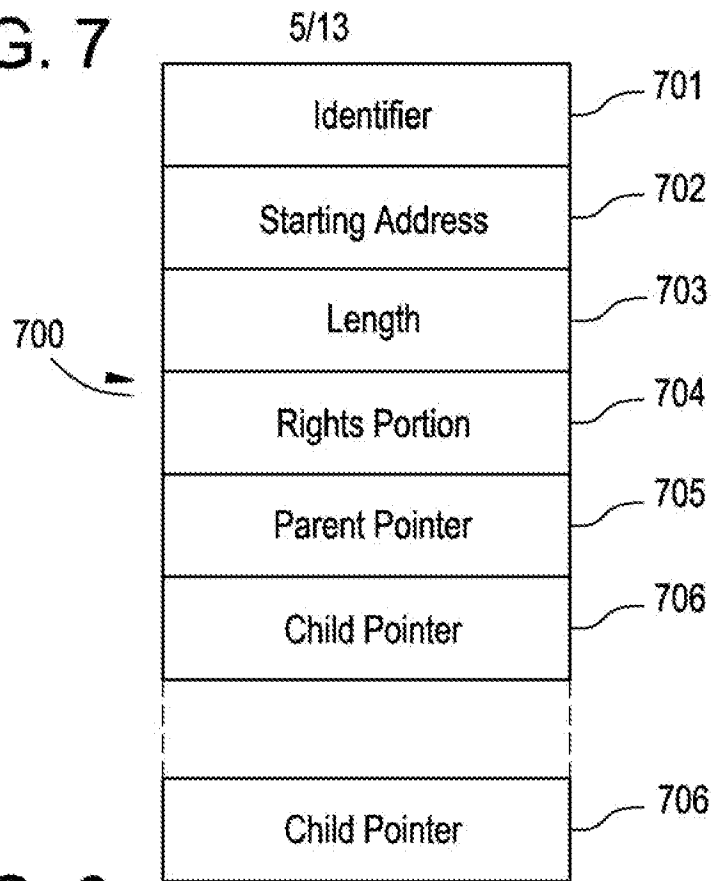


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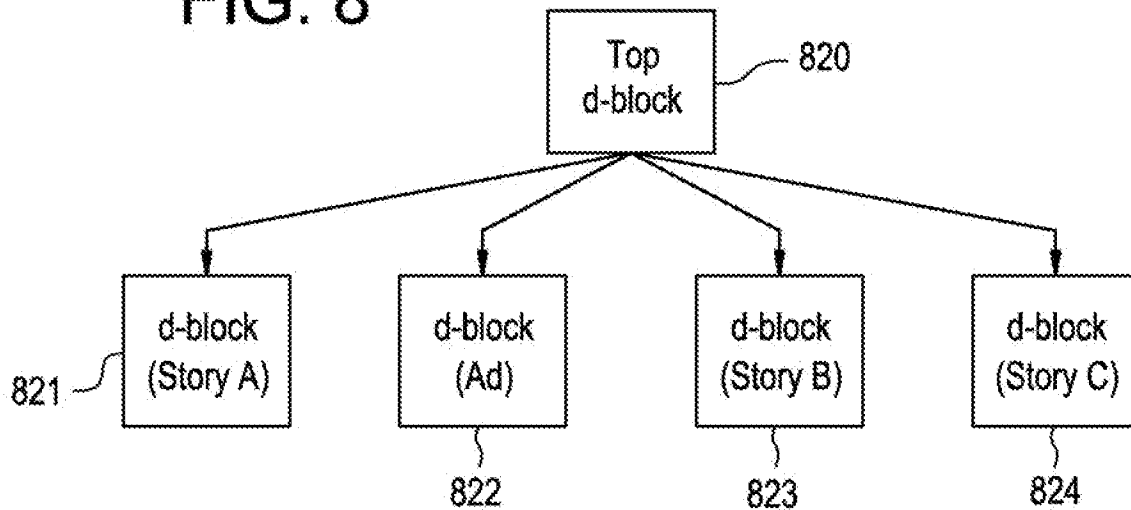


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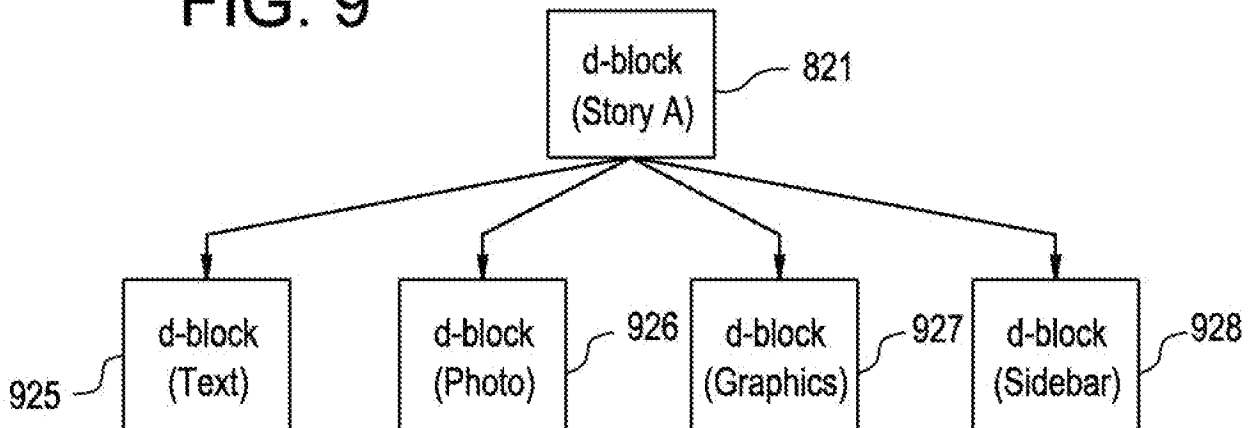


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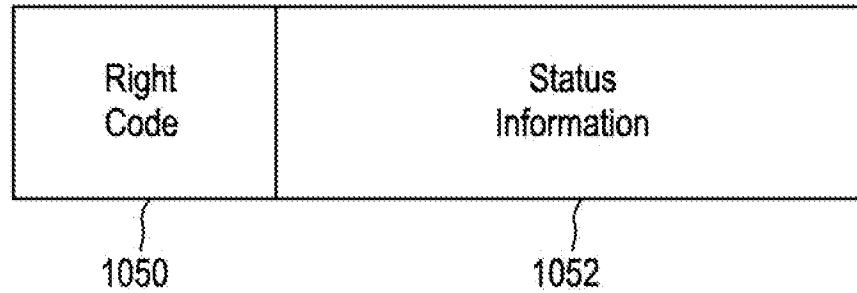


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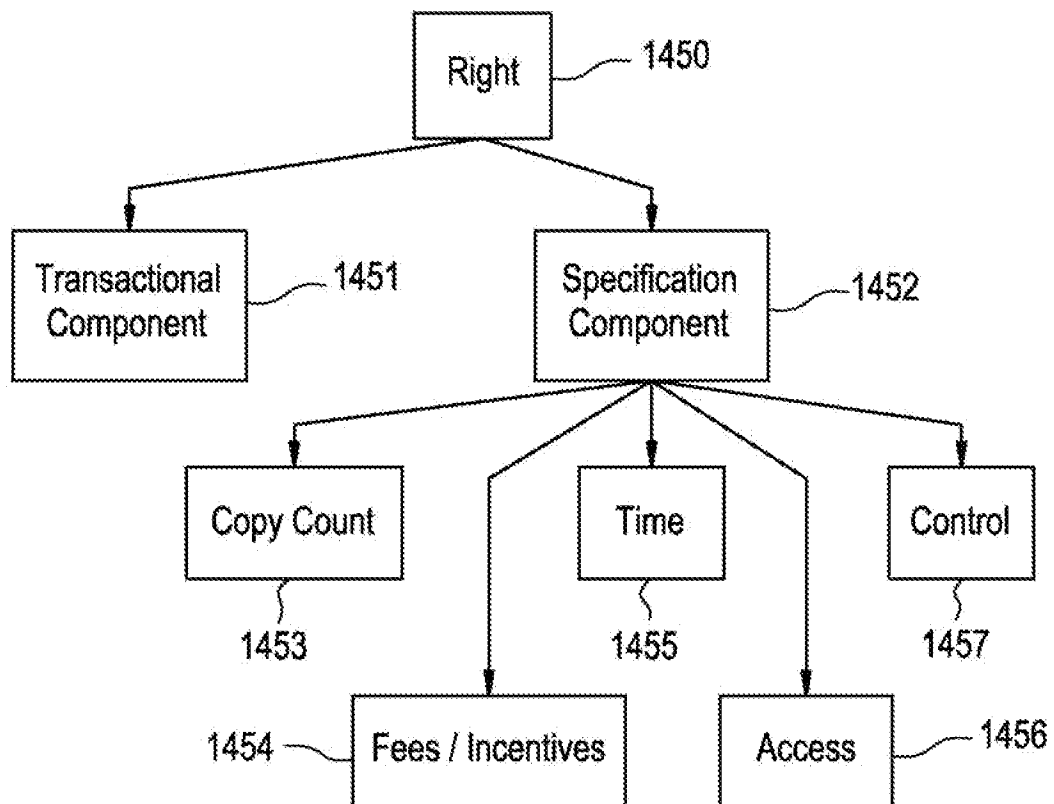


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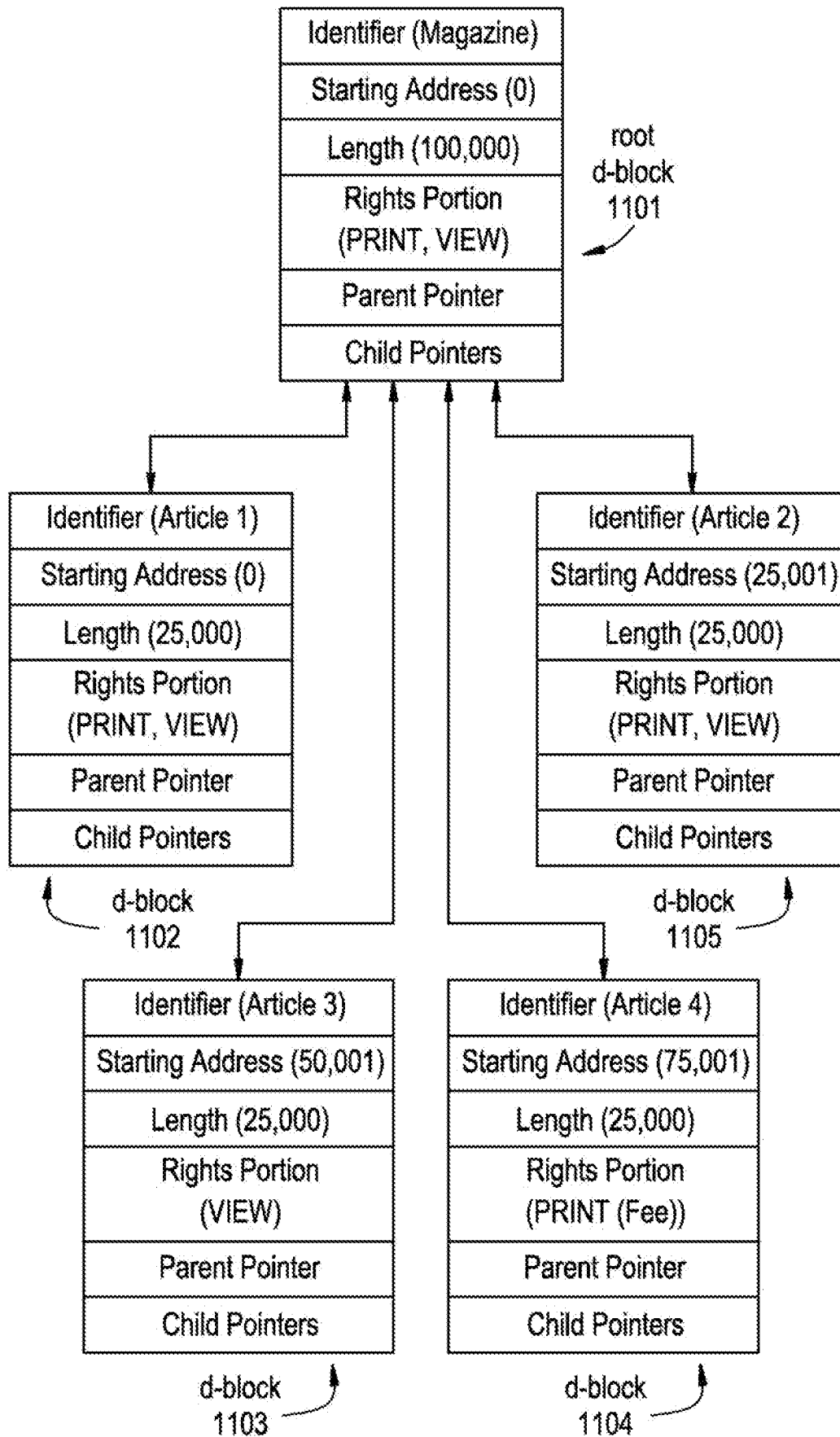


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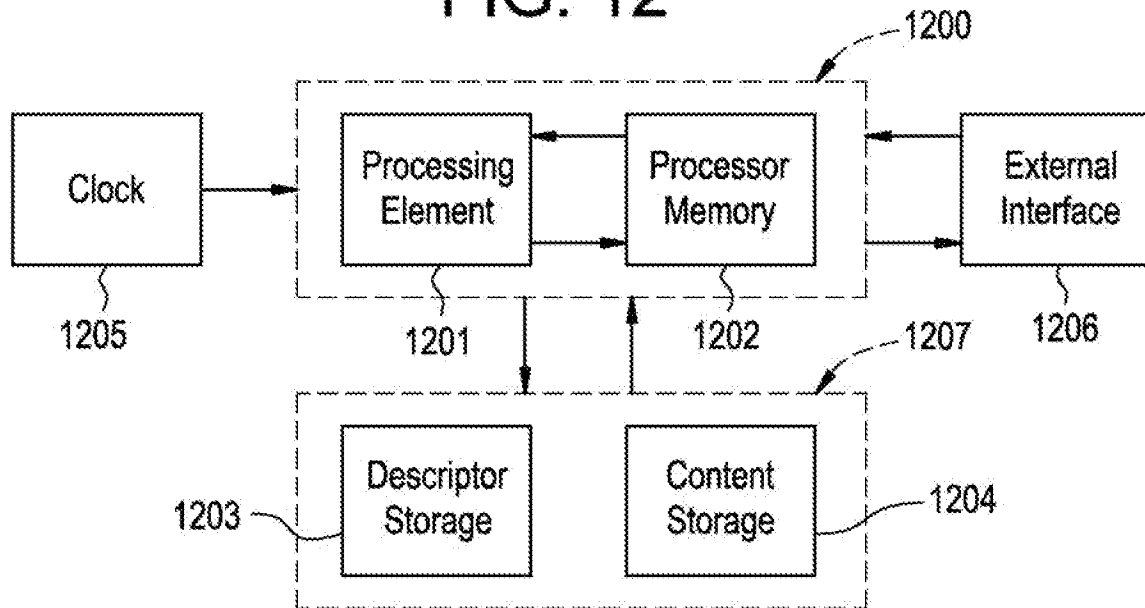


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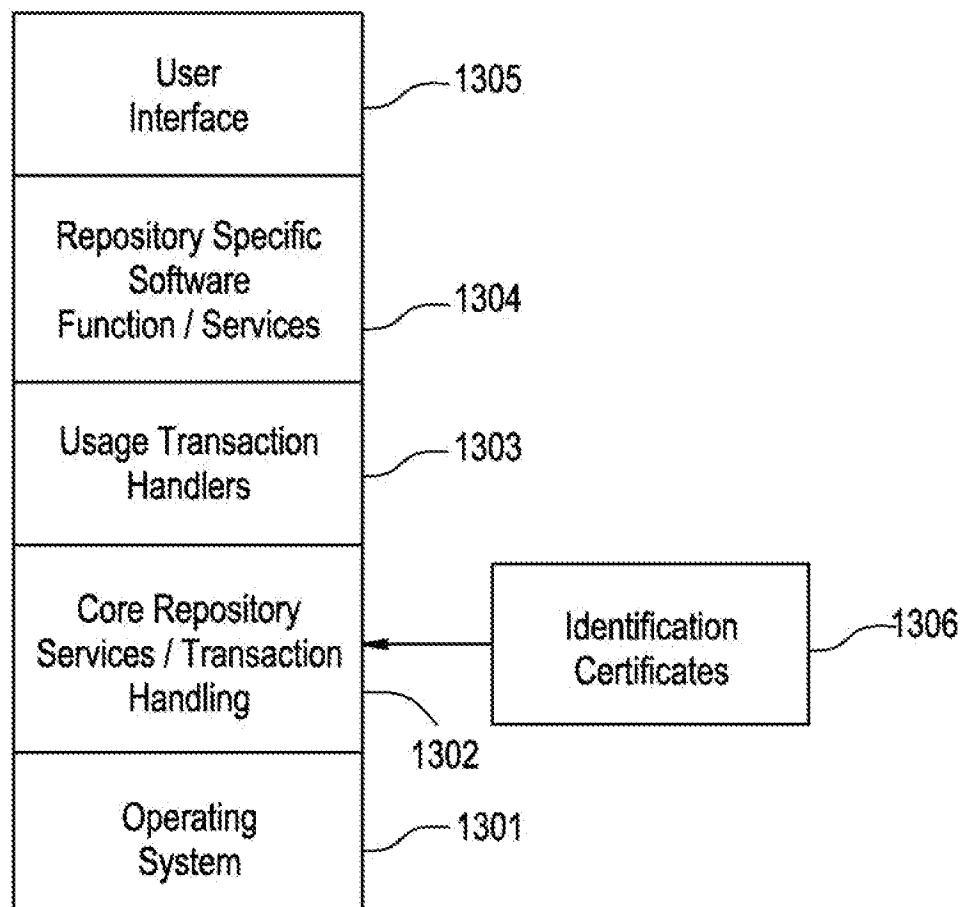


FIG. 15

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FIG. 16

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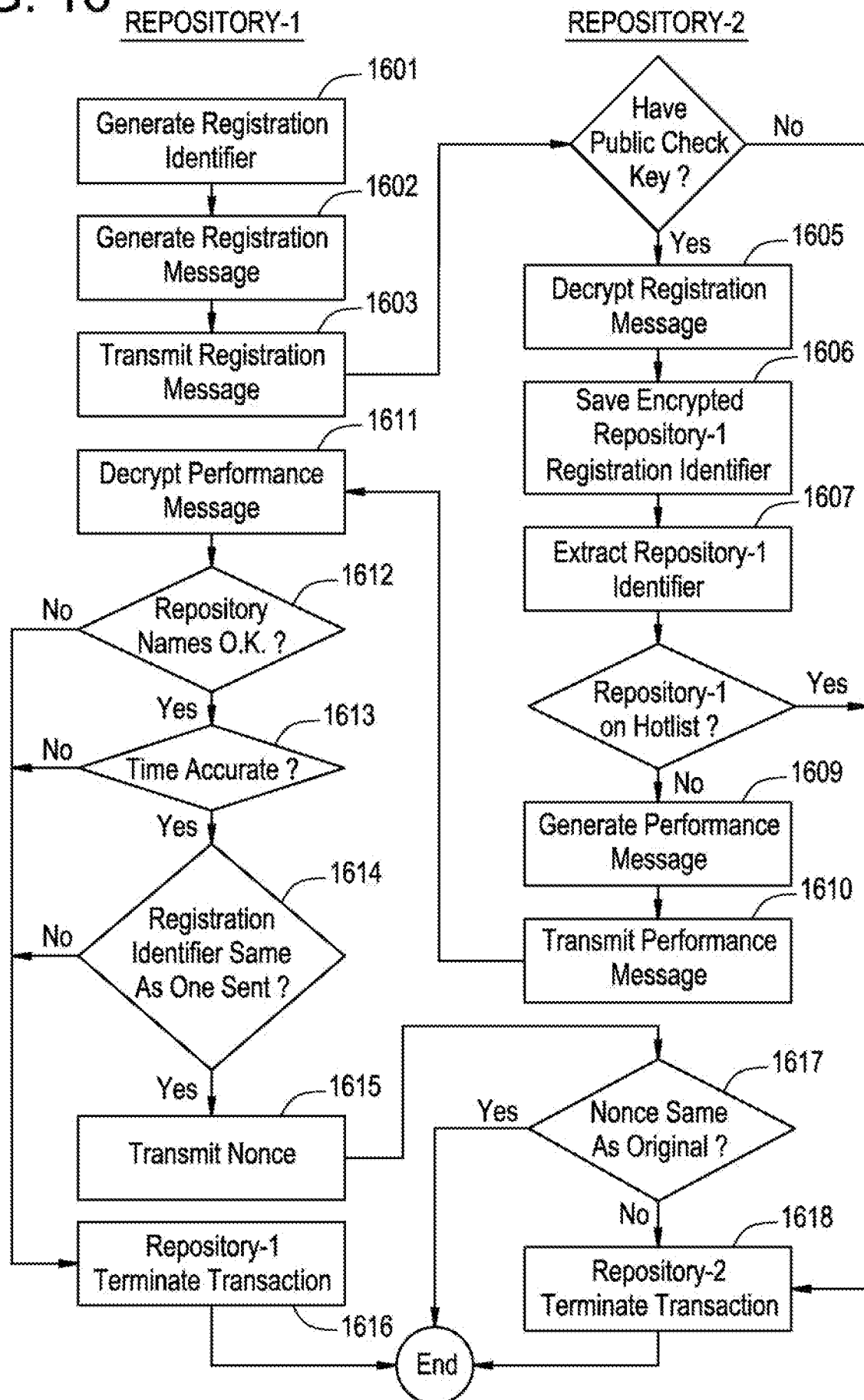


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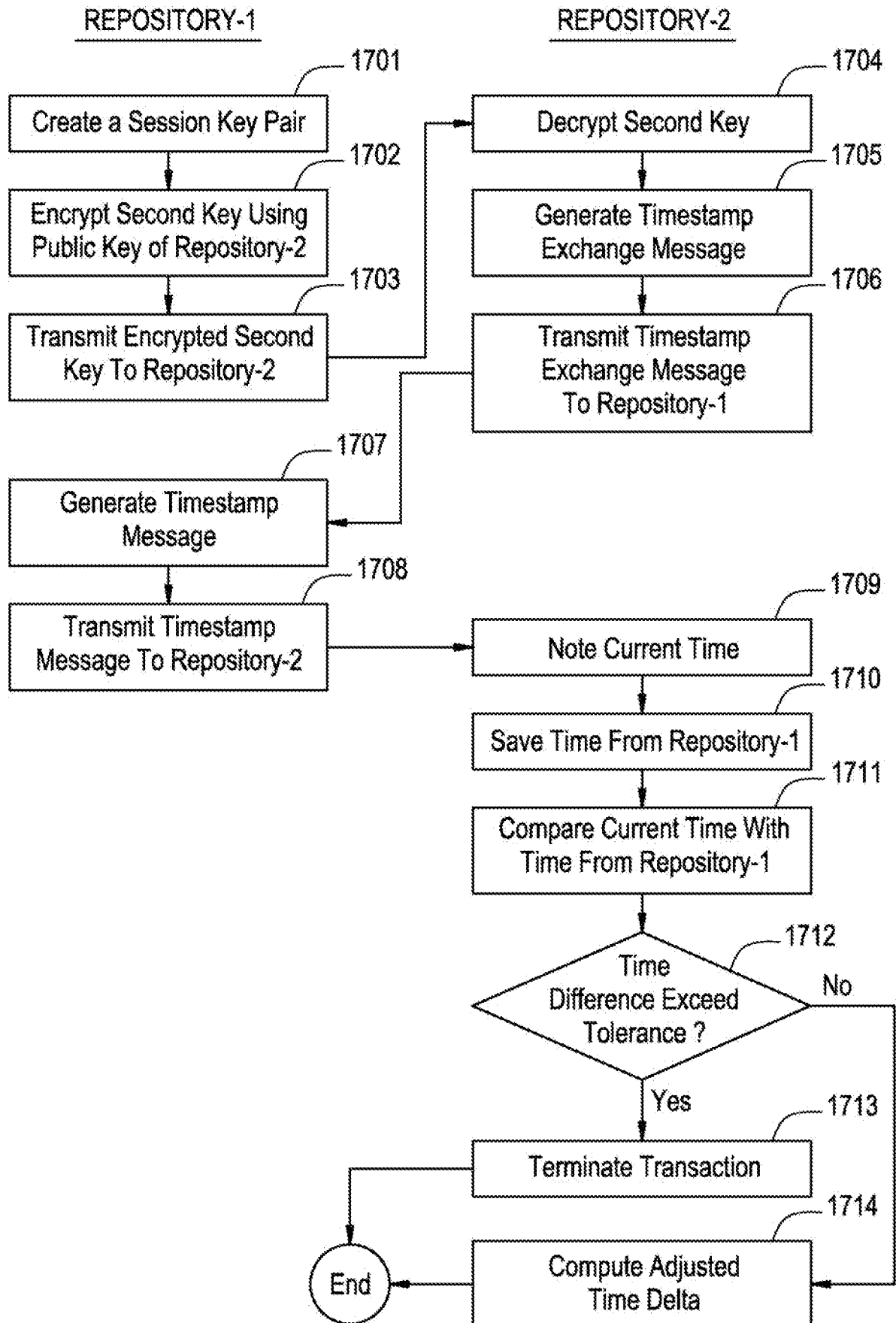


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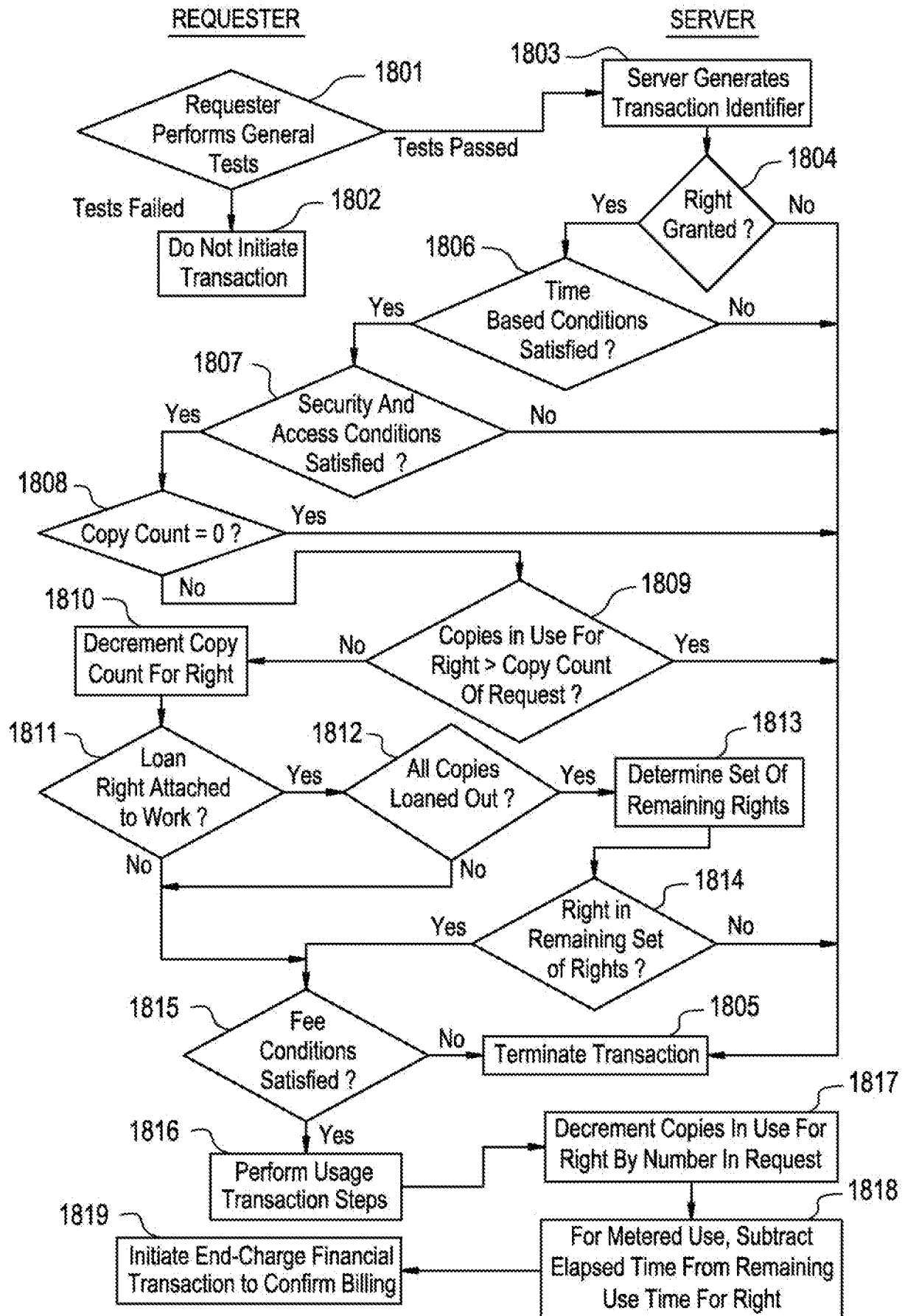
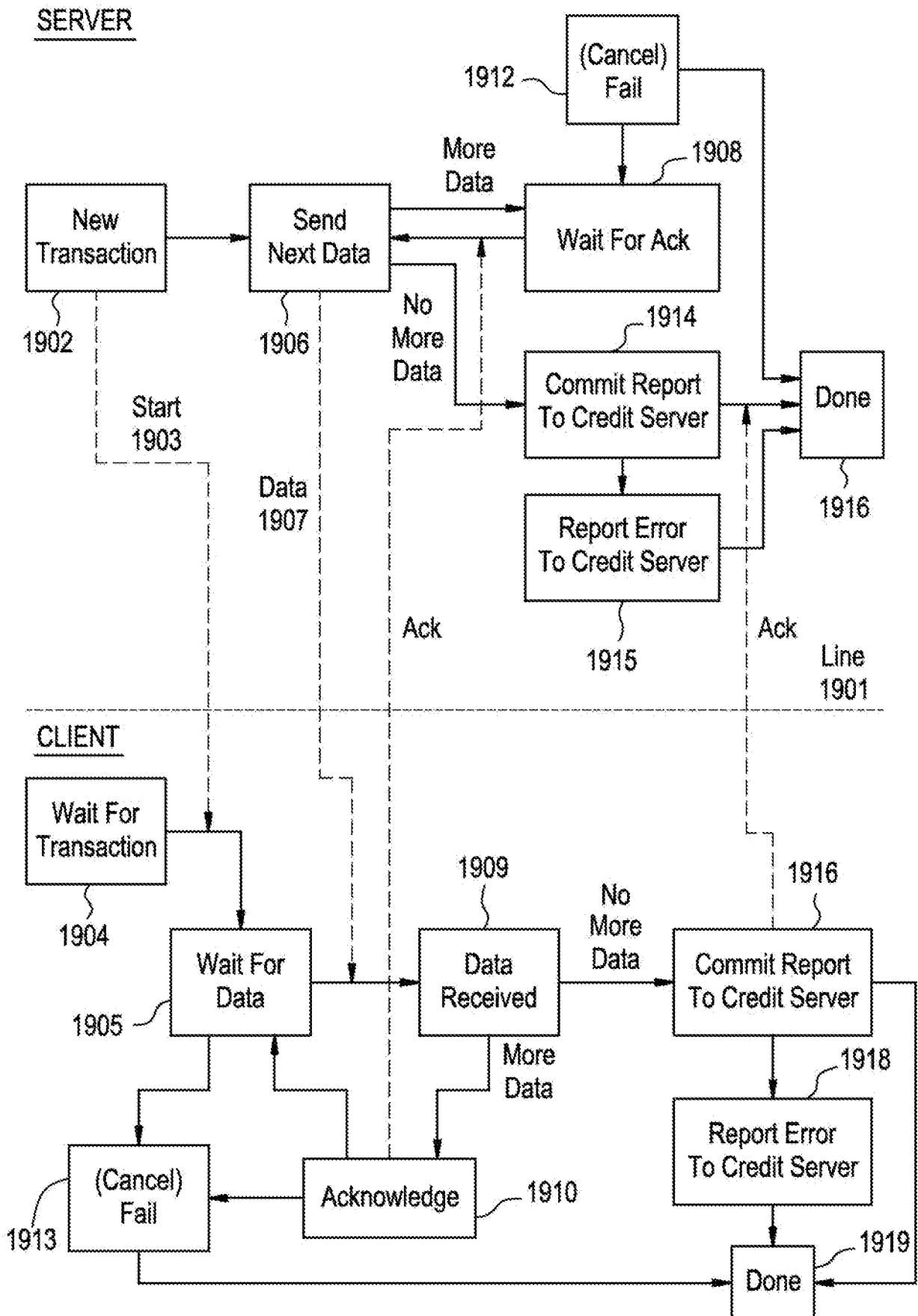


FIG. 19



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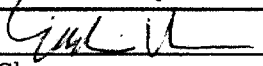
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Filed/Issue Date: August 13, 2012

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- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
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Claims 1-41 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

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As per claims 1-41, based on Supreme Court precedent (Diamond v. Diehr, 450 U.S. 175, 184 (1981); Parker v. Flook, 437 U.S. 584, 588 n.9 (1978); Gottschalk v. Benson, 409 U.S. 63, 70 (1972); Cochrane v. Deener, 94 U.S. 780, 787-88 (1876).) and recent Federal Circuit decisions, the Office's guidance is that a 101 process must (1) be tied to another statutory class (such as a particular apparatus) or (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or materials) to a different state or thing. (The Supreme Court recognizes that this test is not necessarily fixed or permanent and may evolve with technological advances. Gottschalk v. Benson, 409 U.S. 63, 71 (1972)). If neither of these requirements is met by the claim, the method is not a patent eligible process under 101.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As per claims 1 and 22, the phrases "means for

creating usage rights from a grammar", "said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more symbols from a first set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the manner use, said means for creating comprises means for selecting symbols from a second set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the conditions" are unclear. How is this creation being carried out? It is unclear how the usage rights are specifically being carried out? Further, the phrase "wherein the usage rights also specify one or more conditions which must be satisfied before the manner of use is exercised" is unclear. What are the specific one or more conditions, and the specific manner of use?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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Claims 1 - 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pinard et al., USP 5,638,494, and further in view of Rhoads, USP 7,035,427.

As per claims 1 and 22, Pinard discloses a system/method for associating usage rights with digital content, said system comprising: means for creating usage rights from a grammar, said usage rights specifying a manner of use indicating one or more stated purposes for which the digital content is at least one of used and distributed by an authorized party; means for processing a usage transaction specifying the usage rights to determine if access to the digital content is granted; and means for storing said usage

rights in a distributed repository, wherein the usage rights also specify one or more conditions which must be satisfied before the manner of use is exercised, said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more symbols from a first set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the manner use, said means for creating comprises means for selecting symbols from a second set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the conditions (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35). Pinard does not disclose means for associating the usage rights with the digital content. Rhoads discloses means for associating the usage rights with the digital content (claim 1). It would have been obvious to modify Pinard to include means for associating the usage rights with the digital content such as that taught by Rhoads in order for the usage rights to be catalogued therein and be easily accessible for use for the parts that the usage rights are associated with (claim 1).

As per claim 2 and 23 Pinard discloses wherein the manner of use specifies a manner by which an authorized user is able to render the digital content (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 3 and 24, Pinard discloses wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party uses the digital content to create a new digital content (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 4 and 25, Pinard discloses wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to make a back-up copy of the digital content (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 5 and 26, Pinard discloses wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to conceal the corresponding digital content on a device on which the digital content is stored (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 6 and 27, Pinard discloses wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to delete the digital content from a device on which digital content is stored (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 7 and 28, Pinard discloses wherein the digital content is a software program (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 8 and 29, Pinard discloses wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to install the software program (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 9 and 30, Pinard discloses wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to uninstall the software program (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 10 and 31, Pinard discloses wherein the usage rights comprise a revenue identifier for identifying a revenue owner of the digital content (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 11 and 32, Pinard discloses wherein the usage rights comprise a class identifier for identifying a class of rendering devices upon which the digital content is rendered (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 12 and 33, Pinard discloses wherein said means for creating comprises means for creating a first version of usage rights having a first set of conditions and means for creating a second version of usage rights having a second set of conditions (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 13 and 34, Pinard discloses wherein said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more codes from a set of predetermined codes to define a valid sequence of codes to indicate the manner of use (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 14 and 35, Pinard discloses wherein said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more identifiers from a set of predetermined identifiers to define a valid sequence of identifiers to indicate the manner of use (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 15 and 36, Pinard discloses wherein said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more parameters from a set of predetermined parameters to define a valid sequence of parameters to indicate the manner of use (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claim 16, Pinard discloses wherein said means for creating and said means for designating, and said means for associating each comprise computer readable instructions recorded on media (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 17 and 37, Pinard discloses wherein said means for creating comprises means for designating a set of default conditions, and means for changing the default set of conditions (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 18 and 38, Pinard discloses wherein said usage rights are stored on removable storage media (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claim 19, Pinard discloses wherein said system is implemented via one or more hardware and software devices (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 20 and 40, Pinard discloses wherein the usage rights and the digital content are stored in the distributed repository (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claims 21 and 41, Pinard discloses wherein the digital content is stored in a repository that is different from the distributed repository (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

As per claim 39, Pinard discloses wherein the method is implemented via one or more computer readable instructions recorded on a computer readable medium and configured to cause one or more computer processors to perform the steps of said method (col.4, 24-65; col.7, 30-67; claims 17 & 35).

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 42-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42-59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 42-59 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claims 1-41 are cancelled.

Claims 24-59 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 42-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being disclosed by Wyman, USP 5,438,508.

As per claim 42, 48 and 54, Wyman discloses a method/system/repository of rendering digital content in accordance with usage rights information, the usage rights information specifying a manner by which the digital content may be rendered, the method comprising: establishing trust for receiving the digital content; receiving the digital content (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6) ; receiving a request to render the digital content (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6); determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may

be rendered in accordance with the request (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6); rendering the digital content in accordance with the request only if it is determined that the content may be rendered in accordance with the request (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6); and denying the request and preventing rendering of the digital content if it is determined that the digital content may not be rendered in accordance with the request (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

As per claim 43, 49 and 55, Wyman further discloses wherein the usage rights information further includes a condition under which the manner of use can be granted, and the determining step further includes determining whether the condition is satisfied (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

As per claim 44, 50 and 56, Wyman further discloses making a request for an authorization object required to render the digital content; and receiving the authorization object when it is determined that the request should be granted (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

As per claim 45, 51 and 57, Wyman further discloses making a request for an authorization object required to be included within a repository for the repository to make the digital work available for use, the authorization object being further required to receive the digital work and during use of the digital work; determining whether the request for an authorization object from the repository should be granted; and transmitting the authorization object to the repository if the request for the authorization

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object from the repository should be granted (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

As per claim 46, 52 and 58 Wyman further discloses generating a registration message at a recipient repository, the registration message including an identification certificate of the recipient repository and a random registration identifier, the identification certificate being certified by a master repository; receiving the registration message at a provider repository; validating at the provider repository the authenticity of the recipient repository; exchanging messages including at least one session key between the provider and recipient repositories, the session key to be used in communications during a session between the provider and recipient repositories; and conducting a secure transaction between the provider and recipient repositories using the session key, wherein the secure transaction includes sending the digital work to the recipient repository (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

As per claim 47, 53 and 59 Wyman further discloses verifying the identification certificate of the recipient repository; generating at the provider repository a message to test the authenticity of the recipient repository, the generated message including a nonce; sending the generated message to the recipient repository; and verifying at the provider repository if the recipient repository correctly processed the generated message (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 42-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wyman, USP 5,438,508, and further in view of Pinard et al., USP 5,638,494.

As per claim 42, 48 and 54, Wyman discloses a method/system/repository of rendering digital content in accordance with usage rights information, the usage rights information specifying a manner by which the digital content may be rendered, the method comprising: establishing trust for receiving the digital content; receiving the digital content (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6) ; receiving a request to render the digital content (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6); rendering the digital content in accordance with the request only if it is determined that the content may be rendered in accordance with the request (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6); and denying the request and preventing rendering of the digital content if it is determined that the digital content may not be rendered in accordance with the request (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6). Wyman might not disclose determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with the request. Pinard discloses determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with the request (col.6, 41-68; col.7, 14-22; fig 3c). It would have been obvious to modify Wyman to include determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with the request such as that taught by Pinard in order to so that the system can be used to

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manage the flow of work, detect and correct inefficiencies, negotiate service with outside systems, and can be tightly integrated with and adapt to the human based user organization's work processes and goals (Pinard, col.1, 42-45).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 42-59 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear as to how “establishing trust for receiving the digital content” is carried out.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 42-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because based on Supreme Court precedent (*Diamond v. Diehr*, 450 U.S. 175, 184 (1981); *Parker v. Flook*, 437 U.S. 584, 588 n.9 (1978); *Gottschalk v. Benson*, 409 U.S. 63, 70 (1972); *Cochrane v. Deener*, 94 U.S. 780, 787-88 (1876).) and recent Federal Circuit decisions, the Office's guidance is that a 101 process must (1) be tied to another statutory class (such as a particular apparatus) or (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or materials) to a different state or thing. (The Supreme Court recognizes that this test is not necessarily fixed or permanent and may evolve with technological advances. *Gottschalk v. Benson*, 409 U.S. 63, 71 (1972)). If neither of these requirements is met by the claim, the method is not a patent eligible process under 101.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory

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double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 42-59 rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-23 of U. S. Patent No. 6,708,157 and claims 1-45 of USP 7,266,529 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows: Rendering digital content in accordance with usage rights information, the usage rights information specifying a manner by which the digital content may be rendered.

Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant was prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application during prosecution of the application which matured into a patent. See *In re Schneller*, 397 F.2d 350, 158 USPQ 210 (CCPA 1968). See also MPEP § 804.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Behrang Badii whose telephone number is 571-272-6879. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 2/11/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As per the 101 rejection, the 101 rejection for claims 48-52 has been withdrawn. Although there have been changes to the preamble of the independent claims, it is the changes to the actual claim limitations (the body of the claims) that would overcome a 101 rejection. The 101 rejection for claims 42-47 and 54-59 is not withdrawn due to insufficient changes to the claims' limitations to overcome this rejection. The 112 2nd paragraph rejection is discussed below. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

The double patenting is given until a terminal disclaimer is filed. As per the art rejection, the applicant's main argument is that the prior art does not disclose the limitations "establishing trust for receiving the digital content" and "determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with the request, wherein the usage rights information specifies a manner by which the digital content may be rendered". These two limitations are not clear as discussed in the 112 rejection below. In response to applicant's argument that the above are not disclosed, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

Further, “establishing trust for receiving the digital content” is disclosed by Wyman by being in contact with the receiver and examining is the request is permitted. Establishing trust is also inherent in the prior art. Also, Pinard discloses “determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with the request, wherein the usage rights information specifies a manner by which the digital content may be rendered” as discussed below.

2112 [R-3] Requirements of Rejection Based on Inherency; Burden of Proof

The express, implicit, and inherent disclosures of a prior art reference may be relied upon in the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103. “The inherent teaching of a prior art reference, a question of fact, arises both in the context of anticipation and obviousness.” In re Napier, 55 F.3d 610, 613, 34 USPQ2d 1782, 1784 (Fed. Cir. 1995) (affirmed a 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection based in part on inherent disclosure in one of the references). See also In re Grasselli, 713 F.2d 731, 739, 218 USPQ 769, 775 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

Claims 1-41 are cancelled.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

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Further, the limitation “determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with the request, wherein the usage rights information specifies a manner by which the digital content may be rendered” is unclear. How does, the manner by which the digital content may be rendered, has anything to do with the determination of whether or not the content may be rendered?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

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Claims 54-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims are directed to a repository for rendering digital content. The rendering of digital content is deemed to be descriptive data that cannot exhibit any functional interrelationship with the way in which computing processes are performed and does not constitute a statutory process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter. When non-functional descriptive data is rendered on some computer-readable medium, it is not structurally and functionally interrelated to the medium but is merely carried by the medium. Thus, claims 54-59 are deemed to be non-statutory.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

At the outset, non-function descriptive materials are not given patentable weight. The prior art has been referenced to disclose all of these non-functional descriptive material even though non-functional descriptive materials are not given patentable weight.

Claims 42-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being disclosed by Wyman, USP 5,438,508.

As per claim 42, 48 and 54, Wyman discloses a method/system/repository of rendering digital content in accordance with usage rights information, the usage rights information specifying a manner by which the digital content may be rendered, the method comprising: establishing trust for receiving the digital content (nonfunctional descriptive); receiving the digital content at the recipient repository (database) (nonfunctional descriptive) (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6) ; receiving a request at the recipient repository to render the digital content (nonfunctional descriptive) (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6); determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with the request, wherein the usage rights information specifies a manner by which the digital content may be rendered (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6); rendering the digital content in accordance with the request only if it is determined that the content may be rendered in accordance with the request (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6); and denying the request and preventing rendering of the digital content if it is determined that the digital

content may not be rendered in accordance with the request (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

As per claim 43, 49 and 55, Wyman further discloses wherein the usage rights information further includes a condition under which the manner of use can be granted, and the determining step further includes determining whether the condition is satisfied (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

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As per claim 45, 51 and 57, Wyman further discloses making a request from the recipient repository for an authorization object for the recipient repository to make the digital content available for use, the authorization object being further required to receive the digital content and to use the digital content; determining whether the request from the recipient repository for the authorization object should be granted; and transmitting the authorization object to the recipient repository if it is determined that the request for the authorization object should be granted (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

As per claim 46, 52 and 58 Wyman further discloses generating a registration message at the recipient repository, the registration message including an identification certificate of the recipient repository and a random registration identifier, the

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identification certificate being certified by a master repository; receiving the registration message at a provider repository; validating at the provider repository the authenticity of the recipient repository; exchanging messages including at least one session key between the provider repository and the recipient repository, the session key to be used in communications during a session between the provider repository and the recipient repository; and conducting a secure transaction between the provider repository and the recipient repository using the session key, wherein the secure transaction includes sending the digital content to the recipient repository (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

As per claim 47, 53 and 59 Wyman further discloses verifying the identification certificate of the recipient repository; generating at the provider repository a message to test the authenticity of the recipient repository, the generated message including a nonce; sending the generated message to the recipient repository; and verifying at the provider repository if the recipient repository correctly processed the generated message (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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specifies a manner by which the digital content may be rendered (col.6, 41-68; col.7, 14-22; fig 3c). It would have been obvious to modify Wyman to include determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with the request, wherein the usage rights information specifies a manner by which the digital content may be rendered such as that taught by Pinard in order to so that the system can be used to manage the flow of work, detect and correct inefficiencies, negotiate service with outside systems, and can be tightly integrated with and adapt to the human based user organization's work processes and goals (Pinard, col.1, 42-45).

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 42-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42-59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 10/1/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments clarify the manner of how trust is established by noting "that very specific mechanisms for establishing trust are recited in claims 44 and 45". Hence, trust is established by authorization mechanisms. Authorization mechanisms are disclosed by the prior art as discussed below. Further, applicant concedes that Wyman established trust. However, applicant argues that the trust established by Wyman is not for the purpose of receiving the digital content. Wyman discloses that trust (authorization) is disclosed and this trust is disclosed for many reasons, one of which is for the purpose of receiving the digital content as discussed below (abstract; col.6, 48-68; col.13, 14-68; col.14, 1-16; fig's 5&6).

The double patenting is given until a terminal disclaimer is filed.

Further, "establishing trust for receiving the digital content" is disclosed by Wyman by being in contact with the receiver and examining is the request is permitted. Establishing trust is also inherent in the prior art. Also, Pinard discloses "determining, based on the usage rights information indicating a manner of use by which the digital content may be rendered, whether the content may be rendered in accordance with a specified manner" as discussed below.

A recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to

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patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

2112 [R-3] Requirements of Rejection Based on Inherency; Burden of Proof

The express, implicit, and inherent disclosures of a prior art reference may be relied upon in the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103. "The inherent teaching of a prior art reference, a question of fact, arises both in the context of anticipation and obviousness." In re Napier, 55 F.3d 610, 613, 34 USPQ2d 1782, 1784 (Fed. Cir. 1995) (affirmed a 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection based in part on inherent disclosure in one of the references). See also In re Grasselli, 713 F.2d 731, 739, 218 USPQ 769, 775 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

Claims 1-41 are cancelled.

Claims 42-59 have been examined.

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Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the

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unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

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Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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20 DECISION ON APPEAL

STATEMENT OF THE CASE¹

Mark J. Stefik and Peter L. T. Pirolli (Appellants) seek review under 35 U.S.C. § 134 (2002) of a final rejection of claims 42-59, the only claims pending in the application on appeal. We have jurisdiction over the appeal pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 6(b) (2002).

The Appellants invented a way for associating usage rights with digital content, including creating usage rights from a grammar, the usage rights specifying a manner of use indicating purposes for which the digital content is used and/or distributed by an authorized party; associating the usage rights with a digital content; processing a usage transaction specifying the usage rights to determine if access to the digital content is granted; and storing the usage rights in a distributed repository. The usage rights also specify one or more conditions which must be satisfied before the manner of use is exercised. The creating includes selecting symbols from a first set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the manner of use, selecting one or more symbols from a second set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the conditions. (Specification ¶ 0016).

An understanding of the invention can be derived from a reading of exemplary claim 42, which is reproduced below [bracketed matter and some paragraphing added].

¹ Our decision will make reference to the Appellants' Appeal Brief ("App. Br.," filed July 13, 2010) and Reply Brief ("Reply Br.," filed January 28, 2011), and the Examiner's Answer ("Ans.," mailed December 3, 2010).

1 42. A computer-implemented method
2 of rendering digital content at a recipient repository in
3 accordance with usage rights information,
4 the method comprising:
5 [1] establishing trust
6 for the purpose of receiving the digital content;
7 [2] after said establishing step,
8 receiving the digital content
9 at the recipient repository;
10 [3] receiving a request
11 at the recipient repository
12 to render the digital content;
13 [4] determining,
14 based on the usage rights information
15 indicating a manner of use
16 by which the digital content may be
17 rendered,
18 whether the content may be rendered
19 in accordance with a specified manner;
20 [5] rendering the digital content
21 in accordance with the specified manner
22 only if it is determined
23 that the content may be rendered
24 in accordance with the specified manner;
25 and
26 [6] denying the request
27 and
28 preventing rendering of the digital content

1 if it is determined that the digital content may not
2 be rendered in accordance with the specified
3 manner.

4 The Examiner relies upon the following prior art:

Wyman	US 5,438,508	Aug. 1, 1995
Pinard	US 5,638,494	Jun. 10, 1997

5 Claims 42-59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable
6 over Wyman and Pinard.

7 Claims 42-59 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of
8 obvious type double patenting.

9 ISSUES

10 The issues of obviousness turn primarily on the scope of the limitation
11 of “establishing trust.” The issue of double patenting turns primarily on
12 whether the claims attempt to extend the period of protection of claims in
13 issued patents.

14 FACTS PERTINENT TO THE ISSUES

15 The following enumerated Findings of Fact (FF) are believed to be
16 supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

17 *Facts Related to the Prior Art*

18 *Wyman*

19 01. Wyman is directed to managing the licensing of software
20 executed on computer systems. Wyman 1:29-32.

1 02. A license management system is used to account for software
2 product usage in a computer system. Wyman establishes a
3 management policy having a variety of simultaneously-available
4 alternative styles and contexts. A license server administers the
5 license, and each licensed product upon start-up makes a call to
6 the license server to check on whether usage is permitted. The
7 license server maintains a store of the licenses, called product use
8 authorizations, that it administers. Upon receiving a call from a
9 user, the license server checks the product use authorization to
10 determine if the particular use requested is permitted, and, if so,
11 returns a grant to the requesting user node. The license server
12 maintains a database of product use authorizations for the licensed
13 products, and accesses this database for updating and when a
14 request is received from a user. In a distributed system, a license
15 server executes on a server node and the products for which
16 licenses are administered are on client nodes. Wyman 6:48 – 7:4.

17 03. The field 49 contains a calling authorization and/or a caller
18 authorization. If the caller authorization is true, the product is
19 permitted to receive calls from other named products requesting
20 use of the product, and if conditions are met (identified caller is
21 authorized) the server can grant a calling card, as described below.
22 If the calling authorization is true, the product can make calls to
23 other products. If neither is true, then the product can neither
24 make nor receive calls using the calling card feature. The feature
25 of calling cards is important for distributed applications. For
26 example, if a product is able to execute faster in a distributed

1 system by assigning tasks to other CPUs, then the issue is
2 presented of which license policy is needed, i.e., does every node
3 executing a part of the task have to be licensed and consume or
4 receive allocation of a unit, or just the one managing the task?
5 This is resolved for most applications by use of this calling card
6 concept. The product use authorization for such a product has
7 the calling authorization field 49 enabled, so calling cards can
8 be issued. This feature is typically separately priced. Wyman
9 13:14-44.

10 *Pinard*

11 04. Pinard is directed to a communication system which is self
12 adaptive to its users, and both create and provide the services
13 required as needed. The system can be used to manage the flow
14 of work, detect and correct inefficiencies, negotiate service with
15 outside systems, and can be tightly integrated with and adapt to
16 the human based user organization's work processes and goals.
17 Pinard 1:39-45.

18 05. Services can be created dynamically by having a process agent,
19 which has the sole task to create and maintain services. Entities
20 which request new services of processes post their request to an
21 area of a blackboard. A request could come from an agent, as a
22 dynamic request, or from an enterprise modeling tool which has
23 collected via static input a process that needs to be added to the
24 communication system. This spawns a process agent which is
25 responsible for attempting to meet the requested process. The

1 process agent has access to a database which has a digit-tree-like
2 structure made up of pointers to existing agents which can handle
3 various tasks. The process agent reads and interprets this data
4 in order to determine which agents are required to realize the
5 requested service. The process agent then negotiates the usage
6 rights with each of the various agents involved in creating the new
7 process, on pieces needed to create a new process necessary to
8 run the new requested service. The new process agent decides
9 whether or not to install itself in the database of existing
10 processes, in order to become accessible to other agents wanting
11 the same service. The new process agent could also provide itself
12 to the requesting agent, and eliminate itself otherwise. Pinard
13 6:41-68.

14 06. As an example, a user would like to create a new process to
15 handle monthly reports. On finishing the report, the user would
16 like it to automatically be stored in a memory, mailed to a specific
17 mailing list, and have a "to do" list updated. There already exists
18 an agent which handles the sending of ASCII text files to a given
19 user, and there also already exists an agent which is responsible
20 for storing files, and another agent which handles "to do" lists of
21 users. The request of the user is posted to a blackboard; a new
22 process agent is created and given expected inputs from input
23 agents and expected outputs of output agents. The new process
24 agent then negotiates usage rights with the existing agents and
25 puts a procedure together which is comprised of sending a goal to
26 the correct ASCII to Quickmail agent, for each member on the list

1 of users provided, and then sends the file to the storage agent, and
2 makes an update list request to the user's "to do" list agent. Pinard
3 7:1-22.

4 ANALYSIS

5 *Claims 42-59 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over*
6 *Wyman and Pinard.*

7 We are not persuaded by the Appellants' argument that

8 Wyman fails to disclose, suggest, or render obvious
9 "establishing trust for the purpose of receiving the digital
10 content" as is recited in the claims

11 Appeal Br. 7. Wyman clearly describes a license management system
12 that checks whether content usage is permitted. This is uncontested. It is
13 the nature of the recited trust for receiving that content that is contested. As
14 Wyman describes using a license for such receipt, Wyman's system trusts its
15 license system for such receipt. Claim 42 does not narrow the nature of the
16 trust, what content such trust is directed to, and the scope of what portion of
17 a system is to be trusted. Claim 42 simply establishes trust, albeit for some
18 nominal purpose. Appellants appear to be arguing the manner in which such
19 trust occurs, but the claim only calls for establishing the trust. Indeed the
20 limitation "for the purpose of receiving the digital content" is merely
21 aspirational, and the limitation "receiving the digital content at the recipient
22 repository" is not contingent on such trust, but merely subsequent to the step
23 of establishing trust, whatever that is. Thus, Appellants' argument that
24 the "license server", as disclosed in Wyman, does not establish
25 trust between the "requesting user node" and the "license
26 server" receiving the "particular use requested", but rather

1 specifies that the “license server” checks the requested use
2 against the license to determine if the “particular use requested”
3 is permitted

4 (Appeal Br. 8) is simply not commensurate with the scope of the
5 limitation. Such a check at least establishes trust that the check occurred.
6 Appellants next argue that “trust” is defined by purpose. Appeal Br. 9. But
7 a method claim is defined by steps, not purpose.

8 We are not persuaded by the Appellants’ argument that

9 Wyman and Pinard fail to disclose, suggest, or render obvious
10 “determining, based on the usage rights information indicating
11 a manner of use by which the digital content may be rendered,
12 whether the content may be rendered in accordance with a
13 specified manner,” as is recited in the claims.

14 Appeal Br. 10. As the Examiner found at Answer 5, Pinard describes
15 determining such a manner of use with software agents. FF 05-06.

16 As to the nominal arguments of remaining claims, Appellants merely
17 recite various limitations, but base their arguments on those in support of
18 claim 42. Thus these claims fall with claim 42.

19 *Claims 42-59 rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious type*
20 *double patenting.*

21 We are persuaded by the Appellants’ argument that the claims of the
22 instant application merely extend the period of coverage of claims in issued
23 patents US 6,708,157 and US 7,266,529. The claims in both of those patents
24 contain limitations that are not in the claims of the instant application. Thus
25 this is not a case of extending a claim to ABCX by claiming ABCXY. *See*
26 *In re Schneller*, 397 F.2d 350 (CCPA 1968).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The rejection of claims 42-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wyman and Pinard is proper.

The rejection of claims 42-59 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious type double patenting is improper.

DECISION

The rejection of claims 42-59 is affirmed.

No time period for taking any subsequent action in connection with this appeal may be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)(iv) (2007).

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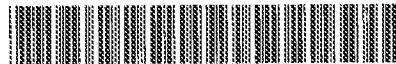
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(54) Peer to peer connection authorizer.

(57) A peer to peer connection authorizer is disclosed. The connection authorizer involves three different entities: a system authorizer mechanism, a client connection manager, and a server connection manager. The system authorizer resides on the main or primary CPU while the client and server connection managers reside on individual IOPs. To obtain information required by a user and/or an application program, the client connection manager issues a request to the system authorizer. When the system authorizer receives the request, it first verifies that the client device is who it claims to be. If the system authorizer determines that the client device should be allowed to access the requested information, it then sends a token to the server device and a copy of the same token to the client device. Upon receipt of the token copy from the system authorizer, the client connection manager packages the token copy into a message that it sends to the server device. When the server connection manager receives the message from the client device, it compares the token copy to the token it received from the system authorizer. If the tokens match, the server connection manager responds to the client device and the connection is established.

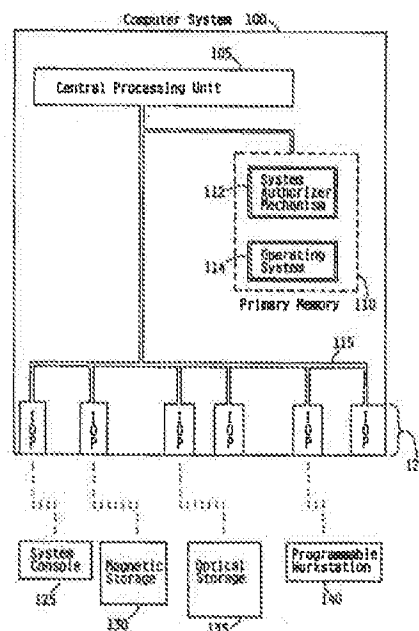


FIG. 1

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This invention relates to the data processing field. More specifically, this invention relates to the authorization of peer to peer connections.

Since early computer systems performed only simple tasks, it was unnecessary for them to include more than one input/output unit (I/O unit). For this reason, computer systems such as the EDVAC device of 1948 contained only a single I/O unit. The I/O unit was merely the mechanism used by the computer system to communicate with the outside world. Since these early computer systems required a relatively small amount of information, the I/O unit could be controlled by the central processing unit (CPU) itself. As time passed, the complex tasks performed by computer systems required access to more and more information. Direct control of the I/O unit by the CPU was no longer practical.

In 1959, Univac Corporation introduced its LARC computer system. The LARC computer system included an input/output controller (IOC) which was itself a genuine computer. The IOC was used to handle the flow of information to and from the outside world, thereby reducing the work required of the CPU. While the IOC controlled up to eight I/O channels, modern day computer systems usually include a single I/O controller for each I/O channel. These I/O controllers are called input/output processors (IOPs). Similar to the IOC of the LARC computer system, IOPs are computer systems unto themselves. Each IOP is responsible for handling the information flow between a particular external device (i.e., "the outside world") and the computer system.

The wide use of IOPs has greatly improved the overall performance of today's computer systems. Computer systems can now communicate with a variety of external devices without overly burdening the CPU. Examples of devices which can be connected via IOPs include: terminals, magnetic storage units, optical storage devices, programmable workstations, and other computer systems. To the computer system, each of these external devices represents a resource that can be used to perform a specified task. In many cases, the task to be performed can be accomplished by the external devices without extensive intervention on the part of the CPU. This, of course, greatly reduces the work required of the CPU.

Since today's multimedia applications typically require extensive access to audio and video information, they are illustrative of the potential performance advantage of IOPs. The amount of data necessary to present a user with audio and video information is enormous. Hence, tremendous performance savings are possible in theory by allowing a multimedia application associated with an IOP to bypass the main CPU and access information

from another IOP directly. Inherent in this noninterventionist approach, however, is the problem of securing information and resources. Allowing external devices to connect at will makes unauthorized use of system resources a real problem. Without some type of security, the users associated with the various external devices may attempt to gain access to personal or otherwise sensitive information. This problem is magnified when one considers that the computer system, the various IOPs, and the attached external devices may be owned or manufactured by different parties. In this later, worse case scenario, rogue IOPs may actually be introduced into the computer system to facilitate the unauthorized use of system resources (i.e., to steal information).

Solutions to this problem invariably involve some CPU intervention. Thus a balance is struck between efficiency and security. A computer system which is more secure tends to be less efficient while a computer system which is very efficient tends to be less secure. This tradeoff stems from the fact that highly secure computer systems must include a means (i.e., authorization means) to allow or disallow access to system resources. While authorization means do provide for increased security, they also create expensive performance overhead which reduces overall system efficiency. Hence, computer system designers are always attempting to design systems that are efficient yet secure (i.e., "to have their cake and eat it too").

A solution to a related security problem is an authorization model called Kerberos. Kerberos was jointly developed by Digital Equipment Corporation, International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for use on an MIT campus-wide computer network.

Kerberos uses a system of messages and keys to deal with the security problem. To obtain information from a server device, a client device must first request authorization from a Kerberos server. This action triggers a series of encrypted messages which are sent by the Kerberos server to the client and server devices and from the client device to the server device. Eventually, the client device is able to connect to the server device.

Although Kerberos is an illustrative solution to a related security problem, Kerberos was not designed to solve the problem of rogue IOPs. Further, the Kerberos authentication model is itself flawed in many respects. One problem with the Kerberos model is its inherent complexity. Each device that wishes to participate in the authentication scheme must first register itself with the appropriate Kerberos server. To accomplish this, the subject device must first have knowledge about the resources controlled by particular Kerberos servers and then

register with the appropriate Kerberos server or servers. The registration process is itself complex in that each Kerberos server must allocate a unique encryption key to each device. If multiple Kerberos servers are involved, each device must understand what key is to be used for what resources.

The inherent complexity of the Kerberos model is exacerbated by the model's dependence on encryption. The Kerberos model would simply not work without its elaborate system of key based encryption. Each device must support shared secret key cryptography and understand how the keys are used within the Kerberos protocol. When a Kerberos client device receives an authorization request, it must know what key is to be associated with the client device, what key is to be associated with the server device, and what unique key can be used to communicate between the two devices. When the client device receives this information from the Kerberos server, it must understand that it needs to use its key to decrypt the message sent to it, that it cannot decrypt the message sent from the Kerberos server to the server device, and that it must use the new key to encrypt its response message to the server device. When the server device finally gets the message from the client device, it must understand that it needs to use its shared secret key to access the new key and that it must use the new key to access the information from the client device. This complexity is compounded when one remembers that each device can be involved in multiple connections.

Yet another problem with the Kerberos model and generally the noninterventionist approach, is the lack of resource information available to client devices. Beyond the need to understand the location of system resources for registration purposes, each client must expressly inform the Kerberos server of the name of the particular server device with which it wishes to communicate. The Kerberos model does not contemplate authorization on an entity to information basis. In other words, a client device cannot simply say "I want access to information X." A Kerberos server would reject such a request as lacking the appropriate server address information.

It is a principal object of this invention to provide an enhanced method and apparatus for communicating data among the components of a computer system.

It is another object of this invention to provide an enhanced method and apparatus for authorizing connections among the IOPs of a computer system.

It is yet another object of this invention to provide an enhanced method and apparatus for authorizing connections among like entities.

It is still another object of this invention to provide an enhanced method and apparatus for authorizing connections between a server entity and a plurality of client entities.

It is still another object of this invention to provide an enhanced method and apparatus for authorizing connections between a plurality of server entities and a single client entity.

It is still another object of this invention to provide an enhanced method and apparatus for authorizing connections between a plurality of server entities and a plurality of client entities.

It is still another object of this invention to provide an enhanced method and apparatus for preventing rogue IOPs from accessing system resources.

These and other objects are accomplished by the peer to peer connection authoriser disclosed herein.

Conceptually, the authorization technique used by the disclosed peer to peer connection authorizer involves three different entities: a system authorizer mechanism, a client connection manager, and a server connection manager. The system authorizer resides on the main or primary CPU while the client and server connection managers reside on individual IOPs.

To obtain information required by a user and/or an application program, the client connection manager issues a request to the system authorizer. Since the client application may or may not know the location of the desired information, the request may or may not include the address of a server device (i.e., the client connection manager will not provide the address of a server device when the location of the information is unknown to it). When the system authoriser receives the request, it first verifies that the client device is who it claims to be. The system authorizer then identifies the applicable server device by using either the address provided by the client connection manager or the information contained in the request. If the system authorizer determines that the client device should be allowed to access the information on the subject server device, it then sends a token to the server device and a copy of the same token to the client device. Depending on security needs, the token may or may not be encrypted. It is also possible that the requisite information resides on more than one server device or that more than one client device requires the information. The system authoriser handles multiple device situations by dispatching multiple tokens and token copies.

Upon receipt of the token copy from the system authorizer, the client connection manager packages the token copy into a message that it sends to the server device. When the server connection manager receives the message from the

client device, it compares the token copy to the token it received from the system authorizer. If the tokens match, the server connection manager responds to the client device and the connection is established. If the tokens do not match, the server connection manager notifies the system authorizer of the failed connection attempt and then proceeds to inform the client device.

Brief description of the drawings:

Fig. 1 shows the computer system of the present invention.

Fig. 2 shows the IOPs and the connection managers of the present invention.

Fig. 3 shows a high level functional diagram of the message flow between the system authorizer and the client and server IOPs of the present invention.

Fig. 4 shows block diagrams of the request message and the authorization and authorization response messages of the preferred embodiment.

Fig. 5 shows block diagrams of the open and open response messages of the preferred embodiment.

Fig. 6 shows block diagrams of the open, unauthorized open attempt, cancel token, and open response messages of the preferred embodiment.

Fig. 7 shows a block diagram of the format of the token of the preferred embodiment.

Fig. 8 shows a logic flow diagram of the system authorizer mechanism of the present invention.

Fig. 9 shows a logic flow diagram of the server IOP connection manager of the present invention.

Fig. 10 shows a logic flow diagram of the client IOP connection manager of the present invention.

Fig. 1 shows a block diagram of the computer system of the present invention. The computer system of the preferred embodiment is an IBM AS/400 mid-range computer system. However, any computer system could be used. Fig. 1 shows an exploded view of computer system 100. Computer system 100 comprises main or central processing unit (CPU) 105 connected to primary memory 110 and system I/O bus 115. Although the system depicted in Fig. 1 contains only a single main CPU and a single system I/O bus, it should be understood that the present invention applies equally to computer systems having multiple main CPUs and multiple I/O buses. Similarly, although the I/O bus of the preferred embodiment is a typical hardwired, multidrop bus, any connection means that supports bi-directional communication could be used.

Connected to system I/O bus 115 are IOPs 120. Although Fig. 1 shows six IOPs and four external devices, it should be understood that the present invention applies equally to any number of external devices connected to any number of IOPs.

Each of IOPs 120 is designed to communicate with bus 115 and the external device for which it is responsible. The processors used in the IOPs of the preferred embodiment (IOPs 120) are Motorola 68020 micro computers, but other micro computers, such as the Intel 960, could be used. System console 125 is connected to bus 115 via one of the IOPs 120. System console 125 allows system administrators to communicate with computer system 100, normally through a non-programmable workstation. Similarly, magnetic storage 130, optical storage 135, and programmable workstation 140 are each connected to bus 115 via one of IOPs 120. Secondary storage devices 130 and 135 (i.e., magnetic storage 130, and optical storage 135) are used by computer system 100 as large storage repositories for data and programs. Programmable workstation 140 allows users and developers to communicate with computer system 100.

Primary memory 110 contains system authorizer mechanism 112 and operating system 114. System authorizer 112 is shown to reside in primary memory 110. However, it should be understood that while system authorizer 112 will typically be loaded into primary memory to execute, it may at some point reside in magnetic storage 130 or optical storage 135.

Fig. 2 shows an exploded view of two of IOPs 120. As shown, IOPs 200 and 250 are used as interfaces between I/O bus 115 and devices 230 and 260. Focusing on IOP 200, Fig. 2 shows that CPU 210, bus interface 205, primary memory 215 and device interface 220 are all interconnected via bus 225. Residing in primary memory 215 is IOP connection manager 217.

While in many cases bus interface 205, CPU 210, primary memory 215, and bus 225 are the same in each of IOPs 120, IOP connection manager 217 and device interface 220 are usually device dependent. In other words, IOP connection manager 217 and device interface 220 may vary depending upon the nature of device 230. For example, if device 230 is a magnetic storage device, IOP connection manager 217 will usually be a server connection manager and device interface 220 will comprise input/output hardware commensurate with the magnetic storage device. If, in contrast, device 230 is a programmable workstation (PWS), IOP connection manager 217 will be a client connection manager and device interface 220 will similarly comprise input/output hardware commensurate with the PWS.

Fig. 3 shows a functional flow diagram of the interaction between system authorizer 112 and server connection manager 300 and client connection manager 350. Two different types of logical connections are shown on Fig. 3. Services connections 320, 370, and 385 are used to pass connec-

tion oriented information while data connection 390 is used for data transmission. Although in the figures these connections appear as logical connections, it should be understood that these connections physically take place on I/O bus 115. In the preferred embodiment, the IBM Inter-process Communication Facility (IPCF) protocol is used to establish these logical connections. However, any protocol capable of creating logical connections could be used. For more information about the IPCF protocol, refer to U.S. Patent 4,649,473 to Hammer et. al which is included herein by reference.

The names and locations of all of the IOPs are made known to system authorizer mechanism 112 as part of the initialization sequence for computer system 100. Similarly, the bus address and name of system authorizer mechanism 112 are made known to each of the IOPs. The need for authorization first occurs when an application running on client device 380 requires access to resources that exist on a different device. Client connection manager 350 begins the authorization process by sending request message 360 to system authorizer mechanism 112 via services connection 370. Request message 360 may indicate that a connection to a specific server IOP is desired or it may simply request access to particular information.

System authorizer mechanism 112 reacts to request message 360 by sending Peer to Peer Authorization message (hereafter PTPA message) 322 to server connection manager 300 via services connection 320. The format of PTPA message 322 is shown on Figure 4. Although the fields and format of this message will be described in greater detail in the discussion associated with Figures 8-10, it is important to note the existence of server token 440. Server token 440 will be used later in the authorization process to determine whether server connection manager 300 should comply with an open request from a client connection manager. It is also important to note that server connection manager 300 only accepts tokens that are supplied by system authorizer mechanism 112.

After receipt of PTPA message 322, server connection manager 300 uses services connection 320 to respond to system authorizer mechanism 112 with Authorization Response (AR) message 324. If all is well with AR message 324, system authorizer mechanism 112 uses services connection 370 to send Open Peer to Peer System to IOP message (hereafter OPTPSTI message) 374 to client connection manager 350. The format of OPTPSTI message 374 is shown on Fig. 5. Although the fields and format of this message will be described in greater detail in the discussion associated with Figs. 8-10, it is important to note the existence of server copy token 525. Server copy

token 525 is used by client connection manager 350 to validate its resource request with server connection manager 300. Client connection manager 350 bundles server copy token 525 into Open Peer to Peer IOP to IOP message (hereafter OPTPITI message) 375 and sends the message to server connection manager 300 via services connection 385. (The format of OPTPITI message 374 is shown on Fig. 6.)

Upon receipt of OPTPITI message 375, server connection manager 300 compares server copy token 615 to server token 440. If the tokens match, server connection manager 300 sends Open Peer to Peer IOP to IOP response message (hereafter OPTPITIR message) 325, via services connection 385, to inform client connection manager 350 that access has been authorized. The data connection is then set up over data connection 390.

If the tokens do not match, server connection manager 300 informs system authorizer 112 of the invalid access attempt by sending Unauthorized Open Attempt message (hereafter UOA message) 310 via services connection 320. After dispatching this message, server connection manager 300 sends OPTPITIR message 325, via services connection 385, to inform client connection manager 350 that its access attempt has been rejected.

When system authorization mechanism 112 receives an UOA message, it has the responsibility of taking appropriate action. The appropriate action may range from "doing nothing" to sending a Cancel Token message (hereafter CT message) to server connection manager 350. The CT message is a command which effectively tells server connection managers to refrain from accepting access attempts that are associated with the subject token.

Upon receipt of OPTPITIR message 325, client connection manager 350 is required to inform system authorizer 112 of the outcome of the access attempt. To do so, client connection manager 350 sends Open Peer to Peer System to IOP Response message (hereafter OPTPSTIR message) 360 to system authorizer 112 via services connection 370.

Figs. 4-6 show the formats used for the messages of the preferred embodiment. These formats are described in detail in connection with the following discussion of Figs. 8-10.

Fig. 8 shows a flow diagram of the steps taken by system authorizer mechanism 112 to authorize peer to peer connections. For the purposes of explanation, assume that client device 380 of Fig. 3 is a PWS running a multimedia application and that server device 340 of Fig. 3 is an optical storage device. Further assume that optical storage device 340 contains multimedia information that is required by the multimedia application running on PWS 380 and that client and server connection managers 350 and 300 of Fig. 3 are running on the

IOPs associated with PWS 380 and optical storage device 340 respectively.

In block 800, system authorizer mechanism 112 obtains and stores in an appropriate table the names and locations of all the IOPs of computer system 100. As stated, this is accomplished as part of the initialization of computer system 100.

After initialization in block 800, system authorizer mechanism 112 waits for authorization requests 806. System authorizer mechanism 112 will return to this wait state whenever processing of an authorization request has been completed. Blocks 805 and 810 represent two different types of authorization requests. External authorization request 810 represents a request that originated in a device external to computer system 100. In the case at hand, the external request originated with multimedia PWS 380. Internal authorization request 805 represents a request that is system initiated. This latter request will be described in connection with the discussion of the first alternate embodiment.

When the multimedia application running on PWS 380 requires multimedia information, it will cause client connection manager 350 to send a request message to system authorizer mechanism 112.

Fig. 4 shows the format of the request message. This is the format that is used, for example, in request message 360. Request message format 400 comprises client resource ID field 410, server resource ID field 415, information ID field 420, and access rights field 425. Client resource ID field 410 is used to identify the client device that requires the information. In our multimedia example, the identity of PWS 380 would be contained in this field. Server resource ID field 415 is an optional field that contains location information about the server device. This field could be included in the message if the location of the requested information is known to the client device. In our example, this field would be included if the multimedia application knew that the information it needed was stored on optical storage device 340. Information ID field 420 is used to identify the information or when the locate of that information is unknown to the requestor. For example, the multimedia application running on PWS 380 may know what information it needs, but not where the information is located. In this case, system authorization mechanism 112 uses information ID field 420 to determine the whereabouts of the requested information. In the preferred embodiment, a table (not shown) which correlates particular information IDs to the location of the information is used; however, any means for associating a request for particular information to the location of that information could be used. Access rights field 425 indicates what

type of access the client device requires. For example, the multimedia application running on PWS 380 may want to be authorized to write to as well as read from a particular storage device.

System authorizer mechanism 112 will receive this request in functional block 810. Based on the nature of the request and general system factors, system authorizer mechanism 112 will determine the type of token, the number of tokens sent out, and the distribution of token types 815. General system factors may include current system resource utilization, the location of the information, or any other factor that may affect how the request is processed. Blocks 820, 825, and 830 show the three different types of tokens that can be used. If system authorizer mechanism 112 chooses the single-use token type (shown as choice 830), the token or tokens that are sent out to the server or servers are used once and then destroyed. In our multimedia example, system authorizer mechanism 112 elects to use this token type when, based on the request from client connection manager 350, it determines that all the information could be obtained with a single access. In other words, system authorizer mechanism 112 may determine that the quantity or nature of the requested information is such that it may be retrieved without multiple access requests.

To expand on this example, further assume that some of the requested information was located on optical storage device 340, but that the remaining information was located on another optical storage device (not shown). In the multimedia example, this may occur if the video information were stored on optical storage device 340 and the audio information were stored on another optical storage device (not shown). When this is the case, system authorizer mechanism 112 sends single use tokens to server connection manager 300 and the server connection manager associated with the second optical storage device (not shown). The manner in which these tokens are later used by the subject client connection manager(s) is described in forthcoming paragraphs.

Reusable tokens (shown as choice 825) are used when system authorizer mechanism 112 determines that continued access to the information is required. In our example, system authorizer mechanism 112 may determine from the information supplied by client connection manager 350 that the multimedia application running on PWS 380 will require continued access to the information stored on optical storage device 340. Once again, the example is expanded by assuming that continued access to information stored on an additional optical storage device (not shown) is also required. If this were the case, system authorizer mechanism 112 would send reusable tokens to server connec-

tion manager 300 and the server connection manager associated with the second optical storage device (not shown).

The choice between a single-use token and a reusable token may also involve a tradeoff between security and performance. System authorizer mechanism 112 may choose to use a single access token over a reusable token when the information requested is sensitive in nature. Similarly, system authorizer mechanism 112 may choose to use a reusable token over a single-use token when overall system performance is a primary concern.

The last type of token, the generic token (shown as choice 820), is used to allow free access to the information on a particular server device. In our multimedia example, this may occur if system authorizer mechanism 112 determines that client devices other than PWS 380 will likely be in need of the information stored on optical storage device 340 and that such access should be freely granted. Once again, system authorizer mechanism 112 could determine that these conditions exist for more than just optical storage device 340 and send out multiple generic tokens.

As above, system authorizer mechanism 112 may also elect to use a generic token over the other types of tokens because of system performance concerns.

The encryption option (shown as decision block 835) is included in the preferred embodiment to provide additional security if required. It is important to note, however, that the present invention does not rely on the presence of encryption capability to perform its authorization function. As shown on Fig. 8, the encryption option does not make sense when generic tokens have been chosen.

Once the requested information has been located and the token or tokens of a particular type have been created (and possibly encrypted), system authorizer mechanism 112 bundles it/them into a PTPA message and sends the message(s) to the subject server connection manager(s). Figure 4 shows the format of the PTPA message in more detail. Field 430 contains the PTPA message type indicator.

Field 435 is used within the IPCF protocol to identify the entity for which the authorization is intended. Client access field 450 is used to indicate to the receiving server connection manager (here, server connection manager 300) what access rights have been requested by the client. Field 440 contains the actual token itself while field 445 contains the token type. Token qualifier field 445 contains an indication of the particular token's type (i.e., single use, multiple use, or generic). Fig. 7 shows the token format used in the preferred embodiment. Token format 700 comprises client IOP ad-

dress 705, client IOP resource 710, time of day 715, and random value 720. Client IOP address 705 is a field which contains the location of the client IOP. In our multimedia example, this field would contain the address of the IOP that is running client connection manager 350. Client IOP resource 710 is a field which contains the identification of the resource that is requesting the information. In our example, this field would contain the identification of PWS 380. Time of day field 715 and random value 720 are used for uniqueness and encryption purposes should additional security be required.

In our example, the token would be sent to server connection manager 300 and perhaps others 345. Once this is accomplished, system authorizer mechanism 112 will determine whether the nature of the request and/or general system factors require the use of another token type 850. This scenario can be best explained by reconsidering our expanded multimedia example. Beyond assuming that the required information is located on more than one server device, assume further that the access needs for the server devices are different. For example, the multimedia application may need continuous access to the video information stored on optical storage device 340, but only a single access to the audio information stored on the other optical storage device (not shown). If this were the case, system authorizer mechanism 112 would elect to send a reusable token to server connection manager 300 and a single-use token to the server connection manager (not shown) associated with the other optical storage device (not shown).

When all of the PTPA messages have been dispatched, system authorizer mechanism 112 will begin processing the AR messages that it has received 855. The format of the AR message is shown on Fig. 4. AR format 470 comprises message type field 455 and status field 460. Status field 460 is used by system authorizer 112 to determine whether it is appropriate to proceed. For example, it would not be appropriate to continue if status field 460 indicated that optical storage device 340 was currently unavailable.

Assuming that all is well, system authorization mechanism 112 will proceed to build the necessary OPTPSTI message(s) at step 860. The format of the OPTPSTI message is shown on Fig. 5. OPTPSTI message format 500 comprises message type field 505, client resource ID field 510, server resource ID field 515, server route field 520, server copy token 525, and client access field 530. Client resource ID field 510 identifies the client device for which the authorization is intended. In our case, PWS 380 has made the request and is, therefore, the client device which has been authorized to access the information stored on optical storage

device 340. Server route field 520 contains location information that is used by client connection manager 350 to initiate the connection between PWS 380 and optical storage device 340. Server copy token field 525 contains the copy of the token that must be used to gain access to the information stored on optical storage device 340. Lastly, client access field 530 is used to inform client connection manager 350 of the access rights that have been authorized.

When the appropriate message(s) has been created, it is sent to client connection manager 350 in block 865. At this point, system authorizer mechanism 112 waits to get a response back from client connection manager 350 in block 870. Fig. 5 shows the format of the OPTPSTIR message. OPTPSTIR message format 550 comprises message type field 555, client status field 560, and server status field 565. The status field in each message is used to indicate the status of the subject device. The status fields are processed in block 880 of Fig. 8. If the authorized connection took place, the status fields will so indicate. (The manner in which connections are made is described in the discussion of Figs. 9-10.) If a connection did not take place, the fields will cause system authorizer mechanism 112 to take remedial action (not shown). This remedial action could range from "doing nothing" to canceling the appropriate tokens.

The manner in which system authorizer mechanism 112 processes the UQA message (shown in block 890) will be described in connection with the discussion of Fig. 9.

Fig. 9 shows the process flow for server connection manager 300. In the description of Fig. 8, block 845, we saw that the PTPA message(s) were sent from system authorizer 112 to server connection manager 300. (Refer to the discussion of Fig. 8 for a detailed description of the format of the PTPA message.) Server connection manager 300 receives this message(s) in functional block 900 and proceeds to process the message(s) in block 970. In block 975, server connection manager 300 determines whether it is possible to process the request associated with the message(s). It may not be possible if, for example, optical storage device 340 was inoperable at the time of the request or if the IOP itself did not have enough resources to process the request. If this were the case, connection manager 300 would so indicate in its AR message to system authorizer mechanism 112 (shown by blocks 975 and 942) and complete 932. (Refer to the discussion of Fig. 8 for a detailed description of the format of the AR message.) If it is appropriate for server connection manager 300 to continue, the encryption option is dealt with (shown by blocks 980 and 952) and the token is stored 985. Server connection manager 300 will

then send the appropriate AR message back to system authorizer mechanism 112 (shown by block 980) and complete 962.

Refer now to Fig. 10. (The remaining blocks of Fig. 9 relate to processing that is associated with messages that are sent by client connection manager 350 and system authorizer mechanism 112. These blocks are better understood when the origin of these messages has been explained.) Fig. 10 shows that the OPTPSTI message from system authorizer 112 is received by client connection manager 350 in block 1000. Client connection manager 350 responds to the OPTPSTI message from system authorizer 112 by creating and sending an OPTPITI message to server connection manager 300. Fig. 6 shows the format of the OPTPITI message. OPTPITI message 600 comprises message type 605, server resource ID 610, and server copy token 615. Server resource ID field 610 is used to identify the resource which contains the required information. Server copy token field 615 contains the copy token that was received from system authorizer 112.

Referring back to Fig. 9, the OPTPITI message is received by server connection manager 300 in block 920. After dealing with optional encryption (shown by blocks 945 and 960), server connection manager 300 determines whether the copy token that it received in the OPTPITI message is valid 950. The validation is performed by comparing the copy token to the token that was received in the PTPA message. If the token is valid, server connection manager 300 next asks whether it is appropriate to continue processing the request 963. As above, connection manager 300 is concerned with whether the IOP and the device have enough resources to process the request associated with the token. After the token's validity and the availability of resources have been ensured, server connection manager 300 determines whether the token is a single use token 965. If the token is a single use token, it is destroyed 992 by deleting it from IOP storage. After this decision has been made, server connection manager 300 responds to client connection manager 350 with a OPTPITIR message 982. Fig. 6 shows the format of a OPTPITIR message. OPTPITIR message 650 comprises message type field 620, transfer limits field 625, status field 630, and client access field 633. Transfer limits field 625 will contain such information as the maximum size of message packets and the maximum speed at which they can be transmitted. Status field 630 is used to inform client connection manager 350 of the outcome of the open attempt. As above, client access field 633 is used to inform client connection manager 350 of the access rights that have been authorized.

If server connection manager 300 determines that the copy token is invalid, it will send an UOA message to system authorizer 112 (shown by block 955) before responding to client connection manager 350. Fig. 6 shows the format of the UOA message. UOA message 655 comprises message type field 635, client resource ID field 640, client route field 643, the token that was used in the attempt 645 (i.e., the token contained in server copy token field 615 of the subject OPTPITI message), and time of day field 660. The client resource ID field identifies the client device and the client IOP that are responsible for the rejected open attempt. In our multimedia example this would be PWS 360 and the associated IOP (identified by client route field 643). This message is then processed by system authorizer mechanism 112 in block 890 of Fig. 8. As stated, system authorizer mechanism 112 must determine what remedial action is required. If system authorizer mechanism 112 decides to cancel the valid token, it will send a CT message (not shown) to server connection manager 300. Fig. 6 shows the format of the CT message. CT message format 675 comprises message type field 665, the token to be cancelled 670, and the client route that is associated with the token to be cancelled 673. This message is received by server connection manager 300 in block 925 of Fig. 8. Server connection manager 300 responds to the CT message by destroying the token 930 for the specified IOP. Server connection manager 300 then completes processing 940.

Referring lastly to Fig. 10, client connection manager 350 will receive the OPTPITIR message from server connection manager 300 in block 1015. If the status field of the OPTPITIR message indicates that a connection has been authorized, client connection manager 350 will initiate the authorized data connection 1015 and send an OPTPSTIR message 1020 to system authorizer mechanism 112 to notify it of such. If the OPTPITIR message indicates that a connection has not been authorized, client connection manager 350 must nevertheless use an OPTPSTIR message to notify system authorizer mechanism of the failed attempt. Although this action is required of the client IOP, a rogue client IOP that does not comply with the requirement will not go undetected. As mentioned above, the server connection manager also has the responsibility of notifying the system authorizer (see block 955 of Fig. 9).

In the first alternate embodiment, system authorizer mechanism 112 receives the authorization request internally from computer system 100 itself 805. This would occur when an application running on CPU 105 determined that the devices associated with two or more IOPs should work

together to achieve a particular task. At this point the authorization process would continue as has been described above.

In the second alternate embodiment, the present invention is applied to a network of computers. It should be understood that while the preferred embodiment uses the present invention to authorize connections between the IOPs of a single computer system, the present invention can also be used in a network environment. In this alternate embodiment, IOPs 120 are replaced by one or more independent computers and bus 115 is replaced one or more physical networking interfaces. Examples of such interfaces include: IEEE 802.5 (Token Ring), IEEE 802.4 (Token Bus), IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet), FDDI, X.25, and ISDN. The methods and apparatus described in the primary and first alternate embodiment apply equally to this embodiment.

Although a specific embodiment along with certain alternate embodiments have been disclosed, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that additional variations in form and detail may be made within the scope of the following claims.

Claims

1. A method for communicating data, said method comprising the steps of:
 - requesting access to system resources, said access being requested by a first connection manager, said first connection manager residing on a first IOP;
 - sending an authorization token in response to said requesting step, said authorization token being sent from a system authorizer mechanism to a second IOP connection manager, said second IOP connection manager residing on a second IOP, said authorization token being sent as part of a first message, said first message being transmitted on a bus;
 - sending a copy of said authorization token from said system authorizer to said first IOP connection manager, said authorization token being sent as part of a second message, said second message being transmitted on said bus;
 - requesting a connection with said first IOP connection manager, said connection being requested via a third message, said third message comprising said copy of said token, said third message being transmitted via said bus;
 - validating said copy of said authorization token, said copy of said authorization token being validated by said second IOP connection manager;

- establishing a connection between said first and said second IOPs across said bus based on the outcome of said validating step. 5
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said sending an authorization token step comprises at least one of the following steps:
 - sending a generic authorization token;
 - sending a reusable authorization token; 10
 - sending a single-use authorization token;
 - encrypting said authorization token;
 - sending said authorization token to a first server IOP connection manager and to a second server IOP connection manager. 15
- 3. A method for communicating data between a client entity and a server entity, said method comprising the steps of:
 - issuing a request for data; 20
 - receiving in conjunction with said request an authorization token, said authorization token being received at said server entity, said authorization token being sent from a authorizer entity; 25
 - sending a copy of said authorization token from said authorizer entity to said client entity;
 - requesting a connection, said connection being requested via a message sent from said client entity to said server entity, said message comprising a copy of said authorization token; 30
 - validating said copy of said authorization token, said copy of said authorization token being validated by said server entity; 35
 - establishing a connection between said server entity and said client entity when said authorization token has been validated. 40
- 4. The method of any of the preceding claims wherein said sending a copy of said authorization token step comprises at least one of the following steps: 45
 - encrypting said copy of said authorization token;
 - sending said copy of said authorization token to a first client connection manager and to a second client connection manager; 50
 - sending said copy of said authorization token to a first client entity and a second client entity. 55
- 5. A method for communicating data, said method comprising the steps of:
 - issuing a request for data; 10

- receiving in conjunction with said request an authorization token, said authorization token being received at a client entity, said authorization token being sent from an authorizer entity;
- requesting a connection between said client entity and a server entity, said connection being requested via a first message sent from said client entity to said server entity, said message comprising said authorization token;
- establishing a connection between said client entity and said server entity based on a response received as a result of said requesting step.
- 6. The method of any of the preceding claims wherein said establishing step comprises at least one of the following steps:
 - reporting the outcome of said validating step to said client IOP connection manager;
 - reporting the outcome of said validating step to said system authorizer;
 - reporting the outcome of said validating step to said client entity;
 - reporting the outcome of said validating step to said authorizer entity.
- 7. A method for communicating data between a client entity and a server entity, said method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving in conjunction with a request for data a first authorization token, said authorization token being received at said server entity, said authorization token being sent from an authorizer entity;
 - validating a second authorization token, said validation being done by comparing said second authorization token with said first authorization token, said second authorization token being received as part of a request to establish a connection between said server entity and said client entity.

- 8. The method of any of the preceding claims wherein said receiving step comprises at least one of the following steps:
 - encrypting said authorization token;
 - receiving said authorization token at a first server entity and at a second server entity;
 - receiving a generic authorization token;
 - receiving a reusable authorization token;
 - receiving a single-use authorization token.

9. The method of any of the preceding claims wherein said validating step comprises at least one of the following steps:

- encrypting said authorization token;
- decrypting said authorization token;
- decrypting said authorization token and said copy of said authorization token.

10. An apparatus for communicating data, said apparatus comprising:

- means for requesting access to system resources, said access being requested by a first connection manager, said first connection manager residing on a first IOP;
- means for sending an authorization token in response to said requesting step, said authorization token being sent from a system authorizer mechanism to a second IOP connection manager, said second IOP connection manager residing on a second IOP said authorization token being sent as part of a first message, said first message being transmitted on a bus;
- means for sending a copy of said authorization token from said system authorizer to said first IOP connection manager, said authorization token being sent as part of a second message, said second message being transmitted on said bus;
- means for requesting a connection with said first IOP connection manager, said connection being requested via a third message, said third message comprising said copy of said token, said third message being transmitted via said bus;
- means for validating said copy of said authorization token, said copy of said authorization token being validated by said second IOP connection manager;
- means for establishing a connection between said first and said second IOPs across said bus based on the outcome of said validating step.

11. The apparatus of claim 36 wherein said means for sending authorization token comprises at least one of the following means:

- means for sending a generic authorization token;
- means for sending a reusable authorization token;
- means for sending a single-use authorization token.

12. An apparatus for communicating data between a client entity and a server entity, said apparatus comprising:

- means for issuing a request for data;
- means for receiving in conjunction with said request an authorization token, said authorization token being received at said server entity, said authorization token being sent from a authorizer entity;
- means for sending a copy of said authorization token from said authorizer entity to said client entity;
- means for requesting a connection, said connection being requested via a message sent from said client entity to said server entity, said message comprising a copy of said authorization token; means for validating said copy of said authorization token being validated by said server entity;
- means for establishing a connection between said server entity and said client entity when said authorization token has been validated.

13. An apparatus for communicating data, said apparatus comprising:

- means for issuing a request for data;
- means for receiving in conjunction with said request an authorization token, said authorization token being received at a client entity, said authorization token being sent from an authorizer entity;
- means for requesting a connection between said client entity and a server entity, said connection being requested via a first message sent from said client entity to said server entity, said message comprising said authorization token;
- means for establishing a connection between said client entity and said server entity based on a response received as a result of said requesting step.

14. The apparatus of any of the preceding claims wherein said means for establishing comprises at least one of the following means:

- means for reporting the outcome of said means for validating to said client IOP connection manager;
- means for reporting the outcome of said means for validating to said system authorizer;
- means for reporting the outcome of said validating step to said authorizer entity;

15. An apparatus for communicating data between a client entity and a server entity, said apparatus comprising:

- means for receiving in conjunction with a request for data a first authorization token, said authorization token being received at said server entity, said authorization token being sent from an authorizer entity; 5
- means for validating a second authorization token, said validation being done by comparing said second authorization token with said first authorization token, said second authorization token being received as part of a request to establish a connection between said server entity and said client entity. 10 15

16. The apparatus of any of the preceding claims wherein said means for receiving comprises at least one of the following means: 20

- means for receiving a generic authorization token;
- means for receiving a reusable authorization token; 25
- means for receiving a single-use authorization token;

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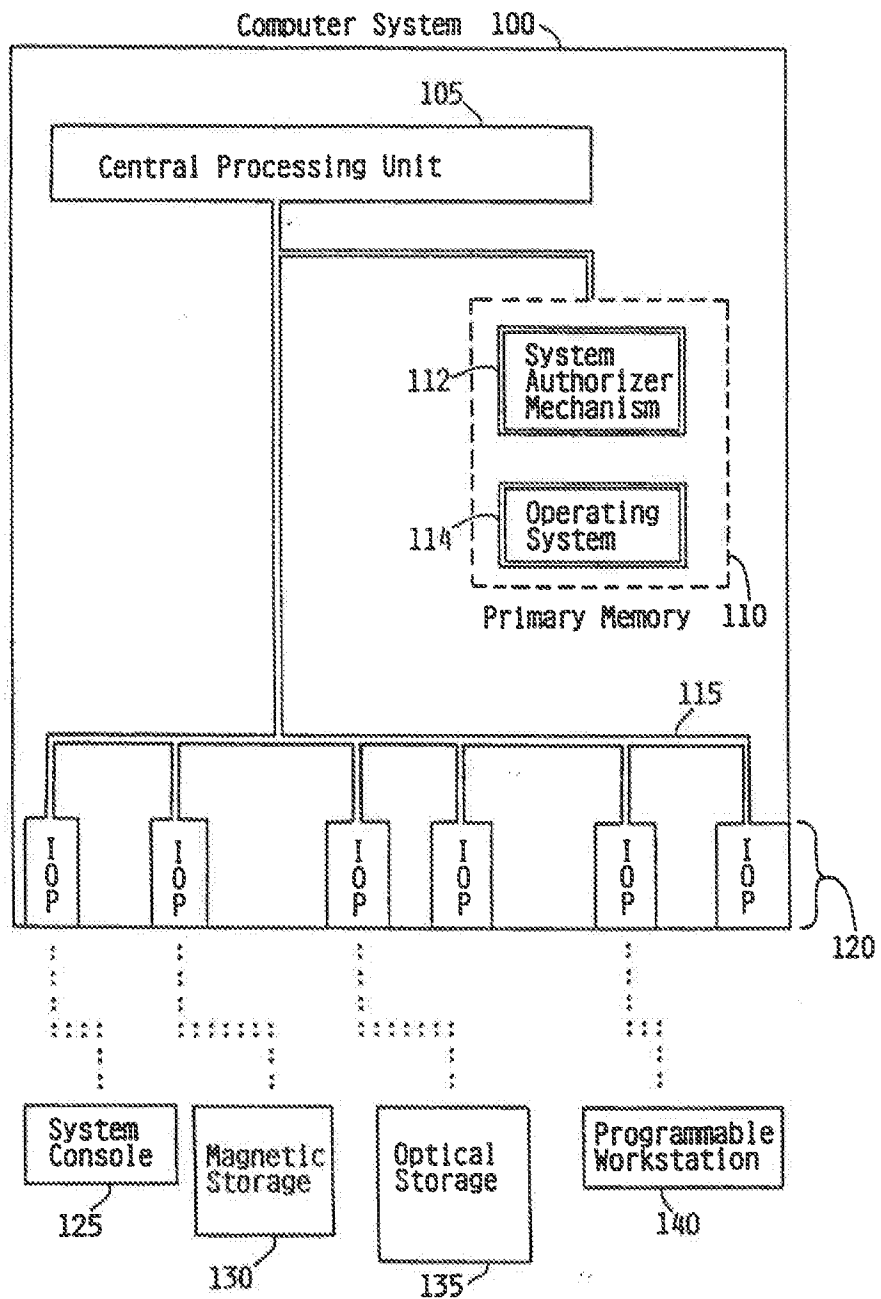


FIG. 1

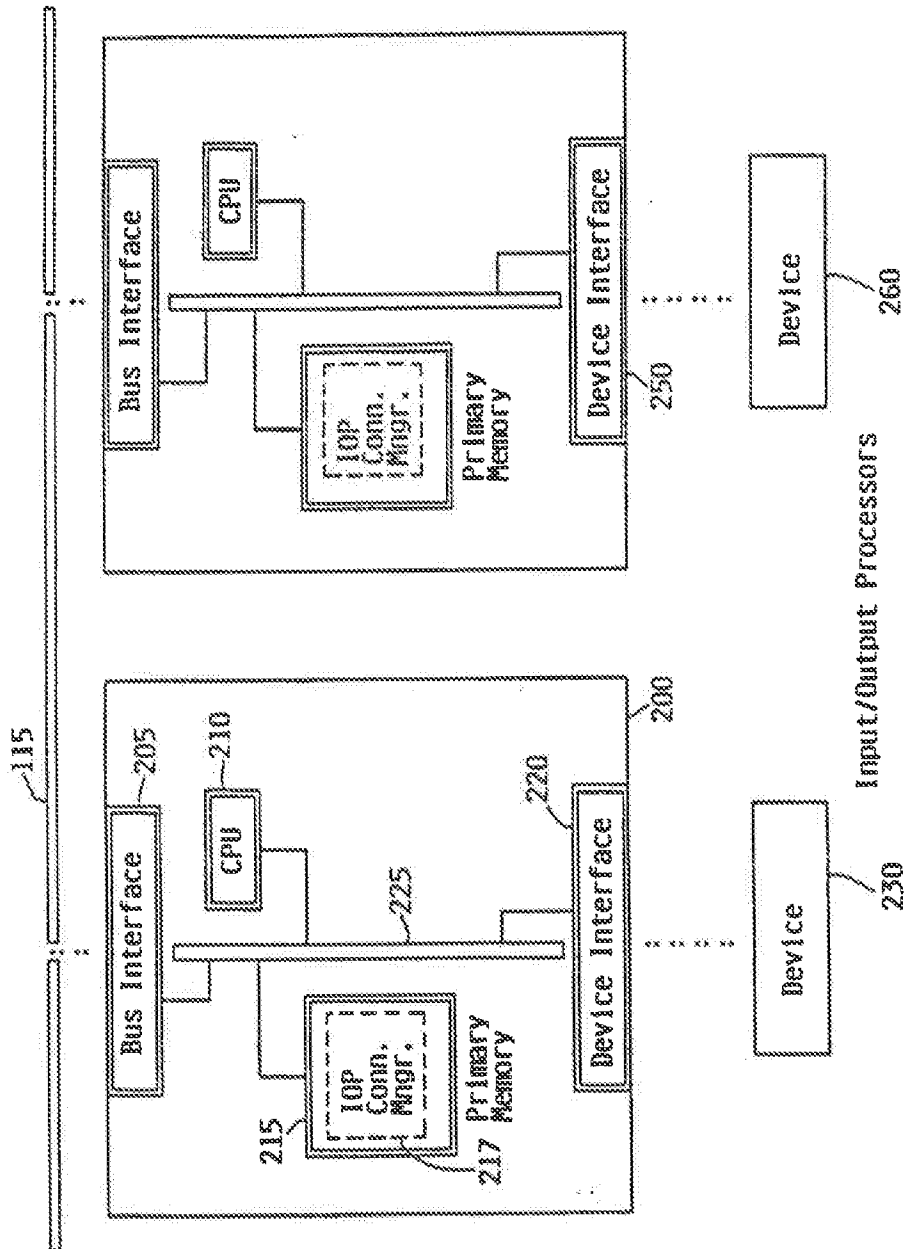
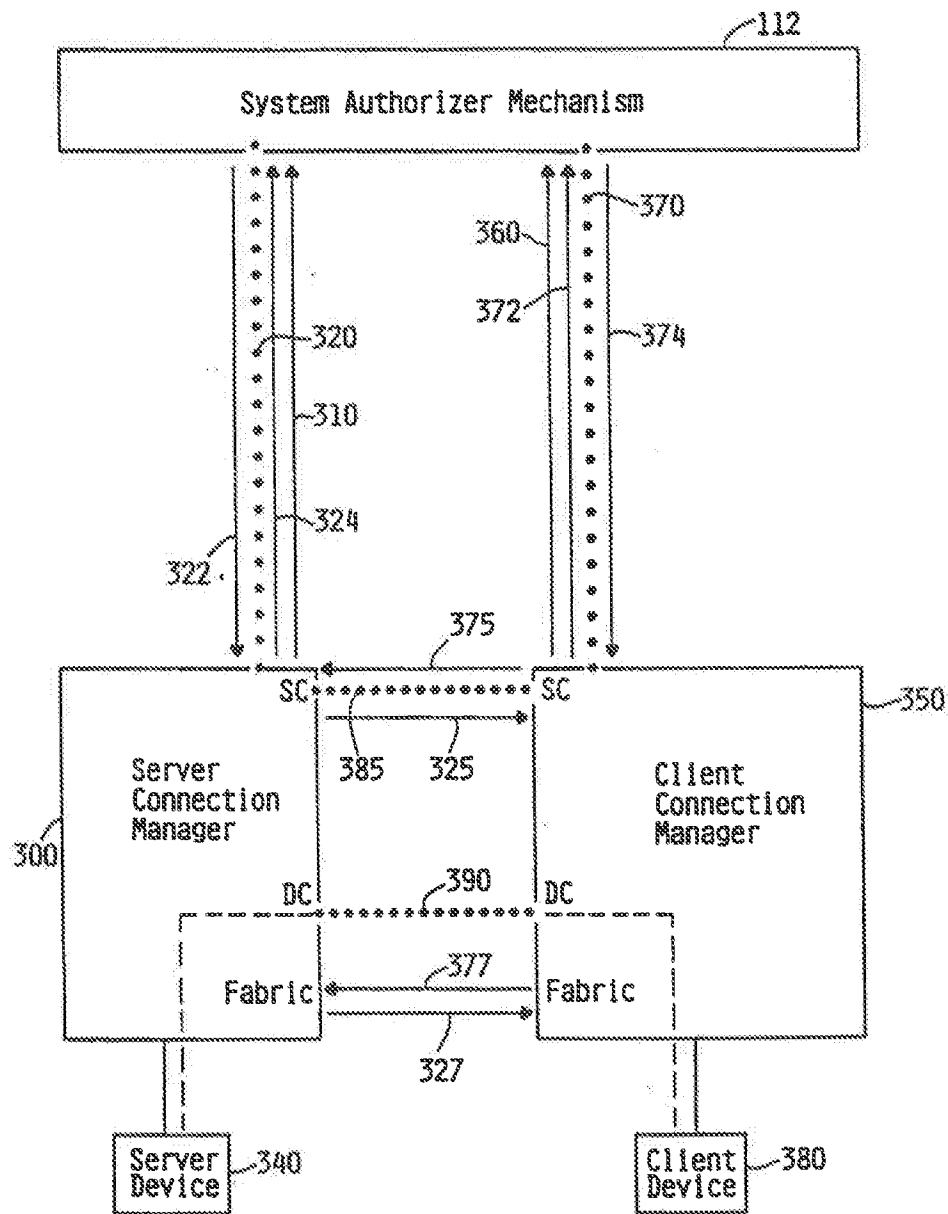


FIG. 2



*** = IPCF Logical Connection
 DC = Data Connection
 SC = Services Connection
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FIG. 3

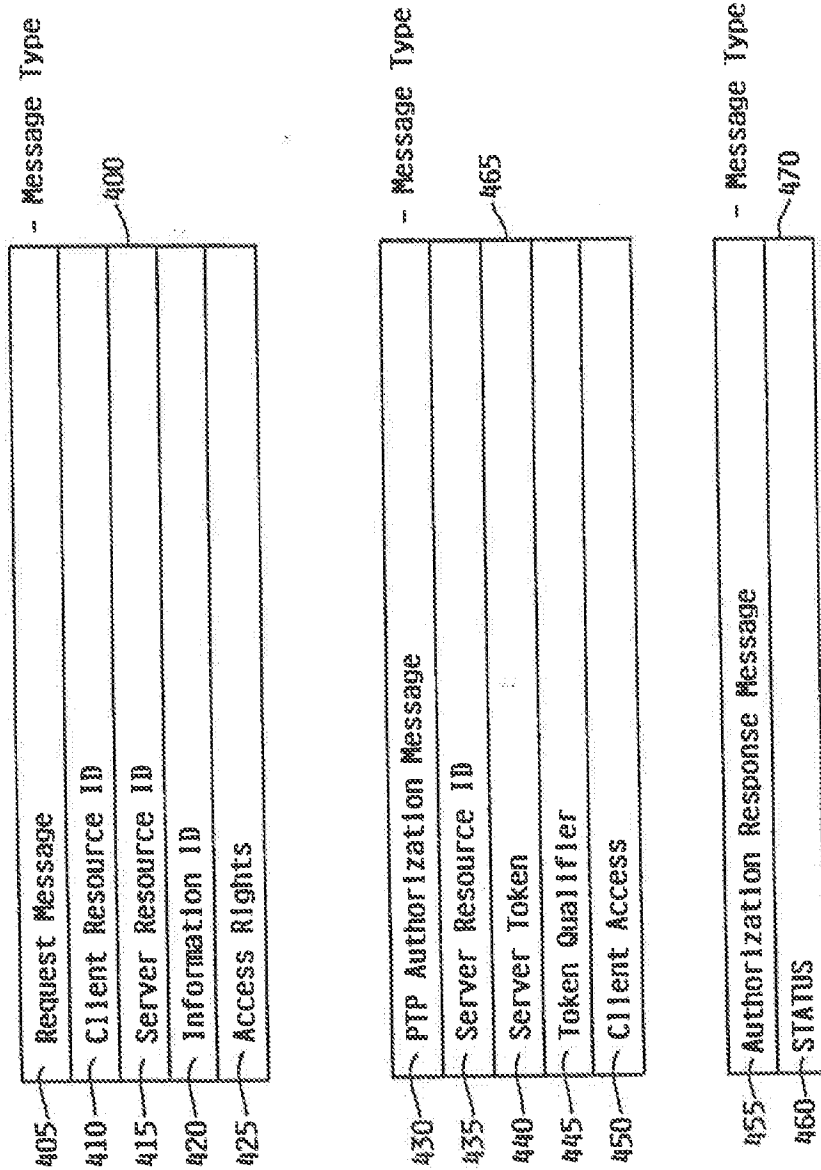


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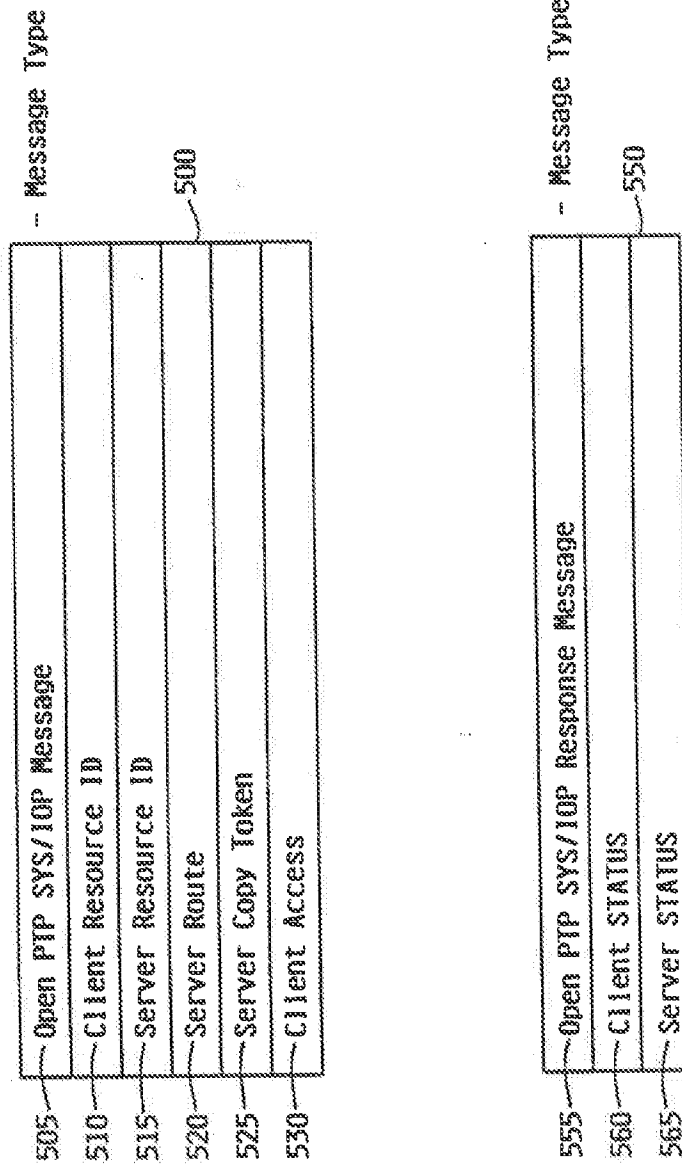


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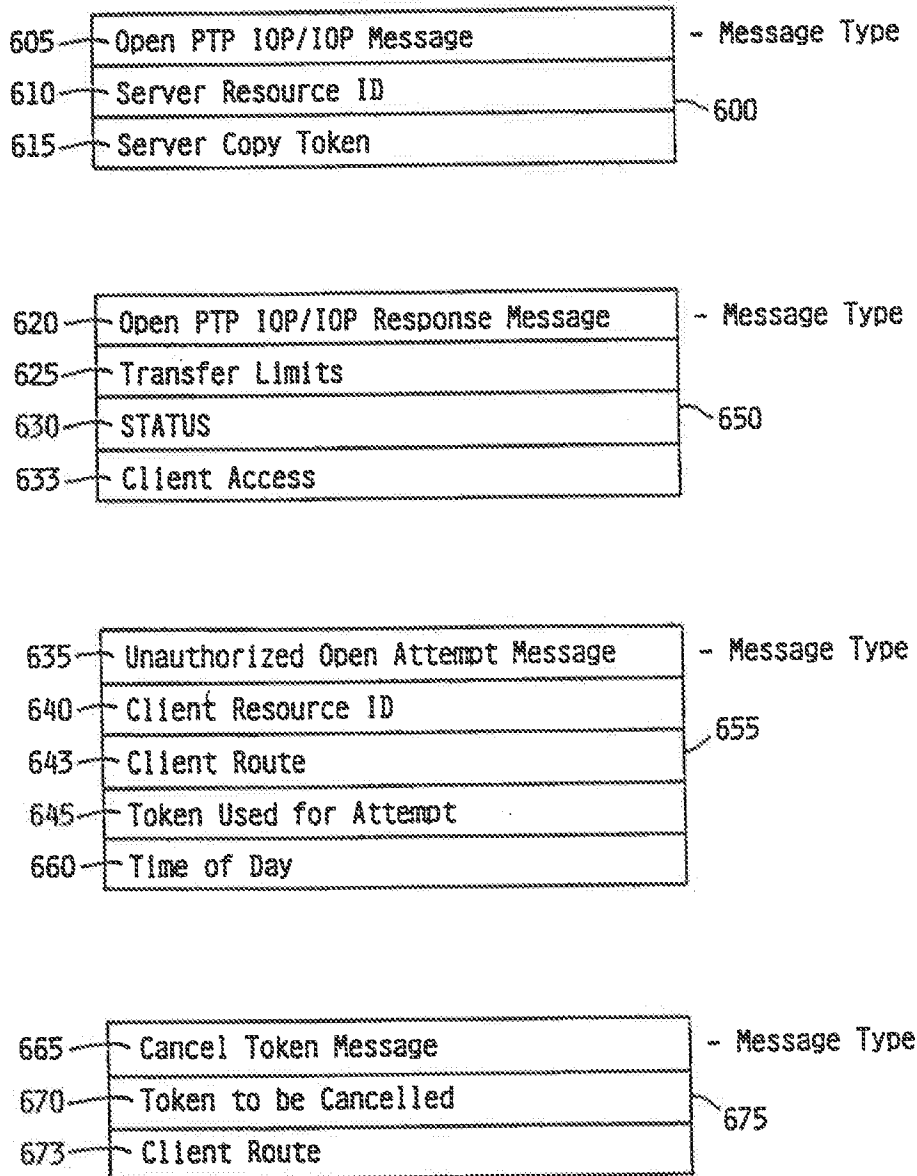


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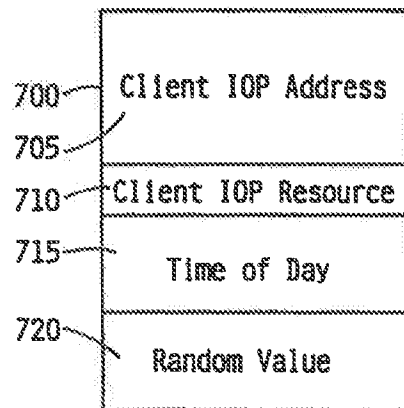
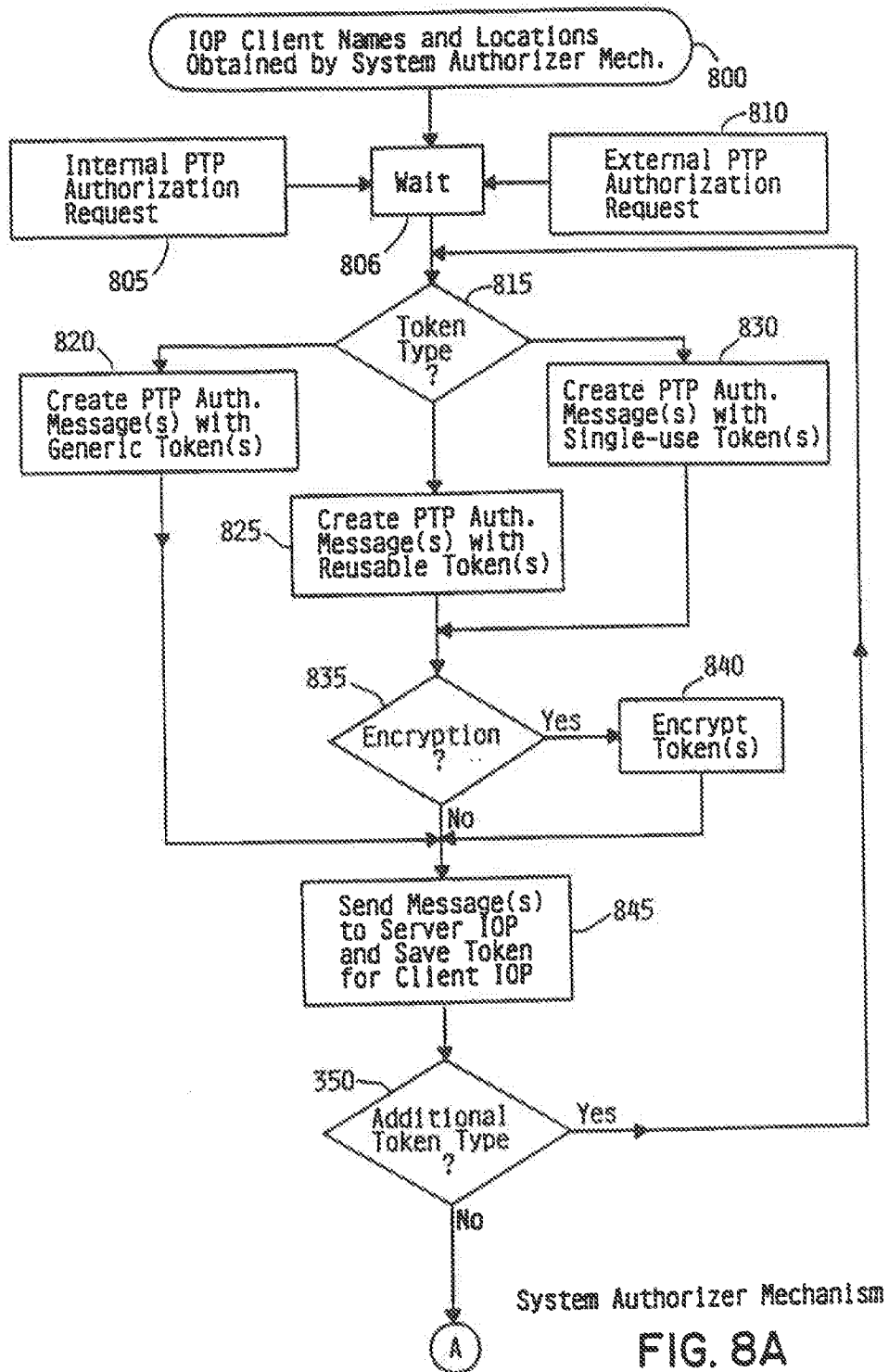
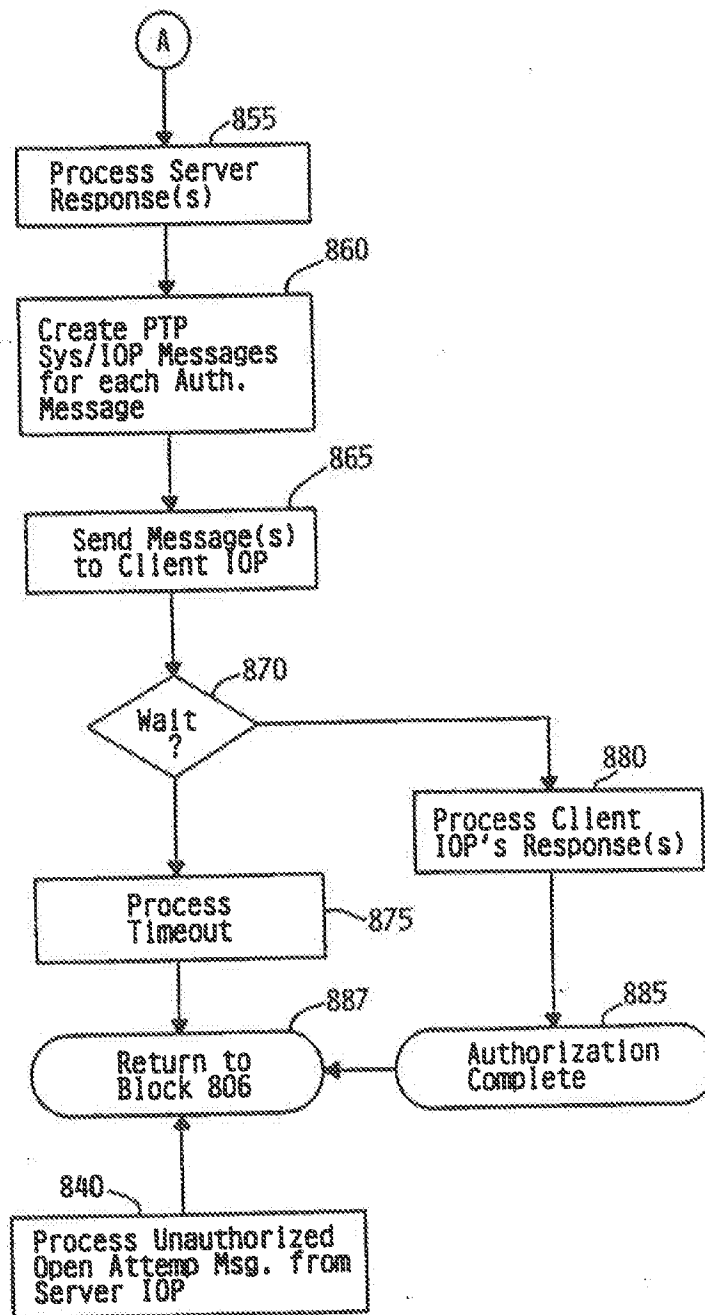


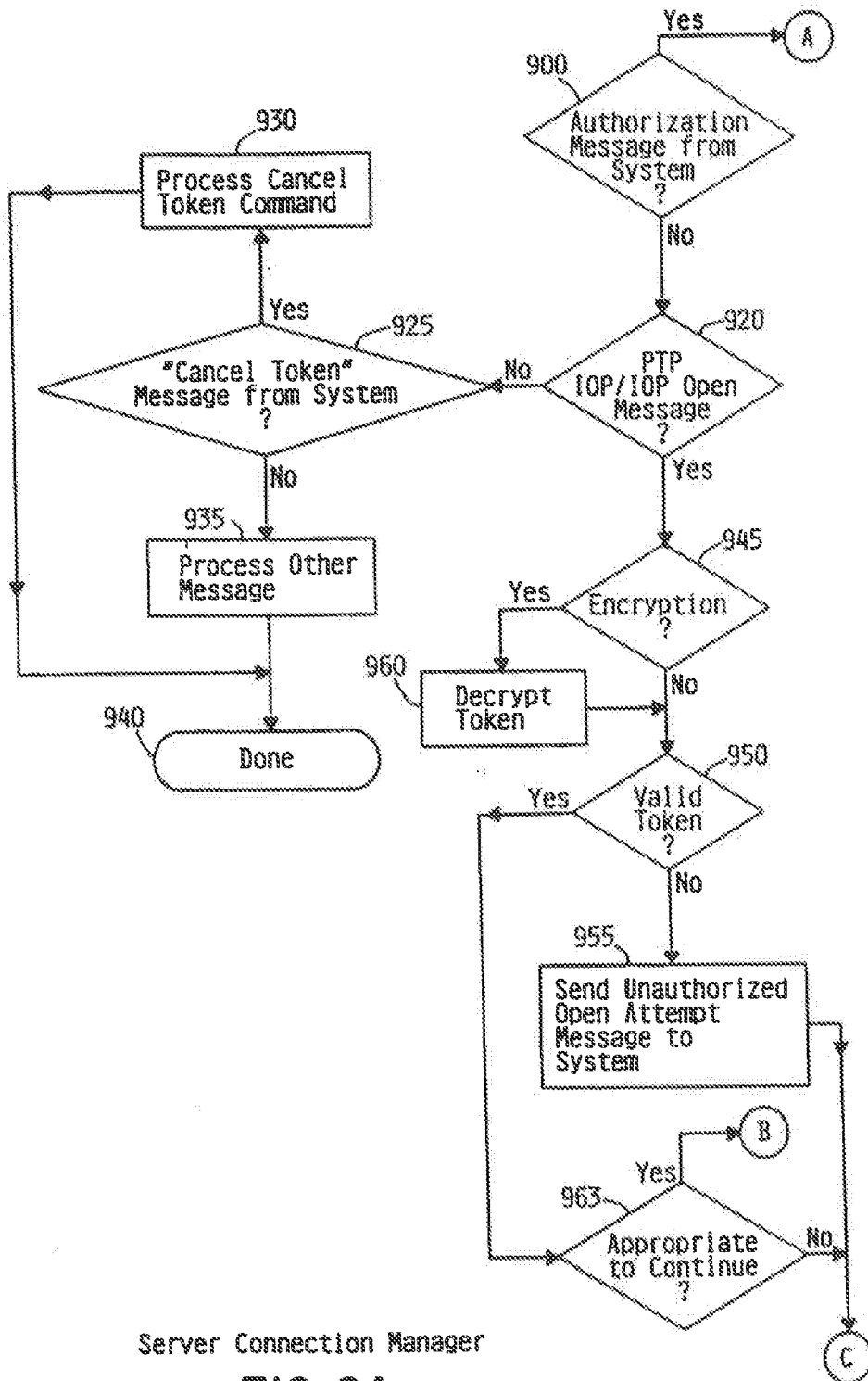
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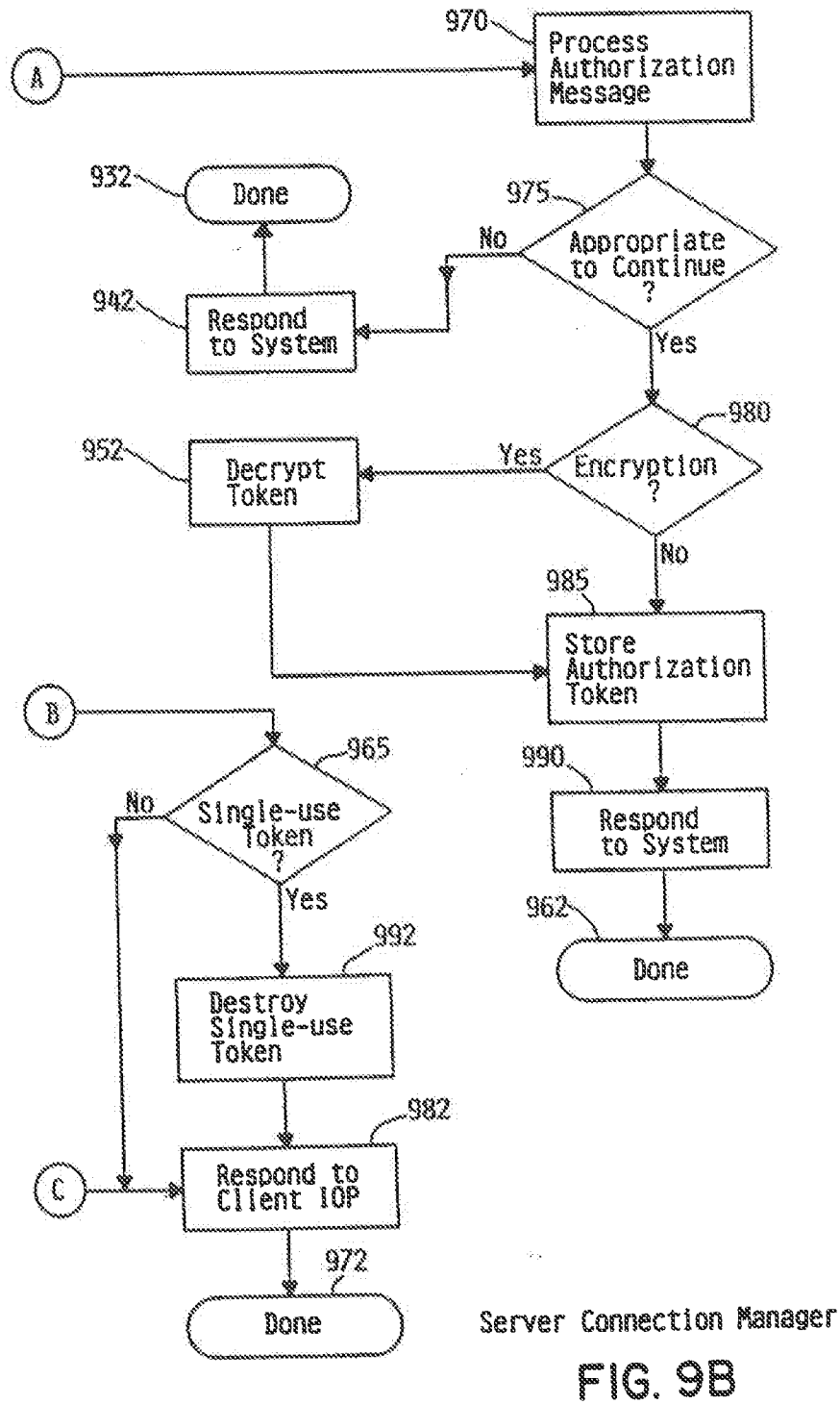
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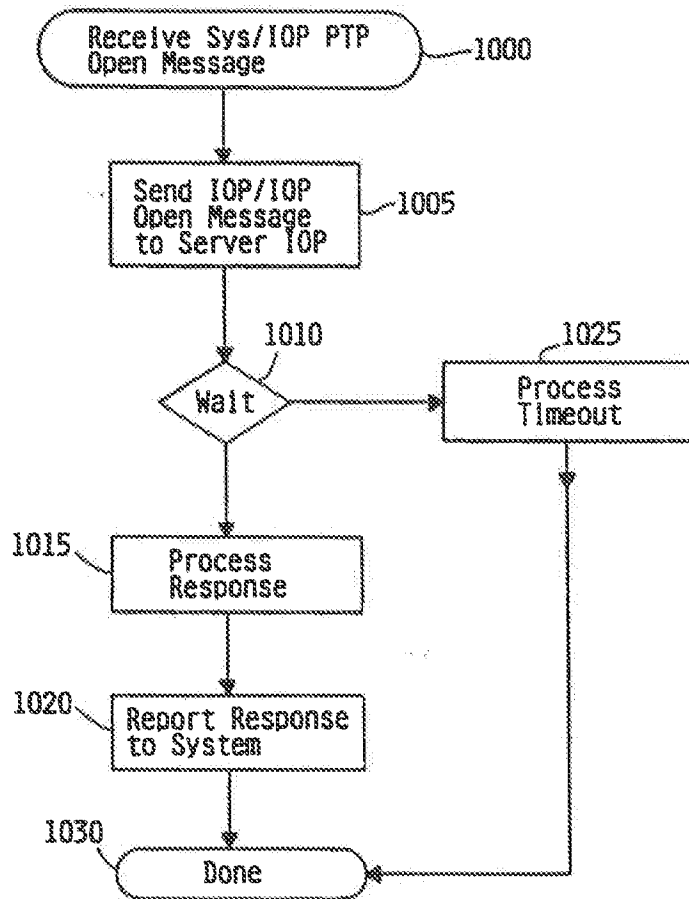
FIG. 8B



Server Connection Manager

FIG. 9A





Client Connection Manager

FIG. 10



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(54) **A flexible interface to authentication services in a distributed data processing system.**

(57) In a distributed data processing system, the authentication of a process at one node for the use of a service at another node is performed in a facility that is separate from the requester and service process. The separate facility is also replaceable, thereby allowing different authentication policies to be implemented within the distributed data processing system. The requesting process and the service process merely pass the authentication information between themselves without attempting to interpret the work of the separate authentication facility. In addition to authenticating the requester to the service, the service is also authenticated to the requester.

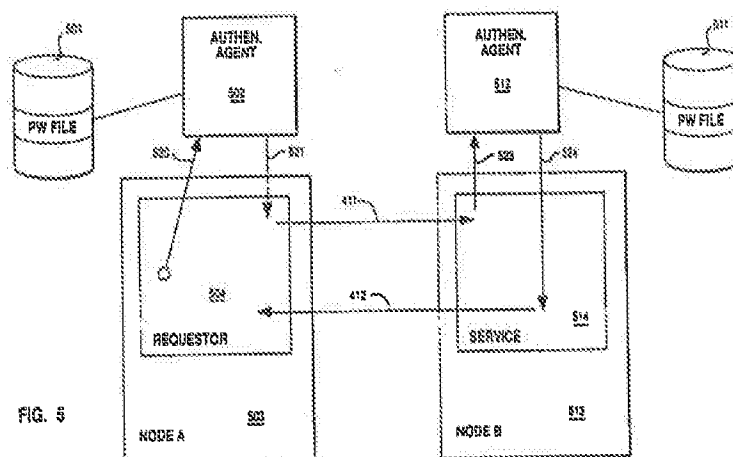


FIG. 5

A FLEXIBLE INTERFACE TO AUTHENTICATION SERVICES IN A DISTRIBUTED DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

This invention relates to a flexible interface to authentication sources in a distributed data processing system including a plurality of data processing systems connected by a communications link, and to the authentication of a process at one of the data processing systems for the use of a service at another one of the data processing systems in a distributed networking environment.

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10 As shown in Fig. 1, a distributed networking environment 1 consists of two or more nodes A, B, C, connected through a communication link or a network 3. The network 3 can be either a local area network (LAN), or a wide area network (WAN).

At any of the nodes A, B, C, there may be a processing system 10A, 10B, 10C, such as a workstation. Each of these processing systems 10A, 10B, 10C, may be a single user system or a multi-user system with the ability to use the network 3 to access files located at a remote node. For example, the processing 15 system 10A at local node A, is able to access the files 5B, 5C at the remote nodes B, C, respectively.

Within this document, the term "server" will be used to indicate the processing system where the file is permanently stored, and the term "client" will be used to mean any other processing system having processes accessing the file. It is to be understood, however, that the term "server" does not mean a dedicated server as that term is used in some local area network systems. The distributed services system 20 in which the invention is implemented is truly a distributed system supporting a wide variety of applications running at different nodes in the system which may access files located anywhere in the system.

As mentioned, the arrangement to be described hereinafter is directed to a distributed data processing system in a communication network. In this environment, each processor at a node in the network potentially may access all the files in the network no matter at which nodes the files may reside.

25 Other approaches to supporting a distributed data processing system are known. For example, IBM's Distributed Services for the AIX operating system is disclosed in S.N. 014,897 "A System and Method for Accessing Remote Files in a Distributed Networking Environment", filed February 13, 1987 in the name of Johnson et al. In addition, Sun Microsystems has released a Network File System (NFS) and Bell Laboratories has developed a Remote File System (RFS). The Sun Microsystems NFS has been described 30 in a series of publications including S.R. Kleiman, "Vnodes: An Architecture for Multiple File System Types in Sun UNIX", Conference Proceedings, USENIX 1986 Summer Technical Conference and Exhibition, pp. 238 to 247; Russel Sandberg et al., "Design and Implementation of the Sun Network Filesystem", Conference Proceedings, Usenix 1985, pp. 119 to 130; Dan Walsh et al., "Overview of the Sun Network File System", pp. 117 to 124; JoMei Chang, "Status Monitor Provides Network Locking Service for NFS", JoMei 35 Chang, "SunNet", pp. 71 to 75; and Bradley Taylor, "Secure Networking in the Sun Environment", pp. 28 to 36. The AT&T RFS has also been described in a series of publications including Andrew P. Rifkin et al., "RFS Architectural Overview", USENIX Conference Proceedings, Atlanta, Georgia (June 1986), pp. 1 to 12; Richard Hamilton et al., "An Administrator's View of Remote File Sharing", pp. 1 to 9; Tom Houghton et al., "File Systems Switch", pp. 1 to 2; and David J. Olander et al., "A Framework for Networking in System V", 40 pp. 1 to 8.

One feature of the distributed services system in which the disclosed arrangement is implemented which distinguishes it from the Sun Microsystems NFS, for example, is that Sun's approach was to design what is essentially a stateless server. This means that the server does not store any information about client nodes, including such information as which client nodes have a server file open or whether client processes 45 have a file open in read__only or read__write modes. Such an implementation simplifies the design of the server because the server does not have to deal with error recovery situations which may arise when a client fails or goes off-line without properly informing the server that it is releasing its claim on server resources.

In contrast an entirely different approach was taken in the design of the distributed services system in 50 which the disclosed arrangement is implemented which might be characterised as a "stateful implementation". A "stateful" server, such as that described here, does keep information about who is using its files and how the files are being used. This requires that the server have some way to detect the loss of contact with a client so that accumulated state information about that client can be discarded. The cache management strategies described here cannot be implemented unless the server keeps such state

information.

The problems encountered in accessing remote nodes can be better understood by first examining how a stand-alone system accesses files. In a stand alone system, such as 10 as shown in Fig. 2, a local buffer 12 in the operating system 11 is used to buffer the data transferred between the permanent storage 2, such as a hard file or a disk in a workstation, and the user address space 14. The local buffer 12 in the operating system 11 is also referred to as a local cache or kernel buffer.

In the stand-alone system, the kernel buffer 12 is divided into blocks 15 which are identified by device number, and logical block number within the device. When a read system call 16 is issued, it is issued with a file descriptor of the file 5 for a byte range within the file 5, as shown in step 101, Fig. 3. The operating system 11 takes this information and converts it to device number, and logical block numbers in the device, step 102, Fig. 3. If the block is in the cache, step 103, the data is obtained directly from the cache, step 105. In the case where the cache doesn't hold the sought for block at step 103, the data is read into the cache in step 104 before proceeding with step 105 where the data is obtained from the cache.

Any data read from the disk 2 is kept in the cache block 15 until the cache block 15 is needed for some other purpose. Consequently, any successive read requests from an application 4 that is running on the processing system 10 for the same data previously read is accessed from the cache 12 and not the disk 2. Reading from the cache is far less time consuming than reading from the disk.

Similarly, data written from the application 4 is not saved immediately on the disk 2, but is written to the cache 12. This saves disk accesses if another write operation is issued to the same block. Modified data blocks in the cache 12 are saved on the disk 2 periodically.

Use of a cache in a stand-alone system that utilises an AIX operating system improves the overall performance of the system since disk accessing is eliminated for successive reads and writes. Overall performance is enhanced because accessing permanent storage is slower and more expensive than accessing a cache.

In a distributed environment, as shown in Fig. 1, there are two ways the processing system 10C in local node C could read the file 5A from node A. In one way, the processing system 10C could copy the whole file 5A, and then read it as if it were a local file 5C residing at node C. Reading a file in this way creates a problem if another processing system 10A at another node A modifies the file 5A after the file 5A has been copied at node C as file 5C. The processing system 10C would not have access to these latest modifications to the file 5A.

Another way for processing system 10C to access a file 5A at node A is to read one block, e.g. N1, at a time as the processing system at node C requires it. A problem with this method is that every read has to go across the network communication link 3 to the node A where the file resides. Sending the data for every successive read is time consuming.

Accessing files across a network presents two competing problems as illustrated above. One problem involves the time required to transmit data across the network for successive reads and writes. On the other hand, if the file data is stored in the node to reduce network traffic, the file integrity may be lost. For example, if one of the several nodes is also writing to the file, the other nodes accessing the file may not be accessing the latest updated data that has just been written. As such, the file integrity is lost since a node may be accessing incorrect and outdated files.

In a stand-alone data processing system, file access control is often provided in order to protect sensitive information that users do not want to share with each other. A problem confronted with distributed data processing systems is how to distribute this same model of control and provide secure access to a user's information remotely while keeping other remote users from inadvertently or maliciously accessing or manipulating data belonging to another user.

Two problems that must be solved in order to provide a secure remote access for users are authentication and authorisation. Authentication is the process of identifying a user of a data processing system. Users typically accomplish authentication by presenting the user's name, or account number for the system, followed by a secret password which should only be known by that user. Presenting the secret password, which can be validated by the system, allows the system to authenticate the user to be who the user claims to be. Once authenticated, the system may then authorise this user to have access to resources managed by the data processing system. Therefore, authentication is the identification of a user, and authorisation is the granting of a privilege to a user to gain some kind of access to the system.

As mentioned above, authentication of local users is often accomplished through the use of a shared secret. This secret is typically a password which the user enters at a prompt. The system then compares this password to a recorded version of the password. If the system determines that the password is correct, the user is authenticated. Remote authentication is more difficult than that previously described.

A procedure for remote authentication is described in the following papers. "Kerberos: An Authentica-

tion Service For Open Network Systems", Steiner, Jennifer G.; Neuman, Clifford; Schiller, Jeffrey I.; pages 1-15, USENIX, Dallas, TX, Winter, 1988. "Project Athena Technical Plan, Section E.2.1, Kerberos Authentication and Authorisation System", Miller, S.P.; Neuman, B.C.; Schiller, J.I.; Saltzer, J.H.; pages 1-36, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 27, 1988. These above two references are herein incorporated by reference. This Kerberos based remote authentication authenticates users working at one node
 5 In a distributed data processing system to services running on the same node or other nodes in the distributed system. A distinctive property of the Kerberos protocol is that users can be authenticated with services running on nodes which share no secret with the user. If a simple password based authentication scheme were used, each user would have to share a secret with each machine in the entire distributed
 10 system. By using the Kerberos protocol, users need to share a secret with only one machine; the machine running the Kerberos authentication service.

Kerberos authentication works as follows. In order to be authenticated to a remote service, the user must present a specially constructed data structure, called a ticket, to the service that the user wishes to be authenticated to. This ticket is particular to the user and the service. That is, each service requires that
 15 these tickets are tickets intended for that service. Moreover, these tickets are specially constructed for an individual user who wants to be authenticated. These tickets are issued by the part of the Kerberos authentication server called the ticket granting service. Before using the service, say a remote print server, a user acquires a ticket for that print server. The user requests the Kerberos ticket granting service to issue a ticket for that user for the use of the print server. The Kerberos ticket granting service constructs the
 20 ticket, gives it to the user, and the user presents it to the print server. The print server examines the ticket and can determine that the sender was indeed the claimed user.

In detail, this Kerberos scheme is more complex in order to ensure that tickets can not be forged or stolen by another user. In addition, the messages for passing tickets between machines are designed such that the messages can not be recorded and replayed. The Kerberos scheme also ensures that the user
 25 can not trick the ticket granting service itself. This last step can be accomplished by requiring a ticket to use the ticket granting service. This master ticket is acquired by users before any other ticket can be issued for that user. Once a user has a master ticket, the user can present the master ticket to the ticket granting service and be issued tickets for other services in the distributed system.

Another distinctive feature of the Kerberos authentication scheme is that while the user must go to the
 30 authentication server to request tickets, the service to which these tickets are being presented does not need to communicate with the Kerberos authentication service during the user authentication.

The Kerberos protocol provides a sophisticated authentication scheme. However, such schemes are not appropriate for small networks where the overhead in administering a Kerberos server may not justify its use. In such cases, other authentication schemes are possible which may just simply involve the sharing of
 35 a secret between every user and every node in the distributed system. If the distributed system has only a few machines, such as three or so, it may be easier for each user to maintain a password on each machine and to authenticate that password periodically to ensure that the users are not compromised.

A third possible authentication scheme might be appropriate for networks that are larger than those that can be conveniently managed by users needing individual passwords on each machine yet are smaller than
 40 would justify a Kerberos authentication protocol. This third scheme might use a centralised authentication server which all of the nodes communicate with. A password might be presented to a remote service by a user, and the remote service checks with the central authentication server to determine whether the password is correct. This requires services to communicate with the authentication server instead of users. This is in contrast to the Kerberos scheme where services do not need to communicate with the
 45 authentication server during user authentication.

As illustrated above, there is a wide range of possible implementations of authentication servers that may be appropriate for distributed systems providing user authentication.

An operating system, such as the AIX operating system, which provides for distributed functions such as in Distributed Services of the AIX operating system, uses remote authentication to authenticate client
 50 machines to servers, servers to client machines, and users to server machines. However, it may be desirable to run an operating system having distributed functions in various sizes of networks having a range of nodes from one or two nodes to hundreds or thousands of nodes.

Consequently, an operating system providing distributed functions must run in the presence of various authentication schemes from the simplest most straight forward scheme to the most complex and
 55 sophisticated scheme.

An efficient way of implementing a distributed services function of an operating system is to modify the operating system kernel to support distributed service operations. This includes the communication between nodes and the management and synchronisation of the facilities being distributed. When a user operation

on one machine causes a request to be sent to a remote machine, that user must be authenticated to the remote machine. This activity causes programs to be executed at the remote machine. The distributed service function of the operating system must perform the authentication of the remote user, but to do so, it must use the network's authentication scheme, for which various schemes are possible and can operate
 5 very differently from one another. Additionally, this authentication may require communications with the remote authentication server at either the user side or at the remote machine side. Since it is impossible to anticipate all possible authentication schemes that the network may be using, it is desirable for a distributed service function of the operating system to have a flexible authentication protocol that allows it to use whatever available authentication scheme is running on the network.

10 For example, a distributed service of the operating system gets to a remote machine with a request from a user, but the remote machine may discover that it has never seen this user before. The remote machine then may require the user to authenticate itself to the remote machine. However, the distributed service function may not know how the authentication is to be performed. If the distributed service function determined how the authentication process is to be performed, this would limit the users of the distributed
 15 service function of an operating system to the one predetermined authentication scheme.

Furthermore, if the predetermined authentication scheme requires remote communications with the server, there is a variety of exceptions and failures which are difficult to provide for inside the kernel of the operating system at the point where the authentication process would need to be performed. If the communications to the authentication server breaks, and the authentication process is inside the kernel, all
 20 processing within the data processing system may come to a halt while the operating system kernel is waiting while trying to communicate with the remote authentication server.

To alleviate such shortcomings, the present invention provides a system having means for authenticating a requester, at a first node, of a service running at a second node, wherein the requester and the service are connected by a means of communication in a distributed data processing system, the system
 25 comprising: means for constructing authentication information by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester; and means for determining, at the second node, from the constructed authentication information, an authentication of the requester.

The present invention also provides a system having means for authenticating a requester, at a first node, of a service running at a second node, wherein the requester and the service are connected by a
 30 means of communication in a distributed data processing system, the system comprising: means for constructing authentication information and an authentication acknowledgement by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester; means for sending, by the requester, the authentication information to the service running at the second node; means for processing the sent authentication information at a second facility, supporting the authentication policy, at the second node separate from the
 35 service; means for acquiring, by the service, an outcome of the processing for determining a first authentication of the requester and a second authentication acknowledgement; means for receiving, by the requester, the second authentication acknowledgement; and means for comparing, by the requester, the first authentication acknowledgement and the second received authentication acknowledgement for determining a second authentication of the service.

40 The present invention also provides method for authenticating a requester, at a first node, of a service running at a second node, wherein the requester and the service are connected by a means of communication in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising: constructing authentication information by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester; and determining, at the second node, from the constructed authentication information an authentication of the requester.

45 The present invention also provides a method for authenticating a requester, at a first node, of a service running at a second node, wherein the requester and the service are connected by a means of communication in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising: constructing authentication information and an authentication acknowledgement by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester; sending, by the requester, the authentication information to the service running
 50 at the second node; processing the sent authentication information at a second facility, supporting the authentication policy, at the second node separate from the service; acquiring, by the service, an outcome of the processing for determining a first authentication of the requester and a second authentication acknowledgement; receiving, by the requester, the second authentication acknowledgement; and comparing, by the requester, the first authentication acknowledgement and the second received authentication
 55 acknowledgement for determining a second authentication of the service.

The present invention also provides a method for use on a first data processing system having means for requesting, by a process at the first data processing system, a service at a second data processing system connected to the first data processing system through a means of communication, the method

comprising: sending a message to a replaceable facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requesting process, to initiate authentication by constructing authentication information; and sending, unaware of the contents of the constructed authentication information, the constructed authentication information, with a request to use the service, to the service for becoming authenticated to use the service.

5 The present invention also provided a method for use on a second data processing system having means for receiving a request, from a process at the first data processing system, for a service, the second data processing system connected to the first data processing system through a means of communication, the method comprising: sending authentication information, received from the process, to a replaceable facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the service, for an interpretation of the authentication information and a construction of a plurality of authentication credentials; receiving the constructed
10 credentials from the separate facility; performing an operation on the request based on the received credentials; and returning to the requesting process a result of the operation and the authentication acknowledgement received from the separate facility.

The present invention also provides a method for use with at least one data processing system, the
15 method comprising: receiving a message from a process to initiate authentication of the process in response to a request by the requesting process to use a service of a different process; constructing authentication information and an authentication acknowledgement from requester information and service information found in the received message; sending the constructed authentication information and the authentication acknowledgement to the requesting process; receiving the constructed authentication in-
20 formation from the service; constructing a plurality of credentials from the received authentication information for the service and a second authentication acknowledgement; and sending the constructed credentials and the authentication acknowledgement to the service.

The system and method disclosed hereinafter defines an interface between an operating system providing distributed service functions and a user program providing an authentication scheme. This
25 interface is well defined and highly structured such that the kernel of the operating system does not change at all depending upon the authentication services in the network that are being utilised. A program providing an authentication scheme can be interchangeable with other authentication programs whenever the authentication scheme changes in the network. In addition, utilising a user program at the remote machine to perform the authentication allows the user program to be killed, restarted, and scheduled as a regular
30 program without affecting the performance of the underlying operating system. The complexity of authentication lies in the program and not in the kernel of the operating system.

An authentication daemon program is used at both the user initiating node and the receiving service node. A set of message flows allows a distributed service function within the operating system to use the results of these authentication daemons in a way that is transparent to the distributed services function. The
35 distributed services function merely passes the information back and forth without attempting to interpret the work of the authentication daemon. Accordingly, different authentication daemon programs using different authentication schemes can be used interchangeably within the network without affecting or changing the underlying distributed service function of the operating system. Likewise, the same distributed service function can be used within various networks having different authentication schemes in the
40 authentication daemon used in each network.

More specifically, a request sent to a remote service that requires authentication includes an object called the authentication information object. This authentication information object and an associated authentication acknowledgement value are constructed, at the requester's node, by the authentication daemon from information about the requester. The contents of these authentication items and the means for
45 their construction are preferably unknown outside of the authentication daemon itself. The authentication acknowledgement value is retained and the authentication information object is included in the message used for the request. The service, before performing the request, extracts the authentication information object from the request and passes it to a second authentication daemon running at the service's node. This second authentication daemon uses the authentication information object to authenticate the requester
50 according to the authentication policy supported by the daemons. The second authentication daemon also returns a second authentication acknowledgement value that is returned to the requester in the reply to the request. This second authentication acknowledgement is compared with the first authentication acknowledgement previously retained by the requester to ensure that the identity of the remote service is that of the intended service.

55 The present invention will be described further by way of example with reference to an embodiment thereof and a contrasting prior art arrangement, both as illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a distributed data processing system known in the art;

Fig. 2 is a block diagram showing a stand-alone data processing system known in the art for

accessing a file through system calls;

Fig. 3 is a flow diagram of the data processing system of Fig. 2 accessing a file through a system call;

Fig. 4A is a request__for__service message which is used by a process running on a client machine in order to request that a remote service be performed;

Fig. 4B illustrates the messages that flow between the authentication agent and the requester and between the authentication agent and the service;

Fig. 5 shows a client data processing system and a server data processing system in a distributed data processing system having a separate authentication agent for performing authentication; and

Fig. 6 is a flow showing the operations of the requester, the authentication agent, and the service.

With reference to Figure 4A, the internode message request__for__service 410 used herein is described. The request__for__service message 410 is used by a process running on a client machine in order to request that a remote service be performed. The request 411 has an opcode 413 indicating the specific operation requested. The request 411 also has an operation field 420 used to indicate the desired operation to be performed by the server. The authentication info field 416 in the request is used to pass enough information to the remote machine to authenticate the process performing the request. The remote machine responds with the reply 412. The opcode field 414 indicates that this is the reply for the particular kind of request. The return code (rc) 417 in the reply is used to indicate the success or failure of the remote machines attempt to execute the request. An acknowledgement is returned in the ack field 419. The ack is used to verify that correct identification between the requesting process and the remote machine has occurred.

Fig. 4B shows the messages that flow between the authentication agent and the requester and between the authentication agent and the service.

The requester to authentication agent message 520 contains information describing the requester 531 and information describing the service 532 that the request will be sent to. The authentication agent to requester message 521 contains an authentication information object 416 and an authentication acknowledgement value 534. The service to authentication agent message 523 contains only the authentication info object 416. The authentication agent to service message 524 contains another authentication acknowledgement value 419 and a set of credentials 536 that are used by the service to authenticate the requester.

Referring to Fig. 5, a machine 503 contains a requester 504 that makes use of an authentication agent 502 through messages 520, 521. The authentication agent 502 refers to data stored on disk 501. A second machine 513 contains a service 514 that makes use of an authentication agent 512 through messages 523, 524. The requester 504 communicates with the service 514 via the request__for__service request 411 and its reply 412.

In the preferred embodiment, a first machine 503 is communicating with a second machine 513 over a network. Rather than performing the authentication operation within the requester process 504 and the service process 514, which may be running in an operating system of the machines, the authentication operation is performed in the authentication agent programs 502, 512 at both of the nodes. These authentication agents may be user level programs as used in systems running any type of operating system or daemons as used in systems executing the AIX operating system or other operating systems based on the UNIX operating system.

The following description refers to Fig. 4A, Fig. 4B, Fig. 5, and Fig. 6, concurrently. Before a process at a first machine begins to send a request 411, step 601, to use the services of a second machine, an authentication procedure must first be performed. The requesting process 504 sends a message 520 to the first authentication agent 502 at the first node in order to initiate authentication, step 602. This message contains information 531 describing the process making the request and information 532 identifying the requested service.

The first authentication agent 502 uses the contents of the message 520 to construct a reply 521, step 603, returned to the requesting process, step 604. This reply 521 contains authentication information 416 and an authentication ack 534. The way in which the authentication agent uses the contents of message 520 depends upon the particular authentication policy being supported; but the way that the requesting process uses the reply 521 is independent of the policy supported by the authentication agent. The requesting process does not interpret either the authentication information 416 or the authentication ack 534. The only operations that the requesting process needs to perform with these elements are the transmission of the authentication information to the remote service in a request, steps 605, 606 and a bitwise comparison for equality between the authentication ack 534 received and retained, step 606, from the local authentication agent 502, and the authentication ack 419 in reply 412 received from the remote service.

In addition, the service receiving the request 411 does not need to interpret the information contained in the authentication information field 416. The service, like the requester, treats the authentication information in the same manner independent of the authentication policy that it supports. The service always passes the authentication information to the authentication agent 512, step 607, where interpretation of this information is performed, step 608. The agent will find different contents in the authentication information message 523 depending upon the particular authentication policy being supported by the authentication agents 502 and 512. In the message 524 sent from the agent 512 to the service 514, step 609, the agent places a set of credentials 536 that describe the remote requester in a manner that is meaningful to the service. Additionally, the agent places an authentication ack 419 in this message that does not need to be interpreted by the service. Like the authentication information, the authentication ack 419 is treated in the same manner by the service for all authentication policies supported by the authentication agents. The only operation that the service performs on the authentication ack 419 is returning it to the requester in reply 412. The service makes a determination, step 610, based on the credentials 536 on the authentication and authorisation of the requester's permission to request an operation 420 of the service, conditionally performing the requested operation, step 611. The results of this determination and operation are returned in a return code 417 to the requester in a reply message 412 along with the authentication ack 419, step 612.

The requester receives the reply 412 and extracts the authentication ack 419 and compares it to the authentication ack 534 previously received from the local authentication agent 502, step 613. If the two acks are bitwise equal, the requester is assured of the remote service's identity to the limit of the ability of the authentication protocol supported by the agents. Upon verifying the identity of the service, the requester examines the return code 417 to determine the outcome of the original request, step 614, completing the request for service, step 615.

The following programming design language code illustrates the processing at the authentication agent.

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/* authentication agent */
LOOP FOREVER
5      await message;
      IF request is a requester to agent message THEN
          use requester information found in message
          along with the service information
10         found in the message to construct both
          authentication information and
          an authentication acknowledgement;
15         send message reply containing
          authentication information and
          authentication ack
20         back to requester;
      ELSE /* request is a service to agent message */
          use the authentication info to construct a
          set of credentials and
25         an authentication ack;
          send message reply containing
          the set of credentials and
30         the authentication ack
          back to service;
      ENDIF;
35  ENDLOOP;

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40 The following programming design language code
illustrates the processing at the requester.

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/* requester */
45
/* about to make a request of a remote service */
construct a message containing a description of the
50 process making the request and a description of
the remote service;
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send this message to authentication agent;
await reply from authentication agent;
save the authentication ack returned in reply from
5      agent;
construct a request for remote service, include
      authentication information returned in reply
10     from the authentication agent;
send request to remote service;
await reply from the service;
IF authentication ack in reply from service
15     = saved authentication ack THEN
      /* remote service authenticated */
      examine the result of the remote operation;
20     ELSE
      /* remote service not authenticated */
      /* ignore the returned return code */
25     ENDIF;

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The following programming design language code illustrates the processing at the service.

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/* service */

LOOP FOREVER;
5      await request from a remote requester;
      extract the authentication information from the
      request;
10     send authentication information to the
      authentication agent;
      await reply from agent;
15     extract credentials for remote requester from the
      reply;
      extract authentication ack from the reply and
      save it;
20     IF credentials indicate that the requester has
      permission to have the server perform the
      operation requested in the request from the
25     requester THEN
      perform the operation;
      return code := the results of the operation;
30     ELSE
      return code := value indicating permission
      failure;
      ENDIF;
35     construct a reply containing the return code and
      the saved authentication ack;
      send reply back to the server;
40     ENDLOOP;

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45 Note, that the design suggested above employs messages to communicate between the service and the authentication agent and between the requester and the authentication agent. These messages are shown in Fig. 4B. This choice of communication interface is intended to allow multiple processes, either requesters or services or combinations of the two, running on the same node to use a single agent. In the preferred embodiment using the AIX operating system the interprocess communication facilities called message queues provide this type of interface. These message queue facilities are described in the "AIX Operating System Technical Reference", second edition, September, 1988, order number SV21-8009, part number 74X9990, hereby incorporated by reference, and more specifically pages 2-71 to 2-85. This allows multiple processes to share the authentication daemon process. By using a well defined interface based on messages, the preferred embodiment allows the daemon process to be replaced without necessitating any changes in its clients, i.e., the requesters and the services.

55 For example, if Kerberos based authentication is being performed, the agent will acquire a Kerberos ticket for the requester to use the remote service. This may involve searching id to name tables stored in the password file on disk 501 or ticket caches stored on disk 501 or memory. It may further involve

communication with a remote Kerberos server using the Kerberos protocols. If Kerberos is used, the authentication info 416 contains all of the information that is needed by a service to authenticate a remote requester using Kerberos.

To illustrate how the preferred embodiment can be used to support the kerberos protocol, the steps performed by the authentication agent are further described. Message 520 to the authentication agent is used by the agent to determine the requesting process's associated user id. In the preferred embodiment, this id is contained in the field 531 describing the requester and is a small integer used to identify the user on whose behalf the request is running. The authentication agent uses this id to locate the Kerberos tickets owned by this user. In the preferred embodiment, the agent will find these tickets in a file located on the disk 501 under the name /tmp/tkt(uid) where (uid) is the actual user id. In this file, a ticket for the requested service described by field 532 may be found. If such a ticket is not found, a new ticket for the requested service is acquired by the agent. The agent acquires a new ticket by sending a ticket request to the Kerberos ticket granting service. This ticket request is constructed according to the requirements of the Kerberos protocol as described in "Kerberos Authentication and Authorisation System", Miller, S.P. et al. Basically, the agent constructs an encrypted authenticator containing a timestamp and sends it, along with a ticket for use of the ticket granting service, to the ticket granting service in its requests for a ticket to the desired service.

In response to the ticket request, the authentication agent will receive from the ticket granting service a ticket for the desired service and a session key for use with this service. The agent will also construct an authenticator encrypted with the session key and combine this with the ticket just received. The agent places this in the authentication info field 416 of the reply 521 that is returned to the requester. Additionally, the agent will construct an authentication ack from the value of the timestamp placed in the encrypted authenticator. It does this by adding one to the timestamp and encrypting it with the session key. This authentication ack is placed in field 534 of the reply.

The requester, upon receiving the reply 521, does not need to be aware that the authentication field and the authentication ack are constructed in order to take advantage of the Kerberos authentication protocols. Instead, the requester treats these as abstract values, handling them in the same way independent of the way in which the authentication agents are performing authentication. The authentication info field is sent to the remote service in message 411 where it is passed in message 523 to the authentication agent running at the remote node. The remote authentication agent obtains, from the ticket, verification of the remote requester's identity and the session key that will be used with this remote requester. This information is encrypted in the ticket in a manner which makes tickets unforgeable.

Additionally, the remote agent checks the authenticator sent with the ticket, decrypting it with the session key, to find the timestamp. The timestamp is examined to make sure that this request is not a replay of a previous request. The timestamp is also used to construct an authentication ack in the same manner as was done by the first authentication agent. The authentication ack is returned to the service in field 419 along with a description of the requester's identity in field 536 of message 524. The ack constructed at the service authentication agent is then returned in message 412 to the requester where it is compared to the authentication ack constructed at the requester's node. This completes a Kerberos based authentication scheme using the preferred embodiment.

While performing the above described request, the agent communicates with the Kerberos ticket granting service. This may be running on a remote node and hence require network communication. This is not a problem for the agent since it is a regular scheduled process which can be put to sleep while awaiting a reply from the Kerberos ticket granting service without adversely impacting the performance of other processes on the system where the agent is running. If the requester had attempted to acquire the tickets directly without going through an authentication agent, the requester might have to sleep awaiting an I/O request. This could impact system performance adversely if the requester was running under kernel state in some operating systems. Furthermore, some operating systems cannot initiate I/O such as this while in the middle of processing a previous I/O request for a process. This can occur if a process attempts to perform I/O on a remote file. While in the middle of an I/O request for a remote file, it may be discovered that authentication operations need to be performed that involve I/O such as communicating with the Kerberos ticket granting service, causing problems in systems where a separate authentication agent is not used. In this preferred embodiment, authentication operations can be performed by the separate agent while a requesting process is in a state where it would not be able to perform the I/O necessary for the authentication at that time.

Likewise, a different authentication policy can be used in conjunction with this preferred embodiment. When the authentication agent receives message 520 it obtains the user id from field 531. It should be noted that in the preferred embodiment all information that might be used by an authentication policy is

passed in field 531 so that different implementations of a policy or different policies running in the agent will find all information needed in this field. The user id is used to search the password file on disk 501 for a password that this user has prearranged to use with the remote service identified by field 532. This password and an associated reply password are obtained by this lookup operation. The password is placed in field 416, the authentication info field, and the reply password is placed in field 534, the authentication
 5 ack field, of the message 521. The requester sends the authentication info field 416 to the service where it is passed to the remote agent in message 523. The remote agent uses the password to search a file stored on disk 511 to locate a description of the identity of the requester. If found, this identity information is placed in field 536 along with a reply password found in the same file and placed in field 419, the
 10 authentication ack field of message 524. The service returns the authentication ack value to the requester where it, the reply password found at the service node, is compared with the authentication ack obtained from the requester authentication agent, the reply password found in the local file. If they are the same, successful mutual authentication has occurred.

Another possible authentication policy might be implemented with a centralised authentication system.
 15 Like the scheme just described, the authentication info field is a password passed from the requester to the service and checked in the service authentication agent. The authentication ack is a reply password passed to the requester from both the requester authentication agent and the service, which obtains it from the service authentication agent. Instead of finding these passwords in files on disks 501, 511, these passwords are obtained from a centralised authentication system by the agent.

20 Finally, the agents may be in direct communication with each other. This allows authentication policies that work outside of the network used for request for service operations to be supported. For example, a physically secured communication channel between the agents could be used to dynamically determine appropriate authentication info values and authentication ack values. Requesters and services can communicate over lower cost or more available communication channels while achieving secure authentication
 25 through the use of the preferred embodiment where the agents communicate over a single secure channel.

It should be noted that the process acting as the authentication agent in a node can act in both roles, as the requester authentication agent and the service authentication agent because both services and requesters may be running in the same machine.

Simply by disconnecting the authentication daemons, and replacing them with another authentication
 30 daemon program, the network can perform authentication using any authentication scheme. For example, the authentication daemon could perform either a centralised authentication scheme or a Kerberos authentication scheme. Alternatively, the authentication daemon may simply just examine a file containing passwords.

As shown above, the authentication of remote users by servers can be performed in various ways.
 35 Under some circumstances, there is very little reason to be suspicious of requests arriving at a server and low cost authentication of remote users is justified. In other environments, servers must exercise greater vigilance. No one policy will be best for all cases. Therefore, this disclosed arrangement supports a range of authentication and authorisation policies.

40 Claims

1. A system having means for authenticating a requester, at a first node, of a service running at a second node, wherein the requester and the service are connected by a means of communication in a
 45 distributed data processing system, the system comprising:
 means for constructing authentication information by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester; and
 means for determining, at the second node, from the constructed authentication information, an authentication of the requester.

50 2. A system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising means, at the second node, for constructing a first authentication acknowledgement from the constructed authentication information and means for determining, at the first node, an authentication of the service from the constructed first authentication acknowledgement.

3. A system as claimed in Claim 2 further comprising means for constructing a second authentication
 55 acknowledgement at the first node during the construction of the authentication information, and means for comparing the first authentication acknowledgement with the second authentication acknowledgement for use by the determining means.

4. A system having means for authenticating a requester, at a first node, of a service running at a

second node, wherein the requester and the service are connected by a means of communication in a distributed data processing system, the system comprising:

means for constructing authentication information and an authentication acknowledgement by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester;

5 means for sending, by the requester, the authentication information to the service running at the second node;

means for processing the sent authentication information at a second facility, supporting the authentication policy, at the second node separate from the service;

10 means for acquiring, by the service, an outcome of the processing for determining a first authentication of the requester and a second authentication acknowledgement;

means for receiving, by the requester, the second authentication acknowledgement; and

means for comparing, by the requester, the first authentication acknowledgement and the second received authentication acknowledgement for determining a second authentication of the service.

5. A system as claimed in any preceding claim, further comprising means for replacing the current separate facility with a different separate facility supporting a different implementation of the authentication policy.

6. A system as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, further comprising means for replacing the current separate facility with a different separate facility supporting a different authentication policy.

7. A system as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the requester is a process running for a user on an operating system at the first node and the separate facility is a daemon process.

8. A system as claimed in claim 7 wherein the daemon process performs operations, to construct the authentication information, that the requesting process is incapable of performing at the time of the request.

9. A system as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the requester is a process running on an operating system at the first node and the separate facility is accessible by at least one other process running on the operating system.

25 means for constructing authentication information and an authentication acknowledgement by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester;

means for sending, by the requester, the authentication information to the service running at the second node;

30 means for processing the sent authentication information at a second facility, supporting the authentication policy, at the second node separate from the service;

means for acquiring, by the service, an outcome of the processing for determining a first authentication of the requester and a second authentication acknowledgement;

means for receiving, by the requester, the second authentication acknowledgement; and

35 means for comparing, by the requester, the first authentication acknowledgement and the second received authentication acknowledgement for determining a second authentication of the service.

10. A method for authenticating a requester, at a first node, of a service running at a second node, wherein the requester and the service are connected by a means of communication in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising:

40 constructing authentication information by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester; and

determining, at the second node, from the constructed authentication information an authentication of the requester.

11. A method as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising constructing, at the second node, a first authentication acknowledgement from the constructed authentication information and determining, at the first node, an authentication of the service from the constructed first authentication acknowledgement.

12. A method as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising constructing a second authentication acknowledgement at the first node during the construction of the authentication information, and comparing the first authentication acknowledgement with the second authentication acknowledgement to determine the authentication of the service.

50 13. A method for authenticating a requester, at a first node, of a service running at a second node, wherein the requester and the service are connected by a means of communication in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising:

constructing authentication information and an authentication acknowledgement by a facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requester;

55 sending, by the requester, the authentication information to the service running at the second node;

processing the sent authentication information at a second facility, supporting the authentication policy, at the second node separate from the service;

acquiring, by the service, an outcome of the processing for determining a first authentication of the requester and a second authentication acknowledgement;
 receiving, by the requester, the second authentication acknowledgement; and
 comparing, by the requester, the first authentication acknowledgement and the second received authentication acknowledgement for determining a second authentication of the service.

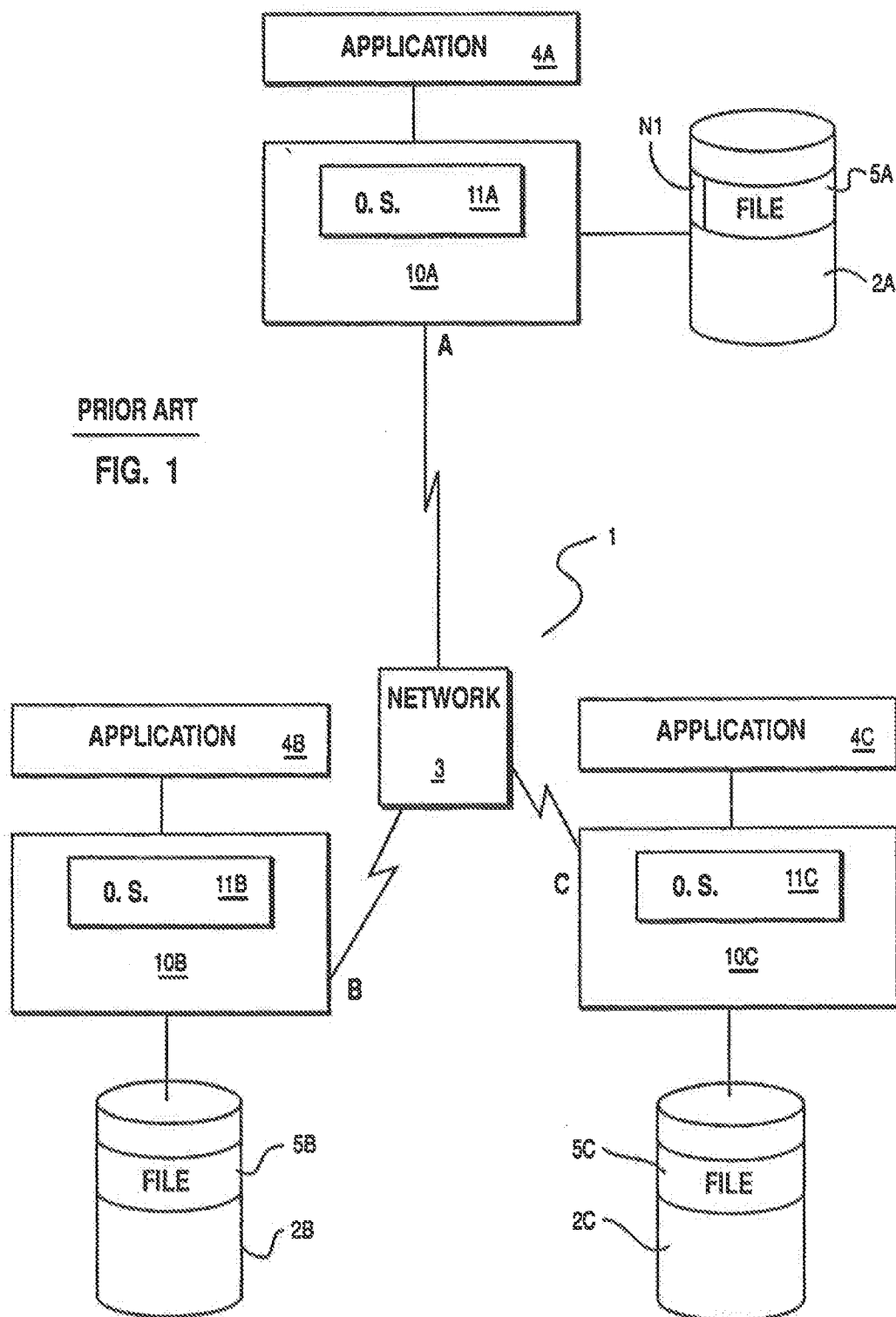
14. A method as claimed in any of Claims 10 to 13, further comprising replacing the first separate facility and the second separate facility with different separate mechanisms supporting a different authentication policy.

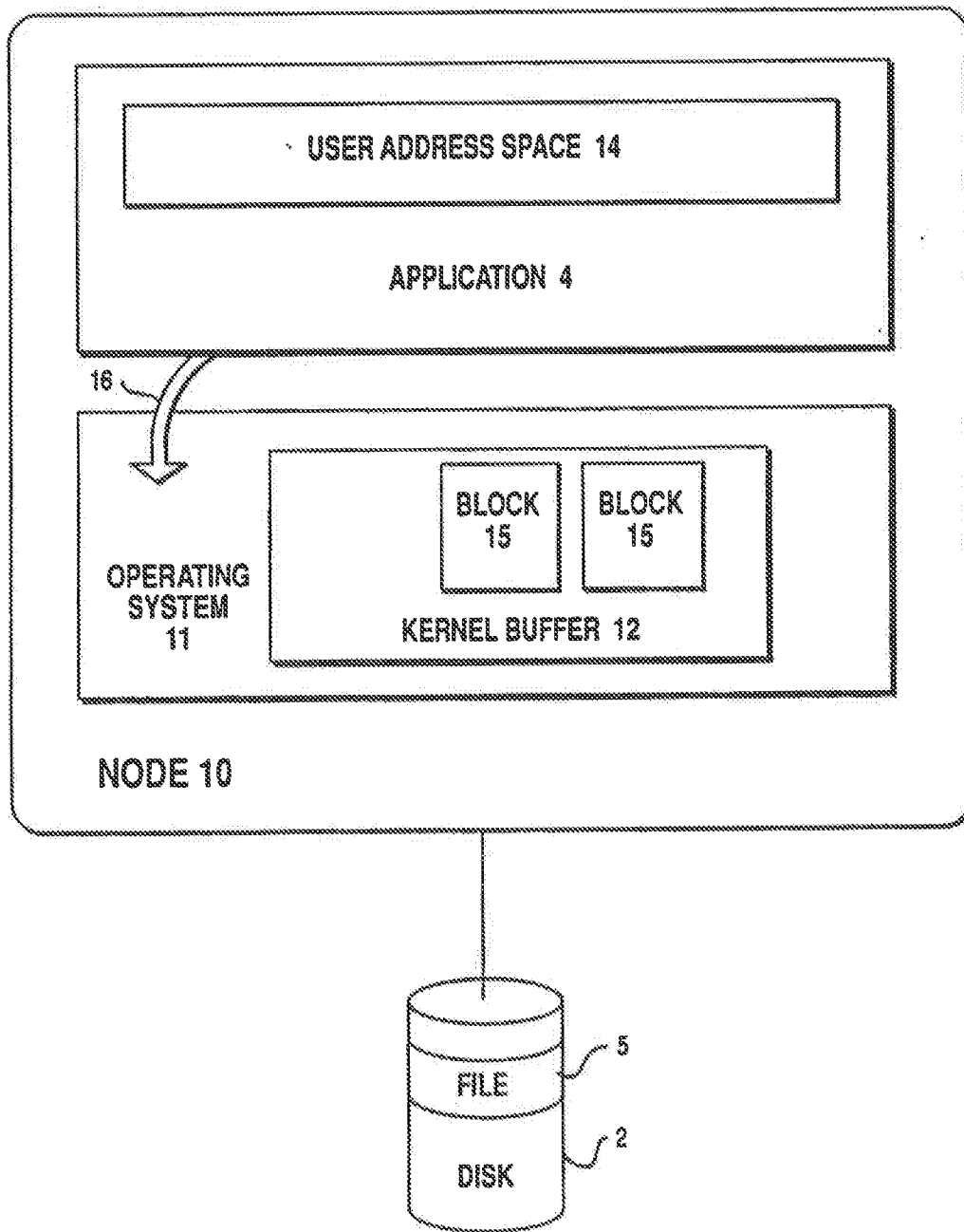
15. A method for use on a first data processing system having means for requesting, by a process at the first data processing system, a service at a second data processing system connected to the first data processing system through a means of communication, the method comprising:
 sending a message to a replaceable facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the requesting process, to initiate authentication by constructing authentication information; and
 sending, unaware of the contents of the constructed authentication information, the constructed authentication information, with a request to use the service, to the service for becoming authenticated to use the service.

16. A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising receiving, from the service for the request, an acknowledgement having a first value, comparing the first value to a second value received from the replaceable facility, and determining the authentication of the service from the compared values.

17. A method for use on a second data processing system having means for receiving a request, from a process at the first data processing system, for a service, the second data processing system connected to the first data processing system through a means of communication, the method comprising:
 sending authentication information, received from the process, to a replaceable facility, supporting an authentication policy, separate from the service, for an interpretation of the authentication information and a construction of a plurality of authentication credentials;
 receiving the constructed credentials from the separate facility;
 performing an operation on the request based on the received credentials; and
 returning to the requesting process a result of the operation and the authentication acknowledgement received from the separate facility.

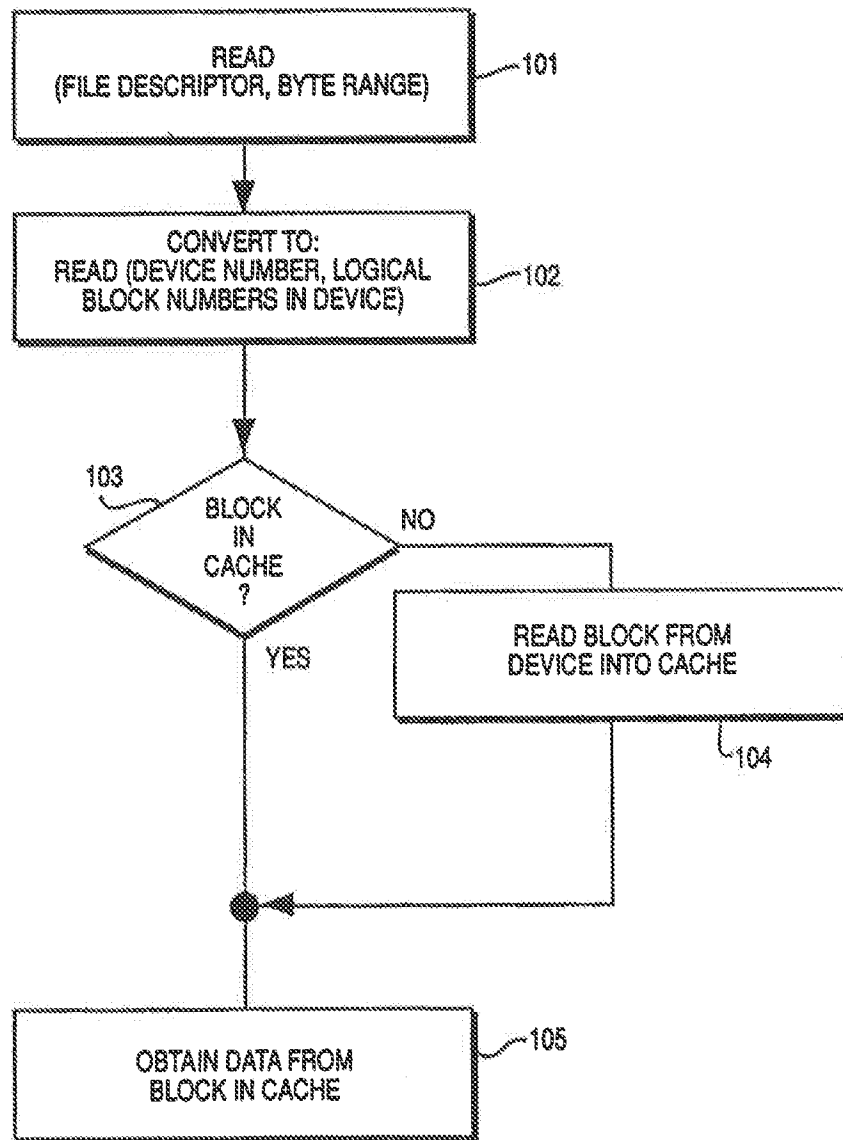
18. A method for use with at least one data processing system, the method comprising:
 receiving a message from a process to initiate authentication of the process in response to a request by the requesting process to use a service of a different process;
 constructing authentication information and an authentication acknowledgement from requester information and service information found in the received message;
 sending the constructed authentication information and the authentication acknowledgement to the requesting process;
 receiving the constructed authentication information from the service;
 constructing a plurality of credentials from the received authentication information for the service and a second authentication acknowledgement; and
 sending the constructed credentials and the authentication acknowledgement to the service.





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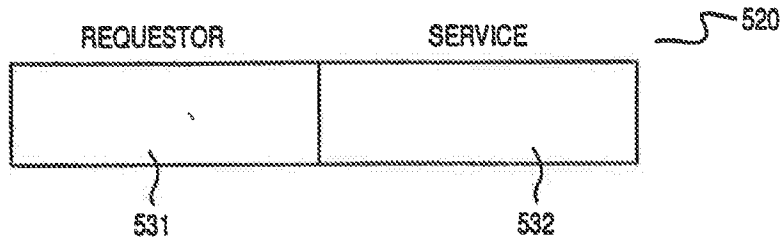
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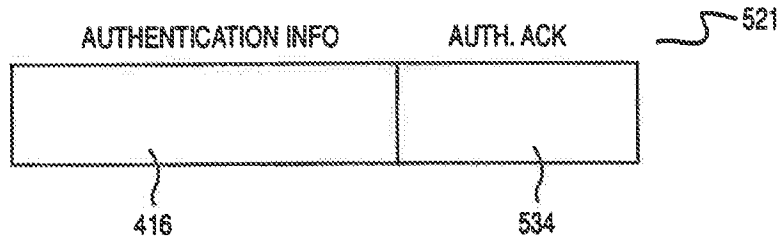
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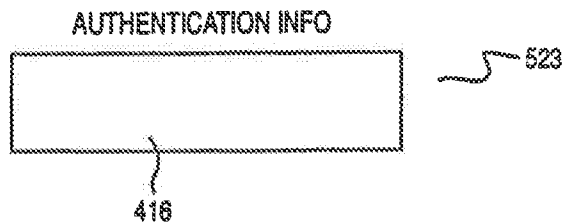
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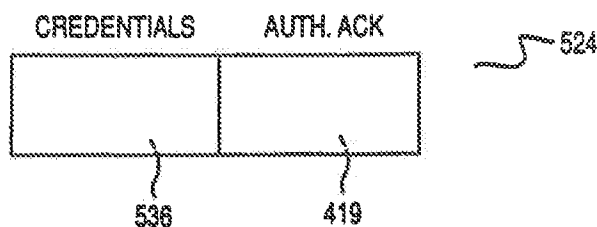


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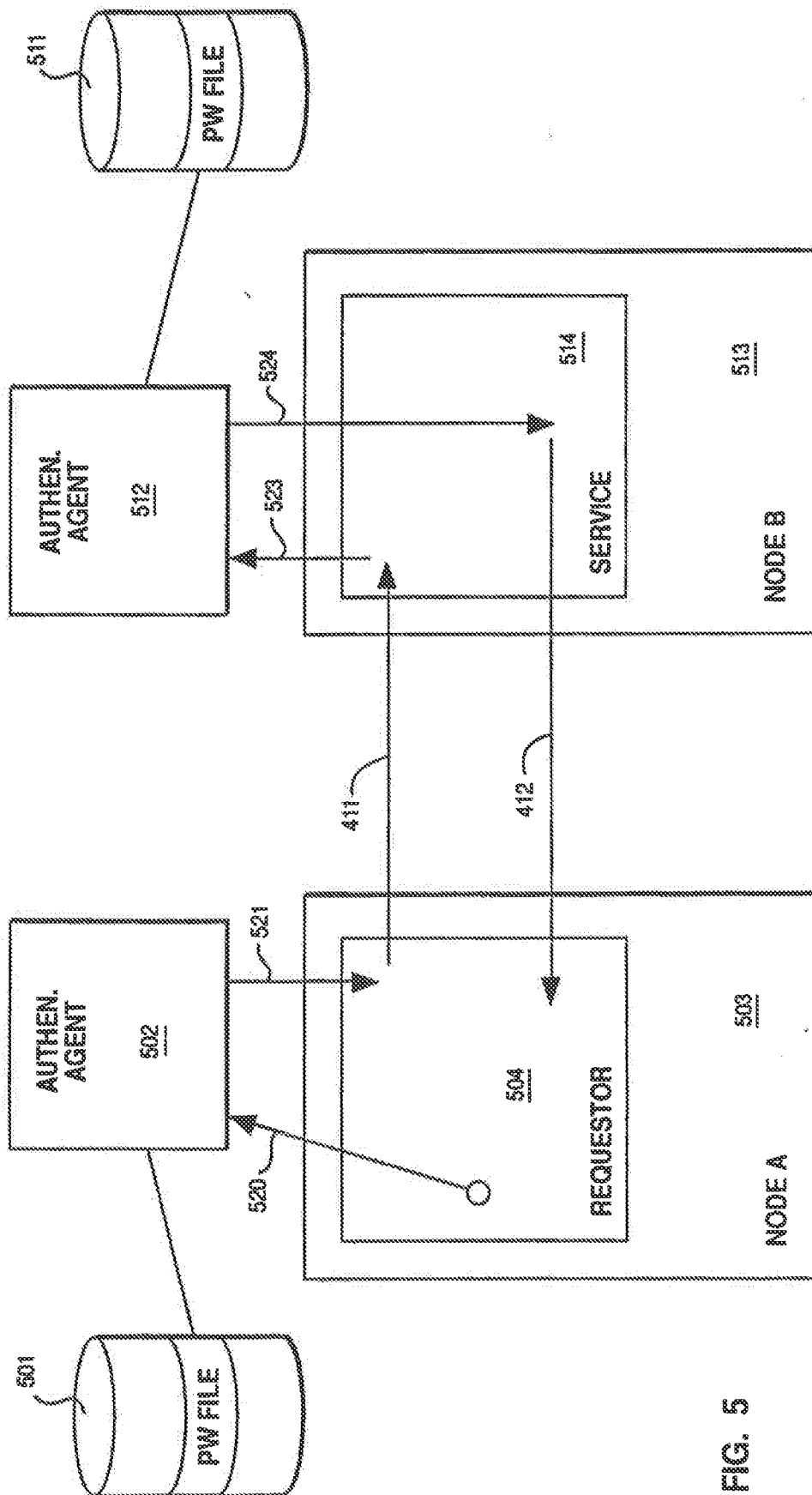


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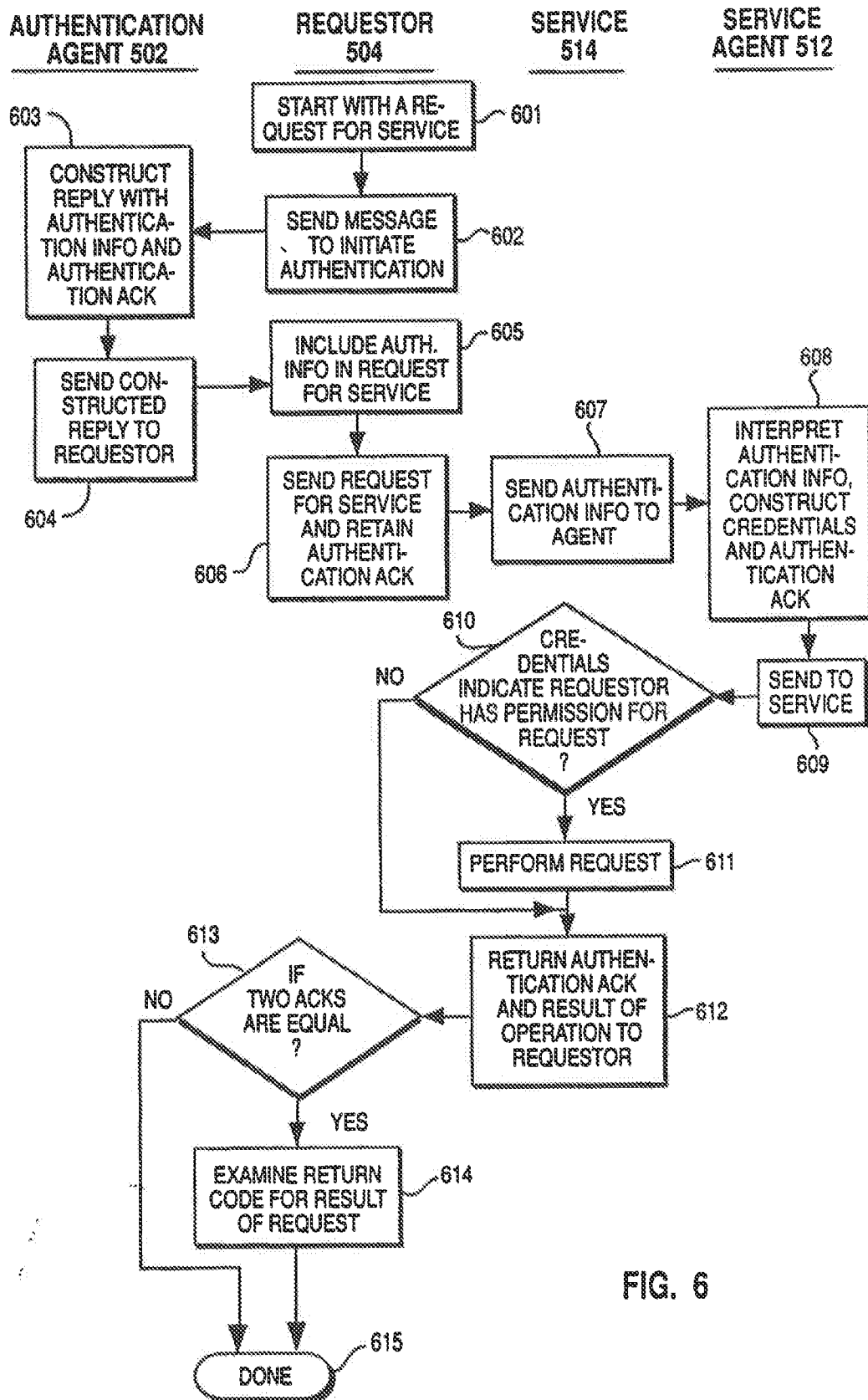


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- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 August 2012.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 5a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 9) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 10) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 August 2012 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 are pending in this office action.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS's) submitted on September 21, 2012, and September 28, 2012, are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section needs to be updated to reflect applications that have been patented/abandoned. Appropriate correction is required.

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1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated

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by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

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2. Claims 1-18 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,898,576.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because application and patent both claim usage rights determining whether content may be rendered.

3. Claims 1-18 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of copending Application No. 13/585,408. Although the conflicting claims are not identical,

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they are not patentably distinct from each other because both applications claim determining whether digital content may be rendered based on usage rights. The copending application further claims how the digital content may be rendered. It would have been obvious to add usage control on how the content may be used because some content should not be copied even though you have rights to view it.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2012, Applicants submit the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Original) A computer-implemented method of rendering digital content by at least one recipient computing device in accordance with usage rights information, the method comprising:
receiving the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device from at least one sending computing device only if the at least one recipient computing device has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device;
receiving, by the at least one recipient computing device, a request to render the digital content;
determining, based on the usage rights information, whether the digital content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device; and
rendering the digital content, by the at least one recipient computing device, only if it is determined that the content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising denying the request and preventing rendering of the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device if it is determined that the digital content may not be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usage rights information further includes a condition under which the content can be rendered, and the determining step further includes determining whether the condition is satisfied.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving the digital content comprises:
requesting an authorization object for the at least one recipient computing device to make the digital content available for use, the authorization object being required to receive the digital content and to use the digital content; and
receiving the authorization object if it is determined that the request for the authorization object should be granted.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving the digital content comprises:
 - generating a registration message, the registration message including an identification certificate of the recipient computing device and a random registration identifier, the identification certificate being certified by a master device;
 - exchanging messages including at least one session key with at least one provider computing device, the session key to be used in communications during a session; and
 - conducting a secure transaction using the session key, wherein the secure transaction includes receiving the digital content.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
 - receiving a message to test the authenticity of the at least one recipient computing device, the generated message including a nonce; and
 - processing the generated message to indicate authenticity.
7. (Original) A recipient apparatus for rendering digital content in accordance with usage rights information, the recipient apparatus comprising:
 - one or more processors; and
 - one or more memories operatively coupled to at least one of the one or more processors and having instructions stored thereon that, when executed by at least one of the one or more processors, cause at least one of the one or more processors to:
 - enable the receipt of the digital content by the recipient apparatus from at least one sending computing device only if the recipient apparatus has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device;
 - receive a request to render the digital content;
 - determine, based on the usage rights information, whether the digital content may be rendered by the recipient apparatus; and
 - render the digital content only if it is determined that the content may be rendered by the recipient apparatus.

8. (Original) The recipient apparatus of claim 7, further comprising denying the request and preventing rendering of the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device if it is determined that the digital content may not be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

9. (Original) The recipient apparatus of claim 7, wherein the usage rights information further includes a condition under which the content can be rendered, and the determining step further includes determining whether the condition is satisfied.

10. (Original) The recipient apparatus of claim 7, wherein enabling the receipt of the digital content comprises:

requesting an authorization object for the recipient apparatus to make the digital content available for use, the authorization object being required to receive the digital content and to use the digital content; and

receiving the authorization object if it is determined that the request for the authorization object should be granted.

11. (Original) The recipient apparatus of claim 7, wherein enabling the receipt of the digital content comprises:

generating a registration message, the registration message including an identification certificate of the recipient apparatus and a random registration identifier, the identification certificate being certified by a master device;

exchanging messages including at least one session key with at least one provider computing device, the session key to be used in communications during a session; and

conducting a secure transaction using the session key, wherein the secure transaction includes receiving the digital content.

12. (Original) The recipient apparatus of claim 11, wherein at least one of the one or more memories has further instructions stored thereon that, when executed by at least one of the one or more processors, cause at least one of the one or more processors to:

receive a message to test the authenticity of the recipient apparatus, the generated message including a nonce; and
process the generated message to indicate authenticity.

13. (Original) At least one non-transitory computer-readable medium storing computer-readable instructions that, when executed by at least one recipient computing device, cause the at least one recipient computing device to:

receive the digital content from at least one sending computing device only if the at least one recipient computing device has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device;

receive a request to render the digital content;

determine, based on the usage rights information, whether the digital content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device; and

render the digital content only if it is determined that the content may be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

14. (Original) The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 13, further storing computer-readable instructions that, when executed by at least one recipient computing device, cause the at least one recipient computing device to deny the request and prevent rendering of the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device if it is determined that the digital content may not be rendered by the at least one recipient computing device.

15. (Original) The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the usage rights information further includes a condition under which the content can be rendered, and the determining step further includes determining whether the condition is satisfied.

16. (Original) The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein receiving the digital content comprises:

requesting an authorization object for the at least one recipient computing device to make the digital content available for use, the authorization object being required to receive the digital content and to use the digital content; and

receiving the authorization object if it is determined that the request for the authorization object should be granted.

17. (Original) The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein receiving the digital content comprises:

generating a registration message, the registration message including an identification certificate of the recipient computing device and a random registration identifier, the identification certificate being certified by a master device;

exchanging messages including at least one session key with at least one provider computing device, the session key to be used in communications during a session; and

conducting a secure transaction using the session key, wherein the secure transaction includes receiving the digital content.

18. (Original) The at least one non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 17, further storing computer-readable instructions that, when executed by at least one recipient computing device, cause the at least one recipient computing device to:

receive a message to test the authenticity of the at least one recipient computing device, the generated message including a nonce; and

process the generated message to indicate authenticity.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. In view of the following remarks, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the cross reference section of the specification as failing to identify each referenced application as being patented or abandoned. However, the noted section of the specification clearly identifies the status of each referenced application as shown below:

- U.S. Application No. 11/304,793, filed December 16, 2005;
- U.S. Application No. 11/135,352, U.S. Patent No. 7,266,529;
- U.S. Application No. 10/322,759, U.S. Patent No. 6,898,576;
- U.S. Application No. 09/778,001, U.S. Patent No. 6,708,157;
- U.S. Application No. 08/967,084, U.S. Patent No. 6,236,971; and
- U.S. Application No. 08/344,760, abandoned.

The status of the '793 application is not included as this application is currently pending. Thus, Applicants believe this section of the specification is correct, and request that this objection be withdrawn. If further clarification is required, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Double Patenting over U.S. Pat. No. 6,898,576

Claims 1-18 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,898,576. Claim 1 of the '576 patent recites:

1. A method for enforcing execution of executable code in accordance with usage rights, said method comprising:
 - receiving a request to execute the executable code;
 - determining at a non-centralized repository, based on usage rights associated with the executable code, whether the request should be granted, the usage rights including a manner of indicating a specific instance of how the executable code can be executed; and
 - executing the executable code on a computing device in accordance with the manner of use if the result of said determining step is that the request should be granted,

wherein said request is generated by a requester device, said executing step is accomplished by a remote server that is remote from said requester device and said determining step is accomplished by a processing server comprising the non-centralized repository,

said requester device and said remote server communicate using a transmission protocol and wherein said executing step comprises executing the executable code in an address space of the remote server and permitting the requester device to access the executable code only through the transmission protocol,

said requesting step and said executing step are accomplished through an external interface of said remote server which provides for network connectivity between the remote server and the requester device using the transmission protocol,

the executable code comprises plural components, each of the components having a usage right associated therewith, said determining step comprising determining based on usage right associated with at least one component, whether the request should be granted, and said executing step comprising executing the component if the result of said determining step is that the request should be granted,

said determining step comprises accomplishing one or more transactions with respect to the executable code, and

said transactions in said accomplishing step comprise copy, transfer, loan, play, print, backup, restore, delete, directory, folder, extract, embed, edit, authorization, install, and uninstall transactions.

However, as was discussed with the Examiner during a recent telephone interview, the claims of the '576 patent clearly fail to recite determining whether the at least one recipient computing device is trusted to receive the digital content. Specifically, as recited in claim 1, "receiving the digital content by the at least one recipient computing device from at least one sending computing device *only if the at least one recipient computing device has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device.*" Similarly, as recited in claim 7, "enable the receipt of the digital content by the recipient apparatus from at least one sending computing device *only if the recipient apparatus has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device.*" Finally, as recited in claim 13, "receive the digital content from at least one sending computing device *only if the at least one recipient computing device has been determined to be trusted to receive the digital content from the at least one sending computing device.*" Thus, as

was agreed by the Examiner during the interview, the double patenting rejection in view of the '576 patent should clearly be withdrawn.

Double Patenting over U.S. Appl. No. 13/585,408

Claims 1-18 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of U.S. Appl. No. 13/585,408. Pursuant to MPEP 804, if "provisional" ODP rejections in two applications are the only rejections remaining in those applications, the examiner should withdraw the ODP rejection in the earlier filed application thereby permitting that application to issue without need of a terminal disclaimer. In the present case, this application was filed on August 13, 2012, and the '408 application was filed on August 14, 2012. Thus, this application is the "earlier-filed application" and should be permitted to issue as a patent without requiring a terminal disclaimer over the '408 application. However, if a Terminal Disclaimer is needed in this application for any reason, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for immediate allowance, and request an indication of the same from the Examiner as soon as possible. While no fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees and credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1529. If any further information is needed, please contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RENDERING DIGITAL CONTENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH USAGE RIGHTS INFORMATION

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed November 5, 2012.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.
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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT

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Applicants hereby request correction of the attached Updated Filing Receipt dated September 19, 2012, for the above-identified patent application, and request issuance of a Corrected Filing Receipt.

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Date: December 20, 2012

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