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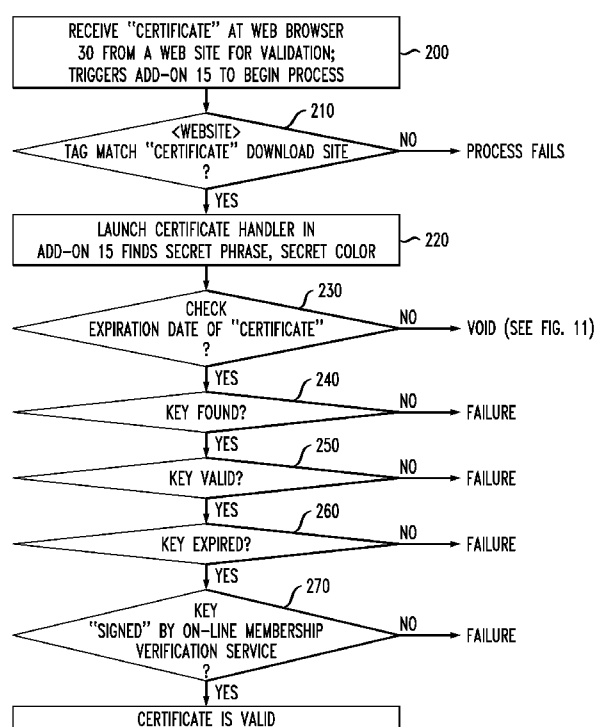
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(54) Title: ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION

FIG. 10



(57) Abstract: A system and method of providing on-line verification of various credentials without requiring second site authentication utilizes protocols and cryptography to assure customers (generally referred to hereinafter as "users") that they are dealing with a person (or organization) that can present multiple, non-repudiable proof of their identification. The system is launched directly from the user's browser such that certificate verification is performed "locally", without needing to go out and obtain information from a second web site. The system is based upon the creation of a new MIME (i.e. Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) type that is employed by the user's browser and utilizes public keys associated with the credentialing organizations in combination with a public key of the verification organization.



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