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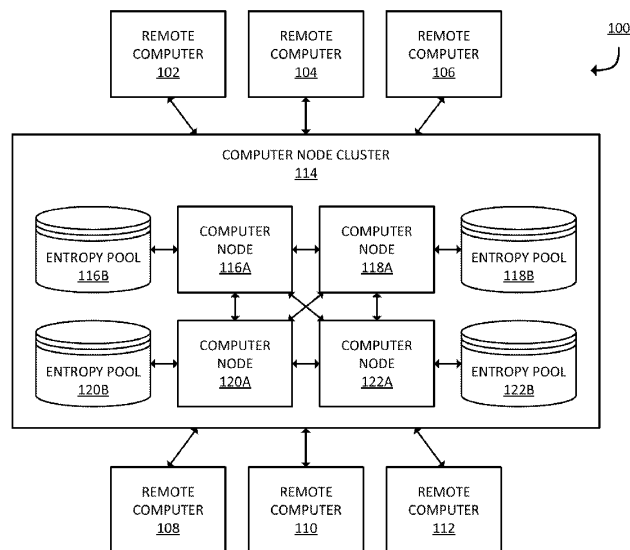


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method is disclosed. The method includes receiving, by a computer node in a network including a plurality of computer nodes, a plurality of data values from the plurality of computer nodes. Each computer node can create a data value based on a time that the computer node in the plurality of computer nodes takes to perform a function. The computer node can then provide the data values or derivatives thereof as random values to an entropy pool of random values. The computer node can then select a random value from the entropy pool and initiate use of the random value in an operation.

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