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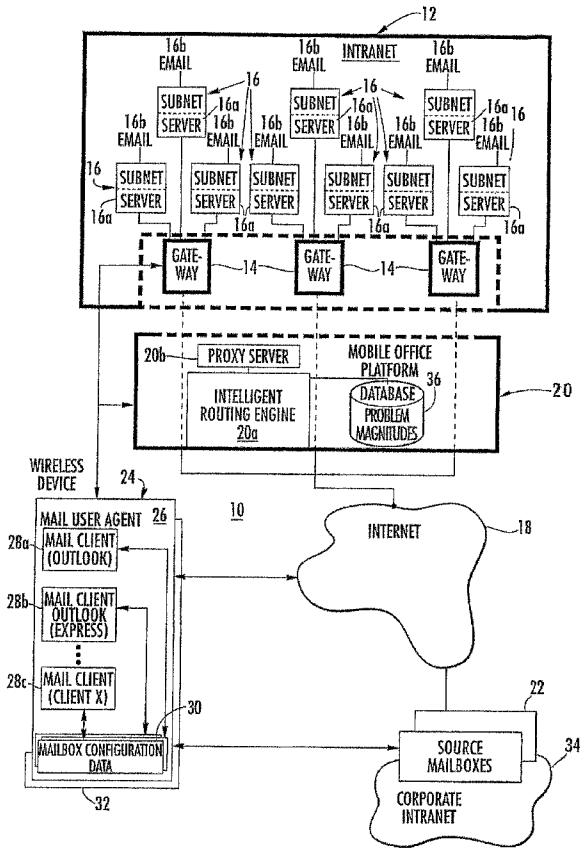
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(57) Abstract: A communications system and method (10, fig. 1) includes a database (36) for storing problem magnitudes relating to failed attempts at accessing servers (16b) using connection engines. An intelligent routing engine (20a) could be a server operative with the database and delays any further attempts at accessing the server using the first connection engine (14) if the problem magnitude exceeds a predetermined threshold. Reattempts can be made after a sufficient delay. A plurality of connection engines can be used by a client preferably distributed among a plurality of subnets and/or IP addresses and a different connection engine can be chosen based on a desired route with minimum problems.

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