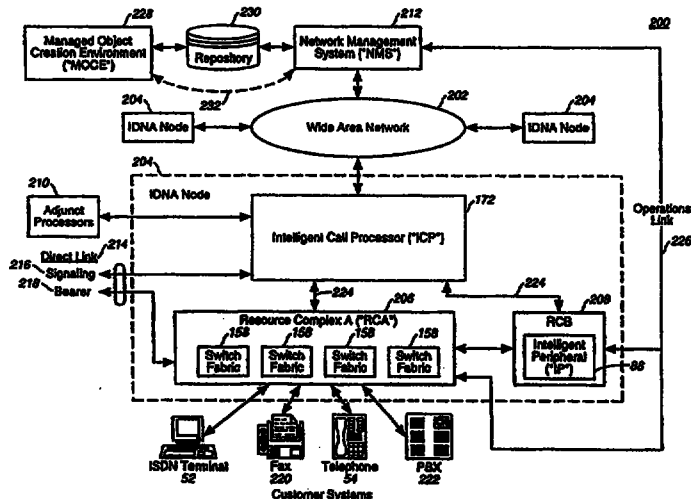




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**(57) Abstract**

System and methodology for providing real-time call processing services received at a switch (158) in an intelligent network having one or more service nodes (204) having originating switches for receiving a call event. The system includes a platform-independent communication system for enabling communication between object instances executing at service nodes (204) in the intelligent network. An operating system agent object (204) instance executing in an execution environment associated with an originating switch communicates call origination information corresponding to a call event received at the switch to one or more object instances executing in an execution environment provided at a service node (204) in the network; the object instances including a line object instance for maintaining the state of a communications line associated with a call origination, and, a service object implementing methods for performing a service according to a customer request.