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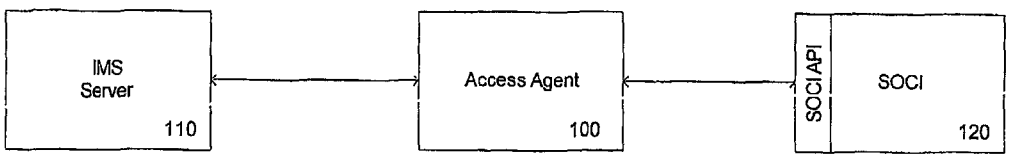
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for automatic user authentication are described. Authentication credentials are collected by monitoring authentication procedure of a plurality of applications accessed by a user. The collected authentication credentials are replaced with stronger forms of credentials. The stronger forms of credentials are automatically utilized to provide the user with access to the plurality of applications.