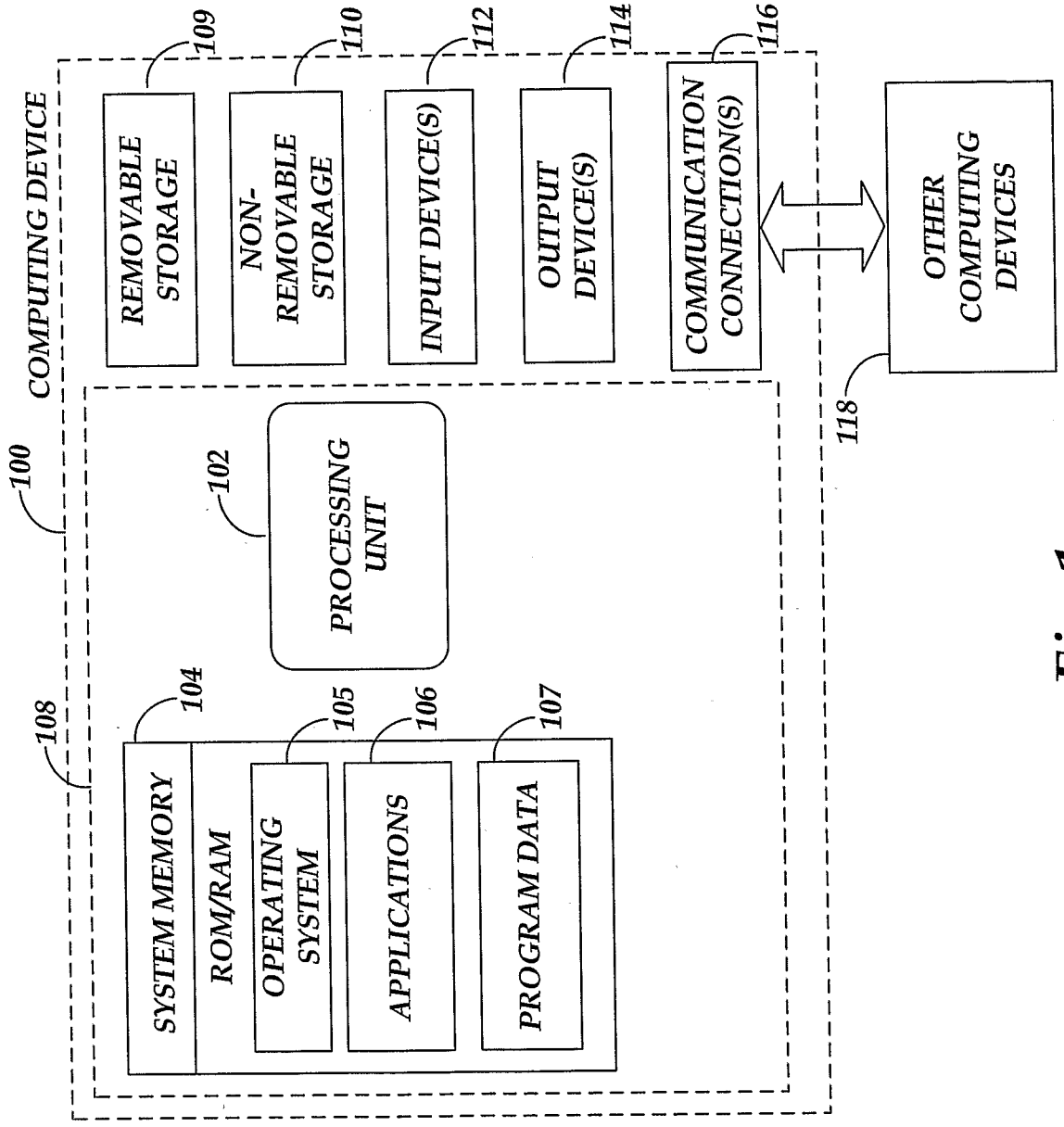

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Fig. 1

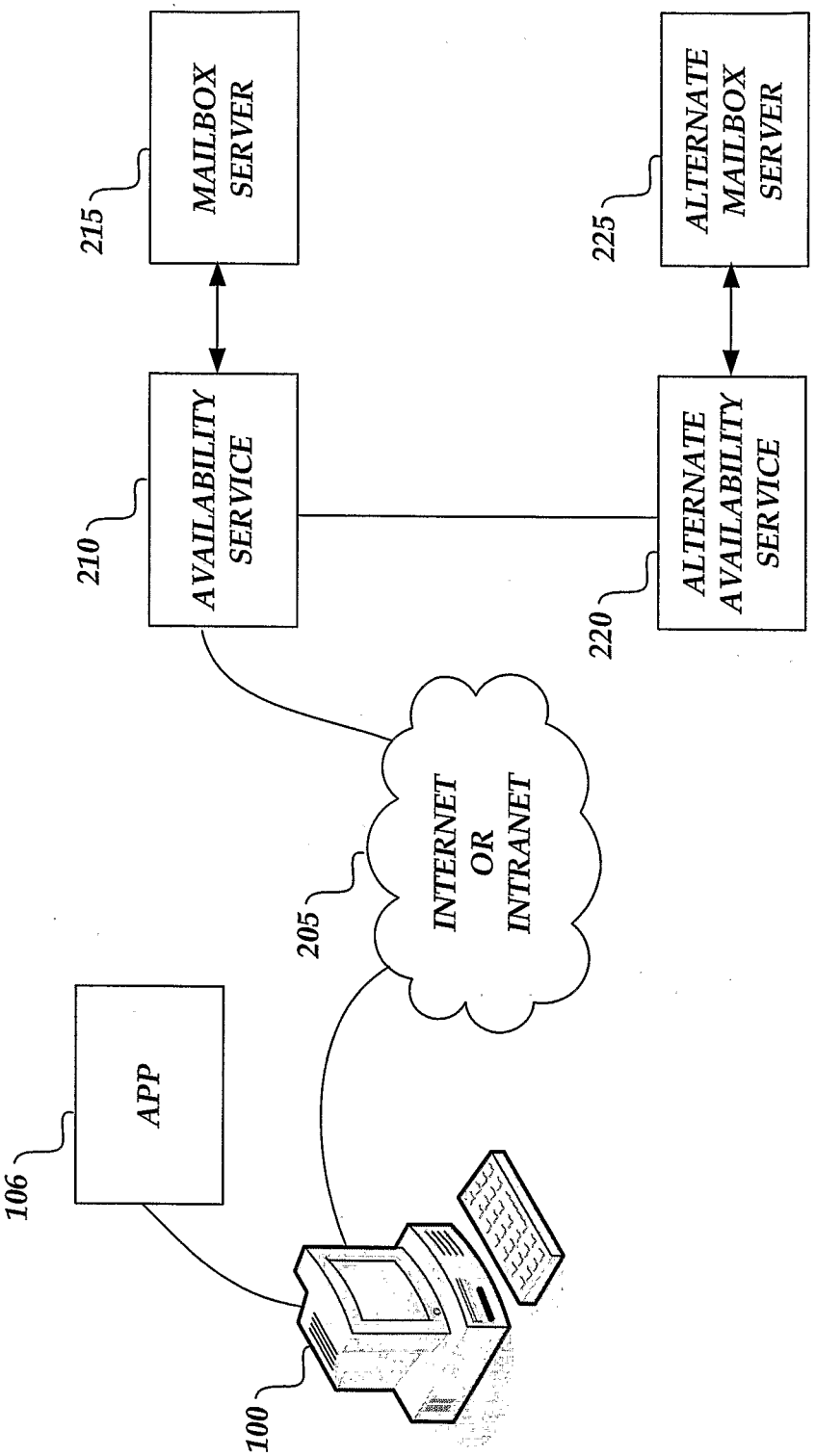

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Fig. 2

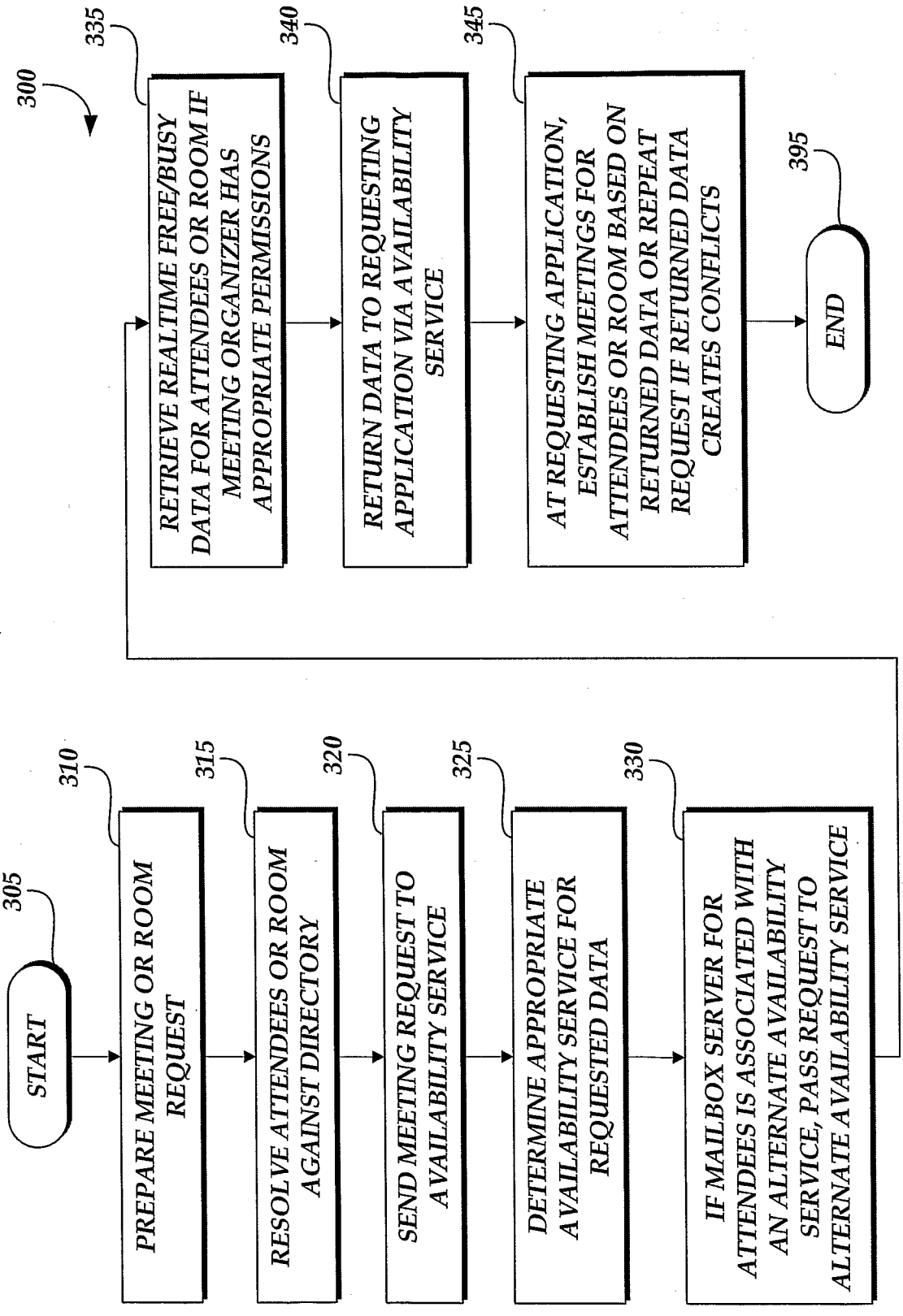

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RESOLVE ATTENDEES OR ROOM AGAINST DIRECTORY
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SEND MEETING REQUEST TO AVAILABILITY SERVICE
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DETERMINE APPROPRIATE AVAILABILITY SERVICE FOR REQUESTED DATA
330
IF MAILBOX SERVER FOR ATTENDEES IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN ALTERNATE AVAILABILITY SERVICE, PASS REQUEST TO ALTERNATE AVAILABILITY SERVICE
335
RETRIEVE REALTIME FREE/BUSY DATA FOR ATTENDEES OR ROOM IF MEETING ORGANIZER HAS APPROPRIATE PERMISSIONS
340
RETURN DATA TO REQUESTING APPLICATION VIA AVAILABILITY SERVICE
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AT REQUESTING APPLICATION, ESTABLISH MEETINGS FOR ATTENDEES OR ROOM BASED ON RETURNED DATA OR REPEAT REQUEST IF RETURNED DATA CREATES CONFLICTS
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END

Fig. 3