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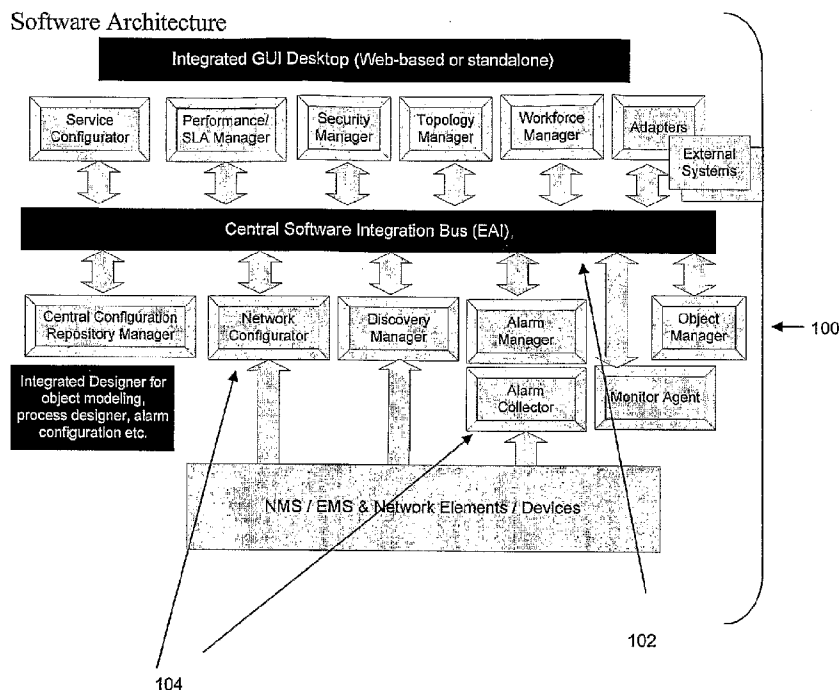
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(57) Abstract: A network management appliance comprising a central bus element; a plurality of network management modules each coupled to the central bus element; a server element coupled to the central bus element a network interface for interfacing the central bus element with a network to be managed; and wherein network management functions executed by the network management modules are remotely accessible through the server element via the network interface.