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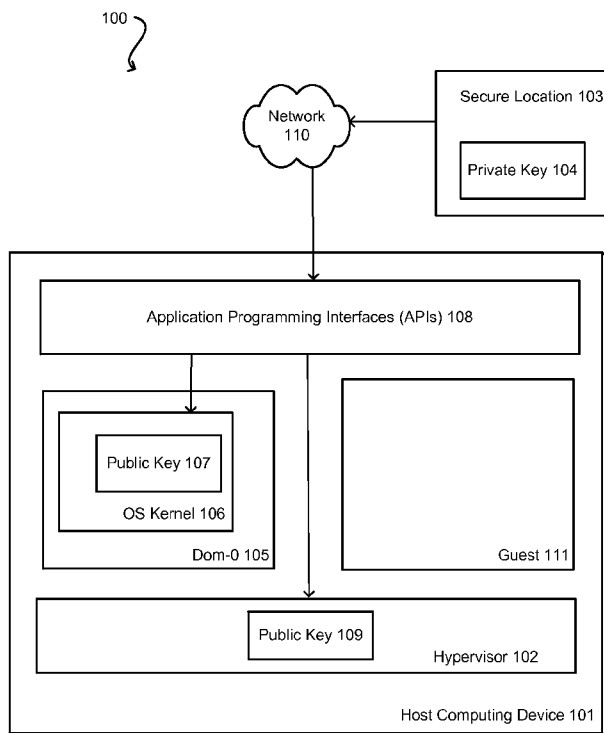


FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: A formalized set of inter-
faces (e.g., application programming in-
terfaces (APIs)) is described, that uses a
security scheme, such as asymmetric (or
symmetric) cryptography, in order au-
thorize and authenticate requests sent to
a virtualization later. The interfaces can
be invoked to perform security monitor-
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