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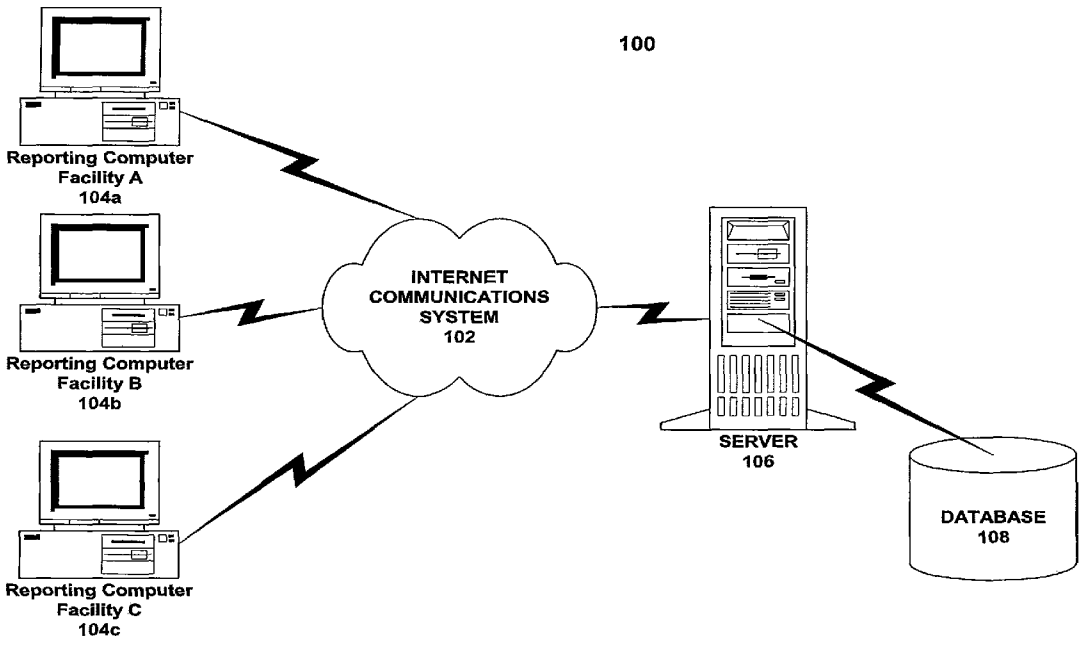
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VIRTUAL BENCHMARKING



(57) Abstract: The various embodiments of the present invention include systems and methods for monitoring, analyzing and virtually benchmarking system, process and/or assets. By breaking down each of a plurality of similarly configured processes, systems or assets into a desired level of component specificity and appropriately identifying such specificity in one or more databases, each component in each of the process, systems and/or assets can be compared separately and or in a group to similarly situated components and to a virtual benchmark obtained by a combination of each of the individually reported components.

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