

Abstract**A METHOD FOR EXECUTING APPLICATIONS FROM A PORTABLE STORAGE
DEVICE**

A system (10) for executing an application (30) on a computer (40) where the application (30) is stored on a portable re-writable storage device (15), the system
5 (10) comprising: a configuration file (25) in a backup location (24) on the device (15), the configuration file (25) containing information to enable an application (30) stored on the device (15) to be executed by the computer (40), an application manager (20) to compare stored configuration files (25) on the device (15) to
10 identify a corresponding configuration file (25) for the application (30) stored on the device (15) to be executed by the computer (40), and to read the corresponding configuration file (25) to cause the computer (40) to recognise that the application (30) was installed on the computer (40) to permit the application (30) to be executed by the computer (40) .

15 Figure 1