ABSTRACT

AUTOMATED ENROLLMENT OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM INTO A SERVICE NETWORK OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS

A service network has several computer systems connected together. A computer system can either be a "Service Requestor" (SR) (110), a "Service Provider" (SP) (150), or a hybrid of the two, a "Service Provider/Requestor" (SP/R) (140). The service network is built by an enrollment process that adds computer systems into the service network. A SP (or SP/R acting as an SP) already in the network can initiate the enrollment of an SR (or SP/R acting as an SR) into the network. In addition, a SR (or SP/R acting as an SR) can initiate a request for enrollment into the network. If such a request is initiated, it must be approved automatically or with human intervention.

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