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(57) Abstract: A method for providing a configuration and instantiation interface to a hosted virtual server service includes providing an interface to a hosted virtual server service executing on a computing device. The method includes allowing, via input means in the interface, a user to select a virtual server configuration among a plurality of virtual server configurations comprising at least one virtual server configuration created by a second user. The method includes allowing, via input means in the interface, a user to set a policy for dynamically instantiating virtual servers, the policy comprising at least one condition. The method includes determining that the at least one condition has been met. The method includes transmitting, to the hosted virtual server service, instructions to instantiate a virtual server according to the selected virtual server configuration.



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