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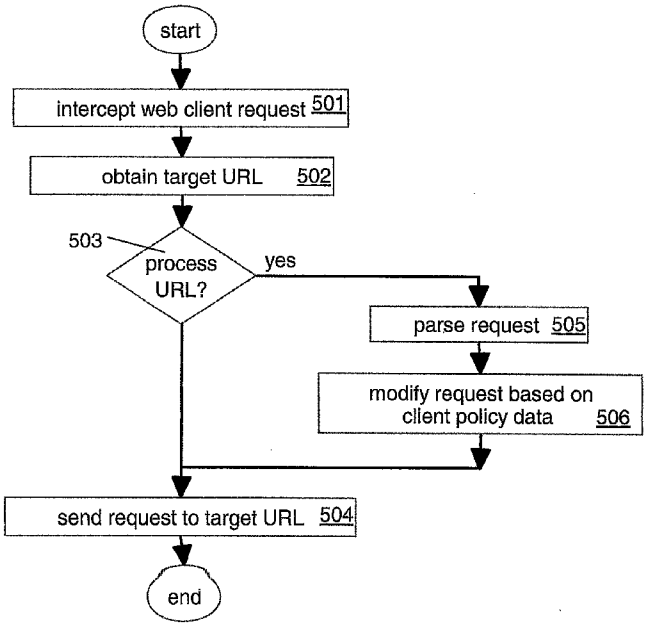
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method, apparatus and computer program product in which a web client request for a web service is intercepted and the target of the request updated according to policy data associated with the client. Further the application layer protocol in which the web client request is specified may be changed. As a result a web client which makes a request for which the target web service is hard-coded may be adapted to take advantage of managed access to web services resulting in access to web services which, for example, provide quality of service characteristics which more appropriately match the requirements of the web client.

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