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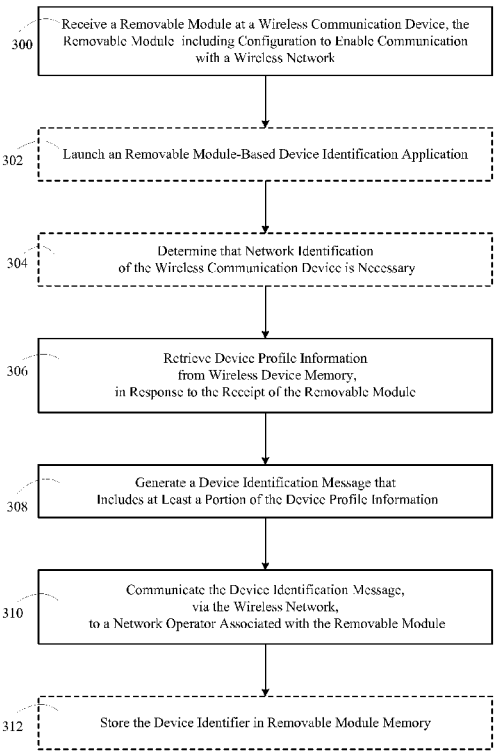


FIG. 8

(57) Abstract: Methods, apparatus and systems are presented for automatically providing network operators with identification of open market wireless devices that are used in the operator s respective network. Present aspects accomplish such by retrieving device profile information in response to the network operator s removable module being associated with (*i.e.*, inserted into) a wireless device and communicating the device profile information to the network operator or the like. This allows for the network operator or third party entity to track and/or monitor the type of wireless devices existing in their respective wireless network. In addition, the automated nature of the tracking obviates the need for the subscribers/users of the removable modules to manually or otherwise provide the device identification to the network operators.

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