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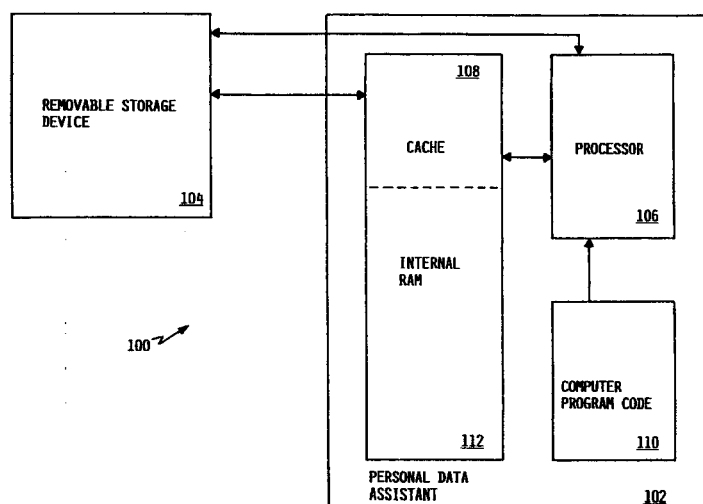
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(57) Abstract: A system (100) includes a first device (104) that can store and transfer data. The first device (104) is capable of transferring data at a first rate, although it may transfer data at other rates. An intermediate storage location (108) is coupled to the first device, and a second device (102) is coupled to the first device and to the intermediate storage location. The second device includes a processor (106) that is adapted to execute a computer program that requires data to be transferred to the processor at a second rate which is lower than the first rate. The intermediate storage location (108) preferably is selected to consume less power when powered on than the first device (104) consumes when powered on, and computer program code (110) preferably is provided to power down the first device (104) following the transfer of data from the first device to the intermediate storage location (108).