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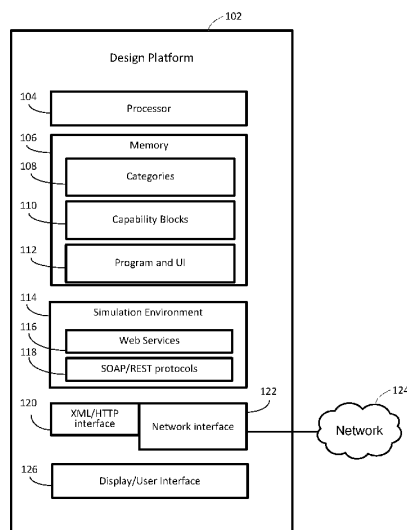


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A visual system architecture tool uses financial system functions represented as building blocks or capability blocks. The capability blocks are placed in proximity to show elements of a particular solution to a system design requirement. The capability blocks may include detailed descriptions of the functions that are accessible graphically and may also include code modules for rapid prototyping of some or all of the system being designed.

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