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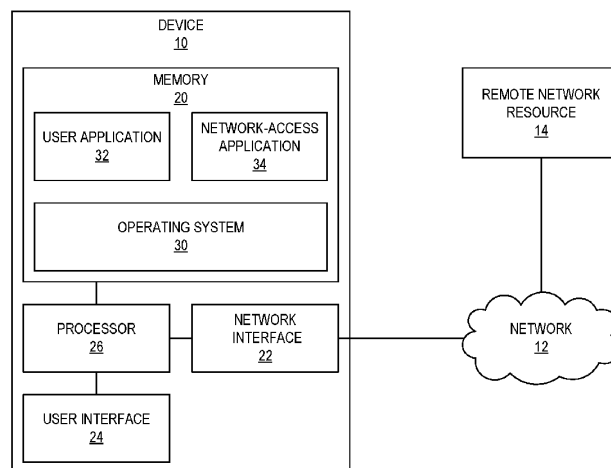


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A user application is executed with an operating system. The operating system enables access to a remote network resource via a network interface and enables a virtual private network (VPN) connection. The operating system enforces use of the VPN connection by the user application. A network-access application is set as a remote endpoint of the VPN connection. The network-access application communicates with the remote network resource on behalf of the user application.

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