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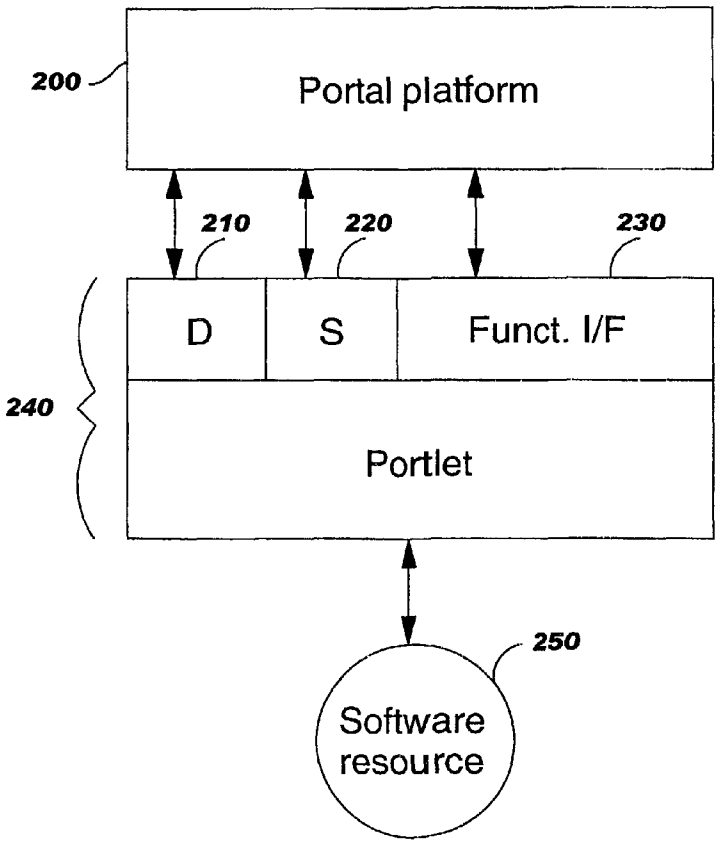
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(57) Abstract: Methods, systems, and computer program products are disclosed for provisioning software resources used with aggregated web services. The disclosed techniques enable heterogeneous identity systems to be joined in the dynamic, run-time web services integration environment. Authentication and authorization may now be performed for the aggregated service, as well as for its sub-services. SOAP ("Simple Object Access Protocol") messages, as an example, may be used to relay identity information among distributed services, whereby credentials may be specified in the SOAP message header to accompany a service request specified in the SOAP message body.

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