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(54) **Title:** SHARING A VIRTUAL HARD DISK ACROSS MULTIPLE VIRTUAL MACHINES

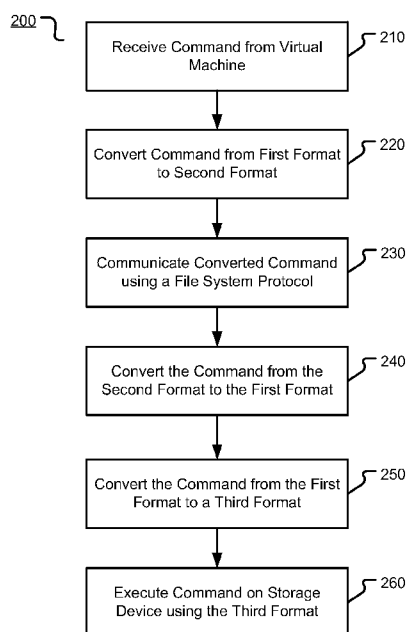


FIG. 2

(57) **Abstract:** Embodiments provide a method and system for sharing storage among a plurality of virtual machines. Specifically, one or more embodiments are directed to sharing a virtual hard disk with various virtual machines in a virtual machine cluster. In embodiments, a command is sent from a virtual machine to a local parser. The parser prepares the command for transport over a file system protocol. The command is sent to a remote file server using the file system protocol. When the command is received by the file server, the file server unpacks the command, determines features about the command and converts the command to a format that executes the command on the virtual shared storage.



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