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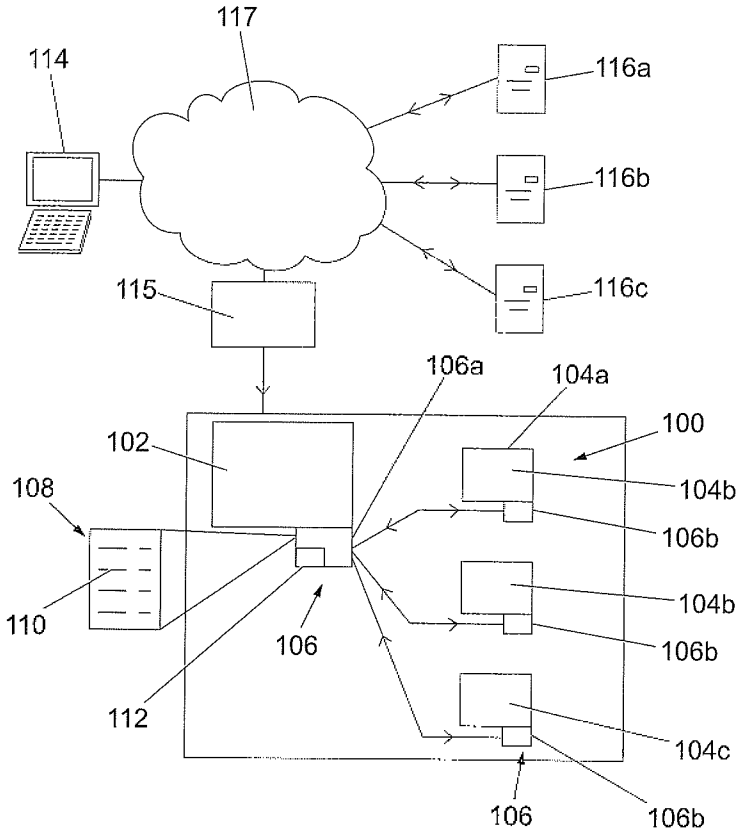


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: An interface module between a communication module and a number of instances of business logic modules of a software engine comprises first and second functional elements. The first functional element receives incoming data from the communications module and selects which of the instances of business logic modules to forward the incoming data. The selection of an instance of the business logic module is based upon a ruie set held within a data structure at the first functional element. The incoming data passes to the selected logic module instance via the second functional element. The second functional element determines a mode of operation of the selected logic module instance. The mode of operation corresponds to either a single shot or a multiple shot mode of operation. If a multiple shot mode of operation is selected incoming data passes to the selected logic module instance sequentially. Alternatively, if a single shot mode of operation is selected a summary data record corresponding summary of incoming data received at the first function element passes to the selected logic module instance.

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