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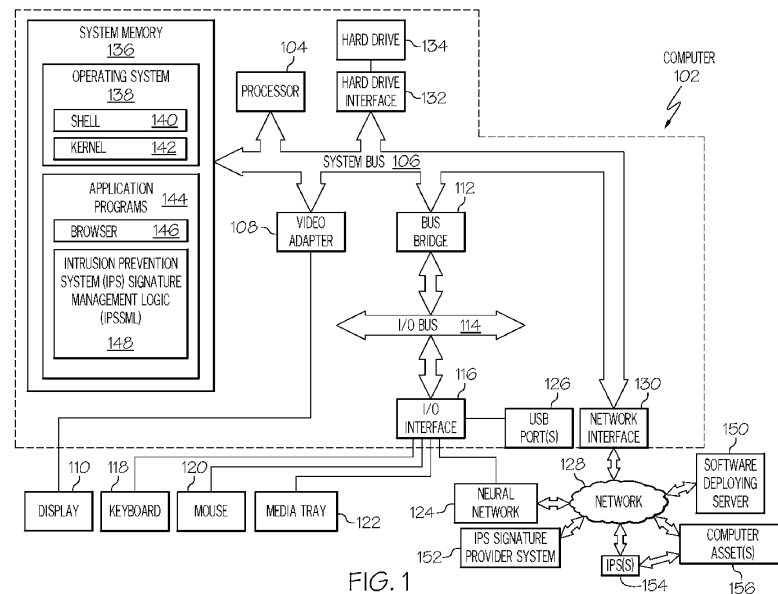


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method selectively installs a particular signature on a particular gateway based on the type of signature and the type of computer asset that is protected by that particular gateway. A system and/or analyst receives multiple signatures, where different signatures from the multiple signatures are specific for different types of computer assets. The system and/or analyst identifies and extracts a particular signature, from the multiple signatures, that will protect, if implemented on the appropriate gateway, a particular computer asset. The system and/or analyst identifies the appropriate gateway that protects the particular computer asset, and installs only the extracted particular signature from the multiple signatures on that appropriate gateway.

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