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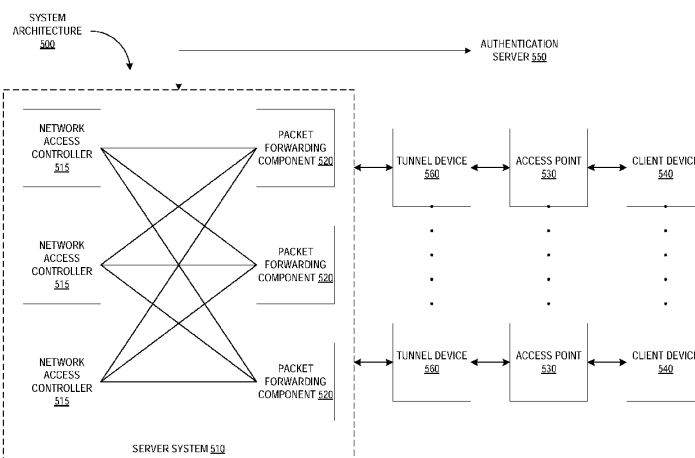


FIG. 5

(57) Abstract: Network systems and architectures with multiple load balancers and network access controllers. In some implementa-  
tions, an apparatus is provided. The apparatus includes a memory to store packets and a packet forwarding component operatively cou-  
pled to the memory. The packet forwarding component receives an encapsulated packet from a tunnel device via a first tunnel. The first  
tunnel is coupled to the tunnel device and the packet forwarding component. The encapsulated packet is generated by the tunnel device  
based on a data packet received from an access point. The packet forwarding component identifies a first network access controller from  
a plurality of network access controllers. The plurality of network access controllers are coupled to the packet forwarding component  
via a set of tunnels. The packet forwarding component forwards the encapsulated packet to the first network access controller via a  
second tunnel of the set of tunnels.

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