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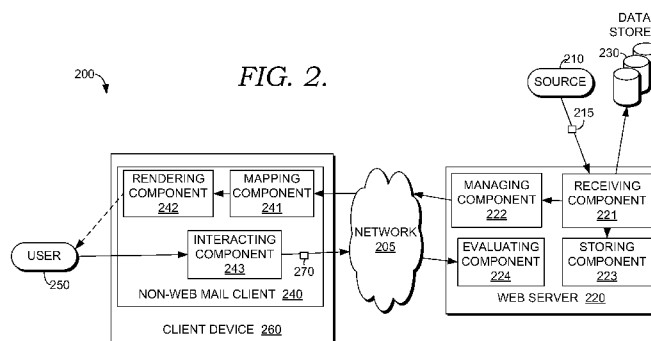
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(57) Abstract: Computer-readable media and computerized methods for governing treatment of digital communications (e.g., emails and instant messages) upon identifying the communications as potentially phishing emails are provided. A service provider is employed to control behavior of an account that is assigned to an intended recipient of the communications. Controlling the behavior of the account is described in the context of a non-web mail server that renders a UI display, which is not dynamically configurable by the service provider. In one solution, controlling behavior alerts a user to the presence of communications identified as potentially phishing by aggregating these communications in a separate folder. In another solution, controlling behavior facilitates protecting the user by replacing the content of the potentially phishing communications with a warning message. This warning message optionally includes a URL link to a web browser where the user can view the original content of the potentially phishing communications.