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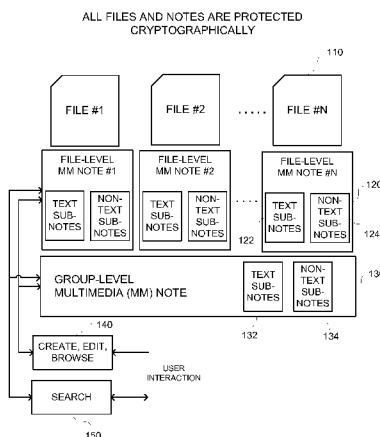


FIG. 1

- (57) **Abstract:** Method and system for secure computer file management and storage are provided. Computer files in a desktop, portable or mobile environment are associated with file-level and group-level notes of text and any multimedia format. The multimedia notes serve to provide descriptive information, augment the content and enhance ease of handling and search of the computer files. All computer files and multimedia notes are cryptographically protected against unauthorized access. Text notes support a plurality of searchable font characteristics, bookmarks, hyperlinks and highlights. Non-text notes comprise files of any multimedia formats. A dedicated graphical interface may be used for users to create, edit, browse and search said file-level and group-level multimedia notes, and display search results based upon user-specified search criteria.