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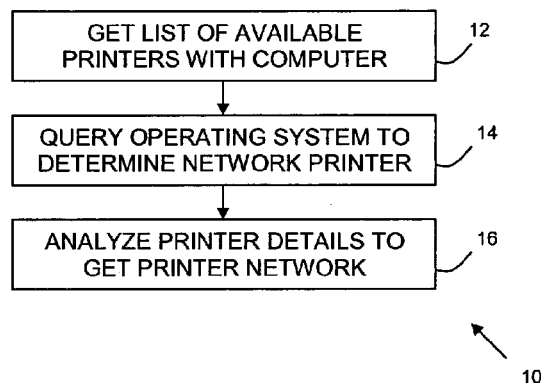
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FIG. 1



(57) Abstract: A method is disclosed to monitor print job status. A list of available printers is determined, and network printers or local printers are determined. The printer status is queried before sending data to a printer. Meta-information is inserted into the print data to know when a document starts to print and when the document finishes printing. The printer is queried regarding status of the print job as well as printer status.