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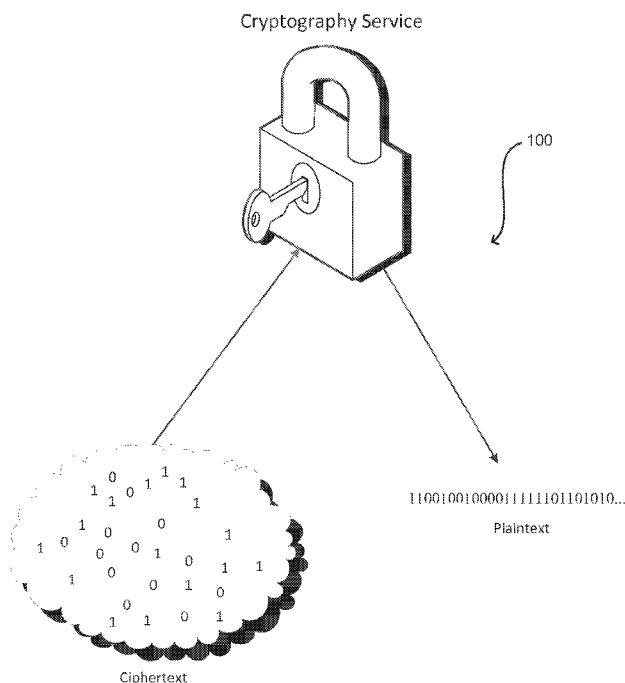


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A distributed computing environment utilizes a cryptography service. The cryptography service manages keys securely on behalf of one or more entities. The cryptography service is configured to receive and respond to requests to perform cryptographic operations, such as encryption and decryption. The requests may originate from entities using the distributed computing environment and/or subsystems of the distributed computing environment.



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