

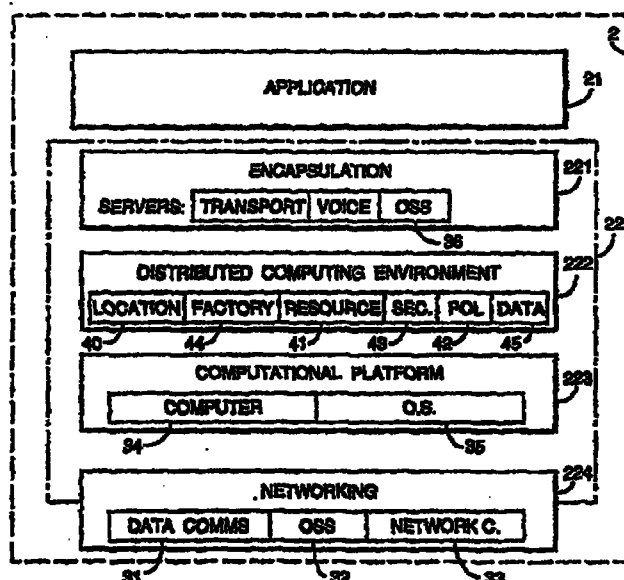


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(57) Abstract

In a telecommunications network of the kind comprising a transport network (not shown) and an intelligence platform (2) any creation of additional services packages by a service creation environment (not shown) results in an interchange of information between a distributed computing environment (222) and the service creation environment. The service control environment forwards data defining the resources required and the start and finish time to the (222). The resource function (41) within the distributed computing environment determines whether the resources are or will be available, or if not whether an alternative quality of service at a different period could be provided. This information enables the service creation environment to guarantee the quality of service to be provided on implementation of the additional service package.