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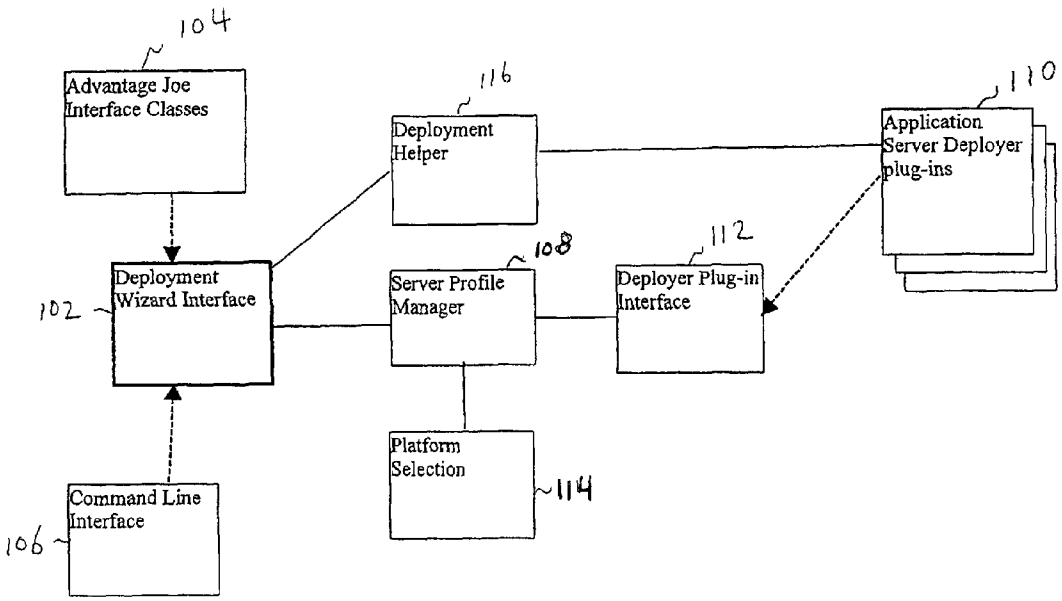
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(57) Abstract: A method for a deployment tool is provided. The deployment tool in one aspect assembles and deploys software components generated by any predetermined standard compliant application tools. The system and method in one aspect isolates each application server's specific deployment (114) logic into plug-in modules (110). A user is provided with a series of input tools or panels (102) for specifying deployment variables and customizing the deployment as needed. The customization includes the ability to select the target application server and optionally, the target platform and operating system.

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