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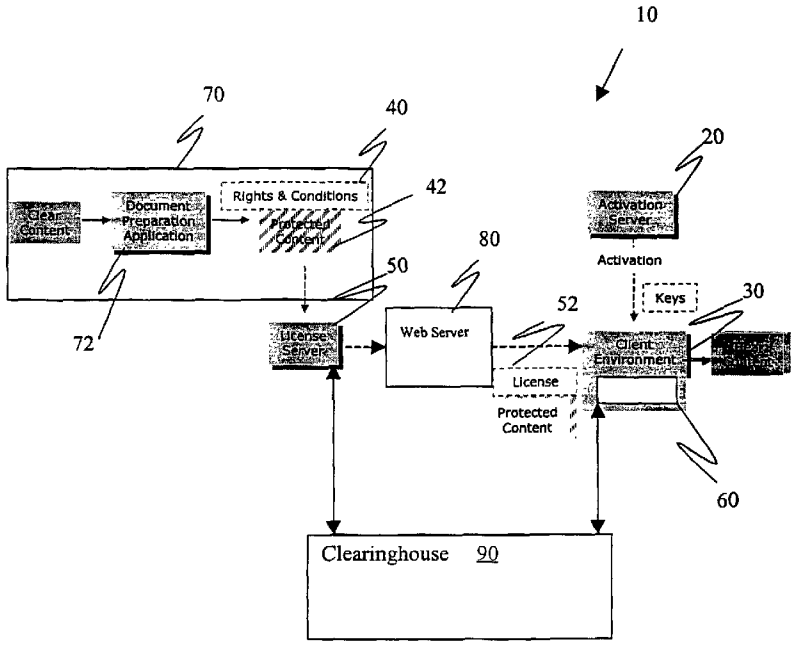
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS MANAGING THE TRANSFER OF RIGHTS



(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for managing the transfer of rights associated with items from a rights supplier to a rights consumer. A set of rights is associated with an item and includes meta-rights (214) specifying derivable rights that can be derived therefrom by the rights consumer. The set of rights is transferred, in the form of a license (52) to the item, from the rights supplier to the rights consumer. If it is determined that the rights consumer is entitled to derive the derivable rights specified by the meta-rights, the derivable rights are derived and a license (52) including the derived rights is generated with the rights consumer designated as a principal (304).

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