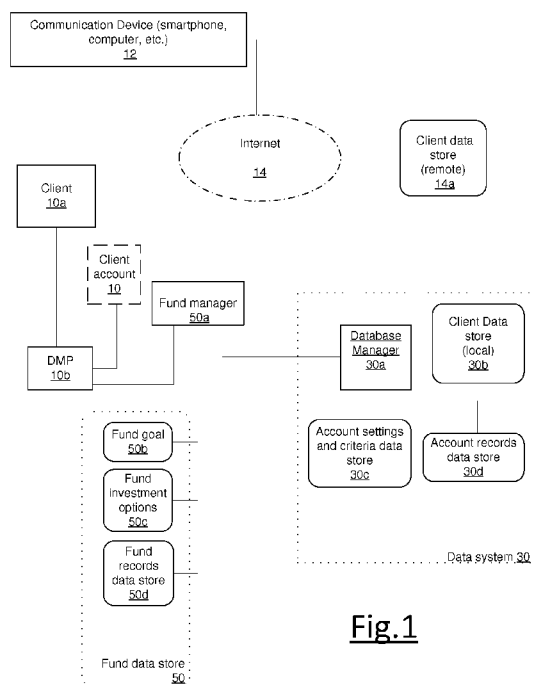




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(54) **Title:** PERMANENT PRESERVATION AND RETRIEVAL OF DATA OBJECT IN THE CLOUD**Fig. 1**

(57) **Abstract:** A method and system funding long-term data storage, retrieval, and preservation services accessed over the internet, the data services funded by an automated system seeking a target rate of return, input to the system, using pooled, one-time client payments of a client fee (20a), where the rate of return is analyzed and referenced against pre-set criteria (50b 50c) in a fund data store (50), with generated returns calculated and then apportioned (20f) so that distributed returns pay expenses incurred providing the data services, and non-distributed returns are reinvested to pay future expenses, all steps performed by a fund manager (50a) implemented as software executing on one or more computing devices or servers. A software-implemented database manager (30a) manages the data services, controlling data access by establishing an account record per client and then applying identifying information and criteria stored in various data stores (14a 30b 30c 30d).

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