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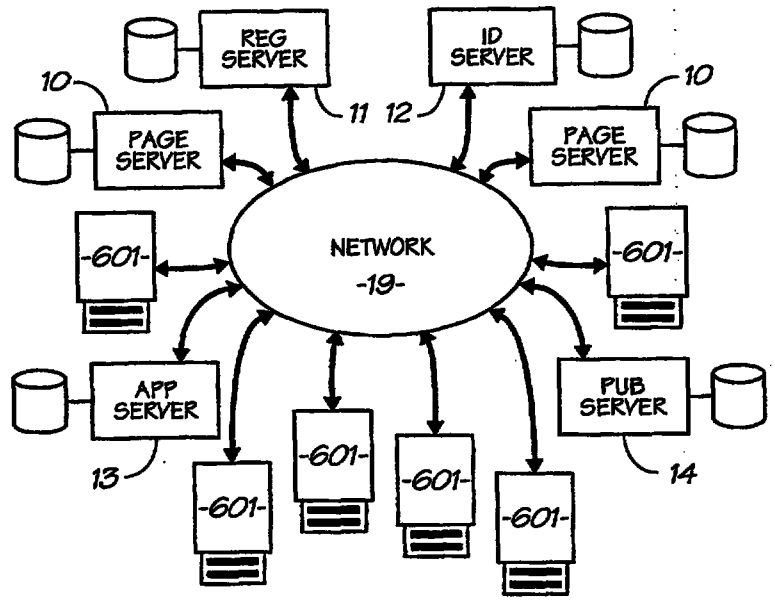
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(57) Abstract: A network publishing authorization protocol, for use in a network connected to a printer, a server and a publisher of network publications. The protocol authorizes the printing of a publication at the printer. It includes the steps of: addressing the publication to a user; signing the publication using a private key; sending the publication to the printer; and confirming that the publication may be printed at the printer, by verifying the private key signature. Confirmation may take place at the printer or at the server.

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