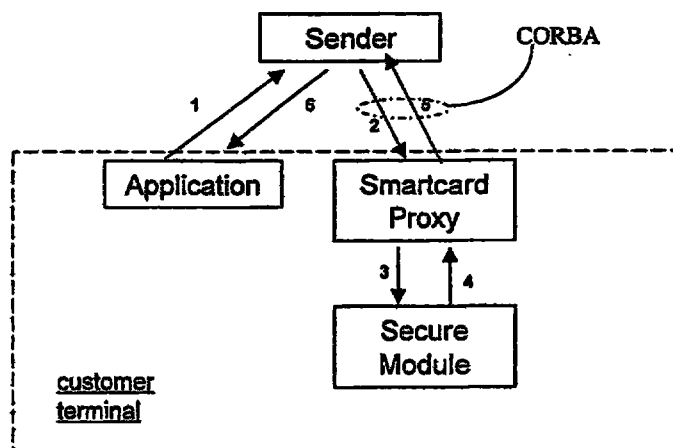




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(57) Abstract

In a data communications system, data is divided into a number of frames that are encrypted. Multiple copies of the frames are distributed to users. A seed value for the generation of keys is also distributed. A secure module at each user generates keys for use in decoding the data frames. Control messages are passed to the secure module to control the generation of the keys, and hence to control the access by a selected user to the data.