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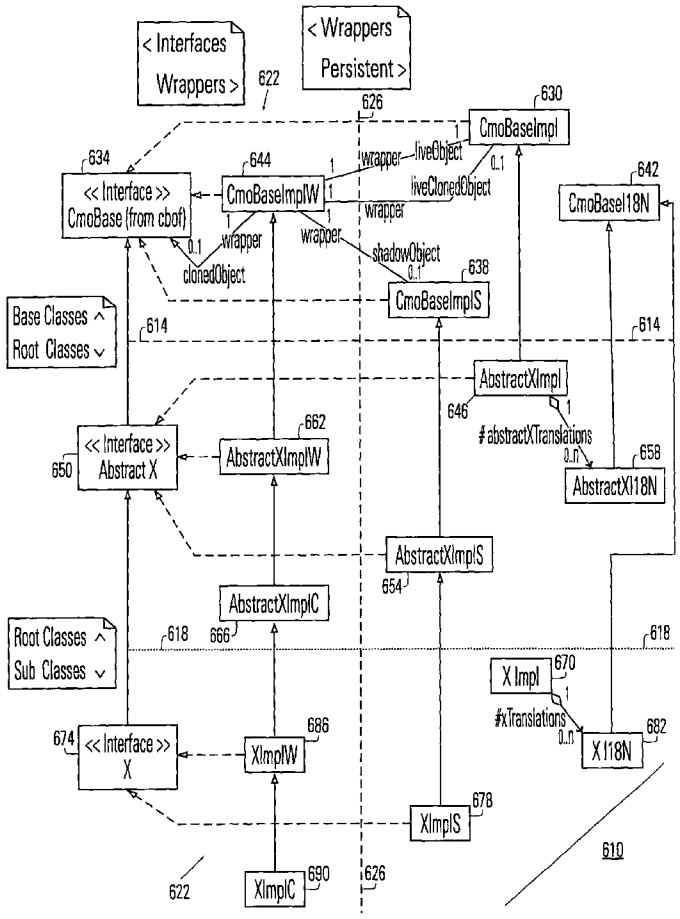
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to application development using a common object framework (COF). More particularly, aspects of the invention relate to adapting the COF to be substantially compliant with a standard-based server-side component model and remote method invocation protocol. Additional aspects of the invention relate to horizontal partitioning of databases at a middle, business application tier, above a database tier. Combinations including staging, change history, and internationalization of fields within objects are further aspects of this invention. Particular aspects of the present invention are described in the claims, specification and drawings.

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