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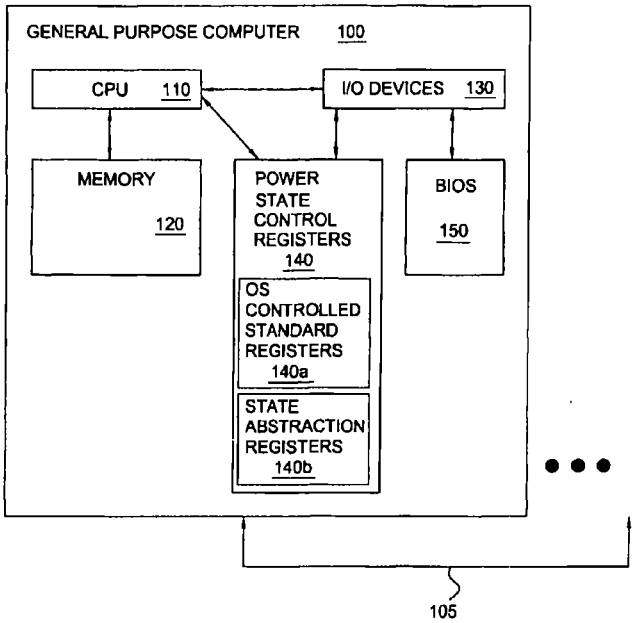
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(57) Abstract: A novel method and apparatus for providing a decoupled power management state. The present invention decouples the operating system's perspective of the power management state from that of the actual hardware state of a host resource. Namely, the resources (230) of a host computer (100) can still operate and provide functionality while the host operating system (220) is "off", while still providing power saving to the host system and user.

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