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(57) Abstract

A method and apparatus for deploying and activating services in a communications network (202). In the context of a communications network (202) that deploys service functionality by distributing managed software objects to the service processing nodes (204), the present invention relates to selectively dispensing managed objects from a repository (230) and coordinating the instantaneous activation or deactivation of services through the communications network (202). Furthermore, where a managed object service creation environment (228) is coupled to the communications network (202), the method and apparatus of the present invention provides security, back-up, and version control of managed objects and other network data stored in the repository (230).

