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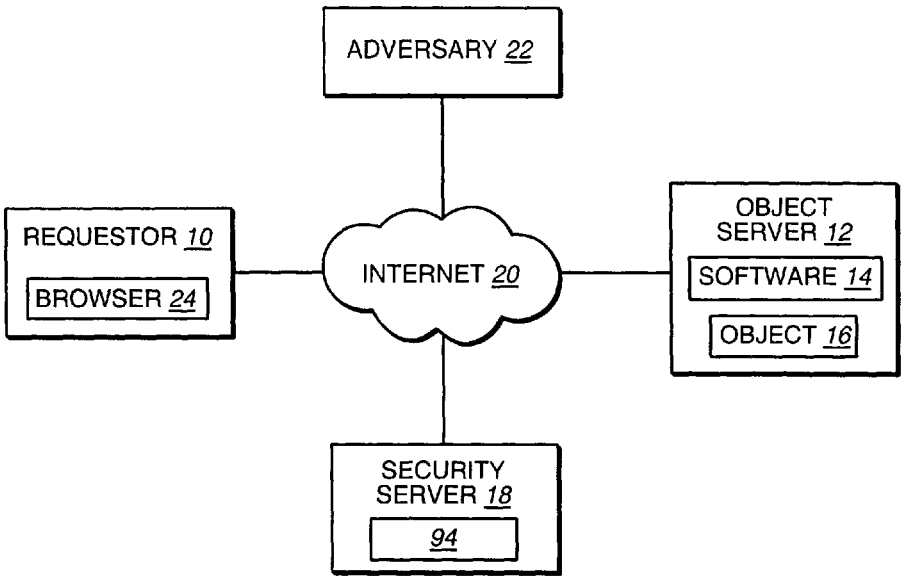
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for establishing a log file which may be used to create an audit trail are presented. A security server (18) maintains a lof file of actions performed by a requestor (10) and the security server (18) which are related to protected objects (16). Object controls instantiated with the object (16) on the requestor device (10) transmit an encrypted descriptor of the action to the security server (18) and may prevent the requestor device (10) from taking any action (viewing, editing, printing, etc.) if there is no secure connection to the security server (18). The security server (18) will record the information received from the requestor device (10), along with other data, to the log file as well as recording a descriptor of any of the security server's (18) actions taken which relate to the protection of objects (16).

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