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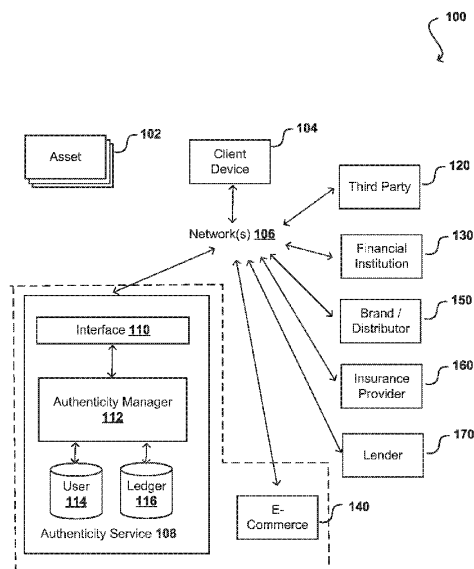


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Distributed ledgers can be used to store information about assets of value, where that information may include model, serial number, or other information that can be used to authenticate those assets. The ledger can also include other information, such as ownership, service history, market value, condition, liens, and the like. This information can be used to authenticate an item and verify ownership, which can be important for tasks such as resale, insurance, obtaining credit, or investment.

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