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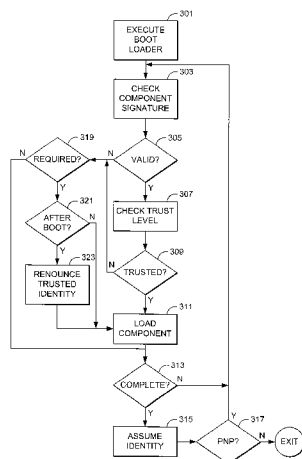
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ABSTRACT

The identity of an operating system running on a computer is determined from an identity associated with an initial component for the operating system, combined with identities of additional components that are loaded afterwards. Loading of a digital rights management operating system on a subscriber computer is guaranteed by validating digital signatures on each component to be loaded and by determining a trust level for each component. A trusted identity is assumed by the digital rights management operating system when only components with valid signatures and a pre-determined trust level are loaded. Otherwise, the operating system is associated with an untrusted identity. Both the trusted and untrusted identities are derived from the components that were loaded. Additionally, a record of the loading of each component is placed into a boot log that is protected from tampering through a chain of public-private key pairs.

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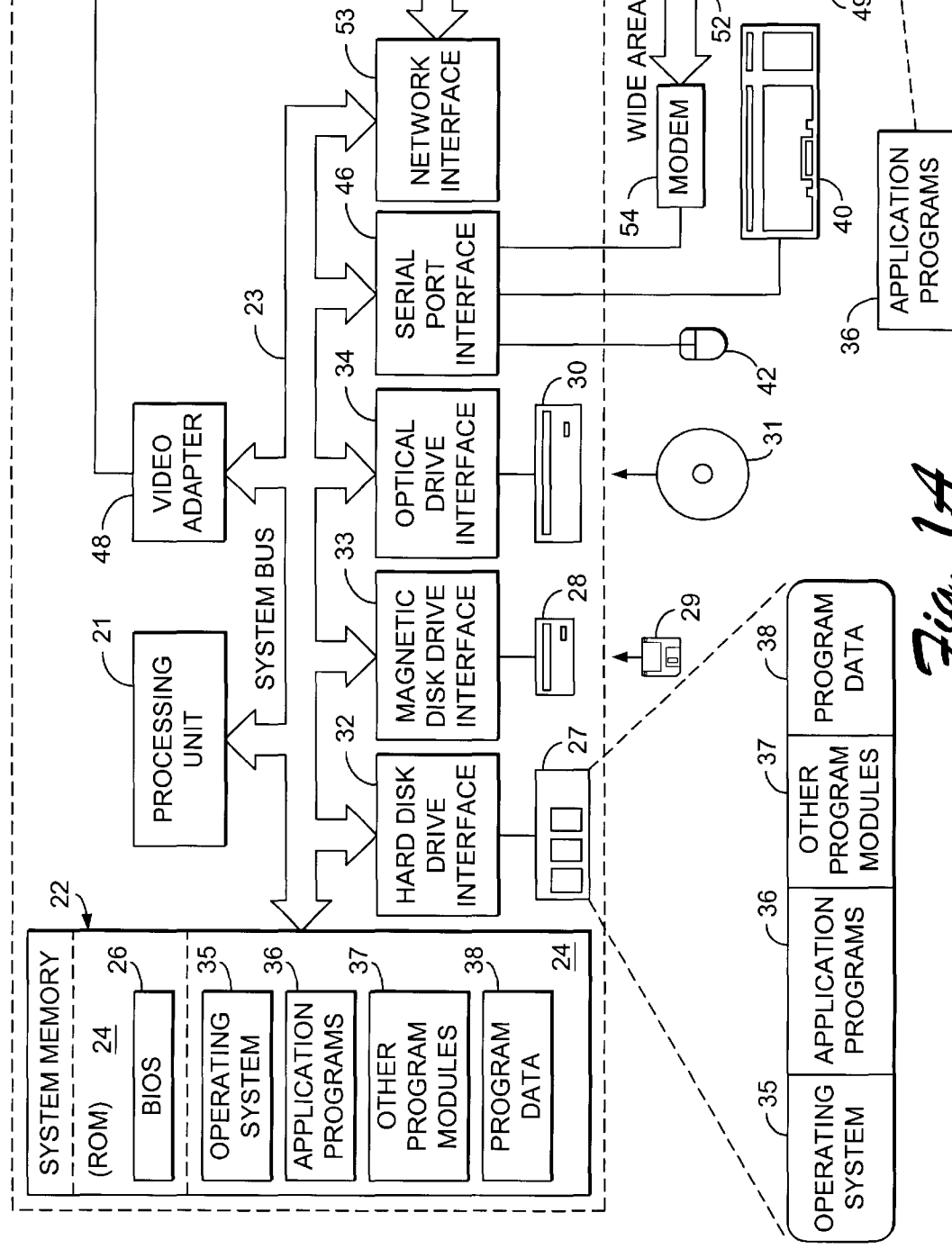


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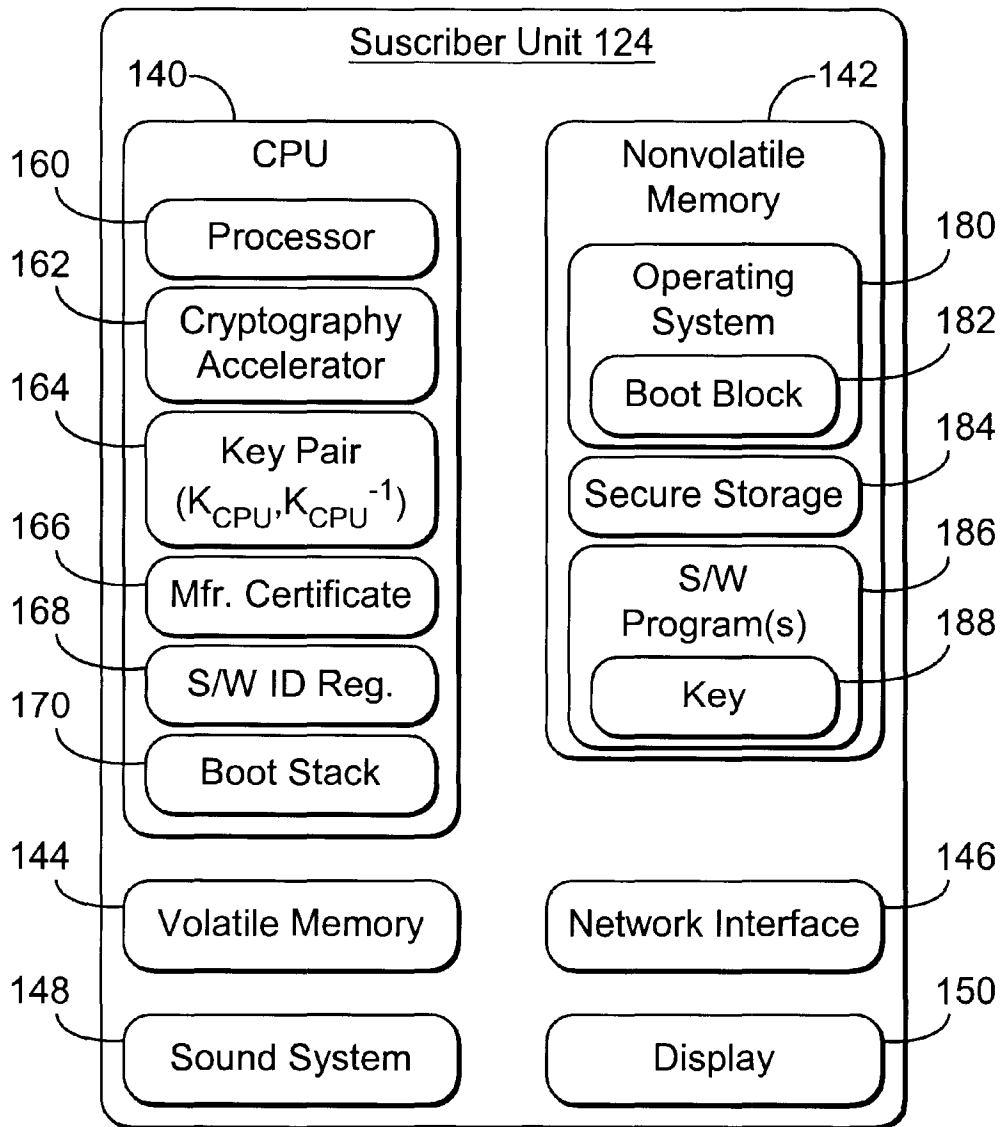


Fig. 1B

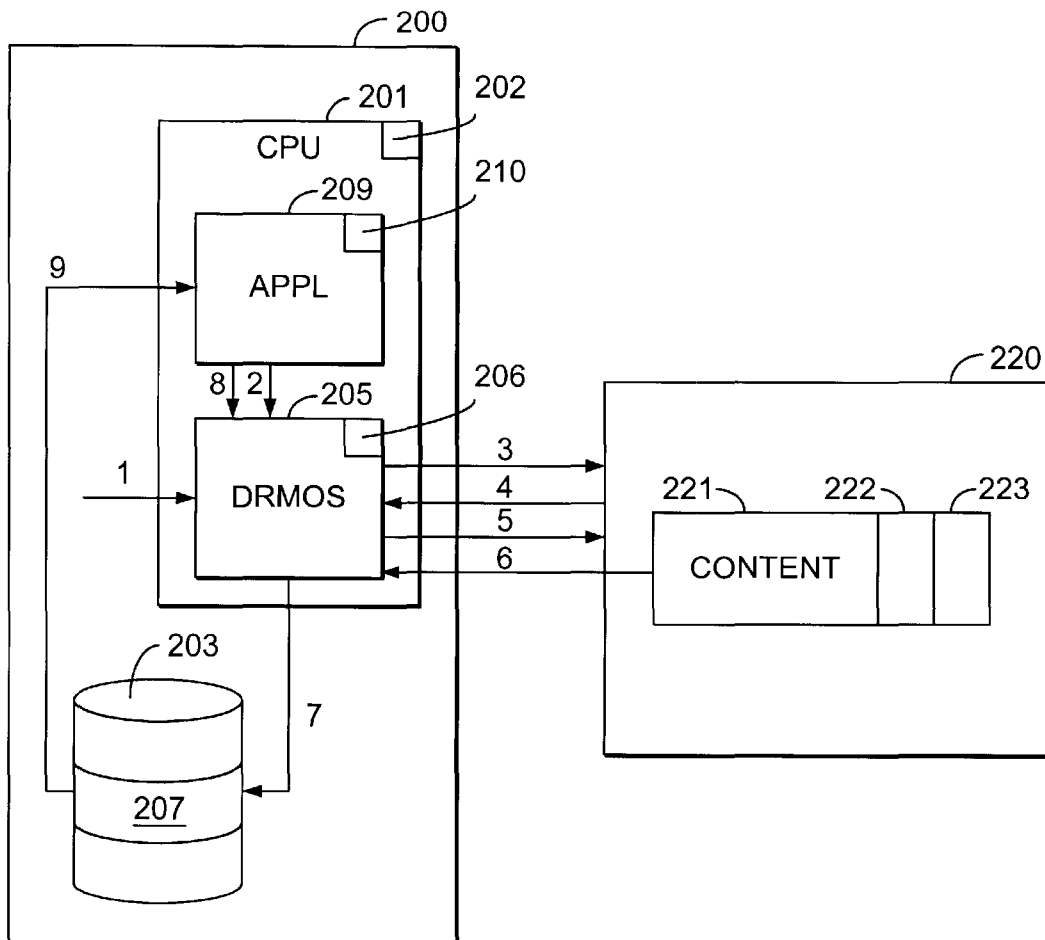


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