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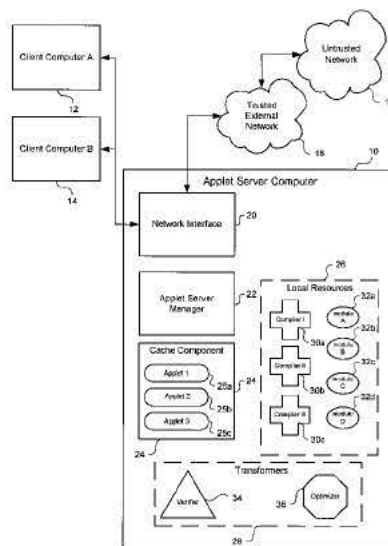
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is an applet server which accepts requests for applets from client computers. A request specifies the format in which an applet is to be delivered to the requesting client computer. The applet server has a cache which it uses to store applets for distribution to client computers. If the specified form of the requested applet is available in the cache, the applet server transmits the applet to the requesting client. If the applet is not available in the cache, the server will attempt to build the applet from local resources (program code modules and compilers) and transformer programs (verifiers and optimizers). If the applet server is able to build the requested applet, it will then transmit the applet to the requesting client computer. If the applet server is unable to build the requested applet, it will pass the request to another applet server on the network for fulfillment of the request.

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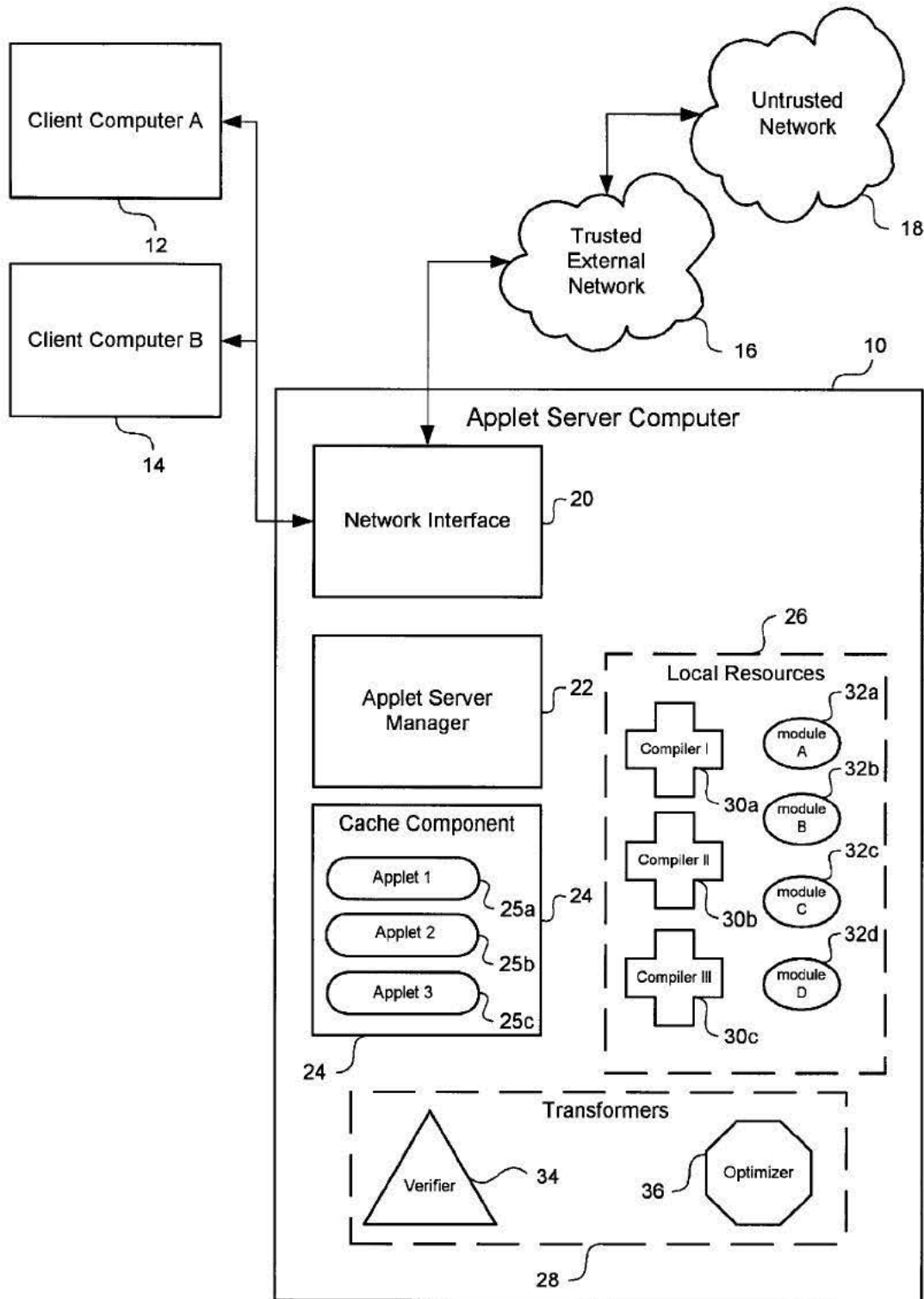


Fig. 1

Request Data Type

Tag	Value
Applet-URL	(String) specifies the name of the requested applet
Code-Type	(Source/Intermediate/Binary) specifies the format the applet is to be delivered to the requesting client in. A request for binary would specify the CPU of the requesting client (e.g., x86)
Verification-Level	(0-100) specifies the degree of verification to be performed. 0 = no/minimal verification, 100 = maximum verification (highest level of security).
Optimization-Level	(0-100) specifies the degree of optimization to be performed. 0 = no/minimal optimization, 100 = maximum optimization.

Fig. 2A**Code Data Type**

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Applet Length	(0-2 ³²) specifies the size of the requested applet.
Applet Code	The Requested Applet in the form specified by the request data type.

Fig. 2B

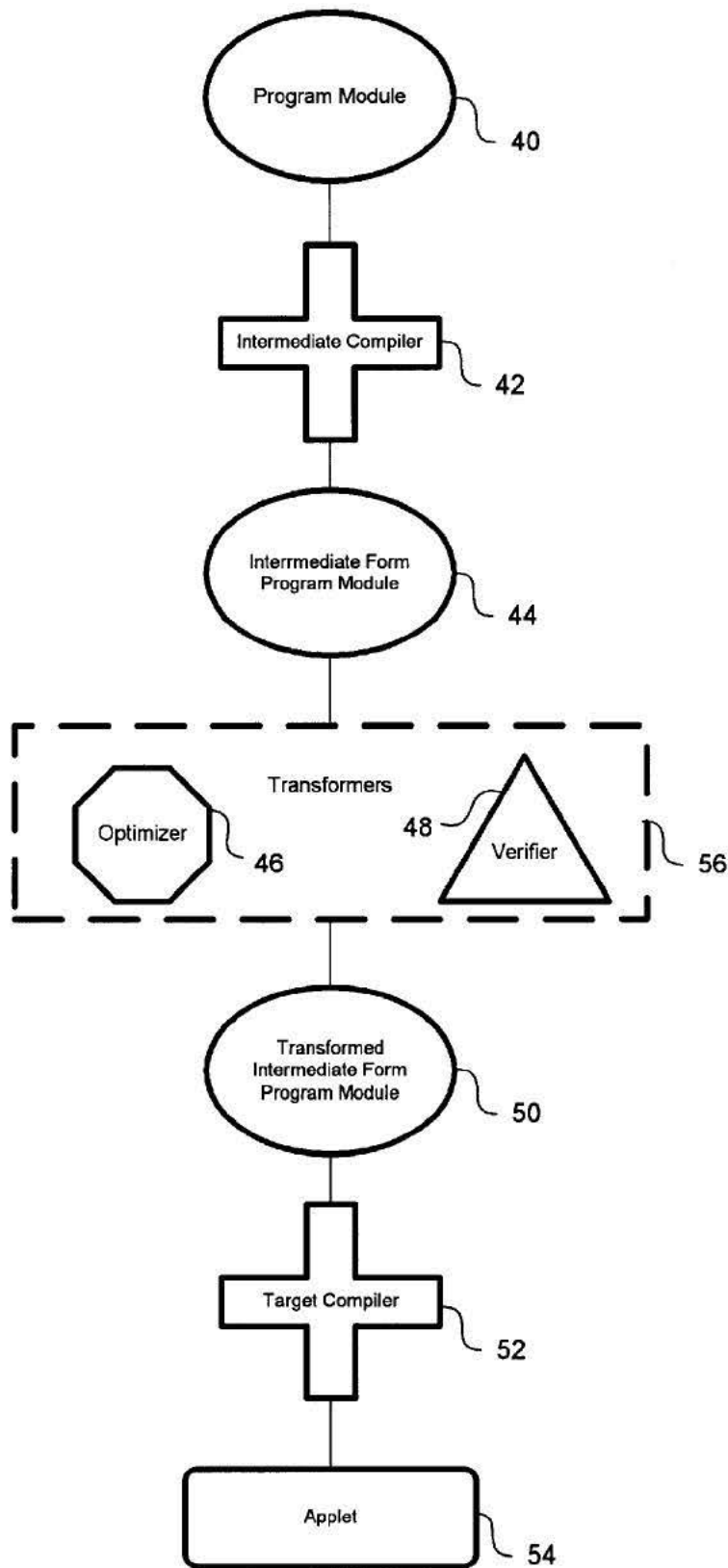


Fig. 3

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