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[54] **SYSTEM FOR UNIQUELY AND PERSISTENTLY IDENTIFYING, MANAGING, AND TRACKING DIGITAL OBJECTS**

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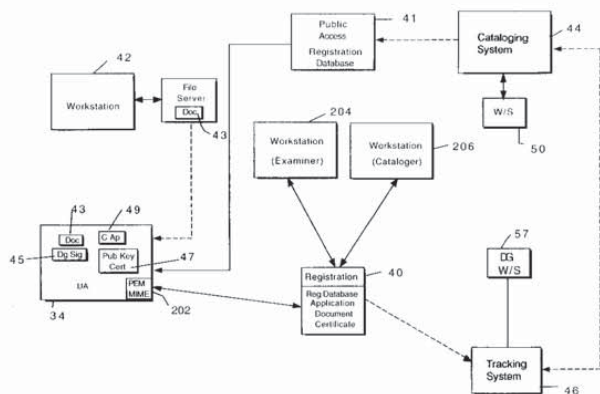
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Methods of managing digital objects in a network are presented. Holders of rights in digital objects are enabled to control terns and conditions under which they are accessed by users in a network, or are granted to others.

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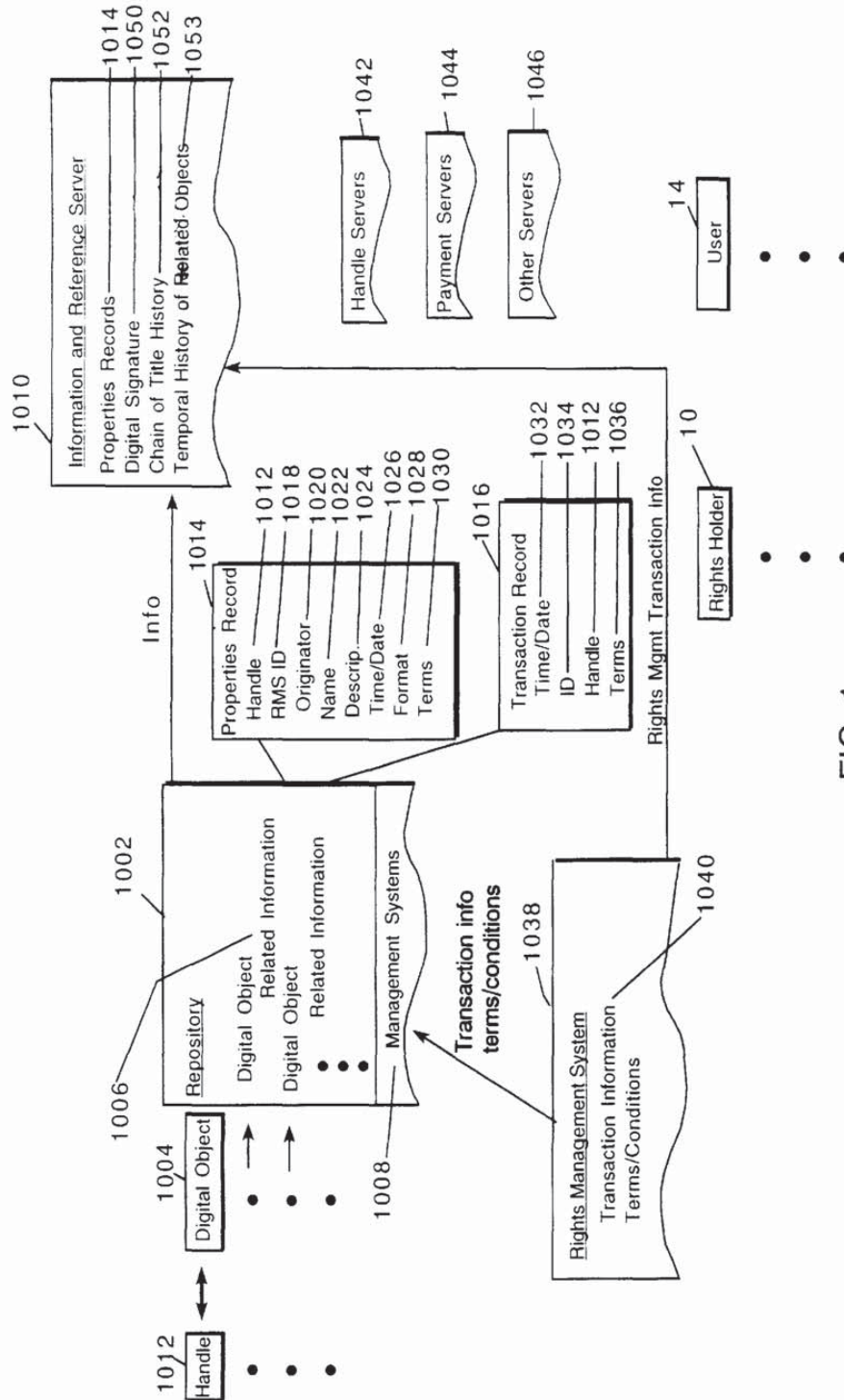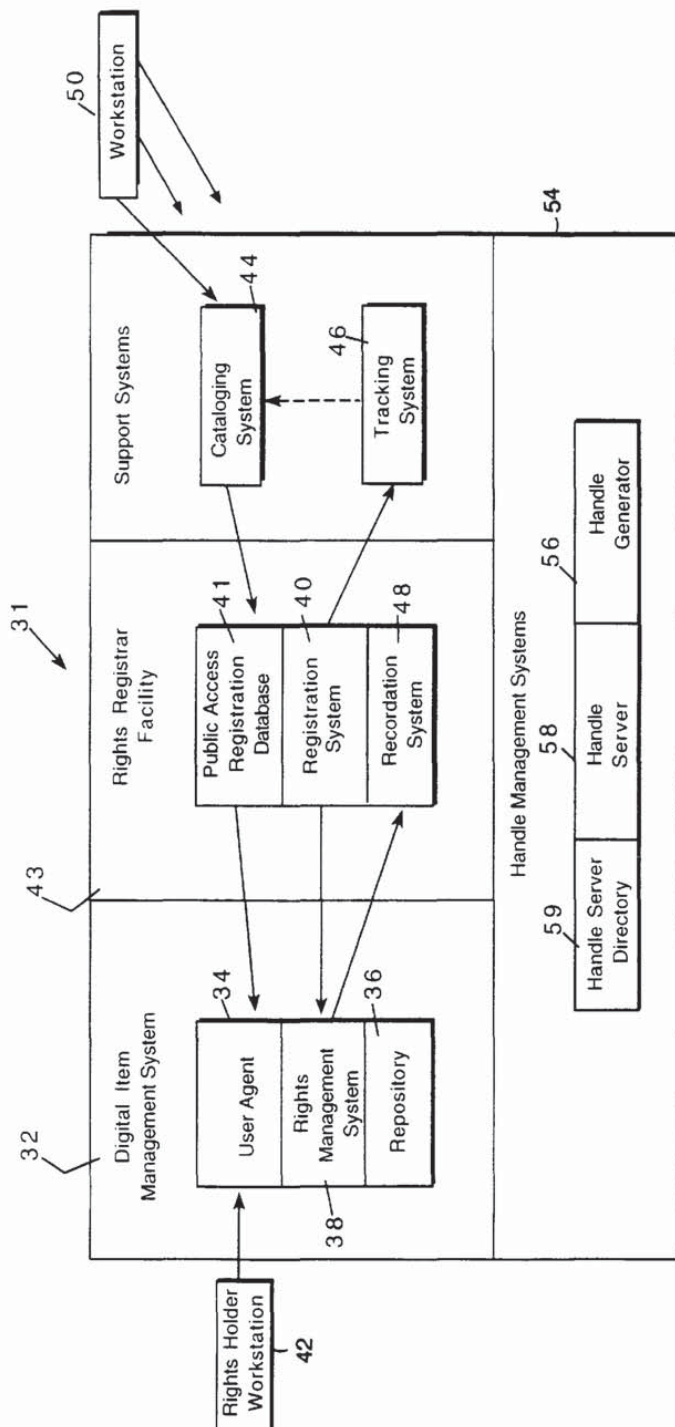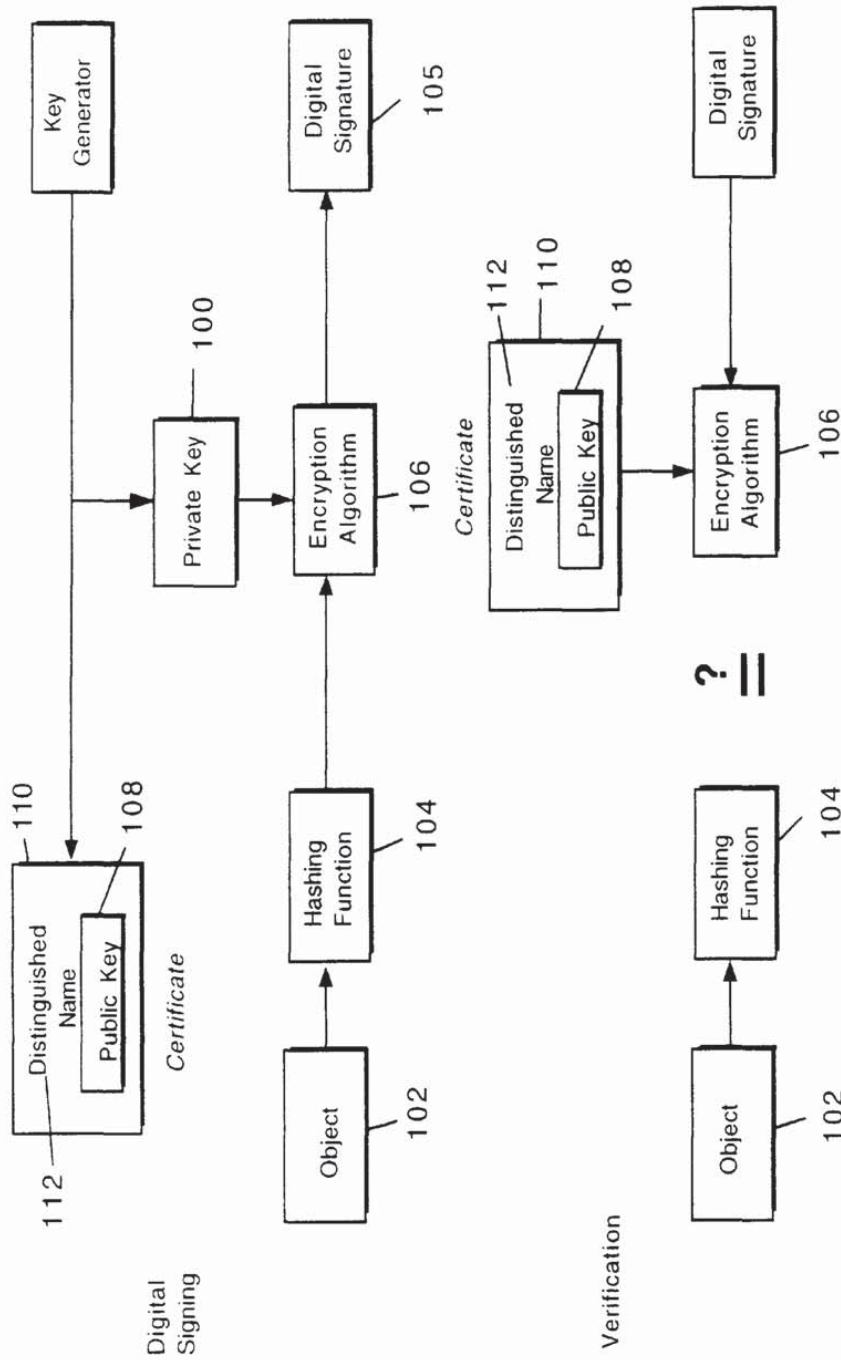
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