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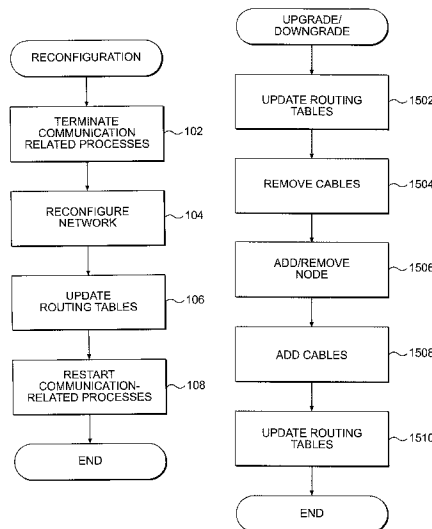
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

In accordance with methods and systems consistent with the present invention, an improved technique for reconfiguring networks is provided. By using this technique, a network administrator can reconfigure their network while it remains operational. As a result, users can continue to utilize the network during reconfiguration. Additionally, in accordance with methods and systems consistent with the present invention, a number of network topologies are provided that are designed to facilitate reconfiguration. When using one of these topologies, the network can be reconfigured with a minimal amount of recabling, thus reducing the amount of time required for reconfiguration.

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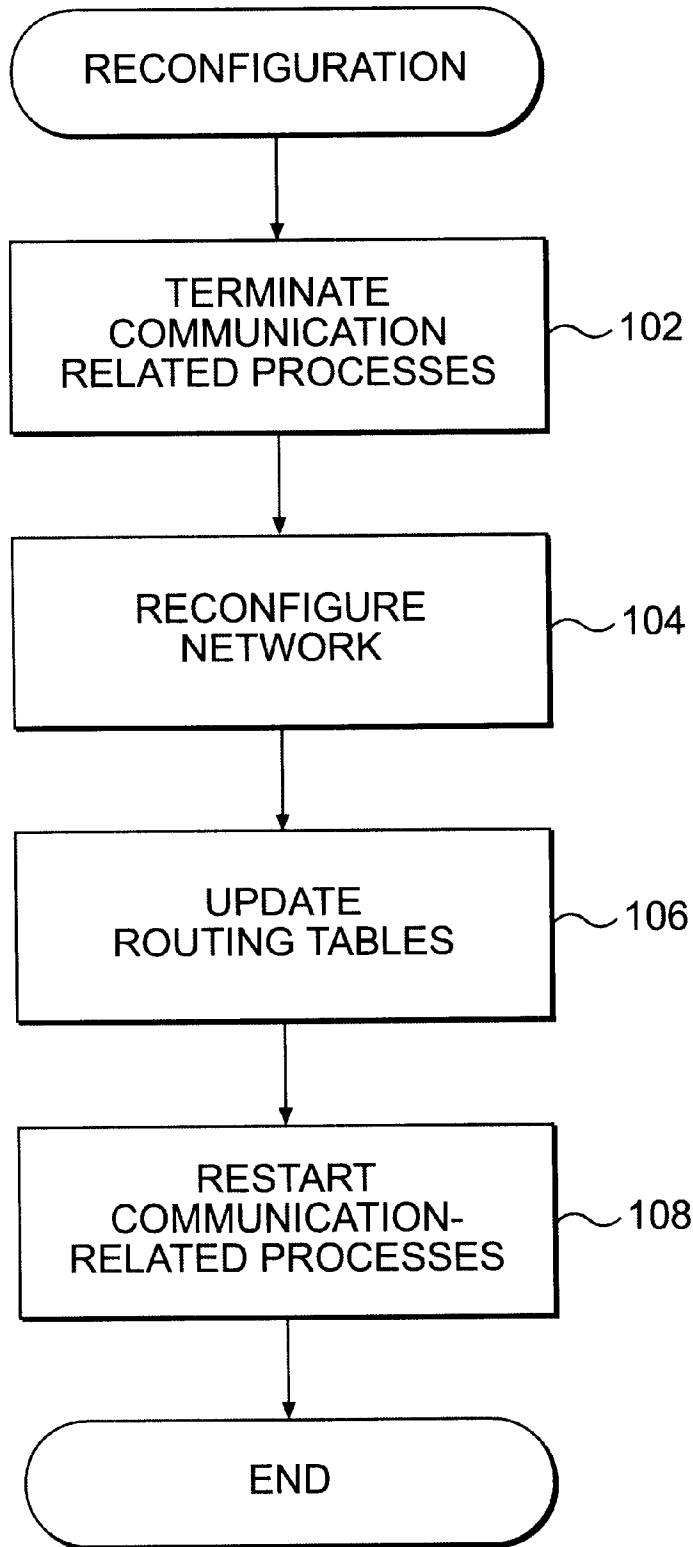


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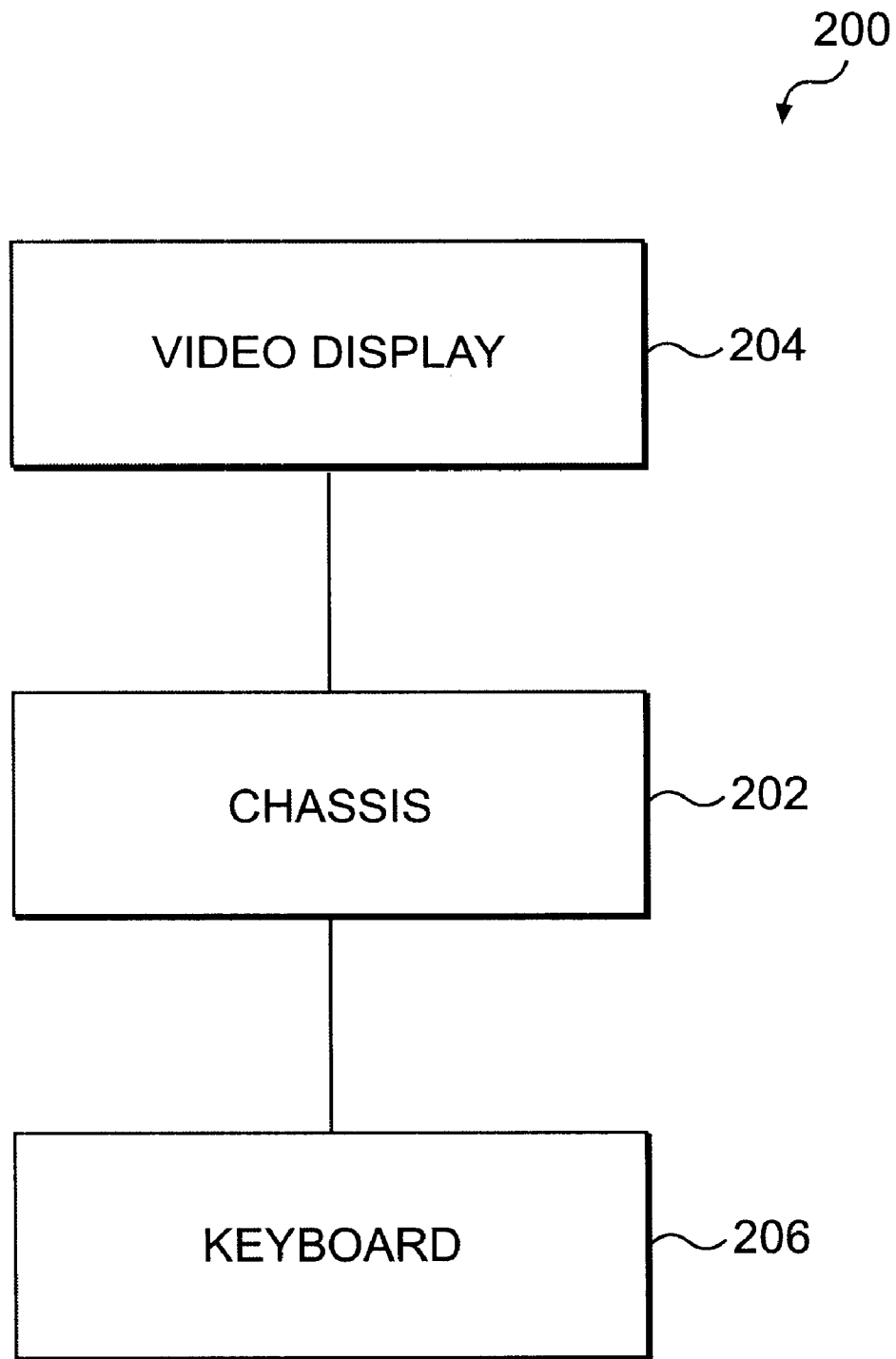


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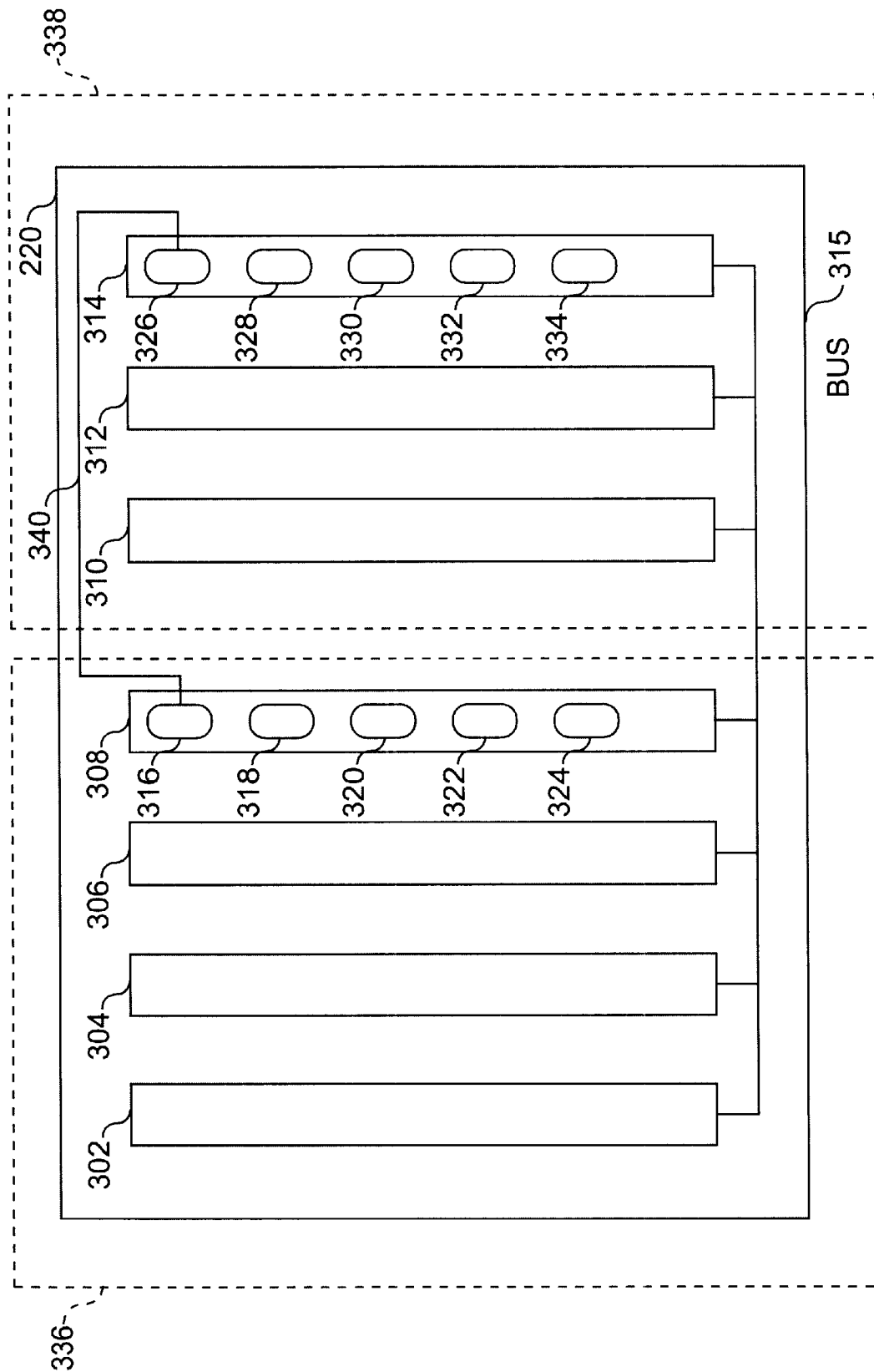


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