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(54) SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION OF A USER

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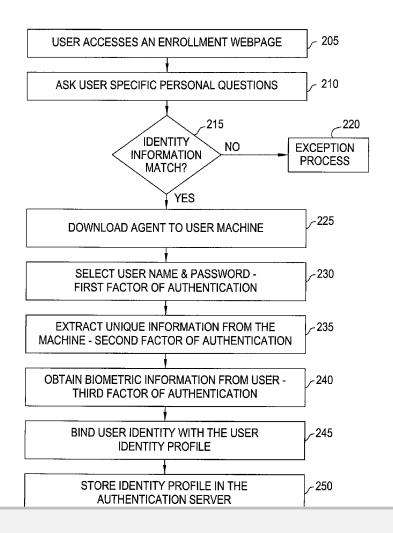
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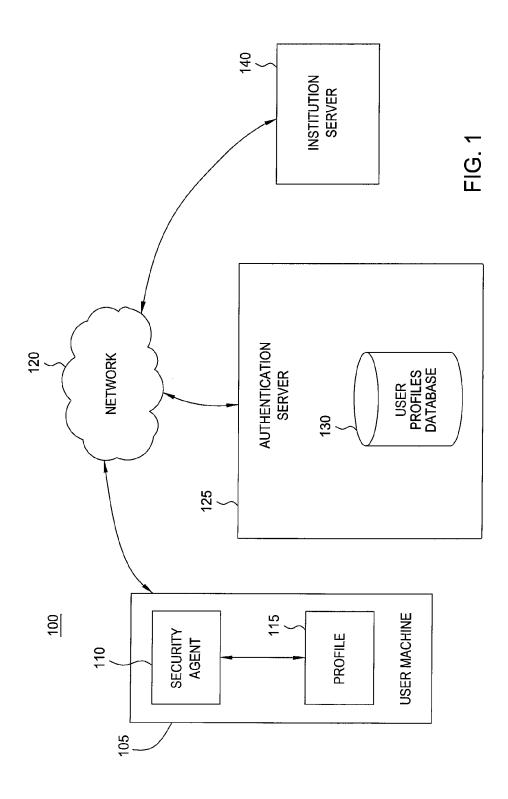
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(57)**ABSTRACT**

The present invention generally relates to a computer security system for use in the identification and authentication of a user prior to an on-line transaction. In one aspect, a method for facilitating a secure transaction over a network is provided. The method includes collecting a username and password associated with a user of the machine. The method further includes verifying that the username and password matches a previously collected username and password in an identity profile. The method also includes collecting device data from a user machine to uniquely identify the machine. Additionally, the method includes verifying that the device data matches previously collected device data in the identity profile. In another aspect, a computer-readable medium including a set of instructions that when executed by a processor cause the processor to facilitate a secure transaction over a network is provided. In yet a further aspect, a system for facilitating a secure transaction is provided.









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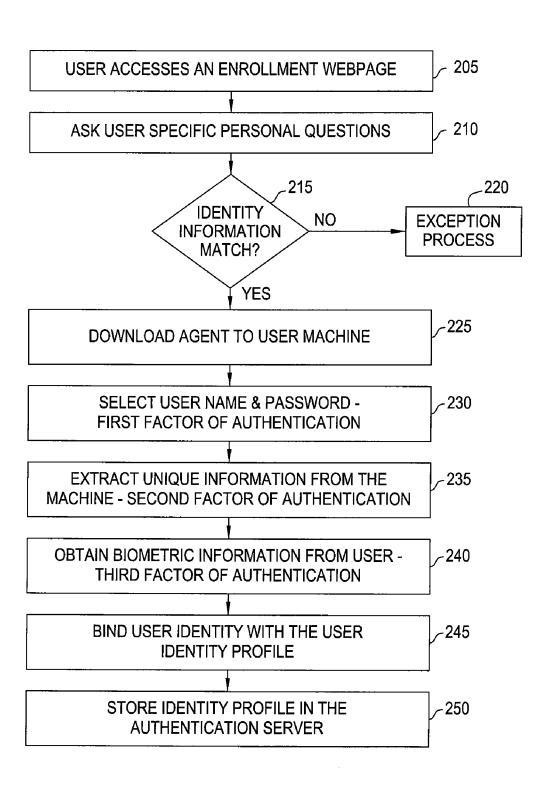


FIG. 2



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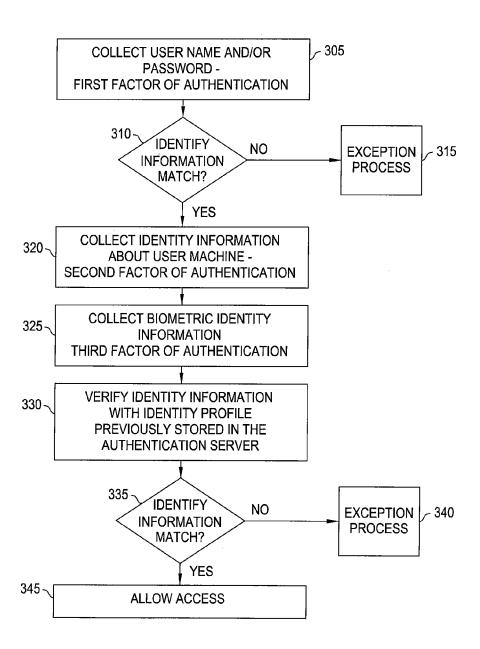


FIG. 3

400 **405 COLLECT USER NAME AND/OR** PASSWORD -FIRST FACTOR OF AUTHENTICATION 410 IDENTIFY NO **EXCEPTION** 415 **INFORMATION PROCESS** MATCH? YES **COLLECT IDENTITY INFORMATION** 420-ABOUT USER MACHINE -SECOND FACTOR OF AUTHENTICATION COLLECT BIOMETRIC IDENTITY 425~ INFORMATION THIRD FACTOR OF AUTHENTICATION VERIFY IDENTITY INFORMATION 430 WITH IDENTITY PROFILE PREVIOUSLY STORED IN THE **AUTHENTICATION SERVER** 435 **IDENTIFY** NO ~ 440 EXCEPTION INFORMATION **PROCESS** MATCH? YES 445~ CONNECT TO USER FINANCIAL **INSTITUTION SERVER** TO FIG. 4B **STEP 450** FIG. 4A



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