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(57) **ABSTRACT**

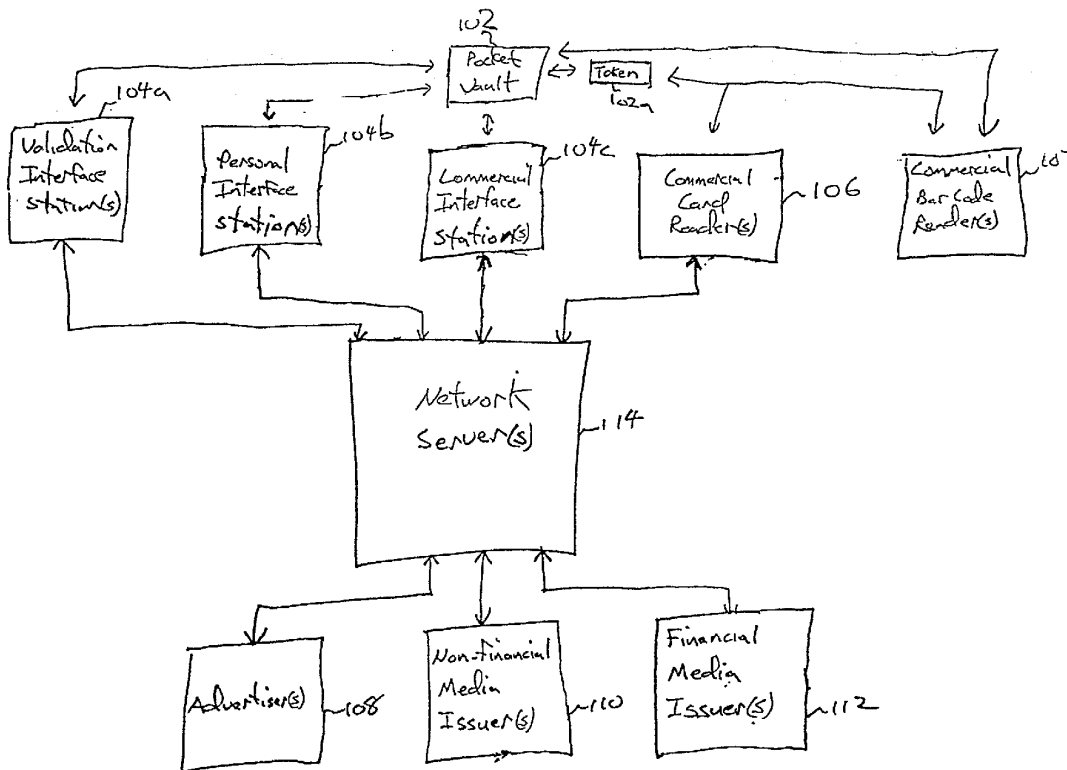
In one embodiment, an electronic device is used to authenticate an identity of a user to determine that the user is permitted to access restricted information on a server. In response to the electronic device authenticating the identity of the user, a software module on a computer operated by the user is permitted to access the restricted information. In another embodiment, an electronic device is used to authenticate an identity of a user. In response to the electronic device authenticating the identity of the user, the settings on a computer are altered to correspond to settings on the electronic device.

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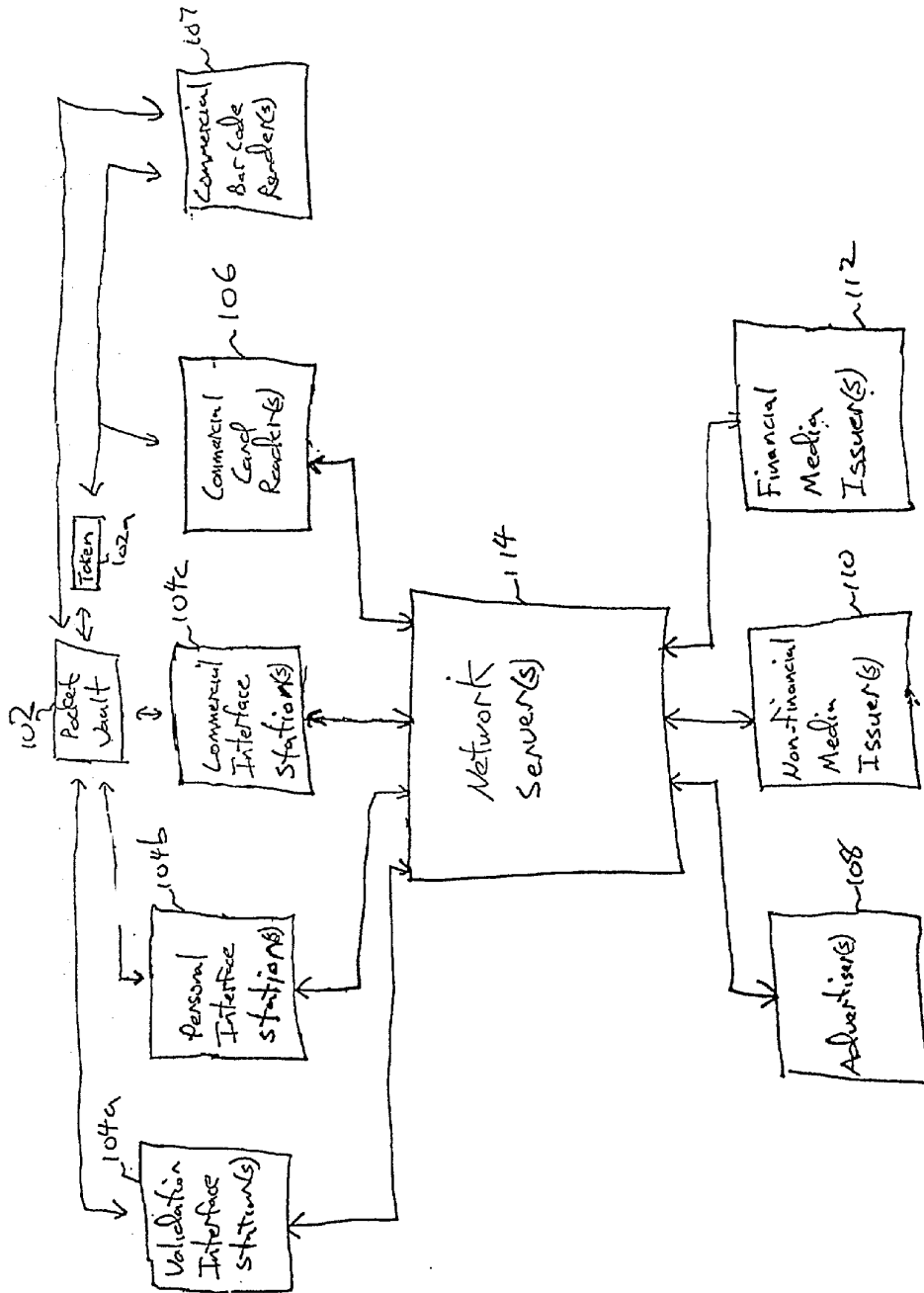


Fig. 1

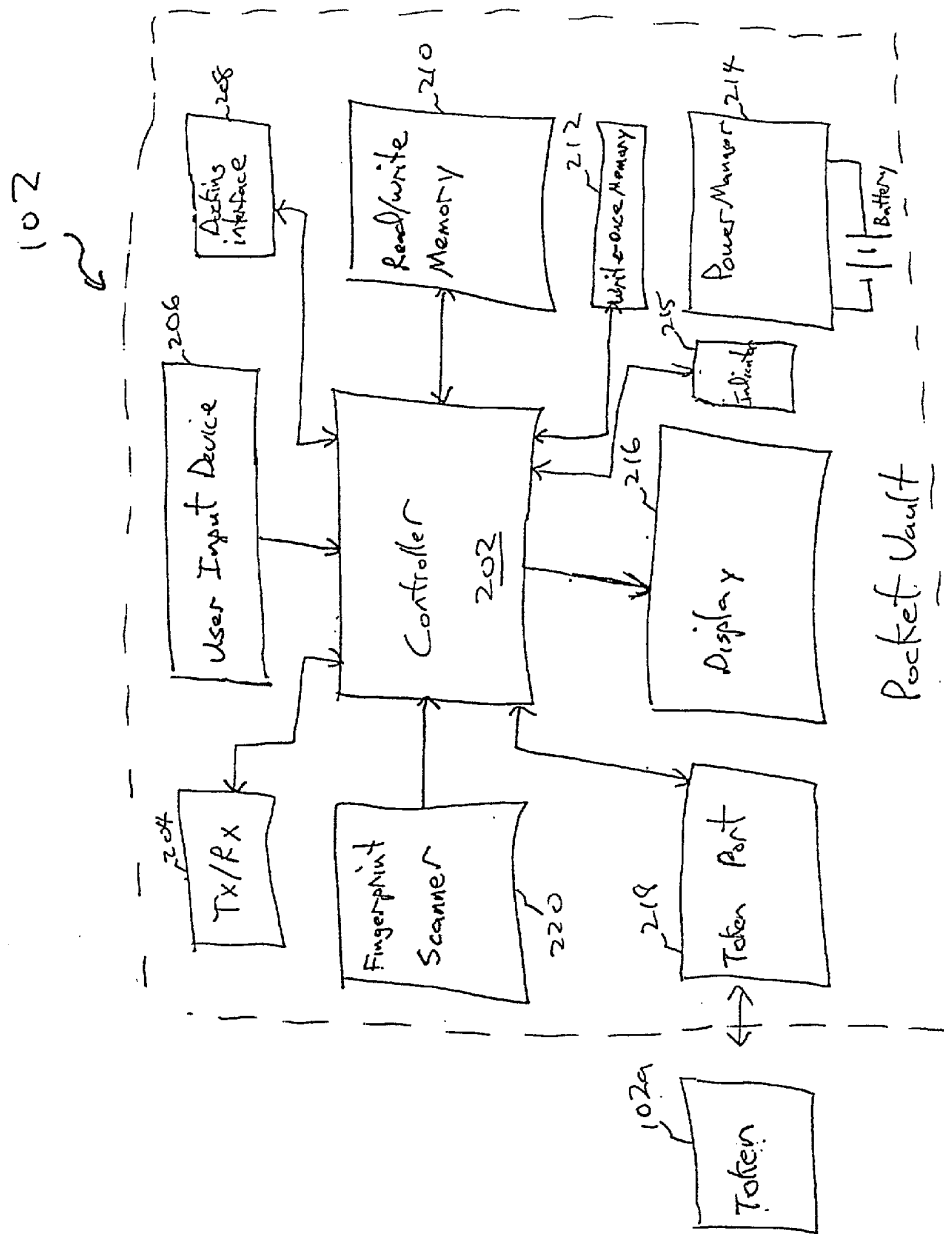


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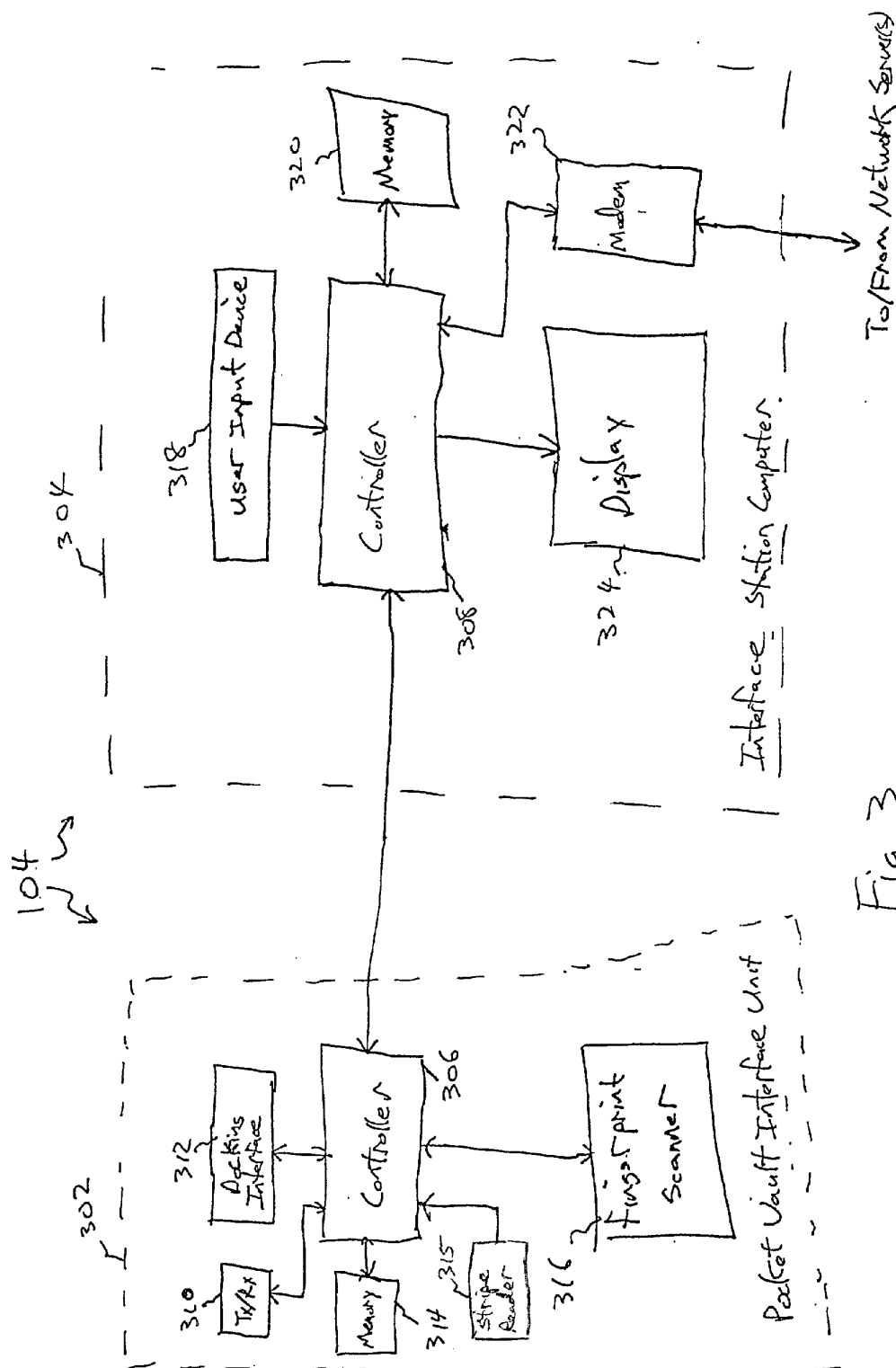


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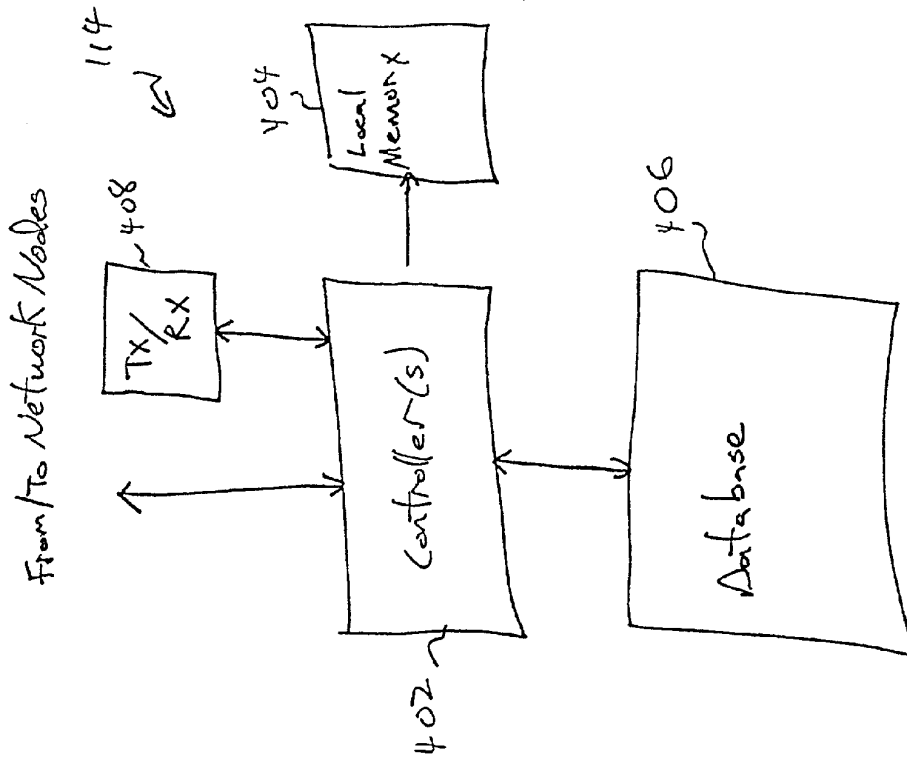


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