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(54) **AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM FOR NETWORKED COMPUTER APPLICATIONS**

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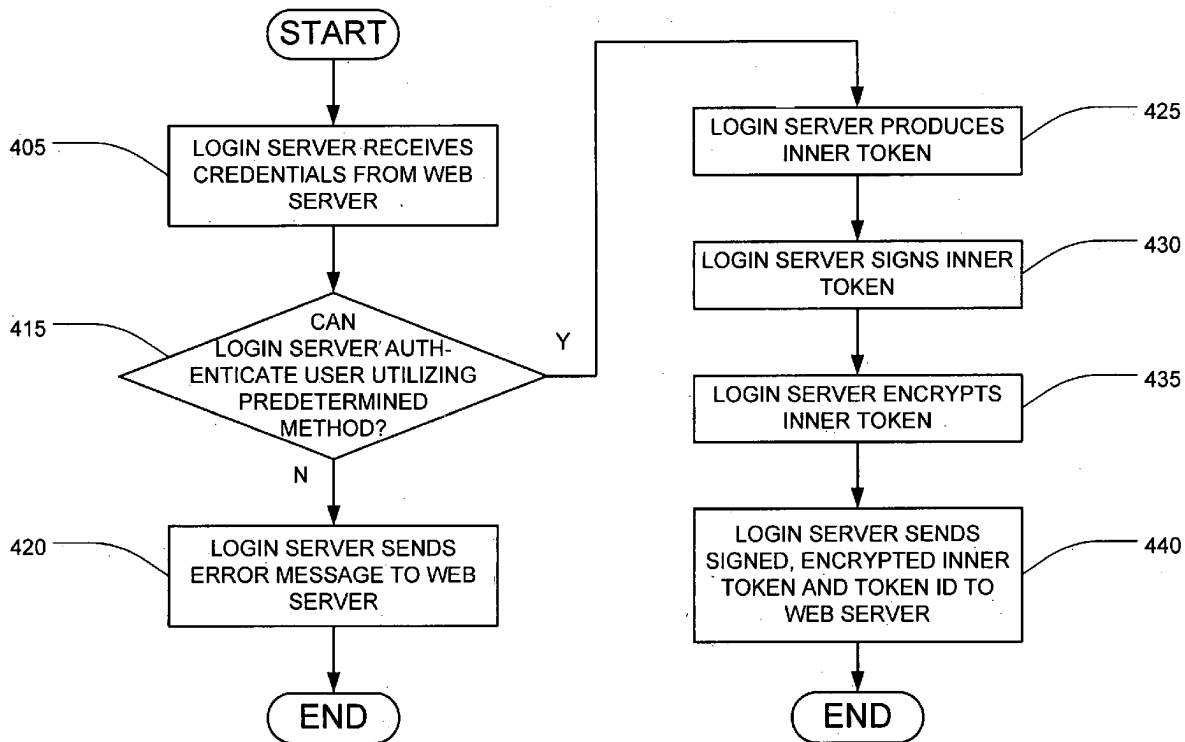
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system such as in a networked computer system comprising a user, an application server, a gatekeeper server and an authentication server. Communication within the system is managed by the gatekeeper server, wherein the user communicates with the authentication server and the application server through the gatekeeper server. Once the user has been initially authenticated by the authentication server, the user may request application services from a plurality of application servers within the networked computer system without having to be re-authenticated.



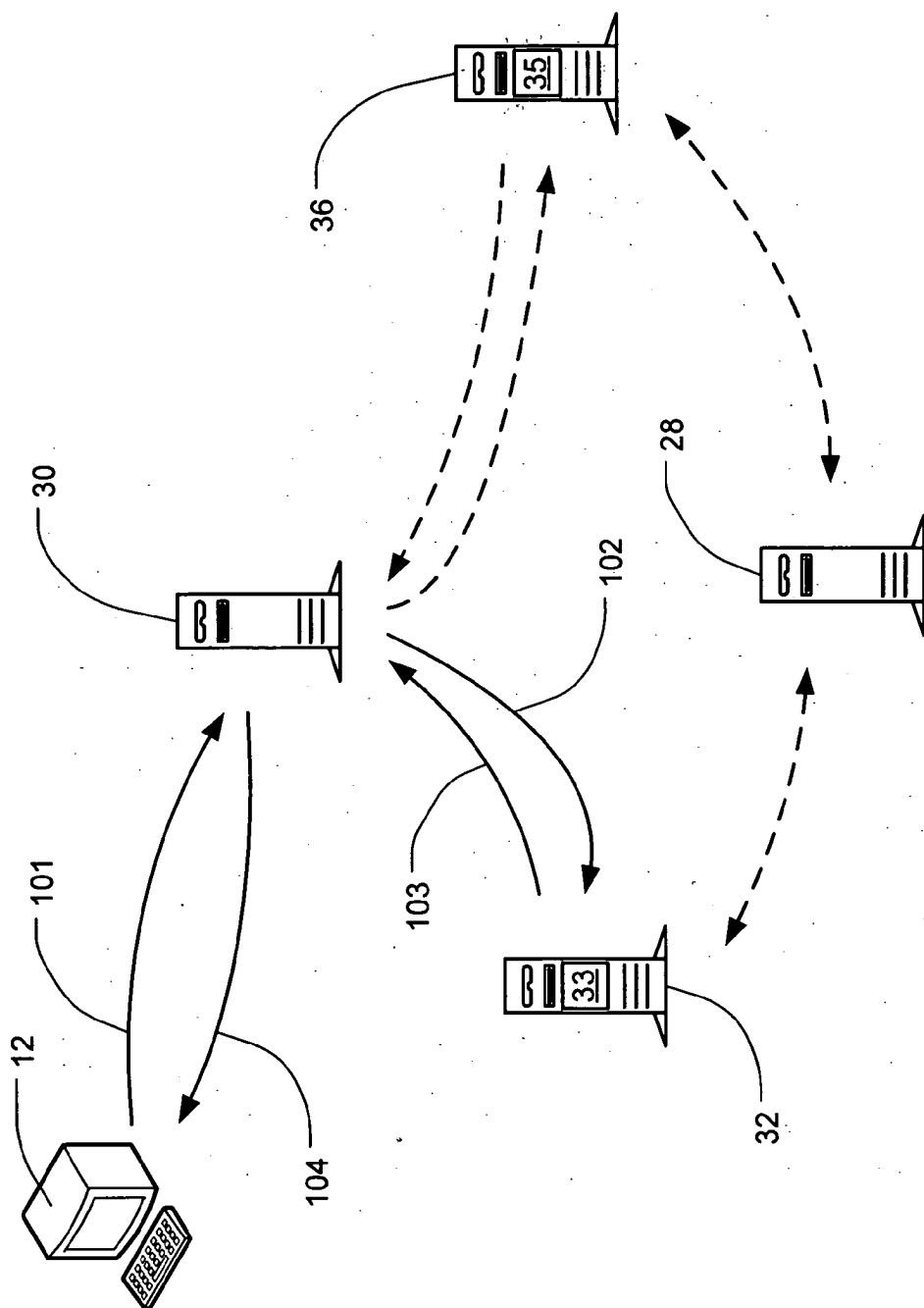
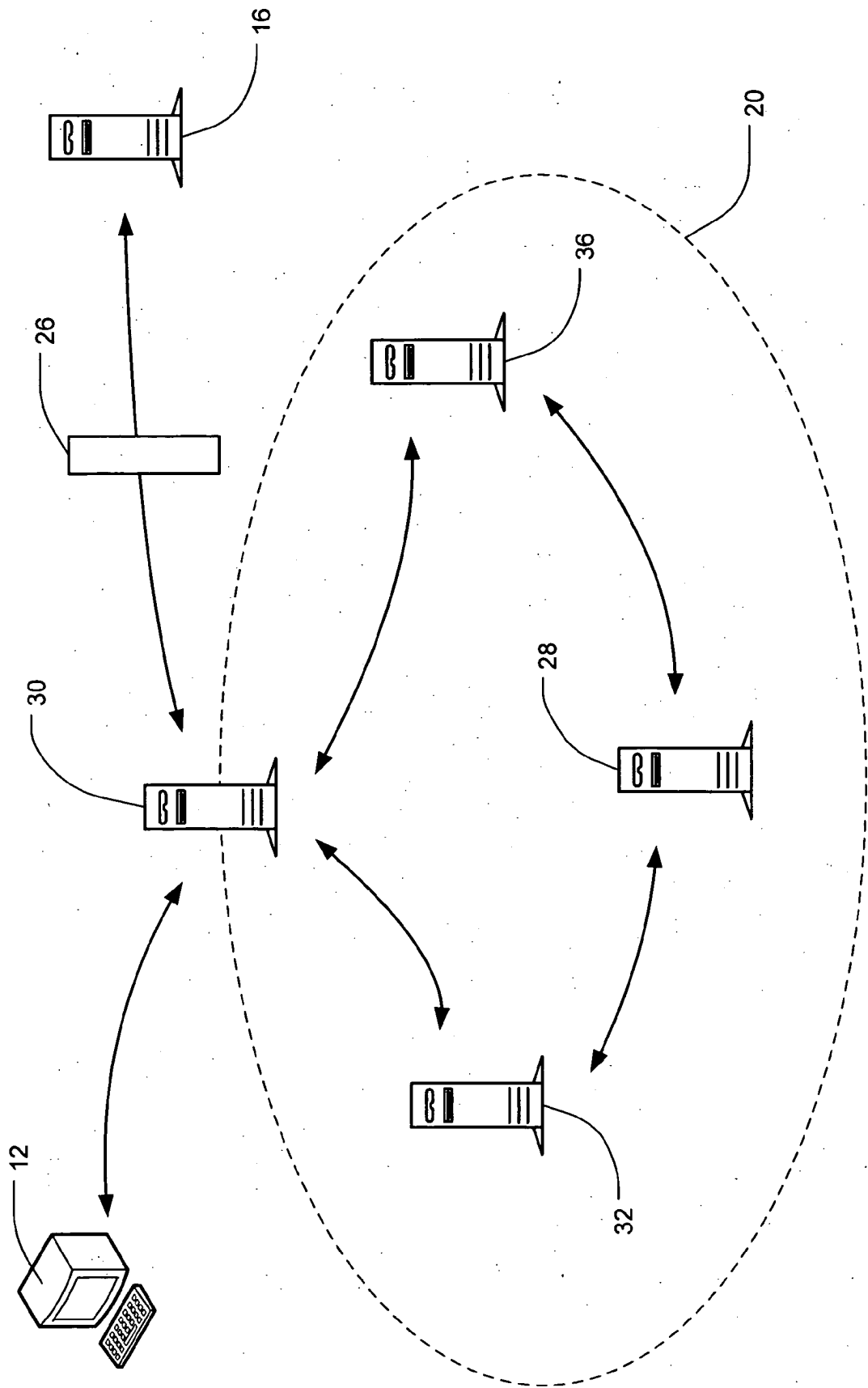
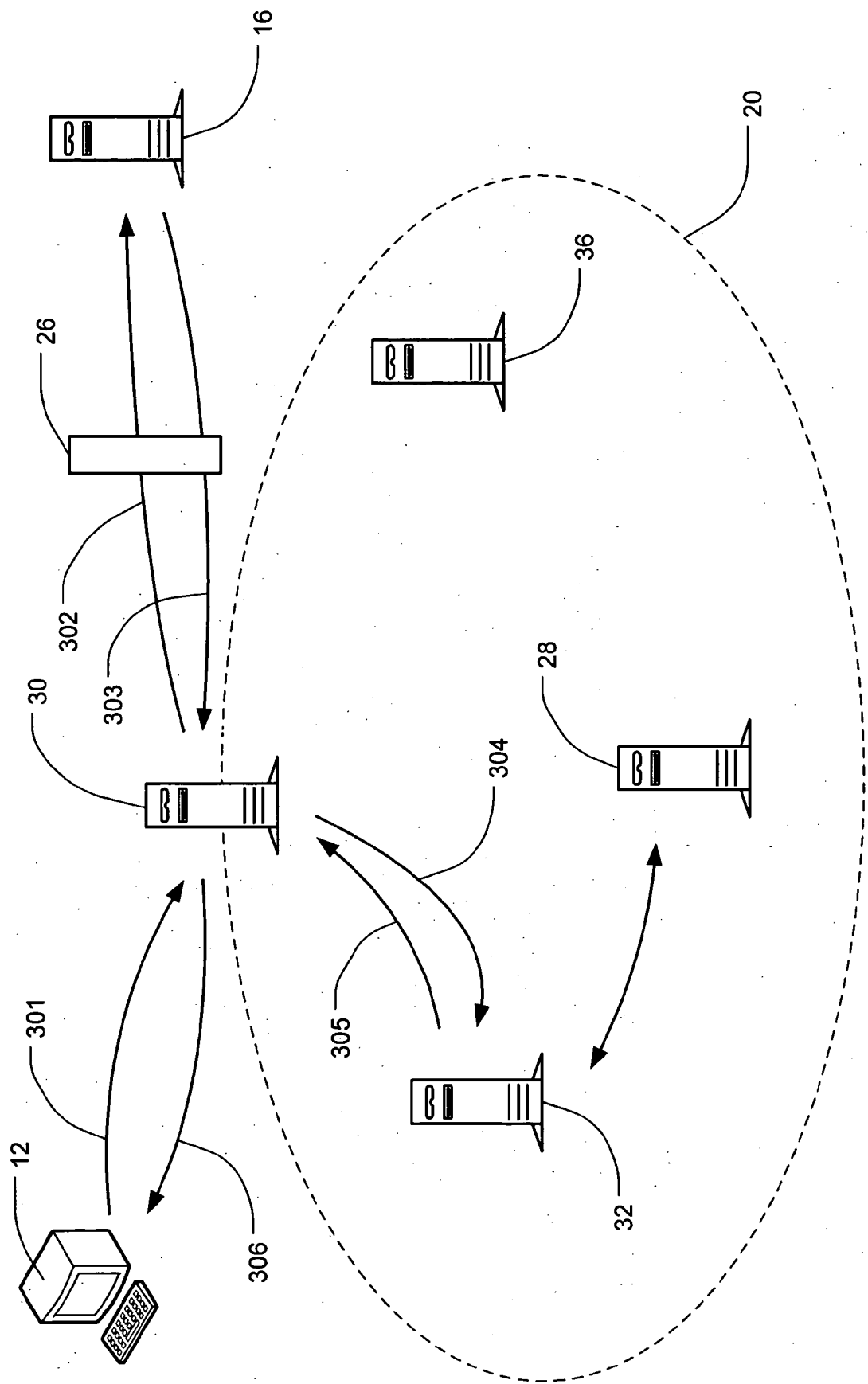


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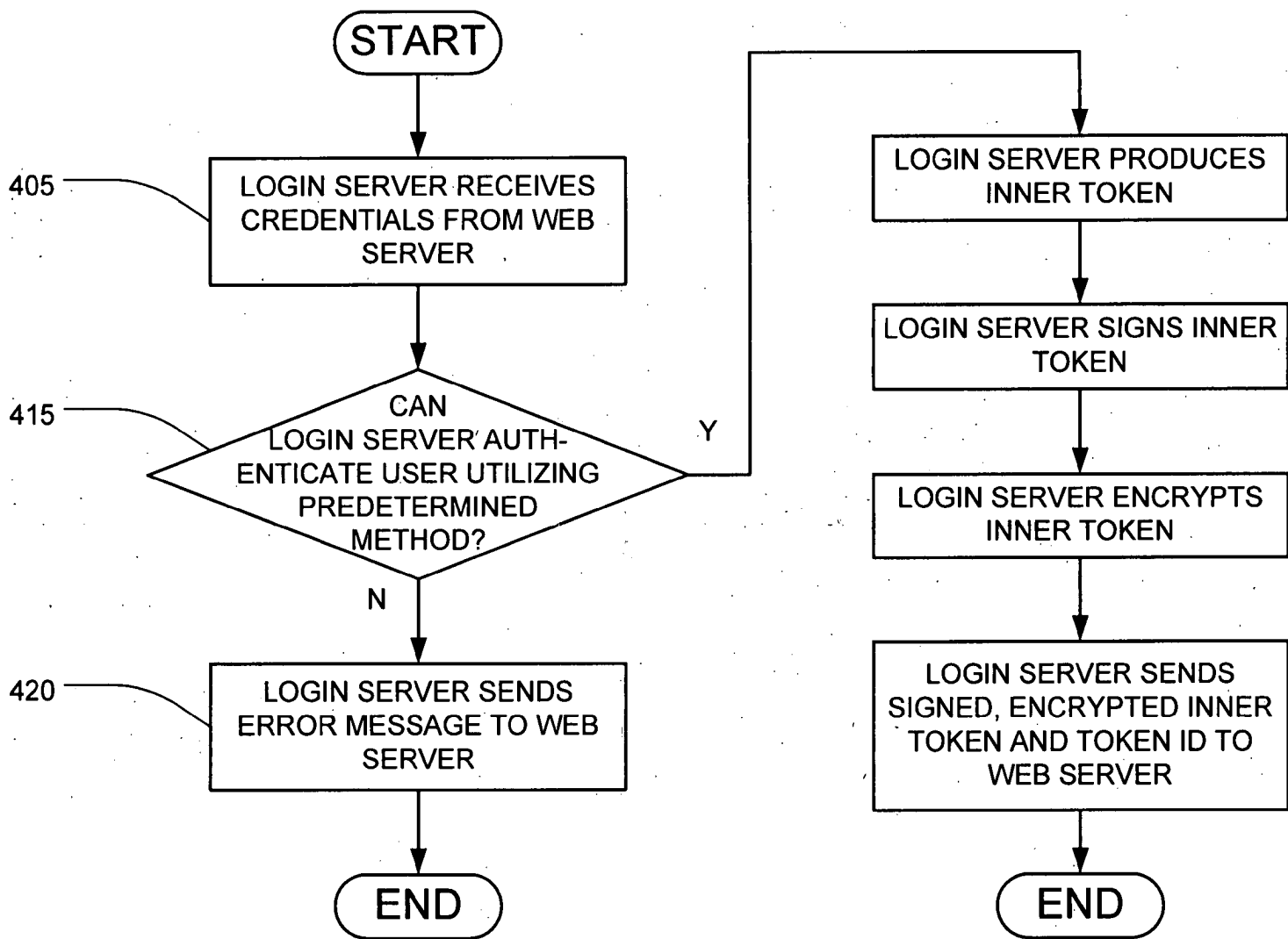


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