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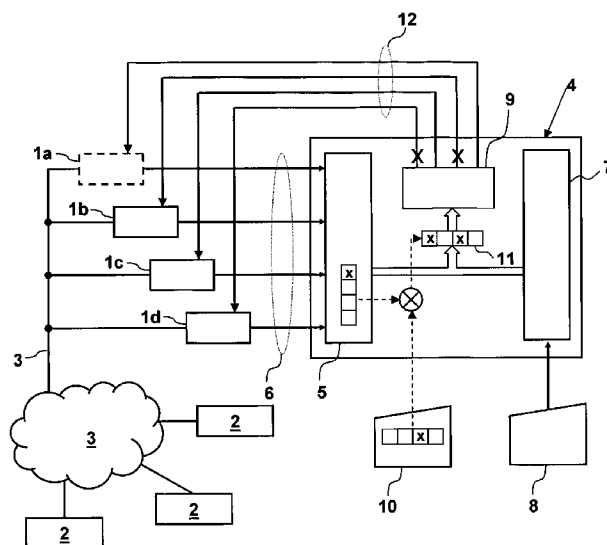
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(54) Title: COMPUTER ARRANGEMENT FOR PROVIDING SERVICES FOR CLIENTS OVER A NETWORK



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a computer arrangement for providing services for clients (2) over a network (3), comprising at least one server (1) hosting at least one or more application and control means (4), the control means being set up to start or stop instances of application programs on registered servers (1). A service mode is provided by the control means (4) for each registered server (1). For a server in service mode, status information is not evaluated, no instances of application programs are started or stopped and configuration information of this server is preserved in the registration data structure (7). The service mode allows to easily access a server (1) for maintenance and/or trouble-shooting without any interference from the control means (4). After maintenance, control over the server (1) can be handed back to the control means (4) quickly and without the need to reregister the server (1).

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