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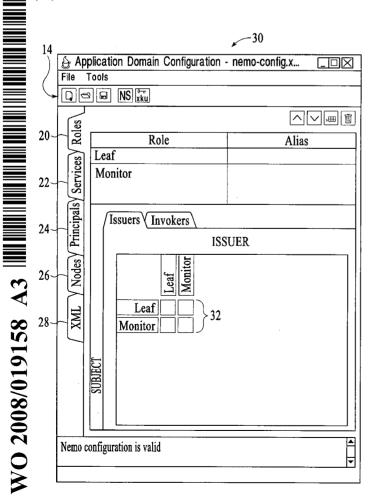
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(57) Abstract: Systems and methods are presented for facilitating the configuration of a trust management framework for use in conjunction with web services, digital rights management systems, and/or other applications. A method for configuring a trust management framework involves providing graphical user interfaces (GUIs) to a user that prompt the user to define certain aspects of the trust management framework in a self-consistent manner. In one embodiment, a method comprises providing a roles GUI that prompts a user to define roles, a services GUI that prompts the user to define services corresponding to the roles, a principals GUI that prompts the user to define principals, including associating at least one of the roles with a principal, and a nodes GUI that presents role bindings for principals that are designated to function as nodes and that prompts the user to define interactions between nodes.



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